

Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference



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Welcome to PEEC 2023!

The Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference (PEEC) is a student-run, annual conference that aims to provide opportunities to early-career scientists to exchange ideas and seek collaborations with peers from across Western Canada and the United States.

The conference was first held in 1979 and since then has provided opportunities for thousands of researchers to share their work and build their networks in a supportive and collaborative environment. PEEC is a multi-disciplinary and intellectually stimulating conference and we welcome presentations on any and all types of ecology/evolution research.

Land Acknowledgement

As organizers we recognize that we are uninvited visitors on the lands on which we live and work. Being based at Simon Fraser University, we acknowledge and respect the Coast Salish peoples on whose traditional and unceded territory the universities campuses stand which includes the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəýəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), səlilwəta? (Tsleil-Waututh), qíćəý (Katzie), k^wik^wəλəm (Kwikwetlem), Qayqayt, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and Tsawwassen peoples. We express our deepest appreciation for the Indigenous peoples and Indigenous values and laws which have kept the land in a good way since time immemorial.

Statement of Principles

We recognize that the Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference is a gathering designed by the student community and for the student community. Our actions as organizers and participants must necessarily reflect this ethos of service. We are committed to developing and maintaining an environment built on respect and mutual support towards each other.

We therefore strive as an organization and as participants to welcome each other and reject discrimination in all its forms, whether it be based on class, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, age, socio-economic class, religion, disability or any other variety. This rejection must take the form of more than just words and thoughts. We will work together to combat these issues as they arise and take concrete steps to prevent them from taking root.

We as organizers will seek to not only reject discrimination in its present forms, but also work to combat the legacies of past acts, and will implement a reparative approach to designing our gathering, using it to reflect the actual diversity of our field and uplift marginalized voices.

Signed, The Organizing Committee of the Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference 2023

PEEC Coordinating Team

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Beth Oishi	Miranda Dennis	Sarah Gutzmann
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Katie Philip	Raven Barbera	Celeste Kieran

Visit our Vendors

Please visit our wonderful vendors in the Concourse area during Registration, Networking, or during any of the Snack Breaks to take a look at the various artwork from local artists.

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Saturday, April 1st

Registration

8:00 - 9:00 am Concourse

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

9:00 - 9:15 am Fir Room

Keynote Address by Dr. Zoe Todd

9:30 - 10:15 am

Fir Room

Workshops

10:30 - 12:30 pm

College of Applied SFU CERI Oak Room

Biologists Fir Room

Conservation I

Fir Room

Lunch Break

12:30 - 2:00 pm Offsite

Presentation Session A 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Climate Change **Evolution I** Fir Room Oak Room

Presentation Session B

3:00 - 4:00 pm **Evolution II**

Fir Room Oak Room

Snack Break

4:00 - 4:30 pm Concourse

4:30 - 5:15 pm

Presentation Session C

Salmon Ecology **Forestry**

Behaviour Elm Room

Development and

Spatial Data in R Flm Room

Trees to Teleosts

Flm Room

Physiology

Flm Room

Social

Oak Room

6:00 - 10:00 pm North Point Brewing Café

Sunday, April 2nd

Coffee and Networking

8:00 - 8:30 am

Concourse

Poster Session

8:30 - 9:30 am

Concourse

Snack Break

9:30 - 10:00 am

Concourse

Presentation Session D

10.00 - 11.00 am

Conservation II Oak Room

Animal Behaviour II Flm Room

Human Impact I Fir Room

Presentation Session E

11:15 - 12:15 pm

Community

Modern Methods Oak Room

Human Impact II Flm Room

Involvement Fir Room

Lunch Break

12:15 - 1:45 pm

Offsite

Presentation Session F 1:45 - 3:00 pm

1:45 - 3:15 pm

Eco-Grief Discussion

Oak Room

Culturally Significant Relations

and Management

Fir Room

Snack Break

3:15 - 3:30 pm

Concourse

Keynote Address by Dr. Chelsea Little

3:30 - 4:15 pm

Fir Room

Closing and Awards

4:30 - 5:00 pm

Fir Room

Saturday Program

Registration

8:00 - 9:00 am Concourse

Welcome to PEEC 2023! Our conference coordinators can help you signin, find your name badge, and answer any questions you may have about the conference schedule. Enjoy some time to network and mingle over coffee, tea, and snacks.

