

Presentation to the Aleut Adak Community

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Consortium for Risk Evaluation
with Stakeholder Participation

23 people, mostly strangers,
from an organization called CRESA
came to Adak
by both and plane over the past 3 days

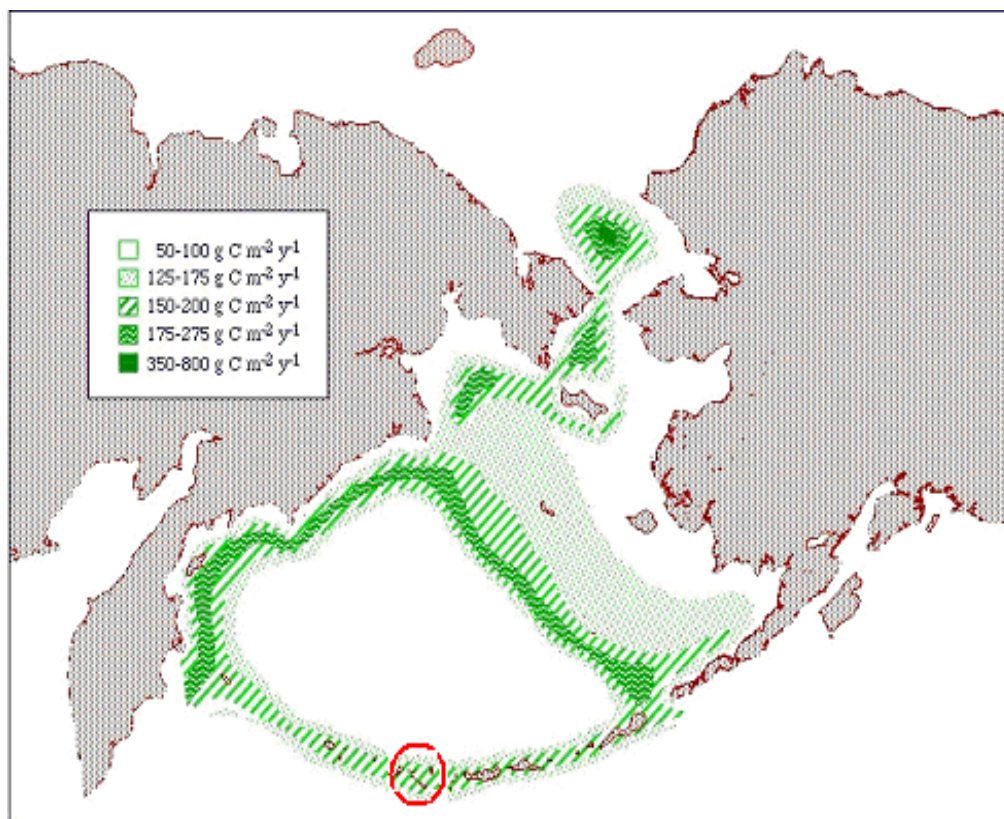
Who are these people?

