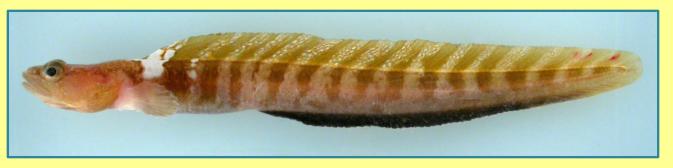
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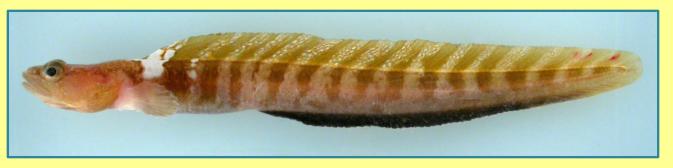
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Abstract Taxonomic and distributional information on each fish species found in arctic marine waters is reviewed, and a list of families and species with commentary on distributional records is presented. The list incorporates results from examination of museum collections of arctic marine fishes dating back to the 1830s. It also incorporates results from DNA barcoding, used to complement morphological characters in evaluating problematic taxa and to assist in identification of specimens collected in recent expeditions. Barcoding results are depicted in a neighbor-joining tree of 880 CO1 (cytochrome c oxidase 1 gene) sequences distributed among 165 species from the arctic region and adjacent waters, and discussed in the family reviews. Using our definition of the arctic region, we count 242 species with documented presence, if 12 species that likely are synonyms are excluded. The 242 species are distributed among 45 families.

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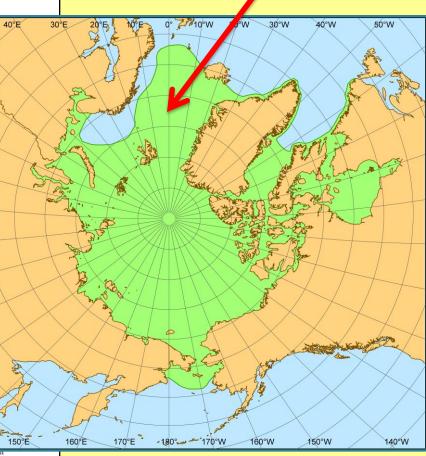
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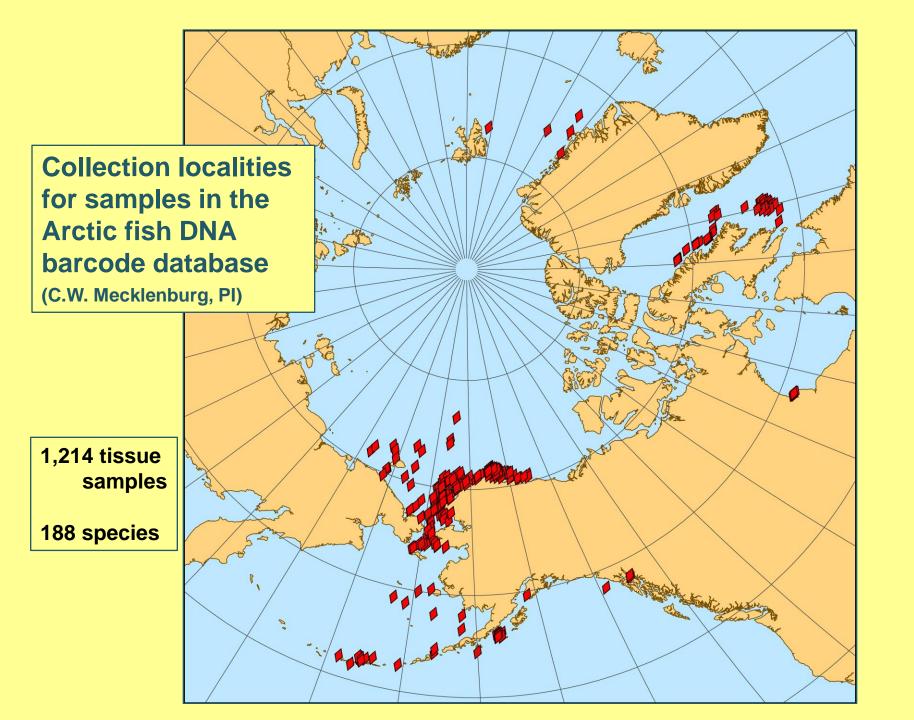
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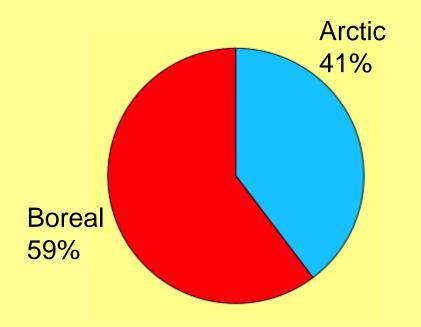
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Cottus groenlandicus Cuvier, 1829 = Myoxocephalus scorpius (Linnaeus, 1758)
Eumicrotremus eggvinii Koefoed, 1956 = Eumicrotremus spinosus (Fabricius, 1776)
Gadus callarias marisalbi Derjugin, 1920 = Gadus macrocephalus Tilesius, 1810
Gadus ogac Richardson, 1836 = Gadus macrocephalus Tilesius, 1810
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Gymnelus platycephalus Chernova, 1999 = Gymnelus hemifasciatus Andriashev, 1937
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Myxine limosa Girard, 1859 = Myxine glutinosa Linnaeus, 1758
Melletes papilio Bean, 1880 = Hemilepidotus papilio (Bean, 1880)
Theragra chalcogramma (Pallas, 1814) = Gadus chalcogrammus Pallas, 1814
Theragra finnmarchica Koefoed, 1956 = Gadus chalcogrammus Pallas, 1814
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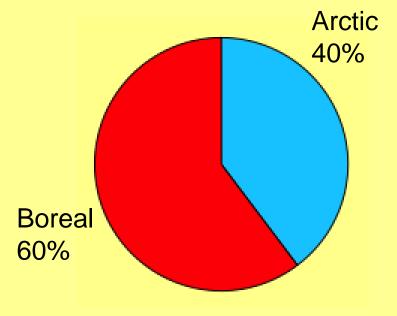
Illeina olrikii (Lütken, 1877) – Asnidonhoroides olrikii Lütken, 1877

