

New Chairman for the PICES Fishery Science Committee



Dr. Gordon H. Kruse was elected Chairman of the Fishery Science Committee in October 2005, at PICES XIV in Vladivostok, Russia. He has been active in FIS since 1995.

Gordon was born and raised in New Jersey. During childhood, he and his family spent many weekends near the ocean, where he developed an intensive curiosity in the sea and the creatures living in it. Academically, he particularly enjoyed and excelled in mathematics. By his junior year in college, he discovered fisheries oceanography as a career path that would allow him to tie all these interests together.

Gordon received his B.S. in Biomathematics from the Rutgers University in 1977, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Fisheries from the Oregon State University in 1981 and 1983, respectively. His graduate research involved effects of oceanographic conditions on spawning timing, growth, and recruitment of English soles off the Oregon coast. He received a NSERC postdoctoral fellowship to work on capelin with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canada) in St. John's, Newfoundland, during 1983-1984.

He worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in 1985-2001, and during most those years, he headed the State's marine fisheries research program. Since November 2001, he has been the President's Professor of Fisheries of the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, located at the Juneau Center of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). At UAF, he has taught classes in Fisheries Oceanography, Fish Population Dynamics, Marine Ecosystems, and Management of Renewable Marine Resources.

Gordon's research interests are very broad, including stock assessment, population dynamics, fishery oceanography, and fisheries management. Since moving to Alaska, he

spent many years conducting applied research on crabs and other invertebrates in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea. Currently, he is involved in a diversity of research projects dealing with groundfish, herring, sharks, crabs, salmon, sea lions, marine protected areas, and ecosystem-based fisheries management.

In addition to PICES, Gordon is very active in other international and U.S. national arenas. He often serves on steering committees and as editor for the Lowell Wakefield Symposia, an annual international marine science meeting held in Anchorage, Alaska. For example, he is currently the Chairman of the organizing committee for the upcoming symposium on "*Resiliency of gadid stocks to fishing and climate change*", to be held October 31 – November 3, 2006, in Anchorage. He also chairs the Scientific and Statistical Committee for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the organization that sets federal regulations for fisheries management off Alaska. He has served on two National Academy of Sciences committees, one examining the decline of Steller sea lions in Alaskan waters and the other on effects of trawling and dredging on seafloor habitats. He chairs the editorial board for the *Alaska Fishery Research Bulletin*. Among all these activities, Gordon derives the most joy from teaching and working with graduate students. He is confident that the fisheries profession will be in good hands in the future.

PICES thanks Dr. Yukimasa Ishida (National Research Institute of Fisheries Science, Yokohama, Japan) for his service to PICES as Chairman of the Fishery Science Committee (FIS) since 2002. Dr. Ishida led the Committee's activities, which included, among other things, the development of a Strategic and Action Plan for FIS. He will continue to contribute to PICES as a member of Science Board and FIS.



Dr. Yukimasa Ishida, outgoing FIS Chairman, is receiving a PICES Service Award from Dr. Kuh Kim, Science Board Chairman, at the PICES XIV Closing Session.