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CRUISE RESULTS

Gulf of Maine Northern Shrimp Survey
July 23 - August 4, 2001

Introduction

This report summarizes results of the 2001 survey cruise for northern shrimp, *Pandalus borealis,* in the western Gulf of Maine. This was the eighteenth cruise conducted by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) in cooperation with the Northern Shrimp Technical Committee of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The survey is designed to provide data required for annual stock assessments and related tasks.

Methods

The survey cruise was conducted between July 23-August 4 aboard the R/V GLORIA MICHELLE, a 65-foot, 96 gross registered ton (GRT) stern trawler powered by a 365 horsepower Caterpillar diesel engine. Fieldwork was overseen by NEFSC staff. Participants included Technical Committee members and other personnel from the NEFSC and state agencies of Maine and Massachusetts (see Appendix I). Data entry and analyses were performed at the NEFSC.

A stratified random sampling design was used (Figure 1). Stations were allocated to strata roughly in proportion to the area of the strata and additional non-random stations were also occupied. Field work was conducted during daylight hours to account for diel changes in northern shrimp availability. The survey was comprised of three parts; Part I was during 23-27 July; Part II, 28-31 July; Part III, 1-4 August 2001. The vessel departed Woods Hole, MA and headed to Boothbay Harbor, ME; Boothbay Harbor, ME to Gloucester, MA, and Gloucester, MA returning to Woods Hole, MA. Locations of stations sampled during each part are given in Figure 2.

At each station a 15 minute tow was made at a vessel speed of two knots. Gear consisted of a four-seam modified commercial shrimp trawl fished at a scope of 3:1 in depths up to and including 85 fathoms; in depths between 85-100 fathoms, 250 fathoms of wire was used; and in depths greater than 100 fathoms, the scope was 2.5:1. Reference/hull surface temperatures and meteorological observations were recorded at each station. A minilogger, Sea-Bird Electronics Temperature/Pressure recorder (SBE 39) was used to record the bottom temperatures during the survey.

In all instances where feasible, a 2 kilogram (kg) sample of pandalid shrimp was collected for determination of species composition. Length frequency measurements were collected for northern shrimp (mid-dorsal carapace length, rounded down to the nearest 0.5 millimeter) in addition to sex and female spawning condition (Rasmussen 1953; McCrary 1971). In cases in which less than 2 kg of shrimp were caught, the entire catch was processed as described above.

For other species of invertebrates and finfish, standard NEFSC bottom trawl survey techniques (Azarovitz 1981, Grosslein 1969) were used to process the catch. Bony fish were measured (nearest centimeter (cm) to the end of the central caudal ray; American lobster were measured in millimeters (mm) from eye socket to end of carapace; and carapace width (cm) was recorded for crabs. Bivalves were measured by shell height (cm) and cephalopods were measured by mantle length (cm). All species weights were recorded to the nearest 0.1 kg. The remainder of the catch (miscellaneous invertebrates, trash, etc.) was recorded by weight. Total weight and sample length frequencies for each species were recorded on standard NEFSC Bottom Trawl Survey forms, which were retained for processing and computer entry.

Results

A total of 57 stations were occupied. Northern shrimp were taken at 53 stations (Table 1). There were 15 non-random fixed stations. On stratum-tow 7-1, the tow was repeated as stratum-tow 7-6, due to crossed doors. On stratum-tow 7-4, the tow was repeated as stratum-tow 7-7, due to strong currents. Strata 1, tows 1, 3, 7, and 8 and strata 3, tow 2, and strata 6, tow 10 had the highest total number of shrimp for the survey (Table 1).

All survey data for northern shrimp, and data for other Pandalid species (total weight and number) have been key-entered, audited, and archived in computer data files, together with data for finfish and selected invertebrates (total weight, number, and length frequencies). Scientific sample collections are summarized in Table 2. This information is available on request (refer to NEFSC Survey Master Data files Cruise Code 2170).

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Table 1. Summary of northern shrimp data collected on the 2001 Northern Shrimp Survey in the western Gulf of Maine aboard the R/V GLORIA MICHELLE July 23 - August 4, 2001.