Relationships needing further study:

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Gymnelus taeniatus Chernova, 2005 = Gymnelus retrodorsalis Le Danois, 1913?
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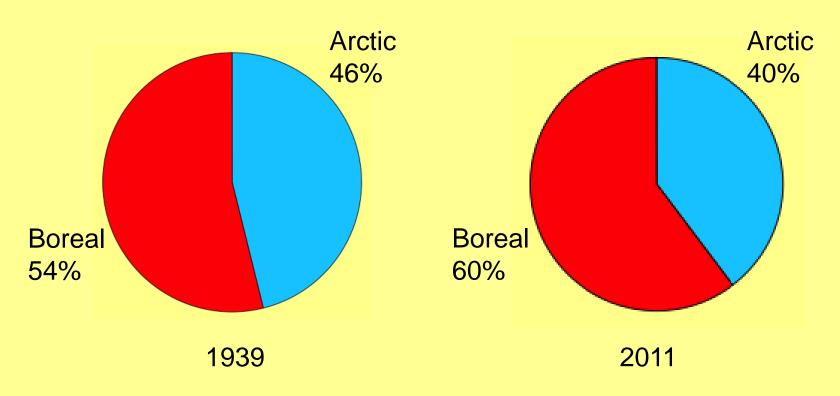


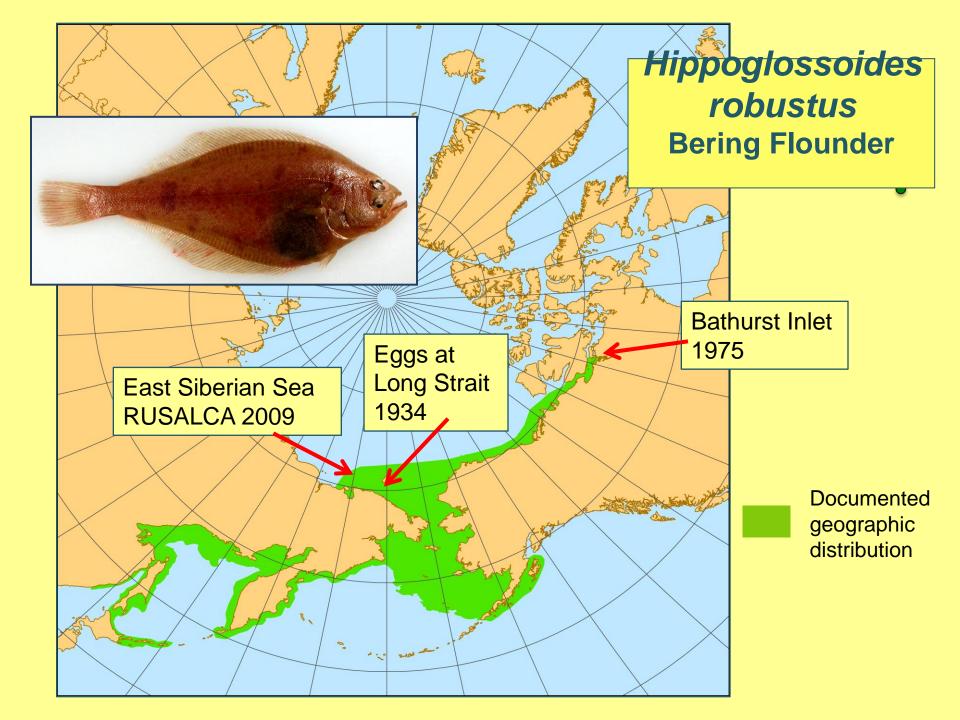
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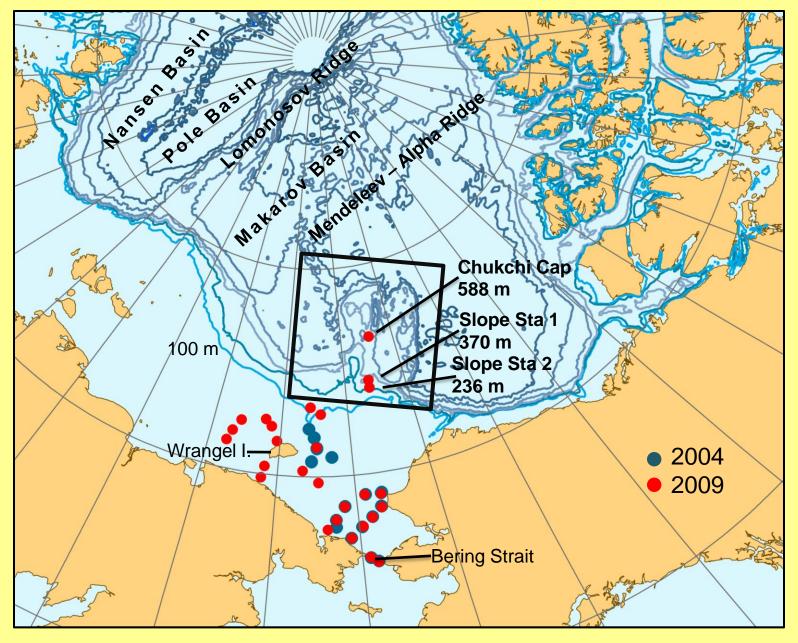


