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## Reply on RC1

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Community comment on "Sensitivity of plankton assemblages to hydroclimate variability in the Barents Sea" by Elliott L. Price et al., Biogeosciences Discuss.,  
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This is honestly one of the laziest reviews I've seen and does not reflect the quality of this paper. In no way does an esoteric argument about "whether the Barents Sea Opening is actually in the Arctic or not" take away from the fact that the authors saw interesting phytoplankton community changes that were likely driven by hydrographic variability. This study could be picked up and placed in the tropics so long as their methods were valid and their reporting of results unbiased. Perhaps the authors should alter some of strength of their language regarding the connection between Arctic warming and their results, but that does not invalidate the study, and to say so is absurd.

Normally, I would not be drawn into the public review system at Copernicus, but on reading this review I felt the need to.