

SITKA WORKSHOP

Exploring Linkages in the Marine Ecosystem



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Organized by
National Marine Fisheries Service & University of Alaska Fairbanks

April 4th (1-4pm) and April 5th (9am-12pm)
Sitka Sound Science Center
Karsh Classroom
834 Lincoln Street
Sitka, Alaska

You are encouraged to attend a workshop (hosted by The Alaska Fisheries Science Center and the University of Alaska Fairbanks) to discuss the interactions of Sitka residents with their local fisheries, the ecology of the surrounding marine environment, and the impacts of changing conditions, as part of the Gulf of Alaska Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA).

Participation is critical to inform researchers about these links, and how Sitka residents may be impacted by changing ecosystem and management conditions. The ultimate goal is to co-create a way to understand and systematically monitor locally relevant factors that affect community well-being and ecosystem dynamics as they relate to these fisheries.

April 4th 1-4pm: Part 1 – Human Dimensions

The first component of this two-day workshop will focus on the linkages between local fisheries and Sitka residents' social, economic, and ecological wellbeing. We will discuss how residents derive value from, make decisions about participation in, and respond to changing conditions (environmental, management, and other) that affect these fisheries.

April 5th 9am-12pm: Part 2 – Ecological Connections

The second section of this workshop will seek consensus between scientists and the community of Sitka in the development of a single conceptual model for the ecology of the eastern Gulf of Alaska. We will identify and describe the main biological and environmental factors and linkages that drive some of the most relevant commercial, sport, and subsistence fisheries in Sitka.

Refreshments will be provided.



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