Fish species in Chukchi Sea (n = 78 species)

Marine fish species in the Chukchi Sea







RUSALCA Bottom Trawl Stations in Chukchi Borderland

Report on TEAM-Fish Workshop I: Arctic Fishes at Stake, Tromsø, Norway, 7 & 8 November 2011

The TUNU-Programme: Euro-Arctic Marine Fishes – diversity and adaptation (TEAM-Fish) addresses biodiversity and ecological issues for conservation and reliable assessments of the marine fishes native to Euro-Arctic waters.

Workshop Purpose: The TEAM-Fish Workshop I was the first step towards a collaboration between ongoing and prospective research on Arctic marine fishes in the Euro-Arctic sector and the Far East through the RUSALCA programme (see abstract 1).

Workshop funding: Fram Centre

Workshop convener: Jørgen S. Christiansen, University of Tromsø, Norway

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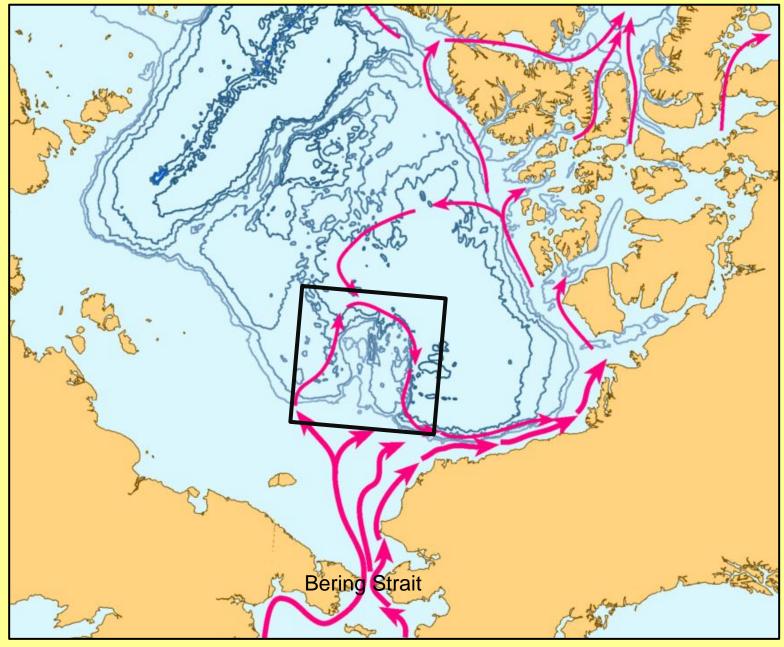
With the retreat of the Arctic sea ice in September 2009, the RUSALCA (Russian—American Long-Term Census of the Arctic) expedition reached north to the Chukchi Borderland, a region of complex seafloor topography that has barely been explored. It had rarely been sampled for fishes, and never by trawling from a ship. One tow of a small bottom trawl net at three sites at depths of 227–588 m was accomplished. We caught 12 species distributed among seven families (Gadidae, Cottidae, Psychrolutidae, Liparidae, Stichaeidae, Zoarcidae, Pleuronectidae) and four orders (Gadiformes, Scorpaeniformes, Perciformes, Pleuronectiformes). These include the first record of *Lycodes adolfi* from the western Arctic, the first record of *Artediellus atlanticus* between the western Laptev Sea and Baffin Bay, and rare records of *Careproctus reinhardti*, *Cottunculus microps*, *Triglops nybelini*, and *Lycodes seminudus* from the Pacific

