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FRV *Scotia*

Cruise 5/91 Part 2

REPORT

10-19 May 1991

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Objective

To participate in a coordinated groundfish survey in the North Sea

Narrative

Sailing was delayed until the morning of 11 May due to crew shortage. *Scotia* commenced trawling at the stations off Aberdeen and continued working eastwards. During the night evaluation tests were carried out on the EK500 system. Work continued on the southern part of the survey area until the afternoon of 16 May when problems were encountered with net drum. The half landing at Sunderland was brought forward to the morning of 17 May in order to have the net drum inspected by hydraulic engineers. However with no prospect of a quick repair to the net drum *Scotia* sailed on the afternoon of 19 May. Attempts to devise a suitable arrangement for hauling the net proved to be unsatisfactory and *Scotia* returned to Aberdeen docking at 2300 on 19 May.

Results

A total of 25 valid hauls were completed before the survey was cut short. Results will be included in the report for cruise 0691S (part 2) which was undertaken to sample the area not sampled during this survey.

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SCOTIA 10 - 20 May 1991 Cruise 0591S (part 2)

