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CHANGES IN ROCKY SUBTIDAL COMMUNITIES WITHIN A GRADIENT OF SEA OTTER PREDATION ALONG THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA COAST, WASHINGTON STATE

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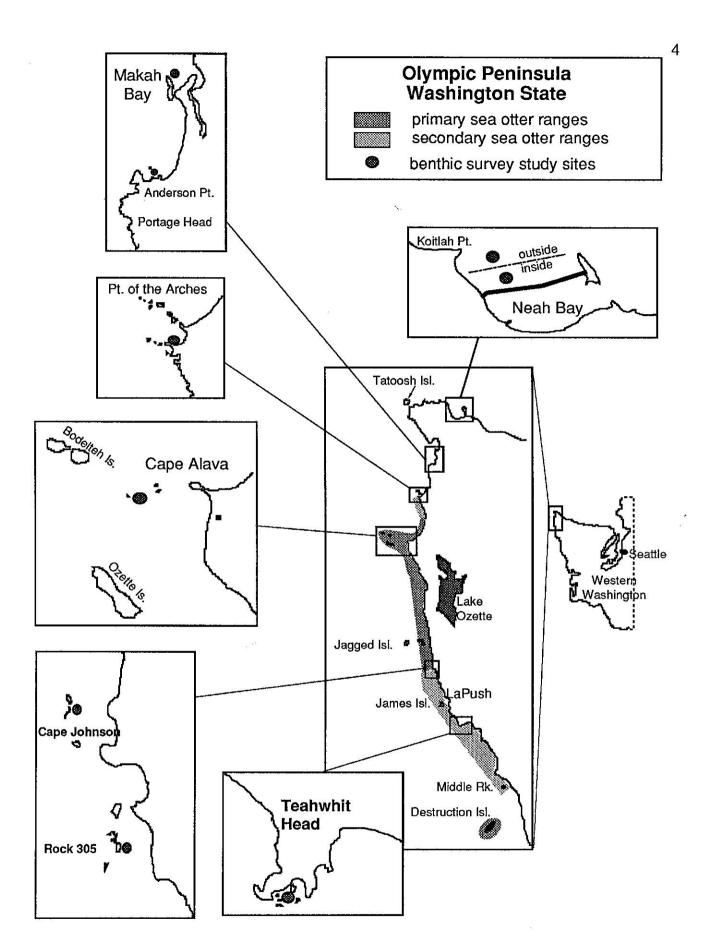


Table 1. Taxonomic abbreviation codes for species names listed in the appendix tables.

Group	Code	Species
brown algae	Ld	Laminaria dentigera
	Lg	Laminaria groenlandica
	Mi	Macrocystis integrifolia
	NI	Nereocyctis lutkeona
	Pc	Pterygophora californica
crabs	C sp	Cancer sp.
	Sa	Scyra acutifrons
tunicate	Sm	Styela montereyensis
sea stars	Di	Dermasterias imbricata
	Et	Evasterias troschelii
	HI	Henricia leviuscula
	Lh	Leptasteria hexactis
	Ok	Orthasterias koehleri
	Ph	Pycnopodia helianthoides
	Po	Pisaster ochraceus
	So d	Solaster dawsoni
	Ss	Solaster stimpsoni
urchins	Sd	Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis
	Sf	Strongylocentrotus franciscanus
	Sp	Strongylocentrotus purpuratus
cucumbers	Cm	Cucumaria miniata
	Eq	Eupentacta quinquesemita
gastropods	Tb	Tegula brunnea
	CI	Calliostoma ligatum
	Cf	Ceratostoma foliatum
	Ol	Ocenebra lurida
limpets	Am ·	Acmaea mitra
	Ci	Collisella instabilis
	Da	Diodora aspera
chitons	Cs	Cryptochiton stellarii
	ΜI	Mopalia lignosa
	Pv	Placiphorella velata
	TI	Tonicella lineata
bivalves	Hg	Hinnites giganteus

Table 2. Invertebrate abundances measured along transects at Olympic Peninsula study sites (means and SD's). (N = number of square meter quadrats, ns = not sampled). See taxonomic abbreviation key for species names (appendix table 1).

