

BSIERP Lead PI teleconference

3 April 2008

1-230 pm Alaska time

Agenda and Meeting Notes

In attendance: Franz Mueter, Ken Coyle, Henry Huntington, Chad Jay, Kathy Kuletz, Ron Heintz, Phyllis Stabeno, Ron Heintz, Nancy Friday, Mike Sigler, Nicola Hillgruber, Francis Wiese. Clarence Pautzke, Carrie Eischens, Nora Deans

1. Cruise update

- Healy 01: Patch dynamics study for walrus and benthos (Chad Jay); acoustic receivers (Sue Moore)
- Chad - Polynya very open due to northerly winds (somewhat unusual), about 30 benthic stations sampled (van Veen grab, walrus feed deeper than grab can sample; commercial dredge may be needed), walrus pretty dispersed with significant group found only on one day, so lots of flying time needed to find animals, ended up tagging 10 (of 12 desired) walrus, obtained 8 scat samples; patches of eiders weren't in the same place as before - a little farther to the east; some bearded seals, but not a lot
- Sue - deployed 13 sonobuoys; bearded seal, bowhead whale and other marine mammal calls; most calls was as they approached the polynya; not an ideal sampling situation, but a rare opportunity
- Kathy - Liz Labunsky (spp?) made seabird observations. Sparse within the ice and earliest they've conducted seabird surveys; Only about 10 species overall. However 300-350 thousand spectacled eiders - the largest concentration ever observed. Currently 2 people on Healy 02.

2. BASIS scheduling:

- RV Oscar Dyson Sept 8 - 30 with load and offload at Dutch Harbor;
- Sampling will cover SE Bering Sea shelf to 60 N (BASIS areas 1 and 2) and drop every other standard north-south BASIS transect (modified transect spacing will be 2 deg longitude);
- Survey will continue farther offshore if time allows

3. Work plans

- Add delivery date for data to data managers
- Cover 2009-2012 (briefly)
- Missing work plans for patch dynamics, Micro-zooplankton, Carbon export in the Eastern Bering Sea water column, Epi-benthos, surface trawl acoustics

Ask for an updated work plan every fall with more detail for the following year.

4. Budgets

- "First chunk" amount covers 2008 and 2009; project end date is 2012.

5. Missing pictures and bios from web site: Bailey, Coker, Coyle, Dalton, Fall, Farley, Haynie, Heintz, Hunn, Hurst, Irons, Kitasky, Kotwicki, Matarese, Sue Moore, Mordy, Noongwook, Stabeno, Wilson

6. Invite NPRB folks on NOAA cruises

7. Future meeting dates: May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12 (1-230 pm Alaska time; 2-330 pm Pacific time)

8. Clarence: You may have heard that we have produced a nice vinyl banner for BEST-BSIERP group photos on cruises, etc. When is the next Dyson or Freeman cruise, and can we entrust the banner to someone to take out and bring/send back? We can provide postage for dropping in the mail, for instance; or folks can carry it as part of their luggage. The banner would travel in a tube about 4 feet long and 5 inches in diameter – a bit awkward but we are reluctant to fold the banner and would rather roll it up. Anne - Dyson acoustics cruise; Phyllis - Melville fall and Freeman fall cruises

9. Mike: On behalf of BSIERP scientists, I request some additional travel funds to attend the Alaska Marine Science Symposium if the BSIERP PI meeting occurs in the fall. For large projects like patch dynamics or fish, I also recommend funding travel for a couple other PIs from each of these projects. Fall PI meeting (week of October 13th, either Semiamoo or Girdwood). Aim PI meeting for 3 days, hold open the whole week until agenda determined during June SAB meeting.