Welcoming Remarks and Land Acknowledgement

9:00 - 9:15 am

Fir Room

Elder Marie Hooper, KwIKwƏλƏM (Kwikwetlem First Nation)

Marie Hooper is an elder from Kwikwetlem First Nation. Recently she has moved onto the nations reserve, so she can connect better with her Indigenous culture. This has, and will keep her connected with her culture. She keeps her knowledge of the history of the nation and its families. This is passed down from her ancestors, grandmother, aunts, uncles, cousins and mother who is 96 years old and all of whom have lived on the reserve lands and territories.

Marie who was born in the UK, immigrated to Vancouver, B.C. in 1967. Her background is Coast Salish, English, Scottish and Portuguese.

Marie has studied at B.C. Institute of Technology and Kwantlen

Polytechnic University. Her qualifications include Indigenous

Environmental Archeology, Ecologic Engineering, and Guardian of the Indigenous lands and territories.

Marie is a mother of four and grandmother of nine. Her passion is to bring residential awareness into the school system, or wherever she can bring up the subject asking individuals, 'What do you know about residential schools?'. Only learning about residential schools five years ago, and bringing awareness, help Marie process the trauma her family and others have endured.

Keynote Address

9:30 - 10:15 am Fir Room

Dr. Zoe Todd, SFU Associate Professor Department of Indigenous Studies

Please welcome Dr. Zoe Todd as our first keynote speaker!

Dr. Zoe Todd (she/they) (Red River Métis) is a practice-led artist-researcher who studies the relationships between Indigenous sovereignty and freshwater fish futures in Canada. Dr. Todd combines methods from Critical Indigenous Studies, history, geography, art, oral history, ethnography, and other disciplines/approaches to intervene collaboratively with colleagues in catastrophic fish declines in their home province.

They are a co-founder of the Institute for Freshwater Fish Futures, which is a collaborative Indigenous-led initiative that is 'restor(y)ing fish futures, together' across three continents. They are also a co-founder of the Indigenous Environmental Knowledge Institute (IEKI) at Carleton University.

Workshops

10:30 - 12:30 pm

The Evolution of the Applied Biology Profession Fir Room

Now more than ever it is an exciting time to be an applied biology professional. The profession is changing, bringing new knowledge, skills and challenges. Other changes include the recognition of being an equal professional, and how the profession is regulated. Come hear about the changes, how they may influence your career and get career tips.

SFU CERi Oak Room

Join Tara Mahoney, Research and Engagement Coordinator at SFU's Community Engaged Research Initiative, alongside panelists Fiona Beaty (UBC), Svetlana Esenkulova and Nicole Frederickson (Pacific Salmon Foundation) and Chantelle Spicer (SFU), in an interactive exploration of community engaged research (CER).

This workshop will introduce participants to CER, and provide opportunities for participants to engage with panelists, and one other, on topics such as the challenges and opportunities of CER, ethical engagement with communities, and CER methodologies.

Analyzing Spatial Data in R

Elm Room

Participants will learn from Wesley Greenwood (University of Victoria) how to use R to produce publication-quality maps and analyze spatial data. This workshop will also introduce spatial data manipulation and how to access publicly available spatial data.

The workshop will be accessible to participants with limited R programming experience. Advanced R users will also benefit by learning about new tools.