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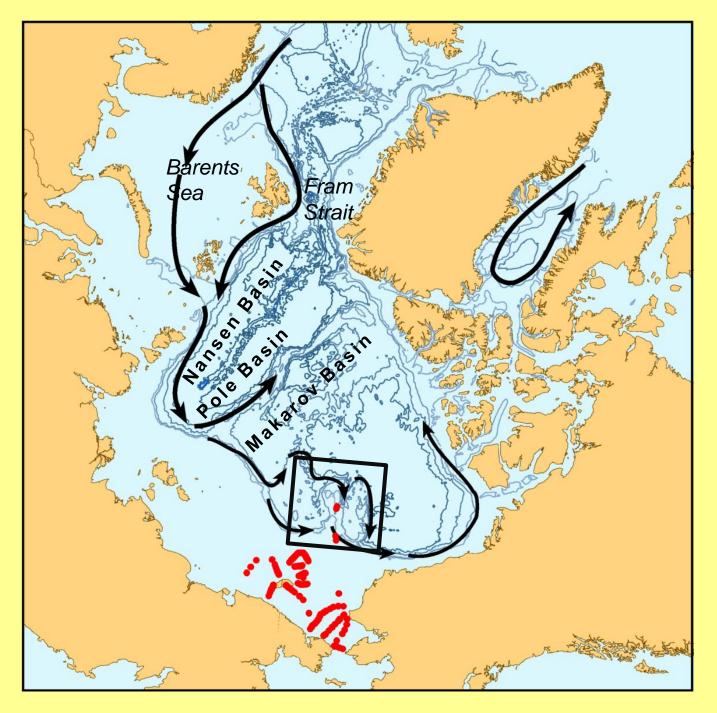
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Presentation by C.W. Mecklenburg Maps by T.A. Mecklenburg



Strong outflow of Pacific Water through Bering Strait



Atlantic
Water
circulation
in the
Arctic,
200–800 m

Classification of Species Taken by Otter Bottom Trawl in Chukchi Borderland, 2009

Gadiformes

Gadidae (cods)

Arctogadus glacialis Boreogadus saida Gadus chalcogrammus

Scorpaeniformes

Cottidae (sculpins)

Artediellus atlanticus Triglops nybelini

Psychrolutidae (fathead

sculpins)

Cottunculus microps

Liparidae (snailfishes)

Careproctus reinhardti Liparis fabricii

Perciformes

Stichaeidae (pricklebacks)

Leptoclinus maculatus

Zoarcidae (eelpouts)

Lycodes adolfi Lycodes seminudus

Pleuronectiformes

Pleuronectidae (flounders)

Reinhardtius hippoglossoides

Species = 12

Families = 7

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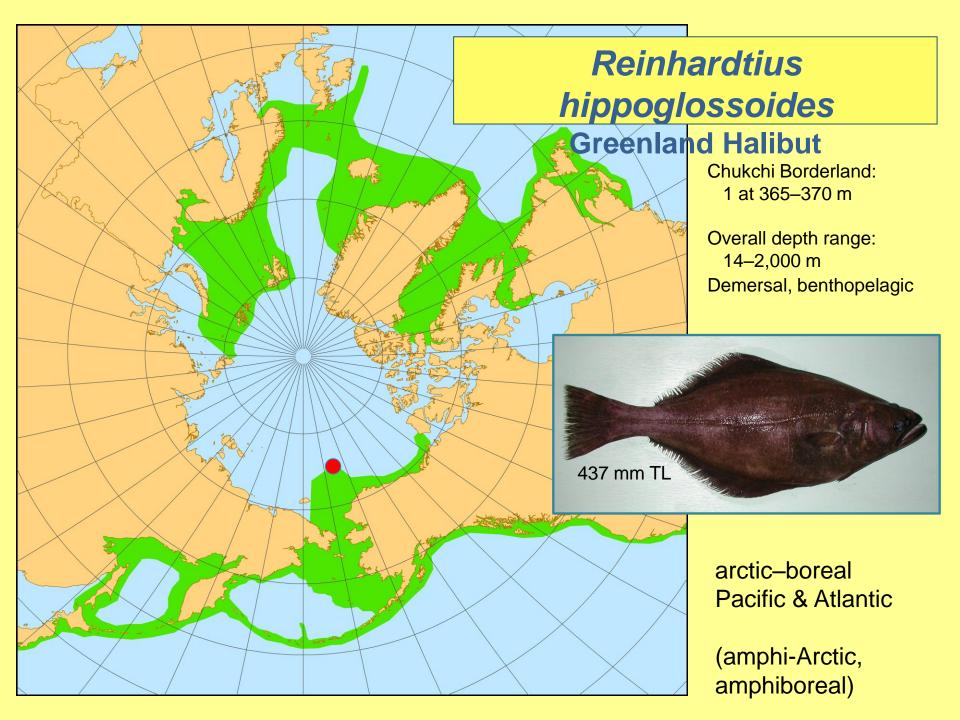


