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David Narver fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
Title:	David Narver fonds
Reference code:	RBSC-ARC-1863
Date:	1959-2011 (date of creation)
Physical description:	64 cm textual records, 209 photographs
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Created by Malcolm Fish, February 2024.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Dr. David Wells Narver received a PhD in Marine Biology from the University of Washington in 1966. He worked as a researcher at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, various positions in fisheries research, management, and administration, including as Anadromous Fisheries Coordinator and Acting Chief of Fisheries Management for the BC Ministry of Environment, and became Director of the British Columbia Fisheries Branch in 1977, which position he held until his retirement in 1994. During his career he published many reports and papers about his area of expertise, the effects of habitat degradation on salmonids, and he was responsible for the ongoing Carnation Creek study.

Custodial history

The fonds was donated to RBSC by Jeff Narver, son of David Narver, in 2024.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of records relating to the education, research, career, and post-retirement activities of David Narver. The fonds is organized into three series: Postdoctoral Education; Career; and Personal. The Postdoctoral Education series includes records related to Narver's PhD research while enrolled at the University of Washington. Narver worked as a researcher at the Canadian Fisheries Research Board Biological Station in Nanaimo, BC, and in Chignik, Alaska, working on salmon research projects. The Career series covers records related to Narver's three-decade career. Narver worked for the BC Ministry of Environment, Fisheries Branch and Fish and Wildlife Branch, as Anadromous Fisheries Coordinator, Acting Chief of Fisheries Management, and Director of the Fisheries Branch. Records in the Career series include speeches and presentations, official correspondence, policy and administrative records (including meeting minutes), and research reports. The Personal series includes records related

to Narver's undergraduate or graduate post-secondary education, speeches and presentations given after his retirement, and a manuscript of his account of his time in Alaska. Narver remained active in fish, fishing, and fish habitat work after his retirement, working with the BC Wildlife Federation among other organizations.

Notes

Title notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Access points

- Narver, David (subject)
- Education (subject)
- Government (subject)
- Fishing (subject)
- Fisheries (subject)
- Science and technology (subject)

Series descriptions

Postdoctoral Education

Date: 1959-1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records related to Narver's postdoctoral research, predominantly from his time working at the Federal Biological Station in Nanaimo, BC, and Chignik, Alaska, while a student at the University of Washington. Contents include professional correspondence, primarily to other researchers, and PhD thesis work, including a bound manuscript of his final thesis.

Physical description: 7 cm textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-01	File - Letters	1959-1966		
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-02	File - Word Lists	n.d.		
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-03	File - PhD Work	1963-1964		
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-07	File - Correspond. 1969-1970	1968-1970		
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-13	File - Dissertation Seminar	1966		
RBSC-ARC-1863-05-02	File - Identification of Red Salmon Spawning Groups Narver Thesis M.S. No. 7	1963		

Career

Date: 1966-1994 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records related to Narver's three-decade career, including in his capacity as Anadromous Fisheries Coordinator, Acting Chief of Fisheries Management, and Director of the Fisheries Branch (alternately Director of the Recreational Fisheries Branch). Contents are primarily reports (research and administrative), correspondence, and transcripts of presentations and speeches. Reports include research findings, mostly concerning Steelhead Salmon, and planning and policy documents prepared by Narver and others for the Provincial and Federal governments. Minutes of Fisheries Branch meetings are also included. Correspondence is primarily with other researchers, though some from his time working for the Ministry of Environment are with members of the public concerning various Ministry initiatives. Some press coverage of the Carnation Creek research and rehabilitation project, which Narver headed, is included. Presentations and speeches by Narver generally concern Narver's area of specialization, salmonid conservation and stream ecology, with a selection concerning recreational fishing. Speeches not by Narver cover a variety of subjects related to his professional area of expertise in some capacity. The series also contains materials related to Narver's posting at the New Brunswick Federal Biological Station, where he was stationed in the early 1970s for professional development purposes, largely to increase his knowledge of Atlantic Salmon. New Brunswick records include photographs, research reports, and a personal notebook. Photographs are predominantly charts and graphs of research data, with a minority of personal photographs of unknown individuals, mostly at rivers or lakes outdoors.

