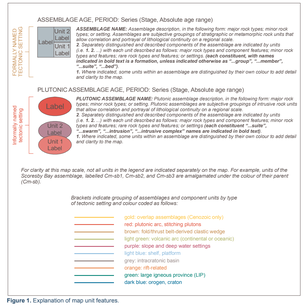
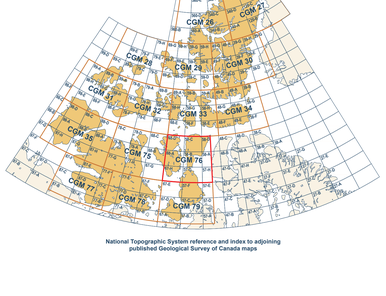


Figure 1. Explanation of map unit features.



National Topographic System reference and index to adjoining published Geological Survey of Canada maps

Abstract

This map and the related geodatabase illustrate the bedrock geology of central and eastern Prince of Wales Island, Somerset Island, and northern Boothia Peninsula. Major features of the area include Archean and Paleoproterozoic granitoid and metasedimentary rocks of Boothia Uplift overlain unconformably by Paleoproterozoic and Mesoproterozoic sediments, which are, in turn, unconformably overlain by Cambrian to Devonian strata of Arctic Platform. The higher Silurian and Lower Devonian interval provides a multiphase depositional record of Boothia Uplift. Youngest events are recorded by Cretaceous kimberlite diatremes and outliers of Paleogene strata.

Résumé

Cette carte et la géodatabase qui s'y rapporte documentent la géologie du substratum rocheux dans le centre et l'est de l'île Prince of Wales, l'île Somerset et le nord de la presqu'île de Boothia. Les principales entités géologiques de la région comprennent des roches granitoïdes et métasédimentaires de l'Archéen et du Paléoprotérozoïque du soulèvement de Boothia, surmontées en discordance par des sédiments paléoprotérozoïques et mésoprotérozoïques qui, à leur tour, sont recouverts en discordance par des strates d'âge cambrien à dévonien de la Plate-forme de l'Arctique. L'intervalle du Silurien supérieur et du Dévonien inférieur témoigne de l'histoire sédimentaire polyphasée du soulèvement de Boothia. Des diatrèmes de kimberlite du Crétacé et des lambeaux d'érosion de strates du Paléogène rendent compte des événements les plus récents.

Catalogue No. M183-1/76-2015E-PDF
ISBN 978-1-100-25550-7
doi:10.4095/295862

© Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources Canada, 2015

Natural Resources Canada | Ressources naturelles du Canada

2nd EDITION

CANADIAN GEOSCIENCE MAP 76

GEOLOGY

TECTONIC ASSEMBLAGE MAP OF PEEL SOUND

Prince of Wales and Somerset islands, Nunavut

1:500 000

Preliminary

Canadian Geoscience Maps

ess.nrcan.gc.ca

Canada

Authors: J.C. Harrison, E.M. Hillary, A. Ford, W.D. Stewart, T. Frisch, U. Mayr, and R. Thorsteinsson

Geological compilation by J.C. Harrison

Source map geology (senior authors) by W.D. Stewart, T. Frisch, U. Mayr, and R. Thorsteinsson

GIS development by T. Lynds

Preliminary

Spatial data capture by Gismo Solutions Ltd. (Edmonton) and A. Ford

Cartography by M.J. Baldock

Critical review by T. Hadlari

Initiative of the Geological Survey of Canada, conducted under the auspices of the Tri-Territorial Project as part of Natural Resources Canada's Geo-mapping for Energy and Minerals (GEM) program.

CANADIAN GEOSCIENCE MAP 76

GEOLOGY

TECTONIC ASSEMBLAGE MAP OF PEEL SOUND

Prince of Wales and Somerset islands, Nunavut

1:500 000

10 0 10 20 30 40 km

Preliminary

Map projection Lambert Conformal Conic, standard parallels 71°30'N and 73°30'N. North American Datum 1983

Base map at the scale of 1:250 000 from Natural Resources Canada, with modifications.