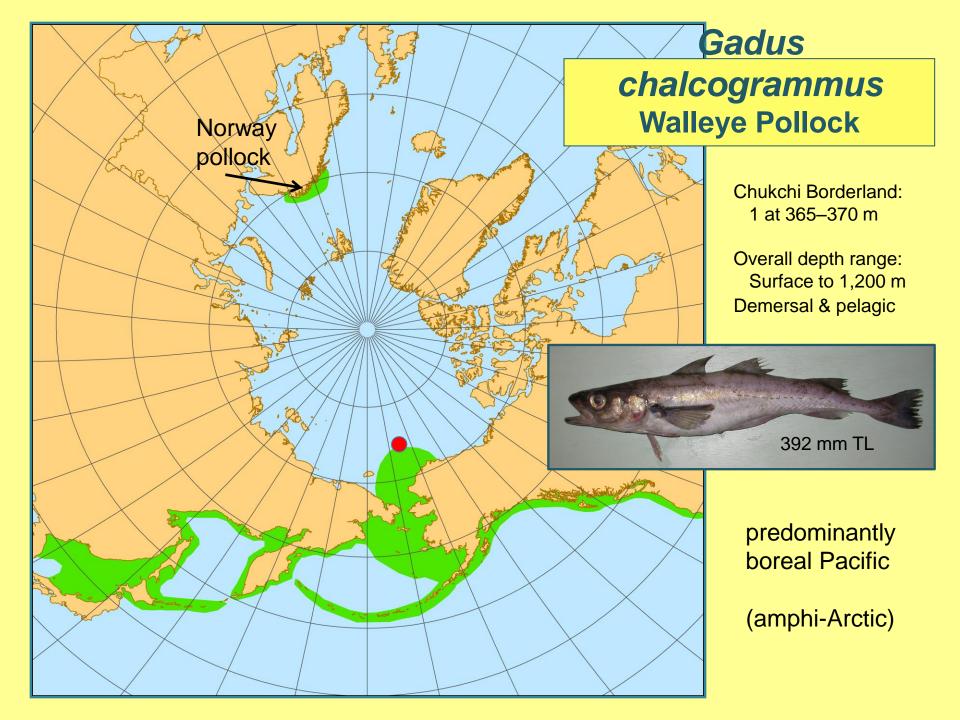
Reinhardtius hippoglossoides
Greenland Halibut



6 species collected in the Chukchi Borderland are also found on the continental shelf

Walleye Pollock













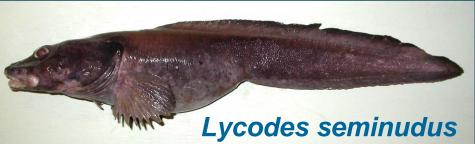
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Adolf's eelpout

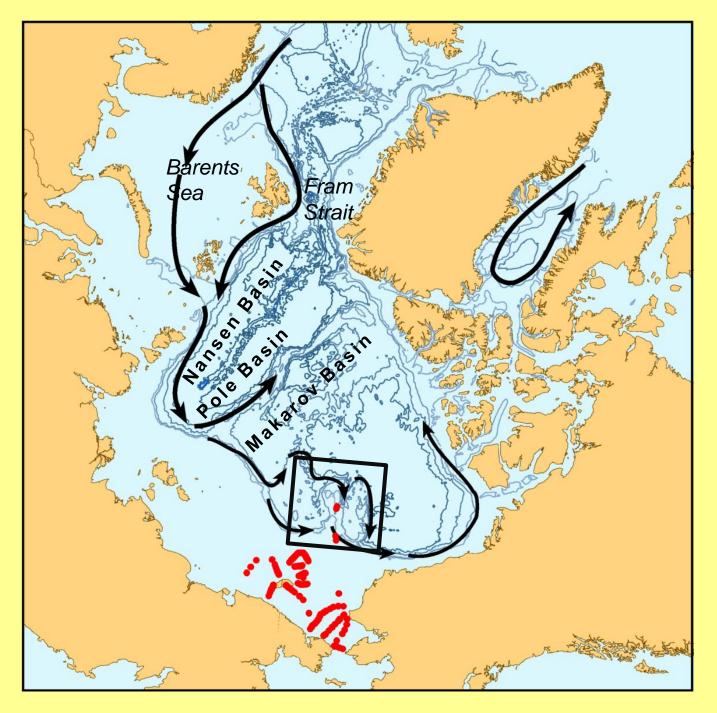


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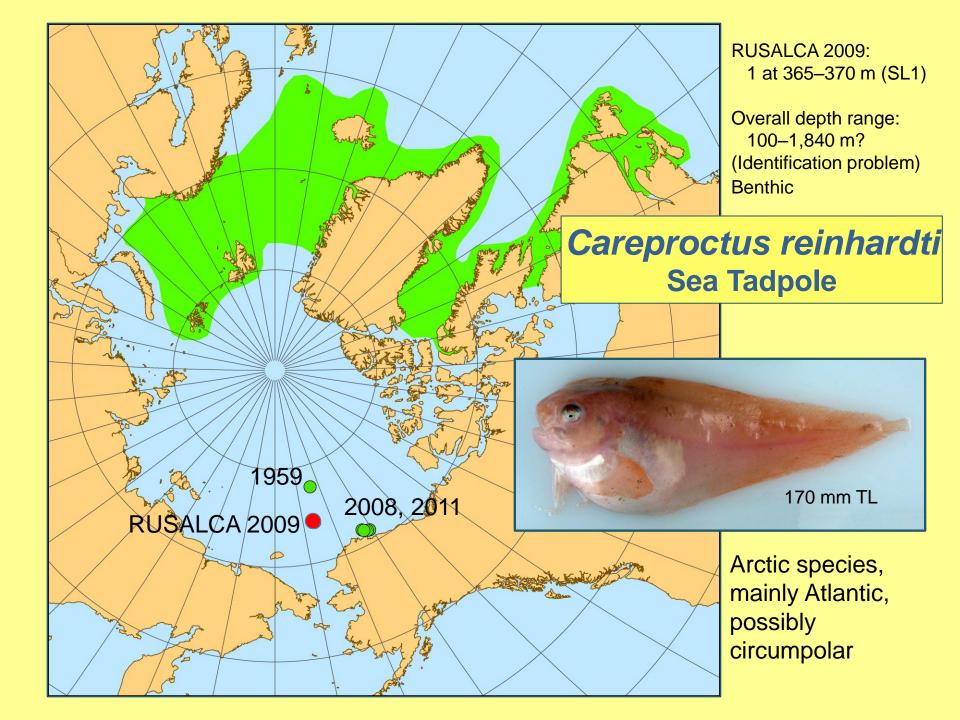


