## CRUISE REPORT

## ALPHA HELIX CRUISE 213

15 August to 6 September 1998
I. Project Title: Collaborative Research: Prolonged production and trophic transfer to predators: Processes at the Inner Front of the Southeastern Bering Sea

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II. Scientific Purpose: It is hypothesized that elevated primary production at the inner front of the southeastern Bering Sea continues longer than in the upper mixed layer of non-frontal waters, and that this production provides an energy source throughout the summer for a food web that supports shearwaters, salmon, and their zooplankton prey. To test this hypothesis, we collected and interpreted observations on physical and biological features in the vicinity of the inner front to determine: 1) the availability of nutrients in the euphotic zone, 2) the physical processes responsible for enhanced vertical flux of nutrients, 3) prirnary production, 4) the distribution, abundance and trophic ecology of near-surface swarms of euphausiids and other zooplankton, and 5) the distribution, abundance, and foraging ecology of shearwaters, and 6) by stable isotope enrichment, trophic pathways from phytoplankton to shearwaters at and away from the front. This cruise was the last of four planned for this project.

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## Cruise Activity Log

DATE/TIME
15 August 0900
18 August 1730
18 August 2100
19 August 0900

ACTIVITY
Depart Seward
Arrive Dutch Harbor
Depart Dutch Harbor
Arrive Line-C of Slime Bank Grid. Hove to due to high winds. Blowing 30-50 knots.
1230 Still blowing $35-55$ knots. Continue to hove to near SBC-1
1500 Still blowing $30-45$ knots.
1600 Wind down to 15 knots. Start CTD transect at SBC-1
20 August 0015 End SBC-line and transit to SBA-line
0630 End SBA-line and transit to SBE-line
1330 In Situ prod \& N-15 prods at SBE-6
1700 End SBE-line CTD survey
1715 Deploy HTI acoustics for SBE-10 to SBE-1 transect; bird obs
2130 End HTI acoutics at SBE-1
21 August 0030 Mocness tows at SBE-3
0220 Deploy HTI and Mocness at SBC-3
0830 Collect birds at SBE-3
1000 Collect more birds at SBE-3
1130 In situ prod \& N-15 prods at SBC-1
1315 Deploy HTI acoustics \& XBT's for SBC-1 to SBC-12 transect; bird obs
1930 Start Mocness tows at SBC-11
2130 Start Mocness tows at SBC-9
22 August 0100 Start Mocness tows at SBC-12
0300 Start Mocriess tows at SBC-7
0430 Start Mocness tows at SBC-6
0910 Collect birds at SBE-4
1300 In situ prod \& N-15 prods at SBC-12
1530 Move to SBA-12 for possible acoustic run
1630 Depart Slime Bank for Cape Newenham grid
2245 Start Cape Newenham transect at CNC-20
23 August 0840 Re -start transect at CNC-18 after weather delay
1900 Stop CTD transect after CNC-2 due to poor weather conditions
1915 Continue bird observations along CNCX transrct
2130 Stop bird observations at CNC-X8
2200 Depart CNC line for Nunivak Island grid

| 24 August |  | Underway to Nunivak Island with poor weather conditions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25 August | 0420 | Start Nunivak Island CTD transect at NIC-12 |
|  | 1100 | Stop Nunivak Island CTD transect at NIC-1 due to poor weather |
|  | 1130 | transit to station NIA-1 to wait for good weather |
| 26 August | 0830 | Start CTD transect stations at NIA-1 |
|  | 1530 | Finish A line transect at NIA-11 and depart for NIE-11 |
|  | 1645 | Start E line transect at NIE-11 |
|  | 2130 | Finish E line transect at NIE-1 |
|  | 2320 | Deploy HTI and Mocness at NIC-6 |
| 27 August | 0050 | Deploy HTI and Mocness at NIC-7A |
|  | 0230 | Deploy HTI and Mocness at NIC-8A |
|  | 0400 | Deploy HTI and Mocness at NIC-9A |
|  | 0550 | Deploy HTI and Mocness at NIC-11A |
|  | 0800 | Deploy HTI acoustics for NIC-12 to NIC-1 transect; bird obs |
|  | 1400 | In situ prod \& N-15 prods at NIC-1; TSRB and UV sensors deployed |
|  | 1600 | Deploy HTI acoustics for NIE-1 to NIE-12 transect; bird obs |
|  | 2315 | Deploy HTI and Mocness at NIC-5 |
| 28 August | 0230 | Deploy HTI and Mocness at NIC-X6 |
|  | 0445 | Deploy HTI and Mocness at NIE-X8 |
|  | 0800 | Deploy HTI acoustics for NIC-1 to NIC-X8 transect; bird obs |
|  | 1240 | Collect bird specimens at NIC-X8 |
|  | 1250 | In situ prod \& N-15 prods at NIC-X8; TSRB and UV sensors deployed |
|  | 1420 | Deploy HTI acoustics for NIC-X8 to NIC-X15 transect, bird obs |
|  | 2200 | Deploy HTI and Mocness at NIC-X12 |
| 29 August | 0030 | Deploy HTI and Mocness at NIE-X14 |
|  | 0215 | Deploy HTI and Mocness at NIC-X15 |
|  | 0320 | Start Nunivak to St Paul CTD transect at NIC-X15; Calvet samples |
|  | 1400 | In situ prod \& N-15 prods at NIC-8; TSRB and UV sensors deployed |
| 30 August |  | 0300 Finish Nunivak to St. Paul CTD transect at NP-5 |
|  | 0820 | Start bird obs transect to East while underway to Cape Newenham line |
|  | 2020 | Collect birds |
| 31 August | 0800 | Start CTD transect at CNC-12; bird obs; Calvet samples |
|  | 1230 | In situ prod \& N-15 prods at CNC-4; TSRB and UV sensors deployed |
|  | 1630 | Stopped CTD operation at CNC-2 because of high wind and seas |
|  | 1745 | Resumed CTD transect at CNC-X1 |
| 1 September | r 0220 | Finished CTD transect at CNC-X16 |
|  | 0840 | Collect birds near CNE-X16 |
|  | 1030 | Deploy HTI at CNC-X16 |
|  | 1100 | Terminate HTI due to rough seas and bad data |
|  | 1400 | In situ prod \& N-15 prods at CNE-X17; TSRB and UV sensors deployed |

1650 Start CTD transect at CNE-X15
1710 Stop CTD transect due to rough seas; anchor at Cape Pierce
2 September 0815 Depart anchorage
0930 Collect birds near CNE-X17
1130 Start CTD transect at CNE-X15
1550 Deploy UV sensor at CNEX-9
Deploy HTI at CNE-X8; Bird Observations started
End bird obs but continue HTI to CNE-X14
Deploy Mocness and HTI at CNC-X14
3 September 0045 Deploy Mocness and HTI at CNC-X12
Deploy Mocness and HTI at CNC-X8
Deploy Mocness and HTI at CNC-X1
Start bird transect and HTI from CNC-X8 to offshore with XBT
Depoy In Situ Productivity at CNC-1
Continue bird transect and HTI from CNC-1 to offshore
Recover HTI and start bird collecting at CNC-11
Deploy Mocness and HTI at CNC-10
Deploy Mocness and HTI at CNC-2
4 September 0140 Deploy Mocness and HTI at CNC-6
Deploy Mocness and HTI at CNC-10
Start bird transect and HTI from CNC-10 to CNC-20 with XBT
Deploy In Situ Productivity at CNC-17
Continue bird transect and HTI from CNC-17 to CNC-20
Start XBT transect from CNC-20 to CNC-14
Deploy Mocness and HTI at CNC-14
5 September 0220 Deploy Mocness and HTI at CNC-17
Deploy Mocness and HTI at CNC-20
0545 Depart CN line for Dutch Harbor

## Summary of Results

The late summer of 1998 in the Bering Sea was quite variable with short periods of good weather interspersed with wind events. However, the winds only prevented work for about 3 days during the total cruise so all sampling goals were exceeded. This description only presents highlights. Check the work group reports for specific details.

At Slime Bank there was no evidence of the coccolithophorid bloom. On the contrary, initial particulate filters gave the appearance of diatoms. The general conditions were typical for this sampling area.

