# Rocky Intertidal Limpet (Lottia persona) Data from Prince William Sound, Katmai National Park and Preserve, and Kenai Fjords National Park

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Rocky Intertidal Data from Prince William Sound, Katmai National Park and Preserve, and Kenai Fjords National Park

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Publication\_Place: Anchorage, Alaska  
Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center

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Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.5066/F7513WCB>  
Larger\_Work\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center  
Publication\_Date: 2005  
Title: Nearshore Marine Ecosystem Research Program  
Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: website  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Alaska Science Portal  
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Other\_Citation\_Details:

This is a link to the broader USGS Alaska Science Center research project supported by these data. Users will find a description of the research project and links to associated reports, publications, and data products.

Online\_Linkage: <https://alaska.usgs.gov/portal/project.php?project_id=99>

Description:

Abstract:

These data are part of the Gulf Watch Alaska (GWA) long-term monitoring program, nearshore monitoring component. The dataset has three comma separated values (.csv) file exported from a Microsoft Access relational database. The data consist of 1) limpet (Lottia persona) sizes, 2) limpet counts, and 3) a table of Gulf Watch Alaska contributors.

Purpose:

These data provide sizes, counts, and densities of limpets (Lottia persona) at sites in sheltered rocky habitats. These data are used to estimate size frequency, mean size, and overall limpet density on sheltered rocky shorelines to assess change in intertidal invertebrate communities on rocky shorelines.

Sampling was conducted within regions of Alaska including: Kenai Peninsula (KEP; Kenai Fjords National Park), Alaska Peninsula (AKP; Katmai National Park and Preserve), and Prince William Sound (PWS; northern, western, and eastern Prince William Sound). Study site locations are described in the "Monitoring Site Locations" data release: <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R> (Coletti et al. 2017).

Supplemental\_Information:

This dataset is a component of the nearshore monitoring portion of the Gulf Watch Alaska (GWA) program. There are multiple datasets associated with the rocky site sampling; see "KATMKEFJWPWS\_2006-2023\_Rocky\_Intertidal\_Sampling\_Project\_metadata" for a list of all associated datasets.

Two additional closely related USGS Data Releases from these sampling locations are available: (1) temperature logger data (<https://doi.org/10.5066/F7WH2N3T>) and (2) mussel (Mytilus) sampling (<https://doi.org/10.5066/F7FN1498)>.

Time\_Period\_of\_Content:

Time\_Period\_Information:

Range\_of\_Dates/Times:

Beginning\_Date: 2006  
Ending\_Date: 2023

Currentness\_Reference: observed

Status:

Progress: In work  
Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency: Annually

Spatial\_Domain:

Description\_of\_Geographic\_Extent:

Prince William Sound (east, north, and west), Kenai Fjords National Park, Katmai National Park and Preserve.

Bounding\_Coordinates:

West\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -156.643  
East\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -145.415  
North\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 61.122  
South\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 57.938

Keywords:

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Theme\_Keyword: USGS:ASC467

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: ISO 19115 Topic Category  
Theme\_Keyword: Biota  
Theme\_Keyword: Environment

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: NASA GCMD Earth Science Keyword Thesaurus  
Theme\_Keyword: Animals/Invertebrates  
Theme\_Keyword: Mollusks  
Theme\_Keyword: Aquatic ecosystems  
Theme\_Keyword: Intertidal zone  
Theme\_Keyword: Biospheric indicators

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: USGS CSA Biocomplexity Thesaurus  
Theme\_Keyword: Intertidal environments  
Theme\_Keyword: Marine invertebrates

Theme:

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Theme\_Keyword: Marine ecosystems  
Theme\_Keyword: Community ecology  
Theme\_Keyword: Ecosystem monitoring

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Theme\_Keyword: Nearshore ecology  
Theme\_Keyword: Limpets  
Theme\_Keyword: Lottia persona

Place:

