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INTRODUCTION

This compilation on Tertiary marine mollusks was prepared as part of a report on the status of knowledge of Tertiary marine mollusks of Alaska presented at the Cenozoic invertebrate sessions of the Bering Sea Symposium held at the University of Alaska, June 25-July 1, 1970. Included are 135 papers accompanied by brief annotations pertaining to Tertiary marine mollusks of Alaska published up to and including 1970. A few reports in press are also included to make the bibliography as complete and current as possible. Reports dealing exclusively with Quaternary mollusks are excluded except for those with reference to mollusk assemblages assigned to the Beringian transgression (Hopkins, 1965, 1967b) of late Pliocene or early Pleistocene age. Many of the more important papers dealing with Pleistocene mollusks, in particular those of the Bering Sea margin, are listed by Hopkins (1967b).

Most of the references in this compilation contain systematic descriptions, faunal lists, or stratigraphic correlations and age determinations based upon mollusks. Several are principally concerned with description of stratigraphic units and areal geology and contain only passing mention of fossil mollusks. Others are systematic résumés of individual molluscan genera represented by one or two species in the Alaskan Tertiary.

Reports that contain descriptions of new mollusks or illustrations of previously described species are preceded by an asterisk (*). Practically all taxonomic work on Tertiary mollusks from Alaska has been done by four workers: Constantin Grewingk, W. H. Dall, B. L. Clark, and F. S. MacNeil. Grewingk (1850) described and illustrated the first mollusks of Tertiary age from Alaska. Dall (1904, 1908, 1920, 1921b) described more new
### Figure 1.

Index map of Alaska showing areas from which Tertiary marine mollusks have been recorded or described. (New records by MacNeil and others (1961) are not shown.)

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species than any other paleontologist; he also contributed faunal
tablest and age determinations to many of the early U.S. Geological
Survey bulletins dealing with the geology of the Gulf of Alaska
Tertiary Province and the Alaska Peninsula. The only systematic
treatment of an invertebrate fauna from the Gulf of Alaska
Tertiary Province is by Clark (1932), who described 24 new
species of mollusks from rocks of Oligocene and Miocene age.
MacNeil described many additional mollusks (1957a, 1961, 1965,
1967), including résumés of the important bivalve lineages *Mya*
and *Pecten* s. l., which are particularly useful in stratigraphic
correlation. The principal areas from which Tertiary molluscan
assemblages have been recorded are indicated on index maps of
Alaska (figs. 1 and 2).

The basic scheme of correlation for Alaskan Tertiary forma-
tions of marine origin by MacNeil and others (1961) is indicated
in figure 3. The chronology draws heavily from the faunal se-
quence of Oregon and Washington (Weaver and others, 1944).
Marine formations of Tertiary age occur principally in three areas

![Figure 2. Index map of Alaska showing location of stratigraphic columns in figure 3.](image-url)
Figure 3.—Correlation of marine Tertiary formations
in Alaska: the northeastern coast of the Gulf of Alaska, the Alaska Peninsula, and the northeastern Arctic coast.

Studies on the Tertiary marine mollusks of Alaska, in terms of the published record, have not advanced beyond the earliest descriptive stages. There are no systematic descriptions of early Tertiary molluscan faunas and only two taxonomic papers on middle Tertiary faunas (Dall, 1904; Clark, 1932). And only two important northern molluscan lineages have been monographed (MacNeil, 1965, 1967). Prior to 1940 more than 150 reports illustrating Tertiary mollusks of California had been published (Keen and Bentzon, 1944), and about 30 reports illustrating Tertiary mollusks of Oregon and Washington had been issued (Weaver, 1942, p. 567-584). Only 11 reports with figures of Tertiary mollusks of Alaska had been published by 1940. And as late as 1969 only 22 reports containing illustrations or descriptions of Alaskan Tertiary mollusks had been published.

There are several important studies of Alaskan Tertiary molluscan faunas in progress at this time. Most of these were summarized recently by Addicott and Kanno (1969). These should result in much improved documentation of Tertiary molluscan faunas and should also provide biostratigraphic data sufficient to permit description of much-needed provincial standard sections for correlation of the middle and upper Tertiary marine sequences of Alaska.

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A doubtfully identified specimen of *Nassarius andersoni* from a beach stone collected from Chirikof Island may represent the northernmost occurrence of the subgenus *Catlon* in western North America.

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Middle Tertiary molluscan assemblages from Kodiak Island and the Alaska Peninsula reflect an Oligocene to middle Miocene climatic warming that is best defined by faunal data from California. The middle Miocene fauna of the Yakataga Formation of the northeastern Gulf of Alaska is of cooler aspect than that of the underlying upper Oligocene and lower Miocene Poul Creek Formation; this cooling is believed to be a local feature and is ascribed to the onset of local glaciation.
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Marine Paleocene strata recognized for the first time in Alaska based on the occurrence of Turritella merriami brevitabulata in the lowermost part of the Kulthieth Formation in the St. Elias Range.


The earliest occurrence of Mya from the Pacific coast of North America is M. kusiroensis Nagao and Inoue from the Acila shumardi zone of the Alaska Peninsula and the Yakataga district. A new middle Miocene record from central California is the earliest occurrence of the genus in the conterminous United States.


The initial Tertiary mega-invertebrate chronology for the conterminous United States is outlined in this report. Three divisions were established for the Miocene, two each for the Eocene [including Paleocene] and the Pliocene, and one for the Oligocene. The divisions were typified by formations with designated type localities and characteristic mollusks, including their stratigraphic and geographic distribution. One of the Tertiary pectinids, "Chlamys" washburnei, n. sp., has subsequently been recorded from the Oligocene of Alaska.