Proximity to the North Magnetic Pole causes the magnetic compass to be erratic in this area.
Mean magnetic declination 2015, 17°24'W,decreasing 21.1'E annually. Readings vary from 3°52'W in the SW corner to 30°52'W in the NE corner of the map.

Preliminary

This map is not to be used for navigational purposes.

Title Photograph: Paleoproterozoic basement including metasediments and marble, Bellot Strait and southern Somerset Island, Nunavut. Photograph by T. Frisch, 2013-073

The Geological Survey of Canada welcomes corrections or additional information from users.

Data may include additional observations not portrayed on this map. See documentation accompanying the data.

This publication is available for free download through GEOSCAN (http://geoscan.nrcan.gc.ca/).

Preliminary Preliminary

Preliminary publications in this series have not been scientifically edited.

2nd EDITION

CANADIAN GEOSCIENCE MAP 76

GEOLOGY

TECTONIC ASSEMBLAGE MAP OF PEEL SOUND

Prince of Wales and Somerset islands, Nunavut

PALEOGENE:

PALEOCENE AND EOCENE (Selandian to middle Eocene)

Te1

EUREKA SOUND: Sandstone, siltstone, shale; local conglomerate; minor coal, volcanogenic sandstone; mostly fluvial and deltaic; local syntectonic alluvial fan deposits.
1. Sandstone, fine- to coarse-grained; siltstone; shale; local conglomerate, coal, volcanogenic sandstone; common plant fossils; mostly fluvial and deltaic; local syntectonic alluvial fan deposits **(Eureka Sound group)**.

CRETACEOUS

EARLY AND LATE CRETACEOUS (Albian and Cenomanian; 108 to 98 Ma)

Kse

SOMERSET plutonic assemblage: Kimberlite; diatreme **(Somerset kimberlite suite)**.

SILURIAN AND DEVONIAN

LUDLOW TO EARLY DEVONIAN (Pragian)

SDp3
SDp2
SDp1

PEEL SOUND: Sandstone, conglomerate, minor shale, siltstone, dolostone; alluvial fans, deltaic, shallow marine.
3. Conglomerate, thick-bedded, red-weathering, carbonate clasts of granule to pebble and rare cobble grade; minor tan and grey sandstone; syntectonic alluvial fans **(Peel Sound conglomerate)**.
2. Sandstone, fine- to medium-grained with chert and limestone grains, yellow to green-grey and red weathering; minor conglomerate and limestone; syntectonic alluvial deposits grading to shallow marine **(Peel Sound sandstone)**.
1. Sandstone, fine- to medium-grained with chert and limestone grains, yellow to green-grey and red weathering; conglomerate, thick-bedded, carbonate clasts of granule to pebble and rare cobble grade; dolostone, fine-grained, laminated, dessication cracks; molar tooth structure; minor limestone, burrowed with stromatoporoids, gastropods in the lower part; synteconic alluvial fans grading to shallow marine, mostly restricted **(Peel Sound)**.

BOOTHIA UPLIFT

LUDLOW TO LOCHKOVIAN

SDg4

CLOSE FIORD: Dolostone, limestone, mudstone; minor wackestone, siltstone, sandstone; nearshore, shelf and shelf edge including reefs and foreslope, mostly unrestricted.
4. Dolostone, white, light brown, tan, medium-grained; limestone including lime mudstone, skeletal wackestone; packstone, fine-grained with ostracodes, crinoids, brachiopods, gastropods; silty limestone; siltstone, calcareous and dolomitic; minor sandstone, calcareous and dolomitic, very fine- to fine-grained; minor shale; nearshore to shallow offshore, unrestricted **(Drake Bay)**.

