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Investigation of the Maritime Continental Shelf: present knowledge and future directions for underwater archaeology on the BC coast

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Dr. Quentin Mackie is Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Victoria. His main area of interest is the archaeology of the Pleistocene-Holocene transition, especially in Haida Gwaii, where he has been involved in several research projects in the last 15 years.

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Enthusiasm for considering a coastal route of human entry into the Americas during the late Pleistocene has grown during the past few decades, a growth accelerated by recent reports on early Bison and Mastodon kill/butchery sites in coastal Washington State. Nonetheless, relatively little sustained effort has been directed toward finding and exploring the potential archaeological content of Pleistocene-aged terrestrial landscape deposits in submerged contexts. Given the logistical challenges involved in exploring submerged landscapes for early sites, the discovery of these sites on the Pacific outer continental shelf is expected to be technically difficult and expensive. Careful modeling of environment and cultural behavior within the context of dynamic late Pleistocene marine environments is needed. Novel technologies may also be required. This talk will therefore be a status report, incorporating possible future directions for the continental shelf archaeology of British Columbia.

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