

***Interactive comment on “What are the prospects for seasonal prediction of the marine environment of the Northwest European shelf?” by Jonathan Tinker et al.***

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Dear Referee 2,

Thank you for your review. I wanted to post a reply before making the changes and resubmitting the manuscript.

You raise an important criticism about the data used to study the southern North Sea and the English Channel, and the absence of data influenced by the northern inflow of the North Sea. I understood your point as to be in relation to the reanalysis evaluation section, and think that you raise a very good point. I again point out that the

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extensive reanalysis evaluation is undertaken by Copernicus, but will investigate other time-series to compare too. Thank you for the recommendation of the Helgoland Road time series.

You have many other good points which we will address in the resubmitted manuscript

Kind Regards

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