



BEST PLANNING OFFICE

Expected Activities for 2006-2007



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Types of Activities



- **Coordination with Other Funding & Research Agencies Working in the Bering Sea**
- **Partnership with Bering Sea Communities**
- **Development of International Collaborations**
- **Outreach: the Public & the Science Community**



Coordination with Agencies Working in the Bering Sea



- **Partner in Bering Inter-Agency Working Group:**
white paper, workshops, research coordination
- **North Pacific Fisheries Management Council:**
Scientific and Statistical Committee (Hunt)
- **North Pacific Research Board (NPRB):**
Bering Sea Indicators, BIERP planning
- **NOAA PMEL and AFSC programs:**
cruise planning, research coordination (Napp)



Partnership with Bering Sea Communities



- **Local Communities**
e.g., Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
(Pletnikoff – BEST SSC)
- **USFWS & ADFG:**
 - subsistence harvest and use data
 - network of contacts in local communities
(Meehan / Irons – BIAWG)
- **UA Community College System**
(Pete, Kuskokwim College - BEST SSC)



Partnership with Bering Sea Communities



- **Fisheries - Industry**
e.g., Pollock Conservation Cooperative
- **Fisheries - Managers**
e.g., North Pacific Fish. Mgmt. Council
(**Hunt – BEST SSC**)
- **NGOs / Resource Managers**
e.g., Pribilof Islands Cooperative - WWF
(**Pletnikoff – BEST SSC**)



Outreach to the Science Community



- **BEST Web Sites: ARCUS / UW**
- **Posters / Presentations / Newsletter Articles:
ASLO, GLOBEC, PIC, PICES, PSG**
- **Alaska Marine Science Symposium:
Bering Sea Indicators, BIERP planning**
- **Town Hall at ASLO (Santa Fe, NM, Feb 4-9) ?**
 - Goals:** - Publicize 2nd BEST competition
 - Inform proposers of existing program



Outreach to the General Public



- **BEST Web sites: Cruise log for 2007 cruise**
- **Media Contacts: e.g., Seattle Times, LA Times**
- **Educational and Outreach materials:
e.g., presentations, ship visits, NMEA**
- **Participation of artists, students, teachers
Summerhays: America's Ocean Challenge
Webb: NSF-funded Antarctica book**
- **Exhibitions with Aquaria and Museums
e.g., Alaska Forum of the Environment**

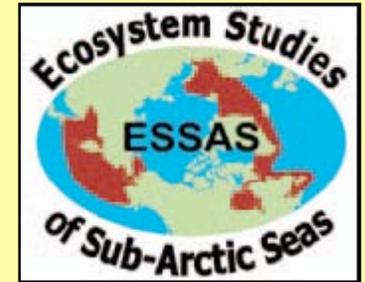


Development of International Collaborations

- Participate in the GLOBEC Regional Program
Ecosystem Studies of Sub-Arctic Seas
(ESSAS) (Hunt)
- Via ESSAS, participate in the IPY Program
Ecosystem Studies of Sub-Arctic & Arctic Regions
(ESSAR) (Drinkwater / Hunt)
- Participate in programs and initiatives of the
North Pacific Marine Science Organization
(PICES) (Napp / Hunt)

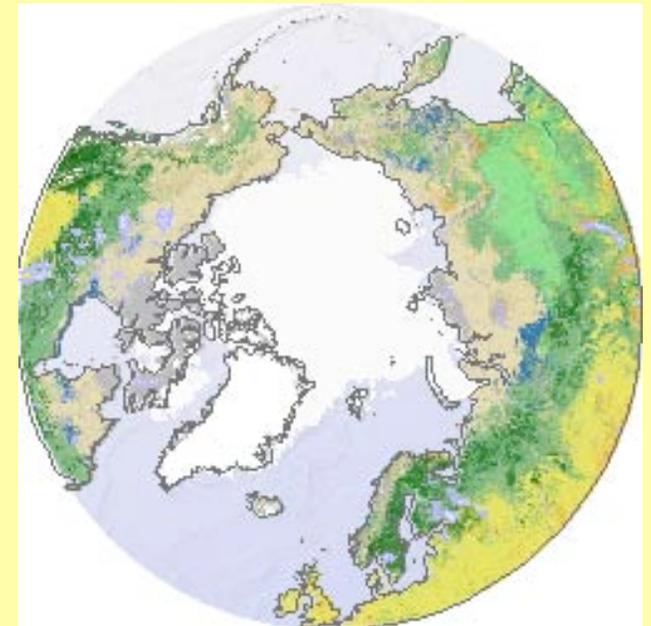


Ecosystem Studies of Sub-Arctic Seas (ESSAS)



Objectives:

- Coordinate research with other NP nations (e.g., J-ESSAS)
- Promote regional comparisons (Bering / Okhotsk / Barents)

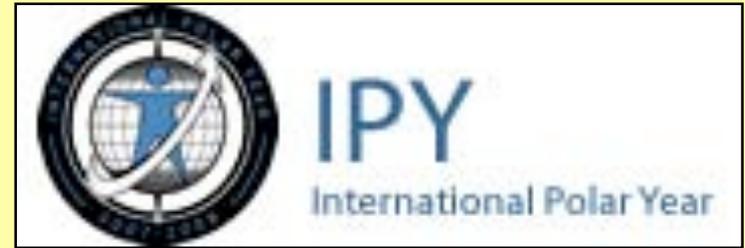


Mechanisms:

- Coordination of BEST / ESSAS SSCs
- Synthesis & Process Workshops (PICES/GLOBEC)



International Polar Year (IPY)



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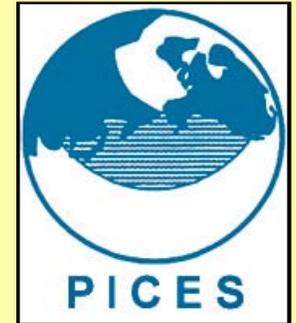
- **Coordinate collection and archival of standardized measurements across Arctic (e.g., light profiles, ice / snow data)**
- **Establish a legacy of data / knowledge**

Mechanisms:

- **Contribution of BEST through ESSAS**
- **International Polar Year Education & Outreach (<http://cires.colorado.edu/education/k12/ipyoe/>)**



North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES)



Objectives:

- **Synthesize knowledge and research
(e.g., North Pacific / Bering Indicators Workshop)**
- **Promote regional comparisons
(e.g., Bering / Okhotsk / sub-arctic gyres)**

Mechanisms:

- **BEST offered “observer status” in PICES**
- **North Pacific Marine Ecosystem Status Report:
Climate, Oceanography, Fisheries**



Action Items



P.I. Meeting:

- **Press Release: P.I. Meeting and Cruise Plan**
- **“Breaking Waves” Article, *Oceanography***

Cruise:

- **Allocating berths on 2007 cruise:**
 - **press, students, teachers (ARMADA), artists**
- **Outreach:**
 - **presentations, cruise log web-site**

Questions:

Media Advisories, Artist / Writer Program