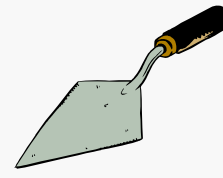


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Inaugural Edition of the PAO NEWSLETTER

The Archaeology community in Newfoundland and Labrador is a small group. There are fewer than 25 archaeologists on the PAO consultants list. The list does not include the PAO and Provincial Museum Staff or Masters Graduate students. Yet, we are not a cohesive group – there is no annual meeting or organized communication that reaches us all.

This Newsletter represents an attempt by

the PAO to inform you about what your colleagues have been doing over the past year. Right now we are thinking this will be a yearly Newsletter, to be released around this time. We are open to any suggestions you may have regarding content.

This issue will deal mainly with PAO operations and activities carried out in 2002. Hopefully, future issues will have short articles by some of you. If you are interested in making a submission, we

are looking for just a few paragraphs, enough to keep your colleagues informed about developments in Newfoundland and Labrador archaeology.

In the future we can either e-mail the newsletter or continue to send it out in paper format. If you have a preference please let us know - keeping in mind that the newsletter is produced in Microsoft Word.

Port au Choix at the CAA Meeting

Archaeological field work at Port au Choix will be the focus of a Canadian Archaeological Association session at the upcoming CAAs at McMaster University.

The session has 10 papers being presented and will focus on faculty and student research projects that have been carried out at Port au Choix over the last 20 years.

Some of the papers being presented include: "Seventy-Five Years of Archaeological Research at Port au Choix." by Priscilla Renouf and "Palaeoethnobotanical Research at Port au Choix." by Michael Deal. There are also papers being presented by: Trevor Bell, Joyce Macpherson and Priscilla Renouf; Heather Reid; Karen Ryan; Patty Wells; John Erwin;

Maribeth Murray; and Michael Teal.

The session is being organized by Priscilla Renouf and Patty Wells and will run from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Saturday, May 10, 2003.

For more information see the Conference Abstracts off the CAA webpage.

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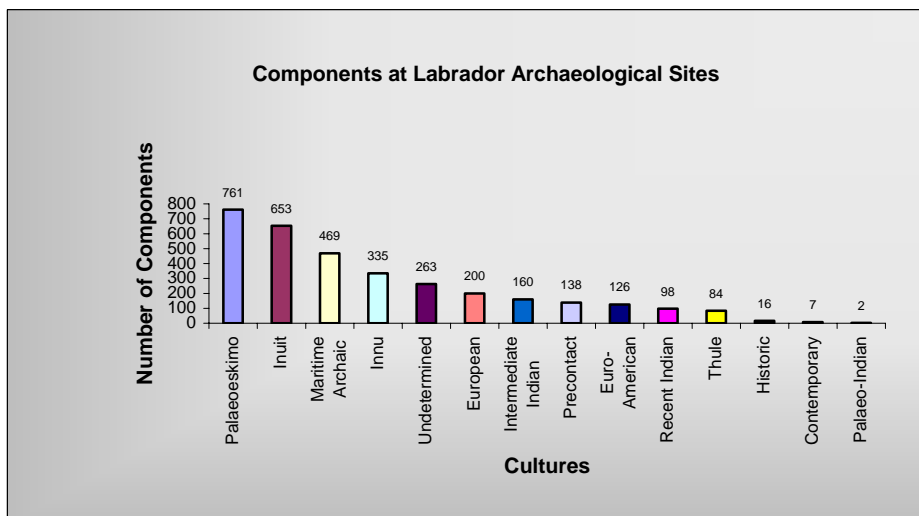
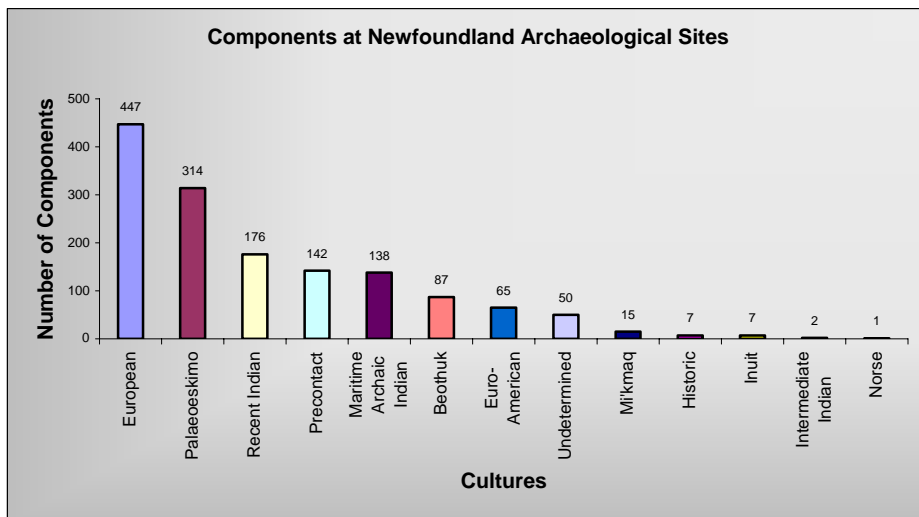
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GRAPHS

