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### **Dr. Grant Zazula** **Recipient of the 2024 Bruce Naylor Award**

**Dr. Grant Zazula** is the 2024 recipient of the Alliance of Natural History Museum's (ANHMC) *Bruce Naylor Award*. The award is given annually to an individual or individuals to recognize achievement of national or international significance in the field of natural history in Canada. The award will be presented to **Dr. Zazula** at the annual ANHMC Fall meeting hosted by the **Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre** on September 23, 2024.

Since 2006, as the Yukon Palaeontologist, Dr. Zazula has played a key role in advancing the understanding of Ice Age ecosystems in northwestern Canada, specifically Ice Age Beringia. He has also brought attention to the role of climate change impacts on northern environments in Canada and beyond. His research has been fundamental in unravelling major research questions surrounding Ice Age Beringia. With over 80 published papers in top scientific journals, his work has provided crucial insights into the extinctions, extirpations, and functioning of northern Ice Age ecosystems during the Late Pleistocene. Dr. Zazula is committed to sharing his knowledge with the public. His work in exhibit development, including the redevelopment of displays at the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre in 2023, public presentations, popular books, and media interactions have helped bring complex scientific concepts to diverse audiences.

“Dr. Zazula has built the largest collection of Ice Age vertebrate fossils in Arctic North America that supports national and international research”, says ANHMC President, Dr. Alwynne Beaudoin. “His important work and strong commitment to engagement and reconciliation with Indigenous communities have been effective in nurturing relationships and initiating management practices allowing for meaning research projects and knowledge co-production. His work has contributed greatly to a better understanding of Quaternary mammals in northwestern Canada.”

The ANHMC is a national network of natural history museums and similar institutions dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Canada's natural heritage and the enhancement of the benefits museums provide to the people of Canada.

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