

Dr. M. Tim Tinker, Research Biologist, USGS

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Record

University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

PhD Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 1998-2004

Dissertation Research: Population biology and foraging behavior of the southern sea otter

University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

M.Sc., Biology, 1991-1993

Thesis: Behavioral ecology and energetics of grey seals (*Halichoerus grypus*) on land-fast ice

University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Honors B.Sc., Zoology, 1986-1990

Specialization: Wildlife Biology

Professional Appointments

- Research Scientist, US Geological Survey, Western Ecological Research Center, 2008 -
- Associate Adjunct Professor, UC Santa Cruz, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 2008 -
- Assistant Research Biologist, UC Santa Cruz, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 2007-2008
- Post-doctoral researcher, UC Santa Cruz, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 2004-2007

Primary Publications

- Fujii, J.A., Ralls K, Tinker M.T. (*In Press*) Food abundance, prey morphology, and diet specialization influence individual sea otter tool-use. *Behavioral Ecology*
- Ralls K, Rotzel McInerney N, Gagne RB, Ernest HB, Tinker MT, Fujii J, Maldonado J. 2017. Mitogenomes and relatedness do not predict frequency of tool use by sea otters. *Biology Letters* 13 (3), 20160880
- Law, C.J., Baliga, V.B., Tinker, M.T. and Mehta, R.S. 2017. Asynchrony in craniomandibular development and growth in *Enhydra lutris nereis* (Carnivora: Mustelidae): are southern sea otters born to bite? *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society* <https://doi.org/10.1093/biolinnean/blw050>
- Tinker, M. T., J. Tomoleoni, N. LaRoche, L. Bowen, A. K. Miles, M. Murray, M. Staedler, and Z. Randell. 2017. Southern sea otter range expansion and habitat use in the Santa Barbara Channel, California. USGS Open File Report 2017-1001, Reston, VA.
- Breed, G. A., E. A. Golson and M. T. Tinker. 2017. Predicting animal home range structure and transitions using a multistate Ornstein-Uhlenbeck biased random walk. *Ecology* 98(1): 32-47
- Novak, M., J.D. Yeakel, A.E. Noble, D.F. Doak, M. Emmerson, J.A. Estes, U. Jacob, M.T. Tinker and J.T. Wootton. 2017. Characterizing species interactions to understand press perturbations: What is the community matrix? *Annual Review of Ecology, Evolution and Systematics*, 47(1)
- Tinker, M.T., and Hatfield, B.B., 2016, California sea otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) census results, spring 2016: U.S. Geological Survey Data Series 1018, 10 p., <http://dx.doi.org/10.3133/ds1018>.
- Schott, K.C., Krusor, C., Tinker, M.T., Moore, J., Conrad, P.A., Shapiro, K., 2016. Concentration and retention of *Toxoplasma gondii* surrogates from seawater by red abalone (*Haliotis rufescens*). *Journal of Parasitology*, 143(13):1703-1712.
- Thometz, N.M., Staedler, M.M., Tomoleoni, J.A., Bodkin, J.L., Bentall, G.B., Tinker, M.T., 2016. Trade-offs between energy maximization and parental care in a central place forager, the sea otter. *Behavioral Ecology*, 27(5): 1552-1566
- Tinker, M.T., Staedler, M.M., Tarjan, L.M., Bental, G.B., Tomoleoni, J.A., and LaRoche, N.L., 2016, Geospatial data collected from tagged sea otters in central California, 1998-2012: U.S Geological Survey data release, <http://www.dx.doi.org/10.5066/F76H4FH8>.
- Tarjan, L.M., and M. T. Tinker. 2016. Permissible Home Range Estimation (PHRE) in Restricted Habitats: A New Algorithm and an Evaluation for Sea Otters. *PLoS One*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0150547>
- Chinn, S. M., M. A. Miller, M. T. Tinker, M. M. Staedler, F. I. Batac, E. M. Dodd, L. A. Henkel. 2016. The High Cost of Motherhood: End-Lactation Syndrome in Southern Sea Otters. *Journal of Wildlife Diseases*, 52(2):307-318. doi: 10.7589/2015-06-158