The coccolithophorid bloom was first observed about mid-way of the transit from the Slime Bank grid to the Cape Newenham C-line. It was a very sharp transition and was quite noticeable since the sun was shining. The remainder of the cruise was in the coccolithophorid waters except for the short time while near St. Paul Island. During transit from St. Paul Island back to the Cape Newenham line, the ship passed through coccolithophorid "rich" water, to clear water and back to coccolithophorid water. This was interpreted to be relatively new water possibly advected onto the shelf from the shelfbreak submarine canyon. Nutrient results supported the hypothesis that the coccolithophorid bloom was still present in 1998 because the mixed layer nutrients were in very low concentrations.

Although very few dead birds was observed during the cruise, there was an apparent lack of feeding on euphausids. Many of the collected birds had been eating fish. This was in apparent contrast to several large patches of euphausids that were collected in nearby areas by the Mocness tows and HTI scattering data. There were no particularly unusual whale or mammal sightings during the trip.

## Physical Oceanography

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At Slime Bank we occupied three lines of Ctd stations on August 20-2: twelve stations on the C-line and 7 stations on each the $A$ and $E$ lines. Also, a line of 20 XBTs was stations were taken on the SBC line on August 21. The upper water layer was well mixed to $\sim 35 \mathrm{~m}$ and had temperatures between $9^{\circ}$ and $10.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and salinities between 31.6-31.8 psu. The inner front was found between stations SBC08 where the bottom is approximately 80 m deep. The temperature below the pycnocline decreased to $5.8^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, while the observed salinity increases to >32.3psu. Shoreward of station \#6 on each line, the water column was well-mixed or poorly stratified, with increasingly fresher, warmer waters found closer to shore.

At the Nunivak Island grid a total of 42 Ctd stations were occupied: all 12 stations on the main grid on the C-line and generally every second station on the A and E -lines. We repeated the length of the C-line from inshore at NICX15 to offshore and NIC15, occupying every other station. The inshore edge of the inner front was found near the 04 positions on each line, at about 50 m depth. The warmest temperatures in the upper layer were $6-7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Below the thermocline the temperature in the cold pool was about $3.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. We found that salinities varied by less than 0.5 psu and sigma-t by $\sim 0.6$. The coccolithiphorid bloom was evident throughout the Nunivak grid area when we were there, and was visible all the way to the Pribilovs.

A line of five CTD stations was occupied going east from the Pribilovs on the way to the Cape Newenham grid. Warmer, saltier water was present next to the islands, but temperatures less than $2.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ were sampled in the heart of the cold pool. We transited out of the coccolith bloom at a longitude of $\sim 166^{\circ} 25^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$.

One line of Ctd stations was occupied on Aug. 23-24 at the Cape Newenham grid before bad weather sent us to the Nunivak Island area. The coccolith bloom was present in the area at that time, but had disappeared by the time we reoccupied Newenham grid on August 31. By September 3, a somewhat weakened bloom was again seen. A total of 37 Ctd stations were taken along the gridlines, excluding isolated productivity stations. All but six of the Ctds were located on the C-Line.

The first occupation of the CNC line began at CNC20 located in the cold pool region.
CNC18 and 17 are close to the site of NOAA/PMEL Buoy 2. The inner front was assumed to be positioned near CNC04, although we never saw completely unstratified water column on this date. On The August 31-September 1 transect completely unstratified water column was observed between CNCX6 and CNCX14. Over the cold pool the surface mixed layer depth increase from 28m on August 23 to 32m on September 5 at CNC18. The surface layer temperature decreased from near $10^{\circ}$ to $7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The bottom temperature remained $3.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The difference on more the $6^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above and below the thermocline observed here on August 23 was the largest amount seen in the three grid areas.

In addition to the Ctd lines, we took a line of 34 XBTs on the CNC line on September 4 and 5 from CNC5 to CNC20.

## HX213 August 15 to September 7, 1998 CTD Lines Occupied

| Line ID | Sta. ID | Cast No. | Date(s) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Slime Bank |  |  |  |
| SBA | SBA $10,8,6,5,4,2,1$ | 15-22 | Aug. 20 |
| SBC | SBC1-12 | 3-14 | Aug. 20 |
| SBE | SBE1,2,4-6,8,10 | 23-32 | Aug. 20-21 |
| Nunivak Island |  |  |  |
| NIA | NIA 1,3,5,6,7,9,11 | 60-67 | Aug. 26 |
| NIC | NIC12-1 (incl.) | 48-59 | Aug. 25 |
| NIE | NIE11,9,8,7,5,4,6,1 | 68-75 | Aug. 27 |
| NICX (long) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NICX } 15, x 13, x 11, x 8, x 4 \\ & \text { NIC } 1,3-6,8,10,12,13,15 \end{aligned}$ | 80-97 | Aug. 29-30 |
| Cape Newenham |  |  |  |
| CNC | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{CNC} 20,18,16,14,12, \\ & 9,8,6,4,2 \end{aligned}$ | 38-47 | Aug. 23-24 |
| CNC2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CNC12,10,7,6,4,2, } \\ & \text { CNCX2,4,6,10,14,16,17 } \end{aligned}$ | 103-117 | Aug. 31-Sept. 1 |
| CNEX (inner only) | CNEX15,X13,X11,X9 | 120-126 | Sept. 2 |
| CNC (outer only) | CNC 20-14(incl.) | 131-137 | Sept. 4 |
| Pribilov Is. To Cape Newenham Line |  |  |  |
| NP | NP1-5 | 98-102 | Aug. 30 |
| Other Stations |  |  |  |
| Resurrection Bay | ResBay | 1 | Aug. 15 |
| Gulf of Alaska | GAI | 2 | Aug. 15 |


