

CENTRAL FILE

Report on 31st Month Activities
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Biological Baseline Studies
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

For the Period
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A. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

We discussed the review of Ichthyoplankton and Pathobiology final reports with the COAR. We were notified that the Ichthyoplankton report is acceptable to BLM. We also raised the possibility of shifting program management duties to the Finfish task; it was decided to wait until final acceptance of the Pathobiology report before making this transfer. Our ninth quarterly report was submitted on schedule.

B. DATA MANAGEMENT

No activities this month.

C. TASK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Finfish:

We continued working on producing catch per tow, by year graphical displays for a test species (summer flounder) and preparing length data for the same species for graphing. Work with the test species should be complete by late February or early March, production runs on the remaining species will then begin immediately and should be completed before the end of March. The final report can then be completed by the end of April or early May. We have decided to include data from the last four years (1976-1979) in the final graphic outputs and report.

The above schedule was discussed with and approved by BLM, Contracting Officer's Representative.

2. Ichthyoplankton:

The final report was approved after BLM review. We are presently assembling the 50 copies required by the Interagency Agreement; the copies will be furnished to BLM shortly.

3. Pathobiology:

We are awaiting BLM comments on our final report.