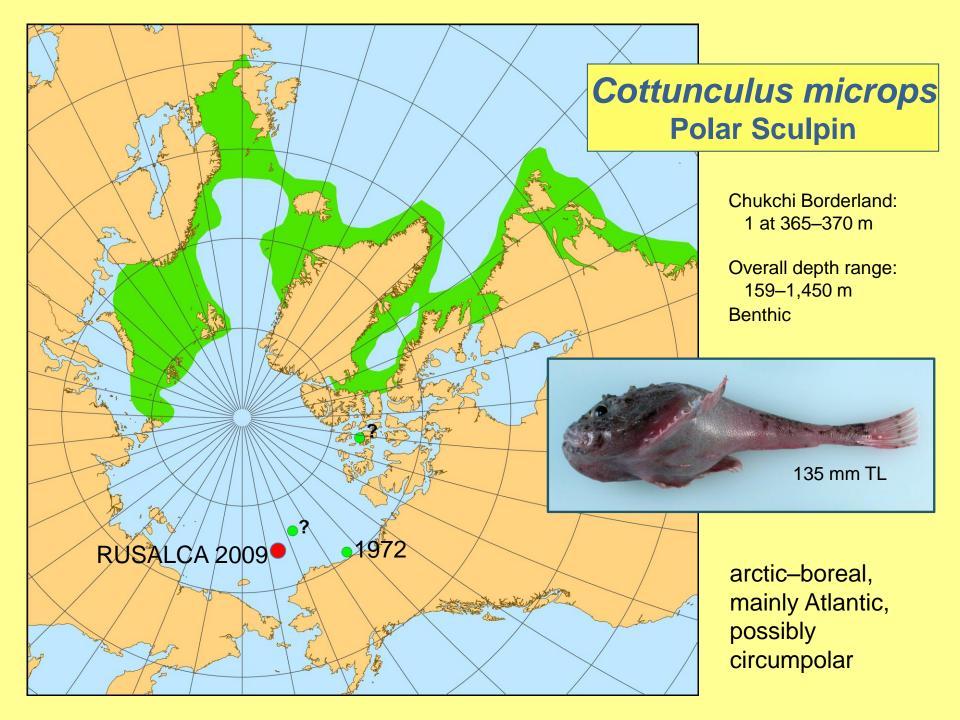
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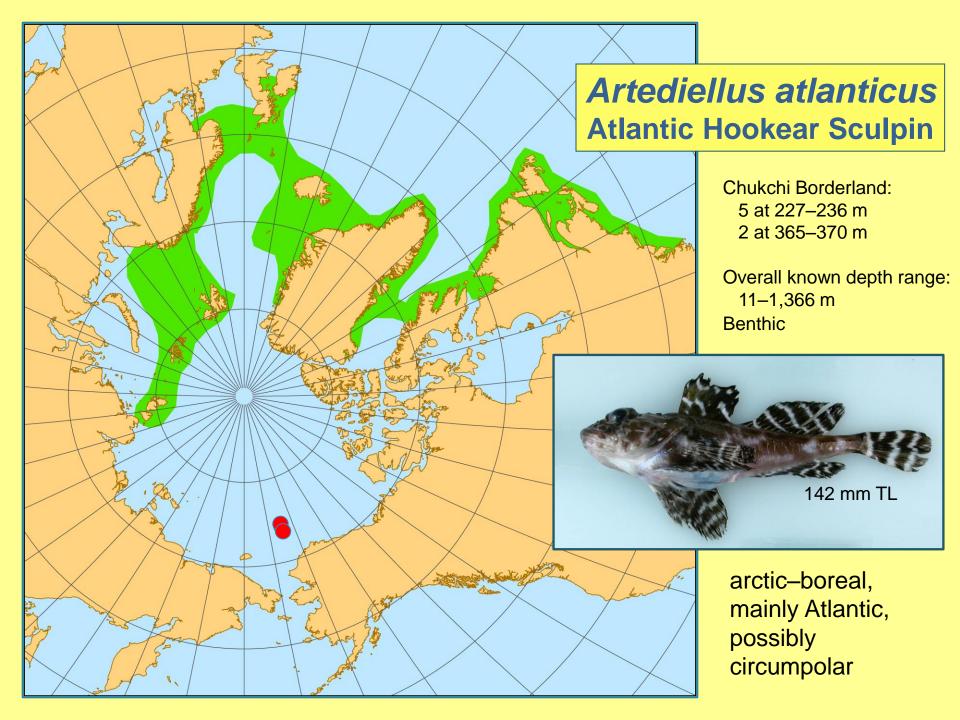
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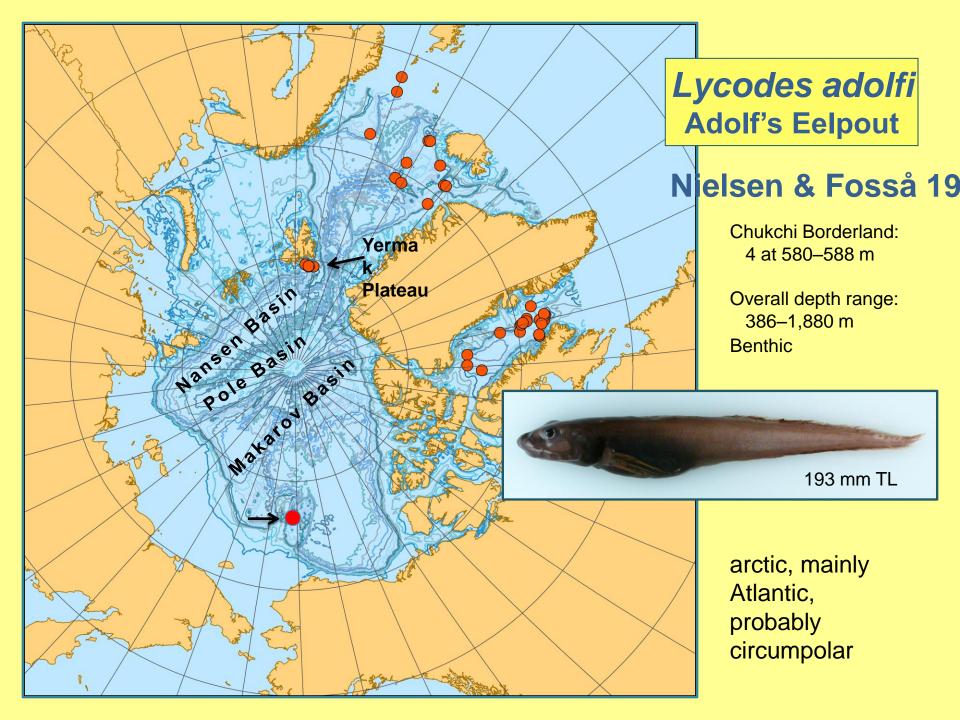


