



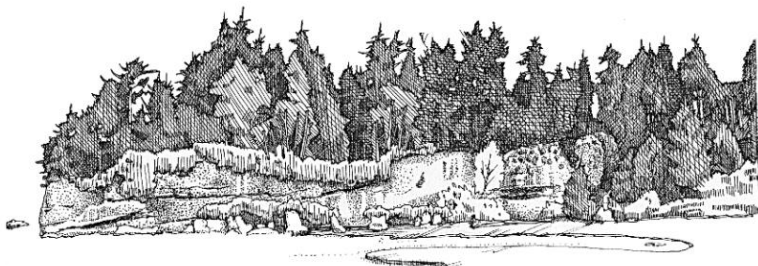
# PNWAS NEWS BULLETIN 145

## WELCOME TO PNWAS 2020 PROGRAMS!!!!

*Our Winter/Spring Programs focus on recent research in Northwest Archaeology, one in the Canadian Gulf Islands and one out on the West Coast Makah/Quileute areas. PLEASE Renew Membership for upcoming programs, at the same annual membership rates we have had since 1985—we really do need your support at this time of the year to bring these quality programs.*

*We have arranged early Winter and Spring 2020 programs including one by Dr. Colin Grier, WSU Friday February 21st on his extensive archaeological work in B.C. Canada titled **Where were all the Villages? Applying Geophysical Prospection to Understand Long-term Household and Community Dynamics in the Salish Sea**, and Dr. Gary Wessen titled: **Makahs, Quileutes, and the Precontact History of the Northwestern Olympic Peninsula, Washington, Friday April 17th, 2020.***

**PLEASE Do Renew for 2020** to allow PNWAS to continue to provide ongoing presentations on current archaeology of our region and summer campouts at Makah Days



*February 21st, 2020*

*Where were all the Villages? Applying Geophysical Prospection to Understand Long-term Household and Community Dynamics in the Salish Sea*

*By Dr. Colin Grier, Department of Anthropology, W.S.U. Vancouver*

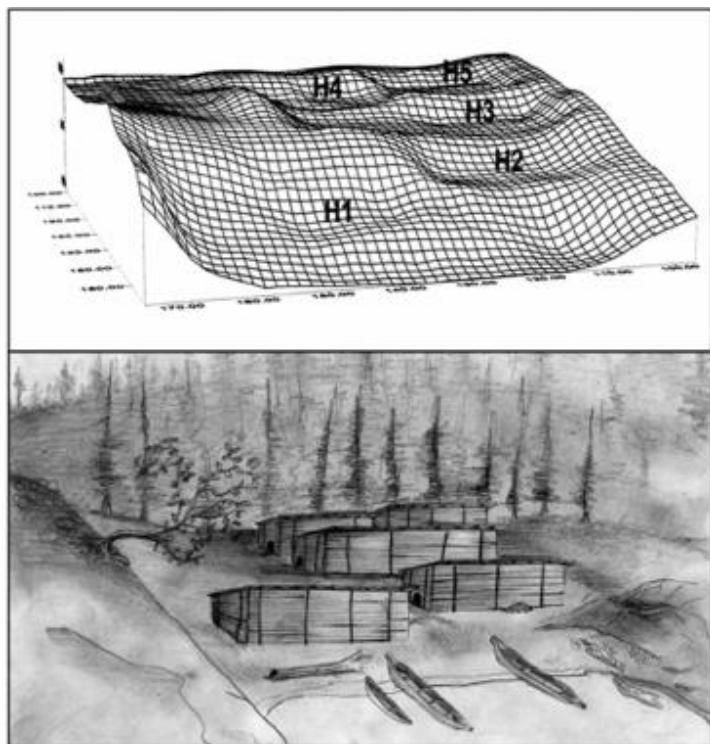


*Canadian Gulf Islands where Dr. Grier has done much of his work.*

Despite decades of archaeological survey, CRM work, and targeted excavation inside houses, the sample of documented precontact Salishan house and village plans — and even simply village locations — remains surprisingly limited. As a result, many questions about household and village dynamics over the short and long term remain difficult to address. I outline how

geophysics and archaeological ground-truthing can be productively applied to this problem, illustrated primarily by recent and ongoing research in the southern Gulf Islands of British Columbia. I also lay out some long-standing and emerging hypotheses concerning household and village organization, and how addressing these can serve the goal of restorative justice and reconciliation for Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest.

As highly perishable wooden constructions, plankhouses appear in the archaeological record of the Northwest Coast primarily through their footprint – as house terraces, platforms and depressions. Few of these house features have been preserved given modern coastal development, but the Dionisio Point site (DgRv-003) on Galiano Island provides an important example of the extent of terraforming that occurred to produce large houses and villages.