What are they doing, where are they going

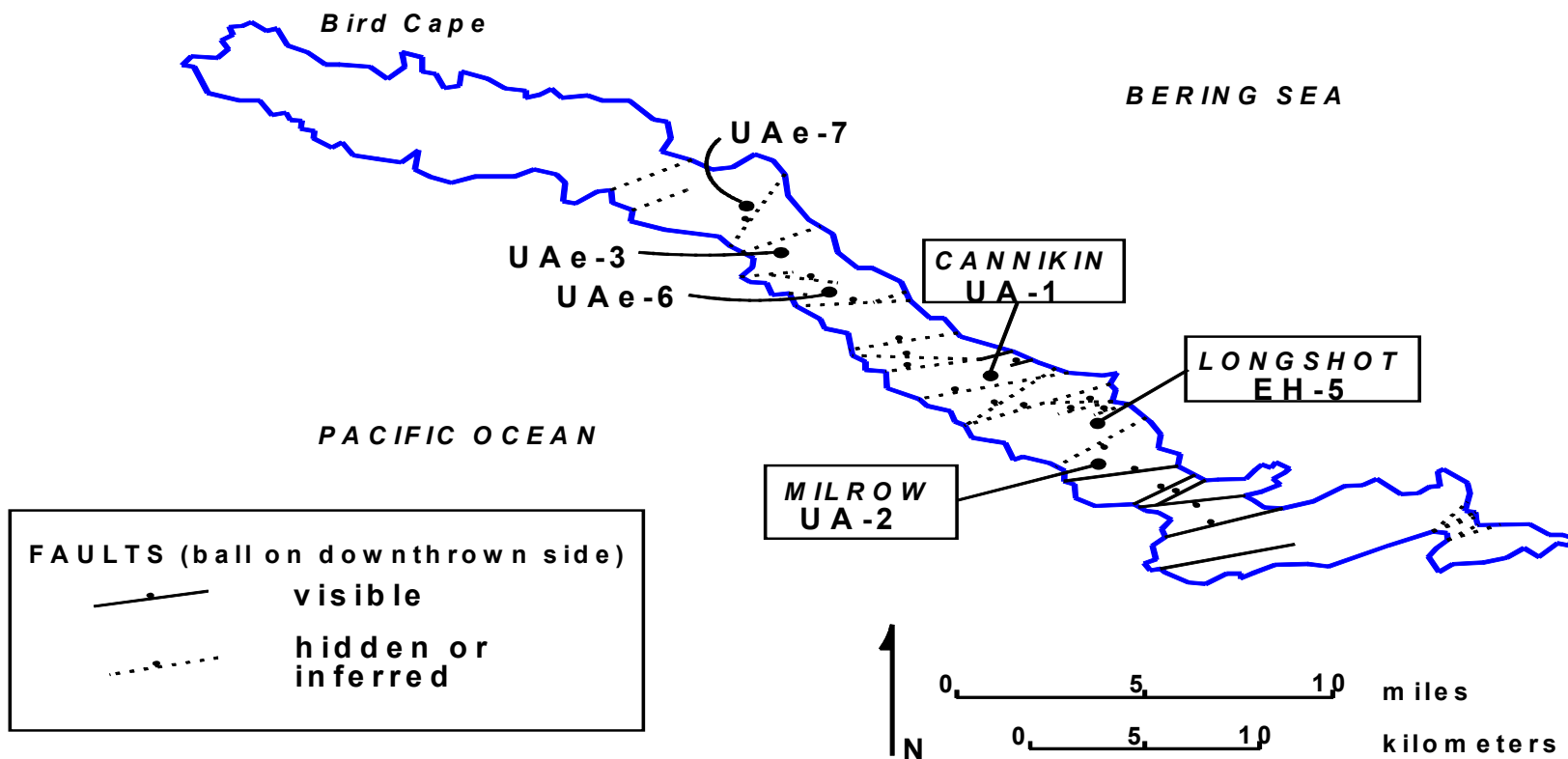
Why are they doing it

Does it matter to you?

The Bering Sea and the Aleutian chain are extremely rich and diverse and supports migratory seabirds, marine mammals and pelagic fish.



The region is tectonically active. The western Aleutian region, where the North Pacific plate subducts obliquely beneath North America at 7-8 cm/year, is one of the most volcanically and seismically active regions of the world. It was for the reason of high seismic activity that Amchitka was first selected for the 80 kt *Long Shot* test.



Map of Amchitka Island showing the approximate location of each nuclear test and faults

AMCHITKA INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT SCIENCE PLAN

Prepared for the Interagency Amchitka Policy Group



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The Science Plan

was requested in a Letter of Intent (LOI) for Amchitka Island signed by the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and U.S. Department of Energy.

The Plan was subject to approval by ADEC, NNSA/NV, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS), and the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Association (A/PIA).

