

CENTRAL FILE

12th Quarterly Report
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
U. S. Department of Commerce

and

Bureau of Land Management
U. S. Department of Interior

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SUMMARY

The revised Ichthyoplankton final report was sent to BLM, completing the contract requirements of that task. Comments on the Pathobiology report were furnished to BLM. The Fisheries task continued working on graphic materials for their final report, much of which has already been drafted. A July completion date is now anticipated.

A. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

R. Reid

Comments on the Pathobiology final report were received and relayed to that task. Discussions with the COAR indicated that there has been considerable demand for our other final reports, so Pathobiology will still be required to furnish 50 copies of the final report.

B. DATA MANAGEMENT

A. Pacheco

No activities this month except those reported for the Fisheries task.

C. TASK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Fisheries (T. Azarovitz)

During the 16 March-15 June quarter we completed several tasks required before we could begin drafting the final report. These tasks primarily involved production runs of graphic outputs on which the final report is to be based. Some delays were brought about by programming problems which necessitated our rerunning some of the plots. Our agreement now calls for the inclusion of data from 1968 through 1979. These data have been included; but we found that by deleting some of the cruises prior to 1976 (spring inshore cruises, 1 to 2 months out of phase with the established time-series) the distribution plots were made more representative. We felt required to produce and include these additional distribution plots even though it delayed completion of the final report.

A substantial portion of the report is in draft form and we should complete the rest during July.

2. Pathobiology (R. Murchelano)

The final report was reviewed by BLM, and comments were furnished to Pathobiology for revision and submission of the final report (50 copies).

3. Ichthyoplankton (W. Smith)

The revised final report was printed and sent to BLM, thus completing the activities of this task.