

**Project Title:** Developing maturity schedules to improve stock assessments for Greenland turbot in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.

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Cooperative partners: Alaska Fisheries Science Center and Alaska Seafood Cooperative.

Progress: Proposed research is progressing on schedule. A sea sampler from the FMA Division (observer program) on location working at the Dutch Harbor observer office boarded a commercial vessel embarking on a deep-water flatfish targeted cruise. At-sea sampling occurred week of July 26-31.

Contracting work for histological preparation of the samples has been authorized upon their arrival from Alaska to Seattle.