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# The First Report of the 4Vn Sentinel Survey 

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#### Abstract

After an intensive organisational period the first 4 Vn sentinel survey has been successfully completed. Prior to the survey 28 fishermen underwent instruction in collecting and recording scientific data at sea, and upon completion of the survey they received further training in elements of fisheries biology and oceanography. Five of the six longline boats participating in the survey completed their allocation of five trips, while one was able to complete only two of its full complement due to major engine breakdown. Thus 27 trips were made for a total of 54 sets. The set locations were predetermined, being randomly allocated according to a stratified design. Data has been collected, keypunched and preliminary analysis completed.


Over the 19 day survey period (September 20 to October 8), 13,634 kg of cod were taken in 4 Vn . The next three most common species taken were dogfish, plaice and skate at 3300,1932 and 998 kg respectively. The average catch rate of cod over this period was $110.5 \mathrm{~kg} / 1000$ hooks. Although it is difficult to compare catch rates from the 1993 test fishery, which had no rigid survey design and also probably exploited Gulf of St. Lawrence (4T) cod over much of its duration, it appears catch rates in the autumn of 1994 had not improved, and if anything, were lower than during the same time in 1993.

The potential of the sentinel survey for providing an index of abundance is good. There was excellent coverage of the survey area and it was possible to construct distributional maps of a number of groundfish species. However, only if maintained on an annual basis can this survey become a valuable tool in evaluating the status of this stock.

## Résumé

Après une intense période d'organisation, le premier relevé des pêches sentinelles dans 4 Vn a été effectué avec succès. Avant ce relevé, 28 pêcheurs avaient reçu des instructions sur la manière de recueillir et de consigner des données scientifiques en mer. Après le relevé, ils ont reçu une formation plus approfondie sur divers éléments de la biologie des poissons et de l'océanographie. Cinq des six palangriers qui participaient au relevé ont effectué les cinq sorties prévues, tandis que le sixième n'a pu effectuer que deux sorties en raison d'avaries majeures de son moteur. Par conséquent, 27 sorties ont été réalisées, qui ont produit un total de 54 traits. L'emplacement des traits avait été déterminé à l'avance et avait été attribué au hasard selon une formule d'échantillonnage stratifié. Les données ont été recueillies, transcrites sur des cartes perforées, puis analysées de façon préliminaire.

Au cours des 19 jours qu'a duré le relevé (du 20 septembre au 8 octobre) 13634 kg de morue ont été pêchés dans 4 Vn . Les trois principales autres espèces capturées étaient l'aiguillat, la plie et la raie, dans des quantités respectives de 3300,1932 et 998 kg . Le taux moyen de prises de morue durant cette période se situait à $110,5 \mathrm{~kg} /$ ¿ 000 hameçons. Quoiqu'il soit difficile de comparer les taux de prises à ceux de la pêche expérimentale de 1993, dans laquelle il n'y avait pas eu de relevé rigoureux et qui exploitait aussi sans doute de la morue du golfe du SaintLaurent (4T) pendant une bonne partie de sa durée, il semble que les taux de prises de l'automne 1994 ne se soient pas améliorés et qu'ils sont peut-être même inférieurs à ceux de la même période en 1993.

Le relevé des pêches sentinelles semble s'avérer un bon moyen d'obtenir un indice d'abondance. La zone de relevé a été très bien couverte et il a été possible d'établir des cartes de distribution d'un certain nombre d'espèces de poisson de fond. Toutefois, ce relevé ne peut devenir un bon outil d'évaluation su stock que s'il est répété chaque année.

## INTRODUCTION

The major goal of the sentinel survey is to provide an index of abundance of the 4 Vn cod stock. It also fulfills the desire of the inshore fishing to take an active role in the determination of the status of the 4 Vn cod stock while providing information to the DFO that it would be unable to obtain with its own resources. This survey forms an adjunct to DFO groundfish surveys that have been carried out in this area during the past two decades. Having to monitor the entire Scotian Shelf, the DFO groundfish survey cannot afford to expend much effort in 4 Vn which is the smallest of the NAFO statistical subdivisions. In recent years 15 of about 100 sets are made in 4 Vn . As a result the survey index for 4 Vn has a notoriously high variability. The high resolution afforded by the sentinel survey (up to 60 sets) should alleviate this problem and provide a more stable and reliable index.

## ORGANISATION

## Preliminary

Since late 1993, after the closure of the 4 Vn cod fishery, the fishing industry in Cape Breton had been lobbying the government for the opportunity to conduct some type of fishing activity to aid in the assessment of the status of the 4 Vn stock. During the summer of 1994 a team made up of personnel from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Operations and Science Branches and Human Resources and Development (HRD) worked out the details of a sentinel fishing program for the 4 Vn area off Cape Breton. There was a wide disparity in the amount of fishing wanted by the industry and the amount required by Science to do an adequate assessment of the abundance of the fish stock. By August a compromise plan had been formulated which would have good scientific value and adhere to conservation principals while allowing sufficient fishing to qualify for assistance under the Atlantic Groundfish Strategy (TAGS) program of the Human Resources Department. This program consisted of two three-week periods (during June and September) for a survey of the abundance of resident 4 Vn cod and two six-week periods (October/November \& April/May) for monitoring the migration of Gulf of St. Lawrence cod to and from Sydney Bight. The surveys would be carried out by six longliners (five trips each) and the migration monitoring by one longliner (six trips). The project would be funded by DFO and HRD and monies gained from sale of catch could be used to subsidise the operation of the project.

A number of fishermen's organisations were interested in participating in the sentinel survey; therefore, to facilitate the operation of the venture, an umbrella organisation, the 4 Vn Sentinel Fishery Association was formed. This association comprised representation from five industry groups; the North of Smokey Fishermen's Association, the Glace Bay Fishermen's Association, Maritime Fishermen's Union - Local \#6, the Port Morien Fishermen's Association, and the 4 Vn Hook and Line Association. Also, three persons not associated with the fishery but residents of the three geographical areas represented by these five associations were named to the Board of Directors. Timothy Lambert and Fred Allen (DFO) were named as ex-officio members. Two officers were elected; they were by acclamation, Greg Organ (North of Smokey F.A.), Chairman, and Kevin Nash (Glace Bay F.A.), Manager. The 4Vn Sentinel Fishery Association was duly incorporated and registered with the N.S. Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

## Selection of Participants

Applicants for participation in the survey had to meet the following criteria:

- be a single groundfish only licence holder
- be eligible for HRD Income Assistance through TAGS
- be the head of an active fishing enterprise
- have fished full-time for seven years
- have earned $75 \%$ of income or annual revenues of $\$ 20,000$ from fishing.