(appoints table 1)	•	Invertebrate Species Abundances (ind/m ²)													
	N	crab		tunicate											
Neah Bay (inside) mean SD	50	Sa 0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	S m 0 (0.0)	Di 0.06 (0.2)	Et 0 (0.0)	HI 0.24 (0.5)	L h 0 (0.0)	Ok 0.14 (0.4)	P h 0.22 (0.5)	Po 0.02 (0.1)	So d 0 (0.0)	S S 0 (0.0)		
Neah Bay (outside) mean SD	50	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0.10 (0.3)	0 (0.0)	0.20 (0.5)	0 (0.0)	0.12 (0.4)	0.28 (0.6)	0.04 (0.3)	0.02 (0.1)	0 (0.0)		
Makah Bay mean SD	49	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0.1 (0.4)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0.18 (0.4)	0.04 (0.2)	0 (0.0)	0.02 (0.1)	0.06 (0.2)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)		
Anderson Pt. mean SD	99	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0.47 (0.9)	0.08 (0.3)	0.01 (0.1)	0.21 (0.5)	0.04 (0.2)	0 (0.0)	0.11 (0.3)	0.01 (0.1)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)		
Pt. of Arches mean SD	35	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0.1 (0.3)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)		
Cape Alava mean SD	100	0. 1 7 (0.5)	0.01 (0.1)	0.39 (0.6)	0 (0.0)	0.16 (0.5)	0.35 (0.7)	0.56 (1.2)	0 (0.0)	0.05 (0.2)	0.1 (0.4)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)		
Cape Johnson mean SD	50	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0.52 (1.0)	0.02 (0.1)	0.06 (0.2)	0.14 (0.4)	0.02 (0.1)	0 (0.0)	0.06 (0.2)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0.02 (0.1)		
Rock 305 mean SD	50	0.02 (0.1)	0 (0.0)	1.96 (2.3)	0 (0.0)	0.08 (0.3)	0.36 (0.7)	0.1 (0.6)	0 (0.0)	0.02 (0.1)	0.04 (0.2)	0.02 (0. 1)	0 (0.0)		
Teahwhit Head mean SD	100	0.14 (0.5)	0.01 (0.1)	0.56 (0.9)	0.03 (0.2)	0.07 (0.3)	0.51 (0.9)	0.12 (0.6)	0 (0.0)	0.01 (0.1)	0.13 (0.4)	0.01 (0.1)	0 (0.0)		

Table 2. (continued)

Invertebrate Species Abundances (ind/m²)

Site Neah Bay (inside mean SD	N 9) 50	urchins Sd Sf Sp 0 21.1 0 (0.0) (9.4) (0.0)	cucumbers Cm Eq Sc 0 0 0.24 (0.0) (0.0) (0.6)	gastropods Tb Cl Cf Ng 0.70 (2.2)	limpets Am Ci Da ns ns 0.24 (0.6)	Cs MI Pv TI 0.04 ns ns ns (0.2)	Hg 0 (0.0)
Neah Bay (outside mean SD	de) 50	0.46 12.3 0 (0.9) (9.7) (0.0)	0 0 0.36 (0.0) (0.0) (0.7)		ns ns 0.40 (0.9)	0.04 ns ns ns (0.2)	0 (0.0)
Makah Bay mean SD	49	0 6.7 0.39 (0.0) (3.6) (0.8)	0.1 0 0 (0.3) (0.0) (0.0)	0.08 0.51 0 0 (0.4) (1.7) (0.0) (0.0)	0.43 0.08 0.16 (0.6) (0.4) (0.4)	0.06 0.04 0 0.29 (0.2) (0.2) (0.0) (0.7)	0.02 (0.1)
Anderson Pt. mean SD	99	0 3.3 0 (0.0) (2.6) (0.0)	0.27 0 0.03 (0.6) (0.0) (0.2)		0.06 0 0 (0.3) (0.0) (0.0)	0.02 0 0 0.04 (0.1) (0.0) (0.0) (0.2)	0 (0.0)
Pt. of Arches mean SD	35	0 4.4 0 (0.0) (5.0) (0.0)	0 0 0 (0.0) (0.0) (0.0)	0 0 0 0 (0.0) (0.0) (0.0) (0.0)	0 0 0 (0.0) (0.0) (0.0)	0.11	0 (0.0)
Cape Alava mean SD	100	0.04 0.02 0.43 (0.3) (0.1) (1.8)	0.93 0.06 0 (1.7) (0.2) (0.0)		0.14 0.25 0.26 (0.4) (1.0) (0.6)	0 0.19 0.01 0.39 (0.0) (0.4) (0.1) (0.6)	0.03 (0.2)
Cape Johnson mean SD	50	0.02 0 0.1 (0.1) (0.0) (0.5)	0.22 0 0 (0.8) (0.0) (0.0)			0.02 0.1 0.020.08 (0.1) (0.3) (0.1) (0.3)	0.14 (0.8)
Rock 305 mean SD	50	0.04 0.1 0.34 (0.2) (0.3) (1.0)	1.06 0 0 (1.8) (0.0) (0.0)		0.48 0.42 0.06 (1.0) (1.4) (0.2)	0.1 0.060.060.18 (0.3) (0.2) (0.2) (0.7)	0.1 (0.4)
Teahwhit Head mean SD	100	0.05 0.22 0.06 (0.2) (0.6) (0.3)	1.31 0 0 (2.2) (0.0) (0.0)		0.03 0.01 0.02 (0.2) (0.1) (0.1)	0.26 0.03 0.02 0.05 (0.5) (0.2) (0.1) (0.4)	0.19 (0.5)

