

First Peoples' Innovations and Technologies

- Please note First Peoples' may have own understandings of histories and creation stories throughout BC that may be different than the information below

14,500yrs ago	Glaciers form the islands and Salish Sea waterways
12,000 yrs ago	Glaciers recede on the West Coast
6,500 yrs ago	Red and Yellow Cedar (tree of life; canoes, houses, clothing, and tools)
4,000-1,500 yrs ago	Salmon stable; storage and harvest
1,500-235	First Peoples' trade, ceremonies and increased innovation
1770's	Spanish explorers and Captain Cook in 1778
1780's	Early fur trade and epidemics spread
1843	Fort Victoria established
1846	Border crossings by First Nations was made illegal
1850's	Reservation System – decreased subsistence hunting, fishing, gathering
1876	Indian Act
1858	Gold Rush
1914	Traditional fishing is made illegal in British Columbia

Sources:

Cedar by Hilary Stewart and Saltwater People as told by Dave Elliott Sr.