



Paulette "Luhui Isha" Ward, Wishtoyo's Cultural Resource & Education Director is of Barbareno Chumash & Mexica descendant. She was a lifetime resident of Santa Barbara until relocating to work for Wishtoyo, July, 2008. She served as a Mexica Ceremonial Leader and activist since 1989, co-founded the Chumash Maritime Association in Santa Barbara in 1997 and participated in the building of the first Chumash community owned *tomol* (traditional canoe) which made its journey across the Channel from the mainland to *Limuw* (Santa Cruz Island), September 9, 2001--the first time in over 150 years. Luhui served on the Board of Directors of the Barbareno Chumash Counsel from 2002 – 2006, served as the first Chumash Seat on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

Advisory Council 2004 -2008 and has dedicated much of the past 18 years providing cultural education programs for local schools throughout Santa Barbara, Ventura & LA Counties and advocating for underserved students & their families. Luhui has a very strong connection with Chumash & Mexica plant medicine, food and cultural tradition which deeply ground her with the experience & dedication that she brings to Wishtoyo's Cultural Resource issues and Cultural Education Programs.