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Place\_Keyword: Alaska  
Place\_Keyword: Gulf of Alaska  
Place\_Keyword: Prince William Sound  
Place\_Keyword: Alaska Peninsula

Place:

Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: None  
Place\_Keyword: Kenai Fjords National Park  
Place\_Keyword: Katmai National Park and Preserve

Taxonomy:

Keywords/Taxon:

Taxonomic\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: None  
Taxonomic\_Keywords: Mask limpet

Taxonomic\_System:

Classification\_System/Authority:

Classification\_System\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System  
Publication\_Date: Unknown  
Title: ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System  
Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: online database  
Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: ITIS-North America

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Taxonomic details retrieved October 25, 2023, from the Integrated Taxonomic Information System online database [https://www.itis.gov](https://www.itis.gov/)

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.5066/F7KH0KBK>

Classification\_System/Authority:

Classification\_System\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)  
Publication\_Date: Unknown  
Title: World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)  
Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: online database  
Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: WoRMS Editorial Board

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Taxonomic details retrieved October 25, 2023, from the World Register of Marine Species online database [https://www.marinespecies.org](https://www.marinespecies.org/)

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.14284/170>

Classification\_System\_Modifications:

ITIS currently lists Mask limpet in the genus Tectura (Tectura persona, TSN: 568350); the current taxonomic designation in the WoRMS register is in the genus Lottia (Lottia persona, LSID: 456603). Here, we follow the WoRMS classification.

Taxonomic\_Procedures:

Invertebrate species were identified by trained observers in the field using physical characteristics.

Taxonomic\_Completeness:

Provided here is the classification of limpets to the taxonomic rank of 'Species'.

Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Kingdom  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Animalia  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Subkingdom  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Bilateria  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Infrakingdom  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Protostomia  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Superphylum  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Lophozoa  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Phylum  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Mollusca  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Class  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Gastropoda  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Order  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Patellogastropoda  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Family  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Lottiidae  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Genus  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Lottia  
Applicable\_Common\_Name: WoRMS LSID: 160336  
Applicable\_Common\_Name: ITIS TSN: 69731  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Species  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Lottia persona  
Applicable\_Common\_Name: Mask limpet  
Applicable\_Common\_Name: WoRMS LSID: 456603

Access\_Constraints: None  
Use\_Constraints:

It is requested that the authors and the USGS Alaska Science Center be cited for any subsequent publications that reference this dataset.

Point\_of\_Contact:

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Contact\_Organization\_Primary:

Contact\_Organization: U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center

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Data\_Set\_Credit:

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Citation\_Information:

Originator: Konar, B.  
Originator: Iken, K.  
Originator: Coletti, H.A.  
Originator: Monson, D.H.  
Originator: Weitzman, B.P.  
Publication\_Date: 2016  
Title:

Influence of Static Habitat Attributes on Local and Regional Rocky Intertidal Community Structure

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: journal article  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Estuaries and Coasts  
Issue\_Identification: 39:1735-1745

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: SpringerLink

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Konar, B., Iken, K., Coletti, H.A., Monson, D.H., Weitzman, 2016. Influence of static habitat attributes on local and regional rocky intertidal community structure. Estuaries and Coasts 39:1735-1745. doi:10.1007/s12237-016-0114-0

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12237-016-0114-0>

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Citation\_Information:

Originator: Bodkin, J.L.  
Originator: Coletti, H.A.  
Originator: Ballachey, B.E.  
Originator: Monson, D.H.  
Originator: Esler, D.  
Originator: Dean, T.A.  
Publication\_Date: 2018  
Title:

Variation in abundance of Pacific Blue Mussel (Mytilus trossulus) in the Northern Gulf of Alaska, 2006–2015

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: journal article  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Deep Sea Research Part II: Topical Studies in Oceanography  
Issue\_Identification: 147:87-97

