

Pacific Climate Seminar Series

Resilience, Novelty, and the Future of BC Ecosystems

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Abstract: Rapid environmental and ecological changes will produce novel ecosystems that will tap our resourcefulness as a society.

Should we intervene, and if so, to what extent? What role will historical knowledge play in the future? My presentation is based on consultations that will shape a new research theme on *Resilient Ecosystems* for PICS, and my observations will address emerging knowledge across key thematic areas; including the nature of resilience in BC and beyond, the role of historical knowledge in shaping future responses to ecosystem management, the role of human relationships to ecosystem change, and intervention mechanisms.