1. Describe the three types of patches in each experimental landscape in your own words (do not use the words “edge-to-area ratio”, for instance). How and why were these patches made?

2. What are the three major hypotheses being tested? My view of a hypothesis is that it is a prediction coupled with a mechanism, so please include both aspects for each hypothesis.

3. What hypotheses are the authors addressing with Figure 2E? What conclusions do the authors draw from these data? Do you agree that the data support these conclusions? Explain why.

4. What questions or hypotheses are the authors addressing with Figure 2F? What conclusions do the authors draw from these data? Do you agree that the data support these conclusions? Explain why.

5. What do you think about the applicability of this study to marine systems as discussed by the authors? Explain your reasoning.