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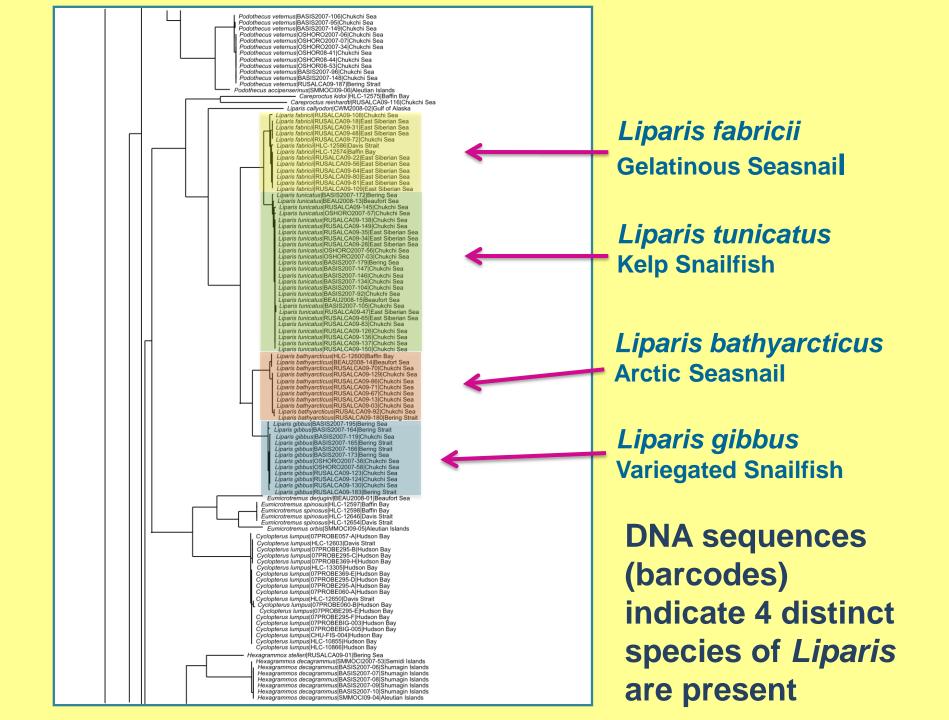


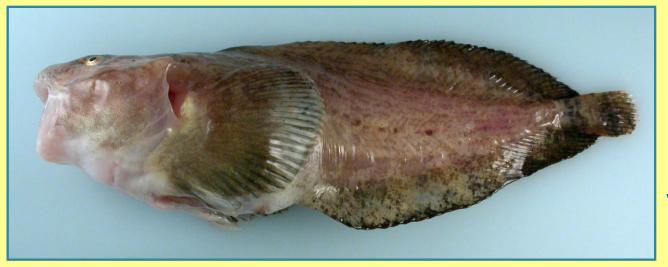




Fishes of the Arctic Ocean and Adjacent Seas

A distributional atlas and identification guide to the Arctic marine ichthyofauna





Liparis gibbusVariegated Snailfish



Liparis
bathyarcticus
Arctic Seasnail

Very close in appearance, yet they are genetically different.

