

Alaska Harmful Algal Bloom Network

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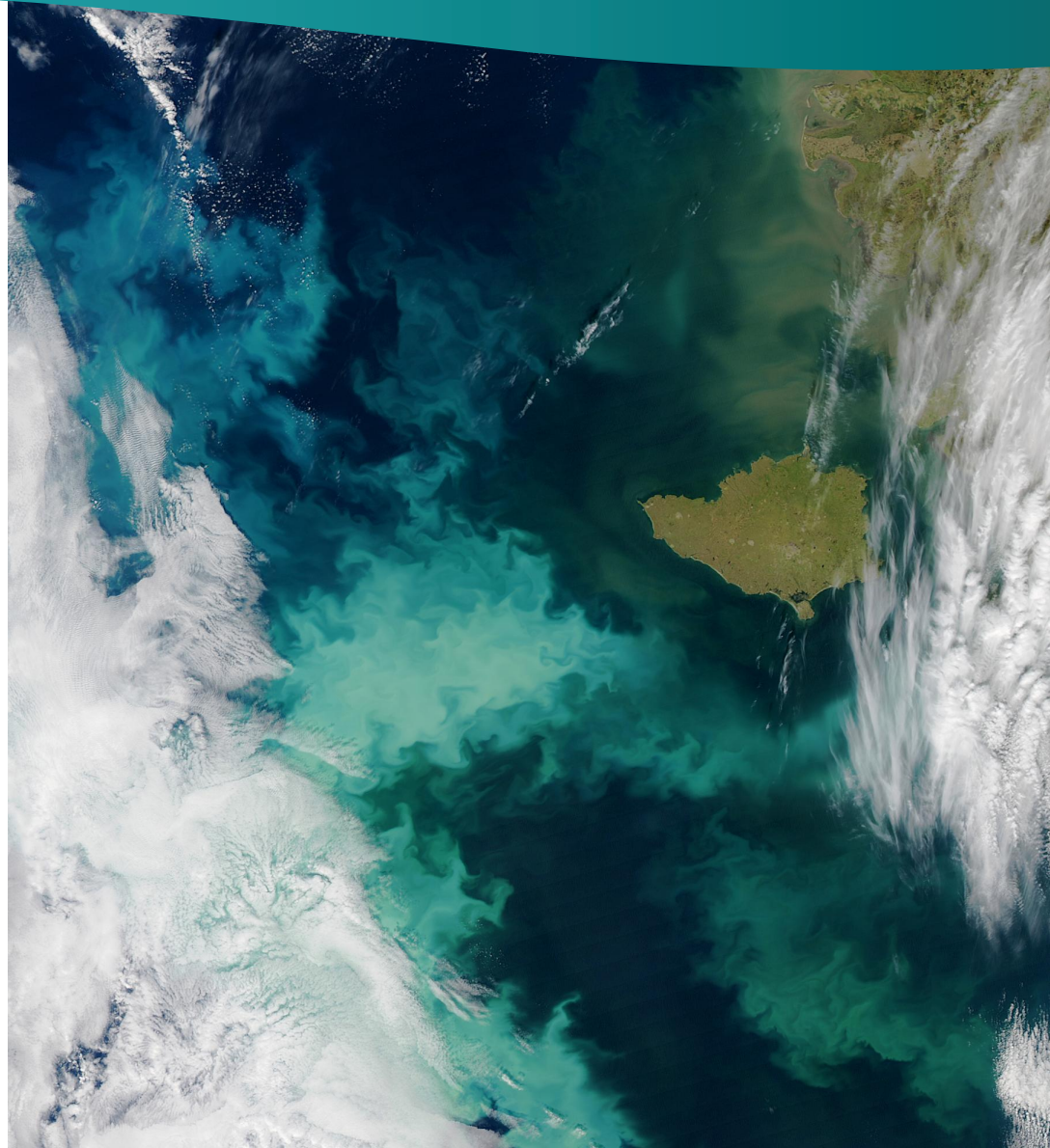


Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

When algae produce toxins or accumulate to densities sufficient to have harmful effects on the environment or health

Commonly referred to as “red tide”

300+ species of harmful algae (marine and freshwater)



HABs in Alaska



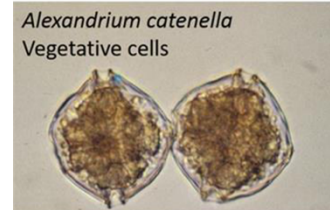
Cyanobacteria

Blue-green algae

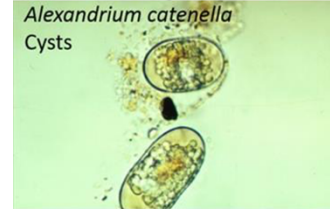
Marine and freshwater

Some produce toxins

Can also cause anoxia



Alexandrium catenella
Vegetative cells



Alexandrium catenella
Cysts

Alexandrium catenella

Dinoflagellate algae

Produces 20+ saxotoxins

Leads to Paralytic
Shellfish Poisoning

No antidote



Pseudo-nitzschia sp.
Cells

Pseudo-nitzschia sp.

