



STAR GRAZING

**Temperature impacts
on sea stars and the
marine ecosystem**

Sea stars eat the mussels

An illustration of an underwater scene. At the top left is a large, five-armed orange sea star. To its right and below are several blades of green seagrass with blue veins. In the bottom right, there are two zebra mussels, one larger and one smaller, both with their shells open, showing a yellow interior. The background is a bright blue with several light blue circular bubbles of varying sizes.

**Seagrass
makes O₂
and food**

**Zebra mussels
prevent
seagrass growth
and don't have
many predators**

Yellowstone National Park



NOAA CDR Sea Surface Temperature

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