Currently there are approximately 4000 archaeological sites registered in the province – slightly under 3000 in Labrador and slightly more than 1000 on the Island. The graphs on the right break down the cultural components at those sites. All the groups are listed under the name of their Tradition, so, for example, all the Palaeoeskimo groups are listed under 'Palaeoeskimo'. As well, all sites listed as possible, i.e. 'Palaeoeskimo?' are listed under their Tradition as well.



PAO Field Work News

The PAO carried out field work in several areas of the province over the 2002 field season. In Placentia Bay the New Grove (CkAm-01) and Long Island Neck (CkAm-02) sites were revisited for the first time since they were excavated by Urve Linnamae in 1970. Both have Maritime Archaic and Dorset components. Later in the summer a visit was paid to Red Indian Lake where a spot find attributed to the Maritime Archaic Indian was identified. There was also a visit to

the Northern Peninsula and Birchy Lake where a Dorset site (DiBe-03) and a Groswater and Cow Head Recent Indian site (DiBe-02) were located. Unfortunately, the Dorset site was a spot find of just a biface and the other site was badly eroded. Nonetheless, both are examples of interior land use by Palaeoeskimo groups. On the Northern Peninsula several small European sites were found along with 2 Maritime Archaic sites, both of which were badly

disturbed. Another large and intact precontact site was found next to the Ste. Genevieve River just north of Plum Point.

In the fall monitoring work was done in L'Anse au Loup which led to the discovery of a disturbed Maritime Archaic and Palaeoeskimo site (Church Parking Lot, EjbF-14). Finally, another disturbed Maritime Archaic site was investigated in Red Bay (Quartz Point, EkBc-47).

Intermediate Indians on the Northern Peninsula?

During the summer of 2002, Gregory Beaton (Graduate Student, MUN) carried out research for his Masters Thesis at Big Brook on the Northern Peninsula.

A collection of artifacts at the Provincial Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador suggested that a Maritime Archaic site had been found at Big Brook during a 1975 survey of the area. Priscilla Renouf tested the area in 2001 and found *in situ* deposits.

Beaton returned to Big Brook during June and July of 2002 and excavated a large area containing a total of 10 features. Most of the features were related to lithic reduction and biface manufacture by the Maritime Archaic as is evidenced by the nearly 30,000 flakes recovered. One feature, a large hearth, was sampled for charcoal which returned a date of 2830+/-40 BP. A large side notched biface

was found nearby the hearth. Beaton has tentatively identified this feature and the biface as Intermediate Indian. This is the second suspected Intermediate Indian site on the Island, the other being Garden Cove (EjAv-02) which was found during testing of the L'Anse Aux Meadows area in 1975 by Bergt Schonbach.

