

M: My grandparents moved here in 1952 from Holland. And my other grandparents moved here in the '50's from England. Both of them escaping the war, what was left after the war. I don't know what else to say about that. They settled in Saskatchewan. The work in British Columbia, you know, across Canada was renowned for the work out here. So they just all ended up coming here and staying. Lived their entire lives here. Grew up, kids, families. Hundreds of them actually, afterwards. So, hundreds of Canadians from a couple of Dutch people.

I: And we didn't get your name.

M: Chris.

I: Chris. And you're born and raised here?

M: Born and raised in Port Alberni. Yes.

I: And, so other than your family roots, what do you like about here? Why here? Is there anywhere else?

M: Port Alberni? Oh, there's no other place nicer than this. Look around you, right? The mountains, the streams. I mean, there's 20 good fishing holes within 30 minutes of us right now. You got Sprout Lake, which is a fantastic recreational sport. Like you got Great Central, Della Falls, right? Fossil Park. Have you been to any of those? Beautiful. Good. All of them. It's incredible here.

I: So just a lot to hold you here?

M: Just a lot. You go anywhere else and they'll tell ya, it decompresses. The closer you get to the island and, you know. Just the better you feel. More comfortable everything is. You do that drive from Nanaimo to Port Alberni, you go around Cameron Lake. How much more beauty can you get, right? I mean you drive from here up to Tofino, around Kennedy River and Kennedy Lake. Incredible, so that's good enough for me. We were in the prairies and you know, down the highway, wheat fields. It's got their beauty, but you know, not like this.

I: That's great. Thank you Chris.