

BEST-BSIERP Monthly PI Call

Agenda and Meeting Notes

Wednesday 17 December 2008, 0900-0940 Alaska time

Agenda

1. Alaska Marine Science Symposium <http://bsierp.nprb.org/meetings/index.html>
 - a. BEST-BSIERP oral presentation at Alaska Marine Science Symposium: Headlines and web page summaries (many received, some missing)
 - b. Bering Sea day at Alaska Marine Science Symposium, Wednesday January 21
 - c. PI meeting for those attending the Alaska Marine Science Symposium, Tuesday afternoon January 20
2. Healy cruise meeting, December 4-5 in Seattle
3. Any other recent activities?

Meeting notes

In attendance: Iken, van Pelt, Deans, Huntington, Sigler, Heintz, Hillgruber, Friday, Napp, Ashjian, Wiseman, Stabeno, Bond, Harvey, Hollowed

Sigler: Described Alaska Marine Science Symposium schedule (shown above).

Sigler on behalf of Trites: The Patch Dynamics Team will be holding a one day meeting in Anchorage on Monday January 19 to review our findings and coordinate our field work in 2009.

Sigler on behalf of Kuletz: Observer on the Polar Sea in November, which provided late fall data on birds from Kodiak to the Chukchi. Stomach samples are being examined from 86 murrelets and kittiwakes collected near the Pribilofs as part of the Patch Dynamics Study. No word yet on results. Tissue and feather samples from the same birds are ready for shipment for stable isotope analysis, but we're still waiting for the lab contract to come through. The seabird folks have 3 posters from the PDS and 1 for the broad-scale seabird studies in preparation for the AMSS.

Ashjian: Spring cruise (chief scientist Ashjian) organization going well; mostly will be a repeat of last year; main issue is movement of science equipment off the Healy following the cruise (current count of 47 pallets, may end up with 60 or more); cruise will try to catch the early parts of the bloom; late winter cruise (chief scientist Cooper) organization also going well; insufficient space on Healy to transport equipment to and from Dutch Harbor for PIs only on the summer (Knorr) cruise

Stabeno: Summer cruise (chief scientist Sambrotto); Stabeno and Kachel taking the lead on organizing the cruise as Sambrotto is out for 6 weeks (e.g., meeting planned for noon today with Liz (Elizabeth) Caperelli); van Pelt looking into storage at Dutch Harbor between Healy and Knorr cruises; space on Knorr will be very tight, both for people and storage; planning another call for early January

Iken: Continue processing samples; finding some isotopic differences within the ice cores, which might illuminate how enrichment occurs biologically

Van Pelt: First Community Advisory Board meeting occurred (in Akutan). Tom and Carolyn at NPRB have posted information about BEST-BSIERP participation in the Symposium, including a highlighted agenda and also information about preparing presentations that have a similar “look” to the other BEST-BSIERP presentations: <http://bsierp.nprb.org/meetings/index.html>. Please also refer to the main Symposium webpage at www.alaskamarinescience.org for complete and up-to-date information about the final agenda and other details.

Deans: Elizabeth Arnold has completed one story and is near completion of another which is posted on the web site

Heintz: Currently processing samples.

Hillgruber: Currently processing samples.

Friday: Processing data.

Napp: Processing samples, successfully recruited technician.

Hollowed: Analyzing data. ICES and PICES have created a working group on climate change. Workshop anticipated for 2010 with results planned in time for 2013 IPCC publication.

Bond: Real important part of the modeling team, Gibson, requested too little support in original proposal. Wiseman putting in for a supplement.

Stabeno: Another mooring trawled up by the fishing fleet which will be out of the water until February. Passive listening devices on moorings indicate fairly high concentrations of fin and right whales during late summer and early fall around mooring M2.

Ashjian: working on data.

Harvey: Currently working on a length-based lipid metric for krill, which will be useful for modeling.