Physical description: 45 cm textual records, 197 photographs

Publication status:

published

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container

RBSC-ARC-1863-01-04	File - New Brunswick Photos	1974
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-04-PH-001 to 045	Item - [Photographs]	
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-05	File - [Fisheries Research Board of Canada Office of the Editor]	n.d.
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-05-PH-046 to 049	Item - [Photographs]	
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-06	File - Narver talks old	1975-1982
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-09	File - Chignik Sockeye	1968-1974
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-10	File - 1967 Photos Vert movement	1967
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-10-PH-050 to 052	Item - [Photographs]	
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-11	File - Carnation Creek Press Coverage	1966-1978
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-11-PH-053 to 163	Item - [Photographs]	
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-12	File - Old Environmental papers	1967-1970
RBSC-ARC-1863-01-14	File - Steelhead Production Goals	1976-1980
RBSC-ARC-1863-02-01	File - 3 Ocean SH	1975-1977
RBSC-ARC-1863-02-02	File - Steelhead Genetics Branch Policy	1975-1979
RBSC-ARC-1863-02-03	File - SEP Provincial Policy Statement	1974-1987
RBSC-ARC-1863-02-04	File - Denise Barlow	1980-1984
RBSC-ARC-1863-02-05	File - Fisheries meetings	1975-1982
RBSC-ARC-1863-02-07	File - Washington Dept Comms Planning good	1972
RBSC-ARC-1863-02-09	File - Dave Speeches	1975-1994
RBSC-ARC-1863-03-01	File - [Background Information US Canada Negotiations on Pacific Salmon]	1974
RBSC-ARC-1863-03-03	File - Atlantic Salmon talk	1973-1979
RBSC-ARC-1863-03-04	File - Carrying Capacity SH and Coho	1977
RBSC-ARC-1863-03-04-PH-176 to 181	Item - [Photographs]	
RBSC-ARC-1863-03-05	File - Proposals talks	1970-1975

RBSC- ARC-1863-03-05- PH-182 to 186	Item - [Photographs]	
RBSC- ARC-1863-03-06	File - SH Interceptions SEP	1978-1979
RBSC- ARC-1863-03-07	File - Correspondence Current General FWB	1975-1977
RBSC- ARC-1863-03-08	File - Steelhead and snowmelt hypothesis	1977
RBSC- ARC-1863-03-09	File - Old photos some current	n.d.
RBSC- ARC-1863-03-09- PH-187 to 199	Item - [Photographs]	
RBSC- ARC-1863-03-10	File - Stream ecology talks	1973-1975
RBSC- ARC-1863-04-01	File - Atlantic Salmon	1972-1974
RBSC- ARC-1863-04-01- PH-200 to 209	Item - [Photographs]	
RBSC- ARC-1863-04-05	File - 1974 N.B.	1974

Personal

Date: 1960-2011 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records related to Narver's undergraduate or graduate studies, quasi-professional correspondence, and records related to his post-retirement life. Contents include: handwritten notes from undergraduate or graduate level university courses taken by Narver; correspondence with various individuals and organizations, all related to fishing, fisheries, and fish in some capacity, though not written by Narver in his official roles; transcripts and notes from speeches and presentations given by Narver, including the Living Blueprint Salmon Habitat Action Plan, or given by others and collected by Narver; and a typescript of Narver's 2010 book, *What Did You Do In Alaska, Grandpa? Seven Summers in Alaska: Salmon, Bears and Untouched Wilderness*, with handwritten annotations. Photographs are mostly of posters and displays produced by the BC Fisheries and Wildlife Branch about salmonid and stream ecology.

Physical description: 12 cm textual records, 12 photographs

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC- ARC-1863-01-08	File - Correspondence non FWB	1975-1977		

RBSC- ARC-1863-02-06	File - Catch and Release	1987-1995
RBSC- ARC-1863-02-08	File - Old Photos Alaska	1965-2011
RBSC- ARC-1863-02-08- PH-164-175	Item - [Photographs]	
RBSC- ARC-1863-03-02	File - [Living Blueprint for B.C. Salmon Habitat an Action Plan]	2000
RBSC- ARC-1863-04-02	File - Notes etc.	[1960-1966]
RBSC- ARC-1863-04-03	File - Econ 435	1965
RBSC- ARC-1863-04-04	File - [Symposium Presentations]	1978
RBSC- ARC-1863-05-01	File - What Did You Do In Alaska Grandpa	[before 2010]