

## **BASIS Contributions by the F/V *Northwest Explorer***

The Fishing Vessel “*Northwest Explorer*” was first contracted by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) for BASIS research during fall of 2002. Fisheries and oceanographic stations were conducted within the Bering Sea Basin, slope and shelf areas. Paired trawls with the R/V *TINRO* and the R/V *Kaiyo maru* were also conducted to determine differences in sample gear catch per unit effort between the US, Russian, and Japanese research vessels. The *Northwest Explorer* was contracted again during 2006 to sample stations in the Bristol Bay region of the US BASIS survey area. The crew was outstanding and their contributions to US BASIS research effort helped propel this research to the forefront of AFSC ecosystem research.

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