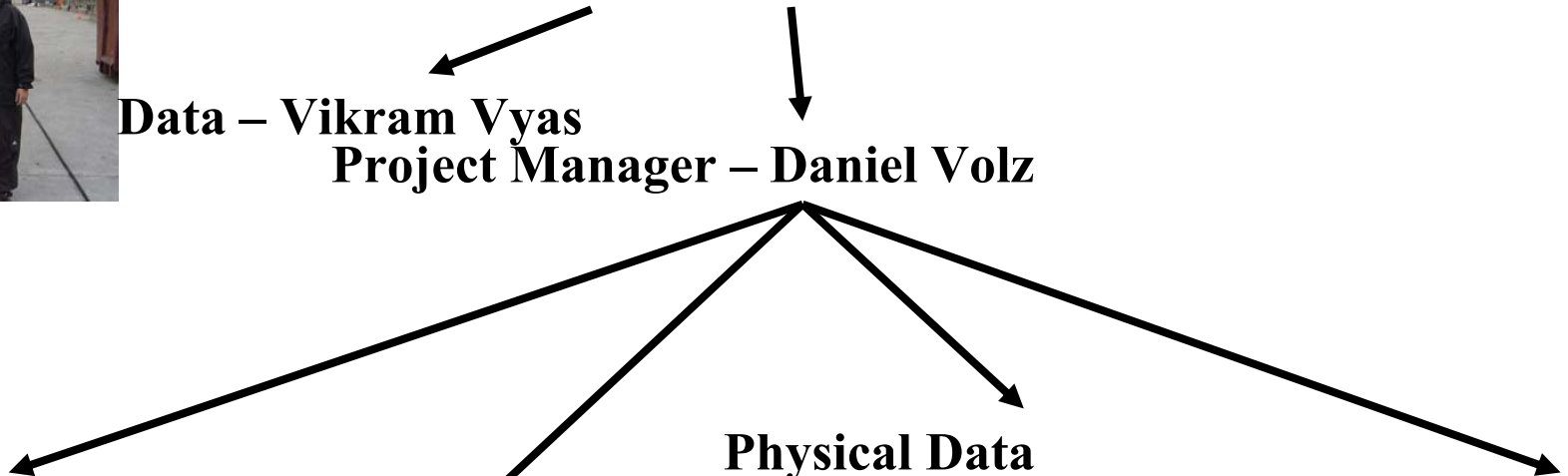
The work will be managed independently
by CRESA.



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Biological Samples

Joanna Burger

Divers/Fishermen

Stephen Jewett

Physical Data

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Collaborative Meetings with A/PIA – Summers 2003-2004

- Adak (June 2004)
- Atka (Aug 2003)
- Nikolski (Aug 2003)
- Unalaska (Aug 2003)



Discuss: PLAN
SPECIES
CONCERNS



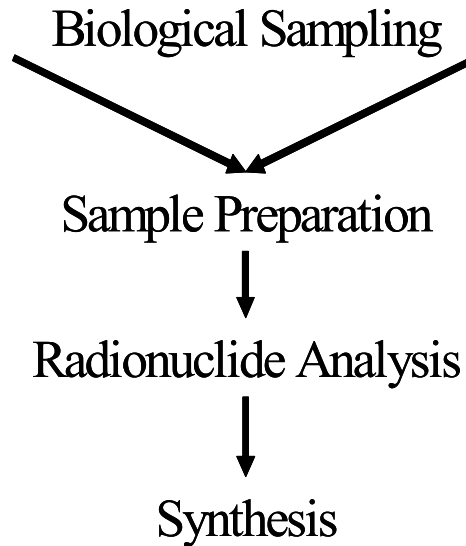
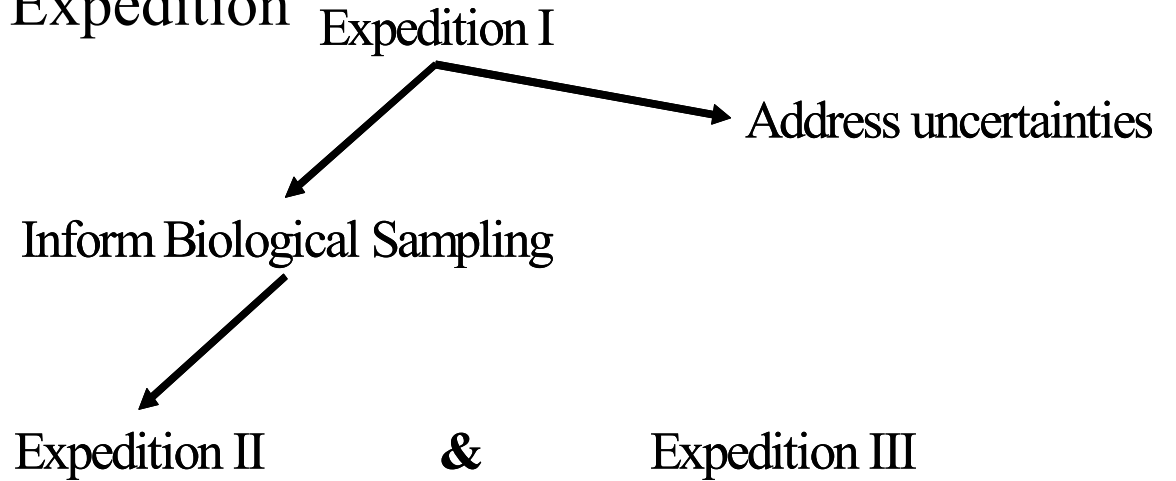
Atka