Table 4. All species listed below were observed at least once during the subtidal survey between Teahwhit Head to the south and Makah Bay to the north. Relative abundances are based on the following rankings of encounters per dive: r = rare (< 1/dive); p = present (1-5/dive); c = common (5-50/dive); a = abundant (50-100/dive); very abundant (>100/dive).

Faunal Species Observed and their Relative Abundances

species	relative	ab	undance	notes
Brachiopods				
Terebratalia transversa		r		
Bryozoans	at .			
Aglaoephenia spp.		р		
Cnidarians		•		
Anthazoans				
Anthopleura elegantissii	ma	р		
Anthopleura xanthogran		Ċ		
Balanophyllia elegans		С		
Corynactis californica		r		
Epiactis proliferata		р		
Gersemia rubiformis		p		
Metridium senile		r		
Urticina crassicornis		р		
Urticina lofotensis		r		
Scyphozoans				
Thaumatoscyphus hexa	radiatus	р		
Crustaceans				
<i>Amphithoe</i> sp.		r		
<i>Balanus</i> sp.		р		
Cancer oregonensis		c	(generally found o	nly in rock burrow
w) ***			holes inaccessib	
Cryptolithodes spp.		r		
Hermit crabs		C		
ldotea resecata		r		
Mimulus foliatus		r		
<i>Pandalus</i> sp.		r		
Scyra acutifrons		р-с		
Echinoderms				
Asteroids				
Dermasterias imbricata		р		
Evasterias troschelii		C		
Henricia leviuscula		C		
Leptasterias hexactis		C		
Orthasterias koehleri		r		
Patiria miniata		r		
Pisaster ochraceas		р		

Table 4. (continued)

<u>species</u> relative	abundance notes
Pycnopodia helianthoides	p
Solaster dawsoni	°r
Solaster stimpsoni	p
Sea Urchins	
Strongylocentrotus drobachiensis	р
Strongylocentrotus franciscanus	r-v
Strongylocentrotus purpuratus	p (generally found only in rock burrow holes inaccessible to sea otters)
Sea Cucumbers	
Cucumaria miniata	а
Eupentacta quinquesemita	p
Stichopus californicus	r-c
Ophiuroids	p
Hydrozoans	
Allepora porphyra	r
Tubularia crocea	p
Molluscs	
Gastropods	
Amphissa columbiana	p
Calliostoma ligatum	C
Ceratostoma foliatum	C
Crepidula adunca	p
Ocenebra lurida	p
Opalia chacei	p
Searlesia dira	r
Tegula brunnea	p
Chitons	
Crypotochiton stelleri	p
Mopalia lignosa	p-c
Placiphorella velata	p
Tonicella lineata	p
Limpets	
Acmaea mitra	С
Colisella instabilis	C `
Diodora aspera	С
Nudibranchs	
Anisidoris nobilis	p
Antiopella barbarensis	p
Archidoris montereyensis	C
Archidoris odhneri	p
Dirona albolineata	р
Laila cockerelli	р
Triopha catalinae	С
Tritonia festiva	р

Table 4. (continued)

<u>species</u>	relative	abundance	notes
Bivalves			
Hinnites giganteus		p	
Nemerteans spp.		p _s	
Polychaetes		• •	
Dodecaceria fewkesi		р	
Eudistylia spp.		p	
Myxicola infundibulum		p	
Phragmatopoma californica	ł	p	
Sponges			
Tetilla arb		р	
Isodictya quatsinoensis		p p	
Tunicates		501	
Styela montereyensis		а	
Perophora annectens		p	
Metanfrocarpa taylori		p	
Fish			
Damalicthys vacca		r	
Embiotica lateralis		p	
Gibbonsia spp.		r	
Gobieosox spp.		r	
Hexagrammos decagramm	us	С	
Ophiodon elongatus		D	
Oxylebius pictus		r	
Scorpaenichthys marmorat	us	p	
Sebastes auriculatus		r	
S. caurinus		r	
S. melanops		С	
S. nebulosus		p	

Transect spp. abundance data summery ONP Aug '67 Species abundance (Individuals/square meter) at each study site #/m2