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- Tinker, M. Tim, and B. B. Hatfield. 2015. Southwest U.S. Southern sea otter annual range-wide census results: U.S. Geological Survey Data Release, <http://dx.doi.org/10.5066/F7F47M5C>
- Tinker, M.T., B. B. Hatfield, M. D. Harris, and J. A. Ames. 2015. Dramatic Increase in Sea Otter Mortality from White Sharks in California. *Marine Mammal Science*, 32(1): 309–326,
- Krusor, C., W. A. Smith, M. T. Tinker, M. Silver, P. A. Conrad, and K. Shapiro. 2015. Concentration and retention of *Toxoplasma gondii* oocysts by marine snails demonstrate a novel mechanism for transmission of terrestrial zoonotic pathogens in coastal ecosystems. *Environmental Microbiology*. 17(11):4527-37
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- Novak, M. and M.T. Tinker. 2015. Time-scales alter the inferred strength and temporal consistency of intraspecific diet specialization. *Oecologia* 178:61–74.
- Newsome, S.D., M.T. Tinker, V.A. Gill, Z.N. Hoyt, A. Doroff, L. Nichol, and J.L. Bodkin. 2015. The interaction of intraspecific competition and habitat on individual diet specialization: a near range-wide examination of sea otters. *Oecologia*, 178: 45-59
- Smith, E.A.E., S.D. Newsome, J.A. Estes and M.T. Tinker. 2015. The cost of reproduction: differential resource specialization in female and male California sea otters. *Oecologia*, 178:17-29
- Fujii, J. A., K. Ralls, and M. T. Tinker. 2015. Ecological drivers of variation in tool-use frequency across sea otter populations. *Behavioral Ecology*, 26(2) 519-526
- Stewart, N.A., B. Konar and M.T. Tinker 2015. Testing the nutritional limitation and predator avoidance hypotheses for restricted sea otter habitat use in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska. *Oecologia*, 177(3):645–655
- Beas-Luna, R., M. Novak, M. H. Carr, M. T. Tinker, A. Black, J. E. Caselle, M. Hoban, D. Malone, and A. Iles. 2014. An online database for informing ecological network models: <http://kelpforest.ucsc.edu> . *PLoS ONE* 9(10): e109356
- Tinker, M.T. 2014. “Models and Sea Otter Conservation”. Chapter 10 *In* S. Larson, G. VanBlaricom and J. Bodkin, editors, “Sea Otter Conservation”, Elsevier, Inc., NY
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- Lafferty, K.D. and Tinker, M.T. 2014. Sea otters are recolonizing southern California in fits and starts. *Ecosphere (Ecological Society of America)* 5:art50
- Thometz, N. M, Tinker, M. T., Staedler, M.M., Mayer, K.A., and Williams, T.M. 2014. Energetic Demands of Immature Sea Otters from Birth to Weaning: Implications for maternal costs, reproductive behavior, and population level trends. *Journal of Experimental Biology* 217, 2053-2061
- Kenner, M. C., J. A. Estes, M. T. Tinker, J. L. Bodkin, R. K. Cowen, C. Harrold, B. B. Hatfield, M. Novak, A. Rassweiler, and D. C. Reed. 2013. A multi-decade time series of kelp forest community structure at San Nicolas Island, California. *Ecology* 94:2654–2654. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1890/13-0561R.1>
- Hughes, B. B., R. Eby, E. Van Dyke, M. T. Tinker, C. I. Marks, K. S. Johnson, and K. Wasson. 2013. Recovery of a top predator mediates negative eutrophic effects on seagrass. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, doi:10.1073/pnas.1302805110
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- Tinker M.T., Guimarães P.R., Novak M., Marquitti F.M.D., L. B.J., Staedler M., Bentall G. & A. E.J. 2012. Structure and mechanism of diet specialization: testing models of individual variation in resource use with sea otters. *Ecology Letters* 15(5) 475-483.

