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INTRODUCTION

The various species of Pacific Salmonids have been demonstrated to range widely across the North Pacific Ocean using the oceanic resources as a common pasture. However, there are seasonal and interannual variations in the numbers of fish using this pasture, the feeding conditions of the pasture, and the size of the pasture. Superimposed on this natural variability is an exploitation rate by commercial fisheries which is only partially documented, and there are concerns that the undocumented portion has recently increased through the incidental catch of salmon in fisheries directed at other species. One of Canada's research goals is to improve understanding of salmon biology and thereby to protect and improve the Canadian salmonid stocks. Clearly a part of this goal lies in understanding the events which may impact on the production of salmon while they are in the ocean and in identifying constraints. This report deals with the first Canadian salmon research cruise in two decades directed at mid-ocean salmonid biology.

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop testable hypotheses for evaluating the effect(s) of ocean variability on salmonids.
2. Develop guidelines for assessing the potential impact of commercial mid-ocean fisheries on Canadian salmon and the effect of these fisheries on other surface fish species.

3. Evaluate the Canadian research trawler, W. E. Ricker, for fishing surface gillnets and longlines.

The survey area (38-45 N latitude, 150-180 W longitude) straddles an identifiable oceanographic feature, Pacific Subarctic Boundary, (Dodimead et al. 1963), and was considered likely to contain varying numbers of all species of interest during the spring and early summer. In addition, commercial vessels could be expected to begin fishing for squid with surface gillnets near the southern portion of this area in June. The W. E. Ricker departed Nanaimo May 25, commenced fishing June 3, refuelled in Hawaii June 15, and returned to the fishing grounds June 23. The survey terminated in Nanaimo July 5. Two transects were made through the survey area. The scope of the study was constrained by available time and the ship's cruising range.

Surface gillnets (each panel consisted of 50 m of 115 mm mesh monofilament netting 90 mesh deep (10.4 m) and floating longline (each skate consisted of a 138 m mainline with floats and 49 hooks on 1 m gangions at approximately 1.5 m intervals) were the primary gear used for the test fishing. Once in the fishing area the local weather determined fishing activities. In general, gillnets were fished where salmon were expected to be rare or absent and longlines fished where salmon were sufficiently abundant to tag. Usually about 2-3 km of gear was fished, more could have been fished but large samples of fish were not wanted and the methods of handling gear, new to the vessel, were being modified from one fishing station to the next.

Gillnets were fished from early evening to sunrise, a soak time of 10-12 hours. The gillnets (50-60 panels) were laid out on the deck prior to setting. Each end was marked with a radio beacon and a flashing xenon light. In addition, on the pickup end was a radar reflector. The nets were set with the ship travelling upwind at about 2 knots. About 30 minutes was required to set 60 panels. After the net was in the water the ship returned downwind and maintained a position off the end of the net. Hauling usually commenced about 0700 hr and was completed 3-5 hours later, rough weather having a significant impact on the hauling time. When fishing with longline, the gear was set about 30 minutes before civil twilight and was allowed to soak for 40-50 minutes. Between 10-30 skates of longline baited with salted anchovy ca., 8-10 cm length were set. The longline was retrieved by hand hauling. The total time for longline fishing required 3 to 4 1/2 hr. Due to space constraints along the bulwarks near the hauling position the fish had to be lifted from the water on the line rather than by dip net. A number of fish suffered severe hook damage as a result.

Oceanographic observations were collected in three ways: CTD casts (temperature, conductivity and transparency) were made nightly to 1000 m, temperature profiles of the upper 450 m were made at 6 hour intervals (XBT) and surface temperature and conductivity were continuously monitored (Institute Ocean Sciences participation). These data were used to characterize the water where fish were caught. In addition, during the outbound transect an oblique tow from approximately 500 m depth with a 1.9 m Isaacs-Kidd (IK) trawl (B.C. Provincial Museum participation) and an oblique

tow from 50 m with a bongo net were made nightly. These tows took approximately 1.5 hr. The purpose of the IK tows was to obtain mesopelagic fish specimens for the Museum, while the bongo tows were to obtain samples of near surface zooplankton communities. An independent watch was maintained for sightings of marine mammals and debris whenever light and sea conditions permitted (USA, N.O.A.A. participation).

Data from the ancillary observations outlined above will be reported separately.

Salmonids taken in the gillnet were identified, fork length measured to the nearest cm and examined for marks and missing fins. Samples collected from each salmon included: stomach contents, scales, and tissue samples for electrophoretic stock identification. Carcasses were frozen and retained. Heads of salmonids with an adipose fin clipped were retained for examination for coded-wire tags. Other species were identified, counted, measured and samples retained for specific studies by other investigators, e.g., albacore - otoliths, shark-vertebrae etc. Salmon taken by longline were identified, measured, scales taken, and then tagged with Peterson disc tags and released. Fish with missing fins were treated similarly. Salmonids that were dead when landed were treated as for the gillnet samples. Other species were counted and measured. Birds caught on either gear were released alive if possible otherwise formalin was put down the throat of the dead birds to preserve stomach contents and the bird frozen for subsequent examination at the Bamfield Marine Station. The one mammal landed, a Dall Porpoise, was dissected aboard and body parts preserved for examination at U.S. National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Seattle.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 lists the positions of observations made while the vessel was stopped (CTD,tows,fishing). Most of the 11 gillnet stations were made within 2 degrees of 40 N latitude . However, two sets were made to the south (34 N lat.) to estimate how broadly (latitudinally) squid were distributed. At Station 9, 9 skates of longline was lost due to a combination of rough seas and a large catch of pomfret. (The response of pomfret when caught was to swim downwards and with large numbers they were able to pull the floats below the surface).

