

## ***Interactive comment on “Different seasonality of pelagic and benthic *Thaumarchaeota* in the North Sea” by N. J. Bale et al.***

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We thank the anonymous reviewer for their helpful and thoughtful review. We are glad he/she found no flaws in our methods, results or discussion. We agree that representing the sediment drift on the map (Figure 1) would be helpful to readers and we will investigate the feasibility of this addition. The editorial change regarding the term muddy sand will also be made. We will convert the nutrient information in table 1 into an additional figure. Finally, we appreciate the comment that we should term the particle fraction under 63  $\mu\text{m}$  as ‘clay and silt’ and will make this change.

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