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Prese	ntation Sessi	on A 2:00 - 2:45 pm
Climate	Change	Fir Room
Moderat	ors: Em Lim & Beth C	Dishi
2:00	Natalie Butler	Assessing effects of acclimation temperature on thermal tolerance of stream-type juvenile Chinook salmon under ecologically relevant temperature ranges
2:15	Camille Febvre	Ecosystem-level evolutionary response to temperature
2:30	Olivia Melville	Are glass animals important to the global silicon cycle?
Evolution	on I	Oak Room
Moderat	ors: Miranda Dennis	& Katie Philip
2:00	Evan Hersh	Hare population cycles impact lynx genetic diversity and gene flow
2:15	Julie Radford	The persistence of a selfish X chromosome in a common woodland fly
2:30	Katherine Carbeck	Selection for genes underlying Bergmann's Rule

Elm Room

Moderators: Phoebe Gross & Julian Gan

Forestry	/
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2:00	Kate Peterson	Growing with the Times: Adapting GY Modelling to Climate Change
2:03	Zhengyang Ye	Universal Response Function for Interior Spruce and Its Spatial Validation
2:06	Laura Mackey	Extracting atmospheric river storm history from tree ring stable isotopes
2:09	Q & A	

Plankton & Plants

2:15	Daniel Labbé	Zooplankton biomass and nutritional quality in the Canadian Offshore Pacific
2:18	Maggie Lawton	Characterizing the diversity of microbial eukaryotes in oxygen minimum zones
2:21	Narges Raee	Flow Characteristics of Z. marina beds in proximity of Z. japonica
2:24	Q & A	

Salmon

2:30	David Scott	Salinity tolerance in juvenile Chinook salmon in the Fraser River estuary
2:33	Phoebe Gross	Present and future juvenile Pacific salmon growth across estuarine habitat mosaics
2:36	Julian Gan	Estuarine habitat associations of juvenile salmon across a degradation gradient
2:39	Q & A	

Prese	ntation Sessic	on B	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Conser	vation I		Fir Room
Moderat	ors: Em Lim & Beth O	ishi	
3:00	Patrick Zubick	Audit of Remediate Fraser River Waters	ed Culvert Barriers in the shed
3:15	Zachary Sherker		itoring for culvert and tions to improve salmon
3:30	Gillian Gawron	Social/environmen burial as land cons	tal tradeoffs of green ervation tool
3:45	Sarah Board		rvation messages that chers pro-environmental

Evolut	ion II	Oak Room
Modera	tors: Miranda Dennis	& Kelly Scott
3:00	Meghan Dueck	Intraspecific variation and osteology of the Rocky Mountain sculpin
3:15	Hazel de Haas	Exploration of intraspecific variation in fish stoichiometry within a watershed
3:30	Philippe Fernandez- Fournier	How is local phylogenetic diversity changing globally?
3:45	Hannah Roodenrijs	Reversed Sexual Dimorphism and Resource Partitioning in black oystercatchers
Physio	logy	Elm Room
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4:00 - 4:30 pm Concourse

Presentation Session C		on C 4:30 - 5:15 pm
Salmon	Ecology	Fir Room
Moderat	ors: Em Lim & Beth O	Dishi
4:30	Devan Johnson	Biofouling, Environmental Factors, and Gill Health on Atlantic Salmon Farms
4:45	Brittany Milner	Seasonal dynamics of juvenile coho salmon in wetlands
5:00	Paige Roper	Fraser estuary Chinook and dietary differences between populations
Forestr	у	Oak Room
Moderat	ors: Miranda Dennis	& Kelly Scott
4:30	Dawei Luo	Local adaptation of trees to forest pests
4:45	Wenhuan Xu	The impact of climate change on endangered conifer tree species
5:00	Lise Nehring	The contribution of Red Alder to forest stand nitrogen budgets

Speed Talks: Development and Behaviour

Elm Room

Moderators: Phoebe Gross & Julian Gan

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4:30	Anna Smith	Efficacy of Drones for Beaver Surveys in the Yukon
4:33	Cole Rankin	Partial Migration in Black Oystercatchers Breeding in Alaska
4:36	Saif Nayani	Microbe-mediated attraction of stable flies to host cattle
4:39	Q & A	

Evolution

4:45	Giselle Dove	The cone mosaic of young sablefish: an evolutionary perspective
4:48	Megan Duchesne	Does novel competition drive diversification or convergence in controphic sparrows?
4:51	Pierre Etienne Banville	Examining how animal traits and abundance influence landscape resource heterogeneity
4:54	Q & A	

Reproductive Physiology

5:00	Rachel Stapleton	Multi-event modeling shows variable nest success for the at-risk double-crested cormorant population
5:03	Genavieve Desjardin	Intraspecific variation of clutch size in ladybeetles
5:06	Raven Barbera	Individual Variation and Plasticity of Egg Size in European starlings
5:09	Q & A	

Social 6:00 - 10:00 pm North Point Brewing Café

Come join us for a fun round of drinks and food at our PEEC Social & Mixer! The social will take place at North Point Brewing Café (1025 Dunsmuir St, Vancouver, BC V7X 1M5). A drink ticket is included with your admission ticket and will be distributed at the door. We are supplying snacks and treats. There will also be additional food for purchase through the venue. We hope to see you there!