Salmonids were caught at 6 locations from 39:37 N-50 N latitude, Table 2. Previous fishing for salmon by Canadian vessels in the area west of 150 W longitude had not sampled waters south of 42 N latitude and no salmon had been previously caught south of 46 N during June in this area. It is also of interest that all 6 species of North American salmonids were caught. The catch of coho salmon was larger than expected on the basis of earlier studies. A total of 158 salmonids were landed of which 124 were taken on the longline with 102 being tagged and released (Appendix 1).

Identification of some of the tagged salmon was uncertain due to unfamiliarity with the appearance of salmon beyond coastal waters where they acquire distinctive coloration and to the lack of time for examining fish to be tagged in order to minimize handling stress. Some errors in identification were corrected from subsequent scale or electrophoresis analyses made at the Pacific Biological Station; these corrections have been incorporated in all salmonid data.

Among the 19 species of fish caught by gillnet, pomfret (Brama japonica), flying squid (Ommastrephes bartrami) and blue shark (Prionace glauca) and salmonids were the most numerous. The longline caught salmonids and pomfret. The catch of birds and marine mammals was low and might have been further reduced by hauling the gear earlier and faster. It was apparent that with increasing light levels and/or soak time more animal life collected near the gear. Gillnets caught a greater variety of fish species than the longline but the longline gear was not fished south of 39 N.

Squid were caught as far south as the Ricker fished. However, in the southern area the catch was small and the specimens had a conspicuous load of parasites embedded in the mantle flesh.

It is significant to note that flying squid and salmonids can cohabit the same areas and at surface water temperatures more commonly associated with salmon than squid. This finding has been reported previously to INPFC (Burgner and Meyer 1983), and serves to emphasize that surface temperatures are at best only an indication of the species that might be expected. Some of the best catches of pomfret and squid in the gillnet were at locations where salmon were caught. Salmonids were caught in 3 of the 5 largest catches of squid (including the largest). At all these stations the surface temperature was less than 12 C. Also, with respect to surface water temperature it was observed that squid catches in excess of 1 per panel were all made at temperatures less than 12 C while at temperatures of 14 C or greater the squid catch was less than 0.1 per panel, Table 2. The commercial Japanese squid fishing vessels were observed to be fishing immediately to the

south, Table 3, in waters where the surface temperature was 12 C or greater. In the area of Japanese squid fishing, the Ricker squid catches were less than the maximum observed at stations within 100 nautical miles to the north. On the return transect a second group of vessels (unidentified) were observed north of 40 N fishing at surface temperatures of less than 12 C, in an area where salmonids were present.

Surface gillnets fished by individual commercial vessels were observed to extend from 40 to 50 km, approximately 16-20 times the amount of gear fished by the Ricker. The discrepancy between commercial scale operations and that of the Ricker will lead to an underestimate of the potential impact of squid fishing. In areas where salmon are rare there will be a lower likelihood of salmon being caught by smaller amounts of gear. However, in areas where repeated test fishing shows no salmonids it is unlikely that the squid fishery has any direct effect on salmonid populations. In the present situation the northern licenced boundary for the Japanese commercial squid fishery (40 N for June) appeared to provide a degree of protection for salmonids. Further, salmonids might have been expected to range further south than normal since surface water temperatures were approximately 2 degrees C cooler this year than the reported long term mean values (Robinson 1976).

Previous high seas fishing which has included comparisons of longline and monofilament gillnet catches has shown that the principle advantage of the longline is the condition of the fish, i.e., alive. In

addition, the longline catches a wider size range of salmonids, more small fish, than 115 mm mesh gillnet. However, both gears are known to be highly selective (Hart 1975; Takagi and Ishida 1971). Each gear type offers different advantages depending upon the research objectives. In the boundary area where flying squid distributions can overlap with salmonids the gillnet is clearly the more suitable gear since it catches both groups.

On 8 of 10 occasions pomfret were taken by the gillnet in larger numbers than squid and on three occasions they were more abundant by a factor of 10 or more, Table 4. At three of the four locations where pomfret were most abundant salmon were caught. One feature with respect to catches of salmonids, pomfret and squid would be to determine to what extent pomfret tend to occupy waters between salmon and squid and whether or not their presence could be used to indicate the likely presence of the other species in sharply defined oceanographic boundary areas. Such an association could be particularly useful for avoiding salmon in areas where salmon are scarce but not absent.

During the recovery of the gillnet 2 persons made independent counts of the catch per species per panel (the frequency with which a species was clumped with other fish of the same species), and the numbers of fish that dropped out before the net was cleared. Differences in the deck count (fish processed on deck) and those of the observers were seldom substantive, but where discrepancies occurred it was generally a result of the deck count being higher than the observer count. Thus, particularly in the case of large catches or when hauling the net required that a portion of it be let out again

while the ship manoeuvred, differences in counts were inevitable. In the case of fish dropping from the net before the reaching the deck, Table 5, there are some interesting comparisons. For example, both observers were able to note that a steelhead with an adipose fin missing fell out. In addition, sometimes there was more than a twofold difference in counts (at Station 8 where one person reported 26 pomfret and 5 squid lost but the other person noted none it seems likely that factors other than counting were operating). In general, the incidence of dropouts reflected the size of the catch but no set was made without some fish being lost.