In addition, the applicants had to be prepared to make a multi-year (3-5) commitment to the project. Also the Board decided to make it mandatory that boats must be decked over, have good navigational equipment and carry lifeboats.

After some minor modifications of the eligibility rules the tenders of seven boats were selected by the Association's Board. The vessels and their captains and/or owners were:

Abundance Survey

Heidi M
Sonya \& Brothers Nor'East Fish Company
No Sweat Bruce Strong
Edward \& Jason Larry Parsons
Anita \& Sharon Silby Barrett
Rosa Carlos John Matias

4T Cod Migration Monitoring
Try Me
Herb Nash

## Funding

Funding for the project was secured from four sources. HRD provided wages and monies toward overhead under the TAGS program; DFO paid for boat charters, fuel and bait from the Atlantic Fisheries Adjustment Program (AFAP); DFO Science funded training, equipment and operating expenses, and Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation (ECBC) also provided funding on a cost shared basis.

## Training

Instruction was provided in two sessions; one prior to the survey, consisting of practical training, and the other a more theoretical course of instruction after the survey.

## Pre survey (Practical)

The participants of the Sentinel Survey were divided into two groups for this first session. Each of the groups received one and a half days instruction on the correct procedures for weighing and measuring fish, removing otoliths, and recording these data. Each session was introduced with an overview of the intended project, which included an explanation of the function and design of a scientific survey.

Post survey (Theoretical)
After the survey, the fishermen were given a two-week course on the basic elements of oceanography, marine ecology and fish biology. The topics were selected to be of particular interest and usefulness to the fishing industry. Videos, slides, overheads and other illustrative material were liberally used to make the course as interesting as possible. Each section of the course was followed by a short quiz. These were purely for self-testing and no marks were recorded. Specific topics covered were:

The scientific method.
Presentation of data.
Physical Oceanography.
Migration and Movement of fishes.
Marine Ecology
Spawning and Early Life History

Body Form and Swimming.
Feeding Behaviour and Adaptations
Growth
Reproduction and Maturation
Stock Assessment
Elements of Marine Weather

## SAMPLING PROTOCOL

## Survey Design

A stratified random sampling scheme was used, similar to that used by the DFO groundfish survey. The sampling area was approximately 4000 sq nautical miles ( $13,750 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ ), comprising all of 4 Vn within the 100 fathom contour and with the omission of about 650 sq miles in the south-east corner of the subdivision. This last area ranged from about 50 miles from shore at its nearest point to about 80 miles at its furthest which was considered an impractical distance to travel. The sampling area was divided into three strata on the basis of depth. Sixty set locations were selected randomly and assigned proportionally among the three strata (Table 1).

Table 1. Three depth strata for the 4 Vn Sentinel Survey.

| Depth (fath) | Depth (m) | Area (nm ${ }^{2}$ ) | Area (km $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | \% of Total | \# of Sets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<30$ | $<55$ | 1,070 | 3,674 | 25 | 15 |
| $30-49$ | $55-91$ | 1,320 | 4,532 | 32 | 19 |
| $50-100$ | $92-183$ | 1,780 | 6,112 | 43 | 26 |

Fifty-four of the sixty assigned sets were completed. Due to major engine problems one vessel was unable to complete three of its trips. The sets that were done can be located in Fig 1.


Fig 1. Set locations for the autumn, 1994 Sentinel Survey.

## Fishing gear.

Fishing effort in the survey was standardized. Fishing sets, gear specifications and methods of deployment were standardized in consultation with industry. The original proposal of gear specifications was:

- One set consisted of 5 tubs of gear.
- A tub of gear contained 450-500 hooks.
- Hooks - \#12 circle.
- Gangions - 18 in . long, made of $150-200 \mathrm{lb}$. test ( $3-4 \mathrm{lb}$. linear weight) braided nylon set 6 ft apart along the groundline.
- Bait - mackerel.
- Soak time will be 3 to 6 hours.

An additional standardisation was added to recognise a tactic common in the Cape Breton area; the groundline had floating line spliced to it at intervals to raise hooks off the bottom. The floating line is added every 60 hooks; thus from the anchor, by groups of hooks: 30 -normal back line; 60 -floating line spliced in; 60-normal; 60-float; 60 -normal; 60-float etc.

Statistics collected after the survey to monitor the degree of conformity to standards showed the following gear values for the six boats :

|  | Maximum | Minimum | Average | Stan.Dev. |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Soak Time (hours) | 12.1 | 2.6 | 6.2 | 2.0 |
| Hooks (total) | 2,550 | 2,295 | 2,295 | 60 |
| (per tub) | 510 | 445 | 460 | 12 |
| Length of set (km) | 4.5 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 0.3 |

In addition, it was found that four boats used short shank hooks, one boat long shank hooks and one boat a mix of each. It is hoped that an experiment can be conducted within the next year to compare the effectiveness of a \#12 short shank circle hook to that of a \#12 long shank circle hook.

All the gear variables listed above appeared to be well within limits of tolerance with perhaps the exception of soak time. It was found not possible to be more consistent with set duration due to the positioning of set locations. The travel time between the two sets on each trip was quite variable due to the random positioning of the set locations. Because of the constraints of the survey design this is unavoidable. However, the variation in soak time did not appear to affect the catch rate of cod as the points on the graph are well scattered (Fig 2). The duration of most sets was between four and eight hours. If anything this graph tells us that there is little, if any, advantage in leaving the gear in the water longer than four hours. The variation of total catch with soak time
 also shows the same scatter with no apparent pattern.

## Observers

Observers were deployed for the first two trips of each vessel. Their presence was primarily to ensure the integrity of the data collection. In addition, they were to intervene in any way that would aid in the training of fishermen in scientific sampling of fish. Fishermen kept their own data sheets, so there were in essence, "duplicate books" for these trips to allow a comparison between observer and fishermen collected data. Observers kept all otoliths from trips on which they took part.

## Instructions for measurements at sea.

- Take surface temperature for each set.
- Secure temperature recorder to one string of gear before setting and remove after gear is retrieved at end of the set. To be delivered to field data coordinator for data recovery.
- Standard set and gear details to be recorded.
- Count and total weight estimate to be recorded for all species, including discards.
- For each set, sample of 200 cod, randomly selected, to be reserved for individual length and weight measurements.
- From each of these random samples of 200 cod, collect otoliths from a random sub-sample of 50 fish. ${ }^{1}$
- Record all measurements on data sheets.

