

BSIERP Lead PI teleconference

10 June 2008

In attendance: Kerim Aydin, Nicola Hillgruber, Franz Mueter, Phyllis Stabeno, Henry Huntington, Kathy Kuletz, Andrew Trites, Anne Hollowed, Janet Duffy-Anderson, Ken Coyle. Mike Sigler is in transit from East Coast and wasn't able to join the call. Teleconference chaired by Phyllis Stabeno and staffed by Clarence Pautzke, Carrie Eischens, and Tom Van Pelt.

SAB meeting:

Phyllis presented update on SAB meeting in Washington D.C., June 5-6. Meeting outcomes focused on planning for October lead PI meeting in Girdwood, Alaska (half-hour drive from Anchorage). Concept plan for agenda was drafted at SAB meeting and will be shared with PIs in the form of SAB meeting minutes coming from Mike Sigler within a week or so. Phyllis noted that emphasis is on integration between (1) field researchers and modelers, particularly on two-way communication and collaboration, and (2) between BEST and BSIERP projects and scientists. Carrie noted that within a month or two NPRB staff will send out queries to PIs to determine attendance, local transportation needs, etc.

Question about side meetings: Staff noted that PI meeting is scheduled for 3 full days (14, 15, 16 October) and that any side meetings should be scheduled outside of those days. The draft agenda has an open afternoon on the 15th, so that may be another opportunity for side meetings. Staff asked that any plans for side meetings are communicated to staff so that meeting space can be worked out.

Field season:

Phyllis overviewed plans for the upcoming BEST Healy cruise, sailing 3 July out of Dutch Harbor. Planned for 28 d, covering lower trophic levels and physical oceanography. This is the BEST summer cruise, and is the last BEST cruise of the year. Further information available directly through Phyllis.

Janet summarized the recent Oscar Dyson cruise, highlighting successful work on at-sea genetic identification of ATF and Kamchatka Flounder. She also noted that they found extensive spatial overlap between those species, complicating analyses of archived samples. Other highlights included a 24-hr diel cycle of depth-discrete sampling for larval walleye pollock using a MOCNESS, the release of 3 satellite-tracked drifters in patches of pollock larvae, and the finding of a lot more pollock than cod. Larvae of all species were smaller than usual for that time of year, most likely due to the continued cold temperatures in the Bering Sea this spring. This was a very successful cruise and Janet will send a cruise report to Carolyn as soon as it is ready.

Anne Hollowed spoke about bottom trawl survey (left on 28 May) and summer EBS Pollock survey (20 June through 30 July). Phyllis noted that there is still ice over much of the northern shelf- predicted to go fast (within a week).

Phyllis will send a cruise plan for the upcoming Healy cruise around to those that requested it.

Other items:

- Carrie introduced Tom Van Pelt, new staff in NPRB office.
- Ken said that an online data form has been prepared. Simplified from Metavist- responding to some complaints about complexity.

- Kerim notes that Ivonne Ortiz, a modeling post-doc, has started work and will be doing through data templates to match data inventory with modeling needs. Intent is to contact PIs individually for followup.
- Ken noted that it's important to keep him in the loop with data template actions, and staff noted that PIs can check template status on BSIERP webpage, under data management page.
- Modeling meeting will happen 30 June-2 July.
- Next PI teleconference scheduled for 8 July at 1pm Alaska time.