

Interactive comment on “Increasing ozone concentrations in marine boundary layer air inflow at the west coasts of North America and Europe” by D. D. Parrish et al.

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In their extensive response to the review comments to this paper, Parrish et al. state the problem: contradictory conclusions have been reached regarding the long term trends in background ozone concentrations reaching the west coast of North America. One set of papers argues that there is a statistically discernible trend whereas the other resolves that there is no such trend. Since both are based on essentially the same data set, the methodology employed has to be a big reason for this discrepancy. It does not help that the data set itself is wanting. As editor I would have liked to keep this interesting and important discussion going but it seems unfair to the authors of the

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current paper to hold up publication in ACP for this reason alone. I expect that the last word has not been said about the topic at hand.

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