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Charter Fishing Vessel *Jeannie Stella*

Charter Cruise 2893H/3

**REPORT**

9 March 1994

**Personnel**

M R Robertson                      HSO (in charge)

**Objectives**

To further disturb the sediment and associated fauna in a precisely defined area along the west shore of Loch Gareloch using a rockhopper groundgear with no trawl net attached.

**Narrative**

*Jeannie Stella* sailed from her mooring in Loch Long at 0730 hours on the morning of 9 March and proceeded to Gourock to allow the embarkation of the Marine Laboratory staff member. She then sailed for Rhu Narrows in Loch Gareloch, arriving there at approximately 0900 hours. On receiving permission from the Queen's Harbourmaster at RN Faslane, *Jeannie Stella* moved onto station on the west side of the loch and commenced operations at 0915 hours. Tows were carried out all day until 1645 hours when the vessel left Gareloch and made for Gourock, arriving there at 1715 hours.

**Out-turn Days per Project**

1 day; BGF1

**Results**

A total of ten, 45 minute trawls were completed during the day, each tow using a 75 m warp with an approximate vessel speed of two knots.

Mud, evidence of epifaunal organisms and pieces of debris were again observed on parts of the trawl gear throughout the day to an even greater degree than previously seen as extra weight, in the form of 50 kg chain, was added to the modified trawl gear.

M R Robertson  
30 March 1994