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Climatological changes in the physical-chemical environment in relation to primary and secondary biological production, including models of the Bering Sea and Funka Bay region, were related to recruitment of keystone species. Twenty-one papers dealing with productivity of walleye pollock and sardine, among other species, were presented at the International Symposium on Subarctic Fisheries and Oceanography, held January 29-30, 1998, at Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan.

The symposium addressed recent advances and research plans for the near feature regarding global ecosystem dynamics in Bering Sea, especially in relation to cooperative studies between Hokkaido University and University of Alaska Fairbanks, and Alaska Fisheries Science Center of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration(U.S.A.), National Fisheries Research Institutes of the Japan Fisheries Agency and Hokkaido Tokai University.

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