



Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly

píləxmxʷúł
(pee-laxhm-oolth)
píləxmxʷúł means 'to inform'
May 2024

DISCOVERY AND NAMING OF NEW MOTH SPECIES CELEBRATED

The **skʷúnkʷítkax̄ní** (shkwoon-kwleet-kaxh-nee / brown copper moth) was given its species name in **nłəʔkepmxcín**.



This undescribed species was represented by 64 individuals, most from the Reference site.



Read the full release online!

nłəʔképmx Territory - K'en T'em Limited Partnership and the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly (CNA) are thrilled to share the discovery and naming of a new species of moth in the tridentaforma genus.

The **skʷúnkʷítkax̄ní** (shkwoon-kwleet-kaxh-nee / brown copper moth) was given its species name in **nłəʔkepmxcín** after consultation with **nłəʔképmx Elders, Knowledge Keepers,** and several CNA and K'en T'em departments.

"We extend many thanks to our language keepers who have guided us in creating a new word in **nłəʔkepmxcín**, for identifying this recently discovered new species of moth: Maurice Michell, Amelia Washington, Bev Phillips, Marty Aspinall and Bernice Garcia," says Madelynn Albert, **nłəʔkepmxcín** Manager of the CNA.

Amelia Washington shares the phrase "qʷəcɥwecúymx tk nkikax̄ní," which loosely means warm area/warm climate moth, providing insight into the moth's origin. The naming of this species is a powerful act of cultural preservation and revitalization that acknowledges the importance of Indigenous Knowledge in biodiversity conservation.

See the full press release at www.cna-trust.ca/blog, or by scanning the QR code above.

NICOLE JOHNNY SELECTED AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CNA

nłəʔképmx Territory - We are thrilled to announce that after an extensive search process, the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly (CNA) has appointed a new Executive Director to lead our organization into a bright future. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Nicole Johnny!



Nicole's journey with CNA began in 2017, demonstrating unwavering dedication and commitment to our mission, values, staff, and members. Over the years, Nicole has held increasingly more senior roles within CNA, demonstrating her exceptional leadership skills and commitment to our mission. Nicole's extensive administrative experience in office management, HR, and accounting, coupled with her dedication to community development, makes her the ideal candidate for the Executive Director role at the CNA. Her commitment to fostering collaboration, reliability, and constructive communication, along with her innovative approach to program development, ensures a strong and successful environment for the communities the CNA serves.

"I'm deeply honored to be entrusted with the position of Executive Director at the CNA. Having been part of this incredible organization for eight years, I am humbled by the opportunity to continue serving the communities we represent. Looking ahead, I eagerly anticipate this opportunity, working hand in hand to make meaningful contributions to the well-being and prosperity of our members." - Nicole Johnny, Executive Director of the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly

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Read the full release online!

DRIVING LESSONS

MERRITT, BC
MAY 7 & 21
JUNE 4 & 18

ASHCROFT, BC
MAY 23
JUNE 20



To book your lesson contact:
CNA Employment & Training
250-378-1864
administration@cna-trust.ca

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

MEET THE E&T TEAM

May 9 - Ashcroft in-community Engagement
May 23 - Boston Bar in-community Engagement

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

May 27-31 - Wilderness First Aid (40hrs)
May 27-29 - Remote First Aid (20hrs)
May 29-31 - Wilderness First Aid Bridge (20hrs)

For more information, including registration information, visit our social media channels, or contact administration@cna-trust.ca or 250-378-1864.

www.employment.cna-trust.ca

nłəʔképmx GUARDIANS

cúlkeʔ tək mášxetn (7th moon) gathering

May 23 - Coldwater
n̄p̄ixqsm tək mášxetn
(Budding season)

- o Nicola Valley Bigfoot Podcast will be present to chat about **s̄cuwenáytmx** (Sasquatch)
- o Guardians will teach members how to create rose bush bundles and/or tobacco ties
- o Hope to discuss season change and solstice ceremonies

Moon gathering locations will change each month to be in each community throughout the year!

łəxʷtete he qʷu? (Let the water run) DATE TBD - in May

This event is a ceremony for our water. Water is life and throughout the area, we are experiencing drought conditions. We will hold a water ceremony, which is intended to pray for our waters (qʷuʔ). We will be actively moving alongside the river, praying, and teaching our youth the values of the water. In teaching the values, we will show members how to test the water with Water Rangers equipment.

Keep an eye on the CNA and **nłəʔképmx Guardian** social media pages for more info!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Scan this QR code to check out our online EVENT CALENDAR and see our full list of upcoming events!



nłəʔkepmxcín words and phrases

Visit our website at www.cna-trust.ca for more language resources!

spáqm - flower
nkíkax̄ní - butterfly
xʷit he spáqm he/ne nxʷuýt ws - There are a lot of flowers in the spring
?íłm tək spzúzuʔ - songbird

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION FAIR A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Over 400 participants connected with employers, employees, organizations, and much more at the April 9 event.

The 2024 Employment & Education Fair hosted by the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly (CNA) was well attended by CNA members, employers, organizations, and community members. Held this year at the Merritt Civic Centre, the event aims to provide connections to both CNA members and the broader community.

