

Bering Sea Project :: 2009 Principal Investigator Meeting :: framework description of meeting

Meeting Theme: Share results so far; work on connections; build synthesis road map

The goals of the 2009 PI meeting, 13-15 October, will be to present summary results organized around related projects, to organize focal group discussions, and to build a road map for integration and synthesis of BEST-BSEIRP results.

Tuesday: The first day will focus on presentation of results. There will be 17 talks of 15 minutes each with 5 additional minutes for questions. To make this as efficient as possible, we have organized PIs within groups of related projects (see Table 1). These presentation groups allow integrated information from multiple projects to be summarized. The idea is that one spokesperson will give a presentation that synthesizes results, with the hope that this will encourage groups to interact prior to the meeting. *(Note that PIs who have information relevant to groups other than the one to which they are tentatively assigned are encouraged to contact those groups and participate in the formulation of the presentation).*

The presentation groups are expected to self-organize, prepare the presentation and choose a presenter. Please communicate with your colleagues in each group to get this done. Send the name of the presenter for your group to Tom Van Pelt by September 15, 2009.

Presentation content is free-form except that the SAB requests each presentation group address three questions as part of their presentation:

1. Which BEST-BSIERP hypotheses does your work address?
2. What are the linkages between your work and other observational, modeling or LTK work?
3. What are the expected products (e.g., titles of papers)?

There will be a poster reception on Tuesday evening. These posters will emphasize fine-scale (project-level) presentations, and we encourage all PIs to share their detailed results in this format.

Wednesday morning: The focus will be on small group planning and coordination meetings. In the morning, meeting space for three groups will be provided (see Table 2). These groups were constructed based on the PI survey and responses of who PIs wanted to meet. The three groupings are (1) oceanography, (2) plankton and benthos, and (3) fish, birds and mammals. PIs are free to switch groups. After two hours, each group will pause and decide whether or not to split into smaller groups for the remainder of the morning.

Wednesday afternoon: Early afternoon is flexible time to allow small groups to meet or for taking a break to watch the bears. Late afternoon will be for cruise planning: NOAA ship meeting led by Stabeno and Hollowed; USCG/UNOLS ship meeting led by Ashjian and Cooper.

Thursday morning: The morning will begin with outreach and data management presentations. Following these presentations, modelers and observationalists will meet together in breakout groups according to models: Ocean/Ice (Bond, Hermann, Zhang), NPZ (Gibson), FEAST (Aydin, Ortiz), and Behavioral foraging (Mangel, Satterthwaite). Modelers will present an overview, the key assumptions, and comparisons to field observations. This will be followed by questions and discussion. The modelers should plan 30-40 minutes for their presentation so that adequate time is left for discussion of progress and comparison of model predictions and field data.

Thursday afternoon: We return to plenary session after lunch. The modelers will provide feedback on overall modeling progress and issues and address the implications of the morning's discussions for overall modeling and integration.

An important conclusion to the meeting will be a discussion of integration and synthesis. Led by the SAB, we will sketch a roadmap forward to synthesize BEST-BSIERP results.

Meeting close: Thursday 5 PM