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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.