*Dionisio Point terraformed village contour map showing five houses across three major terraces, and artist reconstruction of village c 1500 cal BP.*

At Dionisio Point, at least five house features were established around 1500 years ago on three terraces that were cut into a sloping hillside (see illustration, above). These three terraces measure approximately 60 x 20 m. The middle terrace contained a plankhouse

estimated at 40 x 10 m in size, and the upper and lower terraces contain two houses each that measured approximately 20 x 10 m. The houses were laid out in a systematic and regular fashion suggesting an overall plan to the village, and radiocarbon dates indicate contemporaneity of the five known houses. Houses on the terraces are surrounded by 1 to 3 m high earthen ridges, adding to the engineered design of the village location. Terraforming at Dionisio Point illustrates an impressive and substantial effort to clear trees, excavate terraces, move earth and construct massive plankhouses.



*Dr. Grier photographing facing of a shell mound/midden, showing underlying sands and overlying shell accumulation during excavations.*



*Taking the samples from a long house depression on Galiano Island, Gulf Islands, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.*

**DATE:** *Friday, February 21st, 2020*

**TIME:** 7 pm to 9 pm

**PLACE:** Mountaineers Seattle Program Center, 7700 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 in the Cascade Room

**COST:** FREE to members, \$10.00 to non-members, \$5.00 for Students (*please renew membership for 2020 and these programs at <http://www.pnwas.org> and now through PayPal*) Refreshments provided (Please bring cookies/snacks to share with the beverages).

*April 17th, 2020*

*Makahs, Quileutes, and the Precontact History of the Northwestern Olympic Peninsula, Washington*



*The northwestern Olympic Peninsula of Washington. Black lines indicate relatively recent descriptions of the western boundary between Makah and Quileute territory.*

*By Dr. Gary Wessen,  
Wessen and Associates, Inc.,  
Port Townsend*

Variations on the related ideas that: (a) the Makah people arrived on the northwestern Olympic Peninsula of Washington as recently as 1,000 years ago and (b) they displaced Quileute people who had previously held those lands have appeared on a few occasions

during the last century. As offered, such claims rely heavily on ethnographic and linguistic arguments. A detailed examination shows that all of these arguments are flawed. The currently available archaeological data is not sufficient to address these ideas in an unequivocal way, but may still offer relevant insights. Doing so, however, requires some ability to recognize these groups in the archaeological record; this possibility is explored using the artifact and faunal assemblages from this region. Preliminary findings suggest that Makahs and/or other Wakashan speakers have been present for at least 3,000 to 4,000 years and that there is no credible evidence for an earlier presence of Quileutes and/or other Chimakuan speakers.

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**Initial Announcement:  
PNWAS Summer Fieldtrip—August 28-30th, 2020, for the Hoko River Mouth Retreat (HRMR) campout and MAKAH DAYS! Bring family and friends**



*Our lit-up and covered firepit area for dinners at the Hoko River Mouth Retreat*



*Camping on Hoko River Mouth Retreat Beach. Camping cabins also available.*

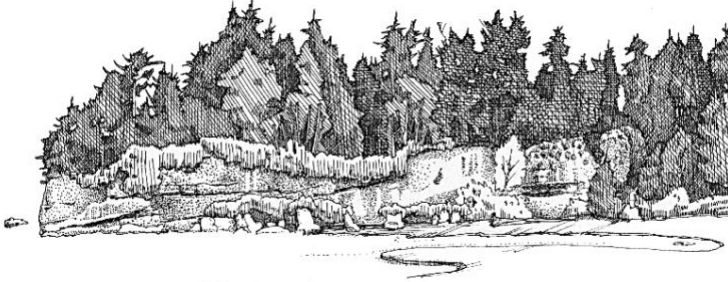


**DATE:** *Friday, August 28-30th, 2020*

**TIME:** Meet at *HOKO RIVER MOUTH RETREAT* Friday afternoon to set up your tents

**PLACE:** *Hoko River Mouth Retreat west of Sekiu, Washington on river mouth beach* (maps will be sent)

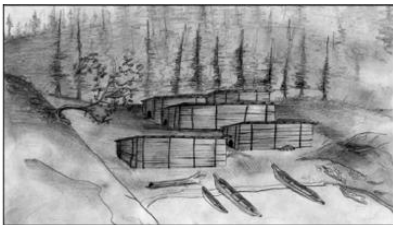
**COST:** \$75.00 for members, \$100.00 for non-members (*please renew membership for 2020 and these programs at <http://www.pnwas.org> and pay through PayPal at this web site*). All facilities and meals in camp are covered for the weekend. We will send you directions and maps when you signup.



## ***Pacific Northwest Archaeological Society***

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***Join us Friday, February 21st, 2020 for  
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