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Commercial Vessel 'Kestrel' BCK 81

Report of Joint Cruise

18-19 January 1988

Personnel

J Main	SSO
G Sangster	HSO
P Barkel	PTO
E Coroon	Craftsman

Objectives

1. To observe the operation of a 10 m beam trawl in operation.
2. To make video records of the gear at various speeds on both fine and hard ground.
3. To make video records of the gear tracks.

Narrative

The scientific staff with equipment travelled to Buckie on the evening of the 18th where the gear was prepared and tested for operation the next day.

Severe southerly gales had arisen when the vessel sailed for Spey Bay and diving operations were not possible. The skipper also investigated the possibility of operating off Cullen, but again the wind was too severe with a big swell for any type of work.

The 'Kestrel' returned to Buckie where the gear was off-loaded and returned to Aberdeen.

The owner/skipper is prepared to devote one or two more days to this project and he will contact the Laboratory when it is suitable to himself and the weather is more favourable.

J Main
8 February 1988