Counts by panel indicate a contagious (aggregated) distribution for squid and pomfret. Counts from panels at the far end of the net were often low or missed because the net was tangled and doubled back on itself. Thus the number of panel counts did not always correspond with the number of panels fished. Pomfret catch per panel per set for all sets made are recorded in Table 6 and for squid in Table 7. Spatial aggregation was analyzed for all sets which caught more than 100 pomfret or squid.

Catch aggregation by panel was evaluated by comparing the observed cumulative catch (over the panels fished each night) to the expected cumulative catch if the squid and pomfret were evenly distributed between

panels. The expected catch distribution simply being calculated as the average number of squid or pomfret caught (observed catch divided by the number of panels fished). The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for goodness of fit (Sokal and Rolf 1981) was used to compare expected and observed distributions. Pomfret were more evenly distributed than squid but even the least aggregated pattern (pomfret at Station 26, Table 6) deviated significantly ($D = 0.1093$, $P > 0.01$) from a uniform catch per panel (Fig. 1, 2). Further, these statistics do not account for the sequence of catches per panel. Frequently, adjacent panels had large catches and the separation between panels is an artifact of how the catch were recorded. Groups of animals were often observed at the end of one panel and the beginning of the next. This recording artifact would result in minimal estimates of the aggregation.

Observations of the Japanese squid fishing operation clearly indicate that large numbers of pomfret are discarded. The mortality of these fish is unknown but information on pomfret catch per kilometer (20 panels gillnet) can be used in approximation of the numbers of pomfret encountering surface drift nets. A range of pomfret caught per kilometer was estimated from the observer counts per panel (Table 6) and the calculated mean \pm 1 stnd. dev. multiplied by 20 panels for each set. The minimum catch rate was estimated as mean catch minus 1 stnd. dev. in each set averaged across 9 sets; similarly, the maximum rate was estimated as the mean plus 1 stnd. dev. The estimated range is 85.3 to 224.0 pomfret per kilometer. Using these values and applying conservative estimates about the number of vessels (350 vessels), amount of gear fished (40 km gillnet per vessel per night) and the number of fishing days (100 days out of a 180 day fishing season) it is apparent that

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numbers of pomfret may be discarded as an unwanted bycatch (100 million pomfret).

Major weakness of the foregoing is that the commercial vessels fishing in the areas where the Ricker obtained maximum catches thus their average catch per km. could be lower and to some extent under the control of the individual commercial vessels. Further, the assessment assumes that the catch rates observed for one area are transferable to all areas. Other studies show that this is not the case (Jamieson and Heritage 1987). Nevertheless the conclusion that the gillnets can destroy large numbers of non-commercial species seems indisputable.

Steelhead were the only salmonid observed with missing adipose fins. A total of 22 steelhead were caught by gillnet and longline, Table 8. Among these, 13 were found with missing or damaged fins, two of these were tagged and released, and three were found with coded-wire tags. The coded-wire tagged fish were all recovered from the same set (Station 8) and all had multiple fin marks. Two were missing the left pectoral and the pelvic adipose fin (pin #'s 102844, 633303), the other was missing the adipose, left pelvic and the left pectoral (pin # 102841). Each tagged steelhead was from a separate release of summer steelhead smolts from three hatcheries in the Snake River (upper Columbia R. drainage, USA). At the time of recovery these fish were 53, 55, and 51 cm fork length respectively. The other steelhead in the catch ranged in length from 51-61 cm, Table 9.

inconsistent w/ Table 8

Selectivity by the gillnet is suggested by the fork length measurements for salmonids, Table 9. However, the number of meaningful comparisons are limited. In the one instance where the gillnet and longline were fished together the catch was too few to permit comparison; and it is possible that the smaller salmon caught on the longline were more common in the areas fished by the longline. Salmon less than 40 cm are generally classed as immature and it is thought they will remain in the ocean for another year before undertaking their spawning migration. It is clear that these fish if they are present in the boundary area fished by gillnet vessels would not be caught by the 115 mm mesh (or larger) nets. Approximately, 25% of the longline catch included salmonids less than 40 cm fork length and many of these fish have completed less than one year in the ocean. It is of interest that they are as far from the nearest land as it is possible for salmon to get and still remain within the Pacific Subarctic. Repeated fishing in subsequent years along the Subarctic Boundary would indicate if these distributions of immature salmon are typical, in which case the distributions reported from ocean salmon studies conducted two decades earlier require further examination.

Length frequency distributions were also collected for flying squid, pomfret and blue shark (Fig. 3, 4, and 5), respectively. The squid were of one size group which ranged from 30 to 48 cm mantle length with only slight variations between stations or between sampling periods 20 days apart, Table 10. The distribution of pomfret lengths suggests a bimodal distribution, Table 11. The sample distribution deviates significantly from

an hypothesized single normal distribution with the mean length and standard deviation of the sample (mean = 38.7 ± 2.87 cm; Kolmogorov-Smirnov test $D = 0.132$, $n = 1624$, $P > 0.01$). Further, fewer small pomfret were collected in later sets (Stations 23-26), but the sample means of earlier and later samples were the same. Blue shark were the most numerous fish caught at the southernmost gillnet station where virtually all the sharks caught were less than 100 cm fork length, Figure 5. The largest blue shark (163 cm) caught during the cruise was caught at the most northerly gillnet station (Station 8).

