

CENTRAL FILE

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of Progress on Interagency Agreement AA550-1A7-35
Biological Baseline Studies
Mid-Atlantic OCS

Between

Northeast Fisheries Center
National Marine Fisheries Service
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

and

Bureau of Land Management
U. S. Department of Interior

For the Period

17 December 1979 - 16 March 1980

March 1980

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SUMMARY

The Ichthyoplankton final report was approved by BLM and has been printed; Pathobiology's final report is still under review. The Finfish task made good progress on its final report, completing figures on weight and number per tow, length frequency, and distribution of young of the year or juveniles for each of the 22 species covered by this study.

A. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

R. Reid

Review of the Ichthyoplankton and Pathobiology final reports was discussed with the COAR. We were notified that the former report was approved, while the latter is still being examined. It was decided not to transfer program management duties to the Finfish task until all other tasks were completed.

B. DATA MANAGEMENT

A. Pacheco

No activities this quarter aside from those ongoing within the Finfish task.

C. TASK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Fisheries (T. Azarovitz)

During the period from 16 December 1979 to 15 March 1980 substantial progress on the final report has been made. This is especially true of the last two months. During this time the graphs depicting weight and number per tow, and length frequency for each of the 22 species, by season, were completed. Figures depicting the distribution of young of the year or juveniles, by season for each of the 22 species, were also completed. To date, the general distribution plots (on a figure of the coastline) have been completed only for summer flounder. Problems delaying the production of these figures have been corrected and it is hoped that all of these plots can be completed during March.

The completion of the above work should allow for the submission of the final report as scheduled (May).

2. Ichthyoplankton (W. Smith)

Our final report was reviewed and approved by BLM. We have just received 50 bound copies from the printer, and will forward these to BLM very shortly.

3. Pathobiology (R. Murchelano)

The final report was completed and submitted during the prior quarter, and is now under BLM review.