Each boat was provided with a sampling kit which, along with instructions on sampling protocol, included measuring board, scales, clipboard, pencils, data sheets, temperature recording instruments, a wheelhouse logbook for recording of information other than that recorded on data sheets (presence of other sealife such as whales, seals etc.; damage to gear; tide and current conditions, weather; any unusal event), and tables for conversion of measurement units.

## RESULTS

## Catch

Details of catch taken during the survey can be found in Table 2. Less than fourteen tonnes of cod were caught. The next most common species in the catch was spiny dogfish. Whereas most of the cod were taken in deeper water, the opposite was true of dogfish. Plaice andskate were the next two prevalent species, both preferring deeper water. The bulk of skate taken were thorny skate. Three species of wolffish were reported; striped, spotted and Northern. The striped or Atlantic wolffish was by far the most common. Seven sharks were caught, six of which were blue, the seventh being a mako. Miscellaneous species included 8 kg of haddock, 6 kg of eel and 1 kg of redfish. About 20 kg of assorted crabs and other invertebrates were also

1 Detailed measurements of cod can be done ashore or at sea, depending on weather.
reported in the catch. Detailed catch records by set for each trip can be found in Appendix A.

Table 2. Total estimated catch ( kg ) by species and depth in 4 Vn Sentinel Survey.

| SPECIES | $\mathbf{3 0 F}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 - 5 0 F}$ | $\mathbf{7 5 1} \mathbf{F}$ | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COD | 1,662 | 5,098 | 6,874 | 13,634 |
| DOGFISH | 1,935 | 1,061 | 304 | 3,300 |
| PLAICE | 36 | 638 | 1,258 | 1,932 |
| SKATE | 71 | 295 | 632 | 998 |
| WHITE HAKE | 130 | 15 | 360 | 505 |
| WOLFFISH | 135 | 287 | 78 | 500 |
| SHARK | - | 155 | 35 | 190 |
| SCULPIN | 34 | 26 | 7 | 67 |
| POLLOCK | - | - | 58 | 58 |
| HAGFISH | - | - | 11 | 11 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | - | 6 | 9 | 15 |
| TOTAL | 4,003 | 7,581 | 9,626 | 21,210 |

## Distribution

The distribution of the six main species caught are illustrated in Figs 3(a) to 3(f). Most of the species appeared to have strong depth preferences. The majority of cod and plaice were found in deep water whereas dogfish and wolffish appeared to prefer shallower water. Skate and white hake showed no clear affiliation with depth; however, whereas skate were most abundant in the south of the survey area, more hake were found to the north.

It should be borne in mind that because of hook size selectivity, these distributions are representative of larger, mature fish. It is known for instance, that substantial numbers of juvenile plaice are located in shallow inshore waters (DFO inshore survey - unpublished information); these would be largely unsampled. Also young cod (1 to 3 yrs old) prefer shallower water and would be undersampled if caught at all.

The distribution of cod as seen by the sentinel survey can be compared to two DFO surveys in 4 Vn ; one in July run by the Scotia Fundy Region and the other in September run by the Gulf Region as an extension to their annual groundfish survey during that month. For all three surveys the distribution of cod was very similar. The similarities between the sentinel survey, Fig 3(a) and the Gulf region's survey, Fig 4, are striking.


Fig 3(a) Cod abundance (kg per set)


Fig 3(c) Plaice abundance (kg per set)


Fig 3(b) Dogfish abundance (kg per set)


Fig 3(d) Skate abundance (kg per set)


Fig 3(e) White hake abundance (kg per set)



Fig 3(f) Wolffish abundance (kg per set)

Fig 4. Cod aundance (kg/tow). DFO (Gulf Region) September groundfish survey.

## Cod

## Catchrate

Catch rates ranged from 0 to 467 kg per 1000 hooks ( 475 lbs per tub), with the average being 110.5 kg per 1000 hooks ( 112 lbs per tub). Over the duration of the survey, the average catch rate of cod in the deep statum (>50 fathoms) was about double that of from the shallow statum ( $<30$ fathoms). The medium depth stratum catch rates were intermediate between the other two (Fig 5). Catch rates were higher in the deep stratum at the end of the survey than at the beginning; the opposite was true of the shallow stratum. It is possible this reflects an autumn inshore to offshore. movement of cod. This overwintering behaviour of local inshore stocks was first noted by McKenzie (1934).


Fig 5. Average catch rate of cod by depth stratum ( $<30,30-50$ and 51-100 fathoms).

## LENGTH FREQUENCY

The overall length frquency of cod was strongly unimodal at 50 cm (Fig 6). At this length a cod in 4 Vn would be around five years old. According to the DFO July 1994 groundfish survey the dominant ages at present are 5 and 7 years ( 1987 \& 1989 year-classes). The age structure of the population as determined by the present survey is not yet available. That awaits analysis of the otoliths collected during the survey. An examination of length frequency by stratum (Fig 7) confirms earlier evidence of a relationship of size with depth (Lambert 1992). Younger cod are found at shallower depths than older cod. The length frequency curve of the shallow stratum is quite polymodal in relation to the deeper strata, showing the existence of younger age classes. The average length and weight of cod weighted by catch was computed for each stratum and shows the trend of increasing size of cod with depth Figs $8 \& 9$.


Fig 7. Length frequency of cod by stratum.


Fig 8. Mean length of cod by depth.


Fig 9. Mean weight of cod by depth.

## CONDITION FACTOR

The change of weight of a fish relative to its length, in other words its "fatness", can give valuable insights into the circumstances of its life, such as with regard to feeding conditions and breeding cycle. A convenient and easily measured index to monitor this is the so-called condition factor, K . This is expressed as:

$$
\mathrm{W} / \mathrm{L}^{3} \times 100
$$

where $\mathrm{W}=$ weight and $\mathrm{L}=$ length .

K was calculated for cod in the survey and showed interesting differences between strata. The condition factor for the medium and deep strata was close to 1.0 ; whereas, that for the shallow stratum was about $15 \%$ higher (Fig 10)


Fig 10. Average condition factor by depth.

## Temperature

A total of 195 sea surface temperature (SST) readings were made (two measurements at each end of a string of gear). Therefore for each set there were four readings; start of setting of gear, end of setting of gear, beginning of haulback of gear, and end of haulback of gear (see text
table, page 7, for average distance between readings at ends of string of gear [length of set], and average time between first and last measurements[soak time]). The average SST for about the first two weeks of the survey was $14.7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Fig 11); thereafter cooling became quite rapid and the average SST for the last week of the survey fell to $13.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Fig 12). For the construction of these contour maps, all measurements taken within a one square mile area were combined to an


Fig 11. Sea surface temperature ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ : Sept 20-28


Fig 12. Sea surface temperature ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ : Oct 1-8.
average value. Since the SST measurement at the end of a set was on average 6 hours later than the initial reading, the latter reading tended to be higher than the former. Generally gear was set before dawn, but haulback of gear was not completed until well after daybreak. Therefore local diurnal solar heating of the surface layers is probably responsible for the higher temperatures of the later measurements. During the first two weeks of the survey, surface temperature readings at the completion of the set were on average $0.2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ higher than those at the start. Over the last week of the survey, final readings were on average $0.3^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ higher than initial measurements.

