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ABSTRACT

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As part of the ongoing assessment of the fishery potential of Tanner crab (*Chionoecetes tanneri*) off the West coast of Canada, a trawl survey was undertaken between July 21 and August 3, 1999. The primary objective of the survey was to assess the abundance of Tanner crab in a selected study area off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Secondary objectives included collecting detailed biological data on Tanner crabs, comparing catch rates between trap and trawl gear, collecting detailed community structure data by depth from the deep continental slope region and collecting cross shelf physical and biological oceanographic data.

A total of 34 trawl sets were completed over 5 depth strata from 400 - 1200 m depth. The total catch by trawl of Tanner crabs was 313.48 kg. Tanner crabs were caught in all but 4 tows. The angle Tanner (*Chionoecetes angulatus*) was caught in two tows. The catch was clearly partitioned by depth with males being found in all depth strata but dominating the shallowest (400 - 560 m), while females and juveniles dominated the four deeper strata (560 - 1200 m). Tanner crabs ranging in size from 10 to 176 mm carapace (CW) width were retained by the trawl net.

Six strings of 15 conical top loading crab traps were set during the survey. Trap catches were much higher than trawl catches, with the 6 sets yielding 345.37 kg of Tanner crabs. The depth stratification noted in the trawl catches was apparent in the trap catches as well.

Biomass was computed over the study area for the population as a whole and for animals larger than and smaller than 100 mm. A total biomass of 122.5 metric tonnes (mt) was estimated, of which 52.0 mt were \geq 100 mm CW and 70.6 mt were < 100 mm CW. Ninety five percent confidence intervals (95 % CI) computed by bootstrapping were narrowest when computing the biomass of animals \geq 100 mm CW, 36 – 71 mt or 69 – 137 % of the biomass estimate. The wider 95 % CI for the population as a whole, 70 – 221 mt or 57 – 180 % of the estimate, and for crabs < 100 mm CW, 29 – 176 mt or 42 – 249 % of the estimate, reflects the contagious distribution of smaller crabs that appear to occur in widely dispersed but very dense patches.

The catch partitioned into three size classes, <40 mm, 40 - 75 mm and >75 mm cw. By number, crab larger than 75 mm cw dominated above 560 m, from 560 to 880 crabs <40 mm cw dominated, and between 880 and 1040 m crabs 40 - 75 mm cw were most abundant. Length weight relationships were derived for tanner crabs by sex; these indicate that throughout their lives males are heavier at a given width than females. Maturity ogives were plotted for tanner crabs and size at 50 % morphometric maturity was estimated to be 112 mm cw for males and 88 mm cw for females.

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RÉSUMÉ

Workman, G.D., J.A. Boutillier, A.C. Phillips, G.E. Gillespie, W-G. Park, D. Clark, and
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Dans le cadre de l'évaluation continue du potentiel de pêche du crabe Tanner (*Chionoecetes tanneri*) au large de la côte ouest canadienne, un relevé au chalut a eu lieu du 21 juillet au 3 août 1999. L'objectif principal du relevé était d'évaluer l'abondance de ce crabe dans la zone d'étude sélectionnée, au large de la côte ouest de l'île de Vancouver. Les objectifs secondaires étaient de comparer les taux de capture entre les engins de pêche au casier et au chalut, et de recueillir des données biologiques détaillées sur ce crabe, ainsi que sur la structure des communautés en fonction de la profondeur, à partir de la région profonde de la pente continentale, et enfin des données océanographiques physiques et biologiques d'un bout à l'autre du plateau.

On a réalisé en tout 34 traits de chalut sur cinq strates de profondeur variant de 400 à 1200 m. Le total des captures par chalut a été de 313,48 kg. On a capturé le crabe *Chionoecetes tanneri* dans tous les traits de chalut sauf quatre, et le crabe *Chionoecetes angulatus* dans deux traits de chalut. Les prises étaient clairement réparties selon la profondeur : les mâles se retrouvaient dans toutes les strates, mais ils étaient dominants en eau peu profonde (400-560 m), tandis que les femelles et les jeunes dominaient dans les quatre strates plus profondes (560-1200 m). Les crabes Tanner dont la largeur de la carapace (LC) variait de 10 à 176 mm étaient retenus dans le chalut.

