



Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management in the Bering Sea

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Message from the Guest Editor

While often embraced conceptually, implementation of ecosystem-based fishery management lacks consensus. In the eastern Bering Sea, EBFM is explicitly incorporated into management plans for the pollock fishery, the largest by volume in the United States. Although careful management has maintained a stable pollock population, increasing evidence suggests that this may have been in part at the expense of the northern fur seal population, which has been in continuous decline since the inception of the industrial-scale commercial pollock fishery in 1964. Recognizing these developments, I invite you to contribute a manuscript to a Special Issue of the *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering* that will focus on the scientific, traditional ecological knowledge and fishery management perspectives on evidence in support of or countering possible competition for pollock between the commercial fishery and northern fur seals, as well as the case for and potential socio-economic consequences of alternative management options.





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