

# STAND

The Film



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STAND takes students on a journey through the waters of British Columbia's west coast into the heart of the largest temperate rainforest on the planet—the Great Bear Rainforest. Pristine ecosystems and a coastline of immense beauty provide for a way of life rich in culture and history, and youth begin to recognize the intimate and integral connections that First Nations communities share with the waters and lands. Yet this complex area and the communities that it supports face numerous challenges including proposed energy transport routes; maintaining the vitality of the area's marine and terrestrial ecosystems is critical for a continued livelihood of the region and its peoples.

Through the efforts of expedition standup paddler Norm Hann, the powerful surfing of iconic west coast native Raph Bruhwiler, and an aboriginal high school class building their own standup paddleboards as a constructive form of protest, STAND showcases the diversity of people, landscapes and wildlife to inspire our youth and others in the B.C. community to protect, preserve and conserve the riches that this unique area offers. Propelled by the pull of a good ol' fashioned adventure story, STAND drills down to the core of the issue and unfurls the soul of B.C.'s west coast, one paddle stroke at a time.

watch the trailer at [standfilm.com](http://standfilm.com)



## The Founders



**Allison Kermode** is a Professor of Biological Sciences and Member of the Centre for Coastal Science and Management at SFU. Allison has a special connection to the Spirit bear and a passion for protecting the treasures of the natural environment of BC. She was inspired to develop this program along with her co-founders to galvanize youth through art and film and youth-driven 'tipping point' conservation actions in the community.



**Nicolas Teichrob** draws his inspiration from the natural world and beautiful moments in time that surround us. He is co-founder of the outdoor adventure film production company Dendrite Studios, and his photographs have been published in many international ski, bike, and surf magazines.



**Norm Hann** is a professional stand up paddleboarder who spends his time training, exploring remote locations on his SUP, and continuing to pioneer the sport in Canada. He has worked in the Great Bear Rainforest for more than a decade as a guide, fisherman, teacher and expedition leader.



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