

## Uu-a-thluk Fisheries Interns On The Job

Uu-a-thluk is pleased to welcome two Uu-a-thluk fisheries interns for a busy summer of skill-building activities. Both interns will work on a variety of projects including fisheries surveys, monitoring, assessments, and management activities. Supervised by Uu-a-thluk Biologist for the Southern Region, Jim Lane, the interns started in May and will work until late August. Please join us in welcoming our interns.



### JARED DICK

Jared Dick has returned for another summer with Uu-a-thluk after completing his second year of post-secondary education at the University of Victoria. Enrolled in a Bachelors of Science program, Jared spent the school year studying the pre-requisites he needs to achieve a biology major. These include organic chemistry, cell biology, physics, and biochemistry.

He also studied ecology, which included units on salmon fisheries and natural resource management. These lessons helped clarify his desire to pursue work in the resource management field.

“When I was in high school, I didn’t know what I wanted to do for a career,” he said. “But after working with Uu-a-thluk and being in university, I’m thinking more about fisheries and natural resource management. That was one big reason that I wanted to come back to work with Uu-a-thluk.”

Spending another summer as an Uu-a-thluk fisheries intern means working with Nuu-chah-nulth Nations and Tribal Council biologists. It also means taking part in new projects, such as the prawn and rockfish surveys that Jared is looking forward to. He’s also interested in helping with sea lice surveys in Clayoquot Sound. Aware of the controversy surrounding fish farms and wild salmon, Jared would like to learn more.

“One of the best things about this work is being out in the field and working hands-on,” Jared says. “I also like applying what I learned in school, so that it’s more than just theory.”

Jared traces his ancestors through the Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nations through mother Tracey Watts and father Jason Dick. His qu-us name is *Uu-xwinn-mutts*, which means “shares the ground with dancing birds.”

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### TONI SCHUTTE

Toni Schutte joined Uu-a-thluk at the end of May to spend her first summer working as a fisheries intern. Toni is currently majoring in biology and French at the University of North Dakota, where she plays on the university’s softball team.

Now going into the fourth year of her Bachelor’s degree program, Toni has studied animal biology and behaviour, along with subjects and activities related to marine life. The idea of working with Uu-a-thluk appealed to her right away because she knew she would get to spend time outside in a natural setting.

“Being on the water, being in a boat...those are definitely things that are right up my alley,” Toni says.

Toni was also drawn to the position to learn more about her own nation’s fisheries. With roots in both the Gallic and Bos family, (and links to the Charlesons), Toni was keen to get more involved and learn more about Tseshaht natural resources. “This is another way of knowing my heritage and where I come from,” Toni says.

Born and raised in Port Alberni, Toni recently found out that she’s related to Uu-a-thluk’s other fisheries intern, Jared Dick. “Our great-grandmothers are sisters,” she says. “It’s kind of nice to have that little bit of history on the job.”

With the summer ahead of her, Toni is excited to improve her skills and her knowledge. Already she is planning to obtain her boating licence and first aid training while on the job. She will also be working with a variety of Nuu-chah-nulth Nations supporting their fisheries programs.

“I know I will be travelling to a lot of different Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, and to me, it’s definitely eye-opening. It’s a broad experience that I think will be amazing.”

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Uu-a-thluk interns spend time working in all three of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council regions during the summer.