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R. V. TELLINA

Report for Cruise 1/1969

Staff: B. C. Bedford  
R. G. Houghton

Duration: 6-23 January

Aims

1. To tag spawning cod in both inshore and offshore fisheries at Flamborough Head.
2. To see whether 1-group cod of the north-east coast are also present in the area.
3. To bring back ripe female plaice for Dr. Purdom if these are caught.

Narrative

TELLINA left Lowestoft at 1130 hours, 6 January, in deteriorating weather conditions. The south easterly winds freshened further during the passage and shelter was sought in Grimsby, docking at 0800 hours, 7 January. A prolonged period of bad weather followed during which two unsuccessful attempts were made to get to sea. TELLINA finally left Grimsby at 0300 hours, 15 January, and after fishing off Flamborough Head arrived at Bridlington at 1430 hours the same day. Bad weather persisted here and work was possible on only three more days, 16, 19 and 22 January. TELLINA returned to Grimsby at 2000 hours, 22 January.

Results

1. Catches by local trawlers showed that spawning cod were present in the area, but TELLINA was unable to fish them having only light gear which was unsuitable for rough ground fishing. A single haul on this ground resulted in the net being badly split. Adequate numbers of cod were not available on the clear grounds fished and only 80 fish, mostly codling, were tagged.
2. A few very small codling (probably 1-group) were caught in two hauls close inshore in 4 fathoms but were not present in deeper water further off.
3. No ripe plaice were caught.

B. C. Bedford  
24 January, 1969

Seen in draft: WB  
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Distribution

Basic list, plus the following:-

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