

# Oceanography Seminar

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### “MARINE BENTHIC COMMUNITIES AS INDICATORS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH”

Humans have proven time and time again that they are capable of altering the environment in a variety of ways, almost always to the detriment of the habitats found there before. It is important to study these impacts in order to understand the extent of damages caused, both spatially and temporally, as well as prevent said damages as much as possible from current and future human activities. In the marine environment, nutrients and contaminants eventually make their way to the seafloor while many disturbances directly occur here. Macro-benthic infauna (animals found in the sediment > 300