Dall's list (1904) of mollusks from the Stepovak Series of Palache (1904) is repeated, again as Eocene, and is included in the Kenai Formation. This assemblage was later reassigned to the Oligocene Acila shumardi zone (MacNeil and others, 1961). There is a discussion of the age and correlation of mollusks from several localities in the Unga Formation (Unga and Popof Islands and mainland near Port Moller). Three mollusks, including Mytilus middendorfii, are recorded from the Unga.

The Poul Creek Formation of Oligocene and Miocene age contains faunas of temperate or subtropical aspect. The overlying Yakataga Formation of Miocene and Pliocene age contains mostly cool or cold water molluscan faunas. The appearance of a left-coiling planktonic foraminifer in the Yakataga Formation is taken as indicative of the initiation of glaciation during the late Miocene (about 13 million years ago).


Records mollusks identified by F. S. MacNeil from St. Paul and St. George Islands. The largest assemblage includes nine mollusks. MacNeil regarded the collections, from four different localities, as of about the same age and “probably of early Pleistocene or, at the earliest, late Pliocene age.”


A bibliographic listing of Dall’s 1,607 published reports and articles includes many dealing with Tertiary mollusks from Alaska. A brief account of Dall’s work on Tertiary fossils of the northwest coast of North America is included.


Four Miocene species of *Pandora* from California and Alaska are recorded.


An alphabetic arrangement of all generic, subgeneric, and specific names introduced by Dall with bibliographic citations. Included in the 5,302 molluscan names are many Oligocene, Miocene, and Pliocene taxa from Alaska.


Includes a brief review of localities and areas from which Miocene and Pliocene marine fossils have been reported (p. 242-243).


A marine transgression occurred along the Pacific coast of Alaska during the Miocene but did not extend north of Bristol Bay. Pliocene marine invertebrates occur in ancient beach deposits of Pliocene or Pleistocene age near Nome.

Lists of Tertiary mollusks identified by F. S. MacNeil are included in appendix C (p. 221-228). Sixty-eight species ranging in age from Eocene to Pliocene are recorded; most of the collections are from rocks of Oligocene age. A newly named formation, the Bear Lake Formation, of middle and late Miocene age, contains many large fossiliferous banks. The lower part of this formation, the Unga Conglomerate Member, is characterized by abundant specimens of *Mytilus middendorffi*, which also occurs at Cape Aliaskin.


Mollusks from Narrow Point, Kodiak Island, identified by W. P. Woodring (USGS loc. 13372) are considered to be of Miocene or Pliocene age. Ten taxa, including *Mytilus middendorffi*, are listed.


Clark recognized 42 molluscan taxa, including 24 newly described species or subspecies, from rock units of late Oligocene to middle Miocene age. The combined fauna was correlated with the Blakeley “horizon” (“Stage”) of western Washington and the fauna of the Sooke Formation of Vancouver Island. Clark believed that no faunal change occurred between the Poul Creek and Yakataga Formations based on limited collections. Water temperatures were believed to have been cool temperate, similar to modern conditions in this area.


The molluscan fauna of the Yakataga Formation is considered to be of late Oligocene age and is correlated with the faunas of the Blakeley Formation and San Ramon Formation of the Pacific Coast States. Some paleontologists consider these faunas to be of early Miocene age.


Two species of *Macoma* migrated from the Pacific to the Atlantic through the Bering Strait during the late Tertiary and Quaternary (*M. obliqua* and *M. praetenuis*).


*Macoma incongrua* von Martens, 1865, of the eastern North Pacific is conspecific with *M. obliqua* (Sowerby, 1817), reported from the Coralline Crag of England. Eastern Pacific specimens previously identified as *M. incongrua* differ significantly from modern specimens of this species from Japan, the type locality. There are a few comments on Neogene migrations of *Macoma* from the Pacific to the Atlantic through the Bering Strait.

The initial report of marine fossils of presumed late Tertiary age from the northern part of Adak Island (Coats, 1956).


The oldest fossiliferous sedimentary rocks of Tertiary age occur on Adak Island on the east side of “Mount Adagdak” and on Amchitka Island about 2½ miles west of East Cape.


Fossiliferous marine sandstone containing abundant fragments of marine fossils is considered to be of late Tertiary age because of the similarity of the fossil fragments to modern beach drift.


The Bering Strait opened briefly during the late Miocene and again near the end of the Pliocene according to evidence of migrations of marine invertebrates (reference not seen).


Twenty-five mollusks from the basal sedimentary strata on St. George Island are indicative of assignment to the Beringian marine transgression which is of late Pliocene or early Pleistocene age. The mollusks were identified by F. S. MacNeil; a few are mentioned in MacNeil’s discussion. The Beringian strata are covered by volcanic flow rock dated at about 2.1 million years.


Brown sandstone along the southeastern coast of Alaska contains extinct fossils (Crepidula, Mytilus, and Ostrea) which are comparable to Miocene mollusks from Oregon and California. One deposit on St. Paul Island in the Bering Sea may be younger than these.


An assemblage of 46 mollusks from the “Astoria group” of Alaska is correlated with sandstones and shales at Astoria, Oreg. Alaskan Miocene water temperatures were warmer than at present. Fossils are from Lituya Bay, the Alaska Peninsula, and the Aleutian chain. Pliocene fossils are recorded from the St. Elias Alps, southeastern Alaska. The fossil lists first appeared in Dall and Harris (1892).