Steelhead and coho are targets of intensive hatchery production in Canada and USA and they are a source of interest and concern to the fishing public and industry. Thus the concentration of steelhead and coho salmon at Station 8 and at nearby locations is also of interest. These sites are approximately 1000 km south of the areas fished intensively during the earlier studies. Catch rates in these more southerly areas were low but low catch rates in the presence of large amounts of fishing gear could still result in substantial catches of salmon, particularly if some fishing occurs at or north of 40 N latitude during June and early July. However, one year of observations are obviously inadequate for commenting on what the impact of this potential catch may be. Our observations in the area about 40 N latitude may not be repeatable since water temperatures in this area were cooler than normal. Further, although the catch of salmon in this area is unknown, it is likely to be low relative to the directed salmon fisheries. Consequently, the catches in this area are likely to only have significant impact on a salmon stock if the catch composition involves relatively few stocks. Impact assessment of this catch will therefore have to be closely associated with stock identification programs.

On the basis of the data collected during the W. E. Ricker survey of the salmon boundary region and the satisfactory experience gained in handling salmon gear, similar studies by this vessel in future years seem likely. However, the knowledge gained from one vessel operating in one area for one period of the year is limited, opportunities for furthering joint international fisheries-related research needs to be explored.

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Table 1. Observations made during W.E. RICKER salmon cruise, May 25-July 5, 1987.

Station	Date	Julian day	Position		SFC Temp.	Fishing Effort	
			Lat.	Long.		Gillnet panels	L-Line skates
1	26-May	146	4816.8	12510.1	10.1		
2	27-May	147	4551.4	12946.6	11.1		
3	28-May	148	4354.8	13351.2	12.0		
4	30-May	150	4134.1	13952.2	11.0		
5	31-May	151	4100.9	14439.5	10.8		
6	1-Jun	152	4059.5	14935.5	10.1		
7	2-Jun	153	4101.3	15502.9	10.6		
8	3-Jun	154	4058.7	15939.7	11.0	55	10
9	4-Jun	155	3937.6	16104.4	11.9	54	1
10	5-Jun	156	3850.0	16159.0	12.8		
11	6-Jun	157	3824.2	16224.1	12.9	54	
12	7-Jun	158	3815.7	16213.7	13.4	53	
13	8-Jun	159	3806.4	16226.2	14.4	53	
14	9-Jun	160	3621.7	16158.7	15.5	51	
15	10-Jun	161	3424.3	16122.2	17.2	52	
16	11-Jun	162	3152.5	16047.6	18.1		
17	12-Jun	163	2732.0	15950.8	22.4		
18	13-Jun	164	2339.3	15859.4	24.0		
19	19-Jun	170	2650.4	15841.3	23.8		
20	20-Jun	171	3100.9	15851.4	21.7		
21	21-Jun	172	3509.2	15853.6	16.7		
22	22-Jun	173	3805.3	15942.8	13.3		
23	23-Jun	174	3940.7	16037.1	11.7	62	
24	24-Jun	175	4015.2	15902.6	11.9	62	
25	25-Jun	176	3948.4	15725.3	11.7	60	
26	26-Jun	177	4119.8	15720.5	10.6	62	
27	27-Jun	178	4241.9	15712.0	8.8		
28	28-Jun	179	4609.3	15437.4	6.9		
29	29-Jun	180	4648.8	15334.5	7.2		20
29	29-Jun	180	4806.7	15012.3	7.4		
30	30-Jun	181	4836.0	14852.0	7.6		29
31	1-Jul	182	5000.5	14459.4	8.2		20
32	2-Jul	183	4926.0	13640.0	10.9		
33	2-Jul	183	4917.0	13440.0	11.6		
34	3-Jul	184	4907.4	13240.0	11.7		
35	3-Jul	184	4858.2	13040.0	13.0		
36	3-Jul	184	4853.6	12940.0	13.3		
37	3-Jul	184	4849.0	12840.0	13.3		
38	4-Jul	185	4846.6	12810.0	13.5		
39	4-Jul	185	4844.6	12740.0	13.5		
40	4-Jul	185	4841.6	12710.0	13.4		
41	4-Jul	185	4839.0	12640.0	12.9		
42	4-Jul	185	4837.5	12620.0	12.9		
43	4-Jul	185	4836.0	12600.0	13.7		
44	4-Jul	185	4834.5	12530.0	13.1		

Table 2. Fishing catch summary.

Species	Station	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	23	24	25	26
	Sfc. Temp.	11.0	11.9	12.9	13.4	14.4	15.5	17.2	11.7	11.9	11.7	10.6
<u>A. GILLNET</u>												
Oncorhynchus Nerka												
O. keta			3									
O. gorbuscha		2										
O. kisutch		10										1
O. tschawytscha												
Salmo gairdnerii		17	1									
Squalus acanthias												1
lamna ditropis		1	1		1	3						
Prionace glauca		1					32	130				
Alepisaurus ferox						1					1	
Thunnus alalunga							9					
T. thynnus						1		9				
Seriola dorsalis								5				
Mola mola (released)									1	1		
Naucrates ductor								1				
Tetragonurus cuvieri					1							
Brama japonica		436	225	54	68	213	3		135	1467	239	1292
Tractes sp.				4	2							
Ommastrephes bartrami		211	286	36	34	3	1	6	240	37	206	107
Petrel sp.			1									
Tufted puffin sp.		3										
Laysan albatross (released)			1									
Black footed albatross (released)									1			
Sooty shearwater (released-2)										4	1	
Dall porpoise											1	
Fur seal sp. (drop out)		1										
	Station	8	9	29	30	31	Total	T&R				
	No. skates	10	1	20	29	20						
<u>B. LONGLINE CATCH, TAG AND RELEASE</u>												
Oncorhynchus nerka				14	20	15	49	46				
O. keta		3		3	34	2	42	32				
O. gorbuscha				3	13	3	19	16				
O. kisutch		1		2	2	3	8	7				
O. tschawytscha				1		1	2	2				
Salmo gairdnerii				3		1	4	2				
Brama japonica		54	11									
							124	105				

Notes: 1) Station 9, 9 skates lost.

