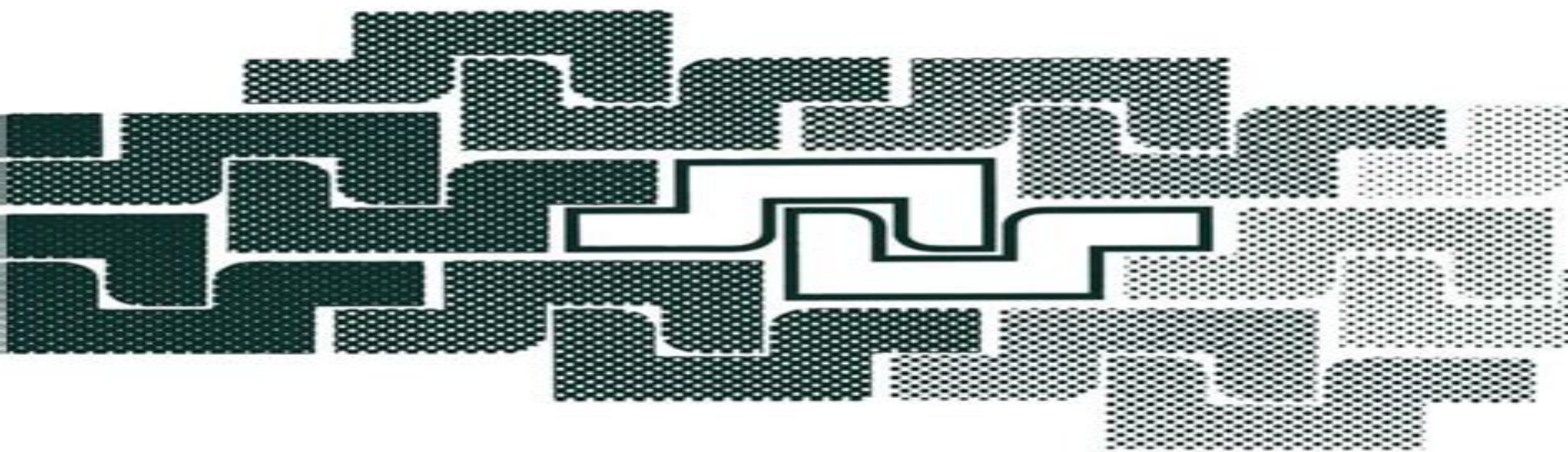




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Richard F. Dame, Sergej Olenin, 2006-03-30 Animals are a major link between the water column, pelagic and the bottom benthic habitats in most shallow systems. This coupling is dominated by active processes such as suspension feeding, in which the organism actively uses energy to pump water that is then filtered to remove suspended particles that are consumed while undigested remains are deposited on the bottom. As a result of this feeding and metabolism of particles, the animals excrete dissolved inorganic and organic waste back into the water column and thus become major components in the cycling and feedback of essential elements. With relatively high weight specific filtration rates of 1-10 liters/hour/gram dry tissue and a propensity to form large aggregated populations, beds, reefs, schools, and swarms, these organisms can play an important role in regulating water column processes. Although estuarine bivalve molluscs such as oysters and mussels dominate the suspension feeder literature, other groups including plankton and nekton that are found in estuarine as well as other aquatic systems are also potentially important removers of suspended particles. Thus, a significant part of the NATO Advanced Research Workshop focused on suspension feeders as controllers of plankton abundance, biomass, and diversity, system metabolism, nutrient cycling, and scale dependency. Systems dominated by suspension feeders are typically impacted by human activities including recreation, aquaculture, human and industrial pollution, and bilge water from shipping. Suspension feeders are often impacted by fisheries and over exploitation. These impacts commonly result in changes in ecosystem structure either through the food chain concentration of harmful substances or diseases, the introduction of alien species of suspension feeders, or the instability of suspension feeders systems through species displacement or phase shifts in the

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