

*Final Exam

150 points
Cumulative, with emphasis on new material
Similar format to midterm

POSSIBLE TESTING PERIOD

(i.e., YOU MUST TAKE YOUR EXAM WITHIN THIS WINDOW)

Start: MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015 at 8:00 am

End: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015 at 11:59pm

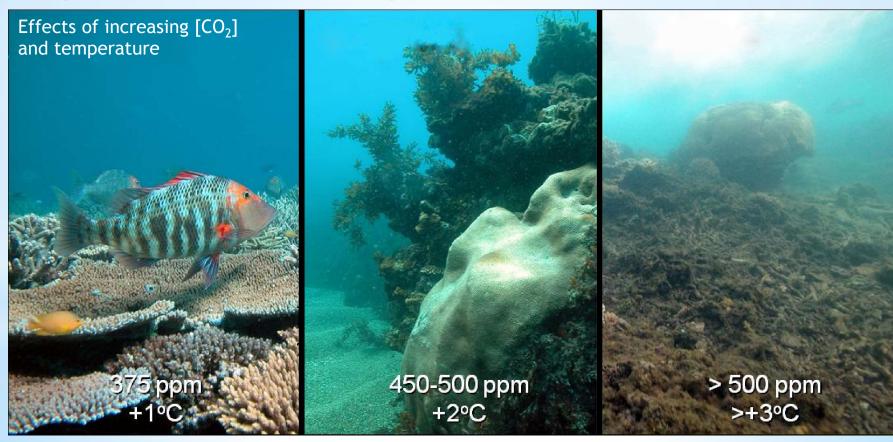
- Be sure to arrange with Emy if your proctor situation has changed
- No notes, no scratch paper, no internet
- You have 5 hours to take the exam, which should be more than sufficient

*Learning objectives

After this lesson, you will be able to:

- Identify some of the modern research efforts to understand and mitigate threats to the world's oceans
- List some ways that marine science is rapidly changing (technology, approach, etc.) and discuss the consequences of these changes on the future of marine research

*Research in the face of global change



Where do we even begin?

*Start small

Focus on controlled, small scale experiments **PROS**

- Reduced # variables
- High power of detecting cause and effect

CONS

- Not "realistic"
- Hard to extrapolate results

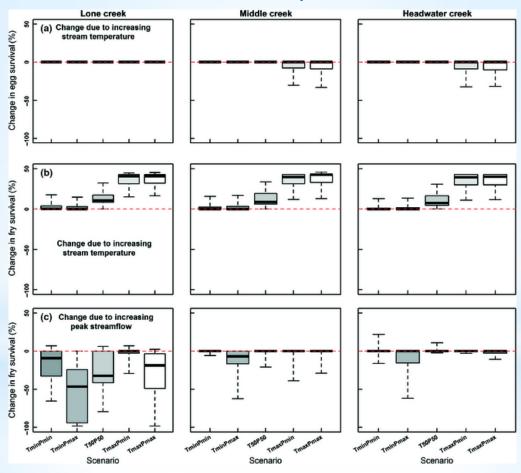


The effects of exposure to near-future levels of ocean acidification on shell characteristics of *Pinctada fucata* (Bivalvia: Pteriidae)

*Add variables (with caution)

Linking climate change projections for an Alaskan watershed to future coho salmon production

Common to test "multiple scenarios" to predict future impacts



Global Change Biology

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*Long-term monitoring

PROS

- Best, most accurate way to monitor change
- Once in place, can 'catch' other results
- Small to large scale designs

CONS

- Not "sexy" in the short term
- Scale limited by available time, effort, and \$\$
- May not see anything!!



Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Monitoring the GOA in response to the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill



Multi-Agency Rocky Intertidal Network
Standardized protocols for sampling in
the rocky intertidal so that data can be
compared across time and space



<u>Coastal Resilience</u>
Kelp Forests and Pinto Abalone
in Sitka Sound

*Citizen Science!

PROS

- Widest spatial coverage possible
- Taps into peoples' "sense of place"
- Invests locals in local change

CONS

- Limited in what can realistically ask of people
- Data still needs 'vetting' by trained scientists
- Honest mistakes



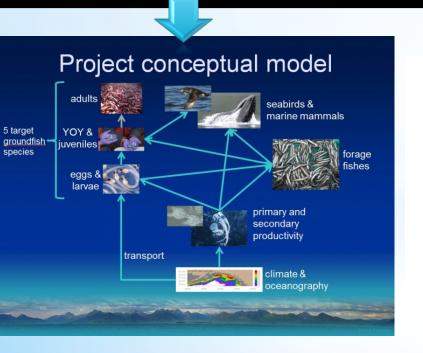
*Ecosystem Initiatives

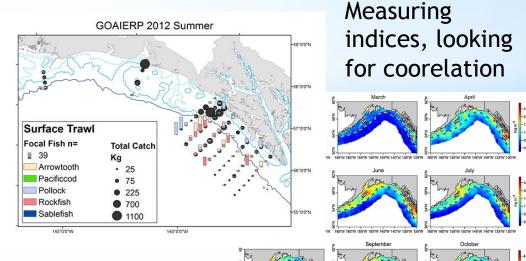
- Movement away from single species management
- Harder to pinpoint cause and effect, but more realistic view of interconnected processes







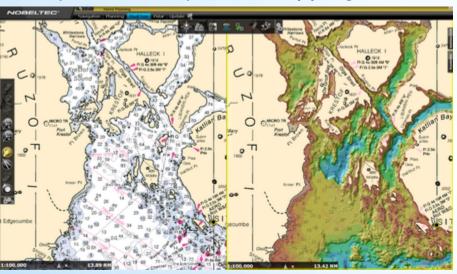




*Technology & research

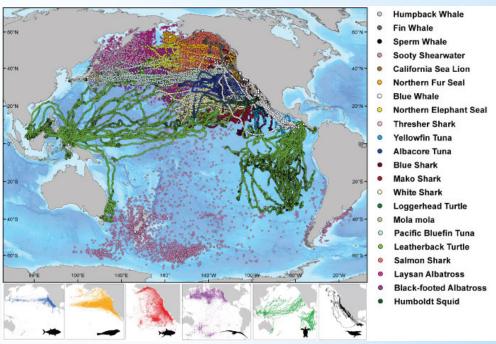
- Rapid pace of technology often moving faster than we can keep up
- Overall, enhancing our research capabilities

Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association Bathymetric & Bycatch mapping



- Improved mapping, shared amongst users
- Fishermen better able to avoid high-bycatch areas, focus on high target catch areas

Tagging of Pacific Predators (ToPP)
Where do they all go?



- Better understanding of pelagic "hotspots"
- Critical for establishment of protected areas that can benefit multiple species

*Technology & research

South East Alaska Sperm Whale Avoidance Program Cooperation between scientists and fishermen



- Sperm whales have learned to steal sablefish off of longliner sets
- Longliners unhappy about this
- Scientists tag naughty sperm whales so fishermen can avoid
- Scientists work with fishermen to test deterrent measures
- Goal to reduce depredation and lessen long-term behavior establishment











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*Research funding concerns





Abandoned drilling plans = less research \$\$\$



*Leaders in PacNW research







Despite funding concerns, Alaska remains centerpiece for marine research in our changing world