Diatom (phytoplankton)

Produces domoic acid

Leads to Amnesic
Shellfish Poisoning

Wildlife impact



Dynophysis

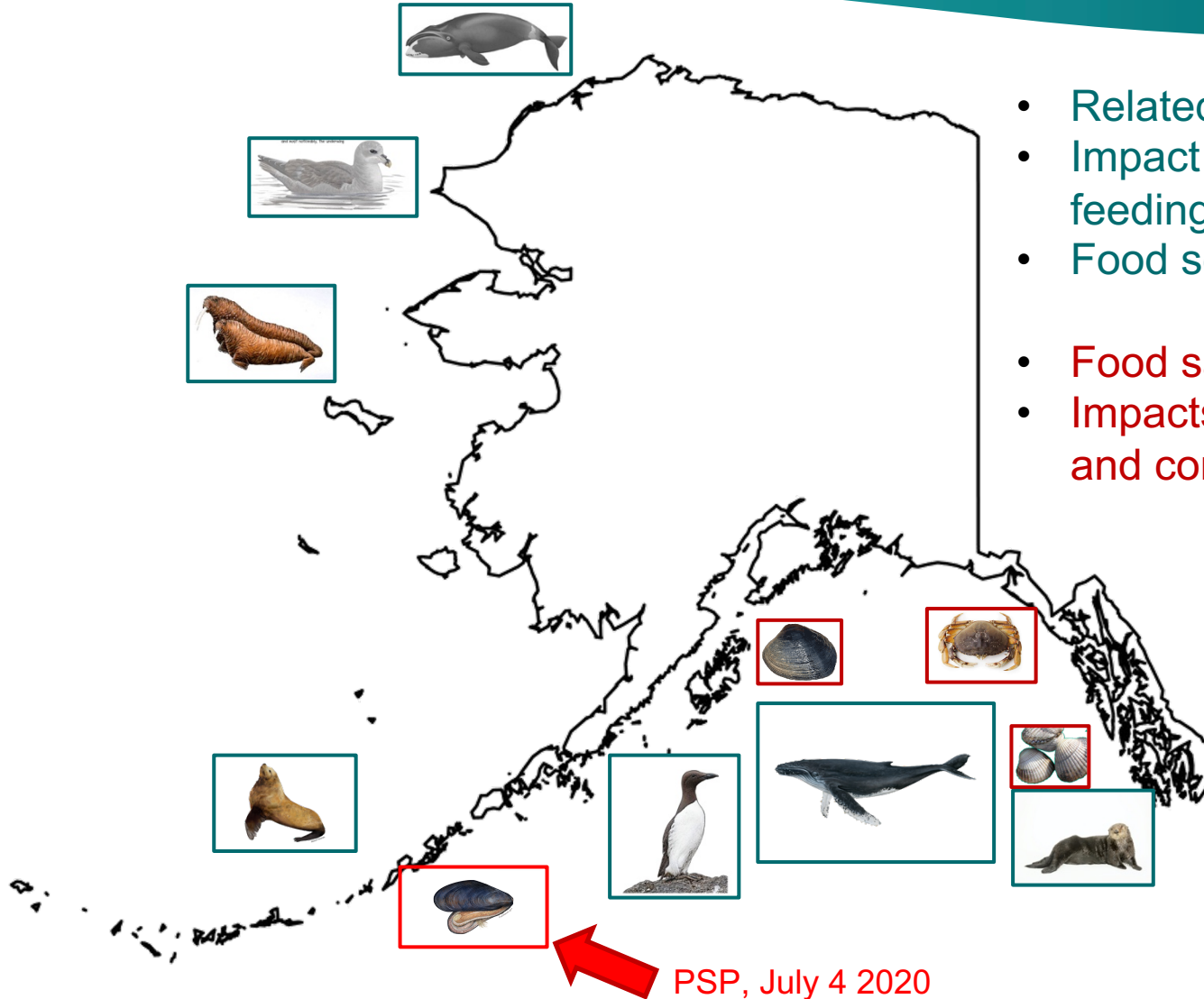
Dinoflagellate algae

Produces okadaic acid

Leads to Diarrhetic
Shellfish Poisoning

Not in Alaska (yet!)

Impact of HABs

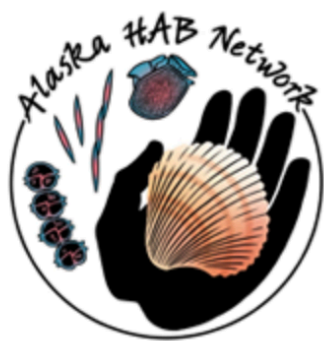


- Related to die-offs?
- Impact on behavior, feeding, reproduction
- Food security
- Food safety
- Impacts subsistence and commercial

Work on HABs



Research
Funding
Monitoring
Response
Awareness



<https://www.aooos.org/alaska-hab-network/>

Alaska Harmful Algal Bloom Network

Monthly update calls: 2nd Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am

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Alaska HAB Network



Welcome to the Alaska HAB Network

As concern about Harmful Algal Blooms across the state grows, the Alaska HAB Network has come together to provide a centralized place for reliable information.

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Monthly Calls

Join us every second Thursday of the month for HAB updates from around the state!

Current HABs Alerts

- [Shellfish advisory](#) and [marine biotoxin report](#) in Southeast Alaska 11/19/20
- [Massive die-off and health impact in Kamchatka \(Russia\) linked to HABs 11/18/20](#)
- [PSP death in Dutch Harbor; State of Alaska issues shellfish alert 7/15/20](#)
- [Bering Strait/Chukchi Sea: Alexandrium, Saxitoxin and Clams 2018-2019](#)

Data Portal

