# Peter Pearse fonds

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# **Fonds Description**

**Peter Pearse fonds.** – 1955-1986.

2.85 m of textual records.

#### **Biographical Sketch**

Peter Pearse was born in Vernon, British Columbia in 1932. He received a B.S.F. in forestry from the University of British Columbia (1956) and an M.A. (1959) and Ph.D. (1962) in economics from Edinburgh University in Scotland. He returned to UBC to teach in the Department of Economics in 1962. His research interests have focused on natural resource economics, particularly in the development and management of the forest and fishing industries. Pearse has also served as Commissioner on the Royal Commission on Forest Resources in British Columbia (1975-1976) and Pacific Fisheries (1981-1982). He also chaired the Inquiry on Federal Water Policy (1984-1985).

#### **Custodial History**

Materials in Boxes 1-3 were acquired from the Council of Forest Industries of B.C. in 1988. The remainder were transferred to the University Archives by Rare Books and Special Collections in December 2023 – the original provenance of these records is unknown.

#### **Scope and Content**

The fonds consists of briefs presented to the Royal Commission on Forest Resources in British Columbia. The Commission received 194 briefs from a wide range of interested societies, firms, professional associations, local governments, labour groups, and other organizations, as well as individuals. The fonds also includes briefs from both the Forest Policy Advisory Committee (1977) which invited submissions reacting to Pearse's final report and from the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries (1973). There is also a small collection of speeches by others pertaining to the forest industry (1955-1971). Pearse also served as the commissioner for the Pacific Fisheries Policy (1981-1982) where he received 198 exhibits submitted by indigenous bands, local governments, businesses, families and organizations concerned about the environ - mental impacts, regulations and fishing licensing across British Columbia and the Yukon. Later in Pearse's career he was involved in the Inquiry on Federal Water Policy (1984-1986) and the records include a combination of submitted reports to the commission and research conducted by Pearse regarding water usage, future water needs and impacts of pesticides in the water supply. The content in the research reflects some of the sentiments in the inquiry submissions.

# Notes

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Series 2 and 3 were added to the collection during the second accrual.

# **Series Descriptions**

**Royal Commission on Forest Resource Series.** – 1955-1977. 93 cm.

The Royal Commission Forest Resources series contains documents including correspondence, public hearings, Summary of proceedings and Final statements. These records contain notes from Peter Pearse attached to the documents.

**Commission on Pacific Fisheries Policy Series.** – 1981-1982. 69 cm.

The records for the Commission on Pacific Fisheries policy includes Exhibits 5-198 from several organizations and governments across Canada. Each exhibit includes handwritten notes and research by Peter Pearse.

**Inquiry on Federal Water Policy Series.** – 1984-1986. 1.23 m.

Documents include inquiry reports on the Federal Water Policy, including inputs from across Canada. The second half of this series includes research publications and reports regarding environmental concerns and the human use of water in Canada. The series also features research partnerships with the French Scientific Council of the C.N.E.X.O. The records also include federal water reports and plans for future conservation and use.

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# INQUIRY ON FEDERAL WATER POLICY SERIES

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6-4	Inquiry on Federal Water Policy
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6-5	Inquiry on Federal Water Policy
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6-7	Inquiry on Federal Water Policy
	Halifax, Nova Scotia
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8-5	The Economics of Water Export Policy - Research Paper by Anthony Scott 1985
8-6	Water Resource Management - Research and Correspondence 1985-1986
8-7	Federal-Provincial Programs and Activities: A Descriptive Inventory 1983-1984
8-8	Living With the Inescapable: Risks and Benefits in Pesticide Policy - Publication by Ted Schrecker 1984
8-9	Safe Drinking Water Research – publications 1985
8-10	Water policy research and correspondence 1985 - Confidential information indicated on file
8-11	An Inventory of Health Research on Drinking Water in Canada. Produced for Health and Welfare Canada by FACE
8-12	Research Talent in the Natural Sciences and Engineering: Supply and Demand Projections to 1990 1985
8-13	Water and Economic Growth in Western Canada by Terrence S. Veeman 1985
8-14	Great Lakes Diversions & Consumptive Uses, International Joint Commission 1985
8-15	Research on the Canadian Water Policy — Correspondence and publications 1984-1985
8-16	Environmental and Economic Concerns Research 1984-1985
8-17	Submissions to the Inquiry on Federal Water Policy 1984-1985
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9-2	Scientific Council of C.N.E.X.O 1983-1984
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