Thirty-five mollusks collected by Stanley-Brown from “horizontal layers of a hard claystone” on St. Paul Island are listed. The list is derived mainly from Dall (1896). Fragments of bivalves (Saxicava?) are reported to have been collected on Bering Island of the Commander Islands by Stejneger. Although this assemblage is composed of modern species, diatom evidence suggests that it is of Pliocene age (D. M. Hopkins, oral commun., May 1970).


Mollusks from the Stepovak Series of Palache (1904)—32 taxa including 10 newly described species—are considered to be of Eocene age. (Subsequent study indicates an Oligocene age and assignment to the Acila shumardi zone (MacNeil and others, 1961).) Thirty-one mollusks are recorded from the Unga Conglomerate in the Shumagin Islands (Unga and Popof Islands); six of these are described and illustrated as new. The Unga assemblages are considered to be of Miocene age and are correlated with the Miocene fauna from Astoria, Oreg.


Pecten loicis is described from marine gravel believed to be of Pliocene age from near Nome. A few associated mollusks suggest water temperatures warmer than occur at this latitude today.

1908, Another large Miocene Scala: Nautilus, v. 22, no. 7, p. 80-81.

Four species of Epitonium, including E. atwoodi n. sp., are recorded from upper Tertiary strata of the Alaska Peninsula and Shumagin Islands.


Forty-four mollusks of Pliocene age are identified from localities at Tolstoi Point, St. Paul Island, and Tolstoi Point, St. George Island.


Pliocene and Pleistocene mollusks are recorded from 22 localities—most are from near Nome but a few are from the Arctic coast. Fifteen new species of mollusks are described and illustrated. A few previously described mollusks are also illustrated. A “more free connection probably existed in Pliocene time between the North Atlantic and the Bering Sea regions” (p. 25). Miocene climate was much cooler than during the Eocene. During the Pliocene the climate seems to have become more moderate judging by the marine fauna.

A useful résumé of original bibliographic citations and geographic range data for the modern molluscan fauna of the Pacific coast. There are excellent line drawings of many species that have pre-Quaternary records. Trans-Arctic migration of Pacific and Atlantic mollusks occurred during late Tertiary periods of warmer marine climate than today. Several mollusks from the Bering Sea are found as fossils in the Pliocene of Nantucket Island and Iceland.

1921b, Two new Pliocene pectens from Nome, Alaska: Nautilus, v. 34, no. 3, p. 76-77.

Pecten kallae and P. ryhtidus are described from a buried beach deposit of Pliocene age near Nome. These and five other mollusks suggest a warmer marine climate than occurs in this area today.


Includes a review of paleontologic studies on the Tertiary of Alaska (p. 232-268) with stratigraphic data. There are a few lists of fossils, including a list of 46 mollusks from the “Astoria group” of Alaska (based on 12 localities from the Gulf of Alaska, Alaska Peninsula, and Bering Sea). The known distribution of Neogene formations in Alaska is shown on an index map. No Paleogene strata were recognized in Alaska.


Marine invertebrates migrated from the North Pacific through the Arctic into the North Atlantic during the late Miocene or early Pliocene based on study of Acila, Searlesia, Cochlodesma, Pholadidea, Mya, and other mollusks. These genera appear in the Pliocene or Quaternary of the British Isles but have pre-Pliocene records in the North Pacific.


Late Miocene and early Pliocene faunal migration from the North Pacific into the Atlantic probably followed a route along the Arctic coast of North America; at least one species of mollusk may have migrated in the opposite direction—from western Europe to Japan. Climatic zones were well-established along the Pacific coast by the early Miocene. Temperature contrasts between molluscan faunas along the Pacific coast were much greater during the Pliocene than during earlier periods.

Dawson, G. M., 1894, Geological notes on some of the coasts and islands of Bering Sea and vicinity: Geol. Soc. America Bull., v. 5, p. 117-146.


Mollusk assemblages from the Yakataga Formation suggest deposition under cool conditions; marine tillites occur stratigraphically well below mollusks of late Miocene age in this formation. Marine tillites on Middleton Island are of late Pliocene and early to middle Pleistocene age based on their molluscan faunas. Molluscan assemblages underlying the Miocene marine tillites suggest subtropical and temperate marine climate.


The upper part of the Unalaska Formation is believed to be of early Miocene age based upon the remains of a desmocystid and specimens of *Mya cf. M. truncata*.


The Pliocene origin of *Macoma climata* n. sp. and isolation, at that time, from *M. calcarea* are discussed. *Macoma* probably originated in the North Pacific basin.

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Two species of *Boreoscalca* are recorded from Alaska; one from the Oligocene Poul Creek Formation, Gulf of Alaska, the other from Pliocene strata on St. George Island in the Bering Sea. The holotype of *Epitonium atwoodi* Dall (1908) from near Port Moller is figured.


Lists three species from the Poul Creek and Yakataga Formations that are correlated with his *Echcenophoria apta* zone of northwestern Washington. There may be more than one zone in Clark’s fauna (1932) from these formations.


A definitive analysis of Cenozoic marine climate of the Pacific coast. During the Miocene and the Pliocene the marine climate was significantly warmer than today according to analysis of shallow water mollusks and corals. Marine climate cooled gradually during the Neogene, possibly with minor oscillations. Late Oligocene marine climate in the Gulf of Alaska was warmer than today with a postulated minimum temperature of 15°C or more during the coldest month. Paleogene control is all from the conterminous United States.