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| HX213 | 1 | RES2.5 | 8/15/98 18:41 | 60.0234 | -149.359 | 264 | 252 no PAR |
| HX213 | 2 | GAK1 | 8/15/98 20:25 | 59.8445 | -149.466 | 270 | 268 no PAR |
| HX213 | 3 | SBC1 | 8/20/98 00:12 | 55.0975 | -163.854 | 27 | 26 no PAR |
| HX213 | 4 | SBC2 | 8/20/98 00:57 | 55.1386 | -163.887 | 32 | 32 no PAR |
| HX213 | 5 | SBC3 | 8/20/98 01:32 | 55.1786 | -163.92 | 44 | 42 no PAR |
| HX213 | 6 | SBC4 | 8/20/98 02:08 | 55.2185 | -163.955 | 53 | 50 no PAR |
| HX213 | 7 | SBC5 | 8/20/98 02:57 | 55.2603 | -163.987 | 59 | 55 PAR SN 4497 added |
| HX213 | 8 | SBC6 | 8/20/98 03:34 | 55.3005 | -164.023 | 77 | 74 |
| HX213 | 9 | SBC7 | 8/20/98 04:13 | 55.3413 | -164.057 | 86 | 81 |
| HX213 | 10 | SBC8 | 8/20/98 04:51 | 55.3811 | -164.091 | 96 | 92 |
| HX213 | 11 | SBC9 | 8/20/98 05:34 | 55.4224 | -164.125 | 96 | 92 |
| HX213 | 12 | SCB10 | 8/20/98 06:18 | 55.4626 | -164.158 | 98 | 95 |
| HX213 | 13 | SBC11 | 8/20/98 07:01 | 55.5036 | -164.19 | 98 | 95 |
| HX213 | 14 | SBC12 | 8/20/98 07:46 | 55.5439 | -164.225 | 96 | 92 |
| HX213 | 15 | SBA12 | 8/20/98 09:06 | 55.5896 | -164.05 | 96 | 94 |
| HX213 | 16 | SBA10 | 8/20/98 10:05 | 55.5081 | -163.982 | 92 | 90 |
| HX213 | 17 | SBA8 | 8/20/98 11:02 | 55.4267 | -163.917 | 89 | 86 |
| HX213 | 18 | SBA6 | 8/20/98 12:00 | 55.3456 | -163.85 | 71 | 67 |
| HX213 | 19 | SEA5 | 8/20/98 12:38 | 55.3053 | -163.816 | 65 | 63 |
| HX213 | 20 | SEA4 | 8/20/98 13:14 | 55.2646 | -163.783 | 57 | 56 |
| HX213 | 21 | SBA2 | 8/20/98 14:08 | 55.1836 | -163.717 | 58 | 46 |
| HX213 | 22 | SBA1 | 8/20/98 14:42 | 55.1424 | -163.683 | 44 | 40 |
| HX213 | 23 | SBE1 | 8/20/98 16:30 | 55.0511 | -164.028 | 29 | 26 |
| HX213 | 24 | SBE2 | 8/20/98 17:08 | 55.0909 | -164.064 | 39 | 38 |
| HX213 | 25 | SBE4 | 8/20/98 18:02 | 55.1728 | -164.131 | 54 | 51 |
| HX213 | 26 | SBE5 | 8/20/98 18:38 | 55.2121 | -164.164 | 63 | 59 |
| HX213 | 27 | SBE6 | 8/20/98 19:20 | 55.2531 | -164.199 | 74 | 73 |
| HX213 | 28 | SBE06 | 8/20/98 20:29 | 55.2527 | -164.197 | 72 | 23 Prod-Z |
| HX213 | 29 | SBE06 | 8/20/98 21:07 | 55.2539 | -164.192 | 72 | 41 Prod-R |
| HX213 | 30 | SBE08 | 8/20/98 23:23 | 55.3373 | -164.262 | 96 | 94 |
| HX213 | 31 | SBE10 | 8/21/98 00:23 | 55.4178 | -164.327 | 100 | 95 |
| HX213 | 32 | SBE10 | 8/21/98 00:50 | 55.4213 | -164.308 | 100 | 95 |
| HX213 | 33 | SBC01 | 8/21/98 19:06 | 55.096 | -163.859 | 26 | 27 Prod-Z |
| HX213 | 34 |  | 8/21/98 19:37 | 55.0961 | -163.859 | 0 | 23 Prod-Ro |
| HX213 | 35 | SCB 12 | 8/22/98 20:57 | 55.5442 | -164.227 | 100 | 94 Prod |
| HX213 | 36 | SBC12 | 8/22/98 21:20 | 55.545 | -164.226 | 100 | 41 Prod |
| HX213 | 37 | SCB 12 | 8/22/98 21:52 | 55.5444 | -164.226 | 100 | 36 Prod |
| HX213 | 38 | CNC20 | 8/23/98 06:48 | 56.6452 | -164.247 | 77 | 71 Coccoliths |
| HX213 | 39 | CNC18 | 8/23/98 16:44 | 56.8003 | -164.082 | 74 | 73 first seen |
| HX213 | 40 | CNC16 | 8/23/98 17:58 | 56.9552 | -163.915 | 72 | 69 |
| HX213 | 41 | CNC14 | 8/23/98 19:12 | 57.1093 | -163.748 | 68 | 68 |
| HX213 | 42 | CNC12 | 8/23/98 20:28 | 57.2651 | -163.578 | 61 | 64 Prod |
| HX213 | 43 | CNC10 | 8/23/98 21:58 | 57.3427 | -163.497 | 60 | 54 |
| HX213 | 44 | CNC08 | 8/23/98 23:41 | 57.42 | -163.412 | 52 | 47 |
| HX213 | 45 | CNC06 | 8/24/98 00:38 | 57.4978 | -163.332 | 47 | 42 |
| HX213 | 46 | CNC04 | 8/24/98 01:35 | 57.576 | -163.248 | 47 | 41 |
| HX213 | 47 | CNC02 | 8/24/98 02:29 | 57.6525 | -163.165 | 0 | 44 |
| HX213 | 48 | NIC12 | 8/25/98 12:08 | 58.432 | -168.571 | 62 | 59 |
| HX213 | 49 | NIC11 | 8/25/98 12:57 | 58.473 | -168.529 | 62 | 58 |
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| HX213 | 53 | NIC07 | 8/25/98 15:20 | 58.6286 | -168.355 | 53 | 50 |
| HX213 | 54 | NIC06 | 8/25/98 15:53 | 58.6684 | -168.312 | 50 | 48 |
| HX213 | 55 | NIC05 | 8/25/98 16:30 | 58.7099 | -168.271 | 49 | 51 |
| HX213 | 56 | NIC04 | 8/25/98 16:57 | 58.7452 | -168.225 | 48 | 46 |
| HX213 | 57 | NIC03 | 8/25/98 17:35 | 58.784 | -168.181 | 47 | 47 |
| HX213 | 58 | NIC02 | 8/25/98 18:11 | 58.8227 | -168.138 | 44 | 42 |
| HX213 | 59 | NIC01 | 8/25/98 18:51 | 58.8621 | -168.096 | 43 | 43 |
| HX213 | 60 | NIA01 | 8/26/98 16:43 | 58.9161 | -168.276 | 45 | 42 |
| HX213 | 61 | NIA03 | 8/26/98 17:41 | 58.8397 | -168.362 | 47 | 44 |
| HX213 | 62 | NIA05 | 8/26/98 18:42 | 58.7617 | -168.447 | 50 | 47 |
| HX213 | 63 | NIA06 | 8/26/98 19:17 | 58.7228 | -168.49 | 51 | 49 |
| HX213 | 64 | NIA07 | 8/26/98 19:59 | 58.6821 | -168.535 | 53 | 51 |
| HX213 | 65 | NIA09 | 8/26/98 21:18 | 58.6037 | - 168.62 | 58 | 57 |
| HX213 | 66 | NIA 11 | 8/26/98 22:09 | 58.5257 | -168.707 | 63 | 62 Prod-Z |
| HX213 | 67 | NIA11 | 8/26/98 22:46 | 58.5265 | - 168.707 | 63 | 24 Prod-R |
| HX213 | 68 | NIE11 | 8/27/98 01:10 | 58.4194 | -168.349 | 61 | 58 |
| HX213 | 69 | NIE09 | 8/27/98 01:59 | 58.4979 | -168.265 | 57 | 53 |
| HX213 | 70 | NIE08 | 8/27/98 02:28 | 58.5366 | -168.222 | 55 | 52 |
| HX213 | 71 | NIE07 | 8/27/98 02:56 | 58.5756 | -168.179 | 0 | 49 |
| HX213 | 72 | NIE05 | 8/27/98 03:41 | 58.6536 | -168.092 | 49 | 44 |
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| HX213 | 74 | NIE03 | 8/27/98 04:38 | 58.7313 | -168.006 | 46 | 44 |
| HX213 | 75 | NIE01 | 8/27/98 05:22 | 58.8091 | -167.919 | 43 | 39 |
| HX213 | 76 | NIC01 | 8/27/98 $21: 24$ | 58.8618 | -168.091 | 44 | 42 Prod-Z |
| HX213 | 77 | NICO 1 | 8/27/98 21:49 | 58.8608 | -168.096 | 44 | 22 Prod-R |
| HX213 | 78 | NICX8 | 8/28/98 19:57 | 59.1739 | -167.752 | 40 | 38 Prod-Z |
| HX213 | 79 | NICX8 | 8/28/98 20:23 | 59.1739 | -167.749 | 40 | 24 Prod-R |
| HX213 | 80 | NICX15 | 8/29/98 11:20 | 59.6397 | -167.233 | 30 | 30 |
| HX213 | 81 | NICX13 | 8/29/98 12:45 | 59.4837 | -167.405 | 31 | 29 |
| HX213 | 82 | NICX11 | 8/29/98 14:05 | 59.3276 | -167.579 | 36 | 33 |
| HX213 | 83 | NICX8 | 8/29/98 15:24 | 59.1711 | -167.753 | 40 | 38 |
| HX213 | 84 | NICX4 | 8/29/98 16:39 | 59.0179 | -167.927 | 41 | 36 |
| HX213 | 85 | NIC01 | 8/29/98 17:56 | 58.8619 | -168.1 | 43 | 40 |
| HX213 | 86 | NIC03 | 8/29/98 18:47 | 58.7846 | -168.185 | 46 | 44 |
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| HX213 | 89 | NIC06 | 8/29/98 20:16 | 58.6673 | -168.314 | 51 | 50 |
| HX213 | 90 | NIC08 | 8/29/98 21:02 | 58.59 | -168.399 | 55 | 54 |
| HX213 | 91 | NIC08 | 8/29/98 21:04 | 58.5901 | -168.398 | 55 | 52 Prod.Z /Upcast |
| HX213 | 92 | NIC08 | 8/29/98 21:29 | 58.589 | -168.399 | 55 | 54 Prod.Z |
| HX213 | 93 | NIC08 | 8/29/98 22:02 | 58.5889 | -168.401 | 0 | 26 Prod-R |
| HX213 | 94 | NIC10 | 8/30/98 00:05 | 58.5113 | -168.485 | 61 | 56 |
| HX213 | 95 | NIC12 | 8/30/98 00:50 | 58.4333 | -168.572 | 61 | 59 |
| HX213 | 96 | NIC13 | 8/30/98 01:35 | 58.3512 | -168.653 | 66 | 62 |
| HX213 | 97 | NIC15 | 8/30/98 02:47 | 58.2009 | -168.832 | 69 | 65 |
| HX213 | 98 | NP1 | 8/30/98 04:15 | 58.0138 | -169.04 | 70 | 68 |
| HX213 | 99 | NP2 | 8/30/98 05:42 | 57.8272 | -169.246 | 64 | 61 |
| HX213 | 100 | NP3 | 8/30/98 07:14 | 57.6415 | -169.453 | 71 | 67 |


