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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PRESENT LOCATION

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### CURRENT POSITIONS

- ▶ Professor Emeritus, Dept. Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
- ▶ Honorary Research Scientist Emeritus, Institute of Ocean Sciences, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Sidney, B.C., Canada

### DEGREES

- ▶ B.Sc. McGill University, Montréal, Québec 1953
- ▶ M.Sc. McGill University, Montréal, Québec 1955
- ▶ Ph.D. McGill University, Montréal, Québec 1958

### EMPLOYMENT RECORD

- ▶ Honorary Scientist Emeritus, Institute of Ocean Sciences, Sidney 1992-
- ▶ Professor Emeritus, Dept. Earth and Ocean Sciences, U.B.C. 1992-
- ▶ Department of Oceanography, University of British Columbia 1971-1992
- ▶ Fisheries Research Board of Canada (Nanaimo, B.C.) 1964-1971
- ▶ Office of Oceanography, Unesco, Paris 1962-1964
- ▶ Fisheries Research Board of Canada (Nanaimo, B.C.) 1958-1962

### ELECTED POSITIONS

- ▶ President, American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, 1969-70
- ▶ President, International Association of Biological Oceanographers (I.C.S.U) 1971-76

## AWARDS

- Officer of the Order of Canada 2006
- The Timothy R. Parsons Medal (Fisheries and Oceans Canada) 2005
- Japan Prize (Science and Technology Foundation of Japan) 2001
- Murray Newman Award (Vancouver Aquarium) 1999
- Evelyn Hutchinson Medal 1993 (American Society of Limnology and Oceanography)
- J.P. Tully Medal for Oceanography 1990 (Canadian Society of Meteorology and Oceanography)
- Killam Research Prize 1990
- Oceanographic Society of Japan Prize 1988
- Senior Killam Fellowship 1986
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada 1979

## HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREES

- University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada 2007
- University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada 2002
- Tsukuba University, Tsukuba, Japan 2001
- University of Hokkaido, Sapporo, Japan 2001

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## CONSULTATIONS

### EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Previously served on the Editorial Boards of:

- *Limnology and Oceanography*
- *Marine Ecology*
- *Marine Biology*
- *La Mer*
- *Oceanus*
- *Journal of Experimental Ecology and Marine Biology*
- *Fisheries Oceanography* (Founding Editor)

### CONSULTATIONS (partial listing)

- B.C. Energy Board: Down stream effects of the Aswan Dam
- Fisheries Research Board: Studies in biological oceanography
- Utah Mines Environmental Advisory Committee
- Strathcoma/Comox Pollution Control Board hearings
- Professional Witness for the Federal Energy Board
- US Borax: Study on mine tailings disposal
- Alcan (Canada)
- Beak Consultants
- Seakem Co.
- Rescan Co.
- LGL Consultants
- FEARO Technical Expert on west coast offshore oil development
- Revenue Canada, Research Claims Review
- Unesco, Comar Program
- FORAC - Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- SCOR WG 85 on experimental ecosystems
- Department of Environment, Canada
- B.C. environmental study of Saanich Inlet
- Prince William Sound (Alaska), Oil Recovery Institute

### PROGRAM REVIEWS

Visiting committee member to:

- ▶ Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California
- ▶ Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts
- ▶ Ocean Research Institute, Tokyo
- ▶ Dalhousie University, Dept. of Oceanography, Halifax, Canada
- ▶ University of Concepcion, Chile
- ▶ Pertanian University, Malaysia

**Committee member:**

- ▶ IBP Steering Committee (Canada)
- ▶ NRC Awards, Ottawa
- ▶ IDRC, Bureau of Oceanography, PRC Program development, Xiamen and Beijing.
- ▶ Chairman, NSERC Scholarship Committee
- ▶ Chairman, NSERC Population Awards Committee
- ▶ Atlantic Provinces Inter-University Committee on Sciences
- ▶ Science Council of British Columbia, Aquatic Sciences Subcommittee
- ▶ Advisor, Assoc. of Primary Production and Recruitment in Subarctic Ecosystems
- ▶ Fisheries and Oceans Research Advisory Council (FORAC) to the Minister of Fisheries
- ▶ JGOFS (Canada) Review Committee
- ▶ GLOBEC (Canada) Review Committee
- ▶ PICES Oceanographic Committee

**VISITING PROFESSOR**

- ▶ University of Kiel, Germany
- ▶ University of Hamburg, Germany
- ▶ University of Tsukuba, Japan (Distinguished Visiting Scholar)
- ▶ University of Sun-Yat-Sen, Taiwan
- ▶ University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.
- ▶ Plymouth Marine Laboratory, U.K.
- ▶ University of Qingdao, People's Republic of China
- ▶ University of New South Wales, Australia
- ▶ University of Concepcion, Chile

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## PUBLICATIONS RECORD

### PUBLICATIONS RECORD (SUMMARY)

Over 150 primary publications in oceanography, fisheries and pollution research.

### Some selected publications in aquatic science

Parsons, T.R., K. Stephens and J.D.H. Strickland. 1961 On the chemical composition of eleven species of marine phytoplankton. *J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada*, 18: 1001-1016.

Parsons, T.R. and J.D.H. Strickland. 1962 On the production of particulate organic carbon by heterotrophic processes in sea water. *Deep-sea Res.* 8: 211-222.

