

Interactive comment on “Foraging segregation of two congeneric diving seabird species (common and thick-billed murre) breeding on St. George Island, Bering Sea” by N. Kokubun et al.

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Other than perhaps some editing here and there so that in places it conforms better to proper English, the paper is suitable for publication. I would think that the two English-speaking co-authors could correct this. Otherwise, in fact, it is a very interesting synthesis of morphology with ecology and foraging behavior, and thus a very valuable contribution to our understanding of the ecology of marine birds. Thus I recommend its publication.

The one issue that I might mention, and it is a minor one, revolves around what is said at line 15, p 18155, in regard to species attempting to avoid competition. It is competi-

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tion for a resource that drives the separation of abilities among individuals, eventually leading to differing adaptations between species that allow access to the resource in question. Without competition, there would be no between-species divergence. Adaptations are a way to solve competition, not necessarily avoid it.

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