Bottom temperatures were collected by recording instruments mounted on the longline gear. Although 54 sets were made, just 13 were succesfully monitored for water temperature (These data are available in Appendix F). Data could only be collected from one of the two sets made per trip due to a limit on the number of temperature recorders. Also late availability of instruments and other logistical problems resulted in only half of the trips having associated temperatures at gear. The average bottom temperature over all strata was $3.4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. As might be expected for this time of year, there was a negative relationship between bottom water temperature and depth. The best catch rates of cod were in water less than $2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Similar data collected during the test fishery in the autumn of 1993 showed a significant inverse relationship between catch rate and water temperature at-gear. The present (1994) data show the same trend but, with only 13 measurements, the relationship was not statistically significant.

## Conclusions

The autumn 1994 inaugural sentinel survey of groundfish in 4Vn was very successful. Areal coverage was extensive and the data allowed the construction of probably the best distributional maps of groundfish species ever produced for 4 Vn . In addition the strict sampling design combined with good standardisation of fishing gear provide statistically robust estimates.

Strong similarities in the information collected by the sentinel survey and DFO surveys in July and September indicate that patterns of distribution and areas of aggregation as derived from longline and otter trawl catch can be compared. It also shows that the distribution of cod appears to change little during the summer, or at least between July and October.

Over the 19 day survey period (September 20 to October 8), an estimated 13,634 kg of cod were taken in 4 Vn . The average catch rate of cod over this period was $110.5 \mathrm{~kg} / 1000$ hooks (SD 111.25). Only ten of the 54 sets made could be considered good; that is, in excess of 500 $\mathrm{kg} / 1000$ hooks. A direct comparison between a 1993 test fishery in 4Vn (Lambert 1994) and the sentinel survey cannot be made with any statistical validity since the former had a different survey design. Nevertheless, selected catch rates of cod from the present survey in localities fished during the test fishery at the same time of year, appear to be no better, if not worse, than catch rates experienced during the test fishery.

During the sentinel survey dogfish were the second most common species caught after cod and they were most prevalent in shallow inshore waters. The survey also showed that smaller cod were taken in the shallowest of the three strata. An inshore survey carried out by the DFO in recent years (Lambert 1992) shows this preference of young cod for shallower water very clearly and has identified a nursery area in the south-west of Sydney Bight. This overlap in distribution of dogfish and young cod is perhaps more significant when viewed in light of data collected by the longliner monitoring the migration of 4T cod out of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. This vessel operated in the White Point Bank - St. Pauls Island area between October 30 and December 3. The main species in its catch were dogfish $(10,331 \mathrm{~kg})$ and $\operatorname{cod}(3,856 \mathrm{~kg})$. Most of the dogfish were taken in the latter half of November seemingly toward the end of the 4T migration when cod catch had diminished in the area. These high numbers of dogfish were taken in an area where few had been seen by the sentinel survey a month earlier. Thus it seems clear that the dogfish were also moving out of the Gulf of St. Lawrence somewhat behind the cod. Since dogfish were caught at the same time as the tail end (youngest fish) of the cod migration was apparently moving throught the area, and since dogfish were caught by the sentinel survey in areas favoured by young cod, one cannot help but wonder if this is but a coincidence or if indeed, the dogfish are preying on the smaller cod. The latter suspicion is perhaps more probable since many partly eaten cod were found on hooks in November when dogfish catch was at its height. Indeed Bigelow and Schroeder (1953) state that dogfish are "Voracious almost beyond belief...." and that "...they bite groundfish from the hooks of long lines, or take the baits and make it futile to fish with hook and line where they abound."

Condition factor data indicated that cod in shallow water were "fatter" than their counterparts in deeper water. This is a consistent feature found by the DFO July groundfish survey in 4 Vn over the past 25 years. It is difficult to see why cod in the shallower water strata should be consistently in better condition and perhaps indeed this is not the case. An alternative explanation is that the fish in the inshore areas of 4 Vn may be a distinct group of cod with
different body proportions from the cod found in deeper waters.
The potential of the sentinel survey for providing an index of abundance is excellent. With the addition over time of more data collected in an equally rigourous manner, an invaluable time series could be developed. However, only if maintained on an annual basis will this survey achieve its potential of becoming a powerful tool in the evaluatation of the status of this stock.

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## APPENDIX A: <br> LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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| Barret Jr., Silby | Malin, Harold |
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| Barrett, Sylby | Martel, Allen |
| Campbell, Roy | Martino, Dennis |
| Courtney, Robert | Matias, John |
| Dollimount, Gilbert | Mauger, Dale |
| Eddy, Arnold | Mauger, Russell |
| Ford, William | Melnyk, John |
| Frazer, William | Morrison, Robert |
| Hearn, Bernard | Nash, Herbert |
| Hillier, Joseph | Parsons, Lawrence |
| Keeping, Eric | Saccary, John |
| MacGillivary,Daniel | Snook,Henry |
| MacKinnon, Dale | Snook,James |
| MacKinnon, Leo | Strong, Bruce |

## APPENDIX B:

## INDIVIDUAL BOAT CATCH RECORDS BY SET.

Latitude and longitude values are degrees and minutes.
Different species within the wolffish, skate and sculpin categories are not identified although these data are available.

| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp $1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AS94-SS01 | 1 | 23 Sept | 4603 | 5938 | 48 | 14.6 | 0.08 |
|  |  | Species | $\underline{\operatorname{Kept}}(\mathrm{kg})$ | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |  |  |
|  |  | Cod | 23 |  | 23 |  |  |
|  |  | Plaice | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |
|  |  | Wolffish | 8 |  | 8 |  |  |
|  |  | Dogfish |  | 16 | 16 |  |  |
|  |  | Sculpin |  | 30 | 30 |  |  |
|  |  | Snow crab |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |
|  |  | Starfish |  | 2 | 2 |  |  |
|  |  | Cucumber |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | STemp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AS94-SS01 | 2 | 23 Sept | 4603 | 5933 | 56 | 14.7 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 52 | 52 |  |