	Heat Bag meta SD total		brev Ld ns	m elg Lg ns	es Mi ns	M1 ns		TUI ns	0.00	000	TL1 0.00 0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00 0.00	0.24 0.45	0.00	0.14	0.22 0.45	0.02	0.00	0.00	7t1 0.68 0.71	Q.00 Q.00	Sf	0,00	Tt1 21.14	0.00 0.00	6 q 1	0.24 0.59	TU 0.24		CI C	r Ac	7ti 0.70 2.17 35	ns
	Meah Bag meen SD total	(aut) 50		Lg ns	MI NS	#1 ns			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.20 0.45	0.00	0.12	0.26 0.57	0.04	0.14	0.00	0.76	Q.46 Q.91	12.30 9.66	0.00 0.00	500000000	0.00 0.00	0.00	0.36 0.66	0.36	T	0.55		Tti 0.56 1.07 25	ns
N. cherteents	*Osprey la maan SD total	99	Ċ	1.92 10.5 190	Q	Q.34 Q.99	0.45 2.27		0.00	C sp -	0	0.94	0.08	0.01	0.21 0.46	0.04	0	0.13	0.01		0	7t1 0.44 0.67 44	0	Sf 3.333 2.611 330	0	TLI 3.333 2.611 330	0.27 0.59	1337	5¢ 0.03 0.17 3	0.3 0.61	Ç	0.66	0.03 0.0 0.17 0.2		0.0t
Mall at 180	Senes Rem mean SD total	cks 49		0.92 458	Q	0.16	0.04 0.2	1.22 5.54	0.00	0 0 0	Tt1 0 0 0	0.1 0.37	DI (o	0.18	0.04	0	Pts 0.02 0.14 1	0.05	Q	0	7t1 0.31 0.51 15	0	3.63	0.84	7.062 3.694	0.1 0.31	Eq. 1	٥	7t1 0.1 0.31 5	0.08	0.51	0	Ttt 0 0.59 0 1.72 0 29	0.4
	Pt. of Ar mean SD total	ches 35		0.08	Q	0.05	0	711 0.36 1.42 13	Q.00 Q.00	0 0	T t1 0 0 0		O O	0 0 0	0.1 0.32	Lh 0	Ok 0 0 0	Ph O	0	0	Q	Tt1 0.03 0.17	0		0			Eq 1	5c 0 0		T b 0 0	C1 C 0 0	0 0 0	Tt1 0 0 0 0	i (
-	Alava mesa SD total	100	100000		0.6	Q.1 Q.44	0.54		0.17			0.6	0	0.16 0.53	0.35 0.59	0,56 1,22	0	0.05 0.22	Q.1 Q.36		0	1.54	0.04- 0.28		1.81	0.49 1. 6.4 5	0.93 1.65	0.06	٥	0.99 1.67	0.37 1.38	CI C 3.16 4.09 313	0.35 O. 0.57 O.5	8 479	Am 5 0.1: 9 0:: 5 1:
	Cape John Mean SD total	160A 50		0.04	0.73	0.04	1.59	1.02	0.00	O O O	0	0.95	0.02	0.06	0.14 0.35	0.02	0	Ph 0.05 0,24 3	0	Q	0.02	Tt! 0.32 0.51 16	0.02 0.14	0		0.12 0.627		Eq. 1	0	0.22 0.82	0.02	0.1	7 AC 0.04 0.1 0.2 0.3 2	7 0.55	0.01
	Rect 305 mean S0 total	50	Ld 0.94 1.3 47	0.14	0	#1 0.52 1.16 26	1.34 2.72	4.46	0.02	0	0.02 0.14	Sm 1,96 2,32 96	Q	0.08	0.36 0.72	0.1	0	0.02 0.14	0.04	0.14	0	Tti 0.52 1.15 31	0.04 0.2	0.303	0.34	0.46 1.162	1.06	E q 1	0	1.06 1.62	0	0.55 1.42	0.3 0.3 0.93 0.8	4 1.79	0.48
	Teabwhilt mean SD total	100	206 Ld	0.23 0.9 23	Mi	0.09 0.54 9	2.43	4.81 5.67 481 TL1	0.14 0.49 14 58	0.01	0.15 0.5 15 FL)	0.94 55 Sm	0.03 0.17 3	0.07 0.26 7 Et	0.51 0.87 51	0,56 12		0.Q1 0.1 1	0.13 0.37 13	0.1	0	86 Ttl	0.05 0.22 5 Sd	0.613 22 Sf	0.06 0.28 6	0.33 0.753	2.21 131 Cm 8	0 0 0	0	1.31 2.21 131 TU	0 0 0	1.26 2.24 126 CI C	0.2 0.5 0.53 2.6 20 5	6 3.77	0.02 7 0.23 1 1
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