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Re: Submission of revised manuscript titled "State estimates and forecasts of the northern Philippine Sea circulation including ocean acoustic travel times"

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank you and the reviewers for all efforts in providing a careful review. Suggestions and comments provided by the reviewers greatly improved the quality of this manuscript. We thank the reviewers for their valuable time spend in careful reading and constructive comments and suggestions.

We revised the manuscript by taking into consideration the response of each of the reviewers. We hope this revised manuscript addresses all the reviewer's comments. We hereby submit the revised manuscript, along with revised manuscript with changes tracked, revised manuscript with only new edits, and point-by-point response to two reviewers. We sincerely appreciate your suggestions and reviewers comments, which help us to improve the quality of the manuscript.

Please address all correspondence concerning this manuscript to me at [ganeshgopal@ucsd.edu](mailto:ganeshgopal@ucsd.edu)

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ganesh G." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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