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1986 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME

REPORT: CHARTERED COMMERCIAL VESSELS AND PUSHNETTING  
(PROVISIONAL: Not to be quoted without prior reference to the author)

FV MAGALI.

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DURATION

26 November-2 December 1986

LOCATION

Off Lowestoft

AIMS

1. To estimate the pre-winter population of juvenile sole.
2. To collect sole samples for condition index and fat content estimation.

NARRATIVE

The beam trawl survey was completed during the period 26-28 November 1986, using the chartered FV MAGALI of Lowestoft. Pushnetting was completed on 2 December 1986.

RESULTS

1. 37 hauls were completed towing a standard 2m beam trawl simultaneously with either a modified 2m beam trawl (heavier ticklers) or an oyster dredge. 5 push net sites were sampled. All fish caught were identified and measured. Salinity and sediment samples were collected and surface temperature observations were made at each station. Observations on shrimp by-catch were also recorded.
2. Live 0-group sole were collected and held in tanks for 24 hours then deep frozen for laboratory estimation of condition factors.

GENERAL

I would like to thank skipper Rodriguez for his friendly help and cooperation.

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