An Eocene [Oligocene fide MacNeil and others (1961)] molluscan assemblage from Stepof Bay originally reported by Dall (1904) contains 32 genera, several of which are listed. The assemblage is regarded by Durham as indicative of subtropical or warm-temperate water temperatures.


According to L. G. Hertlein the fauna [mollusks] of Tertiary mudstone and sandstone at Lituya Bay, southeastern Alaska, is correlative with the Empire Formation of southwestern Oregon. It represents a shallow-water environment, for the most part less than 50 fathoms deep, and climatic conditions similar to those prevailing along the Oregon and Washington coast today.


A review of Paleogene and Neogene marine climate of the northeastern Pacific Ocean is based, in part, on inferences from marine mollusks from Durham (1950).


The earliest migrations through the Bering Strait may have taken place during the late Miocene or earliest Pliocene. Many more invertebrates of Pacific origin have reached the Atlantic by this route than have entered the Pacific from the Atlantic.


Sixty-nine mollusks of Pacific origin have entered the Arctic-Atlantic area by way of the Bering Sea, perhaps owing to the prevailing eastward currents in the Arctic Ocean. At least 14 mollusks are considered to have entered the Pacific from the Atlantic Ocean. The earliest migration is thought to have taken place in the late Miocene or earliest Pliocene. Many Pacific species had reached the Atlantic by the late Pliocene. More migrations occurred during the Pleistocene. The seaways may have been opened and closed during the late Miocene to Holocene but molluscan data do not permit dating of such events.


Twenty-three mollusks from the Poronai Formation of Hokkaido are very similar to species from the "Blakeley Stage" of Oregon, Washington, and Alaska, suggesting age equivalence. Ten pairs of most similar Japanese and west American species are listed. The Poronai Formation is equivalent to the Poul Creek Formation, Blakeley Formation, and Yaquina Formation. A correlation chart is included.
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Girard's (in Erman, 1843) and Grewingk's (1850) Tertiary species from Kodiak, Unga, and Atka Islands are referred to the Cretaceous. Many of these species are of Miocene age. These and a few other species are treated systematically.


A late Tertiary connection between the Atlantic and North Pacific Oceans had a profound influence on the invertebrate fauna of the North Atlantic. Six mollusks that were restricted to either the North Atlantic or North Pacific during the late Tertiary but which are now found living only in the opposite ocean basin are listed.


According to Dall (1899), the occurrence of fossil mollusks [Pliocene] in limestone and argillite at Black Bluff, St. Paul Island, is noted. According to Barth (1956, p. 155) the fossil shells collected by Elliott during the period 1872-74 were also referred to in later general accounts of Alaska published by Elliott in 1887 and in 1895.


Two new species *Nucula ermani* Girard and *Cardium aleuticum* Girard, are described from tuffaceous strata cropping out on Atka Island in the Aleutian chain. These species were refuged by Grewingk (1850).


Late Tertiary (possibly Miocene and Pliocene) mollusks from several localities on Kanaga and Tanaga Islands identified by F. S. MacNeil are recorded.


This important systematic catalogue of Pliocene and Pleistocene mollusks of the Pacific coast includes references to Miocene and Pliocene occurrences in Alaska based on published determinations of W. H. Dall. Many species are illustrated.


A specimen from Cape Seniavin, Alaska Peninsula, is described and illustrated. Grewingk's original illustrations of this species are refuged.

An important report on living pectinids of the eastern Pacific. Geologic ranges for those species that also occur as fossils are listed.

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Described and figured several Neogene pelecypods from the Pribilof and Shumagin Islands, Alaska Peninsula, and Kodiak Island. Five species are described as new.

Hagg, R., 1924, Stangenaskraniets skalbank: Geol. Fören. Stockholm Förh., v. 46, no. 5. (Reference from Soot-Ryen (1932).)

According to Soot-Ryen (1932) a few mollusks that are first recorded from upper Miocene or lower Pliocene deposits in the North Pacific-Bering Strait region and subsequently appear in upper Pliocene or Quaternary deposits in the North Atlantic are listed.


Mollusks from Black Bluffs and from Tolstoi Point, St. Paul Island, identified by Dall (1919), are of about the same age, Pliocene according to Hanna.


*Spisula alaskana* occurs at a depth of 198 ft in a water well drilled near St. Paul Island village. *Astarte* is the most abundant pelecypod in exposures of Pliocene strata at Tolstoi Point, St. Paul Island.


Shallow-water mollusks of middle Tertiary age were free to migrate from the Atlantic into the Arctic Ocean but not into the North Pacific because of the presence of a land barrier in the area of the Bering-Chukchi platform. According to F. S. MacNeil, *Neptunea* originated in the North Pacific during the Tertiary. It first appears in the early Pleistocene of the Atlantic, suggesting that the Bering land bridge was submerged near the end of the Pliocene. The late Cenozoic zoogeography of *Fortipeeten* provides supporting evidence. This Pliocene genus is found both at Nome and much farther north at Kivalina, Alaska, further suggesting that the Bering platform was submerged by latest Pliocene time.

The original proposal of a series of time-stratigraphic units to classify late Pliocene and Quaternary marine deposits of western Alaska. The fauna of four of these—Beringian (late Pliocene) and the Pleistocene Anvilian, Kotzebaun, and Pelukian—are characterized in a stratigraphic diagram showing some of the more important mollusks and their occurrences. The faunas of the Kruzensternian and Woronzofian are not shown because of meager faunal data. This report is similar to Hopkins' (1967b) account of the late Pliocene and Quaternary transgressions written in English.


