

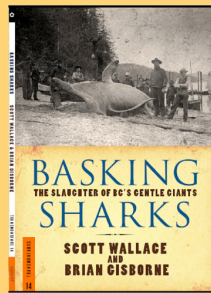


NATURE VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

MARINE BIOLOGY SECTION

"Diversity is the Spice of Life" Series



**Scott Wallace
&
Brian
Gisborne**

Basking Sharks, The Slaughter of BC's Gentle Giants

7:30 PM

Thursday, November 13, 2008

Vancouver Museum

**Joyce Walley Learning Centre,
1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver**

Imagine seeing sharks the size of a London bus swimming off our coast! Imagine that these sharks consumed plankton for food and what an enormous volume of plankton would be required to sustain such a size! Then imagine how it was possible for the virtual extermination of what, in fact, were not the predatory monsters generally associated with sharks but rather a slow-moving and placid species known as basking sharks. Why did it happen? Join Scott Wallace, a marine conservationist working with the David Suzuki Foundation, and Brian Gisborne, a commercial fisherman who saw basking sharks during his childhood, as they recount the events leading up to the tragic demise of BC's gentle giants. Will the gentle giants ever be seen again?

Marine Biology Section evening programs are held from January through April and September through December, on the second Thursday of the month. Programs are free, open to the public, and members are encouraged to invite their friends. For more information and suggestions for future programs, contact Leigh Hunt Wilks at leigh@pacificcoast.net. VNHS events website - www.naturevancouver.ca.