Research in the Hakai Passage region on the central coast of BC suggests that sea level was 2 to 3 metres lower than today between 14,000 and 10,000 calendar years ago. This presentation will focus on our attempts to locate late Pleistocene archaeological deposits by excavating into active beaches. Our crews based out of the Hakai Institute have been successful in finding preserved strata dating to this time period. Materials and features found include flakes, cores, projectile points, and footprints. These findings add to the growing body of evidence that maritime-based populations lived along the waning western edge of the Cordilleran Ice Sheet at the end of the last major glacial event.

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OCTOBER ARTIFACT CATALOGUING WORKSHOP (evening of Oct 25)
The workshop will cover the basics of artifact processing, cataloguing, and storage of archaeological objects and samples at the Royal BC Museum. Rational for each step will be discussed and helpful resources provided by Collections Manager Genevieve Hill.
Workshop will be open to all ASBC members, and provided there is room, some non-members (non-members encouraged to donate 10$ for workshop), max 12 individuals, contact: asbcvictoria@gmail.com to inquire and reserve your position.

NOVEMBER LECTURE #1 (Nov 8th)
Cameron Robertson
“Archaeological Assessments in Melanesia”

NOVEMBER LECTURE #2 (Nov 22nd)
Susan Crockford
“Mother Lode of Prehistoric Mountain Goat Oreamnos Americanus Remains Near Prince Rupert, BC and its Implications.”

JANUARY LECTURE
Eric Guiry
“Exploring Atlantic Salmon Migratory Behaviors in the Ancient Past using Isotopic Analyses of Archaeological Fish Bones.”

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