Episode 2: "Natural Resource Development in British Columbia"


British Columbians will face major dilemmas in the near future over their hydro and energy policies. In November 2008, the Nature/HISTORY/Society group hosted a roundtable on hydro-energy in British Colombia, featuring Jeremy Mouat (University of Alberta), Tina Loo (University of British Columbia), and Paul Hirt (Arizona State). In this episode a selection from Tina Loo’s talk on hydro-electric development and high modernism called “Towards an Environmental History of ‘Progress’” is highlighted. Additionally there is an interview with Jonathan Peyton, a PhD candidate in the Department of Geography at UBC who is studying the history of resource conflict in the Stikine Plateau region of northern British Columbia.

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