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FRV "Goldseeker"
Cruise 4/84 5

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Report
6-21 March 1985

Personnel

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Objectives

- 1) To deploy mussel cages at selected coastal positions from Inzie Hd (Fraserburgh) to Souter Pt (South Shields) as part of the 1985 ICES Baseline programme.
- 2) To collect a water sample for radio caesium analysis off Arbroath, at 56°32'N 20°20'W.

Narrative

The "Goldseeker" sailed at 1145 hrs on 6 March for Fraserburgh, and commenced work the next day at Inzie Hd. On 8 March more moorings were laid at Tod Hd and the radio caesium sample was collected off Arbroath while the ship was underway for Anstruther. The following day due to adverse weather reports and tides, it was decided to steam to Blyth and complete the southern most moorings; on 11 March this work was completed and the "Goldseeker" sailed for Eyemouth for the half landing.

Between 13-14 March the mussel moorings work was completed and the ship steamed to Granton to pick up fishing gear.

After receiving the fishing gear the "Goldseeker" proceeded to the Musselburgh-Cockenzie area of the Firth of Forth on 17 March. An extensive bottom trawl survey of this area was carried out with some success.

The vessel was unloaded at Leith on 21 March and scientific staff travelled to Aberdeen.

Results

The results of the main objectives will not be determined until the moorings are recovered in May. The fishing produced a number of samples which when analysed will add to the data base for this area.

J C McKie

25 April 1985

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