

BSIERP Lead PI teleconference

12 February 2008

9-1030 am Alaska time

1. Surveys affected by NOAA budget cuts: BASIS reduced to area west of 165 W and south of 60 N (outer shelf) (see attachment).

YOY pollock energetics yes, abundance estimate no. Reduced BASIS only marginally addresses the acoustic abundance of age 0 pollock (John Horne, Sandra Parker-Stetter PI's), as these fish can be broadly distributed in Areas 1, 2, and 3 (see pdf file for age 0 pollock distribution during 2007, a cool year, where large catches occur in the middle domain of the Bristol Bay area. 40 DAS of the Sea Storm charter was used as matching in the BSIERP proposal. In fact, BSIERP funded 5 extra charter DAS to allow midwater trawling for acoustic backscatter target strength at depths below our normal surface trawl.

2. Work plans for each project area for 2008-2012

Show major milestones, keep to one page, show plans through 2012, can be updated annually, out years can be more brief (use Henry Huntington's template as an example). Show major collaborations.

Notes

In attendance: Andrew Trites, Kathy Kuletz, Phil Rigby, Ed Farley, Carrie Eischens, Francis Wiese, Nora Deans, Janet Duffy-Anderson, John Horne, Sandy Parker-Stetter, Nick Bond, Phyllis Stabeno, Mike Sigler, Nicola Hillgruber, Nancy Friday; Missing: Anne Hollowed, Kerim Aydin, Ron Heintz

1. Surveys affected by NOAA budget cuts
MACE typically covers Area 2 in July;
BASIS will cover this area in September, areas 1-3 include YOY pollock
FOCI, RV Miller Freeman will cover southeastern part of Area 1 during September 7-19 (beam trawl)
PMEL, RV Melville will cover Areas 1-3 during August 26-September 15

Ed will distribute YOY pollock distributions from BASIS cruises
Phyllis and Janet will distribute cruise areas for September 2008 Miller Freeman and Melville cruises
Subsequently make decision on whether these cruises can fill in for reduced BASIS (at next BSIERP lead PI meeting)

Seabird observers can be accommodated on the Melville, Miller Freeman

2009 budget, if flat, will lead to discontinuation of all NOAA surveys, also would lead to drop of one mooring (of four)

2. Work plans

Work plans due by next lead PI meeting (March 4); Mike will check on projects every 3 months; will post work plans on public web site; in writing work plans, use same project titles

3. Other

New BEST summer cruise time (shifted two weeks back to all of the month of July); unfavorable for current AFSC/PMEL sampling; need to consider activity schedule by day; request Ray Sambrotto talk with Coast Guard

Tuesday March 4, 9-1030 am, next BSIERP Lead PI meeting