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2003 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME: SEPTEMBER YOUNG FISH SURVEY 2003

STAFF:	Team 1 – South Coast	John Dann James Pettigrew
	Team 2 – Thames	Phil Welsby Gary Burt
	Team 3 – NE Coast	Tom Woods Dave Brown
	Team 4 – Morecambe Bay	Mike Easey Jennie Keable

DURATION: 22nd August - 05th September 2003

LOCATION: Flamborough Head - Eastbourne and Morecambe Bay

AIMS:

- (1) To carry out an inshore beam trawl survey of parts of the North Sea, Eastern Channel and Morecambe Bay for juvenile flatfish year class size estimation.
- (2) To collect data on young demersal fish in relation to the environment.
- (3) To identify and quantify macro-benthos.
- (4) To record temperature and salinity at each trawl station
- (5) To collect otolith samples from commercial flatfish.
- (6) To collect fish samples from the Humber for Hull University.
- (7) To record dissolved oxygen levels, for the Environment Agency, in the Humber.

PLAN:

Staff will travel on or around the 22nd of August. Team 1 will be based on the south coast working from Sovereign Harbour, Folkestone and Hastings. Team 2 will be based in the Thames, working from West Mersea and Whitstable. Team 3 will cover the area from the Humber to the North Norfolk coast. Team 4 will work from Fleetwood and Morecambe.

J Dann 7th July 2003

INITIALLED:

DISTRIBUTION: Basic list + D Brown M Easey J Keable T Woods P Welsby J Dann T Boon J Pettigrew G Burt Participating skippers

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