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Nick's indigenous name is Xumthoult and he was born and raised in Saanich Territory. He is a member of Tsawout, one of the Saanich First Nation bands on Southern Vancouver Island. Nick is an instructor on First Nations Studies at Malaspina University-College and is currently working on his PhD in Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria. His research interests are in revitalizing the traditional fishing knowledge and traditions of reef net fishing in his community, and he draws knowledge from local elders Dr. Earl Claxton, and others including his father Lou Claxton who participated first hand the Saanich Reef Net technology.