Six groupes de 15 casiers à crabe de type conique ont été déposés durant la période d'évaluation. Les captures ont été plus élevées avec les casiers qu'avec les chaluts : les six groupes ont donné un rendement de 345,37 kg de crabes Tanner. On a retrouvé la même répartition des crabes en fonction des strates de profondeur que dans les captures au chalut.

On a calculé la biomasse dans la zone d'étude pour la population globale et pour les animaux plus grands et plus petits que 100 mm. On a estimé une biomasse totale de 122,5 tonnes (t), de laquelle 52,0 t représentent les crabes de LC > 100 mm et 70,6 t représentent les crabes de LC < 100 mm. Les intervalles de confiance de 95 % obtenus par la méthode d 'autoamorçage (bootstrapping) étaient plus petits quand on tenait compte de la biomasse des animaux de LC > 100 mm, représentant 36-71 t ou 69-137 % de l'estimation de la biomasse. L'intervalle de confiance plus grand de 95 % pour la population globale, 70-221 t ou 57-180 % de l'estimation de la biomasse et pour les crabes de LC < 100 mm représentant 29-176 t ou 42-249 % de l'estimation, réflète la distribution contagieuse des petits crabes qui semble se retrouver en bancs largement dispersés mais très denses.

Les prises se répartissent en trois classes de taille : LC < 40 mm, 40-75 mm et > 75 mm. Par nombre, les crabes plus gros que 75 mm de LC dominent au-dessus de 560 m, ceux plus petits que 40 mm de LC dominent entre 560 et 880 m et ceux de 40-75 mm de LC étaient

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les plus abondants entre 880 et 1 040 m. Chez le crabe Tanner, la correspondance entre la taille et le poids est reliée au sexe : durant toute leur vie, à une même taille, les mâles sont plus lourds que les femelles. Des ogives de maturité ont été établies pour le crabe Tanner : la taille à laquelle 50 % des crabes atteignent la maturité morphométrique a été estimée à 112 mm de LC chez le mâle et à 88 mm de LC chez la femelle.

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INTRODUCTION

SPECIES ACCOUNT

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The grooved Tanner crab (*Chionoecetes tanneri*) is a large deep-water spider crab belonging to the family Majidae. Majids are true crabs having 4 sets of walking legs and two claws unlike Lithodid or king crabs, which have 3 sets of walking legs and 2 claws. The genus Chionoecetes has four species in the eastern Pacific: *C. bairdi* or the Alaskan Tanner crab, *C. opilio* or Snow crab, *C. tanneri*, and *C. angulatus*, the angle tanner. Three of these have been reported from waters off the coast of British Columbia: *C. tanneri*, *C. angulatus* and *C. bairdi*. The genus is split into deep and shallow water forms. *C. bairdi* and *C. opilio* are found at depths less than 450 m, and the deep water species, *C. tanneri* and *C. angulatus*, are found deeper, 400-1200 m and 1300-3000 m respectively. Deep water forms have enlarged brachial lobes and larger gills as an adaptation to living in a low oxygen environments, and longer and thinner legs than the shallow water congeners, *C. opilio* or *C. bairdi*. Grooved Tanner crabs are noted for their scarlet/orange coloration, deep chocolate eye color and are distinguished from, *C. angulatus* by the presence of a deep groove separating the brachial lobes. They range from Mexico to the Gulf of Alaska. Throughout the rest of this report "Tanner crab" refers to the grooved Tanner crab, *C. chionoecetes tanneri*.

BACKGROUND

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An experimental fishery for *C. tanneri* was permitted off the coast of British Columbia (BC) between 1988 and 1990. Exploratory fishing took place under scientific permits issued by the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). The purpose of the fishery was to gather biological information that would assist in determining if a sustainable commercial fishery for Tanner crab could be established. The coast of BC seaward of the surf line was divided into 6 fishing zones, with two permits issued for each zone. With no biological basis for assigning a size limit fishermen imposed their own based on market preferences, and only landed male crab larger than 110 mm carapace width. Two vessels fishing exclusively off the west coast of Vancouver Island prosecuted the entire fishery. Most of the fishing took place in 580 – 670 m depth during the late fall and early spring (Jamieson 1990). The catch was processed locally with the main markets being in Japan and Korea. The fishery ended in 1990 when neither of the participants came forward for new fishing permits. The reason stated for not continuing with the fishery was the low price for Tanner crab brought about by competition from large harvests of Snow and Alaskan Tanner Crab from the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea.