The few biogeographical reports dealing with migration of marine mollusks through the Bering Strait during the late Tertiary are reviewed.


Marine beds of the Beringian transgression are considered to be of late Pliocene and early Pleistocene age. Twenty-three significant mollusks are listed in a stratigraphic chart. Correlative molluscan fauna occur on the Arctic coast, in the Gulf of Alaska, and in the Aleutian Islands.


Thirteen mollusks are recorded from marine clay near Kivalina, Alaska, and from deposits of late Pliocene and Pleistocene age at Nome, Alaska. The occurrence of *Fortipecten* suggests a late Pliocene age and correlation with the submarine beach deposits at Nome.


Marine sand and clay of the “Submarine Beach” at Nome are believed to be of late Pliocene or early Pleistocene age. They include the large pectinid *Fortipecten hallae* (Dall). Several of the mollusks are identical with, or are closely related to, species now confined to more southerly, warmer waters, suggesting warmer climate and lack of sea ice. A list of mollusks showing local stratigraphic ranges is included.


Six late Cenozoic transgressions from western Alaska of Hopkins (1965) are correlated with the Chukotka sequence of the east coast of Russia. The Alaskan transgressions are briefly reviewed with mention of a few key mollusks and radiometric age determinations. Molluscan faunas show a progressive modernization in which warm-water elements disappear and are replaced by elements of the modern Arctic fauna. The
oldest transgression is of late Pliocene or early Pleistocene age; the others are assigned to the Pleistocene.


_Palliolum (Delectopecten) pedroanus_ (Trask) is reported from dredge haul from Zemchug Canyon [identified by O. M. Petrov]. A _Neptunea_ of late Pliocene or early Pliocene age was recovered from a dredge haul in Pribilof Canyon.

Isbister, A. K., 1855, On the geology of the Hudson's Bay territories and of portions of the Arctic and northwestern regions of America; with a coloured geological map: Geol. Soc. London Quart. Jour., v. 11, p. 497-520.

Fourteen mollusks from the Alaskan territory originally recorded by Grewingk (1850) are listed.


_Thyasira bisecta_ occurs in rocks of Miocene age near lat 60°N. in the Gulf of Alaska Tertiary Province.


_Thyasira alaskana_ is described from the upper part of the Nuwok Formation (Miocene or Pliocene) of the Arctic coast of Alaska.


A key to species of _Clinocardium_ and related discussion includes a few late Cenozoic species from Alaska.


Although this report does not pertain directly to Alaskan faunas, it is an extremely useful reference to illustrations and descriptions of Tertiary mollusks from California (more than 1,700 species), many of which range northward to Alaska.

The companion volume to Wilmarth (1938) but with narrower coverage—Mexican and Canadian names are not included and paleontologic terms are omitted. Includes age, geographic distribution, location of type section, original reference, and brief description for each stratigraphic unit. Fossil names are included in some descriptions.


This species, referred to the subgenus *Nucella*, had its origin in the North Pacific during the late Miocene, having undergone notable expansion and differentiation during the Pliocene and Pleistocene. The stock from which the modern *N. lapillus* of the North Atlantic fauna was derived originally in the North Pacific. The local races of *N. lapillus* exhibit remarkable parallelism with those of *T. lima* of the North Pacific.


"Manteau royal" found by La Perouse's expedition in the Lituya district is the earliest known record of a fossil pectinid from the west coast of North America (Miller, 1961b).


Includes list of fossils of late Tertiary age from Carter Creek, northeastern Arctic coast of Alaska identified by W. H. Dall (p. 130). These were subsequently listed, some as new species, by Dall (1920).


The extinct species *Neptunea* n. sp. aff. *N. despecta*, *Astarte hemicymata*, and *Fortipecten hallae* are listed from marine sediment on wave-cut bedrock platform at Kivalina, on west coast of Alaska. The molluscan fauna including 22 taxa (not listed) suggests a late Pliocene or early Pleistocene age.


Lists 26 mollusks from Tertiary strata (Nuwok Formation of Dall (1919) along Carter Creek, Camden Bay area, Arctic Alaska, most of which are also figured and treated systematically. Two new species are described from this unit. The fauna shows relation to the North Atlantic fauna but not to the Pacific, suggesting that there was no communication between the polar sea and the Pacific during the Miocene. Some of the Quaternary pelecypods are believed to be related to Miocene species from the western North Pacific.
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The stratigraphic ranges of 69 significant mollusks of Oligocene and Miocene age and the number of collections upon which these local ranges are based are shown on the chart. There are a few taxonomic notations on the chart.


Describes several species of Lituyapecten, a new subgenus, from Miocene and Pliocene formations of California and Alaska; three of these, all from the Gulf of Alaska Tertiary Province, are new: L. yakatagensis, L. lituyaensis, and L. poiulcreekensis.


A definitive report on the genus Mya with particular reference to North Pacific species. All of the Miocene and Pliocene species from western North America are figured. The genus reached the Atlantic during the late Miocene by way of the Arctic Ocean. Migrations within the Pacific have generally been from west to east. The genus is divided into two subgenera, Mya (Mya) and Mya (Arenomya), based on configuration of the ligamental callus. The earliest known species from Alaska is from the Acila shumardi zone (middle Oligocene) of Popof Island in the Shumagin Islands. The Nuwok Formation of the northeastern Arctic coast of Alaska is the oldest known marine Tertiary deposit in the American Arctic. The oldest fossiliferous part of the formation seems to be of Miocene age and contains several molluscan genera of Atlantic origin. The formation may represent the first invasion of the Arctic Ocean by an Atlantic fauna.