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| HX213 | 102 | NP5 | 8/30/98 10:46 | 57.2653 | -169.867 | 49 | 48 New termination/pump stopped due to loss of connection |
| HX213 | 103 | CNC12 | 8/31/98 16:07 | 57.2647 | -163.585 | 61 | 58 |
| HX213 | 104 | CNC10 | 8/31/98 17:01 | 57.342 | -163.502 | 54 | 51 |
| HX213 | 105 | CNC08 | 8/31/98 17:56 | 57.4198 | -163.417 | 50 | 47 |
| HX213 | 106 | CNC06 | 8/31/98 18:51 | 57.4979 | -163.334 | 49 | 46 |
| HX213 | 107 | CNC04 | 8/31/98 19:47 | 57.5749 | -163.248 | 47 | 44 CTD/Prod-Z |
| HX213 | 108 | CNC04 | 8/31/98 20:24 | 57.5756 | -163.252 | 47 | 21 Prod-R |
| HX213 | 109 | CNC02 | 8/31/98 22:45 | 57.6521 | -163.163 | 46 | 45 |
| HX213 | 110 | CNCX2 | 9/1/98 00:34 | 57.7674 | -163.039 | 45 | 27 CTD aborted due to heavy seas |
| HX213 | 111 | CNCX2 | 9/1/98 01:59 | 57.7688 | -163.04 | 45 | 42 |
| HX213 | 112 | CNCX4 | 9/1/98 02:58 | 57.8475 | -162.956 | 42 | 38 |
| HX213 | 113 | CNCX6 | 9/1/98 03:53 | 57.9247 | -162.873 | 43 | 38 |
| HX213 | 114 | CNCX 10 | 9/1/98 05:30 | 58.0791 | -162.708 | 37 | 35 |
| HX213 | 115 | CNCX 12 | 9/1/98 07:02 | 58.2357 | -162.541 | 35 | 33 |
| HX213 | 116 | CNCX 14 | 9/1/98 08:32 | 58.3915 | -162.375 | 36 | 34 |
| HX213 | 117 | CNCX 16 | 9/1/98 10:06 | 58.5472 | -162.212 | 43 | 41 |
| HX213 | 118 | CNEX 17 | 9/1/98 21:23 | 58.5721 | -161.946 | 27 | 27 CTD/Prod-Z |
| HX213 | 119 | CNEX17 | 9/1/98 21:44 | 58.5717 | -161.954 | 28 | 28 Prod-R |
| HX213 | 120 | CNEX 15 | 9/2/98 00:49 | 58.4145 | -162.114 | 44 | 38 |
| HX213 | 121 | CNEX 15 | 9/2/98 19:51 | 58.415 | -162.12 | 44 | 43 |
| HX213 | 122 | CNEX | 9/2/98 21:04 | 58.2588 | -162.284 | 33 | 31 |
| HX213 | 123 | CNEX11 | 9/2/98 22:16 | 58.1043 | -162.451 | 36 | 34 |
| HX213 | 124 | CNEX9 | 9/2/98 23:23 | 57.9868 | -162.576 | 41 | 40 CTD/Prod.Z |
| HX213 | 125 | CNEX9 | 9/2/98 23:40 | 57.9893 | -162.574 | 41 | 4 Prod-Z |
| HX213 | 126 | CNEX9 | 9/2/98 23:52 | 57.9884 | -162.574 | 41 | 29 Prod-R |
| HX213 | 127 | CNC01 | 9/3/98 21:00 | 57.6919 | -163.125 | 45 | 43 Prod-Z |
| HX213 | 128 | CNC01 | 9/3/98 21:28 | 57.6911 | -163.127 | 45 | 22 Prod-R |
| HX213 | 129 | CNC17 | 9/4/98 21:31 | 56.8774 | -164.003 | 71 | 69 Prod-Z |
| HX213 | 130 | CNC17 | 9/4/98 21:59 | 56.8749 | -164.003 | 71 | 3 Prod-R |
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| HX213 | 134 | CNC17 | 9/5/98 05:18 | 56.8762 | -164.001 | 72 | 68 |
| HX213 | 135 | CNC16 | 9/5/98 06:05 | 56.954 | -163.918 | 70 | 65 |
| HX213 | 136 | CNC15 | 9/5/98 06:51 | 57.0314 | -163.834 | 69 | 63 |
| HX213 | 137 | CNC14 | 9/5/98 07:38 | 57.1086 | -163.752 | 66 | 62 |

## Nutrient and Pigment Studies Terry Whitledge, Keven Neely and Taekeun Rho

The nutrients and plant pigments at the Slime Bank were nearly typical with relatively low nutrients at the surface with increasing concentrations offshore and deeper representing the proximity of deeper basin waters. Inshore depletion of nitrate below 1 uM corresporided to low salinity waters that contained low amounts of chlorophyll. The maximum chlorophyll concentrations were located about $40-50 \mathrm{~km}$ offshore in transects SBA, SBC and SBE as shown by the figures. Stratification was sufficient to allow the rather typical looking diatom bloom to at about the 60 m isobath. Ammonium concentrations were somewhat higher than expected but may be due to larger arnounts of regeneration in the warmer than usual waters.

The coccolithophorid bloom was first observed on the transit from the Slime Bank grid to the Cape Newenham line. The entire CN line was positioned within the Coccolithophorid bloom waters. The stratification on outer end of the Cape Newenham line was strong but the inner end was well mixed. The transition from the stratified to unstratified had the classic structure of the inner front. Nutrients in the upper layer were depleted in the middle shelf but normal concentrations in the bottom layer ( $\mathrm{NO} 3=10 \mathrm{uM} ; \mathrm{SiO} 4=25 \mathrm{uM} ; \mathrm{PO} 4=2.5 \mathrm{uM}$ and $\mathrm{NH} 4=6 \mathrm{uM}$ ). The unstratified inner shelf end of the transect was nearly uniform with nitrates $<1 \mathrm{uM}$ and silicates between 5 and 10uM. The relatively high chlorophyll in the upper stratified layer declined to small values throughout the water column on the inner half of the transect. The transect was terminated at the 40 m isobath due to high wind conditions.

Water stratification was relatively strong on the Nunivak Island transects centered between $30-35 \mathrm{~m}$. Inshore waters were relatively well mixed. Nitrate was about 2-3 uM in the upper layer and the chlorophyll maximum tended to be located at about 20 m on the offshore end. Nitrate was depleted from the entire water column on the inner shelf and the chlorophyll fluorescence showed no significant accumulation. Coccolithophorids were present at all locations of the transect but the relative numbers were possibly lower in the low salinity waters nearest the coast.

The long transect from Nunivak Island to St. Paul Island clearly showed the well mixed waters at either end of the transect while stratification was quite strong in the center probably as a result of the "cold pool". The dramatic change in nitrate, silicate, ammonium and phosphate concentrations about 100 km from Nunivak Island clearly delineated the middle front. There was no apparent change in plant pigment fluorescence across the nutrient gradients.

Five nutrient ammendment experiments were carried out in diatorn (Slime Bank) and coccolithophorid (Nunivak Island) dominated waters. Shipboard fluorescence measurements indicated that nitrate plus phosphate, ammonium plus phosphate, and iron additions gave the largest responses. Filters and HPLC samples will be examined to quantify the changes during the 5-7 day incubations.

${ }^{14} \mathrm{C}$ Primary Production<br>Stephan I. Zeeman

On HX213 we collected our usual primary productivity samples for ${ }^{14} \mathrm{C}$ incubations. These were in situ incubations, and on-deck incubator experiments to determine P -I curves. We did P-I curves at 14 stations and in situ experiments at 12 of those. Chlorophyll for the productivity samples was analyzed on board by freezing the filters and then cold extracting them for 24 hours prior to measuring fluorescence.

Samples were collected for phytoplankton counts by two methods. Samples were preserved in neutral Lugol's solution or filtered on $0.45 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ membrane filters and air dried. Samples for counts were collected from all productivity samples and also at several depths at stations along one of the transect lines at each grid. Sarnples will be counted later with an inverted microscope.