Because the fishing was conducted primarily as a commercial fishery, there was no requirement for specific at-sea observers and no survey design was imposed on the fishers' activities. Observers were deployed however on several trips during which size composition and catch rate data were collected and port samples were collected at the processing plant to determine the size composition of the catch. Jamieson (1990) reviewed the experimental fishery concluding that the Tanner crab population off BC was probably small and unique.

In 1990, before there was further investigation of the fishery potential for this species, a moratorium was placed on the development of new invertebrate fisheries, thereby acknowledging the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' lack of resources to properly assess and manage additional fisheries. Although it was acknowledged that unfished or under utilized species may exist off the coast of British Columbia little could be done at the time to address development of those resources until policy and guidelines were produced and resources made available to assess and manage them. In an effort to address these issues a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Seafood Diversification between the DFO and the provincial Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) was signed in December 1995. The objective of the MOU was to ensure an orderly approach to the development of new commercial fishing opportunities in British Columbia. In 1996 the "Phased Approach" (Perry et al. 1999) was first presented to the Pacific Stock Assessment Review Committee (PSARC) outlining a framework for providing scientific advice for the management of new and developing fisheries. Tanner crab was one of the first species to be investigated under the "Phased Approach". The "Phased Approach" consists of following three stages:

Phase 0 Information review stage: A complete review of existing literature and data is undertaken for the target species, related species and other species exploited using similar gear or found in similar habitats. Information gaps, which will impact the assessment or management of the species, are identified.

- Phase 1 Gathering new information: Activities are undertaken to address the information gaps identified in the Phase 0 review. These activities can include, but are not limited to, experimental fisheries, fishery independent surveys, biological sampling programs, and laboratory analysis. The purpose of these studies is often to determine the distribution or abundance of the target species; appropriate harvest technology; and incidental impacts on habitat or other species.
- Phase 2 Fishing for commerce: The resource is harvested under experimental management regimes to ascertain the productivity of the stock in question; determine whether the species or stock can sustain a commercially viable fishery; and test the effectiveness of capture techniques. Ongoing monitoring and biological information collection is an integral part of this phase in the development of the fishery and would likely remain an ongoing requirement of any future commercial fishery.

ASSESSMENTS

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The 'Phase 0' assessment was completed and reviewed by PSARC in 1996 (Phillips and Lauzier 1997). The information identified as lacking or insufficient was an understanding of the distribution and abundance of the species, stock unit composition, and knowledge of its life history. Features such as moult timing, longevity, spawn timing, recruitment, and mortality rates were poorly understood. In a subsequent paper Boutillier et al. (1998) describe a framework for the development of a commercial Tanner crab fishery identifying the following as pre-requisites to a fishery:

- 1. A structured trap survey undertaken by the proponents of the fishery to gain information on stock distribution.
- 2. An area-swept trawl survey undertaken by the DFO to collect baseline density data and estimate stock levels.

The framework also recommended developing a multi-year experimental fishing plan that would be based on distributional, relative abundance and density data from the above surveys. In July and August of 1999 the DFO undertook the first area-swept trawl survey, industry proponents followed this in December of 1999 with the inception of a distributional trap survey. By March of 2000, when funding for the trap survey was exhausted, the industry proponents had completed approximately 40% of the BC coast, primarily off the west coast of Vancouver Island. In June of 2000 data from these two surveys, analysis of those data and an experimental fishing plan were presented to PSARC (Workman et al. 2000). The assessment approach and experimental fishing plan were later reviewed at an international crab symposium in January of 2001 (Workman et al. submitted).

