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FRV "Clupea"

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REPORT

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## Objective

Pelagic trawling survey of 0-group gadoids in the north western North Sea.

## Narrative

"Clupea" sailed from Aberdeen on 8 June and commenced work east of the Orkneys the following morning. All North Sea stations were fished once before the ship put into Lerwick on 18 June for the half landing. After the half landing repeat hauls were made in the 19 statistical rectangles making up the standard area. "Clupea" then worked the remaining stations, west of the Orkneys, after which she proceeded to Buckie, docking at 2200 hrs on June 25.

## Results

Each of the nineteen primary stations was fished twice and additional hauls were made near Fair Isle, east and west of the Orkneys and along the edge of the Norwegian Deeps. Catches of O-group gadoids were usually small. The mean catches per hour within the primary area were: cod:4.3, haddock:42.5, whiting:20.6 and Norway pout:1.9. Although all these catch rates are below average, the very low density of Norway pout over the Survey area is particularly striking.

J R G Hislop 16 July 1987

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