SILURIAN

LUDLOW

Ssi3
Ssi2
Ssi1

SOMERSET ISLAND: Dolostone, limestone; minor sandstone, wackestone; intertidal to supratidal.
3. Dolostone, limestone; finely crystalline; siltstone; red, grey, green-grey, yellowish brown; thin- to medium-bedded; ripples, mud cracks, halite casts; minor sandstone, skeletal wackestone; cyclical deposition; intertidal to supratidal **(Somerset Island, Upper member)**.
2. Dolostone, limestone; finely crystalline; grey, green-grey, yellowish brown; thin- to medium-bedded; ripples, mud cracks, oncolites, domal stromatolites; minor skeletal wackestone; subtidal to peritidal **(Somerset Island, Lower member)**.
1. Dolostone, limestone, dolosiltite ,planar laminated, grey, greenish grey, buff weathering; siltstone, mudstone; red, green, variegated; minor skeletal limestone, burrow mottled; locally common domal stromatolites, oncolites, fossil fish; rare gypsum nodules; cyclical deposition; arid setting, variably shallow subtidal to intertidal **(Somerset Island)**.

Sdo1

DOURO: Limestone; minor dolostone, shale; local biohems; shallow to deep subtidal shelf ramp.
1. Argillaceous limestone, limestone, dolomitic limestone; nodular, burrow-mottled, minor dolostone, calcareous shale, calcisiltite; local sponge-coral-stromatoporoid mud mounds on Somerset Island, and favosiid-microbial biostromes in basal beds on Grinnell Peninsula; shallow to deep subtidal outer shelf ramp **(Douro)**.

Sca

CAPE STORM: Dolostone, dolomitic limestone, limestone; minor silty dolostone, siltstone, shale; and subtidal to supratidal settings. Dolostone; grey, buff and brown weathering, very fine- to fine-grained, thin- to thick-bedded, laminated, mud-cracked, molar-tooth structures, stromatolitic, microbial; lesser dolomitic limestone, oolitic and peloidal; minor silty dolostone, siltstone, shale; mostly restricted intertidal and supratidal **(Cape Storm)**.

FRANKLIN PLATFORM, ARCTIC PLATFORM

ORDOVICIAN TO SILURIAN

RICHMONDIAN TO LUDLOW

OSa2
OSa1

ALLEN BAY: Dolostone, limestone; local biohems, anhydrite; arid subtidal to supratidal settings.
2. Dolostone, laminated to thin-bedded, stromatolitic; dolostone intraclast conglomerate; anhydrite, limestone, minor siltstone; cyclical sedimentation; peritidal lagoon cyclically grading to supratidal and hypersaline **(Cape Crauford)**.
1. Dolostone, limestone; light grey, buff weathering, thin- to medium-bedded; local patch reefs, biohermal shoals; grainstone, packstone; medium-burrow mottled; minor flat-pebble conglomerate; local stromatoporoid biohermal shoals; gypsum and anhydrite (on Somerset Island); common shallowing upward cycles; semi-arid to arid subtidal to supratidal settings **(Allen Bay)**.

ORDOVICIAN

MIDDLE AND LATE ORDOVICIAN (Blackriverian to Richmondian)

Ocb5
Ocb4

THUMB MOUNTAIN: Limestone, mudstone, grainstone, wackestone, dolostone; subtidal and intertidal, restricted and unrestricted.
6. Dolostone; light grey, burrow-mottled, thick-bedded; corals, stromatoporoids and cephalopods; unrestricted subtidal shelf.
5. Thumb Mountain, Irene Bay, undivided.

MIDDLE ORDOVICIAN (Whiterockian)

Ocb1

BAY FIORD: Dolostone, limestone; minor anhydrite, rock salt, breccia; initially hypersaline grading to mostly restricted peritidal.
1. Dolostone, dolomitic limestone; very fine- to fine-grained, thin- to medium-bedded, grey to grey-green weathering; limestone, pale to dark brown, massive-bedded, burrow-mottled, locally bioclastic; basal discontinuous member of gypsum, anhydrite, solution breccia and, in the Parry Islands, subsurface rock salt; initially hypersaline grading up into mostly restricted peritidal **(Bay Fiord)**.

