Interactive comment on “Synoptic climatology and recent climate trends at Lake El’gygytgyn” by M. Nolan et al.

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The 3 reviewers of this manuscript have varying opinions but it seems all agree that the paper should be published because of the value it brings to the paleoclimate interpretations discussed elsewhere in papers of this special issue. Several other authors refer to this paper and the information contributes broadly. All of the reviewers agree that the paper needs revision, some major and others minor. Consistently however, there is a need to simply the technical aspects of self-organized mapping (SOM) and to make revisions to the figures. The SOM approach is not widely familiar yet one of the reviewers, less critical than the others, does appreciate the new information that comes from its applications for Lake E.

I strongly encourage you to make the revisions because I consider the paper an important contribution to the special issue.

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