

PREFACE

As a volume this study of projectile points from the Northwest had its origins as a symposium at the annual meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association in Nanaimo in 2005. Of course, actual study of the projectile points presented here goes much further back in time, to when the authors of the various chapters first became interested in points and began to compile data on the types, dates, and locations of the many finds. Projectile points have always been of particular interest to Northwest archaeologists where in the absence of potsherds, projectile points have seemed to be the most diagnostic artifacts available for defining particular societies or cultures and for inferring developmental relationships and culture contact. The extent to which this assumption has proven to be correct or not, can best be determined by reading the chapters, examining the illustrations, and evaluating the conclusions. Both new and old data are incorporated into the various chapters. We are very fortunate in being able to expand the coverage given at the Nanaimo meeting to include new discoveries and new analyses made since that time.

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The decision of the editors to dedicate this volume to Dick Daugherty is based on his exceptional contributions to Northwest archaeology. He has worked tirelessly on the archaeology of this region first as a student at the University of Washington under the direction of Douglas Osborne and Erna Gunther, then as a professor at Washington State University where he developed an outstanding research and graduate program in archaeology, and following his retirement, as an archaeological consultant involved in many mitigation projects. Although Dick is mostly associated with archaeology in Washington State, he also undertook archaeological survey in British Columbia in the early 1950s searching the Peace River District for the enigmatic route of early migrants to the New World. The Lind Coulee excavations, the multi-disciplinary Marmes Rockshelter project, and the excavation of the waterlogged village at Ozette, which all provided new and exciting information on the archaeology and prehistory of the Northwest, were major research projects for which Dick and his research teams can always be very proud. We are very pleased to honour him with this dedication.

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