Nikolski

What are they doing here?

Conducting a Scientific Expedition



Expedition I (12 –22 June 2004)

Safety of Environment

Physical Data to Inform Biological Sampling

- Bathymetric Data
- Conductivity Data
- Magnetotelluric Data

Expedition II (27 June – about 20 July)

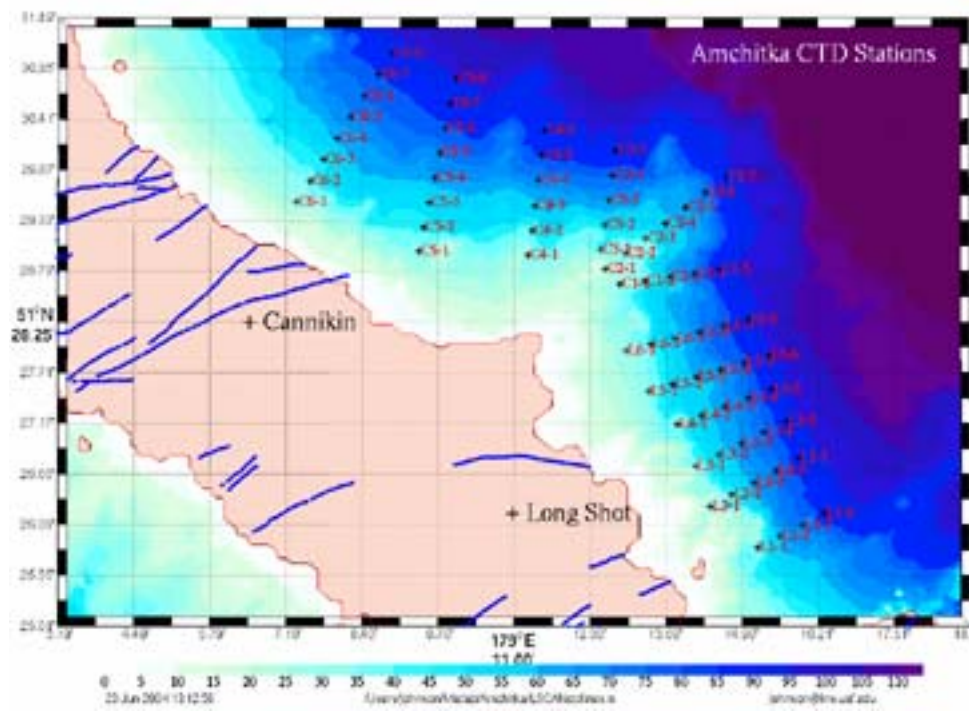
Biological Sampling

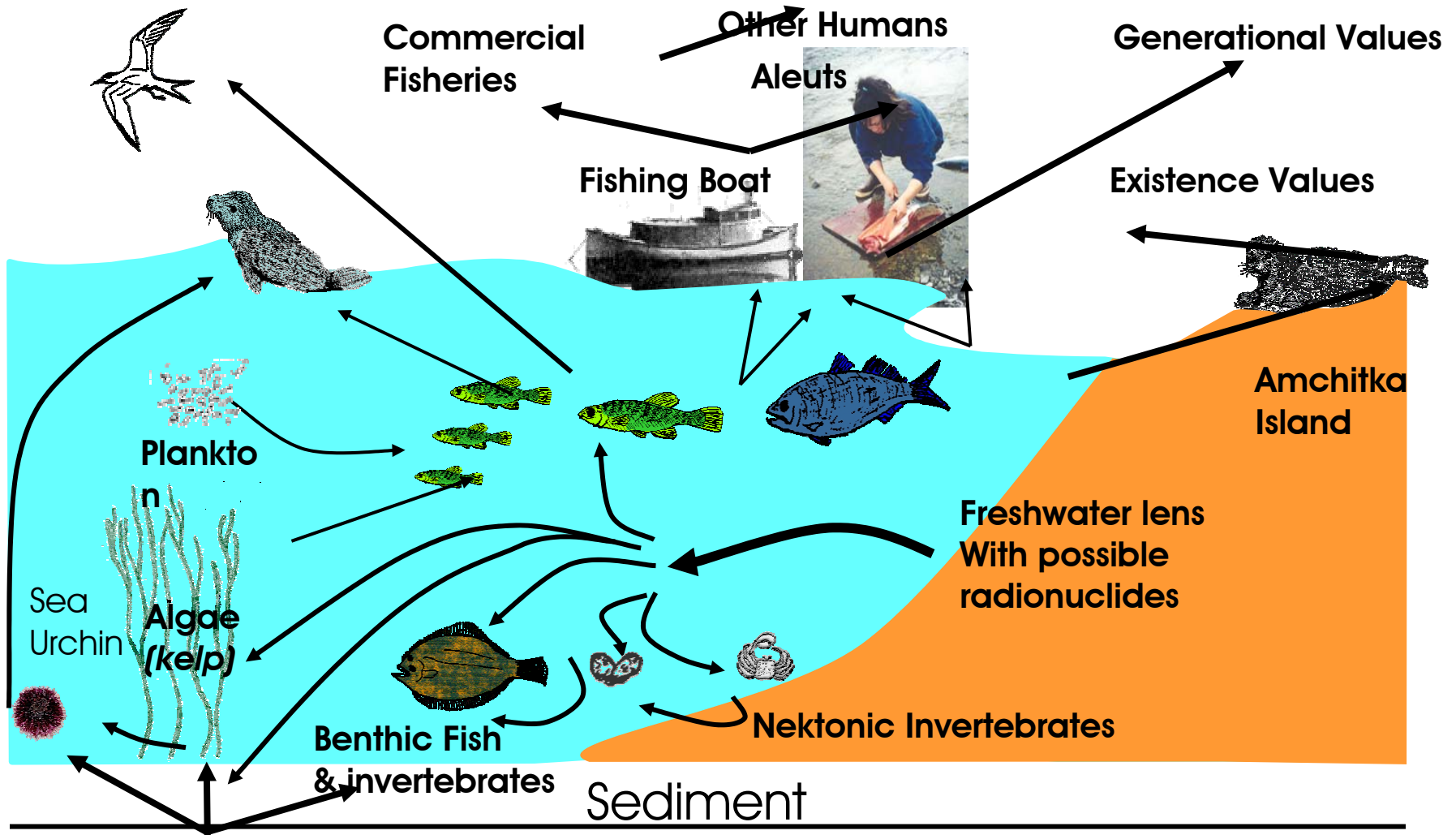
- Marine Ecosystem
- Aleut foods
- Commercial Fisheries

Sample preparation

Expedition III (16 July - 9 August)

Biological Sampling - Fisheries





Bioconcentration Biomagnification Possible Risk

Through the process of bioaccumulation, bioconcentration and biomagnification, radionuclides can move through the food chain to higher trophic levels, including humans. Concern should include not only present and future risk to receptors, but existence values and intergenerational factors.

