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Where the Wild Things Are: A Review of Skate Early Life History in the Eastern Bering Sea

Skates are a dominant part of the shelf and slope fauna of the eastern Bering Sea environment with a nominal 12 species recognized. Accurate early life history information is a major hurdle to effective conservation and management for many elasmobranch species. I will summarize the last ten years of research on juvenile skates in the eastern Bering Sea and discuss aspects of their early life history including nursery and juvenile habitat use, development time, predation, and egg case dynamics. Finally I will discuss how recent research has led to management decisions.

