### **USA Country Report**

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**DBO:** Distributed Biological Observatory

**AMBON:** Arctic Marine Biodiversity Observing Network

**ASGARD:** Arctic Shelf Growth, Advection, Respiration, and Deposition (ASGARD) Rate Measurements Project

**CEO:** Chukchi Environmental Observatory

Arctic EIS II: Arctic Ecosystem Integrated Study II

**Beaufort Slope**: The Importance of Shelf Break Upwelling to Upper Trophic Level Ecology in the Western Beaufort Sea

**JOIS/AON-BGOS**: Joint Ocean Ice Study/Arctic Observing Network-Beaufort Gyre Observing System

**Saildrones and Gliders** 

### 2018 PAG and DBO Cruise Plan Table (06-17-18)

2018 PAG and DBO Field Season (version 06\_17\_18): Sampling Contributors. Projects Key: AON=US Arctic Observing Network (National Science Foundation); ArCS=Arctic Challenge for Sustainability; ArcticEIS2=Arctic Ecosystem Integrated Survey, ASGARD=Arctic Shelf Growth, Advection, Respiration and Deposition Rate Experiment, C30=Canada's Three Oceans; CHINARE=Chinese Arctic Research Expedition; DBO=Distributed Biological Observatory, JAMSTEC= Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology; KOPRI = Korea Polar Research Institute; NOAA=National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Office of Naval Research (ONR) Marginal Ice Zone (MIZ) project; PMEL=Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory; RUSALCA=Russian-American Long-term Census of the Arctic. DBO Region Key: DBO1=So. St. Lawrence Is., DBO2=Chirikov Basin, DBO3=So Chukchi Sea, DBO4=NE Chukchi Sea, DBO5=Barrow Canyon, DBO6=East Beaufort Sea, DBO7-Beaufort Sea Central, DBO8=Bathurst polynya region.

Dates 2018 (Port calls)	Ship	DBO Region	Projects	PAG contact	Chief Scientist
June 1-25 (Seward- Nome)	Sikuliaq	2, 3	ASGARD	Seth Danielson <u>sldanielson@alaska.edu</u>	Seth Danielson <u>sldanielson@alaska.edu</u>
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July 12-24 (Dutch- Barrow)	Sir Wilfrid Laurier	1,2,3,4,5	C30/DBO (AON)	Jackie Grebmeier jgrebmei@umces.edu	John Nelson <u>John.Nelson@dfo-</u> <u>mpo.gc.ca</u>
July-Sept (Shanghai- Shanghai)	Xuelong	3	CHINARE	Jianfeng He hejianfeng@pric.org.cn	Jianfeng He <u>hejianfeng@pric.org.cn</u>
Aug 3-27 (Nome-Nome)	Sikuliaq	6	Shelf Break Ecology	Frank Rack <u>frack@nsf.gov</u>	Carin Ashjian <u>cashjian@whoi.edu</u>
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Sept 22-Oct 6 (Dutch Harbor-Kodiak)	Dyson	1 and M8	EcoFOCI	Phyllis Stabeno, <u>Phyllis.stabeno@noaa.gov</u>	Geoff Lebon geoffrey.t.lebon@noaa.gov
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Late Oct-Nov	Healy	5,6	Western Arctic boundary current in a warming climate	Robert Pickart <u>rpickart@whoi.edu</u>	Robert Pickart <u>rpickart@whoi.edu</u>
Oct 25-Dec 7 (Sekinehama, Japan, return Shimizue, Japan)	Mirai	-	Japanese Atmospheric cruise; National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR)	Takashi Kikuchi <u>takashik@jamstec.go.jp</u>	Dr. Inoue <u>inoue.jun@nipr.ac.jp</u>

## Linking Physics to Biology: the Distributed Biological Observatory (DBO)



<sup>[</sup>updated by Karen Frey from Grebmeier et al. 2010, EOS 91]

- DBO sites (red boxes) are regional "hotspot" transect lines and stations located along a latitudinal gradient
- DBO sites are considered to exhibit high productivity, biodiversity, and overall rates of change
- DBO sites serve as a change detection array for the identification and consistent monitoring of biophysical responses
  - Sites occupied by national and international entities with shared data plan















## Arctic Shelf Growth, Advection, Respiration, and **Deposition (ASGARD) Rate Measurements Project**

Seth Danielson, Arny Blanchard, Sarah Hardy, Russ Hopcroft, Andrew McDonnell, Brenda Norcross, Dean Stockwell



University of Alaska Fairbanks

### June 2017 and June 2018 **Research Cruises to the Northern Bering and** Southern Chukchi seas

Lisa Eisner

Kathy Kuletz

Laurie Juranek Andrew Thurber













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## Guiding research question:

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How will reductions in sea ice and the associated environmental changes influence the flow of energy through the northern Bering and Chukchi sea ecosystem?

