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Chief Scientist's Log

May 6: Return to Dutch Harbor

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We docked in Dutch Harbor this morning. It is hard to believe that the cruise is over! But then, I just need to go back and see the labs, all clean with no equipment on the counters and no instruments humming or beeping, and I know that it is true. It has been a very successful cruise. We accomplished many of our planned objectives and sampled at many (184) different locations.

Some of the scientists have already departed, packing up their bags and cleaning their rooms before they left. The rest of us hang around, waiting for our turn to depart *Healy*.

It is going to be strange to return to the “real” world where we are barraged with news and facts and where our attention is diverted from doing science to the many other activities of our lives, some enjoyable and some just busy.

Soon I will board the plane for Anchorage and leave the Bering Sea behind ... until next year.