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FRV "GOLDSEEKER"

CRUISE 10/83

REPORT

27 September - 21 October 1983

Personnel

J Main	SSO	Onboard
G Sangster	HSO	"
C Shand	SO	Shore Based 10-21 October

Objectives

1. To compare catches of Nephrops and fish on commercial grounds using a modified prawn trawl fitted with a separating panel and fishing with and without sweep wires.
2. To observe the behaviour of Nephrops to sweep wires and at the wingends.

Narrative

The first two weeks were devoted to comparative fishing but due to continuous bad weather in the Moray Firth only 4 nights fishing were achieved during this period. The ship sheltered in Invergordon from the 28 September to 3 October and then in Buckie from the 5 to 18 October when only one complete daylight haul was achieved with a second one having to be abandoned due to increasing wind with a force 10 gale forecast.

The ship was unloaded and all the gear returned to Aberdeen on Friday 21 October.

It is hoped that this programme will be repeated at some future date.

Seen in draft: W B Reid

J Main

10 November 1983