

# BEST

An NSF contribution to  
understanding the Bering Sea  
Ecosystem

# Timeline

- Solicitation release – 14 September 2005
- Target Date – 15 December 2005
- Panel – 18-19 April 2006

# Budget

- Anticipated budget for the entire four years  
- \$10 million.
- Budgeted for FY06 - \$2.55 million
- Recommended for FY06 - \$3.361 million

# Recommended for funding

- Zhang— modeling
- Shull— Benthic denitrification
- Sambrotto— Nitrogen dynamics and new production
- Wu — Iron fertilization
- John — Nelson Island Natural and Cultural Knowledge

# Field Activities

- Cruise planning meeting 7 – 8 September
- USCGC Healy
- One cruise
- ~40 days
- Early April departure
- Possible space for ‘not to interfere’ programs

# Future Plans

- Round two competition
- Format unknown
- Modest increase to total anticipated budget