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- Kim SL, Tinker MT, Estes JA, Koch PL (2012) Ontogenetic and Among-Individual Variation in Foraging Strategies of Northeast Pacific White Sharks Based on Stable Isotope Analysis. *PLoS ONE* 7(9): e45068. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0045068
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- Newsome, S.D., G.B. Bentall, M.T. Tinker, O.T. Oftedal, K. Ralls, M.L. Fogel, and J.A. Estes. 2010. Variation in $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ diet-vibrissae trophic discrimination factors in a wild population of California sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*). *Ecological Applications* 20(6):1744-1752
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- Tinker, M.T., D.P. Costa, J.A. Estes and N. Wieringa. 2007. Individual dietary specialization and dive behaviour in the California sea otter: using archival time-depth data to detect alternative foraging strategies. *Deep Sea Research II* 54:330-342.
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- Gerber, L.R., M.T. Tinker, J.A. Estes, D.F. Doak and D. Jessup. 2004. Mortality sensitivity in life-stage simulation analysis: A case study of southern sea otters. *Ecological Applications*, 14:1554–1565.
- Estes, J.A., E.M. Danner, D.F. Doak, B. Konar, A.M. Springer, P.D. Steinberg, M.T. Tinker, and T.M. Williams. 2003. Complex trophic interactions in kelp forest ecosystems. *Bulletin of Marine Science*, 74: 621-638.
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- Estes, J.A., M.L. Riedman, M.M. Staedler M.T. Tinker, B.E. Lyon. 2003. Individual variation in prey selection by sea otters: patterns, causes, and implications. *Journal of Animal Ecology*, 72(1): 144-155
- Estes, J.A., M.T. Tinker, T.M. Williams, D.F. Doak. 1998. Killer whale predation on sea otters links oceanic and nearshore ecosystems. *Science*, 282: 473-476
- Hatfield, B.H., D. Marks, M.T. Tinker, K. Nolan, J. Pierce. 1998. Attacks on sea otters by killer whales. *Marine Mammal Science* 14(4): 888-894.
- Estes, J.A., D.F. Doak, J.R. Bodkin, R.J. Jameson, D. Monson, J. Watt, M.T. Tinker. 1996. Comparative Demography of Sea Otter Populations. *Endangered Species Update* 13(12): 11-13
- Watt, J.P., B.T. Krausse, M.T. Tinker. 1995. Bald Eagles kleptoparasitizing sea otters at Amchitka Island, Alaska. *Condor* 97(2): 588-590
- Tinker, M.T., K.M. Kovacs, M.O. Hammill. 1995. Behavior and energetics of male gray seals (*Halichoerus grypus*) breeding on landfast ice. *Behavioral Ecology & Sociobiology* 36:159-170

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Professional Activities

Research Positions:

- 2008- present: Principal Investigator, USGS Santa Cruz Field Station of the Western Ecological Research Center. Lead scientist in studies of sea otter population biology and near-shore ecology
- 2000-2007: Co-Principle Investigator for long-term, telemetry-based study of sea otter demography and foraging ecology in California. Supervisor: Dr. James Estes

Teaching Positions

Courses Taught:

- Quantitative Ecology (BioE 148): Upper level undergraduate/graduate course on quantitative methods of analysis and modeling in ecology. UC Santa Cruz, CA, Spring 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015
- Readings in Ecology (BioE 293): Core Graduate Course in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UC Santa Cruz, CA, 2008
- Regular Guest Lectures for UCSC courses: Kelp forest Ecology, Ecology of Marine Mammals, Disease Ecology, Conservation Biology, Field Methods in Biology, Community Ecology

Graduate Students Advised

- Sarah Espinosa M.Sc. student, UCSC
- Sarah McKay-Strobel, Ph.D. student, UCSC
- Kat Dale, Ph.D. student, UCSC
- Lily Tarjan, Ph.D. graduate, UCSC
- Ben Weitzman, M.Sc. graduate, UCSC
- Jessica Fujii, M.Sc. graduate, UCSC
- Holly MacCormick, M.Sc. graduate, UCSC
- Michelle Staedler, M.Sc. graduate, UCSC
- Lillian Carswell, M.Sc. graduate, UCSC
- Gena Bentall, M.Sc. graduate, UCSC