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#### **Focus on Process Studies**

- Growth
- Respiration
- Vertical & horizontal fluxes



- Microbe community
- Midwater & benthic communities
- Growth & respiration incubations
- Sinking particles
- Nutrient fluxes
- Seabird & marine mammal surveys
- Year-round moorings: passive acoustics, nutrients, currents, light, T/S, fluorescence



**ASGARD** 



Canada's Three Oceans (C30) and the DBO: CCGS Sir Wilfrid Laurier, July 13-24, 2018



Focus: sampling along latitudinal transect lines developed as a "change detection array" for consistent monitoring of biophysical responses to changing environmental conditions



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### DBO data collections

- Seawater temperature and salinity; velocity measurements
- Nutrients, chlorophyll, carbon products, CDOM
- Phytoplankton, zooplankton and macrobenthic abundance, biomass, community structure
- Marine mammal and seabird surveys



### DBO Transects: CCGS Sir Wilfrid Laurier (July 14-July 22, 2017)



Over the side 150kHz ADCP



Bird observations



#### Bongo nets







#### **Incubation experiments**



### Science:



- 62 CTD stations. 45 of these with Rosette sampling (chlorophyll, nutrients, phytoplankton)
- 45 Bongo net hauls for zooplankton
- 42 deployments of 150 kHz ADCP
- 38 Benthic sampling stations with up to 5 vanVeen grabs at each station¥
- 38 Benthic Video-camera recordings
- 20 stations where water was collected for methane and nitrous oxide analysis
- 12 stations were sampled for apparent optical properties
- 4 stations were used for primary productivity incubation experiments
- Seabird and Marine Mammal observations
- Meteorological and position data from ship









## **AMBON: Arctic Marine Biodiversity Observing Network**



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US Fish and Wildlife Service, USA; (5) University of Tromsø, Norway; (6) National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, USA; (7) Alaska Ocean Observing System/AXIOM, USA; (8) Oregon State University



Focus area: Chukchi Sea shelf

Field work: 2015 and 2017

**Disciplines:** hydrography, microbes, zooplankton, benthos, fish, seabirds, marine mammals, seascapes

Intent: Provide biodiversity data Fill gaps (e.g., microbes) Continue long-term time series Providing publicly accessible data

### **AMBON17** Data Products from Cruise Report





Figure 2a: Surface water properties during AMBON 2017.



**Figure 8. a**. Integrated chlorophyll a (mg/m2) and **b**. surface sediment chlorophyll a (mg/m2) present in study area during the August AMBON17 cruise.





Figure 2b: Bottom water properties during AMBON 2017.



**Figure 12:** Distribution of auklets observed on transect during AMBON 2017.



**Figure 13:** Distirubtion of northern fulmars observed on transect during AMBON 2017.

### Bering Strait Mooring Program – July 2017/Sept 2018

Rebecca Woodgate University of Washington, Seattle, USA

Our July 2017 Norseman 2 cruise recovered & redeployed the 3 Bering Strait moorings, and took CTD sections, finding the Chukchi remarkably warm.





Color=2016 or 2017 30day smoothed data. Black = climatology; Grey=all past years

\* Oct 2016 & June 2017 both **3°C warmer** than climatology \* ~20 day late cooling in 2016 \* ~15 day early warming in 2017

\* Salinities 0.5-1psu fresher than climatology **Still Increasing annual mean fluxes** 



Trans ≥1Sv; FW~3500km<sup>3</sup>/yr (cf 34.8psu) Heat ~5x10<sup>20</sup>J/yr ~15TW (cf -1.9°C)

Find data and papers at: psc.apl.washington.edu/Bstrait.html



Recent papers document also: \* trends in seasonal changes \* flow increase driven by pressure head, far field forcing; \* patterns of the pressure head forcing, finding flow dominantly driven from the Arctic Woodgate 2017 in review PiO Peralta-Ferriz & Woodgate 2017 GRL

## Moored Chukchi Ecosystem Observatory (CEO) near Hanna Shoal

### Year-round high-resolution time series

**Current Speed & Direction** Pressure **Temperature** Salinity PAR Chlorophyll a fluorescence **Directional Wave Spectra Acoustic Backscatter** @ 38, 125, 200, & 455 KHz Ice Draft (level ice & keels) **Significant Wave Height & Direction CDOM** Nitrate **Dissolved Oxygen Optical Backscatter Passive acoustic recordings** pН **pCO2** Particle size spectra & concentrations

Water Sampler: Nutrients Phytoplankton identification

Sediment Trap: Chlorophyll *a* Phytoplankton identification Total particulate matter (dry wt.) Particulate organic carbon Particulate nitrogen Zooplankton species Zooplankton fecal pellets

## **CEO** Relevance

- Developing a better mechanistic understanding of the Arctic marine ecosystem.
- Fostering coordination and cooperation among research programs.
- Enhancing information availability with scientific data, analyses, and products tailored to public stakeholders.