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: Elsevier

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Bodkin, J.L., Coletti, H.A., Ballachey, B.E., Monson, D.H., Esler, D., Dean, T.A. 2018. Variation in abundance of Pacific Blue Mussel (Mytilus trossulus) in the Northern Gulf of Alaska, 2006–2015. Deep Sea Research Part II: Topical Studies in Oceanography 147:87-97. doi:10.1016/j.dsr2.2017.04.008

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsr2.2017.04.008>

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Originator: Weitzman, B.P.  
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Originator: Coletti, H.A.  
Originator: Monson, D.H.  
Originator: Suryan, R.  
Originator: Dean, T.A.  
Originator: Hondolero, D.  
Originator: Lindeberg, M.  
Publication\_Date: 2021  
Title:

Changes in Rocky Intertidal Community Structure During a Marine Heatwave in the Northern Gulf of Alaska

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Series\_Name: Frontiers in Marine Science  
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Other\_Citation\_Details:

Weitzman, B.P., Konar, B., Iken, K., Coletti, H.A., Monson, D.H., Suryan, R., Dean, T.A., Hondolero, D., Lindeberg, M. 2021. Changes in rocky intertidal community structure during a marine heatwave in the northern Gulf of Alaska. Frontiers in Marine Science 8:556820. doi:10.3389/fmars.2021.556820

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Originator: Strom, S.L.  
Originator: Sweeney, K.L.  
Originator: Szymkowiak, M.  
Originator: Weitzman, B.P.  
Originator: Yasumiishi, E.M.  
Originator: Zador, S.G.  
Publication\_Date: 2021  
Title: Ecosystem Response Persists After a Prolonged Marine Heatwave  
Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: journal article  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Nature Scientific Reports  
Issue\_Identification: 11:6235

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: Nature Briefing

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Suryan, R.M., Arimitsu, M.L., Coletti, H.A., et al., 2021. Ecosystem response persists after a prolonged marine heatwave. Nature Scientific Reports 11:6235. doi:10.1038/s41598-021-83818-5

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-021-83818-5>

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Originator: Monson, D.  
Originator: Robinson, B.  
Originator: Suryan, R.M.  
Originator: Weitzman, B.P.  
Publication\_Date: 2022  
Title:

Evidence of Increased Mussel Abundance Related to the Pacific Marine Heatwave and Sea Star Wasting

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: journal article  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Marine Ecology  
Issue\_Identification: e12715

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: Wiley

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Traiger, S.B, Bodkin, J.L., Coletti, H.A., Ballachey, B., Dean, T., Esler, D., Iken, K., Konar, B., Lindeberg, M.R., Monson, D., Robinson, B., Suryan, R.M., Weitzman, B.P., 2022. Evidence of increased mussel abundance related to the Pacific marine heatwave and sea star wasting. Marine Ecology e12715. <https://doi.org/10.1111/maec.12715>

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.1111/maec.12715>

Data\_Quality\_Information:

Attribute\_Accuracy:

Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:

Limpets were identified in the field by trained staff and experts. Metric dial calipers were used with dial divisions to the nearest tenth of a millimeter. Measurements were rounded to the nearest whole millimeter. Dial calipers were checked for accuracy and re-calibrated if necessary, prior to each field trip.

Logical\_Consistency\_Report:

Attribute values fall within expected ranges. Counts of zero are included in this dataset and defined in the metadata. Counts that were incomplete or not performed according to the protocol are not included. The null values "." indicate the no data was provided and do not infer a count of zero.

Completeness\_Report:

In 2011, sites in Katmai National Park and Preserve (AKP site codes) were not sampled.

Complete sampling did not begin in Kenai Fjords National Park until 2007. Eastern Prince William Sound and northern Prince William Sound sites are only sampled every other year and sampling did not begin until after 2009. In 2007, trial sampling was completed for western Prince William Sound. True sampling did not begin until 2010. In 2020, no sites were sampled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2021, KEP\_B5\_RI\_03 Nuka Bay was not sampled due to weather. In 2022, we started keeping track of unmeasurable limpets. These are limpets that are partially located in crevices and observers are unable to see the limpets entire length. These were recorded at "0 mm" for length. In 2022, at KEP\_B05\_RI\_03 there appeared to have been a landslide that affected the site. Limpet sets 5 and 6 were located within the landslide zone. In 2023, KEP\_B05\_RI\_02 was not sampled due to inclement weather.

