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"Crystal River" BCK16 Commercial charter

REPORT

5-9 October 1986

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Objective

To gather trawl codend selectivity data on haddock and whiting using 'narrow' and 'wide' codends with small mesh covers.

Narrative

Staff joined "Crystal River" in Lochinver late on Sunday 5 October. Seventeen trawl tows were carried out over the next four days on grounds to the south west of the Flannan Isles. "Crystal River" landed at Lochinver on 9 October.

Results

Data were obtained with 90 mm mesh codends, mainly on whiting with some on haddock. The results confirm earlier data which show that a 'narrow' codend (ie with 60 meshes on its circumference) releases more juvenile whiting and haddock than a normal 'wide' commercial codend having 120 meshes on its circumference.

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