



Notorious Cree (1.2 million followers on Insta, 4.4 million on TikTok, performed at Winter Olympics, So You Think You Can Dance Canada, Coachella) with UTG Andrew Silver and The Thunderbird Spirit Water

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Funding Received to Research Foraged Botanicals & Flavor Extracts

UTG's economic development manager was successful in receiving funding from the BC Indigenous Bioeconomy program and National Research Council of Canada to continue research of certain plants, berries and botanicals that can be sustainably foraged from the Uchucklesaht Territory and developed into flavor extracts and other possible food products.



Plants such as pacific silver fir tips; sweet gale, salal berries, salmon berries and red huckleberries have all been found to be in abundance in the Territory and shown great potential as concentrated extracts that can be used to add natural flavours to Thunderbird Spirit Water or developed as various consumer food products such as jams, jellies and other high-value culinary ingredients.

This research is useful to demonstrate the opportunity and value of non-timber forest products to generate revenue from our forests without, necessarily, needing to log the trees.

We continue to be careful to map and collect inventory data of these plants and berries to ensure they remain protected under the stewardship of Uchucklesaht and that they will be managed sustainably. In addition to this mapping and data work the flavour extracts and food product development research gives optimism that new products, business partnerships and jobs that can bring members back to their land can be created.

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UCHUCKLEAHT 15 PLEX TRADITIONAL NAME IDEAS

Due to the high demand within the nation of membership wanting to visit and stay short term in the Village of Ehtlateese, the Uchucklesaht Tribe was able focus on the next project being the conversion of the 6 plex into a 15 plex.

The 15 Plex Units are built in a way that hotel rooms are so that we were able to maximize the space for short term accommodation. We believe that we will finally have the short-term rental units fully furnished by late summer/early fall.

We would like a traditional name for the building and so would love to hear ideas from the membership. Please feel free to send your ideas to carla.halvorsen@uchucklesaht.ca

INTRODUCTIONS

Nathan Bendriem - UTG Lands & Resources Technician: grew up in east Tennessee, in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. He moved to Miami, FL to attend the University of Miami where he received a Bachelor's of Arts in Marine Affairs and Policy. There, he gained an interest in the interconnection of people and the environment, learning about marine conservation issues and the management of global fisheries.



Nathan moved to Vancouver in 2016 to pursue a Master's of Science in Resources, Environment, and Sustainability studies at the University of British Columbia. Working with Dr. Rashid Sumaila, his research centered around the cost and benefits of genomic-based technologies and their application to the management of coho salmon. Through his academic research, Nathan gained a keen interest in Pacific salmon, the issues they face, and their ecological and cultural importance. He has pursued a career in which he can continue to work with salmon and other native species, aiming to protect their habitat and help conserve populations for the well-being of those who rely on them.



Congratulations Class of 2024

AIDEN BLACKBURN - GRADE 12
DEVON ROBINSON - GRADE 12
MATTHEW SAM-NORTHRUP - GRADE 12
DONOVAN FONESCA - GRADE 12
COLE AMBOH - GRADE 12
TRISTAN O'DANIEL - GRADE 12
LAURISSA LUCAS - INDIGENOUS
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