

1. DATA AND INFORMATION TYPES

A. Provide a contextual description of the data stream.

The Russian American Long-Term Census of the Arctic (RUSALCA) is a NOAA program providing a variety of oceanographic data from the Bering Strait and Chukchi Seas. The RUSALCA expedition seeks to represent an extensive survey and census of zooplankton species in the Bering Strait through the southern and western Chukchi Sea and the East Siberian Sea, with the a goal of describing transport patterns of Pacific zooplankton into the Arctic and serving as a both a baseline and time series for future studies on ecosystem change in this climatically sensitive region. Samples were collected in August of 2004 from the Chukchi Sea along three transects between Alaska and Russia, and along four high-speed transects across the axis of Herald Valley, from 33 distinct sampling locations. Samples were collected using 150 and 53 um-mesh Bongo nets hauled vertically at depths ranging between the surface and 3 m from the sea floor.

Website URL:

<http://portal.aos.org/#module-metadata/193b38ca-7a13-11e2-8c6d-00219bfe5678/e9afc13e-7a17-11e2-923e-00219bfe5678>

B. How many station locations are there for this data stream?

N/A

C. What are the specific parameters of the data.

Parameters include relative abundance of all sampled species by abundance and biomass.

D. Provide information about the sampling platform or instrumentation.

The dataset was generated from ship-based observations.

2. DATA PATHWAY

A. Is a data sharing agreement required?

RUSALCA data shared through AOOS portals are available publicly without restriction. RUSALCA researchers request that any works or publications that result from reuse or analysis of RUSALCA data cite the original data and its producers.

B. In which format(s) were data received by AOOS?

Data were received as shapefiles and XLSX files from the originator.

C. How can the information be accessed?

The data are available through the AOOS data portal, where it can be downloaded or explored through interactive visualizations. Specifically the data are available from three unique access points:

- Web Mapping Service (WMS)

- Web Feature Service (WFS)
- File Downloads (PNG, Shapefile, CSV)

D. What file formats will be used for sharing data, if different from original?

Data are shared as CSV and Shapefiles. Data are also available for exploration in the AOOS portals via interactive, graphical visualizations.

E. Describe how the data are ingested(e.g. the flow of data from source to AOOS data portals) and any transformations or modifications made to share data in the AOOS data portal.

Delivered directly to AOOS from originator as XLSX, imported to PostgreSQL, visualized with custom JSON REST service (JAVA).

F. What metadata or contextual information is provided with the data?

Data are shared in the AOOS portals with descriptive narratives describing the data and linking back to the RUSALCA website.

G. Are there ethical restrictions to data sharing?

No

a. If so, how will these be resolved?

N/A

H. Who holds intellectual property rights (IPR) to the data?

Russian American Long-Term Census of the Arctic (RUSALCA) - NOAA

I. Describe any effect of IPR on data access.

None

3. DATA SOURCE AND QUALITY CONTROL

A. Indicate the data source type (i.e. Federal, Non-Federal, University, State Agency, Local Municipality, Military Establishment (branch), private industry, NGO, non-Profit, Citizen Science, Private individual)

Federal

a. If Federal data source, were changes applied to the data?

Yes

b. If Yes, describe any changes to the data that require documentation?

The file format of the original data was changed.

B. Indicate the data reporting type (e.g. real-time, historical).

Historical

- C. If real-time, list the QARTOD procedures that are currently applied.**
Not required
- D. If real-time, list the QARTOD procedures that are planned for implementation.**
Not required
- E. What is the status of the reported data? (e.g. raw, some QC, incomplete, delayed mode processed but not QC'd)**
QC by originator
- F. Describe the data control procedures that were applied by the originator.**
Federal source, not required
 - a. Provide a link to any documented procedures.**
N/A
- G. Describe the data control procedures that were applied by AOOS.**
N/A
 - a. Provide a link to any documented procedures.**
N/A
- H. List the procedures taken for data that could not be QC'd as directed.**
N/A

4. STEWARDSHIP AND PRESERVATION POLICIES

A. Who is responsible for long-term data archiving?

Data are aggregated for visualization and exploration with other layers in the AOOS data portal. AOOS stores the real-time and historical data internally using the AOOS data servers.

Through an agreement with the NOAA RUSALCA Program, AOOS is taking responsibility for archiving these RUSALCA data with NCEI via a planned, automated pathway.

B. Which long-term data storage facility will be used for preservation?

NCEI

C. Describe any transformation necessary for data preservation.

NetCDF

D. List the metadata or other documentation that will be archived with the data.

ISO-19115 metadata will be provided by data collector prior to archive.