Plaice 6 ..... 6
Wolffish 50 ..... 50
Dogfish ..... 41 ..... 41
Blue shark ..... 40 ..... 40
Sculpin ..... 9 ..... 9
Snow crab ..... 1 ..... 1
Starfish ..... 1 ..... 1
Cucumber ..... 1 ..... 1

| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AS94-SS02 | 1 | 25 Sept | 4600 | 5923 | 81 | 14.7 | 0.16 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 126 |  | 126 |
| Plaice | 10 |  | - |
| Wolffish | 6 |  | 6 |
| Skate |  | 5 | 5 |
| Dogfish |  | 10 | 10 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | STemp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$ ) | Catch ( $\mathbf{t}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AS94-SS02 | 2 | 25 Sept | 4558 | 5916 | 68 | 14.7 | 0.3 |


| Species | Kept $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total $(\mathbf{k g})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 251 |  | 251 |
| Plaice | 10 |  | 10 |
| Wolffish | 15 |  | 15 |
| Skate |  | 10 | 10 |
| Dogfish |  | 15 | 15 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AS94-SS03 | 1 | 27 Sept | 4603 | 5918 | 68 | 15.5 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 110 |  | 110 |

White hake 1
Plaice 6
Skate $20 \quad 20$
Dogfish 5
Eel 3

| Shrimp | 4 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

Cucumber 1

| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AS94-SS03 | 2 | 27 Sept | 4600 | 5913 | 59 | 15.6 | 0.52 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total_(kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 320 |  | 320 |

Plaice $90 \quad 90$
Wolffish 30
Dogfish 3
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Blue shark } & 70 & 70\end{array}$
Sculpin 6
Shrimp 11
Starfish 1
Cucumber 1

| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | STemp ( $^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AS94-SS04 | 1 | 05 Oct | 4606 | 5928 | 55 | 13.7 | 0.78 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) <br> Cod |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 350 |  | 350 |  |

White hake 1 - 1
Plaice 5

Wolffish $50 \quad 50$
Skate 5
Dogfish 359359
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Sculpin } & 10 & 10\end{array}$
Shrimp 1

| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AS94-SS04 | 2 | 05 Oct | 4606 | 5917 | 73 | 13.7 | 0.51 |


| Species | Kept_(kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total_(kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 288 |  | 288 |
| Plaice | 10 |  | 10 |
| Skate |  | 47 | 47 |
| Dogfish |  | 155 | 155 |
| Eel |  | 3 | 3 |
| Shrimp |  | 1 | 1 |
| Starfish |  | 1 | 1 |

Trip Set\# Date Latitude Longitude Depth (m) STemp( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) Catch(t) $\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { AS94-SS05 } & 1 & 08 & \text { Oct } & 4606 & 5848 & 143 & 13.8 & 0.87\end{array}$
Species Kept(kg) Disc. (kg) Total(kg) $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Cod } & 730 & 730\end{array}$
White hake 5 ..... 5
Plaice 100 ..... 100
Wolffish ..... 5 ..... 5
Skate ..... 18 ..... 18
Dogfish ..... 8 ..... 8
Trip Set\# Date Latitude Longitude Depth(m) STemp( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ Catch(t) $\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { AS94-SS05 } & 2 & 08 & \text { Oct } & 4603 & 5848 & 150 & 13.8 & 0.73\end{array}$
Species Kept (kg) Disc. (kg) Total(kg) Cod 636 ..... 636
White hake 5 ..... 5
Plaice ..... 80 ..... 80
Wolffish ..... 6 ..... 6
Skate ..... 5 ..... 5
Dogfish ..... 2 ..... 2

| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EJ94-SS01 | 1 | 24 Sept | 4618 | 5953 | 57 | 15.1 | 0.25 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc_(kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 89 |  | 89 |
| Plaice | 42 |  | 42 |
| Wolffish | 70 |  | 70 |
| Skate |  | 16 | 16 |
| Dogfish |  | 30 | 30 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EJ94-SS01 | 2 | 24 Sept | 4621 | 5958 | 47 | 15.1 | 0.85 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 584 |  | 584 |
| Wolffish | 81 |  | 81 |
| Dogfish |  | 181 | 181 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EJ94-SS02 | 1 | 08 Oct | 4620 | 6001 | 40 | 12.1 | 0.25 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 58 |  | 58 |

White hake $59 \quad 59$
Wolffish 12
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Skate } & 18 & 18\end{array}$
Dogfish 102

| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EJ94-SS02 | 2 | 08 Oct | 4620 | 6001 | 40 | 12.1 | 0.35 |


| Species | Kept(kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 121 |  | 121 |
| White hake | 70 |  | 70 |
| Wolffish | 19 |  | 19 |
| Skate |  | 21 | 21 |
| Dogfish |  | 118 | 118 |


| $\quad$ Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth(m) | STemp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$ C | Catch(t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HM94-SS01 | 1 | 21 Sept | 4700 | 6112 | 131 | 14.7 | 0.24 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) <br> Cod |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 189 |  | 189 |  |

White hake $25 \quad 25$
Plaice 5
Wolffish 1
Skate $15 \quad 15$
Dogfish 5

| $\quad$ Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth(m) | STemp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HM94-SS 01 | 2 | 21 Sept | 4658 | 6003 | 155 | 14.4 | 0.05 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 11 |  | 11 |
| White hake | 25 |  | 25 |
| Skate |  | 5 | 5 |
| Dogfish |  | 5 | 5 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | STemp( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Catch(t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HM94-SS02 | 1 | 23 Sept | 4644 | 5946 | 112 | 14.2 | 0.94 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 281 |  | 281 |
| Haddock | 8 |  | 8 |
| White hake | 10 |  | 10 |
| Skate |  | 20 | 20 |
| Dogfish |  | 3 | 3 |
| Hagfish |  | 10 | 10 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth(m) | $\underset{112}{\text { S Temp ( }}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HM94-SS02 | 2 | 23 Sept | 4644 | 5946 | 14.2 | 0.94 |  |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 890 |  | 890 |

Plaice $15 \quad 15$

Wolffish 5
Skate $25 \quad 25$
Dogfish 3

| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | STemp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HM94-SS03 | 1 | 26 Sept | 4645 | 6018 | 54 | 14.7 | 0.08 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 10 |  | 10 |
| Plaice | 2 |  | 2 |
| Skate |  | 20 | 20 |
| Dogfish |  | 45 | 45 |