CAMBRIAN TO SILURIAN

LATE CAMBRIAN TO LUDLOW

CmSa

ARCTIC PLATFORM: Dolostone, dolomitic limestone, limestone; minor sandstone, shale, intraclast conglomerate, breccia; nearshore and intertidal to supratidal, mostly restricted **(Turner Cliffs, Ship Point, Irene Bay, Thumb Mountain, Allen Bay, Cape Storm,** undivided**)**

CAMBRIAN AND ORDOVICIAN

LATE CAMBRIAN (Furongian) TO EARLY ORDOVICIAN (Tremadoc)

CmOx
CmO3
CmO2
CmO1

TURNER CLIFFS: Dolostone, limestone, intraclast conglomerate; minor shale, sandstone, gypsum; local bioherms; peritidal grading to subtidal shelf
4. Dolostone, very-fine to medium-grained; grey to greenish grey, variably bioturbated, arenaceous, oolitic, domal stromatolitic; locally abundant gastropods, brachiopods; minor dolomitic sandstone, dolomitic siltstone, flat pebble conglomerate, breccia; local replacement chert, local subsurface anhydrite; shallow subtidal to intertidal, mostly restricted **(Ship Point)**.
3. Dolostone, pale grey to buff, fine-grained, cherty, thick- to massive-bedded; resistant; shallow marine, mostly unrestricted **(Turner Cliffs, upper member)**.
2. Dolostone, green, grey to buff, laminated, thin- to medium-bedded, stromatolitic; sandstone, grey, white, red brown; carbonate intraclast breccia, conglomerate; nearshore to restricted shallow marine **(Turner Cliffs, lower member)**.
1. Dolostone, grey to buff, laminated and thin-bedded grading to massive; minor sandstone; grey, locally red brown; intraclast breccia and conglomerate; local stromatolitic units; nearshore to shallow marine **(Turner Cliffs)**: dolostone, very fine- to medium-grained, grey to greenish grey, bioturbated, arenaceous, oolitic, domal stromatolitic; gastropods, brachiopods; minor dolomitic sandstone and siltstone, intraclast conglomerate, breccia; local subsurface anhydrite; shallow subtidal to intertidal, mostly restricted **(Ship Point)**.

ARCTIC PLATFORM

NEOPROTEROZOIC:

CRYOGENIAN (723 to 718 Ma)

nPd

FRANKLIN plutonic assemblage: Diabase, mostly high titanium tholeiite, olivine-bearing, brown to black, subophitic; plagioclase often saussuritized, olivine replaced by carbonate; local ultramafic rock; LIP intrusives, olivine tholeiite association **(Franklin and Thule swarms)**.

FRANKLIN LARGE IGNEOUS PROVINCE

MESOPROTEROZOIC

ECTASIAN AND STENIAN (1270 to 1000 Ma)

mPbd

BORDEN: Siltstone, shale, sandstone, dolostone; syntectonic alluvial fans grading to fluvial and shallow marine.
2. Dolostone, variably arenaceous, grey, bluish grey, buff and red weathering, thin- to thick-bedded, commonly stromatolitic, replacement chert; minor shale, red to buff; siltstone, purple; sandstone, conglomerate; shallow marine to peritidal **(Hunting)**.

BORDEN BASIN

ECTASIAN (1270 Ma)

mPd

MACKENZIE plutonic assemblage: Diabase; LIP intrusives, olivine tholeiite association. Diabase, mostly high titanium tholeiite, olivine-bearing, brown to black, subophitic; plagioclase often saussuritized, olivine replaced by carbonate **(Mackenzie swarm)**.