Table 3. Sightings of offshore fishing vessels, W.E. RICKER, 1987.

Date	Approx. Station	No. Vessels	Position		Remarks
			Lat.	Long.	
2	7	1	41 02	155 02	Moving slowly, displaying fishing lights.
6-9	11-13	6+	38 24	162 25	Fishing along with J. squid gillnetters.
22	21	1	35 26	158 47	Radar sighting, drifting.
25	25	4	40 04	158 07	Running to south, confirmed gillnetters.
27	26	3	41 14	157 19	Running to west, radio contact re. fishing.

NB. Radar contact generally less than 10 miles, attempts at radio contact generally ignored, visual contact usually brief under foggy conditions.

Table 4. Relative catch of salmonids, pomfret, and squid by gillnet.

Station	Panels fished	Catch per 100		Panels squid	Catch per squid	
		Salmon	Pomfret		Salmon	Pomfret
8	55	53	793	384	0.10	2.00
9	54	7	417	586	0.01	0.70
11	54	0	100	50		2.00
12	53	0	130	33		4.00
13	53	0	389	5		78.00
14	51	0	6	2		3.00
15	52	0	0	11		
23	62	0	218	385		0.60
24	62	0	2366	60		39.00
25	60	0	398	343		1.16
26	62	2	2082	172	0.01	12.10

Table 5. Fish lost from gillnet while hauling, observers (A, B).

Station	Salmonid		Pomfret		Squid		B. Shark		Other Sp.	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
8	1	1	26	0	5	0			1	0
9			7	5	5	3				
11			6	3	0	1				
12			5	4	1	1				
13			7	7						
14			1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1
15							9	5	1	0
23			10	19	4	4				
24			16	48	2	1				
25			8	10	1	1				
26	1*	1*	14	30	1	1				

*Steelhead with adipose clip.

Table 7. Observer counts of squid catch per gillnet panel.

Station 8											Station 9											Station 11										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Sum	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Sum	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Sum
3	2	4	1	11	0	3	11	0	0	35	1	1	0	0	4	18	0	0	0	2	26	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	7
1	1	1	15	7	3	1	3	4	3	39	1	5	3	1	1	5	1	3	3	1	24	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	7
2	2	0	7	0	0	8	1	1	8	29	4	1	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	14	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	5
57	0	3	0	9	0	0				69	0	3	16	4	5	4	1	3	7	25	68	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	5
											35	18	8	14	1	1	2	7	1	1	88	0										
											7	1	0								8											
Mean										4.3	Mean										4.3	Mean										0.5
Std. Div.										9.2	Std. Div.										6.7	Std. Div.										0.7

Station 12											Station 13											Station 23											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Sum	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Sum	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Sum	
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0	0	0	2	2	0	2	1	1	0	8													1	2	2	3	13	4	4	6	3	10	48
0	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	6													12	1	5	0	6	3	3	6	12	0	48
0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1													5	3	3	4	6	2	3	2	1	8	37
																							3	0	1	4	1	1	3	5	2	0	20
																							0	0									
Mean										0.6	Mean										4.4	Mean										4.4	
Std. Div.										0.9	Std. Div.										3.2	Std. Div.										3.2	

Station 24											Station 25											Station 26										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Sum	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Sum	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Sum
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0	0										0	0									12	4	1									17
Mean										0.6	Mean										2.8	Mean										1.7
Std. Div.										0.9	Std. Div.										7.2	Std. Div.										2.4

Table 8. Steelhead catch and numbers with missing fins.

Station	Location	Date	Number	Missing fins	No. caught
8	4058N 15939W	3/6	17	Adipose only	6
				" + Left Pelvic	2
				" + LP+LPectoral	1
				None	8
9	3937N 16104W	4/6	1	None	1
29	4648N 15354W	29/6	3	Adipose...tagged	1
				Adipose	1
				Dorsal cut...tagged	1
31	5000N 14959W	1/7	1	Adipose	1

Table 9. Length frequency of salmonids.

Fork Length (cm)	Gillnet						Longline							
	Ch	Pi	Co	St	Ttl	% T	So	Ch	Pi	St	Ck	Co	Ttl	% T
30							1						1	0.8
31							1						1	0.8
32														
33							1	1					2	1.6
34							1						1	0.8
35							1						1	0.8
36							2						2	1.6
37							2	1					3	2.4
38							2						2	1.6
39							1	4					5	4.1
40								3					3	2.4
41							1	6					7	5.7
42							1	5	1				7	5.7
43							2	5					7	5.7
44							5	3	1				9	7.3
45							8	2	1				11	8.9
46		1			1	2.9	3	5	2				10	8.1
47							3	2	2				7	5.7
48	1				1	2.9	2	3	6				11	8.9
49		1			1	2.9	2		1				3	2.4
50			2		2	5.9	1		4			1	6	4.9
51				2	2	5.9	2	1					3	2.4
52	1				1	2.9	1					1	2	1.6
53	1			3	4	11.8	1			1		1	3	2.4
54			1		1	2.9		1	1	1			3	2.4
55				1	1	2.9	1			1		1	3	2.4
56			1		1	2.9								
57			3	4	7	20.6								
58			2	2	4	11.8				1			1	0.8
59			1	2	3	8.8	1						1	0.8
60				1	1	2.9								
61			1	2	3	8.8						3	3	2.4
62												1	1	0.8
63														
64							1						1	0.8
65							1						1	0.8
66														
67				1	1	2.9					1		1	0.8
87												1	1	0.8
Sum	3	2	11	18	34		48	42	19	4	2	8	123	

So = sockeye, Ch = chum, Pi = pink, St = steelhead, Ck = chinook, Co = coho.

