

Chapter one

where Haida live - Queen Charlotte Islands +
on S.W. islands of Prince of Wales Archipelago in
Alaska.

Islands are 155 miles long.

belong to cultural area known as N.W. Coast,
that stretches south from Yakutat Bay in
Alaska long more than 1,000 miles of shallow
but rugged coastal belt to the Columbia River
in the South.

enjoy temperate climate all yr from Japanese
current - heavy precipitation - dense conifers -
esp cedar.

cedar provided people with most of
non-food needs - cradles to coffins - huge beams
& planks for communal houses - woven
conical hats & rain capes - huge seagoing canoes
to intricate ceremonial paraphernalia

major food from sea & river - Salmon -
halibut, cod, herring, & oolachan, shellfish
mollusks, waterfowl & mammals - augmented by
herbs & edible wild plants - as a result could
lead sedentary lives & then resulted in creative
activities - carving - sophisticated language & visual
arts, complicated social & ritual systems.