Positional\_Accuracy:

Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:

Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:

Transects for rocky intertidal sampling are marked with stainless steel eye-bolts and a site ID marker plate to ensure consistency in sampling location. Additionally, several eye-bolts are placed along the transects' horizontal lengths to ensure similar placement of the lines. Coordinates are not recorded for each eye-bolt.

Lineage:

Methodology:

Methodology\_Type: Field  
Methodology\_Description:

The maximum shell length of Lottia persona were measured within 100 meter long transects at randomly selected sites within sheltered rocky shorelines. Starting in 2010, the radius of the area in which limpets were measured was recorded so that limpet density could be calculated. The transects were placed within the approximate center of the vertical distribution of L.persona along the shoreline, generally 3 to 4 m above MLLW. The first 40 (in 2006) to 20 L. persona that were encountered at each of 6 points along the transect were measured to the nearest millimeter using dial calipers. In some cases where limpets were rare fewer than 20 limpets were measured. The 6 points were placed systematically with a random start. Note that limpets were observed without moving rocks and animals under rocks were not measured.

Source\_Information:

Source\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: Dean, T.A.  
Originator: Bodkin, J.L.  
Publication\_Date: 2011  
Title:

SOP for Sampling of Intertidal Invertebrates and Algae on Sheltered Rocky Shores - Version 4.6

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: report  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Natural Resource Report NPS/SWAN/NRR  
Issue\_Identification: 2011/397

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: Fort Collins, Colorado  
Publisher: National Park Service

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Dean, T.A., Bodkin, J.L. 2011. SOP for sampling of intertidal invertebrates and algae on sheltered rocky shores - Version 4.6: Southwest Alaska Inventory and Monitoring Network. Natural Resource Report NPS/SWAN/NRR - 2011/397. National Park Service, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Published report archived by U.S. National Park Service Catalog (IRMA Data Store) <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore> [reference code: 2170950]

Online\_Linkage: <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2170950>

Type\_of\_Source\_Media: Digital Report  
Source\_Time\_Period\_of\_Content:

Time\_Period\_Information:

Single\_Date/Time:

Calendar\_Date: 2011

Source\_Currentness\_Reference: publication date

Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation: Dean and Bodkin 2011  
Source\_Contribution:

Sampling protocol used for sampling Rocky intertidal invertebrates and algae at each study site.

Source\_Information:

Source\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: Dean, T.A.  
Originator: Bodkin, J.L.  
Originator: Coletti, H.  
Publication\_Date: 2014  
Title:

Protocol Narrative for Nearshore Marine Ecosystem Monitoring in the Gulf of Alaska: Version 1.1

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: report  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Natural Resource Report NPS/SWAN/NRR  
Issue\_Identification: 2014/756

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: Fort Collins, Colorado  
Publisher: National Park Service

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Dean, T.A., Bodkin, J.L. Coletti, H.A. 2014. Protocol narrative for marine nearshore ecosystem monitoring in the Gulf of Alaska: Version 1.1. Natural Resource Report NPS/SWAN/NRR— 2014/756. National Park Service, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Published report archived by U.S. National Park Service Catalog (IRMA Data Store) <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore> [reference code: 2206501]

Online\_Linkage: <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2206501>

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Calendar\_Date: 2014

Source\_Currentness\_Reference: publication date

Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation: Dean et al. 2014  
Source\_Contribution:

Protocol for monitoring marine nearshore ecosystems in the Gulf of Alaska.