Similar to the phytoplankton counts, DOM samples were collected at several depths along one of the transect lines on each grid. These were prepared by filtering 50 ml samples through GF/F filters, freezing the water and keeping them irl darkness. These will be analyzed by spectrofluorometry later.

DMS samples were collected for Maureen Keller at Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. As with the phytoplankton and DOM samples, these were collected at several depths along one transect on each grid. Samples were put in vials, injected with KOH and capped with serum caps.

At each site for an in situ productivity measurement, we deployed a Tethered Spectroradiometer Buoy (TSRB). This instrument measures incident irradiation at one wavelength and upwelled radiance at 7 wavelengths corresponding to those measured by the SeaWiFS satellite. The TSRB was in the water for about $30-40$ minutes, at least twice during an overpass of the satellite under relatively clear skies.

DOM, Phytoplankton in Lugol's, Phytoplankton dried on filter, DMS
C line at Slime Bank - 49 samples each
SBC1 24, 20, 10, 0 m
SBC2 30, 20, 10, 0 m
SBC3 40, 30, 20, 10, 0 m
SBC4 48, 30, 20, 10, 0 m
SBC5 44, 30, 20, 10, 0 m
SBC6 72, 0 m
SBC7 80, 50, 20, 0 m
SBC8 92, 50, 20, 0 m
SBC9 92, 50, 20, 0 m
SBC10 94, 60, 30, 0 m

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SBC11 93,40, 20,0 m
SBC12 90,50,20,0 m
C line at Cape Newenham - }16\mathrm{ samples each
CNC16 30,0 m
CNC14 30,0 m
CNC12 30,0m
CNC10 30,0 m
CNC8 30, 0 m
CNC6 30,0 m
CNC4 30,0 m
CNC2 30, 0 m
C line at Nunivak Island - 24 samples each
NIC12 30,0 m
NIC11 30,0 m
NIC10 30,0 m
NIC9 30,0m
NIC8 30,0m
NIC7 30,0 m
NIC6 30,0 m
NIC5 30,0m
NIC4 30,0m
NIC3 30,0 m
NIC2 30,0 m
NIC1 30,0m
Productivity - 14 on-deck prods, 10 in situ prods (200 in situ, 405 P-I samples)
SBE6 - in situ 0, 5, 10,20 m, on-deck 0, 20 m
SBC1 - in situ 0,5,10,15 m, on-deck 0 m
SBC12 - in situ 0, 10, 15, 20 m
CNC12 - on-deck 0m
NIC12 - on-deck 0m
NIA11 - on-deck 12 m
NIC1 - in situ 0, 5, 10, 15 m, on-deck 0 m
NICX8 - in situ 0,5,10,15 m,on-deck 0 m
NIC8 - in situ 0,5,10,15 m, on-deck 15 m
CNC4 - in situ 0,5,10,15 m, on-deck 15 m
CNEX17 - in situ 0,5,10,15 m, on-deck 0 m
CNEX9 - on-deck 0m
CNC1 - in situ 0, 5, 10, 15 m, on-deck 0, 15 m
CNC17 - in situ 0,5,10,15 m, on-deck 15 m
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The optical properties of ocean waters were investigated at stations SBE6, SBC1, SBC12, CNC12, NIC12, NIA7, NIA11, NIC1, NICX8, NIC8, CNC4, CNEX17, CNEX9, CNC01, CNC17.

PUV-500 submersible spectrophotometer (Biospherical Instruments, Inc.) was used for determination of the intensity of solar fluxes in $305 \mathrm{~nm}, 320 \mathrm{~nm}, 340 \mathrm{nrn}, 380$ nm and PAR spectral regions and natural fluorescence (NF). The spectrophotometer consists of two main parts - one submersible and the other on deck. The two provide simultaneous measurements and allow for correction of incident irradiance fluctuations when measuring the underwater light field.

The measurements were used to calculate the coefficients of absorption of a sea waters at $305 \mathrm{~nm}, 320 \mathrm{~nm}, 340 \mathrm{~nm}, 380 \mathrm{~nm}$ and PAR spectral regions and distribution of Chlorophyll A in the water with a depth at each station. The data on irradiation at different depths allows one to determine the "DNA weighted" doses of UV irradiation of marine microorganisms.

All measurements were conducted simultaneously with sampling for primary productivity.

In the framework of a program of the development of DNA dosimeters four groups of samples containing unshielded DNA were exposed under the Sun for the period of $1,2,3$ and 5 days. The intensities of solar fluxes were recorded continuously during this time. The amount of damaged DNA will be determined at the lab. The DNA results and solar fluxes will be used to determine biologically effective doses.

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## New Productivity Studies

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Productivity studies were conducted on the R/V Alpha Helix cruise HX213 in the Bering Sea from 15 August to 6 August. At productivity studies the rates of photosynthesis and nitrogen uptake( $\mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-}, \mathrm{NH}_{4}{ }^{+}$and Urea) were measured in the euphotic zone $100 \%$, $50 \%, 30 \%, 12 \%, 5 \%$ and $1 \%$ surface light penetration depths.
The photosynthetic and nitrogen uptake rate measurements were estimated by addition of $\mathrm{H}^{13} \mathrm{CO}_{3},{ }^{15} \mathrm{NO}_{3},{ }^{15} \mathrm{NH}_{4}^{+}$and ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-Urea to euphotic zone water collected at the choosen light depths. Euphotic zone light levels were determined with an underwater PAR sensor. After additon of ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ and ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ enriched compound the uptake sample were incubated on deck for about 4 hours in a surface sea water cooled tank exposed to $100 \%, 50 \%, 30 \%, 12 \%, 5 \%$, and $1 \%$ surface light intensities ( light levels were simulated using neutral density metal screen that attenuated the surface light to the above value. We filtered seawater for the analysis of natural abundance of ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ and ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ of phytoplankton at each productivity station. We also measured pH of seawater at each depth productivity is measured for calculation of total CO2. At CNC17 station, we did some addition study of 13 C and 15 NO 3 uptake; Control ( ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}+{ }^{15} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ ), Treatment \#1 $\left({ }^{13} \mathrm{C}+{ }^{15} \mathrm{NO}_{3}+\mathrm{Fe}\right)$, Treatment \#2( $\left.{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}+{ }^{15} \mathrm{NO}_{3}+\mathrm{Fe}+\mathrm{PO} 4\right)$, Treatment \#3( ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}+$ ${ }^{15} \mathrm{NO}_{3}+\mathrm{Fe}+\mathrm{PO}_{4}$ )

The following table is summary of the productivity studies conducted on Alpha Helix 213.

These studies will provide us with information needed to estimate photosynthetic carbon uptake and the proportions of new productivity $\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-}\right.$uptake) and regenerated productivity( $\mathrm{NH}_{4}{ }^{+}$and Urea uptake) at Inner Shelf region of Bering Sea.

|  | Station | ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ | ${ }^{15} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | ${ }^{15} \mathrm{NH}_{4}$ | ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-Urea | Nat'l $13 \mathrm{C} \& 15 \mathrm{~N}$ | pH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | SBE06 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| 2 | SBC01 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| 3 | SBC12 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| 4 | CNC12 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| 5 | NIA01 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| 6 | NIC01 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| 7 | NICX08 | O | O | O | O | O |  |
| 8 | NIC08 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| 9 | CNC04 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| 10 | CNCX17 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| 11 | CNCX9 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| 12 | CNC01 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| $* 13$ | CNC17 | O | O |  |  | O | O |
|  |  |  |  |  | O | O |  |

At each station we measure primary production at six light depths $, 100,50,30,12,5$, and $1 \%$, for each substrate

* addition study of ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ and ${ }^{15} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ uptake

Zooplankton<br>Ken Coyle and Alexey Pinchuk

One of the major goals of the Inner Front project is the determination of the effects of frontal circulation on energy transfer to apex predators. Shorttail shearwaters, which feed primarily on euphausiids, serve as the apex predator in this project. Zooplankton are therefore the critical link between processes influencing production at the inner front and its ultimate transfer to shearwaters. The primary task of the zooplankton component is determination of the species composition, concentration and distribution of the major zooplankton taxa at the four study grids.