DFO TRAWL SURVEY

This manuscript summarizes the results of the area-swept trawl survey undertaken by the DFO between July 21 and August 3, 1999, aboard the Canadian Coast Guard Science (CCGS) vessel WE RICKER in fulfillment of prerequisite 2 listed above. The primary objective of the survey was to assess the abundance of Tanner crab in a selected study area off the west coast of Vancouver Island. The secondary objectives included collecting detailed biological data, comparing catch rates between trap and trawl gear, collecting detailed community structure data by depth from the deep continental slope region and collecting cross shelf physical and biological oceanographic data. A second exploratory trawl survey was undertaken in August and September of 2000 off the central coast of BC and will be the subject of a separate report.

METHODS AND MATERIALS

VESSEL AND GEAR

The CCGS vessel WE RICKER, a 2500 hp, 57.3 m steel stern trawler was used for the survey. The vessel is equipped with trawl winches, each carrying approximately 2500 m of 1 1/8" (28 mm) steel cable and a set of 1135 kg USA Jet-P combination doors. A Campelen 1800 shrimp trawl was used for all trawl sets during the survey. This trawl has a 29.5 m (97') headline rigged with 80, 203 mm (8 ") deep water plastic floats rated for 1800 m depth, and a footrope of 19.5 m (64'). A 356 mm (14") rockhopper groundline built of sets of three rubber disks separated by iron and rubber spacers was used for the survey. Polyethylene web was used throughout to build the net with mesh size ranging from 80 mm in the wings and 1st side panel to 60 mm in square and first bellies to 44 mm in the 2nd and 3rd bellies, intermediate and codend. For this survey we equipped the net with a 7 mm knotless mesh codend liner. This trawl has been used on the east coast of Canada to conduct multi-species trawl surveys of both groundfish and Snow crab (*C. opilio*) and has proven both versatile and durable. For a complete description of the Campelen 1800 trawl and its performance characteristics see McCallum and Walsh (1997) and Walsh and McCallum (1997).

Trapping was also performed during the survey using conical, top loading, traps (Fig. 1). Traps were meshed with 70 mm (2 3/4") stretched mesh web. Traps were not equipped with escape rings but were rigged with rot panels. Traps where deployed in strings of 15 spaced 100 m apart on 7/8 "POLYSTEEL" or "ICELINE" groundlines. Each trap was baited with 1 kg of herring in a perforated plastic jar and 1 kg of offal in a mesh bag.

SURVEY DESIGN

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The northwest coast of Vancouver Island was selected as the study area (Fig. 2). There were several reasons for this, the most significant being that this was the area where the experimental fishery had taken place in 1988 through 1990. The second reason for working in this area was the existence of data from the commercial groundfish trawl fisheries targeting thornyheads, *Sebastolobus alascanus* and *S. altivelis*, and Dover sole, *Microstomus pacificus*, showing both trawlable areas and locations were Tanner crab had been caught incidentally to

the target species between 1996 and 1998. The final reason for choosing this area was the proponent's expression that this would be the most desirable area in which to commence a future commercial fishery.

For the purposes of this survey the continental slope off the west coast of Vancouver Island (Fig. 2) was divided into a series of study areas (Fig. 3). These were based on either the presence of groundfish trawl bycatch of Tanner crabs (Study area 1), the existence of a previous experimental fishery (Study area 2) or the presence of "Tanner crab habitat" based on assumed preferred habitat features (depth, slope, substrate, Study areas 3 and 4). Because there was insufficient data to support random or stratified random designs (Scheaffer et al. 1986) a systematic survey design was employed to select sampling locations within study areas 1 and 2. Transects stratified by depth were placed systematically at an interval of 6.2 and 4.3 nautical miles, in Study areas 1 and 2 respectively, perpendicular to the continental slope. Stratum boundaries were 400-560, 560-720, 720-880, 880-1040, 1040-1200 m. The goal was to place one tow in each depth stratum across each transect. In Study areas 3 and 4 transect placement was arbitrary with the intent of placing transects across depth gradients and around prominent topographic features.

Trap sites were selected based on the results of the trawl portion of the survey. If possible trapping was to be conducted along transects with both high and low trawl catch rates. One string of 15 traps was to be deployed in each depth stratum along each transect. The intent was to collect data on trap catch rates with nearly simultaneous trawl data to explore the relationship between the two.

