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Peter S. Ross is an environmental toxicologist based at the Institute of Ocean Sciences (Fisheries and Oceans Canada) in British Columbia, Canada. He has been carrying out research on environmental contaminants and their effects in marine mammals, fish, and their habitat for over 20 years. He holds Adjunct Professorships at Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria. He obtained his PhD from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands (1995), his MSc from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia (1990), and his BSc (Honours) from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario (1985). He has published over 100 international scientific articles and book chapters. He has provided advice to conservation teams in different parts of the world on several endangered marine mammals, including the Mediterranean monk seal, the northern right whale, California sea otters, Galapagos sea lions, Indo-Pacific humpback dolphins, and NE Pacific killer whales. Dr Ross also engages First Nations communities on issues surrounding safe traditional seafoods, through consultations, collaborative research and outreach efforts.

Employment/affiliations

1999 to present: Research Scientist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Institute of Ocean Sciences, Sidney BC.

2004 to present: Associate Professor, School for Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Victoria.

1999 to present: Adjunct Professor, School for Resource and Environmental Management, Simon Fraser University.

Education

1995 Ph.D., Faculty of Veterinary Sciences, University of Utrecht, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

1990 M.Sc., Biology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

1985 B.Sc. (Honours), Biology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Professional memberships

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (1996 to present).

Society for Marine Mammalogy (1996 to present).

Centre for Earth and Ocean Research (2005 to present).

Awards

2005 *J.C. Stevenson Memorial Award* for outstanding young scientist in Canadian Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research.

2001 *Excellence in Science Communication Award*, International Society for Marine Mammalogy.

2000 *R.E. Foerster Award - Honourable mention* for published paper.

1998 *Best Paper*, Marine Environmental Quality (MEQ) session, North Pacific Marine Sciences Organization (PICES), Fairbanks, Alaska.

1996 *Student/postdoctoral award* for oral presentation at the Society of Toxicology (SOT) annual meeting in Anaheim, California, U.S.A.

- 1991 *Best Doctoral presentation*: 9th biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals, Chicago, U.S.A.
- 1990 *Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Postgraduate Scholarship* for Ph.D.
- 1990 *Commonwealth Scholarship* to the United Kingdom (declined).
- 1988 *Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Postgraduate Scholarship* for M.Sc.
- 1985 *Department of Biology Prize* (Trent University)
- 1984 *Trent University Scholarship*
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Work experience

- June 1999- *Research Scientist*, Institute of Ocean Sciences, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Sidney BC. Research into the levels and patterns of environmental contaminants in marine mammals and effects of these on immune and endocrine systems. Working on the role of marine mammals as sentinels of ecosystem health and contamination in BC, Washington, the Arctic and elsewhere. Working with WHO, OECD and USEPA on integrating human and ecological risk assessments. Supervising graduate students, technicians and co-op students in lab and field studies.
- May 1996- *NSERC Visiting Fellow*, Institute of Ocean Sciences, Sidney, BC. Carried out laboratory and field research to assess levels and possible effects of anthropogenic chemicals on immune and endocrine systems of harbour seals and other marine mammals.
- June 1999- *Research Associate*, Seal Rehabilitation and Research Centre, Pieterburen, The Netherlands. Carried out scientific research related to harbour seal immunology, toxicology, virology, as well as conservation, policy and management issues in Canada, the Netherlands, Greece, Morocco and Mauritania.