Stratum -tow	Station	Latitude	Longitude	Depth (m)	Bottom Temp (C)	Weight (kg)	Total No.	Total No. >=22mm
01 01	46	42 48	70 23	113	4.1	43.1	5,794	2,772
01 02	44	42 55	70 21	144	4.5	13.1	1,595	883
01 03	41	42 57	70 08	110	4.2	20.5	3,047	809
01 04	31	43 15	70 02	134	5.4	13.7	2,105	561
01 05	43	43 03	70 18	135	4.7	13.4	1,682	871
01 06	32	43 13	70 16	104	4.5	0.2	34	6
*01 07	42	42 58	70 15	159	4.8	31	3,954	1,667
*01 08	45	42 52	70 29	108	4.1	21.4	3,188	1,348
01 09	33	43 02	70 01	126	5.4	0.3	65	0
02 01	48	42 32	70 25	112	4.7	5.8	1,033	277
02 02	47	42 24	70 30	91	4.7	20.6	2,555	1,207
03 01	37	42 54	69 42	170	6.9	3.6	386	239
03 02	30	43 17	69 55	148	6.3	23.1	3,159	1,331
03 03	36	42 58	69 34	159	6.1	6.5	973	287
03 04	27	43 22	69 54	163	6.5	9.8	1,171	553
*03 05	28	43 21	69 57	155	6.5	13.8	1,656	644
03 06	23	43 27	69 31	161	5.9	0	0	0
03 07	29	43 25	69 59	135	5.6	2.1	318	92
03 08	26	43 15	69 31	143	5.2	17.9	2,560	720
03 09	22	43 33	69 36	154	5.1	5.9	782	455
*03 10	34	43 06	69 48	157	6.7	11.8	1,394	733
04 01	49	42 38	69 58	183	6.8	0.6	100	20
05 01	40	42 48	69 52	227	7.4	4.2	543	242
05 02	35	42 60	69 48	181	7.2	4.2	598	140
*05 03	38	42 54	69 45	203	7.4	2.7	324	177
05 04	39	42 47	69 38	221	7.3	5.9	830	258
06 01	18	43 34	69 04	135	5.4	4.8	564	270
06 02	50	42 45	69 25	168	6.9	3.4	466	199
06 03	20	43 29	69 12	161	5.4	4.8	590	295
06 04	21	43 28	69 14	166	5.4	2.1	230	96
06 05	11	43 02	69 16	166	5.9	10.4	1,210	567
06 06	19	43 32	69 04	110	5.4	0	6	0
06 07	12	42 52	69 03	188	6.3	7.7	1,015	341
06 08	10	43 06	69 10	168	5.7	14.7	1,749	826
06 09	8	43 09	69 04	170	6.6	9	1,114	450
06 10	25	43 13	69 24	165	5.6	36.3	5,842	1,068
*06 11	9	43 09	69 09	183	5.9	6.4	868	235
*06 12	24	43 20	69 22	177	5.8	15.1	2,271	560
07 01	2	42 17	69 11	214		0	0	0
07 02	1	42 13	69 18	207	7.4	2.1	204	153