TRAWLING

Once the vessel arrived at a trawl station the area was sounded to locate trawlable ground. The vessel would then start deploying the net up to 4 kilometers away from the station due to the amount of main trawl warp required to reach the target depths. Because the desired ratio of main warp to bottom depth is approximately 2.0:1, in 1000 m of water 2000 m of main trawl warp was required. Consequently, 2 km were required to deploy the main warp and an additional 2 km was required for the gear to sink. Start position, time and depth were recorded once the gear reached bottom. Touch down, or the moment when the net reached the bottom was determined for most tows using either the SIMRAD ITI system, or the FURUNO FS 3300 headrope sonar. Both devices provided a means of accurately determining the start and end position and the duration of each tow. The net was towed for 30 minutes after touch down at which time retrieval began. Once the gear left the bottom, the time, position, depth, duration, distance covered, direction and average speed were recorded. If the fishing master felt for any reason that the gear was at risk the tow was terminated and the gear retrieved.

CATCH PROCESSING

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Once the net was retrieved, the codend was dumped into a hopper that fed a conveyor system in the wet lab directly below the fishing deck. As the catch moved along the conveyer it was sorted by species into baskets of approximately 50 kg capacity. Baskets were weighed to the nearest 0.1 kilogram using a MAREL 2200 motion compensated digital platform scale

with a 60 kg load cell or a top load MAREL 2200 motion compensated bench scale with an 8 kg load cell.

BIOLOGICAL SAMPLING

For each tow either the entire catch or a sub-sample of all the crabs caught were assessed for carapace width (CW) inside the spines (Fig. 4), sex (Appendix 1), shell condition (Appendix 2), injuries (Appendices 3 and 4), and weight. For male tanner crab, claw length and height (Fig. 5), and for females, width of the 5th abdominal somite (Fig. 6) were measured to assess functional maturity. For ovigerous crabs, egg color and clutch condition were also assessed. Detailed morphometric measurements including carapace width outside the spines, carapace length overall, and carapace length from the notch between the rostral horns to the posterior margin of the carapace were taken for a sub-sample of 25 crabs from selected tows. All measurements were recorded to the nearest mm using machine calipers. When the catches were large and sub-sampling was required the catch was divided into adult, > 80 mm, and juvenile, < 80 mm, components and each sub-sampled separately with the goal of measuring up to 100 of each. Individual weights were recorded for intact complete crabs using a top loading MAREL 2200 motion compensated bench scale with an 8 kg load cell.

OCEANOGRAPHIC SAMPLING

Across transect 1 CTD casts were made in each depth stratum using a Guildline CTD, series 8770, model 87107. At each station the CTD probe was lowered to within 100 m of the bottom before being retrieved. The CTD recorded measurements of temperature and conductivity at 0.1 m intervals during the descent of the probe. Cast procedures are summarized by Shaw (1994). All CTD data were processed using IOSSHELL (Pearson 1994).

Bongo tows were also performed at stations along transect 1; the net was deployed to within 100 m of the bottom (estimated from wire angle and wire length) and held at depth for 10 minutes prior to retrieval. The net was retrieved at 1 m/s to ensure a gradual assent. The nets were equipped with flow meters to measure the volume of water filtered by the net. The catch from each net of the bongo was rinsed into a separate jar with a deck hose and fixed by adding 100 ml of 37 % formaldehyde to each 1 l jar.

BIOMASS ESTIMATION

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Biomass for Tanner crabs within the survey area was estimated using stratified random sampling methods (Cochran 1977). While this was a systematic rather than a random stratified design the point estimate of biomass is unaffected by this discrepancy. The consequence of using random stratified methods on data collected using a systematic design is an inaccurate estimate of the true variance. This results in artificially narrow or wide confidence intervals. The notation used for the various estimators is provided in the following table (from Workman et al. 1998):