Graduate students and Post-Doctoral Fellows

Simms, W.	MSc (2000)	University of Victoria (Biology): <i>supervisor</i>
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Assunção, M.	MSc (2003)	University of Porto (Biology): <i>supervisor</i>
Miller, K.	MSc (2003)	UBC (Pharmaceutical Sciences): <i>supervisor</i>
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Morin, A.	MSc (2003)	Simon Fraser University (SREM): <i>committee member</i>
Kelly, B.	PhD (2006)	SFU (SREM): <i>committee member</i>
Tabuchi, M.	MSc (2006)	University of Victoria (Biochem / Microbio): <i>supervisor</i>
Condon, C.	MEM (2006)	SFU (SREM); <i>committee member</i>
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Van der Ploeg, M.	MSc (2007)	University of Groningen (NL): <i>thesis supervisor</i>
Natale, D.	MEM (2007)	SFU (SREM); <i>committee member</i>
Shrubsole, A.	MSc (2007)	Western College of Veterinary Medicine (SK); <i>co-supervisor</i>
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Christensen, J.	PhD (2008)	University of Victoria (SEOS): <i>supervisor</i>
Lachmuth, C.	MSc (2009)	University of British Columbia; <i>committee member</i>
Leung, Walter	MET (2009)	Simon Fraser University; <i>co-supervisor</i>
Buckman, Andrea	(2007 to 2009)	NSERC Visiting Fellow
Loseto, Lisa	(2007 to 2010)	NSERC Post-Doctoral Fellow University of Victoria
Brewis, Molly	MET (2010)	SFU SREM, <i>co-supervisor</i>
Cullon, D.	PhD (2010)	University of Victoria (SEOS): <i>supervisor</i>
Harris, Kate	MSc (2010)	University of Victoria (SEOS); <i>supervisor</i>

Child, Tom	MSc (in progress)	University of Victoria (Biology); <i>co-supervisor</i>
Desforges, J-Pierre	MSc (in progress)	University of Victoria (SEOS); <i>co-supervisor</i>
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Scientific articles:

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Training

Transport of Dangerous Goods (Road) (Feb 2008)

Rigid Hull Inflatable Operator's Training (RHOT) (May 2007)

Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) (2007)

Occupational Health and Safety for Managers (Modules 1 & 2; Nov 2005)

Occupational Health and Safety for Managers (Modules 3, 4, 5 & 6; Oct 2008)

Small Craft Operator's Licence (June 2003)

Marine Radio Operator's Licence (June 2003)

Marine Emergency Duties (MED) A-1 (July 2000)

Occupational First Aid (valid until Feb 2008)

Basic Training and Infantry Trade Qualifications (TQ1) Governor General's Foot Guards

Activities

2009- Member, Marine Monitoring Advisory Group, Capital Regional District, British Columbia present

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2004- Member, Scientific working group to develop Conservation Plan for Taiwan's Indo-Pacific 2007 humpback dolphin population

2007- Member, Humpback Whale Recovery Team (DFO-SARA) present

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2000- Marine Mammal and Seabird Representative (Canada) for the North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES).

2001- Member, Central Coast Integrated Management MEQ Subcommittee (DFO)

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1998- Member, Georgia Basin-Puget Sound Indicators working group.

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1998 Organized and co-chaired workshop on "Environmental contaminants and marine mammal health: Research applications" at the Institute of Ocean Sciences, Sidney, BC, 17-19 April.

1995 Co-established rehabilitation and conservation project for endangered Mediterranean Monk seal (*Monachus monachus*) in Mauritania and Morocco.

1994 Member, WHO Task Group on "Principles and Methods for Assessing Direct Immunotoxicity Associated with Exposure to Chemicals", World Health Organization, Geneva, 10-14 October.

1994 Member, UNEP Meeting of experts on the evaluation of the implementation of the Action Plan for the Management of the Mediterranean Monk seal, United Nations Environment Programme, Rabat, Morocco, 5-9 October.

1993 Initiator and facilitator, bilateral meeting between Canada and The Netherlands on "Indicators in Ecotoxicology": June 12-14. A scientific working group under the context of the Canada-The Netherlands Memorandum of Understanding on environmental cooperation.

1987 Observer, Canadian Delegation to the United Nations (New York).

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1987 Organized national conference on "Resolving Global Problems into the 21st Century: How can Science Help?". Carleton University, Ottawa.

1986 Member, Consultative Group Delegation to the United Nations (Department of External Affairs; to New York).

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