CEO-affiliate scientists: Seth Danielson, Carin Ashjian, Lee Cooper, Jackie Grebmeier, Claudine Hauri, Russ Hopcroft, John Horne, Katrin Iken, Catherine Lalande, Andy Mahoney, Andrew McDonnell, Kate Stafford, Peter Winsor

www.ChukchiEcosystemObservatory for more information

## Views into event timing, magnitude and co-variability



Ship-of-opportunity visits to the mooring site that enable us to recover and redeploy the mooring each year are CRITICAL to this project's success.



www.ChukchiEcosystemObservatory for more information

# Arctic Integrated Ecosystem Survey II

**Ed Farley**, Carol Ladd, Kris Cieciel, Alex DeRobertis, Janet Duffy-Anderson, Lisa Eisner, Jeff Guyon, Dave Kimmel, Ron Heintz, Libby Logerwell, Phyllis Stabeno & Chris Wilson



## Field sampling: Aug/Sep 2017 and 2019



Franz Mueter

#### UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

### Louise Copeman

Ryan McCabe, Calvin Mordy & Danny Grunbaum

Kathy Kuletz





Overarching question: How Will Warming Likely Affect Abundances of Fishes and Invertebrates?







saffron cod





capelin

Pacific herring

pink salmon



snow crab



jellyfish

# **Oceanographic & Fisheries Sampling**



Acoustic fish backscatter (38kHz, primarily Arctic cod) in 2012, 2013, and 2017

- 1. Broader distribution of fish in 2017 (much warmer)
- Mean backscatter (67°N to 71.5°N) in 2017 was 5x higher than 2013 & 14.5x higher than 2012.





## BEAUFORT SHELF BREAK ECOLOGY – PLANKTON, FISH, AND BELUGAS

August 25 – September 18, 2017, R/V Sikuliaq

C. Ashjian, R. Campbell, M. Jech, K. Kuletz, J. Llopiz, M. Lowe, S. Okkonen, K. Stafford, J. Zhang

Are beluga whales found along the shelf break because they can find high abundances of their Arctic cod prey there and are these abundances driven by shelf break upwelling of plankton? How will this change in the future?



Activity	Number
Stations	184
Bongo Tows	37
CTD Casts	184
Fish Trawls	16
Mooring Deployments	4
Ring Nets	4
Slocum Glider Recovery	1
Tucker Trawls	69

We think belugas are seen at the shelf break because high numbers of their arctic cod prey are there



### The mechanism:

Winds from the east followed by low winds concentrates copepod and krill prey that attracts Arctic cod to feed. The cod then are present in high numbers so that belugas can easily find them

## **APPROACH**





**Potential Sampling Locations** Aug. 3-27, 2018 (based on 2017 locations)



Cyan: station locations; Red: mooring locations





[Bill Williams]

## **Seabird Surveys in the Pacific Arctic**



2017 Distribution of Auklets (3 spp), Short-tailed shearwaters, Larids (4 spp)

### DBO 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7



http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/NMML/cetacean/bwasp/

[Janet Clark]

# **Innovative Technology for Arctic Exploration**



Jessica Cross, NOAA/PMEL, Seattle, Washington, USA



FOR INFORMATION Notice of Operations https://www.pmel.noaa.gov/itae/mariner-and-public-notice-research-platforms

Saildrone Research Blog https://www.pmel.noaa.gov/itae/follow-saildrone-2018

Email Updates – sign-up using https://goo.gl/forms/4fBQkg2GXp3obCn42

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# 2018 Saildrone Projects W

**Two Projects in the Pacific Arctic in 2018** Bering Strait & Chukchi Sea July through September 2018

#### Ocean Acidification

- No active acoustics
- Assess important questions about physical circulation, ice melt, ecosystems, and ocean acidification in the region

#### **Fisheries Survey**

- Active acoustics
- Understand the fate of the age-0 Arctic cod and other pelagic fish species on the Chukchi shelf

# **Arctic DBO-NCIS**

Principal Investigator	Jessica Cross, NOAA	Requesting Organization	NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Lab Seattle, WA
Mission Name	Arctic-DBO-NCIS	No. of USV	2
Duration	July-October 2018	Data Mission Days	90 (per vehicle)
Launch Location	Dutch Harbor, AK	Recovery Location	Nome, AK
OPAREA	Chukchi Sea, points North		



- Continue sensor and platform development and testing of the ASVC02 system through;
- DBO lines 2, 3, 4, and 5 (1 USV)
- Slope survey (1 USV)
- Calibration activity with USCGC Healy in August
- Shelf survey over Hanna Shoal if time permits
- Basin survey northward towards ice edge if time & ice permits









