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Charter Vessel "Orkney Reiver" K49

REPORT

18-27 February 1985

Personnel

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Objective

To gather trawl codend selection data on haddock and whiting using square and diamond mesh codends with small mesh codend covers.

Narrative

Staff joined 'Orkney Reiver' in Westray, Orkney on 18 February. Gales prevented sailing until the following day. Trawling commenced on 19 February and was carried out each day during daylight hours in an area approx 20 miles east of Fair Isle. 'Orkney Reiver' left the area on the morning of 26 February and proceeded to Aberdeen, landing on the 27 February.

Results

A total of 20 hauls were completed, 11 using a diamond mesh codend and 9 using a square mesh codend, each used with a small mesh cover. Length measurements of haddock and whiting were obtained from each haul, and have provided a suitable set of data for analysis.

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