Symbol	Description
h	Stratum index
i	Haul index
C_{hi}	Observed catch in haul i for stratum h
$k_{_{hi}}$	Area of bottom fished in haul i for stratum h
Ν	Total number of sampling units in the population
N_h	Total number of sampling units in stratum h
п	Number of units in the sample, or sample size
n_h	Number of units in the sample from stratum h
y_{hi}	Adjusted catch in haul i for stratum h
\overline{y}_h	The estimated mean in stratum h
\overline{y}_{st}	The estimated population mean
$\hat{ au}_{\scriptscriptstyle st}$	The estimated population total
$\hat{V}(\hat{ au_{st}})$	The estimated variance of the population total
S_h^2	The sample variance in stratum <i>h</i>

For a given species, the adjusted catch or density is calculated as follows: let C_{hi} be the catch observed in haul *i* for stratum *h* and the area of bottom fished in each haul, k_{hi} ,

$$y_{hi} = \left(\frac{1}{k_{hi}}\right) C_{hi}$$

The stratified random sampling estimators were applied to the set of adjusted observations, y_{hi} , to compute total biomass for Tanner crabs. Estimators of the mean catch per area and the total biomass are given by

$$\overline{y}_{st} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{h=1}^{H} N_h \overline{y}_h \quad ,$$

and

$$\hat{\tau}_{st} = N \overline{y}_{st} = \sum_{h=1}^{H} N_h \overline{y}_h \quad ,$$

respectively, where

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$$\overline{y}_h = \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \frac{y_{hi}}{n_h}$$

An estimator of the variance of the total biomass is given by the equation

$$\hat{V}(\hat{\tau}_{st}) = \hat{V}(N\overline{y}_{st}) = \sum_{h=1}^{H} N_h^2 \left(\frac{N_h - n_h}{N_h}\right) \frac{s_h^2}{n_h}$$

where

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$$s_h^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} (y_{hi} - \overline{y}_h)^2}{n_h - 1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} y_{hi}^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} (y_{hi})^2 / n_h}{n_h - 1} .$$

Confidence intervals for population biomass estimates were computed utilized a nonparametric bootstrap procedure (Efron and Tibshirani 1993). Bootstrapping was conducted by randomly drawing a sample of size N from the observed data with replacement, and computing the stratified estimate of the total from each resample. For each resample, a sample of size n_h was drawn independently from each stratum. A total of 1000 estimates were generated to yield a bootstrap distribution. Confidence limits were calculated using biascorrected and adjusted (BCa) percentiles of 0.025 and 0.975 (Efron and Tibshirani 1993).

The area of bottom fished during each tow was computed as the product of the distance towed and the average net opening. Distance towed was calculated from the start and end positions of each tow using a great circle algorithm (Robinson et al. 1978). The effective path width of the net was the distance between the wingtips of the net measured using either the Simrad ITI or the FS3300 trawl eye.

Biomass computations not only require estimates of catch density but also habitat area against which to apply those estimates. For this analysis ARCVIEW GIS was used to generate those estimates. Input data (position and depth) were extracted from Natural Resource Maps obtained from the Ocean Mapping Section of the Canadian Hydrographic Service. These data were used to build a Digital Elevation Matrix or DEM, a computer model of the ocean floor. The DEM was generated from the point data by building a Triangulated Irregular Network or TIN from the point data and converting the TIN to a GRID. The resultant DEM was then partitioned into relevant strata or areas. Area estimates for each stratum and study area were then extracted.

The estimation of biomass was contingent upon the following assumptions:

- 1. All crabs within the path of the net doors are captured, *i.e.* no crabs escape under the footrope, around the wing tips or outrun the net so that the catch coefficient was assumed to be 1;
- 2. The catch rate and species composition observed in each haul is representative of the entire sampling unit (crabs are distributed homogeneously within each 1 km² unit);
- 3. Crab distribution remains constant over the duration of the survey.

These assumptions are not entirely met in practice. For example, crabs may pass under the footrope or be patchily distributed based on some environmental correlated such as food availability. Thus, the estimates should be interpreted as relative or minimum estimates rather than as an absolute measure of biomass.