The definitive account of fossil pectinids of the North Pacific in which all of the known Alaskan pectinids are described and figured. A new subgenus, Leochlamys, and several new species of Miocene and Pliocene pectinids are described. Several pectinids migrated from the Pacific into the Atlantic during the late Cenozoic but none are known to have migrated from the Atlantic into the North Pacific. Middle Tertiary pectinids of the Pacific coast that have European affinities migrated into the North Pacific by way of an Indian Ocean or Tethyan route.

--- 1970, New Pliocene Chlamys (Swiftopecten) and Beringius from the Alaska Peninsula: Nautilus, v. 84, no. 2, p. 69-74, 1 pl.

Chlamys (Swiftopecten) leohertleini n. sp. and Beringius hertleini n. sp. are described from Pliocene strata at Cape Tachilni near the western end of the Alaska Peninsula.

The high percentage of extinct species in the “Intermediate Beach” and the “Inner Submarine Beach” deposits (27-46 percent) indicate a Pliocene age. The marine climate was warmer than at present during deposition of these fossiliferous strata. Fifteen new species or subspecies are described by MacNeil from the “Intermediate Beach.” Many other species are figured and treated systematically. Thirty-nine species are listed from the “Inner Submarine Beach” and 41 are listed from the “Intermediate Beach;” almost all of these are mollusks.


Tertiary marine formations occur principally in three areas: the northeastern coast of the Gulf of Alaska, the northeastern Arctic coast, and the Alaska Peninsula. The marine formations are dated chiefly on the basis of mega-invertebrates with respect to the standard sequences from the conterminous United States (Weaver and others, 1944). Many Alaskan species are more closely related to Asiatic stocks; some of these reached the eastern North Pacific by way of Alaska and occur in older strata there than in areas farther south. The correlation chart is extensively annotated; there are many previously unpublished age determinations.


Miocene fossils determined by W. H. Dall from a 1,000- to 1,500-foot thick upper Miocene sandstone, shale, and conglomerate unit (24 localities) are recorded (p. 127-130). The fossils are correlated with the Empire Formation of Oregon. Marine Miocene and Oligocene fossils occur in an underlying unit consisting of 3,000 feet of sandstone, shale, and conglomerate (no species are listed from this unit).


A few molluscan genera from exposures of the Katalla Formation near Controller Bay identified by T. W. Stanton and considered by him to be of Tertiary age are listed. A small assemblage of mollusks of late Oligocene or early Miocene age collected from Kayak Island is recorded; the identifications are by W. H. Dall and Ralph Arnold.


Several doubtfully identified genera are listed from the Stillwater Formation. Two doubtfully identified marine genera, Naesa? and Mactra or Spisula?, occur in the Kushtaka Formation. Several molluscan genera are recorded from localities in the Tokun Formation. All identifications from these Paleogene formations are by Dall. Mollusks from the Oligocene and Miocene Katalla Formation identified by W. H. Dall and Ralph Arnold are also recorded. Martin concluded that the entire sequence was of post-Eocene age.
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A Miocene pectinid, *Pseudamusium peckhami* Gabb, occurs in the Katalla Formation. Dall's earlier determinations of fossils from Katalla area (Maddern, 1914) are reviewed but are not listed.


*Yabepecten condoni* (Hertlein) is doubtfully recognized from the upper part of the Yakataga Formation of the Malaspina district, Gulf of Alaska Tertiary Province.


A comprehensive treatment of one of the most important groups of Cenozoic mollusks of the Pacific coast. Species are classified according to "stocks" (subgenera), most of which show clear-cut phylogenetic development. Stratigraphic ranges of these "stocks" are indicated on a chart. The systematic section includes extensive discussions of variation, ontogenetic changes, and geographic occurrence. One species from Alaska, *Turritella hamiltonensis* Clark, is figured.


Lists mollusks of late Tertiary age from localities on Cenotaph Island, Lituya Bay, identified by W. H. Dall and W. C. Mansfield. There are 20 mollusks in the largest collection. The assemblages are correlated with Miocene and Pliocene formations of California and Oregon.


Twelve mollusks identified by W. H. Dall from a locality in the Nushagak Formation near Nushagak are listed. These were regarded as correlative with the Astoria Formation of Oregon.


Two specimens of *Aturia alaskensis* Schenck from the Poul Creek Formation are figured.

Miller, D. J., 1951a, Preliminary report on the geology and oil possibilities of the Katalla district, Alaska: U.S. Geol. Survey open-file rept.

The Stillwater Formation and the lower part of the Tokun Formation are of Eocene age; a few mollusks identified by H. E. Vokes are recorded. The Katalla Formation is divided into seven members, many of which contain marine mollusks of Oligocene age. A few mollusks from the Katalla identified by H. E. Vokes are listed. The lowest member of the formation contains *Turriculum columbiana* Dall? suggesting correlation with the Keasey Formation of the conterminous United States.
1951b, Preliminary report on the geology and oil possibilities of the

A few mollusks of late Eocene age are recorded from Unit C of the
author's Lower Tertiary Sequence; the three other units are barren
of marine invertebrates. The Poul Creek Formation is of middle and
late Oligocene age; it contains mollusks indicative of correlation with
the Lincoln and Blakeley Formations of Washington. The Yakataga
Formation is of Miocene age. Many of the species listed by Clark
(1932) from the Yakataga Formation are actually from the underlying
Poul Creek Formation. Some of the stratigraphic ranges of diagnostic
mollusks in the Poul Creek and Yakataga Formations are shown on a
correlation chart. Paleontologic determinations are by H. E. Vokes.