Graduate Student Committee Memberships

- Rodrigo Beas, Ph.D. student, UCSC
- Robin Dunkin, Ph.D. student, UCSC
- Jason Hassrick, Ph.D. student, UCSC
- Kristen McCully, M.Sc. student, UCSC
- Kim Brewitt, Ph.D. student, UCSC
- Nicole Thometz, Ph.D. student, UCSC
- Justine Smith, PhD student, UCSC
- Zach Hoyt, Ph.D. student, UA-Juneau
- Zach Randell, Ph.D. student, OSU
- Joseph Stewart, PhD student, UCSC
- Chris Law, PhD student, UCSC
- Erin Rechsteiner, PhD student, U Victoria
- Wendel Raymond, Ph.D. student, UA-Juneau
- Ben Weitzman, PhD student, UAF
- Mary Young, Ph.D. student, UCSC
- Megan Moriarty, PhD Student, UC Davis
- Tracy Grimes, M.Sc. student, San Diego State University
- Tristan Burgess, PhD Student, UC Davis

Post Doctoral Students Advised or Co-Advised

- Dr. Mark Novak, UCSC, 2011-13
- Dr. Melissa Monk, UCSC, 2013-14
- Dr. Brent Hughes, UCSC, 2014-16

Workgroup and Committee Memberships:

- Invited panelist for international symposium and review of tool-use in non-human animals, convened by University of Oxford, UK, August, 2015
- Invited expert reviewer and participant in Marine Mammal Research Program Review by Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, October 2014
- Invited expert panelist on Alaska Sea Grant and University of Alaska Fairbanks sponsored outreach forum to Alaskan communities to discuss sea otter – human interactions. Juneau, Alaska, May, 2014
- Invited expert panelist and participant in Canadian workshop to review ecological and social impacts of sea otter recovery, sponsored by Pew Fellowships. British Columbia, Canada, June 2014.
- Invited expert panelist for US Fish and Wildlife Service and University of Alaska Fairbanks Symposium on southeast Alaska sea otter recovery, Juneau, Alaska, February, 2013

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- Invited expert witness for the black abalone recovery team (NMFS), August 2013
- Invited expert witness for hearings convened by the Federal Marine Mammal Commission (June 2013)
- Member of Southwest Alaska Sea Otter Recovery Team (SWAKSORT) convened by US FWS
- Invited participant, Marine Mammal Commission symposium to advise on the use of population viability analysis in marine mammal populations. Savannah, GA, Sept 2005 (report requested by US Congress)
- Invited participant, Marine Mammal Commission symposium to determine the ecological role of killer whales in the north Pacific. Seattle, WA, Apr. 2005 (report requested by US Congress)
- Invited participant, US Fish and Wildlife Service workshop to develop long-term monitoring plan for sea otters in south-west Alaska. Anchorage, AK, Feb. 2005.
- Invited participant, Alaska Sea Life Center/US Fish and Wildlife Service symposium to determine research priorities for the sea otter in south-west Alaska. Seward, AK, Apr. 2004.
- Invited participant, US Fish and Wildlife Service workshop to study sea otter decline in south-west Alaska. Anchorage, AK, Apr. 2002.
- Invited participant, National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis working group on Ecosystem Based Management: Investigating the Roles of Top Predators, 2004-2007

Professional Society Memberships:

- Member of The Society for Marine Mammalogy, 1991-present
- Member of the Ecological Society of America, 2005-present

Journal Reviews and Editing

- Subject Editor, Ecological Applications (Nov 2013)
- Manuscript Reviews provided regularly (5-15 per year) for the following journals:
 - The American Naturalist
 - Ecology
 - Ecological Applications
 - Marine Mammal Science
 - Proceedings of the Royal Society
 - Journal of Animal Ecology
 - Can. J. Fisheries and Aquatic Science
 - Journal of Wildlife Management
 - Trends in Ecology and Evolution
 - Marine Biology
 - Oecologia
 - Animal Behavior
 - Population Ecology
 - Oikos
 - Marine Ecology Progress Series
 - Behavioral Ecology
 - Journal of Sea Research
 - Ecograpy
 - PLOS One
 - Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (PNAS)