Sunday Program

Coffee and Networking

8:00 - 8:30 am

Concourse

Enjoy coffee, tea, and light refreshments. Visit the registration desk for late registration or to purchase PEEC merch!

Post	er Session	8:30 - 9:30 am <i>Concourse</i>
P1	Maria Sophia Diluvio	What makes sponges contract? In-situ observations on a sponge.
P2	Keilan Williams	Demographic History of the Pacific Nudibranch Genus Hermissenda
P3	Megan Scott	Do Glaucous-winged Gulls Indirectly Effect Black Oystercatcher Breeding Success?
P4	Olivia Murphy	Marine vessel noise impacts on endangered Southern Resident killer whales
P5	Kate Rutherford	Abundance, distribution, seasonality and habituation of Roosevelt elk
Р6	Angus Townsend	Analysis of plainfin midshipman (Porichthys notatus) otolith annuli for aging
P7	Alexandra Munday	Associated Ecological Risks in Salmonid Enhancement Facilities of Metro Vancouver

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P8	Chloe Kraemer	Salmon as "samplers": Using adult Chinook Salmon diets to understand prey distributions in British Columbia coastal ecosystems
P9	Emma Polard	The effect of hatchery rearing conditions on otolith composition in juvenile Coho Salmon
P10	Pourya Sardari	Far From Home: Selected African-Eurasian Testudines imports into the US
P11	Emma Kovacs	Attraction of horn flies, Haematobia irritans, to cattle host semiochemicals
P12	Milène Wiebe	Optimizing trapping strategies of European green crab (Carcinus maenas)

Snack Break

9:30 - 10:00 am Concourse

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10:00 - 11:00 am

Human Impact I

Fir Room

Moderators: Beth Oishi & Julian Gan

10:00	Ashley Mickens	Understanding Effects of Urbanization on Aquatic Ecosystems Across Vancouver Isla	and
10:15	blake danis	How Risky are reintroductions: assessing contaminant impacts in amphibian reintroduction programs.	
10:30	Mackenzie Woods	How boat noise alters behaviour and vocalizations in plainfin midshipman fish	10

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10:45	Sierra Gray	Energetic and genomic responses of oysters to a changing ocean
Conserv	vation II	Oak Room
Moderate	ors: Miranda Dennis	& Phoebe Gross
10:00	Elsa Camins Martinez	Advances in knowledge of seahorse life history from community science
10:15	Emma Kominek	Evolutionary isolation of Canadian terrestrial vertebrate species
10:30	Alexandra Gregg	Specialism is not Specialism
10:45	Tharindu Kalukapuge	Response of boreal songbird communities to linear features of varying width
Animal	Behaviour	Elm Room
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Presentation Session E

11:15 - 12:15 pm

Community	Invo	lvement
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Fir Room

Moderators: Beth Oishi & Julian Gan

11:15	Sarafina Lewis- Henderson	Rare Species Recovery in an Urban Greenspace through Community Stewardship
11:30	Brittnie Spriel	Promoting ocean literacy and inspiring marine conservation through fish sounds
11:45	Sabrina Guzman Skotnitsky	Addressing Climate Anxiety through Participatory Art
12:00	Jaime Ojeda	Unveiling reciprocal contributions between fishers and seabirds in the Patagonian hake fishery