Trip Set\# Date Latitude Longitude Depth (m) STemp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) Catch (t) $\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { HM94-SS03 } & 2 & 26 \text { Sept } & 4639 & 6009 & 131 & 14.6 & 0.1\end{array}$

| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 62 |  | 62 |
| Plaice | 8 |  | 8 |
| Skate |  | 27 | 27 |
| Dogfish |  | 5 | 5 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth(m) | STemp ( ${ }^{\circ}$ C) | Catch(t) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HM94-SS04 | 1 | 28 Sept | 4657 | 6020 | 60 | 14.9 | 0.13 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) <br> Cod |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 120 |  | 120 |  |

White hake 1
Plaice 6
Skate 3
Dogfish 2

| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth(m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ}$ C) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HM94-SS04 | 2 | 28 Sept | 4651 | 6013 | 106 | 14.9 | 0.63 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 600 |  | 600 |
| Plaice | 2 |  | 2 |
| Wolffish | 1 |  | 1 |
| Skate |  | 17 | 17 |
| Dogfish |  | 8 | 8 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude |  | Longitude |  | Depth(m) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HM94-SS 05 | 1 | 05 Oct | 4704 | 6017 | 171 | 13.4 | 0.21 |


| Species | Kept(kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total(kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 76 |  | 76 |
| White hake | 60 |  | 60 |
| Pollock | 58 |  | 58 |
| Skate |  | 1 | 1 |
| Dogfish |  | 10 | 10 |
| Hagfish |  | 1 | 1 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$ ) | Catch ( $\mathbf{t}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HM94-SS05 | 2 | 05 Oct | 4710 | 6008 | 90 | 11.1 | 0.13 |


| Species | Kept $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total $(\mathbf{k g})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 132 |  | 132 |
| Plaice | 1 |  | 1 |
| Wolffish | 1 |  | 1 |
| Dogfish | 2 |  | 2 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NS94-SS01 | 1 | 20 Sept | 4635 | 5947 | 62 | 14.6 | 1.15 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 1,074 |  | 1,074 |
| Plaice | 40 |  | 40 |
| Wolffish | 5 |  | 5 |
| Skate |  | 32 | 32 |
| Dogfish |  | 3 | 3 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NS94-SS01 | 2 | 20 Sept | 4632 | 5946 | 64 | 15.5 | 0.65 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 536 |  | 536 |
| White hake | 1 |  | 1 |
| Plaice | 69 |  | 69 |
| Wolffish | 1 |  | 1 |
| Skate |  | 35 | 35 |
| Dogfish |  | 5 | 5 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NS94-SS02 | 1 | 23 Sept | 4632 | 5929 | 113 | 14.1 | 0.88 |
|  |  |  | Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |  |
|  |  |  | Cod | 712 |  | 712 |  |
|  |  |  | White hake | 2 |  | 2 |  |
|  |  |  | Plaice | 114 |  | 114 |  |
|  |  |  | Wolffish | 6 |  | 6 |  |
|  |  |  | Skate |  | 45 | 45 |  |
|  |  |  | Dogfish |  | 5 | 5 |  |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NS94-SS02 | 2 | 23 Sept | 4627 | 5923 | 146 | 13.2 | 0.41 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |
|  |  |  | Species | $\operatorname{Kept}(\mathrm{kg})$ | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |  |
|  |  |  | Cod | 191 |  | 191 |  |
|  |  |  | White hake | 69 |  | 69 |  |
|  |  |  | Plaice | 90 |  | 90 |  |
|  |  |  | Wolffish | 5 |  | 5 |  |
|  |  |  | Skate |  | 32 | 32 |  |
|  |  |  | Dogfish |  | 8 | 8 |  |
|  |  |  | Blue shark |  | 10 | 10 |  |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth(m) |  | STemp( ${ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NS94-SS03 | 1 | 27 Sept | 4641 | 5959 | 119 | 14.5 | 0.36 |


| Species | Kept (kg) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 193 | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total ( $\mathbf{k g})$ |
| $193-$ |  |  |  |

White hake 91
Plaice $42 \quad 42$
Skate $30 \quad 30$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Dogfish } & 8 & 8\end{array}$

| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NS94-SS03 | 2 | 27 Sept | 4638 | 5952 | 65 | 14.5 | 0.43 |


| Species | $\frac{\text { Kept (kg) }}{\text { Cod }}$ | 326 | Disc. (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total (kg) |  |  |  |
| 326 |  |  |  |

White hake $10 \quad 10$
Plaice $45 \quad 45$
Wolffish 4
Skate $35 \quad 35$
Dogfish 12
Trip Set\# Date Latitude Longitude Depth (m) STemp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) Catch (t)$\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { NS94-SSO4 } & 1 & 01 & \text { Oct } & 4621 & 5942 & 77 & 13.1 & 0.14\end{array}$
Species Kept (kg) Disc. (kg) Total (kg) Cod 9595
White hake 1 ..... 1
Plaice $\quad 35$ ..... 35
Skate ..... 11 ..... 11
Dogfish ..... 1 ..... 1
Trip Set\# Date Latitude Longitude Depth (m) STemp( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) Catch(t) NS94-SS04 201 Oct 4622 ..... 5941 ..... 82
14 ..... 0.15

| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 64 |  | 64 |
| Plaice | 65 |  | 65 |
| Skate |  | 18 | 18 |
| Dogfish |  | 2 | 2 |

Trip Set\# Date Latitude Longitude Depth (m) STemp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) Catch (t) $\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { NS94-SS05 } & 1 & 05 & \text { Oct } & 4611 & 5934 & 52 & 13.1 & 0.92\end{array}$

| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 425 |  | 425 |
| Plaice | 28 |  | 28 |
| Dogfish |  | 462 | 462 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NS94-SS05 | 2 | 05 Oct | 4610 | 5931 | 55 | 12.9 | 0.42 |

Species Kept (kg) Disc. (kg) Total(kg)