Table 10. length frequency of gillnet caught squid, June 1987.

Mantle length (cm)	Station													Sum
	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	Tt1	23	24	25	26	Tt1	
<30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
31	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
32	4	5	1	4	0	0	1	15	1	0	3	0	4	19
34	19	22	3	6	2	0	0	52	24	0	12	6	42	94
35	30	35	3	2	0	0	0	70	30	6	30	13	79	149
36	34	40	8	3	0	0	1	86	46	3	33	14	96	182
37	28	33	0	2	1	0	0	64	25	6	23	14	68	132
38	19	22	1	4	0	0	1	47	29	4	14	6	53	100
39	14	12	2	1	0	0	0	29	16	3	10	3	32	61
40	10	12	0	3	0	0	1	26	12	3	10	7	32	58
41	7	12	0	1	0	1	0	21	11	3	14	7	35	56
42	8	9	0	0	0	0	2	19	6	0	11	12	29	48
43	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	12	9	2	9	10	30	42
44	2	9	2	2	0	0	0	15	6	2	5	5	18	33
45	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	1	7	2	17	22
46	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	5	2	2	9	4	17	22
47	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	1	4	7
48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	4
49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	4
50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sample sum	201	254	25	33	3	1	6	523	239	37	204	107	587	1110
Total catch	211	286	36	34	3	1	6	577	240	37	206	107	590	1167

Table 11. length frequency of gillnet caught pomfret, June 1987.

Mantle length (cm)	Station												Sum
	8	9	11	12	13	Tt1	14	23	24	25	26	Tt1	
<30	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
30	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
32	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
33	2	16	1	0	1	20	0	1	3	4	0	8	28
34	4	36	5	5	9	59	0	3	17	10	4	34	93
35	7	47	9	9	16	88	0	14	44	22	7	87	175
36	6	29	8	14	24	81	0	25	88	32	14	159	240
37	8	19	3	6	17	53	0	21	52	19	23	115	168
38	16	17	2	4	11	50	0	15	16	26	62	119	169
39	26	15	5	6	19	71	0	20	6	29	58	113	184
40	39	21	6	4	29	99	0	9	10	42	69	130	229
41	27	12	5	7	23	74	0	11	6	23	29	69	143
42	10	6	8	2	14	40	0	8	3	13	14	38	78
43	6	4	1	1	17	29	0	3	1	11	2	17	46
44	0	0	1	5	12	18	0	2	0	3	4	9	27
45	0	2	0	2	9	13	2	2	0	2	0	6	19
46	0	0	0	2	6	8	0	0	1	2	1	4	12
47	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
48	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	3
49	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sample sum	151	225	54	68	212	710	3	135	250	2239	287	914	1624
Total catch	436	225	54	68	213	996	3	135	1467	239	1292	3136	4132

Appendix table 1. Salmonids tagged and released, W. E. Ricker, 1987.

Tag No.	Area	Position		Date	Species	Length (cm)	Scale:ID			
		Lat.	Long.	dd/mm/yy						
W41200	W5940	40 59	159 40	03/06/87	Chum	47.0	Coho			
201						50.0				
202						40.0				
W41203	W5346	46 47	153 38	29/06/87	Sockeye	39.0				
W41204						44.0				
205						Pink		48.0		
206						Sockeye		49.0		
207						Sockeye		47.0		
208						Sockeye		43.0		
209						Sockeye		45.0		
210						Chinook		67.0		
211						Sockeye		50.0		
212						Sockeye		43.0		
213						Sockeye		42.0	Chum	
214						*adipose missing		Steelhead		53.0
215								Sockeye	30.0	
216								Sockeye	34.0	
217								Chum	55.0	Coho
218								Sockeye	42.0	
219								Sockeye	36.0	
220						*half dorsal		Steelhead	55.0	
221								Pink	48.0	
222		Sockeye	47.0							
223		Sockeye	43.0	Chum						
224	*224 missing	Sockeye	44.0							
226		Sockeye	44.0							
W41227					Sockeye	47.0				
W41228	W4848	48 35	148 53	30/06/87	Sockeye	44.0	Chum			
229						46.0				
230						Sockeye	45.0			
231						Sockeye	51.0	Chum		
232						Sockeye	54.0			
233						Sockeye	41.0	Chum		
234						Sockeye	33.0			
235						Pink	46.0			
236						Sockeye	37.0			
237						Pink	48.0			
238						Sockeye	42.0	Chum		
239						Sockeye	47.0			
240						Sockeye	38.0			
241						Sockeye	48.0	Chum		
242						Sockeye	53.0			
243						Sockeye	41.0	Chum		
W4124						Sockeye	46.0			

Appendix table 1 (cont'd).