Modern Methods

Oak Room

Moderators: Miranda Dennis & Phoebe Gross

11:15	Kaitlyn Zerr	Eyes on the Reef: Using remote timelapse cameras to reveal the hidden habits of marine megafauna in a newly designated UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
11:30	Lauren Man	Using satellite remote sensing to characterize the spatio-temporal resilience of kelp forests in the Broughton Archipelago, BC, Canada
11:45	Lionel Francis Vernon Leston	Power Analysis in Occupancy Models of Acoustic Data from Haida Gwaii
12:00	Sherry Young	Camera traps: pushing the limits of their use 20

Speed Talks: Human Impact II

Elm Room

Moderators: Celeste Kieran & Sarah Gutzmann

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11:15	Celeste Kieran	Signatures of change in the North Pacific Ocean
11:18	Emma Lunzmann- Cooke	Investigating post-release mortality of coho salmon in a marine recreational fishery
11:21	Cierra Hart	Rock the boat: an investigation into the effects of vessel noise on rockfish communication
11:24	Q & A	

Avian Impact

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11:30	Anna Linton	Benthic contaminant transfer in bald eagles through plainfin midshipman predation
11:33	Jennifer Magel	Habitat loss for migratory shorebirds with future sea level rise
11:36	Jesse Kemp	Barrow's Goldeneye refine migratory phenology in response to environmental conditions
11:39	Vanessa Hum	Year-round bird-window collision monitoring at Simon Fraser University's Burnaby campus
11:42	Q & A	

Presentation Session F

1:45 - 3:00 pm

<u>Mixed Format</u>: Culturally Significant Relations and Management

Fir Room

Moderators: Sarah Gutzmann & Raven Barbera

1:45	Sarah Dickson- Hoyle	Megafires' and the recovery of culturally significant plants
2:00	Claire Armstrong	Transformative Change towards Indigenous Food Sovereignty in Shellfish Food Systems
2:15	Emily Spencer	Can ancient clam gardens buffer the impacts of contemporary heatwaves?

Speed Talks: Traditional Ecological Knowledge

2:30	Desiree Lawson	Strengthening Haíłzaqv ocean governance through gavials and łaxvai
2:33	Hannah Kobluk	Modelling Indigenous led stewardship of sea otters, shellfish and people
2:36	Andrew Bickell	Impacts of marine heatwaves and hypoxia on commercial shellfish species
2:39	O & A	

Speed Talks: Aquatic Policy & Managment

2:45	Kelcy Tousignant	Swimming Upstream: How recreational fisheries management structure dictates decision-making
2:48	Melissa Orobko	Cumulative exposure: What do you miss when excluding spatial seasonality?
2:51	Kiara Kattler	Functional responses of male and female European green crabs suggest potential sex-specifc impacts of invasion
2:54	Q & A	

Eco-Grief Discussion

1:45 - 3:15 pm

Oak Room

Jason Brown, SFU Lecturer in Resource and Environmental Management

Working in environmental and resource management fields can be deeply rewarding. However, it is also difficult when bombarded by all the bad news facing global ecosystems, biodiversity and the climate. It's easy to become apathetic when things feel overwhelming, and many activists end up burning out.

Explore how grief work is not an invitation to wallow or check out — it reimagines grief as a skill that is not altogether different from love. And for those of us who work in environmental fields, keeping our hearts open to grief might be a way to avoid both burnout and checking out.

Keynote Address

3:30 - 4:15 pm Fir Room

Dr. Chelsea Little, SFU Assistant Professor School of Environmental Science & School of Resource and **Environmental Management**

Join us in welcoming Dr. Chelsea Little as our second keynote speaker!

Chelsea was trained as a community ecologist and evolutionary biologist, and her research program has grown to address how organisms and ecosystems are linked across landscapes.

Her "Little Ecology Group" has a strong group of undergraduate and graduate researchers, and considers how communities of organisms assemble, the interactions between organisms of similar and different trophic groups, and how their traits contribute to ecosystem function.

Chelsea is also fascinated by how animal movement and resource subsidies redistribute nutrients around landscapes, and uses data synthesis and meta-analytic approaches to address this question.

Awards and Closing

4:30 - 5:00 pm

Fir Room

Presentation of awards for excellent student presentations and posters as well as closing remarks from the PEEC coordinating team.

Thank you for attending PEEC 2023!



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