Cod 9898
Plaice 24 ..... 24
Dogfish 300 ..... 300

| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ}$ C) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RC94-SS01 | 1 | 23 Sept | 4550 | 5947 | 70 | 14.4 | 0.16 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 58 |  | 58 |
| Plaice | 30 |  | 30 |
| Wolffish | 55 |  | 55 |
| Skate |  | 5 | 5 |
| Dogfish |  | 10 | 10 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth(m) | STemp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RC94-SS01 | 2 | 23 Sept | 4541 | 5942 | 70 | 14.4 | 0.11 |


| Species | Kept(kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total_(kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 37 |  | 37 |
| Plaice | 35 |  | 35 |
| Dogfish |  | 40 | 40 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | STemp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RC94-SS02 | 1 | 25 Sept | 4544 | 5912 | 165 | 13.6 | 0.4 |
|  |  |  | Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |  |
|  |  |  | Cod | 92 |  | 92 |  |
|  |  |  | Redfish | 1 |  | 1 |  |
|  |  |  | Plaice | 140 |  | 140 |  |
|  |  |  | Skate |  | 150 | 150 |  |
|  |  |  | Dogfish |  | 20 | 20 |  |


| rip | Set\# | te | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | STemp ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 94-SS02 | 2 | 25 Sep | 4541 | 5907 |  |  |  |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total(kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 56 |  | 56 |
| Plaice | 4 |  | 4 |
| Skate |  | 100 | 100 |
| Dogfish |  | 15 | 15 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Catch.(t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RC94-SS03 | 1 | 27 Sept | 4551 | 5902 | 145 | 14.5 | 0.49 |
|  |  |  | Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |  |
|  |  |  | Cod | 374 |  | 374 |  |
|  |  |  | Plaice | 75 |  | 75 |  |
|  |  |  | Wolffish | 4 |  | 4 |  |
|  |  |  | Skate |  | 8 | 8 |  |
|  |  |  | Dogfish |  | 3 | 3 |  |
|  |  |  | Mako shark |  | 25 | 25 |  |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RC94-SS03 | 2 | 27 Sept | 4556 | 5857 | 133 | 14.1 | 0.39 |


| Species | Kept_(kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 136 |  | 136 |
| Plaice | 235 |  | 235 |
| Skate |  | 14 | 14 |
| Dogfish |  | 4 | 4 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RC94-SS04 | 1 | 05 Oct | 4547 | 5937 | 110 | 12.9 | 0.11 |
|  |  |  | Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |  |
|  |  |  | Plaice | 68 |  | 68 |  |
|  |  |  | Skate |  | 20 | 20 |  |
|  |  |  | Dogfish |  | 25 | 25 |  |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | STemp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RC94-SS04 | 2 | 05 Oct | 4551 | 5930 | 74 | 12.9 | 0.13 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total $\mathbf{( k g})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 23 |  | 23 |
| Plaice |  | 3 | 3 |
| Skate |  | 5 | 5 |
| Dogfish |  | 100 | 100 |
| Sculpin |  | 1 | 1 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth(m) | STemp_ $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Catch(t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RC94-SS05 | 1 | 08 Oct | 4541 | 6004 | 92 | 12.5 | 0.3 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc_(kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 82 |  | 82 |
| Plaice | 6 |  | 6 |
| Wolffish | 45 |  | 45 |
| Skate |  | 9 | 9 |
| Dogfish |  | 154 | 154 |
| Sculpin |  | 7 | 7 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) |  | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ}$ C) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RC94-SS05 | 2 | 08 Oct | 4546 | 6002 | 48 | 12.5 | 0.98 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 20 |  | 20 |
| White hake | 1 |  | 1 |
| Plaice | 1 |  | 1 |
| Skate |  | 12 | 12 |
| Dogfish |  | 940 | 940 |
| Sculpin |  | 4 | 4 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB94-SS01 | 1 | 20 Sept | 4635 | 6002 | 118 | 15.3 | 0 |
|  |  |  | Species | Kept(kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |  |
|  |  |  | Cod | 2 |  | 2 |  |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth(m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$ ) | Catch(t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB94-SS01 | 2 | 20 Sept | 4634 | 5952 | 61 | 15.1 | 0.38 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 285 |  | 285 |
| Plaice | 40 |  | 40 |
| Skate |  | 3 | 3 |
| Blue shark | 45 |  | 45 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | STemp ( $^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB94-SS02 | 1 | 23 Sept | 4632 | 6004 | 111 | 13.9 | 0.28 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 50 | 50 |  |

White hake $68 \quad 68$
Plaice $57 \quad 57$
Skate $91 \quad 91$
Dogfish 11

| Trip | Set \# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB94-SS02 | 2 | 23 Sept | 4626 | 6012 | 68 | 14.3 | 0.04 |


| Species | Kept(kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 17 |  | 17 |
| Plaice | 9 |  | 9 |
| Skate |  | 5 | 5 |
| Dogfish |  | 6 | 6 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB94-SS03 | 1 | 27 Sept | 4615 | 5911 | 103 | 15.3 | 0.6 |
|  |  |  | Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |  |
|  |  |  | Cod | 528 |  | 528 |  |
|  |  |  | Plaice | 58 |  | 58 |  |
|  |  |  | Skate | 2 |  | 2 |  |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth(m) | STemp ( ${ }^{\circ}$ C) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB94-SS03 | 2 | 27 Sept | 4612 | 5907 | 128 | 14.4 | 0.64 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 528 |  | 528 |
| Plaice | 114 |  | 114 |


| Trip | Set \# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB94-SS04 | 1 | 05 Oct | 4608 | 5921 | 55 | 12.9 | 0.7 |
|  |  |  | Species | Kept(kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |  |
|  |  |  | Cod | 647 |  | 647 |  |
|  |  |  | Plaice | 57 |  | 57 |  |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth(m) | STemp( ${ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB94-SS04 | 2 | 05 Oct | 4607 | 5909 | 117 | 13 | 0.5 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. $(\mathbf{k g})$ | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 455 |  | 455 |
| Plaice | 45 |  | 45 |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB94-SS05 | 1 | 08 Oct | 4622 | 6007 | 21 | 12.5 | 0.20 |
|  |  |  | Species | Kept(kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |  |
|  |  |  | Cod | 160 |  | 160 |  |
|  |  |  | Plaice | 2 |  | 2 |  |
|  |  |  | Wolffish | 8 |  | 8 |  |
|  |  |  | Dogfish |  | 33 | 33 |  |


| Trip | Set\# | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | S Temp ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$ ) | Catch (t) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB94-SS05 | 2 | 08 Oct | 4620 | 6012 | 28 | 12.6 | 0.31 |


| Species | Kept (kg) | Disc. (kg) | Total (kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cod | 261 |  | 261 |
| Plaice | 2 |  | 2 |
| Wolffish | 7 |  | 7 |
| Dogfish |  | 38 | 38 |

## APPENDIX C:

## WATER TEMPERATURE DATA BY SET

Surface water temperatures recorded at the start of setting and end of haul back of each longline set. Bottom water temperatures recorded by instruments attached to one end of longline gear. Readings taken from records (see Appendix D) for beginning of bottom time and end of bottom time.

For names of boats and positions of sets see Appendix B using Trip Number and Set Number as a cross reference.