Source\_Information:

Source\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: Coletti, H.A.  
Originator: Kloecker, K.A.  
Originator: Bodkin, J.L.  
Originator: Dean, T.A.  
Publication\_Date: 2017  
Title:

Gulf Watch Alaska Nearshore Component: Monitoring Site Locations from Prince William Sound, Katmai National Park and Preserve, and Kenai Fjords National Park

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: tabular digital data  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: USGS Data Release  
Issue\_Identification: doi:10.5066/F78S4N3R

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Coletti, H.A., Kloecker, K.A., Bodkin, J.L., Dean, T.A., 2017. Gulf Watch Alaska nearshore component: monitoring site locations from Prince William Sound, Katmai National Park and Preserve, and Kenai Fjords National Park: U.S. Geological Survey data release, <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>

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Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation: Coletti et al. 2017  
Source\_Contribution:

A U.S. Geological Survey data release containing site location information for nearshore Rocky Intertidal studies.

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

Most field data were entered directly into a Microsoft Access database using data entry forms. Some data were recorded on field data sheets for entry later.

Process\_Date: Unknown

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

Database QAQC queries were completed and any items flagged were corrected in the field.

Process\_Date: Unknown

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

Notes were compiled on items that couldn't be addressed in the field (e.g., new species ID) by combining data from multiple field laptops. Field entered data and notes were provided to the database administrator at National Park Service - Southwest Alaska Network for updates, corrections to the master database.

Process\_Date: Unknown

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

A copy of the data was provided to Dr. Sarah Traiger (or Dr. Tom Dean prior to 2022) for an additional round of QAQC. Any fixes were communicated back to the NPS-SWAN database administrator. Finally, a comma separated values (.csv) file of each table was exported. Each file contains the whole time series.

Process\_Date: Unknown

Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information:

Indirect\_Spatial\_Reference:

The only spatial information in this dataset are the named locations for the sampling sites. Sites are documented with start and end coordinates and are also referred to by name (e.g., Herring Bay rocky sampling site). Please refer to Coletti et al. 2017, a USGS data release which provides for geographic coordinates of all sites: <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>

Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Information:

Detailed\_Description:

Entity\_Type:

Entity\_Type\_Label: KATMKEFJWPWS\_2006-2023\_Limpet\_Size.csv  
Entity\_Type\_Definition:

Table with length measurements of limpets at rocky intertidal sampling sites. Each record is the length of one limpet at a single rocky intertidal sampling site. Presented in a Comma Separated Value (CSV) formatted table exported from a relational database.

Entity\_Type\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SiteID  
Attribute\_Definition:

Identification code of sampling site, as defined in Coletti et al. 2017, <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>, and Dean et al. 2014. The 'SiteID' is comprised of 4 parts, 1) the region (AKP, KEP, PWS), 2) the block number (5, 7, 8, 9, or 10), 3) the sampling type (described below), and 4) the sample type number (01-05).

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Coletti et al. 2017 and Dean et al. 2014  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: RI  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

Sampling type = Rocky Intertidal Intensive Block. Intensive sites are chosen by a random process.

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: RE  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition: Sampling Type = Rocky Intertidal Extensive Block  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: RS  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

Sampling Type = Rocky Selected Sites. Selected sites are chosen for a specific reason (e.g., existence of historic data)

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SiteName  
Attribute\_Definition:

Name of sampling site, as defined in Coletti et al. 2017, <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>, and Dean et al. 2014.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Coletti et al. 2017 and Dean et al. 2014  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: A unique site name given to each unique 'SiteID'.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SampleDate  
Attribute\_Definition: Date the limpet transects were sampled.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 2006-06-22  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 2023-07-08  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Year  
Attribute\_Definition: Year the limpet transects were sampled.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 2006  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 2023  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Year

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Rep\_Num  
Attribute\_Definition:

The number assigned to a group of limpets associated with each of 6 randomly placed points on a transect. Replicate 1 is closest to the origin of the horizontal transect while replicate 6 is farthest from the origin of the horizontal transect.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 1  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 6  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Integer

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Limpet\_Num  
Attribute\_Definition:

Sequential number assigned to each limpet measured within each site.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 1  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 267  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Integer