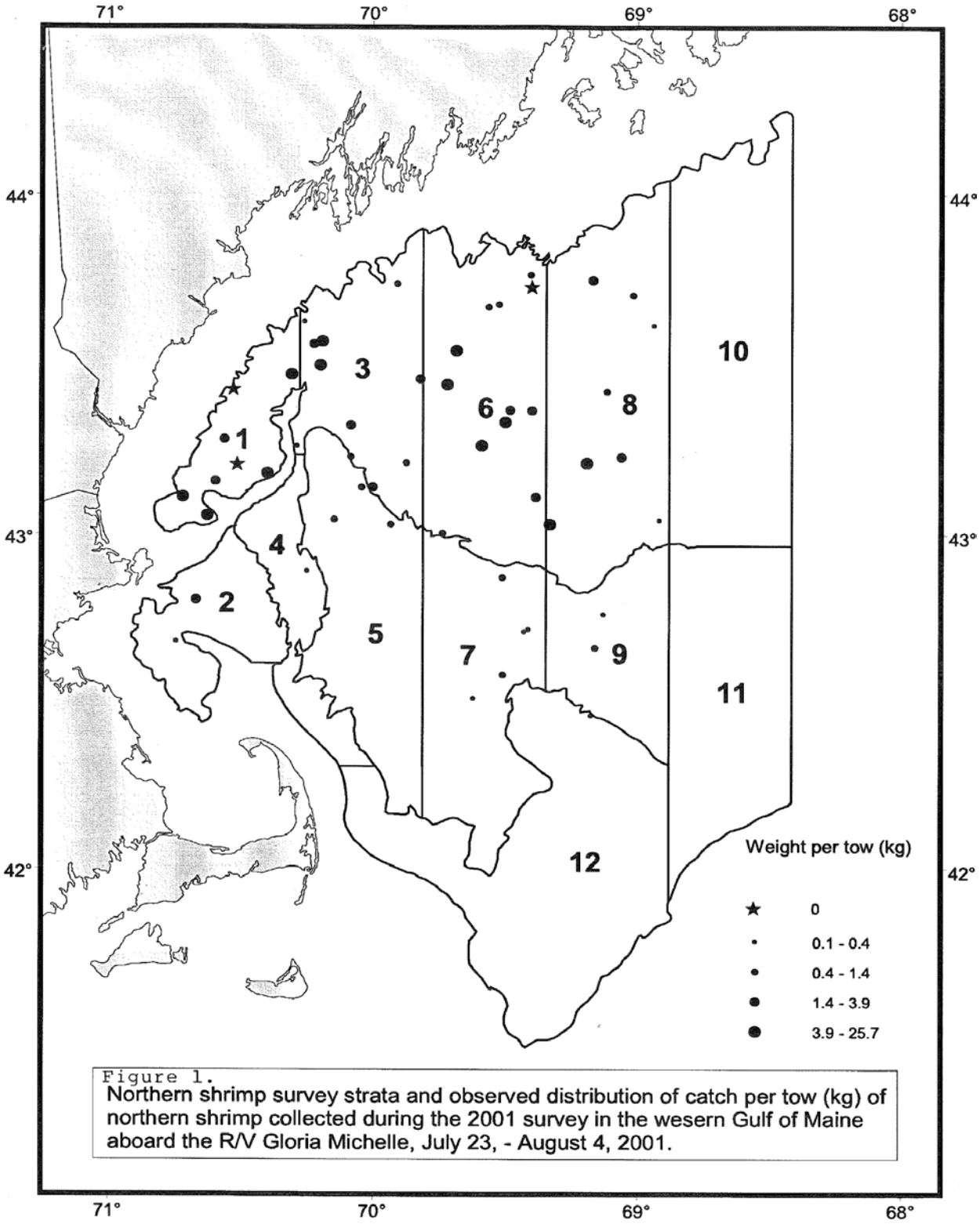
Stratum -tow	Station	Latitude	Longitude	Depth (m)	Bottom Temp (C)	Weight (kg)	Total No.	Total No. >=22mm
07 03	5	42 26	69 06	236	7.3	0.3	38	18
*07 04	51	42 38	69 15	203	7.2	0	0	0
*07 05	4	42 27	69 04	221	7.3	1.2	146	70
07 06	3	42 18	69 11	218	7.5	3.9	433	286
*07 07	52	42 37	69 11	199	7.3	2.9	411	131
08 01	54	42 48	68 32	168	7	0.5	62	27
*08 02	6	42 54	68 41	199	7.3	0	0	0
08 03	13	42 60	68 42	183	6.9	6.4	738	338
08 04	14	43 12	68 45	170	6.8	3.6	440	191
08 05	53	42 47	68 59	177	6.3	7.7	1,202	411
08 06	16	43 30	68 39	141	7	5.3	542	303
08 07	15	43 25	68 34	154		1.1	113	65
*08 08	7	42 58	68 50	176	7.1	15.4	1,815	816
*08 09	17	43 33	68 49	132	7.1	8.4	862	589
09 01	56	42 23	68 48	199	7	1	122	66
*09 02	55	42 29	68 46	198	7.4	2	228	141
*12 01	57	42 10	68 49	172	6.1	3.9	445	266

* non-random tow

Table 2. Miscellaneous scientific collections made on the 2001 northern shrimp survey in the western Gulf of Maine aboard the R/V GLORIA MICHELLE, July 23-August 4, 2001.

Investigator & Affiliation	**Samples**	**Approximate Number**
Aquarium, NMFS, NEFSC, Woods Hole, MA	Shrimp	5 bags
George Bolz, NMFS, NEFSC, Woods Hole, MA	Goosefish vertebrae	157 individuals
Jason Link, NMFS, NEFSC	Goosefish stomachs	35 examined
Katherine Sosebee, NMFS, Woods Hole, MA	White hake otoliths	176 samles
Katherine Sosebee, NMFS, Woods Hole, MA	Thorny skate	8 individuals
Katherine Sosebee, NMFS, Woods Hole, MA	Smooth skate	9 individuals

Figure 1. Northern shrimp survey strata and observed distribution of catch per tow (kg) of northern shrimp collected during the 2001 survey in the western Gulf of Maine aboard the R/V GLORIA MICHELLE, July 23-August 4, 2001.



