

Interactive comment on “Environmental forcing of the Campeche cold-water coral province, southern Gulf of Mexico” by D. Hebbeln et al.

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Dear authors, The open discussion of your manuscript has been closed. I want to thank the two anonymous reviewers for their thorough assessment of the manuscript. I agree with both that the paper is well written and should be published but also that the paper can and should go beyond the description of a new cold water coral province alone. I suggest that you address the major issues raised by the reviewers and reply to each of them how you have dealt with their comments in the revised paper. The deadline of the final response phase is February 21. I'm looking forward to the revised manuscript.

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