Zooplankton species composition, abundance and horizontal distribution were assessed at stations in the mixed, frontal and stratified regimes using a $1-\mathrm{m}$ square MOCNESS systern equipped with 0.5 mm mesh. In addition, the distribution of large zooplankton, micronekton and fish was assessed with an HTI model 244 multifrequency split beam acoustic system. Operating frequencies included 43, 120, 200 and 420 kHz . Transects were run from the near-shore mixed region across the front and into the stratified area to assess target distribution relative to the three hydrographic regimes. Acoustic data were also collected concurrently with each MOCNESS tow to aid in target strength deterrminations for scaling the acoustic data. Microzooplankton were collected with a CaIVET net to assess the density of small copepods and euphausiid larvae. The CaIVET net, equipped with 0.150 mm mesh, was towed vertically from the bottom to the surface at CTD stations along transect C in each sampling grid All samples were preserved in formalin for later analysis. Selected taxa from various trophic levels were sorted from tows taken in the various hydrographic regimes in each grid; the specimens were acidified, dried at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and returned to the lab for stable isotope analysis. A summary table of all of the samples collected is provided below.

Generally, zooplankton and nekton at Slime Bank and Cape Newenham were dominated by fish and jelly fish. The fish included zero class pollock, however, target strength measurements from the split beam transducers indicate the presence of larger fish, particularly at Slime Bank. Although juvenile pollock were present at Nunivak Island, the samples were dominated by euphausiids, primarily Thysanoessa rachii adult males, females with spermatophores and juveniles. A scattering layer containing euphausiids was present near the bottom along the entire transect from deep to shallow water at the Nunivak site. Juvenile Thysanoessa inermis were present at Slime Bank and adult Thysanoessa spinifera occurred in the stratified regime at Cape Newenham. The zooplankton during the 1998 sampling season seemed to be dominated by euphausiids, in contrast to 1997 when the dominant zooplankter was Calanus marshallae. Detailed comparisons will be done following sample analysis.

Zooplankton samples collected during Alpha Helix research cruise HX213 (August 15 September 7, 1998).

| Type of samples | Slime Bank | Nunivak Island | Cape Newenham |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CaIVET | 12 | 11 | 18 |
| MOCNESS | 62 (9 tows) | $73(11$ tows $)$ | $71(10$ tows $)$ |
| Isotope | 24 | 56 | 20 |

Marine Ornithology (Cheryl Baduini, David Hyrenbach, Heather Revillee and John Carlson).

## Marine Ornithology

## Cheryl Baduini, John Carlson, K. David Hyrenbach and Heather Revilee

Sarnples collected: Surveys of bird distribution and abundance: 1065 km trackline, 125 hours survey effort, 49, 730 birds encountered Birds collected for prey analysis: 41<br>Samples collected for stable isotope analyses: 164<br>Samples collected for lipid analysis: 129

## Preliminary results and interpretation:

The objectives of the ornithological portion of this study were to determine the distribution, abundance and foraging patterns of short-tailed shearwaters relative to the structural inner front located within each of the study areas. These observations were recorded to determine if short-tailed shearwaters, the apex predators in this study, focus their foraging efforts in frontal waters. A second objective was to determine the diet composition of foraging shearwaters relative to prey abundance and availability within each of the study areas. Additionally, we collected information on stable isotope ratios and fatty acid composition relative to trophic structure and long-term diet trends of short-tailed shearwaters in the eastern Bering Sea.

Bird observations were made when the ship was underway at speeds of 5 knots or greater. All birds within an arc of $90^{\circ}$ from the bow to the side with the best visibility were counted from the bridge, and were recorded on a laptop computer for later analysis. Behaviors of all birds were recorded, with particular attention paid to whether shearwaters were feeding by hydroplaning at the surface or were diving deeply.

Forty-one shearwaters were collected in the study areas to assess stomach contents and foraging patterns. Shearwaters were collected when feeding, if possible, or when resting at the surface, if necessary. Morning collections were made at Slime Bank, Cape Newenham, and Nunivak Island grids. Two evening collections were made in the Cape Newenham grid and just offshore of the CN grid in the middle shelf area $\left(57^{\circ} 15.34 \mathrm{~N} 166^{\circ} 39.74 \mathrm{~W}\right)$. Stomach contents were removed from short-tailed shearwaters immediately after collection and stored in $80 \%$ ethyl alcohol/distilled water
for processing in the laboratory.

## Slime Bank:

We observed few shearwaters (average density $=76$ birds $/ \mathrm{km}^{2}$ ) overall, in the Slime Bank grid and found little evidence of shearwaters foraging in the area (Fig ). The only indication of foraging that we obsened were small groups (50-100 birds) sitting on the surface with their heads underwater. A total of 10 birds were collected on two consecutive mornings well insthore of the front around Station E3. The biomass of stomach contents was low (1-18 g, and one 42 g sampie) and a wide variety of prey items was observed such as juvenile euphausiids, $T$. raschii and $T$. spinifera, as well as crab megalopie, and fish tissue. Preliminary exarnination of MOCNESS tows collected at this site showed an abundance of juvenile $T$. inermis, $T$. spinifera, and a few juvenile T. raschii, as well as juvenile walleye pollock (Theragrama chalcograma). There was a lack of mature adult T.raschii, usually the most common prey item of short-tailed shearwaters in the southeastern Bering Sea, collected in the MOCNESS tows at this site.

## Cape Newenham:

Our best observation of foraging by short-tailed shearwaters occurred in the Cape Newenham grid, and just offshore of the outer grid over the middle shelf (Fig ). Upon transit to the Newenham grid, we observed approximately 2,000 shearwaters engaged in shallow, short (15-30 sec) plunge dives and feeding with black-legged kittiwakes and at least two humpback whales. The nine birds collected in this area contained recognizable juvenile pollock or partially digested fish assumed to be pollock. Whole specimens of the fish were removed to take back to the laboratory for further analysis. We suspect some of the bird specimens collected may belong to the species, sooty shearwater, $P$. griseus. Because it is difficult to differentiate between sooty and short-tailed shearwaters in the field, a detailed analysis of morphometrics will be conducted in the laboratory to verify their identity.

Within the Cape Newenham grid, loose foraging flocks (up to 100 individuals per
flock) were observed foraging well inshore of the structural front around Station EX17 and 9 individuals were collected during two morning attempts. Collection was difficult due to significant winds and stormy weather, along with the unusually rapid formation and subsequent dispersal of foraging groups. The shearwaters were feeding with black-legged kittiwakes and tufted puffins. Eight of nine birds collected contained sandlance and partially digested fish. Whole specimens of sandlance were removed to take back to the lab for analysis of fatty acid composition. The identity of these shearwaters, also needs to be confirmed. Preliminary examination revealed that the foraging flocks might contain both $P$. tenuirostris and $P$. griseus.

A third evening collection was made of shearwaters foraging on juvenile pollock between stations C 10 and C 11 , well offshore of the front in stratified water. Approximately 700 shearwaters were observed hydroplaning with their heads underwater and foraging just behind and after a large group of kittiwakes diving underwater.

No shearwaters were observed foraging in the Cape Newenham grid where there was any extent of coccolithophore bloorn.

## Nunivak Island

No short-tailed shearwaters were observed foraging within the entire area comprising the inner and outer grids. Also, few shearwaters were sighted flying or sitting on the water in the area. Our expectation was that we would encounter more birds in this area during fall than in the spring, since this is an area where shearwaters migrate to in late summer/early fall. These observations were similar to last year's observations when we observed a major coccolithophore bloom and subsequent die-off of short-tailed shearwaters. However, this year, we saw no obvious die-off of shearwaters in the area (only 1 dead shearwater observed) though a strong coccolithophore bloom covered the entire Nunivak grid. Although there were no birds in the area, mature adult $T$. raschii were available in layers both on the bottom and in the water column ( $30-\mathrm{m}$ ) in both the outer and inner grids, as shown by the MOCNESS and acoustic records. The unusual finding of high biornass of adult euphausiids and few foraging shearwaters suggests that shearwaters do not forage in coccolithophore
bloom areas possibly because they cannot detect or "see" prey items. Five birds were collected while flying past the vessel and four contained no prey items. One of five birds contained one adult euphausiid.

## Summary:

In fall of 1998, we observed few flocks of foraging shearwaters and few total birds overall in all areas. The densities of birds feeding, sitting on the water, and overall, within each of the study areas were lower than last year during the same time period (Table 1). Because our effort covered a significant portion of the southeastern Bering Sea including not only our study sites but also off St. Paul Island, and during transit along the middle domain in between sites, our conclusion was that there were low numbers of shearwaters in the area during the fall 98 cruise. Moreover, birds collected in Jun and Aug/Sep 1998 had lower body mass than those collected in Jun 97 (Table 2). Shearwaters may have experienced poorer foraging conditions in. In particular, birds collected on this cruise had significantly lower body mass than during any season surveyed thus far (Table 2) and had low body fat. It is possible that under such poor feeding conditions, shearwaters may have migrated out of the southeastern Bering Sea earlier than usual (late Sept./early Oct.) or that a significant portion of the population occupied an area we did not survey.

