

Report on 22th Month Activities  
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Mid-Atlantic OCS

Between

Northeast Fisheries Center  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
U. S. Department of Commerce

and

Bureau of Land Management  
U. S. Department of Interior

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## A. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

1. We discussed aspects of the Ichthyoplankton draft final report with the COAR; we received BLM's written comments on the draft report on 9 April.
2. We submitted the seventh quarterly report on schedule.

## B. DATA MANAGEMENT

1. Tapes of spawning season data from the Finfish task, and Ichthyoplankton data on vertical migrations and the R/V Dolphin surveys, have been completed, documented and sent to NODC. The remaining data sets (concerning 1973-76 semiannual Middle Atlantic Bight and 1974-76 monthly New York Bight surveys) are nearly ready to be sent from Narragansett to NODC.
2. The second round of corrections was completed for Pathobiology's disease citation file. Listings were returned to the Oxford laboratory for proofing.

## C. TASK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### 1. Fisheries:

Development of computer programs for generation of the graphic display portions of the final report is proceeding on schedule, with no slippages foreseen. We were sent a copy of the VIMS report on finfish community analysis and food habits; we referred the report to Dr. Sukwoo Chang of the Sandy Hook Laboratory for comments.

### 2. Ichthyoplankton:

We received BLM's comments on our draft final report, and began making revisions. Tapes for the plankton data held at Sandy Hook were submitted to NODC; the Narragansett data will follow shortly.

### 3. Pathobiology:

The Sandy Hook ADP unit again made corrections to the marine disease listings, and returned the listings to us. Proofing of these corrections is now underway. We have made little progress toward completion of the final report, and so will soon request another deadline extension.