MACKENZIE LARGE IGNEOUS PROVINCE

PALEOPROTEROZOIC TO MESOPROTEROZOIC

STATHERIAN TO ECTASIAN (1700 to 1270 Ma)

pmPa

ASTON: Arkose, quartz sandstone; minor siltstone, dolostone; shallow marine with clastic material of local granitoid provenance. Arkose, lesser quartz sandstone, planar crossbedded, pink to red weathering, fine- to medium-grained; minor siltstone, red to purple weathering, common desiccation cracks; stromatolitic dolostone, chert in the upper part; basal breccia, conglomerate; shallow marine with clastic material of local granitoid provenance **(Aston)**.

ASTON BASIN

PALEOPROTEROZOIC

OROGENIAN TO STATHERIAN (1940 to 1700 Ma)

pPm2
pPm1

MCLURE BAY plutonic assemblage: Anorthosite, granite, syenite; mostly syn- and post-kinematic plutonic rocks.
4. Granite; pink, massive or porphyritic with K-feldspar phenocrysts **(M'Clure Bay suite)**.
3. Anorthosite; white; pale green to grey weathering; coarse-grained **(M'Clure Bay suite)**.
2. Sodic pyroxene syenite.
1. Two-pyroxene syenite.

THELON OROGEN

EDEHAM OROGEN, Eskimo foreland

SIDERIAN TO OROSIRIAN (2480 to 1920 Ma)

pPb5
pPb4
pPb3
pPb2
pPb1

BOOTHIA: Paragneiss, metapelite; lesser marble, calcisilicate, granitoid gneiss; local ultramafic rocks, quartzite, meta-iron-formation; mostly metamorphosed supracrustal rocks.
5. Metaperidotite, serpentinite, pyroxenite, hornblendite; ultramafic sheets, lenses and boudins.
4. Marble, calcsilicate with diopside, serpentine, olivine, wollastonite; coarse-grained, white weathering; pure and impure metasedimentary rocks; magnesian carbonate.
3. Orthopyroxene garnet gneiss; orthopyroxene magnetite gneiss; silicate facies meta-iron-formation.
2. Pyrrhotite pyrite paragneiss; sulphidic two pyroxene gneiss, sulphidic pyrrhotite; metamorphosed sulphidic supracrustal rocks.
1. Pelitic gneiss with garnet, biotite, sillimanite, cordierite, graphite; lesser marble, calcsilicate, quartzite; orthopyroxene granitoid gneiss; metamorphosed supracrustal rocks.

THELON OROGEN, Rae craton cover

THELON OROGEN, Hottah terrane

ARCHEAN AND PALEOPROTEROZOIC: 3000 to 1920 Ma

ApPbc

BOOTHIA COMPLEX: Granite, granitoid gneiss; lesser paragneiss, metapelite, local marble, calcsilicate, pyrrhotite, syn-orogenic plutonic complex interlayered with supracrustal rocks.
5. Orthopyroxene-bearing garnet gneiss, commonly retrograded and locally migmatitic; minor metabasite and garnetferous metasedimentary gneiss.
4. Granite; red coloured, massive textured.
3. Granitoid gneiss; amphibolite facies rocks retrograded from granulite grade.
2. Orthopyroxene granitoid gneiss, paragneiss.
1. Orthopyroxene granitoid gneiss, sheets of granite, pegmatite; lesser pelitic gneiss, marble, calcsilicate, pyrrhobite.

THELON OROGEN, Hottah terrane

Contacts

Geological boundary: defined or approximate

Faults

Fault: approximate
Fault: assumed
Fault: approximate, showing downthrown side

Strike-slip faults

Dextral strike-slip fault: approximate
Dextral strike-slip fault: assumed
Sinistral strike-slip fault: assumed

Thrust faults

Thrust fault: approximate, teeth indicate upthrust side
Thrust fault: assumed, teeth indicate upthrust side

Monoclines

Monocline, (arrow indicates direction of down flexure)

Dykes

Diabase dyke
Diabase dyke (solid circle indicates downthrown side of fault intruded by dyke)

