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Education

M.Sc. 1992: University of British Columbia (Atmospheric Science).

B.Sc. 1986: University of Victoria (Geography, First Class).

Employment

2001 – 2011, Consultant Oceanographer/Meteorologist, Victoria, B.C.

1996 – 2001, Consultant Meteorologist, WeatherWorks Consulting, Victoria, B.C.

1995 – 1996, Statistical Analyst: Meteorological Applications, University of B.C.

1994 – 1995, Research Contractor, Atmospheric Environment Service, Victoria, B.C.

1992 – 1995, Statistical Analyst: Climate Applications, University of B.C.

Experience

I have extensive experience in the analysis and modelling of near-surface atmospheric and oceanic properties on hourly to decadal time-scales. This includes climate variability and change as manifested in near-surface currents, winds, waves and water levels, as well as temperatures, salinities, and precipitation. Analysis methodologies have been based on statistics and physics, and have included spectral and principal components analyses. Projects undertaken have often been multidisciplinary, involving linking ocean/atmospheric variability to life cycles of various fish, birds, or plankton.

Professional Societies

Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS)

American Meteorological Society (AMS)

American Geophysical Union (AGU)

Refereed Publications

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