

# Bering Ecosystem Science | Bering Ecosystem Study Workshop

**Bering Ecosystem Study Workshop**  
16-19 March 2003  
Bell Harbor International Conference Center  
Seattle, Washington  
Agenda

## Sunday, 16 March 2003

6:00 p.m. Reception at Edgewater Hotel

## Monday, 17 March 2003

		PDF:	Powerpoint:
8:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions <i>George Hunt, University of California Irvine</i>		
8:40 a.m.	National Science Foundation Perspective <i>Luis Tupas, National Science Foundation</i>		
9:00 a.m.	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Perspective on the Bering Ecosystem Study <i>James Overland, NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory</i>	<u>40 K</u>	<u>99 K</u>
9:20 a.m.	Alaska's Marine Mammal and Fisheries Issues: Native Subsistence Life Ways Depend on Healthy Ocean Ecosystems <i>George Owletuck</i>	<u>525 K</u>	<u>1.56 MB</u>
9:40 a.m.	Importance of Subsistence Issues for Alaskans: A Managers Perspective <i>Mary Pete, Alaska Department of Fish and Game</i>	<u>5 MB</u>	<u>1.71 MB</u>
10:00 a.m.	The Physical Oceanography of the Eastern Bering Sea <i>Phyllis Stabeno, NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory</i>	<u>29 MB</u>	<u>9.86 MB</u>
10:30 a.m.	Break		
11:00 a.m.	What Significant Changes Have Recently Been Observed in the Bering Sea? <i>George Hunt, University of California Irvine</i>		
12:00 p.m.	Lunch		
1:30 p.m.	Remote Sensing in the Bering Sea and the Effects of Processes in the Bering Sea Basin <i>Sei-ichi Saitoh, Hokkaido University</i>	<u>37 MB</u>	<u>11.6 MB</u>
2:30 p.m.	Benthic Processes in the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean: Temporal/Spatial Variability and Global Change <i>Jackie Grebmeier, University of Tennessee</i>	<u>17 MB</u>	<u>8.5 MB</u>
3:30 p.m.	Break		
3:45 p.m.	Environmental Conditions and Their Variability in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea or First Understand Regional Climate and Climate Change Before Studying Consequences <i>Wieslaw Maslowski, Naval Post Graduate School</i>	<u>5 MB</u>	<u>1.75 MB</u>

## 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

## Tuesday, 18 March 2003

8:30 a.m.	Identify 3-4 Critical Integrative Research Questions as Priorities <i>Roundtable Discussion</i>
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:20 a.m.	Priority I: Formulate Key Hypotheses <i>Roundtable Discussion</i>
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Continue Priority I: Formulate Key Hypotheses <i>Roundtable Discussion</i>

3:30 p.m. Break

3:50 p.m. Priority II: Formulate Key Hypotheses  
*Roundtable Discussion*

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Wednesday, 19 March 2003**

8:30 a.m. Priority III: Formulate Key Hypotheses  
*Roundtable Discussion*

10:00 a.m. Break

10:20 a.m. Continue Priority III: Formulate Key Hypotheses  
*Roundtable Discussion*

11:50 a.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Review Priorities I, II, and III and Key Hypotheses. Focus on Areas of Overlap, Gaps, and Incongruities. Discuss and Develop Science Plan Outline:

- Introduction to the Bering Sea
- Why is Research in the Bering Sea Important?
- Research Priorities and Key Questions
- Implementation Needs
- Potential Outcomes of Bering Sea Research Program

*Roundtable Discussion*

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Determine Next Steps, Responsibilities and Assignments, and Timeline for Science Plan Development and Implementation

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

5:30 p.m. BEST Organizing Committee Meeting