An additional unusual observation was that shearwaters were foraging almost exclusively on fish, mostly juvenile pollock and sandlance. Because short-tailed shearwaters usually forage on euphausiids in the eastern Bering Sea, it is unusual to observe them foraging on a different prey resource in this area. It is possible that some of the shearwaters collected may belong to the species, P. griseus, which are piscivorous and usually, geographically limited to the Gulf of Alaska. A detailed morphometrics study on the collected specimens will reveal if $P$. griseus migrated further north into the Bering Sea than their usual range this year.

Table 1. Densities of shearwaters during fall 1997 and 1998.
(Birds / km ${ }^{2}$ )

| Site | Survey Effort <br> (km trackline) | Mean $\pm$ s.e. <br> (all behaviors) | Mean $\pm$ s.e. <br> (feeding and on water) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| Nunivak Island <br> 1997 | 591 | $32.61 \pm 8.43$ | $3.53 \pm 1.19$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nunivak Island <br> 1998 | 543 | $19.23 \pm 1.37$ | $0.12 \pm 0.07$ |


| Slime Bank <br> 1997 | 210 | $188.86 \pm 50.08$ | $36.77 \pm 11.59$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Slime Bank <br> 1998 | 210 | $76.18 \pm 12.66$ | $22.98 \pm 9.81$ |


| Cape Newenham <br> 1998 | 705 | $21.71 \pm 4.11$ | $5.57 \pm 2.11$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Table 2. Gross mass, mass of stomach contents, net mass, and sex ratios of shearwaters

| Date | Sample | Mean | Mean mass | Mean net mass | \% birds |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Size | gross <br> Mass (g) | stomachs (g) | (g) | $\begin{aligned} & <500 \mathrm{~g} \\ & \text { net mass } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Jun |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 97 | 39 | 656 | 57 | 598 | 0 | 10/25 |
| Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 97 | 55 | 535 | 19 | 517 | 42 | 36/17 |
| Jun |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 98 | 51 | 579 | 48 | 532 | 14 | 27/22 |
| Sep | 41 | 531 | 33 | 498 | 61 | 29/12 |
| 98 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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89
26
572
14
559
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(山) 4łdəa



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Cape Newenham - C Line






Volume Scattering, 200 kHz

## APPENDIX A

Nunivak Island Grid Positions

| name | Lat. | Long. |  | Lat. |  | Long. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A-Line |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NIA-24 | 57.5546 | 169.7850 | 57 | 33.28 | 169 | 47.10 |
| NIA-23 | 57.6324 | 169.6988 | 57 | 37.95 | 169 | 41.93 |
| NiA-22 | 57.7102 | 169.6126 | 57 | 42.61 | 169 | 36.76 |
| NIA-21 | 57.7880 | 169.5264 | 57 | 47.28 | 169 | 31.59 |
| NIA-20 | 57.8658 | 169.4402 | 57 | 51.95 | 169 | 26.41 |
| NIA-19 | 57.9436 | 169.3541 | 57 | 56.62 | 169 | 21.24 |
| NIA-18 | 58.0214 | 169.2679 | 58 | 01.29 | 169 | 16.07 |
| NIA-17 | 58.0992 | 169.1817 | 58 | 05.95 | 169 | 10.90 |
| NIA-16 | 58.1770 | 169.0955 | 58 | 10.62 | 169 | 05.73 |
| NIA-15 | 58.2548 | 169.0093 | 58 | 15.29 | 169 | 00.56 |
| NIA-14 | 58.3326 | 168.9232 | 58 | 19.96 | 168 | 55.39 |
| NIA-13 | 58.4104 | 168.8370 | 58 | 24.62 | 168 | 50.22 |
| NIA-12 | 58.4882 | 168.7508 | 58 | 29.292 | 168 | 45.049 |
| NIA-11 | 58.5271 | 168.7077 | 58 | 31.626 | 168 | 42.460 |
| NIA-10 | 58.5660 | 168.6645 | 58 | 33.960 | 168 | 39.871 |
| NIA-09 | 58.6049 | 168.6214 | 58 | 36.294 | 168 | 37.283 |
| NIA-08 | 58.6438 | 168.5782 | 58 | 38.628 | 168 | 34.695 |
| NIA-07 | 58.6827 | 168.5351 | 58 | 40.962 | 168 | 32.106 |
| NIA-06 | 58.7216 | 168.4919 | 58 | 43.296 | 168 | 29.514 |
| NIA-05 | 58.7605 | 168.4488 | 58 | 45.630 | 168 | 26.928 |
| NIA-04 | 58.7994 | 168.4057 | 58 | 47.964 | 168 | 24.340 |
| NIA-03 | 58.8383 | 168.3625 | 58 | 50.298 | 168 | 21.751 |
| NIA-02 | 58.8772 | 168.3194 | 58 | 52.632 | 168 | 19.162 |
| NIA-01 | 58.9161 | 168.2762 | 58 | 54.966 | 168 | 16.574 |
| NIA-X2 | 58.9939 | 168.1900 | 58 | 59.63 | 168 | 11.40 |
| NIA-X4 | 59.0717 | 168.1038 | 59 | 04.30 | 168 | 06.23 |
| NIA-X6 | 59.1495 | 168.0177 | 59 | 08.97 | 168 | 01.06 |
| NIA-X8 | 59.2273 | 167.9315 | 59 | 13.64 | 167 | 55.89 |
| NIA-X10 | 59.3051 | 167.8453 | 59 | 18.31 | 167 | 50.72 |
| NIA-X11 | 59.3829 | 167.7591 | 59 | 22.97 | 167 | 45.55 |
| NIA-X12 | 59.4607 | 167.6729 | 59 | 27.64 | 167 | 40.38 |
| NIA-X13 | 59.5385 | 167.5867 | 59 | 32.31 | 167 | 35.20 |
| NIA-X14 | 59.6163 | 167.5006 | 59 | 36.98 | 167 | 30.03 |
| NIA-X15 | 59.6941 | 167.4144 | 59 | 41.64 | 167 | 24.86 |
| NIA-X16 | 59.7719 | 167.3282 | 59 | 46.31 | 167 | 19.69 |
| NIA-X17 | 59.8497 | 167.2420 | 59 | 50.98 | 167 | 14.52 |

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| NIC-X12 | 59.4066 | 167.4920 | 59 | 24.39 | 167 | 29.52 |
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| NIC-X13 | 59.4844 | 167.4056 | 59 | 29.06 | 167 | 24.34 |
| NIC-X14 | 59.5622 | 167.3192 | 59 | 33.73 | 167 | 19.15 |
| NIC-X15 | 59.6400 | 167.2328 | 59 | 38.40 | 167 | 13.97 |
| NIC-X16 | 59.7178 | 167.1465 | 59 | 43.07 | 167 | 08.79 |
| NIC-X17 | 59.7956 | 167.0601 | 59 | 47.73 | 167 | 03.60 |


| D-Line |
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| NID-05 |
| NID-04 |
| NID-03 |
| NID-02 |
| NID-01 |


| 58.4078 | 168.4818 | 58 | 24.465 | 168 | 28.906 |
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| 58.4466 | 168.4386 | 58 | 26.796 | 168 | 26.317 |
| 58.4855 | 168.3955 | 58 | 29.127 | 168 | 23.728 |
| 58.5243 | 168.3523 | 58 | 31.458 | 168 | 21.139 |
| 58.5632 | 168.3092 | 58 | 33.789 | 168 | 18.549 |
| 58.6020 | 168.2660 | 58 | 36.120 | 168 | 15.960 |
| 58.6408 | 168.2228 | 58 | 38.448 | 168 | 13.368 |
| 58.6797 | 168.1797 | 58 | 40.782 | 168 | 10.782 |
| 58.7185 | 168.1366 | 58 | 43.113 | 168 | 08.193 |
| 58.7574 | 168.0934 | 58 | 45.444 | 168 | 05.604 |
| 58.7962 | 168.0502 | 58 | 47.775 | 168 | 03.015 |
| 58.8351 | 168.0071 | 58 | 50.106 | 168 | 00.426 |

