

## Interactive comment on "The pelagic microbial food web structure in Sanggou Bay, Yellow Sea: Spatial variation over four successive seasons" by X. Chen et al.

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I am very impressed by the massive work of your paper. There is one question about Lines 8-9. In addition, Outer Bay MFW was found identical to the Inner Bay one but with a delay of one season, thus limiting to 4 the number of MFW characterising Sanggou Bay in that survey. Is this about abudance or biomass, and what does "4 the number" mean?

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