

New leadership for the PICES Fishery Science Committee

Drs. Elizabeth (Libby) Logerwell (U.S.A.) and Xianshi Jin (China) were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Fishery Science Committee (FIS) in October 2011, at the 2011 PICES Annual Meeting in Khabarovsk, Russia.



Libby was raised in Seattle, Washington. She spent many memorable summer days in the forests, mountains and beaches of the Pacific Northwest, and turned her love of the outdoors into a career in biology. She completed a B.Sc. in Biological Sciences at Stanford University in 1988. After several years of temporary field work that ranged from the study of tropical rainforests of Hawaii to saltgrasses of Louisiana to seabirds of the Eastern Tropical Pacific, she began a Ph.D. program at the University of California Irvine. Her dissertation research, chaired by George Hunt, Jr., was on the at-sea foraging distribution of seabirds in Alaska and British Columbia, and she earned her degree in 1997. Libby then did post-doctoral research

on sardine physiology and ecology (with Paul Smith at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla) and on juvenile salmon survival dynamics (with Bob Francis and others at the University of Washington). In 2001, she was hired by Anne Hollowed to be a Research Fishery Biologist in the Resource Ecology and Fisheries Management Division at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) in Seattle.

Libby is currently lead of the Fisheries Interaction Team at AFSC, a small field-oriented team that studies the ecological consequences of commercial fishing, with particular emphasis on the local impacts of groundfish harvest on endangered Steller sea lions in Alaska. Her own research interests also include the influence of oceanographic dynamics on the behavior, distribution and abundance of marine life. She has recently developed keen interest and some expertise in Arctic ecosystems and the potential ecosystem impacts of oil and gas industry development in the Arctic.

Libby has been participating in PICES Annual Meetings since graduate school and was selected to be the U.S. member of FIS in 2003.

Libby is an avid runner, cyclist and skier. She practices yoga several times each week. She also very much enjoys sharing Seattle's vibrant music culture and excellent dining with her husband, friends and family.

PICES thanks Drs. Mikhail Stepanenko (TINRO-Center, Vladivostok, Russia) and Gordon Kruse (University of Alaska, Fairbanks, U.S.A.) for their leadership of FIS over the last several years. Drs. Stepanenko and Kruse led the Committee's activities as FIS Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, since 2008. Dr. Kruse served as FIS Chairman from 2005–2008. They both will continue to contribute to PICES as members of FIS.

Dr. Mikhail Stepanenko, outgoing FIS Chairman, posing with Dr. Sinjae Yoo, Science Board Chairman, after receiving a PICES Service Award at the PICES-2011 Closing Session.



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