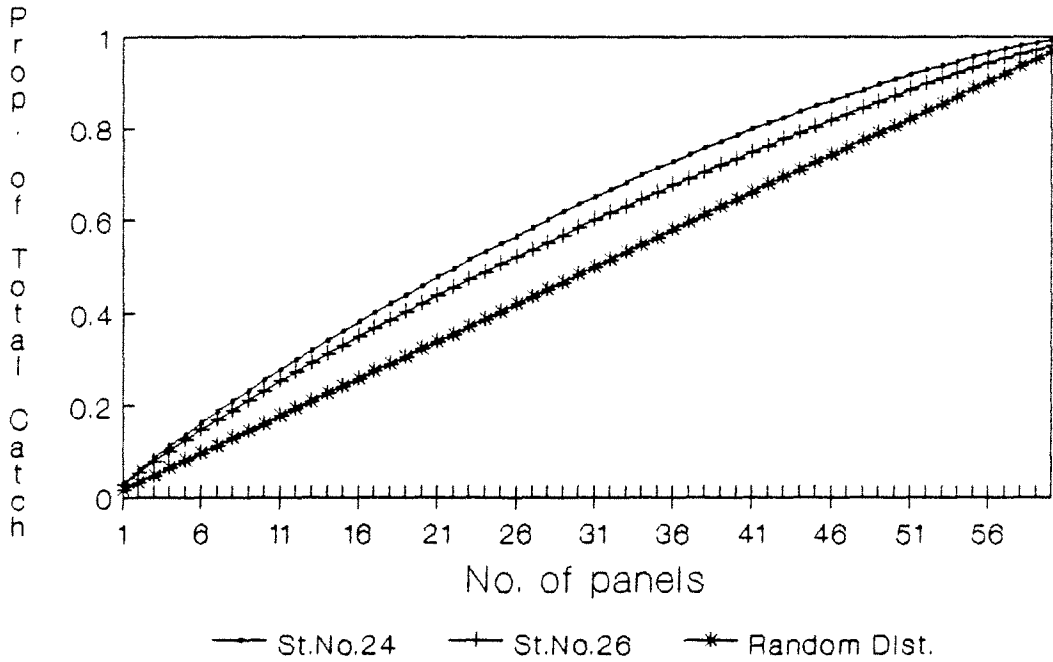
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248					Pink	46.0	
249					Sockeye	43.0	Chum
250					Sockeye	41.0	Chum
251					Pink	50.0	
252					Sockeye	46.0	
253					Sockeye	45.0	
254					Pink	50.0	
255					Sockeye	46.0	Chum
256					Sockeye	37.0	
257					Pink	48.0	
258					Sockeye	39.0	Chum
259					Sockeye	45.0	
260					Sockeye	45.0	Chum
261					Pink	41.0	
262					Sockeye	44.0	
263					Sockeye	41.0	Chum
264					Sockeye	44.0	
265					Sockeye	46.0	Chum
266					Sockeye	48.0	Chum
267					Sockeye	41.0	
268					Sockeye	39.0	
269					Pink	42.0	
270					Sockeye	39.0	Chum
271					Sockeye	45.0	
272					Sockeye	31.0	
273					Pink	50.0	
274					Sockeye	53.0	Coho
275					Sockeye	39.0	Chum
276					Pink	47.0	
277					Sockeye	44.0	
278					Sockeye	42.0	Chum
279					Sockeye	43.0	Chum
280					Sockeye	35.0	
281					Sockeye	42.0	Chum
282					Sockeye	36.0	
283					Sockeye	62.0	Coho
W41284					Pink	48.0	
W41285	W4550	50 00	145 00	01/07/87	Sockeye	59.0	
286					Sockeye	55.0	
287					Chum	38.0	Sockeye

Appendix table 1 (cont'd).

Tag No.	Area	Position		Date	Species	Length (cm)	Scale:ID
		Lat.	Long.	dd/mm/yy			
288					Sockeye	45.0	
289					Sockeye	49.0	
290					Sockeye	51.0	
291					Sockeye	52.0	Coho
292					Sockeye	45.0	
293					Pink	54.0	
294					Sockeye	48.0	
295					Sockeye	48.0	
W41296					Chinook	87.0	
W41297					Chum	45.0	
298					Chum	61.0	Coho
299					Sockeye	38.0	
W42200	*NB. series changes				Chum	65.0	Sockeye
201					Chum	61.0	Coho
202					Chum	64.0	Sockeye
203					Chum	46.0	
204					Pink	47.0	
W42205					Sockeye	52.0	

*Scale:ID shown when different from field identification.

