Annual cycles of export fluxes of biogenic matter in the Bering and Chukchi Seas

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Long-term monitoring of export fluxes using sequential sediment traps deployed on moorings near the DBO sites



DBO4: 2015-2016, 2018-2019, 2019-? (Chukchi Ecosystem Observatory)

DBO3: 2017-2019 (ASGARD)

DBO2: 2017-2019 (ASGARD)

DBO1: 2020-2023 (Monitoring SLIP region)

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Annual cycle of export fluxes of biogenic matter near Hanna Shoal in the northeast Chukchi Sea

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Chukchi Ecosystem Observatory





Xeos Locator Beacon

TRDI WAVES: Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler

SBE 37-SM MicroCat: Conductivity, Temperature, Pressure

AURAL: Passive Acoustic recorder

Aanderaa RCM9 Current meter







HydroC pCO₂ SeapHOx: pH, Oxygen, Salinity and Temperature Laser In-Situ Scattering and Transmissometry Acoustic Zooplankton and Fish Profiler SeaCat datalogger: Conductivity, Temperature, Pressure, Photosynthetically Active Radiation, Oxygen, turbidity, Colored Dissolved Organic Matter

Sediment Trap

Xeos Locator Beacon

Suna V2: Nitrate

2 Push-Off Release Transponders





Sequential Sediment Trap

Export fluxes (m⁻² d⁻¹)



2016-2016 deployment: Sunlight, Air temperature, Sea ice and Snow



Chl a and Diatom fluxes





Nitzschia frigida

Seasonal development of zooplankton and meroplankton communities



Zooplankton Fecal Pellet Carbon fluxes, Total Particulate Matter, and Particulate Organic Carbon fluxes



• Same measurements completed for 2017-2018 deployments

• Analyses ongoing for 2018-2019 deployments at 3 DBO sites

Preliminary results - POC fluxes



July 2019

• Sediment trap samples available for other measurements

Chelsea Wegner - Exploring the production, contributions and utilization of sea ice algae in DBO using IP₂₅ and other lipid biomarkers

High-resolution biological time-series measurements are providing critical information to track biodiversity, seasonal development of the phytoplankton, zooplankton, and meroplankton communities, and food supply to the benthos



Thank you