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Limpet\_Size\_mm  
Attribute\_Definition:

The size (maximum shell length), in millimeters, of each limpet. A null value "." indicates that the limpet size was not recorded.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 0  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 34  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Millimeters

Detailed\_Description:

Entity\_Type:

Entity\_Type\_Label: KATMKEFJWPWS\_2010-2023\_Limpet\_Count.csv  
Entity\_Type\_Definition:

Table with sample area measurements and counts of limpets used to estimate limpet density at rocky intertidal sampling sites. Each record represents one sample area measurement and limpet count at a single rocky intertidal sampling site. Presented in a Comma Separated Value (CSV) formatted table exported from a relational database.

Entity\_Type\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SiteID  
Attribute\_Definition:

Identification code of sampling site, as defined in Coletti et al. 2017, <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>, and Dean et al. 2014. The 'SiteID' is comprised of 4 parts, 1) the region (AKP, KEP, PWS), 2) the block number (5, 7, 8, 9, or 10), 3) the sampling type (described below), and 4) the sample type number (01-05).

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Coletti et al. 2017 and Dean et al. 2014  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: RI  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

Sampling type = Rocky Intertidal Intensive Block. Intensive sites are chosen by a random process.

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

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Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition: Sampling Type = Rocky Intertidal Extensive Block  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

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Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: RS  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

Sampling Type = Selected Sites. Selected sites are chosen for a specific reason (e.g., existence of historic data).

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SiteName  
Attribute\_Definition:

Name of sampling site, as defined in Coletti et al. 2017, <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>, and Dean et al. 2014.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Coletti et al. 2017 and Dean et al. 2014  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain:

A unique site name given to each unique 'SiteID'. Typically, a site is names after the body of water where the sampling site is located.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SampleDate  
Attribute\_Definition: Date the limpet transects were sampled.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 2010-06-23  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 2023-07-08  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Year  
Attribute\_Definition: Year the limpet transects were sampled.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 2010  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 2023  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Year

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Rep\_Num  
Attribute\_Definition:

The number assigned to a group of limpets associated with each of 6 randomly placed points on a transect. Replicate 1 is closest to the origin of the horizontal transect while replicate 6 is farthest from the origin of the horizontal transect.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 1  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 6  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Integer

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Number\_Limpets  
Attribute\_Definition: The total number of limpets counted in each sampled area.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 0  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 41  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Count

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Radius\_m  
Attribute\_Definition:

The radius, in meters, of the area in which limpets were counted. Null values "." indicate that the radius was not recorded.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 0.08  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 9.00  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Meters

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Density  
Attribute\_Definition:

The density of limpets counted in the defined area; individuals per square meter. Null values "." indicate that the density was not calculated.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 0  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 994.718  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Individuals per square meter

Detailed\_Description:

Entity\_Type:

Entity\_Type\_Label: KATMKEFJWPWS\_2006-2023\_Limpet\_Contributors.csv  
Entity\_Type\_Definition:

Table with a list of principal investigators and contributors to the rocky intertidal sampling component of Gulf Watch Alaska. Presented in a Comma Separated Value (CSV) formatted table.

Entity\_Type\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

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Attribute\_Label: Last\_Name  
Attribute\_Definition: The last name of a Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: The last name of a Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: First\_Name  
Attribute\_Definition: The first name of a Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: The first name of a Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: ORCID  
Attribute\_Definition:

The ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) for each collaborator. The null values "." indicate that the contributor does not have an ORCID or the ID is unknown.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain:

The ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) for each collaborator.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Position  
Attribute\_Definition: The position title of the Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: The position title of the Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.

Attribute:

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Attribute\_Definition:

The agency who the Gulf Watch Alaska contributor is associated with.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain:

The agency who the Gulf Watch Alaska contributor is associated with.

Attribute:

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Attribute\_Definition:

The program within the agency who the Gulf Watch Alaska contributor is associated with. The null values "." indicate that the program of the collaborator is unknown.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain:

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