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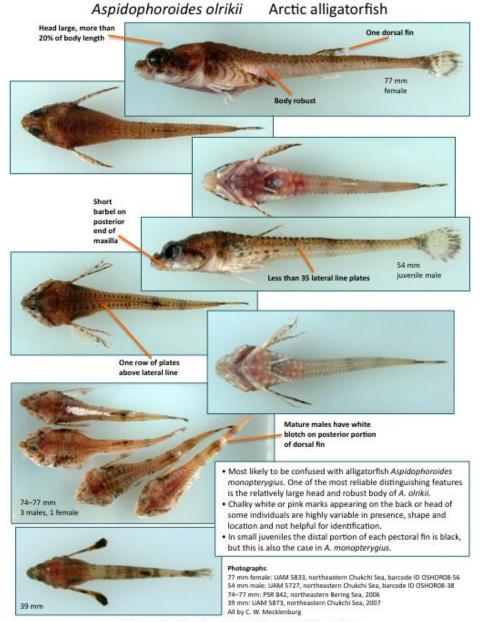
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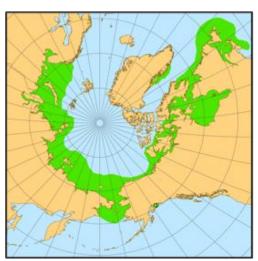
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Agonidae - Poachers

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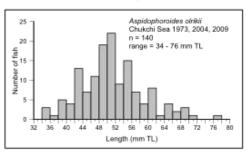
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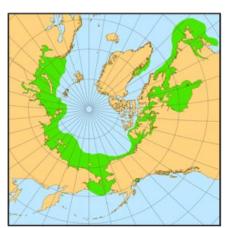


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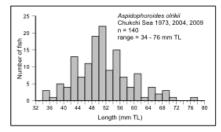
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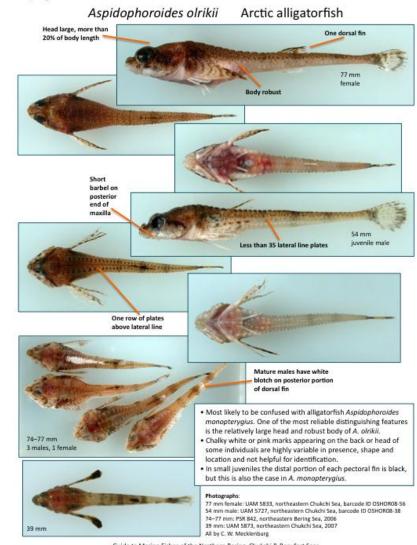
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Collection localities for barcoded specimens from the northern Bering Sea, the East Siberian, Chukchi and Beaufort Seas are given in Appendix X.

Taxonomic Serial Number: 692156

Commercial significance: Not commercially fished.

Notes on Distribution: Not known from the Canadian high Arctic archipelago, northern Baffin Bay, east Greenland to Norwegian Sea and northern Barents Sea (Mecklenburg et al. 2011). In bottom trawl surveys of the Barents Sea during 2004–2009, was found only in the eastern part off Novaya Zemlya (Wienerother et al. 2011). The presence of a single record (UAM 1171, confirmed by CWM) indicates a disjunct population in Prince William Sound, northern Gulf of Alaska, perhaps a relict of former colder times (Mecklenburg et al. 2011).

Notes on Habitat: To 250 m in the Canadian Arctic at Bathurst Inlet, 400 m in the Beaufort Sea off Alaska (Frost and Lowry 1983), 200–300 m in Barents Sea (Andriashev 1986). The extreme depth of 520 m is from the Kara Sea (Andriashev 1986). At temperatures of 2–3°C in the White Sea and western Greenland (Andriashev 1986). At salinities of 23–280/oo in East [?] Siberian and White Seas (Andriashev 1986). At –1.7°C and salinity of 31.30 in the Chukchi Sea in 2004 (Mecklenburg et al. 2007); in 2009, ______

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Cruise objectives for 2012 are the same as for 2009, slightly modified:

- 1) Deploy the otter trawl at selected stations sampled in 2009, omitting those that were nonproductive in terms of species diversity, and trawl twice rather than once at some other stations.
- 2) Document the catch by preserving examples of each species caught and archiving them in the PIs' museums' permanent fish collections (CAS, UAM, ZIN).
- 3) Obtain tissue samples for DNA sequencing. Analyses in addition to barcoding will be conducted. All tissue-sampled fishes need to be photographed and archived to provide proper documentation.
- 4) Collect specimens for taxonomic research. Natalia and I need specimens for study of morphological characters, not just for archiving as species identification vouchers.
- 5) Photograph live and fresh specimens to fill remaining gaps in the atlas & guide. There are still a lot of gaps.