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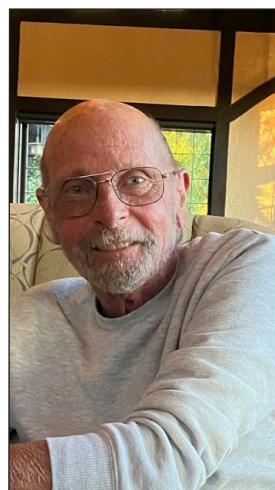
Peter Hall of Sidney, BC, passed away peacefully and with dignity on 8 April 2024, after a long battle with cancer. Peter was born in Fort Churchill, Manitoba, but was raised in Victoria, BC. Peter graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Victoria in 1972, after which he worked as a research technician with Research Scientist David Dyer at what was then the Pacific Forest Research Centre (now Pacific Forestry Centre). When Dyer retired at the end of the 1970s, Peter was appointed as one of the first Regional Forest Entomologists in the Cariboo Forest Region of the BC Forest Service. Shortly thereafter, he returned to Victoria where he assumed the position as Provincial Forest Entomologist where he spent the rest of his 28 years of service until his retirement in 2008 (apart from a secondment to Forestry Canada in the early 1990s). These positions were created as part of a major reorganization of the BC Forest Service Protection Branch, staffing a new Pest Management Section (renamed Forest Health since 1990) with pest management professionals. Peter also enrolled at UBC Forestry under the supervision of John McLean, where he graduated with a MSc in 1984.

Peter was an extraordinary forest entomologist who could see the 'big picture' when many of us were stuck on the minutiae. Among his many accomplishments, Peter initiated the western spruce budworm and the spongy moth programs. He made a mark in the BC Forest Health program that will endure.

Peter had a quick wit, and when engaging in a scientific debate with Peter you had to be on your toes or you would be left in the dust, scratching your head. He was a dear friend, always supportive, and an excellent mentor to many while he was the Provincial Entomologist. When attending conferences or other scientific gatherings, Peter would always have time to talk to keen, young, up-and-coming forest entomologists, giving them encouragement and sage advice. He led or was part of the organizing team for three Western Forest Insect Work Conferences (WFIWC) held in British Columbia (1997, 1986, and 2005). He was a Councillor of WFIWC in 1983, and he served as Chair of the Executive Committee in 2008. He was very supportive of research, and provided significant resources for projects that he deemed deserving.

Peter is survived by his wife Pat and his daughter Christine. He will be missed by his many friends and colleagues.

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(1951 – 2024)**



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