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INTRODUCTION

Millennium-scale trends of Holocene relative sea-level change are used to calibrate and improve geophysical models of Earth rheology and deglaciation. Current models (e.g., Lambeck, 1990; Peltier, 1991, 1994) are at variance with geological observations of late Quaternary sea-level positions along coastlines close to the margins of former ice sheets, such as the Maine (Barnhardt et al., 1995) and Nova Scotia coasts (Stea et al., 1994). Extreme excursions of relative sea level in Maine, not predicted by geophysical models, include a 130 m fall between 13 and 11 ka and a 40 m rise between 10.5 and 9 ka[1] (Barnhardt et al., 1995). These fluctuations were controlled by a complex interaction of eustatic changes and crustal motion, the former resulting from fluctuations in global ice volume, the latter from isostatic adjustments during and after deglaciation. Although the isostatic response decreased in magnitude during the Holocene, it remained the dominant factor controlling global Holocene sea-level change after ca. 7 ka due to a reduction of the eustatic component (Peltier, 1994).

Geophysical models are also used to predict relative sea-level change under global warming conditions. However, in addition to isostatic and eustatic change, regional factors such as tidal amplification and tectonics could be important in the evolution of Maine's coastline and must be considered when predictions of future sea-level rise and coastal response are made. Accurate high-resolution Holocene local relative sea-level records allow for the evaluation of eustatic, crustal (isostatic and/or tectonic), and tidal components of sea-level change in a regional context.

PREVIOUS WORK

Debate about crustal stability along New England's coastline dates back to the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth century, when geologists reported tree stumps and peat exposed below the present high tide level (Lyell, 1849; Shaler, 1895, 1909; Penhallow, 1907; Bastin and Davis, 1909; Davis, 1915, 1916). The apparent submergence was explained in terms of coastal subsidence (Shaler, 1874, 1909; Davis, 1911), peat compaction, storms, and changes in tidal range as a result of variations in inlet and barrier configuration (e.g., Johnson, 1913, 1925). The influential geomorphologist Douglas Johnson called for recent coastal stability and attributed buried peat layers in salt marshes to "a progressive submergence of the coast at an epoch which was more remote, although certainly post-glacial" (Johnson, 1925, p. 559), … probably dating back toward the early part of post-glacial time at least …" (Johnson, 1913, p. 466).

Bradley (1953) obtained the first radiocarbon date on a submerged tree stump from coastal Maine at Robinhood (Fig. 1; 4.150 ± 0.200 ka; Kulp et al., 1952). Other dates on tree stumps were reported by Hussey (1959) and Bloom (1960, 1963). Attempts to determine the Holocene rate of sea-level rise in Maine on the basis of scattered stump dates were unsuccessful (e.g., Redfield and Rubin, 1962; Newman et al., 1971), mainly because this

[1]Ages in this paper are in conventional ^{14}C years, unless indicated as ka (cal), which are calibrated ages computed with the calibration program of Stuiver and Reimer (1993).

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