1953, Late Cenozoic marine glacial sediments and marine terraces

Twenty-four species of late Cenozoic mollusks identified by F. S.
MacNeil are listed together with ecologic and zoogeographic inferences.
A stratigraphic section and geologic map showing fossil localities is
included. These may be of early Pleistocene age (Hopkins, 1967b).

1957, Geology of the southeastern part of the Robinson Mountains,
Yakataga district, Alaska: U.S. Geol. Survey Oil and Gas Inv. Map
OM-187, 2 sheets.

Mollusks from near the top of the Kulthieth Formation are of late
Eocene age according to H. E. Vokes; six species are listed. The over-
lying Poul Creek Formation is of late Oligocene and early Miocene age
and may, in its lowest part, be of middle Oligocene age. The Yakataga
Formation is of middle and late Miocene age and possibly of early
Pliocene age. The stratigraphic ranges of 69 significant mollusks from
these two formations, together with taxonomic notes and the number
of collections upon which the ranges are based, are shown in a range
chart. Paleontologic determinations of Oligocene and younger faunas are
by F. S. MacNeil. The fauna of the Poul Creek Formation indicates
warm temperate or subtropical water temperatures; the fauna of the
Yakataga Formation indicates much cooler conditions. The two faunas
do not represent a single zone as maintained by Clark (1932).

1961a, Geology of the Lituya district, Gulf of Alaska Tertiary Prov-

Megafossils (mollusks) identified by F. S. MacNeil suggest a Tertiary
(Miocene?) age for Formation A. Formation C is believed to be of late
Miocene or early Pliocene age near the base; the upper part contains
invertebrates of Pliocene age. A few localities near Fairweather Glacier
are shown on the map; no fossils are listed.

1961b, Stratigraphic occurrence of Lituyapecten in Alaska, in Shorter
contributions to general geology, 1959: U.S. Geol. Survey Prof. Paper

The stratigraphic occurrence of eight Miocene and Pliocene species
of Lituyapecten and Patinopecten in southeastern Alaska is shown on
a correlation chart. The Tertiary sequence of the Gulf of Alaska is
divided into three parts. The lower Tertiary is in part nonmarine but includes marine invertebrates indicative of tropical or subtropical conditions. The middle Tertiary consists of more marine strata of somewhat deeper bathymetric aspect and warm-temperate to subtropical water conditions. The upper Tertiary unit is wholly marine, of shallow-water aspect, and includes marine tillite; it contains mollusks indicative of cool-temperate to boreal marine climate.


Includes list of selected mollusks from the Poul Creek and Yakataga Formations showing stratigraphic ranges.


Local glaciation which began during the middle or late Miocene is indicated by the marine invertebrate fauna (mostly mollusks) and marine glacial deposits in the Gulf of Alaska area.


Cornwallius-bearing beds on Unalaska Island, Aleutian Islands, contain Mya sp. cf. M. grewingki Makiyama suggesting correlation with the "Blakeley Stage."


Early and middle Miocene mollusks occur in the Narrow Cape Formation on Kodiak and Sitkinak Islands. Nassarius cf. N. andersoni is reported from the Pliocene Tugidak Formation. A new genus of Vesicomyidae is represented by material from near the top of the Eocene and Oligocene Sitkalidak Formation.


Fossils from exposures of the Stepovak Series from Chichagof Cove are considered to be of Eocene age by W. H. Dall. (Subsequent study indicates an Oligocene age—see annotation under Dall (1904).)

*Parker, Pierre, 1949, Fossil and Recent species of the pelecypod genera Chione and Securella from the Pacific coast: Jour. Paleontology, v. 23, no. 6, p. 577-593, pls. 89-95.

Securella alaskensis (Clark) occurs in the "Poul Creek" [Yakataga] Formation of Clark (1932) and the Clallam Formation of the northern Olympic Peninsula, Wash. The fauna of the "'Poul Creek' appears to have more Miocene than Oligocene affinities."

The occurrence of marine fossils (mostly mollusks) is indicated in the explanation of map units. A review of molluscan faunas from the Yakataga Formation by F. S. MacNeil indicates that the formation is of middle Miocene to early Pleistocene age.


A correlation chart of rock units from the principal marine sections between the Trinity Islands, on the west, and the Lituya district, on the east, in terms of the west coast provincial megafaunal stages, is included. There is also a detailed stratigraphic correlation section showing measured sections from the Katalla district southeastward to the Lituya district.


Acila decisa, Periploma *cf.* *P. eodiscus*, and a doubtfully identified cancellarid are illustrated. These, and some fossil decapod crustaceans, are indicative of a middle to late Eocene age. This unit was previously thought to be of Mesozoic age.


A *Turritella* similar to a form from the upper Eocene Cowlitz Formation of Washington, according to L. G. Hertlein, occurs in undifferentiated sedimentary rocks near Guyot Glacier, about 20 miles west of the Malaspina district. The Yakataga Formation, at least 10,000 feet thick and possibly as much as 15,000 feet thick, contains mollusks of both Miocene and Pliocene age according to determinations (not listed) by Hertlein, H. E. Vokes, and R. B. Stewart.


