

## ***Interactive comment on “An approach for coupling higher and lower levels in marine ecosystem models and its application to the North Sea” by J. A. Beecham et al.***

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