Parsons, T.R., R.J. LeBrasseur and J.D. Fulton. 1967 Some observations on the dependence of zooplankton on the cell size and concentration of phytoplankton blooms. *J. Oceanogr. Soc. Japan.* 23: 10-17.

Sheldon, R.W. and T.R. Parsons. 1967. A continuous size spectrum for particulate matter in the sea. *J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada.* 24: 909-915.

Parsons, T.R. 1969 The use of particle size spectra in determining the structure of a plankton community. *J. Oceanogr. Soc. Japan.* 24: 172-181.

Parsons, T.R. 1970. Plankton, pollution and fish in the Strait of Georgia. *Western Fisheries.*, 80: 18-22.

Parsons, T.R. and G.C. Anderson. 1970. Large scale studies of primary production in the North Pacific Ocean. *Deep-Sea Res.* 17: 765-776.

Parsons, T.R. and M. Takahashi. 1973. Environmental control of phytoplankton cell size. *Limnol. Oceanogr.* 18: 511-515.

Parsons, T.R., P.J. Harrison and R. Waters. 1978 An experimental simulation of changes in diatom and flagellate blooms. *J. Exp. Mar. Biol. Ecol.* 37: 285-294.

- Parsons, T.R. 1979. Some ecological, experimental and evolutionary aspects of upwelling ecosystems. *S. African J. Sci.* 75: 536-540.
- LeBrasseur, R.J., C.D. McAllister and T.R. Parsons. 1979. Additions of nutrients to a lake leads to greatly increased salmon catch. *Environ. Cons.* 6: 187-190.
- Parsons, T.R., L.J. Albright, F. Whitney, P.J. Leb. Williams and C.S. Wong. 1981 The effect of glucose on the productivity of sea water: An experimental approach using controlled aquatic ecosystems. *Mar. Environ. Res.* 4: 229-242.
- Parsons, T.R., J. Stronach, G.A. Borstad, G. Louitt and R.I. Perry. 1981. Biological fronts in the Strait of Georgia, British Columbia, and their relation to recent measurements in primary productivity. *Mar. Ecol. Prog. Ser.* 6: 237-242.
- Mysak, L.A., W.W. Hsieh and T.R. Parsons. 1982. On the relationship between interannual baroclinic waves and fish populations in the northeast Pacific. *Biol. Oceanogr.* 2: 63-103.
- Parsons, T.R., R.I. Perry, E.D. Nubrown, W. Hsieh and C.M. Lalli. 1983. Frontal zone analysis at the mouth of Saanich Inlet, British Columbia. *Mar. Biol.* 73: 1-5.
- Parsons, T.R., T.A. Kessler and Li Guanguo. 1986 An ecosystem model analysis of the effects of mine tailings on the euphotic zone of a pelagic ecosystem. *Acta. Ocean. Sinica.* 5: 425-436.
- Parsons, T.R. and T.A. Kessler. 1986. An ecosystem model for the assessment of plankton production in relation to the survival of young fish. *J. Plankton Res.* 9: 125-137.
- Parsons, T.R. 1988. Trophodynamic phasing in theoretical, experimental and natural ecosystems. *J. Oceaongr. Soc. Japan.* 44: 94-101
- Parsons, T.R. 1988. Fisheries Oceanography. In: Ocean and Coastal Zone Development. 5: 25-28 (in Chinese).
- Parsons, T.R. and C.M. Lalli. 1988. Comparative oceanic ecology of the plankton communities of the subarctic Atlantic and Pacific oceans. *Oceanogr. Mar. Biol. Annu. Rev.* 26: 317-359.
- Parsons, T.R., D.G. Webb, B.E. Robeby, M. Lawrence, B.E. Hopky and D.B. Chiperzak. 1989. Autotrophic and heterotrophic production in the Mackenzie River/Beaufort Sea estuary. *Polar Biol.* 9: 261-266.
- Parsons, T.R., B.E. Robeby, C.M. Lalli and C.D. Levings. 1990 Experiments on the effects of salmon farm wastes on plankton ecology. *J. Plankton Soc. Japan.* 37: 49-57.

- Parsons, T.R. 1992 The removal of marine predators by fisheries and the impact on trophic structures. *Mar. Poll. Bull.* 25: 51-53.
- Parsons, T.R. and Y-L. Chen. 1994 Estimation of trophic efficiency, based on the size distribution of phytoplankton and fish in different environments. *Zool. Studies.* 33: 296-301.
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### Textbooks

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Lalli, C.M. and T.R. Parsons 1996 Biological Oceanography: An Introduction. Publ. Butterworth/Heinemann, (Oxford) 406 pp. (also available in Japanese and Chinese)

P.J. Harrison and T.R. Parsons (Eds) 2001 *Fisheries Oceanography: An integrative approach to fisheries ecology and management*. Publ. Blackwell Sci. (Oxford) 346 pp.

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Parsons, T.R. 1985. Hypothesis testing and rigorous statistics as criteria for research proposals. *La Mer.* 23: 109-110.

Parsons, T.R. 1992. The role of environmental groups in the management of the marine habitat. *Proc. Adv. Mar. Tech. Conf.* (Tokyo, Japan) 5: 1-13

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