The authors' lower Tertiary siltstone sequence contains a *Turritella* that suggests correlation with the upper Eocene Cowlitz Formation of Washington according to L. G. Hertlein. The *Turritella* is from about 20 miles west of the Malaspina district. A *Turritella* from the Kulthieth Formation in the Samovar Hills was identified as *Turritella* *cf.* *T. uvasana sargeanti* by C. W. Merriam, suggesting a late Eocene age. *Ostrea idraensis fettkei* also occurs in this collection. *Mytilus* and *Mya* are abundant in the Yakataga Formation, suggesting deposition in shallow water. The Yakataga is of Miocene and Pliocene age on the basis of an abundant molluscan fauna. Associated marine tillites suggest cool climatic conditions.


A few mollusks are recorded from the author's Pinnacle System. The age of the assemblage was considered to be Pliocene or early Pleistocene by W. H. Dall, who identified the fossils.
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Paleontologic determinations by W. H. Dall first appearing in Russell (1891) are repeated.


A new subspecies from the upper part of the Poul Creek Formation in the Gulf of Alaska Tertiary Province, *A. angustata alaskensis*, may be from beds of early Miocene age. The genus has not been found in rocks younger than middle Miocene on the Pacific coast.


Three middle Tertiary species from the Gulf of Alaska described by Clark (1932) are reviewed but not refigured; one is renamed *Acila taliaferroi*. *Acila ermani* (Girard) described from Cenozoic strata on Atka Island and reported from St. Paul Island by Dall (1896) is a doubtful species that may prove to be *A. cobboldiae*. No specimens have been located.


*Propeamussium* cf. *P. stanfordensis* (Arnold), fish scales, Foraminifera, and dino-flagellates indicate that strata once considered to be of late Paleozoic age on the basis of identification of the plant genus *Annularia* are of early Tertiary age and very likely of late Eocene age.


Stratigraphic and paleontologic documentation of the Eocene age of strata on the northern part of Adak Island. (See Scholl and others, 1969.)


Six mollusks from the upper part of the Colville Series identified by W. H. Dall and considered to be of Pliocene age are recorded.


The molluscan fauna of the Shumagin Islands (Dall, 1904) is considered to be of northern aspect with similarities to the modern fauna of the Puget Sound area. Several of Dall’s species are listed. The fauna
is considered to be younger than that of the Astoria Formation or Clallam Formation because of a higher percentage of living species. A doubtful late Pliocene fauna from the St. Elias Alps, southeastern Alaska, is indicative of subboreal (cold) conditions.


*Fusitriton dilleri* (Anderson and Martin) occurs in the Yakataga Formation. *Fusititon aff. F. oregonensis* (Redfield) occurs in the Yakataga Formation and in Pliocene-Pleistocene strata on Middleton Island. The latter species is figured.


The modern Arctic pelecypod fauna originated, for the most part, in the North Pacific during the Miocene. Subsequent migration took place along the Arctic coast of North America to the North Atlantic, principally during the Pliocene. Miocene migration routes were by way of Central America and Tethys as the Bering Strait was closed by a land bridge during most of the Miocene. Many reports dealing with the zoogeography of Arctic mollusks are reviewed.


The Nushagak Beds on Nushagak Bay contain mollusks considered by W. H. Dall to be of Miocene age; four bivalves are listed. Thirty mollusks of Miocene age, collected for the most part from water-worn pebbles, are recorded from Cape Yaktag (Yakataga). This assemblage is compared with the fauna of the Empire Formation of Oregon.


Collected fossil mollusks from rounded, apparently water-worn pebbles from Black Bluff, St. Paul Island, Alaska. Nine mollusks were identified in a later report by Dall (1899). Sixteen species identified by W. H. Dall are listed, nine of which had not been previously identified from the locality.


A few oyster coquinas occur in the Kulthieth Formation (Eocene) near the head of Malaspina Glacier, suggesting that this formation may become marine toward the northern part of its distribution.


Molluscan fossils occur in his Poul Creek and Yakataga Formations. *Neptunea* (*Chrysodoma*) is reported from Umbrella Reef and Leda.
fossa and Neptunia (Chrysodomus) cf. tabulatus from marine morainal material on the west side of Icy Bay.


Tertiary sediments occurring between Icy Bay and Katalla are very fossiliferous. B. L. Clark has assigned the fauna to the late Oligocene. Shale-matrix conglomerates and breccias in the Yakataga Formation containing marine fossils are regarded as marine moraines indicative of glaciation during the late Oligocene. The marine climate is considered to have been as cool as at present.


The Tachilni Formation consists, at its type locality, of 200 feet of sedimentary strata rich in gastropods and pelecypods that are considered to be of Tertiary age because of their similarity to modern beach drift.


This useful catalog contains descriptions and illustrations of more than 800 species of mollusks, many of which ranged northward to Alaska during the Tertiary. There are, however, no direct references to Alaskan Tertiary mollusks.


Although stratigraphic columns for Alaska are not included in this report, it is the basic scheme of Pacific coast molluscan correlation, and subsequent correlation of Alaskan Tertiary marine formations (MacNeil and others, 1961) is based, in large part, on this résumé. Differences in correlating the microfossil and megafossil chronologies with Europe are shown and discussed.


Geologic names for the United States, Mexico, and Canada through 1935 are listed. The citations include designation of type section, current age, geographic area, and original citation with extensive annotations that include some paleontologic data. Names for the period 1936-60 are summarized by Keroher and others (1966).
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