E-line

| NIE-24 | 57.4469 | 169.4288 | 5726.82 | 16925.73 |
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| NIE-23 | 57.5247 | 169.3425 | 5731.48 | 16920.55 |
| NIE-22 | 57.6025 | 169.2561 | 5736.15 | 16915.36 |
| NIE-21 | 57.6803 | 169.1697 | 5740.82 | 16910.18 |
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| NIE-17 | 57.9915 | 168.8241 | 5759.49 | 16849.44 |
| NIE-16 | 58.0693 | 168.7377 | 5804.16 | 16844.26 |
| NIE-15 | 58.1471 | 168.6513 | 5808.83 | 16839.08 |
| NIE-14 | 58.2249 | 168.5649 | 5813.49 | 16833.89 |
| NIE-13 | 58.3027 | 168.4785 | 5818.16 | 16828.71 |
| NIE-12 | 58.3805 | 168.3921 | 5822.830 | 16823.524 |
| NIE-11 | 58.4194 | 168.3489 | 5825.164 | 16820.934 |
| NIE-10 | 58.4583 | 168.3058 | 5827.498 | 16818.345 |
| NIE-09 | 58.4972 | 168.2626 | 5829.832 | 16815.756 |
| NIE-08 | 58.5361 | 168.2195 | 5832.166 | 16813.167 |
| NIE-07 | 58.5750 | 168.1763 | 5834.500 | 16810.578 |
| NIE-06 | 58.6139 | 168.1331 | 5836.834 | 16807.986 |
| NIE-05 | 58.6528 | 168.0900 | 5839.168 | 16805.400 |
| NIE-04 | 58.6917 | 168.0468 | 5841.502 | 16802.811 |
| NIE-03 | 58.7306 | 168.0037 | 5843.836 | 16800.222 |


| NIE-02 | 58.7695 | 167.9605 | 58 | 46.170 | 167 | 57.632 |
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| NIE-01 | 58.8084 | 167.9174 | 58 | 48.504 | 167 | 55.043 |
| NIE-X2 | 58.8862 | 167.8310 | 58 | 53.17 | 167 | 49.86 |
| NIE-X4 | 58.9640 | 167.7446 | 58 | 57.84 | 167 | 44.68 |
| NIE-X6 | 59.0418 | 167.6582 | 59 | 02.51 | 167 | 39.49 |
| NIE-X8 | 59.1196 | 167.5718 | 59 | 07.18 | 167 | 34.31 |
| NIE-X10 | 59.1974 | 167.4854 | 59 | 11.84 | 167 | 29.13 |
| NIE-X11 | 59.2752 | 167.3990 | 59 | 16.51 | 167 | 23.94 |
| NIE-X12 | 59.3530 | 167.3126 | 59 | 21.18 | 167 | 18.76 |
| NIE-X13 | 59.4308 | 167.2262 | 59 | 25.85 | 167 | 13.57 |
| NIE-X14 | 59.5086 | 167.1398 | 59 | 30.51 | 167 | 08.39 |
| NIE-X15 | 59.5864 | 167.0535 | 59 | 35.18 | 167 | 03.21 |
| NIE-X16 | 59.6642 | 166.9671 | 59 | 39.85 | 166 | 58.02 |
| NIE-X17 | 59.7420 | 166.8807 | 59 | 44.52 | 166 | 52.84 |

## Slime Bank Station Positions

| Station Name | Lat | Long |  | Lat |  | Long | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SBC-0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SBC-1 | 55.0965 | 163.8570 | 55 | 5.79 | 163 | 51.42 |  |
| SBC-2 | 55.1371 | 163.8903 | 55 | 8.23 | 163 | 53.42 |  |
| SBC-3 | 55.1777 | 163.9236 | 55 | 10.66 | 163 | 55.42 |  |
| SBC-4 | 55.2184 | 163.9568 | 55 | 13.10 | 163 | 57.41 |  |
| SBC-5 | 55.2591 | 163.9901 | 55 | 15.55 | 163 | 59.41 |  |
| SBC-6 | 55.2998 | 164.0234 | 55 | 17.99 | 164 | 01.40 |  |
| SBC-7 | 55.3405 | 164.0567 | 55 | 20.43 | 164 | 03.40 |  |
| SBC-8 | 55.3811 | 164.0900 | 55 | 22.87 | 164 | 05.40 |  |
| SBC-9 | 55.4218 | 164.1233 | 55 | 25.31 | 164 | 07.40 |  |
| SBC-10 | 55.4625 | 164.1566 | 55 | 27.75 | 164 | 09.40 |  |
| SBC-11 | 55.5032 | 164.1899 | 55 | 30.19 | 164 | 11.39 |  |
| SBC-12 | 55.5844 | 164.2565 | 55 | 35.06 | 164 | 15.39 |  |
| SBC-13 | 55.6656 | 164.3231 | 55 | 39.94 | 164 | 19.38 |  |
| SBC-14 | 55.7468 | 164.3897 | 55 | 44.81 | 164 | 23.38 |  |
| SBC-15 | 55.8280 | 164.4563 | 55 | 49.68 | 164 | 27.38 |  |
| SBC-16 | 55.9092 | 164.5228 | 55 | 54.55 | 164 | 31.37 |  |
| SBC-17 | 55.9904 | 164.5894 | 55 | 59.42 | 164 | 35.37 |  |
| SBC-18 | 56.0716 | 164.6560 | 56 | 04.30 | 164 | 39.36 |  |
| SBC-19 | 56.1528 | 164.7226 | 56 | 09.17 | 164 | 43.36 |  |
| SBE-10 | 55.4170 | 164.3279 | 55 | 25.02 | 164 | 19.67 |  |
| SBE-8 | 55.3356 | 164.2613 | 55 | 20.14 | 164 | 15.68 |  |
| SBE-6 | 55.2543 | 164.1947 | 55 | 15.26 | 164 | 11.68 |  |
| SBE-5 | 55.2136 | 164.1615 | 55 | 12.81 | 164 | 09.69 |  |
| SBE-4 | 55.1729 | 164.1282 | 55 | 10.37 | 164 | 07.69 |  |
| SBE-2 | 55.0915 | 164.0616 | 55 | 05.49 | 164 | 03.70 |  |
| SBE-1 | 55.0508 | 164.0283 | 55 | 03.05 | 164 | 01.70 |  |
| SBD-1 | 55.0736 | 163.9426 | 55 | 04.42 | 163 | 56.56 |  |
| SBD-2 | 55.1143 | 163.9759 | 55 | 06.86 | 163 | 58.56 |  |
| SBD-4 | 55.1957 | 164.0425 | 55 | 11.74 | 164 | 02.55 |  |
| SBD-5 | 55.2363 | 164.0758 | 55 | 14.18 | 164 | 04.55 |  |
| SBD-6 | 55.2770 | 164.1091 | 55 | 16.62 | 164 | 06.55 |  |
| SBD-7 |  |  |  |  | 519 | . 06164 |  |
| SBD-8 | 55.3584 | 164.1757 | 55 | 21.50 | 164 | 10.54 |  |
| SBD-10 | 55.4397 | 164.2422 | 55 | 26.38 | 164 | 14.53 |  |


| SBB-10 | 55.4853 | 164.0709 | 5529.12 | 16404.26 |  |
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| SBB-8 | 55.4039 | 164.0043 | 5524.23 | 16400.26 |  |
| SBB-7 |  |  |  | $5 . .21 .92163$ | 58.38 |
| SBB-6 | 55.3225 | 163.9378 | 5519.35 | 16356.27 |  |
| SBB-5 | 55.2819 | 163.9045 | 5516.91 | 16354.27 |  |
| SBB-4 | 55.2412 | 163.8712 | 5514.47 | 16352.27 |  |
| SBB-3 |  |  |  | 512.03163 | 50.28 |
| SBB-2 | 55.1598 | 163.8046 | 5509.59 | 16348.28 |  |
| SBB-1 | 55.1191 | 163.7713 | 5507.15 | 16346.28 |  |
| SBA-0 |  |  | 5506. | $3 \quad 163 \quad 39.10$ |  |
| SBA-1 | 55.1419 | 163.6856 | 5508.51 | 16341.14 |  |
| SBA-2 | 55.1826 | 163.7189 | 5510.96 | 16343.14 |  |
| SBA-4 | 55.2640 | 163.7855 | 5515.84 | 16347.13 |  |
| SBA-5 | 55.3046 | 163.8188 | 5518.28 | 16349.13 |  |
| SBA-6 | 55.3453 | 163.8521 | 5520.72 | 16351.13 |  |
| SBA-8 | 55.4267 | 163.9187 | 5525.60 | 16355.12 |  |
| SBA-10 | 55.5080 | 163.9853 | 5530.48 | 16359.12 |  |