**Figure 1. Cumulative Catch
By Panel for Pomfret**



**Figure 2. Cumulative Catch
By Panel for Squid**

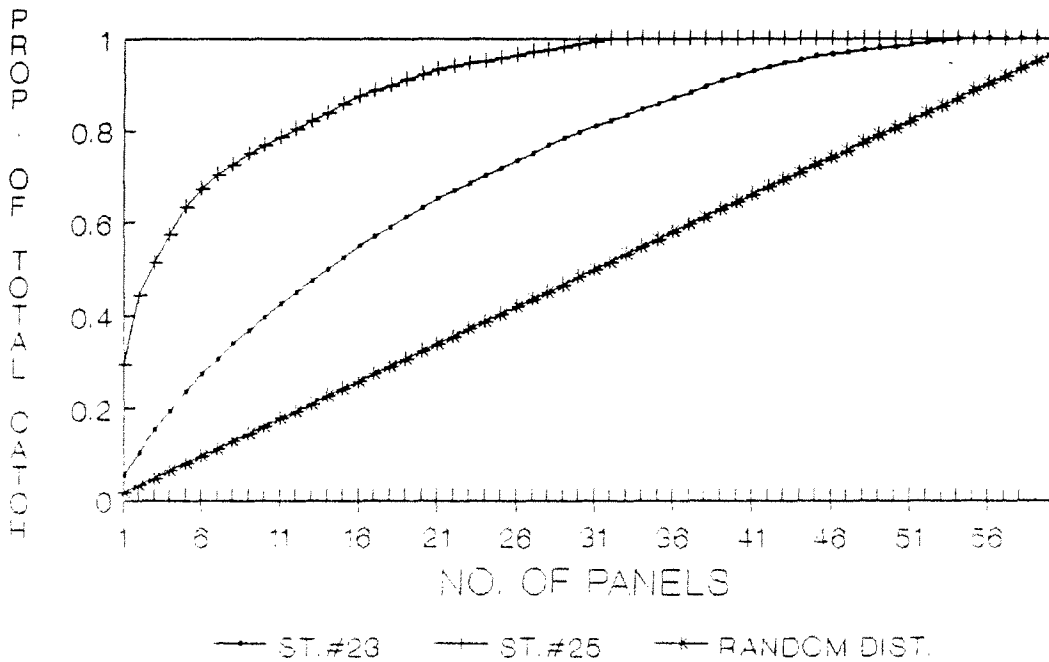


Figure 3. Length distribution of Squid (mantle length).

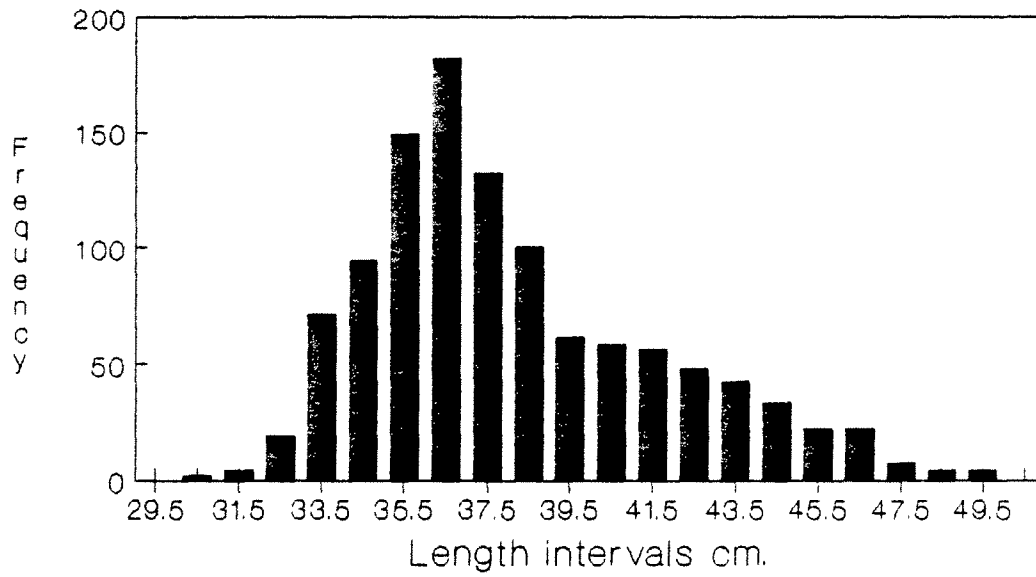


Figure 4. Length frequency of Pomfret (fork length).

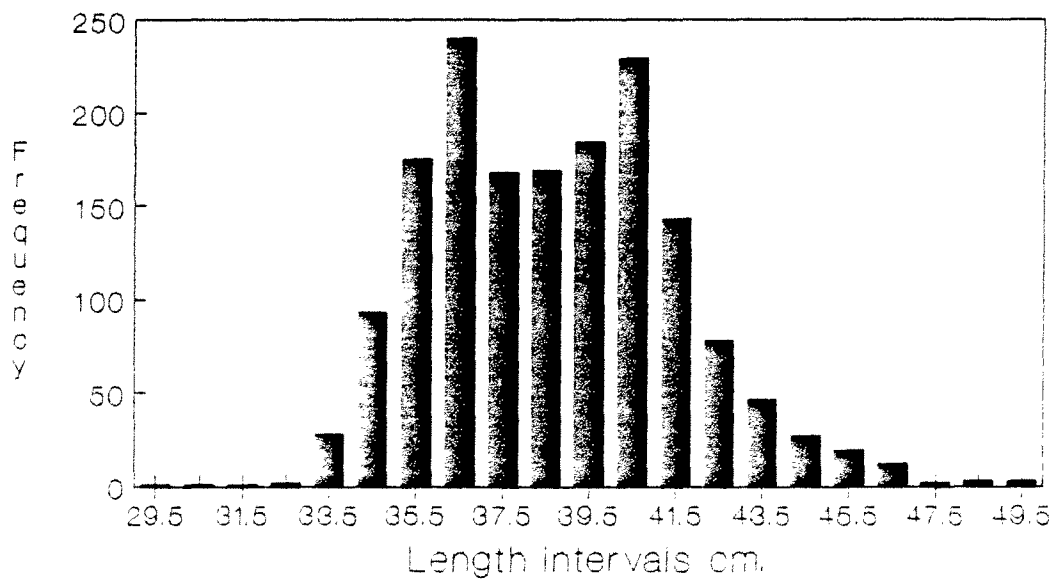


Figure 5. Length distribution of Blue sharks (fork length).

