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CRUISE REPORT

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6 - 17 September 1076

OBJECTIVE

To carry out a herring larval survey off the east coast of Scotland.

NARRATIVE

'Clupea' left Aberdeen at mid-day on 6 September 1976 to begin the survey from the south. Forty five stations were completed before bad weather forced 'Clupea' to go into Aberdeen for shelter in the evening of 8 September. No more work was possible that week. 'Clupea' saided again at mid-day on 13 September and completed a further 7 stations before having to return to Aberdeen, in the evening, on account of bad weather. This prevented work on the following day. There was a possibility of working on the 15th and 'Clupea' left Aberdeen but work was impossible and 'Clupea' went into Peterhead in the afternoon. The weather improved overnight and 21 stations were done before 'Clupea' berthed in Buckie in the morning of 17 September.

RESULTS

There was no evidence of any large concentrations of herring larvae over the survey area.

George McPherson 21 September 1976

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