

Dr. Dave Preikshot is from Winnipeg Manitoba. He received a BA in history and political science from the Royal Military College. Dave served as a naval officer on both destroyers and minesweepers from 1989 to 1991. While on board Her Majesty's Canadian Ships Dave was never responsible for the accidental destruction of any expensive gear and was thus considered a prodigy.

Dave left the navy in 1991 (due to the end of the cold war and everyone packing up and going home) and began a BSc in oceanography and biology at the University of British Columbia. His BSc thesis examined the energetics of adult sockeye salmon returning to the Fraser River. While measuring sockeye salmon energetics in the Fraser River, Dave's military training was invaluable in helping with the construction of a potato gun at the DFO Cultus lake lab, which provided hours of maniacal enjoyment for all.

Dave completed an MSc at the UBC Fisheries Centre, in 2000. His MSc dissertation developed methods to quickly and efficiently assess small-scale tropical fisheries.

For his PhD thesis Dave built ecosystem models of the Northeast Pacific Ocean, British Columbia coast, and Strait of Georgia to examine the effect of different scales of area and time on ecosystem-level changes. It is a credit to the character of his advisor, Dr. Villy Chistensen, that he continues to mentor PhD candidates, despite having had Dave as his first doctoral student.

While at the UBC Fisheries Centre Dave was active in several Fisheries Centre team research projects, analysing fish ecosystem interactions in areas such as Chesapeake Bay, South Puget Sound, The Strait of Georgia, and the Northeast Pacific Ocean.

Dave has most recently worked as a fisheries scientist with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Madrone Environmental services. While with Fisheries and Oceans Dave has helped conduct several research projects in the Strait of Georgia examining processes governing the populations of juvenile and adult Pacific Salmon. He has been a lead or co-researcher on projects conducted for the Strait of Georgia Ecosystem Research Initiative, the Pew Charitable Trusts, DFO's Salmon and Fisheries Ecosystems Division, the Pacific Shellfish institute, the Pacific Salmon Foundation and The Pacific Fisheries Resources Conservation Council.