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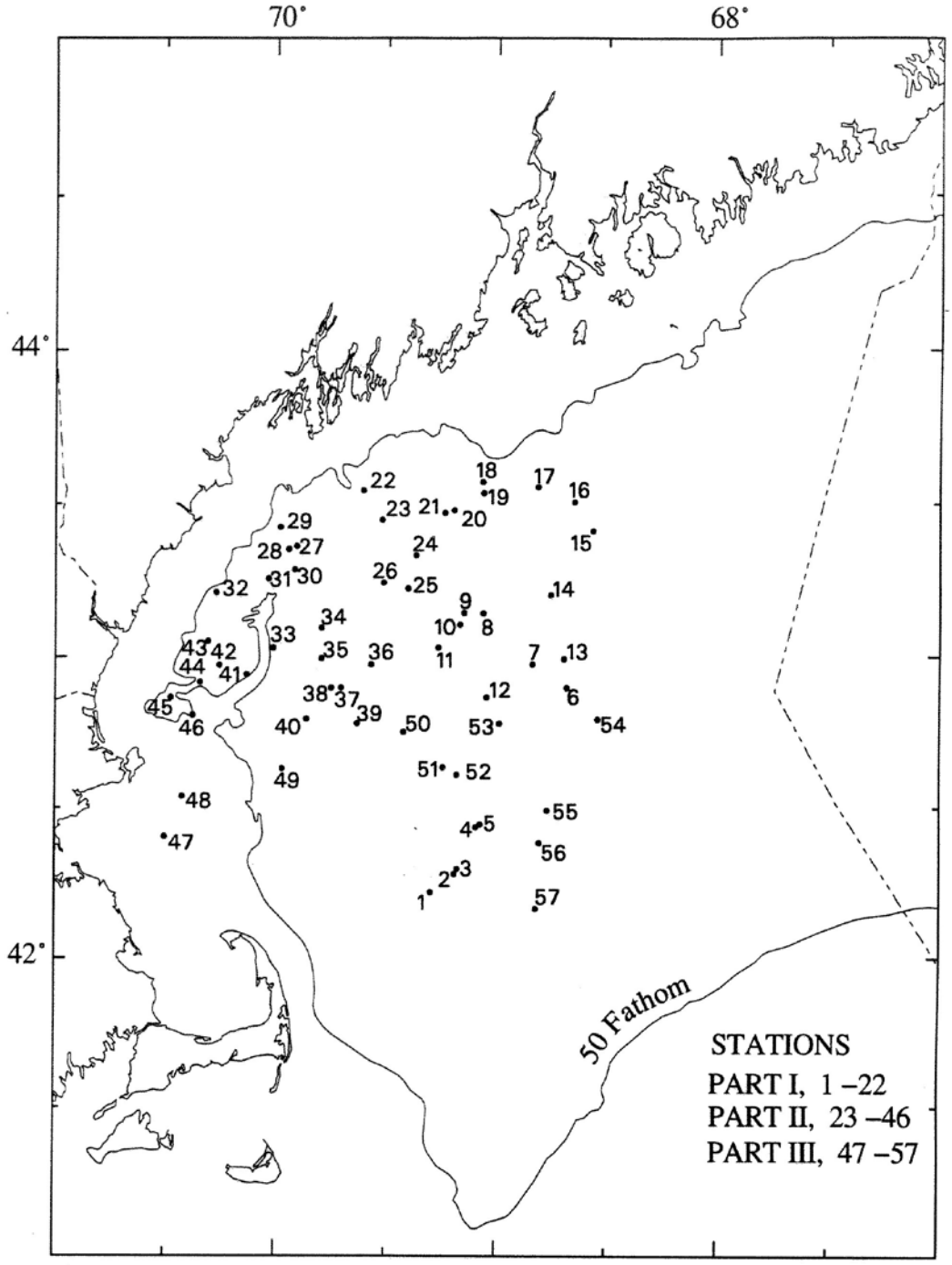
Northern shrimp survey strata and observed distribution of catch per tow (kg) of northern shrimp collected during the 2001 survey in the wesern Gulf of Maine aboard the R/V Gloria Michelle, July 23, - August 4, 2001.

Figure 2. Trawl hauls made from the R/V GLORIA MICHELLE, during National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center summer northern shrimp survey (01-12), July 23-August 4, 2001.



Appendix I. Participants on the 2001 northern shrimp survey cruise in the western Gulf of Maine, aboard the R/V GLORIA MICHELLE, July 23-August 4, 2001.

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