



Moir's Environmental Dialogues

Thursdays at 12 Noon Pacific

October 13th 2016: **Scallops 4: Sea, Bay, King and Queen Scallops**

Sea scallops have black eyes and bay scallops are blue-eyed. Skylar Bayer describes the survival strategies of bay and sea scallops in Maine. Bryce Stewart tells of the life of king and queen scallops in Scotland. Young king scallops wear byssus threads to hold onto to high-rise hardscapes. Adolescent scallops lose the threads to become remarkably active, out maneuvering crabs at the click of a claw. Adult scallops settle in to a low-profile couch-potato lifestyle on ocean floors where the sediments are not too fine or pebbles too big. Skylar reveals the truths behind the story of two

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Featured Guests



Skylar Bayer

Skylar Bayer is currently working on her PhD at the University of Maine's Bigelow Marine Laboratory and studying scallop reproduction. Due to a mishap involving a fisherman, jars of gonad samples, and an unlocked blue Chevy four door, she lost all of her intended research samples. Rob met Skylar last summer at the Society for Conservation Biology's International Marine Conservation Congress in St. John's Newfoundland.

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Bryce Stewart

Bryce is a marine ecologist and fisheries biologist whose work has ranged from temperate estuaries to tropical coral reefs and the deep-sea. The central thread in his research has been to gain an increased understanding of the factors regulating marine populations and communities so as to ensure their sustainable utilization. His work on deep-sea fishes was among the first to demonstrate their extreme longevity, and on coral reefs he provided new evidence for mechanisms of community regulation of prey fish by predators. More recently his focus has been on how to improve the management of fisheries through the use of predictive recruitment models, marine protected areas and stock enhancement

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