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| Trip | Set\# | Date | Depth (m) | Start $\left(^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ ) |  | Finish ( ${ }^{2}$ C) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Surface | at Gear | Surface | At Gear |
| AS94-SS01 | 1 | 23 Sept | 48 | 14.6 |  | 14.6 |  |
| AS94-SS01 | 2 | 23 Sept | 56 | 14.7 |  | 14.7 |  |
| AS94-SS02 | 1 | 25 Sept | 81 | 14.7 |  | 14.7 |  |
| AS94-SS02 | 2 | 25 Sept | 68 | 14.7 |  | 14.7 |  |
| AS94-SS03 | 1 | 27 Sept | 68 | 15.5 | 0.8 | 15.5 | 0.8 |
| AS94-SS03 | 2 | 27 Sept | 59 | 15.6 |  | 15.6 |  |
| AS94-SS04 | 1 | 05 Oct | 55 | 13.7 | 5.5 | 14.2 | 6.5 |
| AS94-SS04 | 2 | 05 Oct | 73 | 13.7 |  | 14 |  |
| AS94-SS05 | 1 | 08 Oct | 143 | 13.8 | 1.5 | 14.1 | 1.3 |
| AS94-SS05 | 2 | 08 Oct | 150 | 13.8 |  | 14.1 |  |
| EJ94-SS01 | 1 | 24 Sept | 57 | 15.1 |  | 15.1 |  |
| EJ94-SS01 | 2 | 24 Sept | 47 | 15.1 | 3.2 | 15.1 | 3.5 |
| EJ94-SS02 | 1 | 08 Oct | 40 | 12.1 | 9.2 | 12.4 |  |
| EJ94-SS02 | 2 | 08 Oct | 40 | 12.1 |  | 12.6 |  |
| HM94-SS01 | 1 | 21 Sept | 131 | 14.7 |  | 14.8 |  |
| HM94-SS01 | 2 | 21 Sept | 155 | 14.4 |  | 14.6 |  |
| HM94-SS02 | 1 | 23 Sept | 140 | 14.4 |  | 14.1 |  |
| HM94-SS02 | 2 | 23 Sept | 112 | 14.2 |  | 14.2 |  |
| HM94-SS03 | 1 | 26 Sept | 54 | 14.7 |  | 15 |  |
| HM94-SS03 | 2 | 26 Sept | 131 | 14.6 |  | 14.5 |  |
| HM94-SS04 | 1 | 28 Sept | 60 | 14.9 |  | 14.9 |  |
| HM94-SS04 | 2 | 28 Sept | 106 | 14.9 |  | 14.9 |  |
| HM94-SS05 | 1 | 05 Oct | 171 | 13.4 |  | 13.2 |  |
| HM94-SS05 | 2 | 05 Oct | 90 | 11.1 |  | 11.2 |  |
| NS94-SS01 | 1 | 20 Sept | 62 | 14.6 | 1.7 | 14.8 | 1.4 |
| NS94-SS01 | 2 | 20 Sept | 64 | 15.5 |  | 15.5 |  |
| NS94-SS02 | 1 | 23 Sept | 113 | 14.1 | 1.1 | 14.6 | 1.3 |
| NS94-SS02 | 2 | 23 Sept | 146 | 13.2 |  | 13.3 |  |
| NS94-SS03 | 1 | 27 Sept | 119 | 14.5 |  | 14.7 |  |

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| Trip | Set\# | Date | Depth (m) | Start ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) |  | Finish ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Surface | At Gear | Surface | At Gear |
| NS94-SS03 | 2 | 27 Sept | 65 | 14.5 | 1.4 | 14.8 | 1.4 |
| NS94-SS04 | 1 | 01 Oct | 77 | 13.1 | 1.5 | 13.1 | 1.5 |
| NS94-SS04 | 2 | 01 Oct | 82 | 14 |  | 14.2 |  |
| NS94-SS05 | 1 | 05 Oct | 52 | 13.1 | 11.7 | 13.1 | 10 |
| NS94-SS05 | 2 | 05 Oct | 55 | 12.9 |  | 12.8 |  |
| RC94-SS01 | 1 | 23 Sept | 70 | 14.4 |  | 15.1 |  |
| RC94-SS01 | 2 | 23 Sept | 70 | 14.4 |  | 15.1 |  |
| RC94-SS02 | 1 | 25 Sept | 165 | 13.6 |  | 14.2 |  |
| RC94-SS02 | 2 | 25 Sept | 185 | 13.6 |  | 14.1 |  |
| RC94-SS03 | 1 | 27 Sept | 145 | 14.5 | 1.4 | 15.1 | 1.3 |
| RC94-SS03 | 2 | 27 Sept | 133 | 14.1 |  | 15.1 |  |
| RC94-SS04 | 1 | 05 Oct | 110 | 12.9 | 0.8 | 13.5 | 0.8 |
| RC94-SS04 | 2 | 05 Oct | 74 | 12.9 |  | 13.5 |  |
| RC94-SS05 | 1 | 08 Oct | 92 | 12.5 | 4.6 | 13.1 | 2.7 |
| RC94-SS05 | 2 | 08 Oct | 48 | 12.5 |  | 13.1 |  |
| SB94-SS01 | 1 | 20 Sept | 118 | 15.3 |  | 15.1 |  |
| SB94-SS01 | 2 | 20 Sept | 61 | 15.1 |  | 14.8 |  |
| SB94-SS02 | 1 | 23 Sept | 111 | 13.9 |  | 14.3 |  |
| SB94-SS02 | 2 | 23 Sept | 68 | 14.3 |  | 15.3 |  |
| SB94-SS03 | 1 | 27 Sept | 103 | 15.3 |  | 15.7 |  |
| SB94-SS03 | 2 | 27 Sept | 128 | 14.4 |  | 15.9 |  |
| SB94-SS04 | 1 | 05 Oct | 55 | 12.9 |  | 12.7 |  |
| SB94-SS04 | 2 | 05 Oct | 117 | 13 |  | 13.9 |  |
| SB94-SS05 | 1 | 08 Oct | 21 | 12.5 |  | 12.7 |  |
| SB94-SS05 | 2 | 08 Oct | 28 | 12.6 |  | 13.1 |  |

## APPENDIX D

## GRAPHICAL RECORD OF TEMPERATURE-AT-GEAR

On a typical temperature trace, the downleg at the left of the plot marks the entry of the temperature recorder into the water; the flat portion represents time on the bottom and the upleg to the right of the plot marks the recovery of the instrument.

Sometimes when air temperature is lower than water temperature the plot is more difficult to interpret. In these cases arrows superimposed on the plots indicate the beginning and end of the set.

Locations of the following bottom temperature records can be derived from Appendix C.



## APPENDIX D

## EDWARD JASON





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