REFERENCES

Blackadar, R.G., Christie, R.L., and Taylor, F.C., 1967. Geology, Boothia Peninsula and King William Island, District of Franklin; Geological Survey of Canada, Preliminary Map 2-1967, scale 1:506 880. doi:10.4095/108493

de Freitas, T.A., Harrison, J.C., and Mayr, U., 1997. Sequence stratigraphic correlation chart of the lower Paleozoic Franklinian succession, Canadian Arctic Islands and parts of north Greenland; Geological Survey of Canada, Open File 3410. doi:10.4095/206912

Dewing, K. and Nowlan, G.S., 2004. Correlation chart of Cambrian and Ordovician stratigraphy, Arctic Islands, Nunavut, Canada; Geological Survey of Canada, Open File 1837, 1 sheet. doi:10.4095/214689

Frisch, T., 2011. Geology, Precambrian geology of northern Boothia Peninsula and Somerset Island, Nunavut; Geological Survey of Canada, Open File 6551, scale 1:250 000. doi:10.4095/287896

Harrison, J.C., Mayr, U., McNeil, D.H., Sweet, A.R., McIntyre, D.J., Eberle, J.J., Harington, C.R., Chalmers, J.A., Dam, G. and Nøhr-Hansen, H., 1999. Correlation of Cenozoic sequences of the Canadian Arctic region and Greenland; implications for the tectonic history of northern North America; Bulletin of Canadian Petroleum Geology vol. 47, no. 3, 1999. pages 223-254.p.

Mayr, U., Brent, T.A., de Freitas, T., Frisch, T., Nowlan, G.S., and Okulitch, A.V., 2004. Geology of eastern Prince of Wales Island and adjacent smaller islands, Nunavut; Geological Survey of Canada, Bulletin no. 574, 88 pages, 1 CD-ROM. doi:10.4095/215690

Mayr, U., Frisch, T., de Freitas, T., Okulitch, A.V., and Kerr, J.W., 2003. Geology, eastern Prince of Wales Island and adjacent smaller islands, Nunavut; Geological Survey of Canada, Map 2016A, scale 1:125 000. doi:10.4095/214111

Stewart, W.D., 1987. Late Proterozoic To Early Tertiary Stratigraphy of Somerset Island and northern Boothia Peninsula, District of Franklin, N.W.T.; Geological Survey of Canada, Paper 83-26, 78 pages.

Stewart, W.D. and Kerr, J.W., 1984a. Geology, Somerset Island South, District of Franklin; Geological Survey of Canada, Map 1556A, scale 1:250 000. doi:10.4095/120338

Stewart, W.D. and Kerr, J.W., 1984b. Geology, Somerset Island North, District of Franklin; Geological Survey of Canada, Map 1558A, scale 1:250 000. doi:10.4095/120337

Stewart, W.D. and Kerr, J.W., 1984c. Geology, Boothia Peninsula, North, District of Franklin; Geological Survey of Canada, Map 1557A, scale 1:250 000. doi:10.4095/120340

Stewart, W.D. and Kerr, J.W., 1984d. Geology, Central Boothia Peninsula, District of Franklin; Geological Survey of Canada, Map 1558A, scale 1:250 000. doi:10.4095/120340

Thorsteinsson, R. and Uyeno, T.T. (ed.),1980. Stratigraphy and conodonts of Upper Silurian and Lower Devonian rocks in the environs of the Boothia Uplift, Canadian Arctic Archipelago; Geological Survey of Canada, Bulletin 292. 75 pages. doi:10.4095/119467

Recommended citation
Harrison, J.C., Hillary, E.M., Ford, A., Stewart, W.D., Frisch, T., Mayr, U., and Thorsteinsson, R., 2015. Geology, Tectonic assemblage map of Peel Sound, Prince of Wales and Somerset islands, Nunavut; Geological Survey of Canada, Canadian Geoscience Map 76 (2nd edition, preliminary), scale 1:500 000. doi:10.4095/295862