Recent Archaeological and Paleo-Environmental Findings from Northern Vancouver Island

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This presentation will focus on work being conducted for the purpose of gaining a better understanding of late Pleistocene environments and archaeology of northern Vancouver Island. I will focus on recent finds from investigations made over the last year. Field activities have included sampling sediments in small karst caves with animal remains, lake basin coring and testing archaeological sites. Different analytical methods are being drawn upon to understand the types of materials that have been found in the field with focused studies on micro-fossils, animal bones and stone tools combined with a rigorous program of radiocarbon dating. This research is adding to our knowledge of the extent and timing ice cover during the Last Glacial Maximum, where sea level was, the types of animals and vegetation that was on the landscape and the potential for evidence of late Pleistocene human occupation of Northern Vancouver Island. Overall it is a goal of the project to extend the known time frame of human occupation and land use in the region.

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