# CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SCIENCE, LOWESTOFT LABORATORY, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, NR33 OHT, UK

### 2004 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME: RV ENDEAVOUR: CRUISE 4/04

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DURATION: 7 April- 17 April 2004

LOCALITY: North Sea (IVb and IVc)

#### AIMS:

The work will (1) describe the impacts of trawling disturbance on the structure and productivity of benthic communities (2) examine the effects of fishing on the trophic structure of fish communities and (3) describe spatial variation in carbon, sulphur and nitrogen isotopes at the base of estuarine and marine food chains.

- 1. To sample infaunal and epifaunal invertebrates at a series of sites subject to different levels of trawling disturbance for production studies.
- 2. To sample infaunal and epifaunal invertebrates and fish at a series of sites subject to different levels of trawling disturbance for food web studies.
- 3. To collect benthic invertebrate species for stable isotope analysis

#### PLAN:

RV CORYSTES will sail from Lowestoft on 7 April 2004. She will work in ICES areas IVb and IVc (UK waters only) throughout the cruise and will dock at Lowestoft on the 17 April 2004.

Simon Jennings Scientist in Charge 25 February 2004 INITIALLED:

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