Special Certifications and continued Professional Training:

- Completed Bayesian Statistics workshop, USGS-WERC, 2010: Bayesian inference for environmental scientists, ecologists and wildlife biologists
- Certified DOI Motorboat Operator (MOCC)
- First Aid/CPR certified (current) and trained in Wilderness First Aid

Grants, Awards and Scholarships

- National Science Foundation, 'Kelp forest community resilience in action' (co-PI, 2015-2018)
- Aleutian Bering Sea Islands LCC, 'Assessing effects of climate change and ocean acidification on sea urchin productivity and trophic interactions in the Aleutian Islands: Consequences for sea otter recovery' (PI, 2015-2016)
- US Navy, 'Sub-tidal Community Monitoring, San Nicolas Island' (PI, 2014-2015)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, 'Aleutian Sea Otter Hot Spot Analysis' (PI, 2014-2014)
- California Coastal Conservancy, 'Sea Otter Habitat Use and Biology in Elkhorn Slough' (PI, 2013-2016)
- Oiled Wildlife Care Network, 'Developing a Network-based Tag for Sea Otter Monitoring' (PI, 2013-2016)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, 'Sea Otter Ecology in Elkhorn Slough' (PI, 2013-2015)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, 'Sea Otter Movements and Habitat Use' (PI, 2013-2014)

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- US Fish and Wildlife Service, 'Sea Otter Population Analysis, SE Alaska' (PI, 2013-2014)
- Pacific Gas and Electric, 'Effects on Sea Otters of Seismic Surveys and Other Stressors' (PI, 2012-2014)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, 'Modeling Sea Otter Range Expansion' (PI, 2012-2013)
- California Coastal Conservancy, 'Effect of Sea Otter Stressors, Big Sur and Monterey comparison' (PI, 2011-2013)
- Department of Interior, 'Coastal Ecosystem Responses to Stressors from Land and Sea' (co-PI, 2010-2015)
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 'Sea Otter Range Expansion in Southern California' (PI, 2010-2014)
- UC Davis/NSF, 'transmission dynamics of *Toxoplasma gondii* at the land-sea Interface' (co-PI, 2010-2013)
- Alaska Sea Life Center, 'Report on Commander Island sea otter survey' (PI, 2010-2010)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, 'Sea Otter Population Viability Analysis' (PI, 2009-2010)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, 'Stressors Affecting Sea Otter Populations' (PI, 2008-2010)
- NPRB, 'NPRB Project 717, Causes of sea otter decline in SW Alaska' (co-PI, 2007-2010)
- UCSB MMS Coastal Marine Institute, 'Population Biology of Sea Otters at the South of their Range' (co-PI, 2000-2003)
- Research Grant from Friends of the Sea Otter: Development of a Spatially Explicit Population Model for the Southern Sea Otter, 2000
- Departmental Graduate Fellowship, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Dept., UC Santa Cruz, 1998

Professional Technical Reports:

- Tinker, M. T. et al., 2015. "Sea Otter Range Expansion and Habitat Use in the Santa Barbara Channel." Draft Final Report to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. US Geological Survey Project Report, 88 pages
- Tinker, M. T., et al., 2013. "Sea Otter Population Biology at Big Sur and Monterey California: Investigating the Consequences of Resource Abundance and Anthropogenic Stressors for Sea Otter Recovery". Final Report to California Coastal Conservancy and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. US Geological Survey Project Report. 242 pages
- Laird Henkel, Michael D Harris, Jack Ames, R Glenn Ford, Michelle Staedler, M Tim Tinker. 2014. Use of Decoys to Assess Effectiveness of Aerial Surveys for Sea Otters. California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response Technical Report 14-2
- Miller, M.A., Oates, S.C., Dodd, E., Johnson, C.K., Tinker, M.T. 2014. Risk Factors for Shark Bite Mortality in Southern Sea Otters. Final Report for California Coastal Conservancy Agreement No. 20129034
- Tinker, M.T. 2013. Appendix B: Southwest Alaska Distinct Population Segment of the Northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) Population Viability Analysis (PVA) Update. In USFWS (2013). Southwest Alaska Distinct Population Segment of the Northern Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*), Recovery Plan 5-Year Review. Marine Mammals Management Office, US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Estes, J.A., J.L. Bodkin and M.T. Tinker. 2010. "Threatened southwest Alaska sea otter stock: delineating the causes and constraints to recovery of a keystone predator in the North Pacific Ocean". NPRB Project 717 Final Report
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- From kelp forests to pickle weed: sea otter ecosystem effects in different coastal habitats. Invited Seminar Speaker, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, November 2016
- Tinker, M. T. "Complex food web interactions and diverse ecosystem effects of sea otters". Invited Seminar Speaker, Haida Fisheries Conference, Haida Gwaii, British Columbia, March 2016. [presentation] [Invited]
- Tinker, M. T. "Sea Otter Ecosystem Function in alternative habitats". Invited Seminar Speaker, Moss Landing Marine Labs, California, April 2015. [presentation] [Invited]
- Tinker, M. T. "Growth and Equilibrium in Sea Otters Re-visited: a new paradigm for sea otter conservation". Invited Plenary Presentation to Friends of the Sea Otter Special Event, Big Sur, CA, Sept 2015. [presentation] [Invited]
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- Tinker, MT, B Hatfield, M Harris, J Ames. 2015. Exponential increase in rate of white shark attacks on sea otters in central California: demographic consequences and possible causes. 2015 American Fisheries Society Meeting, Santa Cruz, CA. 9 April 2015 [presentation] [Abstract] [Invited]
- Tinker, M.T., Hughes, B. November 2014. Oral Presentation. From kelp forests to pickle weed: sea otter effects on ecosystem dynamics in two distinct coastal habitats. Invited Presented to the staff for Monterey Bay Aquarium's Conservation Science Seminar Series. [presentation] [Invited]
- Tinker, M.T., J.A. Estes and J. L. Bodkin. 2013. "Effects of landscape and limited mobility on sea otter population recovery". Society for Marine Mammalogy, 20th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals, Dunedin, New Zealand. [presentation] [Abstract]
- Tinker, M.T. and Novak, M. 2013. "Effects of time-averaged sampling on the inferred strength and temporal consistency of intraspecific diet specialization.". Invited speaker at Special Symposium : "Intra-population Niche Variation: From Incidence to Relevance ", 98th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Minneapolis, MN, August 2013. [presentation] [Abstract] [Invited]
- Tinker, M.T. 2013. "The sea otters of central California: keystone predators and indicators of near-shore ecosystem influences". Invited plenary speaker at "NRS day 2013: a celebration of the UC Nature Reserve System", Bren School of Environment, UC Santa Barbara, Feb 2013. [presentation] [Invited]
- Tinker, M.T. 2013. "A paradigm coming of age? The promises, pitfalls and ontology of the Top-down system of thought in ecology". Invited plenary speaker for Presidential Symposium, Western Society of Naturalists Annual Meeting, Oxnard, CA, November 2013. [presentation] [Abstract] [Invited]
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- Tinker, M.T. 2011. "Diets and Energetics Across Sea Otter Populations". 7th Annual International Workshop on Sea Otter Conservation, Seattle, WA. [presentation] [Abstract]
- Tinker, M. T. "Causes and Consequences of Diet Specialization in Sea Otters". Invited Seminar Speaker, Moss Landing Marine Labs, California, May 2010. [presentation] [Invited]
- Tinker, M. T. "Diet Specialization and Disease Exposure in Sea Otters". Invited Seminar Speaker, UC Davis Wildlife Epidemiology Class, California, February, 2010. [presentation] [Invited]
- Tinker, M.T., J. Bodkin, M. Staedler, D. Monson, and G. Bental, 2009, Using archival time-depth recorders to measure within- and between-population variation in diet and foraging success of sea otters. Carnivores Conference, Nov. 2009, Denver, CO. [presentation] [Abstract]
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- Tinker, MT. 2008. "Sea otter diets & population status: causes and consequences of individual foraging specializations" Invited Speaker at UC Santa Cruz EE Biology Seminar Series, June 2008: [presentation] [Invited]
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