# Arctic IES Phase II

Principal Investigator	Alex DeRobertis, NOAA	Requesting Organization	NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Lab Seattle, WA	
Mission Name	Arctic IES PII	No. of USV	2	
Duration	July-October 2018	Data Mission Days	90 (per vehicle)	7:
Launch Location	Dutch Harbor, AK	Recovery Location	Nome, AK	
OPAREA	Chukchi Sea, points North			

### Objectives

#### Use real-time information and postprocessed data to identify the distribution of Arctic cod based on:

- Complete acoustic survey of Arctic IES PII (also known as Arctic IERP) survey region.
- Data collected in vicinity 3 of bottom-moored echosounders.
- Real-time data to inform ship-based sampling activity.
- Map distribution of suspected Arctic cod aggregations in deep water over the shelf break as time allows
- Real-time identification of large-scale pelagic fish migration patterns













### AIERP & Other 2017-2018 Moorings UAF NOAA PMEL & NMML UW-APL ArCS & JAMSTEC

🛠 WHOI & WHOI/UAF

[figure courtesy Seth Danielson/UAF; updated with DBO boxes]





# Glider-Based Passive Acoustic Monitoring in the Arctic



Peter Winsor, Kate Stafford and Mark Baumgartner



#### Science access during subsistence whaling: April-May and Sept-Oct periods

-need to interface with coastal communities through new Arctic Waterways Safety Committee to interface with Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, Eskimo Walrus Commission, and other parties; see <u>http://www.arcticwaterways.org/</u>

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## PAG facilitated successful coordination with Barrow whaling community for science needs during subsistence whaling period

- Dr. Motoyo Itoh (JAMSTEC) visited Utqiagvik (Barrow), Alaska to discuss mooring turnaround request in spring 2018
- Made flyer (right) and gave meeting presentation to Barrow Whaling Captains
- Provided information on sensors on moorings
- Agreement that ship can coming in via specific direction within subsistence hunting area after call in with contact on line

#### Planned mooring turn-around in the Barrow Canyon by Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Sir Wilfrid Laurier in October 2018

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http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/Fleet/Vessel?vessel\_id=100

Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Sir Wilfrid Laurier (SWL, 4662 long tons displacement) has a 23year history of support to Arctic marine science since 1995. The Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) placed its first oceanographic mooring in the Barrow Canyon in 1992 and has maintained three instrumented moorings there, at locations on its axis and on its eastern and western slopes since 2000. The goals of this continuous long-term monitoring have been to detect and quantify on-going changes in the flows, temperatures and salinities of water using this sea valley as a path from the Pacific to the Arctic ocean. The Pacific inflow is an important source of heat, freshwater, ocean nutrients and planktonic lifeforms for the Arctic Oceans, Observed changes in the inflow have been linked to changes in Arctic ice cover, ocean warming and marine productivity. Continuation of this long established "ocean observatory" is critical to continued awareness of Arctic change and to efforts to mitigate and adapt to its effects. Data from the moorings in Barrow Canyon instruments are public on the web:

http://www.jamstec.go.jp/arctic/data\_archive\_work/mooring/mooring\_list.html

SWL has a varied science program in the autumn of 2018 that begins in Cambridge Bay on September 20, continues in the Canadian Beaufort Sea through October 5. She is expected off Nome Alaska by October 15. This leaves a window of 9 days to accomplish planned work in Barrow Canyon and areas to the north-west, to complete the transit from the Canadian Beaufort to Nome and to standby for active whaling, poor weather or heavy ice, when necessary. The tentative date of the ship's arrival at Barrow Canyon is October 7, although a delay of 2-3 days would be possible by changing the sequence of planned work in the Chukchi Sea.

Tum-around (that is, recovery and deployment) of each mooring will require 1-3 hours. The ship's presence in Barrow Canyon will last no longer than 1.5 days, encompassing 8-12 hours of work during daylight, plus possible ovemight standby to completion.

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Thank you for your attention.

### **Questions and comments?**

Thank you to all Pacific Arctic Region science colleagues and DBO collaborators, field and laboratory technicians over the years for the time series efforts. Financial support for the science provided by the US NOAA, NSF, BOEM, NASA, and ongoing national and international science partners in the Pacific Arctic Group.

> <u>http://arctic.cbl.umces.edu , http://www.arctic.noaa.gov/dbo</u> <u>http://pag.arcticportal.org</u> <u>http://neptune.gsfc.nasa.gov/csb/index.php?section=270</u> <u>http://arcticdata.io</u> (Arctic Data Center, then use DBO as search term) <u>http://ambon-us.org/</u>, <u>https://mbon.ioos.us/</u> <u>http://www.ChukchiEcosystemObservatory</u>

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