

# Living Marine Habitats of Alaska

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Cover: A diversity of seafloor life creates structurally complex habitat in this deep, cold-water garden near Adak Island in the Aleutians. In the center are bright orange colonies of hydroids, and directly below is a white ribbonish bryozoan. Just to the left are salmon-colored basket stars, and in the bottom center of the photo are pink colonies of *Stylaster* hydrocoral. In the lower left corner are brownish hydroids, above them are yellowish demosponges, and in the upper left quadrant are feathery hydroids. In the upper right corner is a colony of the pink gorgonian coral, *Calcigorgia* sp. In the lower right quadrant are pale yellow encrusting sponges, and in the lower right corner are darker yellow sponges. PHOTO: R. STONE, NOAA FISHERIES.