Linda Davidson, Employment and Training Manager at CNA, expressed her delight at the success of the fair.

"The 2024 Employment & Education Fair was a very successful event. It was incredible to see so many CNA and community members taking advantage of the many resources and connections available to them at an event of this type," she said.

The fair boasted an impressive turnout, with 53 exhibitors offering a diverse array of opportunities, including on-the-spot interviews. From educational institutions to employers and community organizations, the exhibitors provided valuable resources to approximately 450 participants spanning across different age groups, from youth to Elders.

See the full story and a photo gallery at ww.cna-trust.ca/blog.

PEOPLE AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Current Postings

Boston Bar Community Engagement Coordinator – Closing June 1st
Coldwater Community Engagement Coordinator – Closing June 1st

CNA Member Development Program Application

Round 2 applications are now open! Closing date: June 14th, 2024

Summer Student Program Application - CLOSED

New Team Members

Tammy Caza, Administrative Support Clerk
Cheyenne Shackelly, n̄eʔkepmxcín Archivist
Jessica Sheena, n̄eʔképmx Guardian Land Technician
Charmagne Moise, n̄eʔképmx Guardian Land Technician

Transfers and Advancements

Madelynn Albert, n̄eʔkepmxcín Team Lead & Acting n̄eʔkepmxcín Manager advanced to n̄eʔkepmxcín Manager.
Riley Drader, CNA Human Resources Clerk transferred to KTLP Human Resources Generalist.



Scan here for the member development application and current postings!



YRC
RE;SILIENCY
YOUTH RESILIENCY CONFERENCE
MAY 15TH, 2024 | 9AM-2PM | SHULUS ARBOUR

GRADES 8-12
BUS TRANSPORT FROM MSS

FREE EVENT

SWAG FOOD BOOTHS SPEAKERS

Highland Valley Copper | Teck | LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND | Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly



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SCAN ME

Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly

Scan the QR code or use the link <https://forms.office.com/r/sxLcqW3PHj>

Are you interested in harvesting this year with the CNA?
We are planning on going out on the land throughout the spring/summer/fall. If you are interested in being contacted when we are preparing to go out, please fill out this form!
For any questions contact programs@cna-trust.ca or 250-378-1864

n̄eʔkepmxcín DEPARTMENT HOSTS BRENDA WALKEM THESIS TALK

Walkem addressed over 50 participants at cuñékstm last month.

Bringing community members together for a shared meal and presentation on the important topic of nutrition and protein sources available to n̄eʔképmx people, the latest edition of cuñékstm (choon-eksh-tm) "teach someone something" featured a master's thesis talk by Cook's Ferry member Brenda Walkem.

About 50 community members gathered at the Merritt Civic Centre on April 16 for a traditional meal of stwen soup, elk stew, and fresh dinner buns, while enjoying an interesting presentation by Brenda Walkem on her master's degree thesis, entitled Investigating protein sources that the land and water provide to the Nlaka'pamux People.

"Exploring the protein sources from tmixw (the land) is not just an academic pursuit, but a journey of cultural understanding and preservation," said Madelynn Albert, n̄eʔkepmxcín Manager for CNA.

"Thank you to Brenda Walkem for sharing her findings with our community, and for her efforts to examine this issue through the unique perspective of the n̄eʔképmx people that make up our communities."

Walkem's thesis delves into the decrease in salmon availability, which has led n̄eʔképmx people to rely more on ungulate meats. Issues like the presence of too many other hunters and loss of habitat have impacted the ability for n̄eʔképmx people to obtain enough ungulates, prompting Walkem's research to inform collaborative efforts to address these challenges.

The thesis provides insight into the intricate relationships between the land, water, and nutritional needs of the people. Through her research, Walkem not only emphasizes the nutritional value of these traditional foods, but also their historical significance, illustrating how food is intertwined with identity and heritage.

Thank you to all the participants at the latest cuñékstm (choon-eksh-tm), including Brenda Walkem, attendees, Dion Aljam for catering, and staff. We continue to provide cuñékstm for our communities and beyond, strengthening bonds, sharing stories, and working to revive the culture.

See Walkem's full thesis here:
<https://open.library.ubc.ca/soa/cIRcle/collections/ubctheses/24/items/1.0431110>

For more information on cuñékstm, contact the n̄eʔkepmxcín Department at language@cna-trust.ca or 250-378-1864. Photo gallery coming soon to www.cna-trust.ca/blog.

n̄eʔkepmxcín DEPARTMENT DATES

LEARN

May 4th - NkshAytkn - on the 4th of every month with NNTC - This Month is Knowledge sharing of traditional bitterroot digging

May 3-13th - skíxzeʔ (Mother) Day Contest

May 10th - Boston Bar First Nation Health and Wellness Fair - CNA will have a table

May 14th - cuñékstm - Seed Starting with Programs department

May 23rd (OR May 25th) - n̄eʔképmx Nation Knowledge Keepers Meeting Civic Centre 3:30 pm -7:30 (Swag bags for first 30 registrants, gas cards available)

May 28th - cuñékstm - Michael Hill Wire wrapping

For more information, visit our social media channels below or contact the n̄eʔkepmxcín Department at language@cna-trust.ca or 250-378-1864.