RESULTS

CATCH

The survey was conducted between July 21 and August 3, 1999. Due to complications associated with deep water trawling only one of the four potential study areas was adequately surveyed. A total of 34 bottom trawls were completed, of which 29 were usable (Table 1, Appendix 5, Fig. 7). In strata 1 and 2: 7 tows were completed, in strata 3: 6 tows were completed, in strata 4: 5 tows were completed and in strata 5: 4 tows were completed. Two additional tows were completed at depths beyond the survey coverage (tows 6 and 16) and three were fouled (23, 32, 34). A total of 9,912 kg of invertebrates and fish were caught by trawl; Table 2 summarizes the catch by species. Approximately 140 species of invertebrates and fish were encountered, most were keyed to species but in some cases identification was limited to genus or above. C. tanneri was the most common invertebrate at 313.48 kg total weight but ranked 8th overall in catch weight behind sablefish, long and shortspine thornyheads, Dover sole and three species of grenadiers. Only two sets were completed deep enough to capture C. angulatus for a total catch of 3.5 kg. A summary of trawl catches by strata is presented in Table 3. Appendix Table 6 lists the gastropods and bivalves and the tows in which they where encountered. Because only representative specimen were set aside for identification these data were not included in the detailed catch record in Appendix Table 5 as there are no catch wieghts for each species.

Six survey trap sets consisting of 15 top loading conical traps baited with squid and herring were completed, 2 sets in the shallowest strata and 1 in each of strata 2, 3 and 4; the last set was deeper than the deepest stratum (Fig. 8). The catch by species by trap is presented in Table 4. The most common species caught by trap gear were *C. tanneri* (345 kg) and sablefish (107 Kg). Detailed catch information by set is presented in Appendix Table 7 and a summary of Tanner crab trap catches by set and sex is presented in Table 5.

SURVEY DESIGN

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There were several departures from the design throughout the course of the survey. The most significant being that due to the time required to deploy and retrieve the net in the target depths the number of tows achievable had to be reduced. To obtain the best data possible with which to estimate abundance requires adequate sampling within the survey frame thus the survey was constrained to Study area 1 until sufficient coverage was achieved. As the survey progressed towards the northern part of study area 1 the bottom topography became increasingly variable making it difficult to fish at the target depths. This required moving one transect from the northern end to the southern end of Study area 1 (Transect 0 in Table 1). Once Study area 1 was complete an attempt was made to continue surveying in study area 2, this however proved difficult, and after hanging up several times we abandoned further trawling in favor of collecting trap data.

DISTRIBUTION

In the shallowest stratum only large male crab were encountered. In Stratum 2 large numbers of juveniles were caught dominating the catch by number (89%) but only accounting for 6% of the catch by weight. The catch of larger crabs in stratum 2 was composed of large new and old shell males and larger new and old shell, ovigerous, female crabs. All of the juvenile crab in this stratum came from tow 14. Stratum 3 was likewise dominated by juvenile crabs, 86 % by number, with most of the juveniles coming from tow 18 and a few from tows 9 and 20. In both strata 2 and 3 females account for approximately 33% of the catch of crabs larger than 75 mm with a higher proportion of the crabs in stratum 2 being ovigerous. Stratum 4 was dominated by sub-adults in the 40 to 75 mm size class accounting for 86.5% of the animals caught by number. All the sub-adults came from tows 4 and 15 and trap set 38. Stratum 5 was not dominated by any one size class or sex of animals.

Catch weights for tanner crab by trawl ranged from 0 to 106 kg per tow, with a mean of 9.2 kg and standard deviation of 18.2. If one removes the single large set (tow 4), the mean drops to 6.3 kg and the standard deviation to 6.3 kg. The average catch in stratum 1 was 1 kg per 30 minute tow; in stratum 2 it was 6.5 kg; in stratum 3, 8.1 kg per tow; in stratum 4, 29.5 kg; and in stratum 5 the average was 4.6 kg. The average catch of crabs over 100 mm CW in stratum 1 was 1 kg per tow; in stratum 2, 6.1 kg; in stratum 3, 5.8 kg per tow; in stratum 4, 6.4 kg; in stratum 5 the average was 3.6 kg. At depths greater than 1200 m the angle tanner (*C. angulatus*) dominated the catch.

