



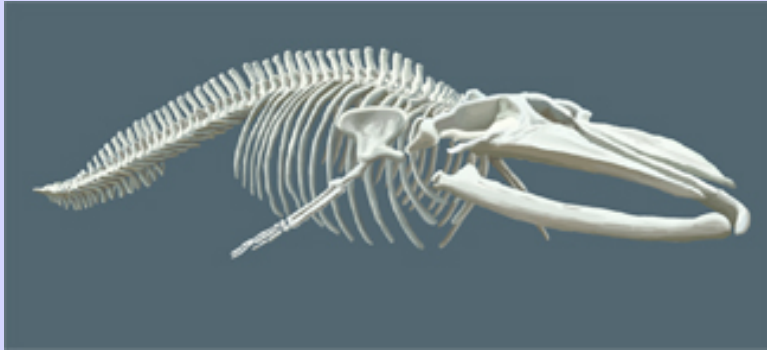
# NATURE VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## MARINE BIOLOGY SECTION

*"Diversity is the Spice of Life" Series*

# Andrew Trites



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## Beaty and the Beast

7:30 PM

Thursday, January 8, 2009

### Vancouver Museum

Joyce Walley Learning Centre,  
1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver

The Beaty Biodiversity Museum at UBC will soon be home to the first blue whale skeleton on display in Canada, one of only 21 in the world. Dr. Andrew Trites, Director of the Marine Mammal Research Unit at UBC, will join us to give an insider's account of the Museum's recent blue whale skeleton dig in Prince Edward Island where the carcass washed ashore. Its subsequent journey west to Victoria, where the rather large puzzle of bones is being pieced together, makes for a fascinating story. Learn about the conservation status of blue whales, hear the story of the missing flipper, and smell a sample of whale 'schmag'. Find out more about the soon-to-open Beaty Biodiversity Museum at this event, or at [www.beatymuseum.ubc.ca](http://www.beatymuseum.ubc.ca).

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](mailto:leigh@pacificcoast.net). VNHS events website - [www.naturevancouver.ca](http://www.naturevancouver.ca).