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### Goal

To identify, diagnose and quantify predictable response in North Pacific marine ecosystems that arise from regional- and large-scale climate processes.

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### PICES FUTURE RESEARCH THEMES

1. What determines an ecosystem's intrinsic resilience and vulnerability to natural and anthropogenic forcing?
- 2. How do ecosystems respond to natural and anthropogenic forcing, and how might they change in the future?**
3. How do human activities affect coastal ecosystems and how are societies affected by changes in these ecosystems?



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2. **How do ecosystems respond to natural and anthropogenic forcing, and how might they change in the future?**
- 2.3. How does physical forcing, including climate variability and climate change, affect the processes underlying ecosystem structure and function?
- 2.6. How can understanding of these ecosystem processes and relationships, as addressed in the preceding sub-questions, be used to forecast ecosystem response?



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2. Quantify the predictability of the regional ecosystem drivers that are controlled by large-scale climate variability and change;
3. Identify dynamical and statistical modeling frameworks for climate and ecosystem predictability;
4. Identify how and which ecosystem predictions can be integrated in the management of ecosystem services;
5. Identify climate and ocean products that can be used to begin making predictions of North Pacific marine ecosystems;
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**Session PICES-ECCWO June 2018**

**“From Prediction to Projection:**

**The role of Seasonal to Decadal Forecasts in a Changing Climate”**

**Co-Convened with Mark Payne (ICES)**

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### **PICES 2018 Annual Meeting Topic Session:**

**“Ecological responses to variable climate changes and their applicability to ecosystem predictions”**





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### **Working Group Activity:**

**“A Census of Marine Ecosystem Forecasting Efforts  
in the North Pacific”**

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**Plans for upcoming year**



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### **Intersessional Workshop in 2019:**

1. “Toward an integrated approach to understanding ecosystem Predictability in the North Pacific ”
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### Terms of Reference:

1. Identify the key drivers of North Pacific marine ecosystem predictability; **Proposed Session for PICES Annual Meeting 2019: “Advances in North Pacific Marine Ecosystem Predictions”**;
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### Activities planned for the coming year:

Intersessional Workshop (TORs 2-6)

### Toward an integrated approach to understanding ecosystem predictability in the North Pacific

Goal is to understand the sources of predictability from large-scale climate in different region of the North Pacific, compare and contrast different parts of the basin, then examine the impact of regional processes on specific forecasting activities.

Possible venues: FIO, Qingdao, China (May or June 2019); Japan (Intersessional Science Board Meeting); Honolulu, HI (OceanObs'19 meeting)



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“Advances in North Pacific Marine Ecosystem Predictions”

We will seek co-sponsorship of CLIVAR, involve ICES and NOAA/MAPP Marine Prediction Task Force