The average catch of Tanner crabs per trap was 0.13 at 400 m, 5.3 at 525 m, 9.9 at 700 m, 13.7 at 824 m, 91.5 at 939 m and 0.13 at 1370 m. Also at 1370 m, 1.53 *C. angulatus* were caught per trap. By-catch was minimal with trap gear with only the occasional sablefish or grenadier retained.

BIOMASS ESTIMATES

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Catch, catch density and area swept by the net are presented in Table 1. As stated previously area swept by the net is the product of distance towed and the average wingtip spread. Wingtip spread was variable and depended on the device used to obtain the measurements. The FURUNO FS 3300 net sonar reported wingtip spreads varying between 12.1 m and 15.1 m, with an average of 13.65, this however is the cross section of the net at the point at which sonar transducer attaches to the headrope not the wingtip spread. The SIMRAD ITI sensors, which attach directly to the wings of the net, reported wingtip spreads varying area swept.

Estimates of Tanner crab habitat by depth stratum for Study area 1 are presented in Table 6. Strata 1 - 4 are almost equal in size accounting for $87 - 100 \text{ km}^2$ of habitat; stratum 5 however is significantly larger accounting for 154 km^2 . Assuming each tow fully samples the 1 km² block within which it falls the percentage of each stratum sampled is 5.4 - 7.0 % for strata 1-4 and 2.5 % for strata 5.

Biomass estimates for Study area 1 along with boot strapped 95 % confidence intervals are presented in Table 7. The catch was partitioned into two components, the proportion larger or smaller than 100 mm using the biological data (Table 8). Using these data separate estimates of biomass were generated for crabs $\geq 100 \text{ mm}$ CW and < 100 mmCW. We used 100 mm because in early consultation with industry this was deemed the size of a commercially viable crab. The estimate of biomass for study area 1 for all sizes of crabs is 122.5 metric tonnes (mt), the 95 % CI is 69.7 to 221.1 mt. For crabs under 100 mm CW the estimate is 70.6 mt with a 95% CI of 29.3 to 175.5 mt. For crab over 100 mm CW the estimate is 52.0 mt with a 95 % CI of 35.9 to 71.4 mt. The confidence intervals are 69 % -137%, 57% - 180 % and 42% - 249 % of the point estimate for crabs \geq 100 mm, all sizes and crabs < 100 mm respectively. The confidence interval is narrowest relative to the point estimate for crab 100 mm CW and larger. When looking at the biomass estimates by strata we see that for all sizes and for crabs < 100 mm CW stratum 4 not only contributes most to the estimate of biomass but also most of the variability due to a single large catch (tow 4). The estimate of biomass for larger crabs is less variable because by selecting catch on the basis of size most of the catch weight from tow 4 is effectively eliminated from the computation of biomass.

BIOLOGICAL DATA

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A total of 2140 crabs were examined (1272 caught by trawl and 868 caught by trap) from a total catch of 8401 crabs (6617 by trawl and 1784 by trap). The catch partitions neatly into three size classes, animals less than 40 mm, 40-75 mm, and greater than 75 mm. Of the total catch by numbers 3343 were under 40 mm (40 %), 4064 were between 40 and 75 mm (48%), and 992 were larger than 75 mm (12%).

Shell conditions by size class and sex are presented in Table 9. For the smallest size class shell condition was undetermined for 2955 crab, 88.4%; for those with determined shell conditions most were new hard shell, 7.9%, with a few new shell hardening and new shell soft, 1.6 % and 1.7 % respectively. In the middle size class there was a great deal of variability in the shell condition: 45.0 % were new shell hard, 29.9 % were new shell hardening, 21.0 % were new shell soft and 3.2% had plastic soft shells. In the largest size class most crabs were new shell hard, 32.3 %, or old shell, 28.6%; of the remaining crabs almost equal proportions were in new shell hardening, 9.1%, new shell soft, 14.0% or plastic soft-shell conditions, 9.7 %. Only 4 moulting crabs were encountered during the survey, two in the intermediate size class and two in the largest size class. Of the crabs biosampled 11.1 % were missing legs and 2.1% were missing claws. Males were missing claws 8 times more often than female and legs twice as often. The most common injuries were: a regenerating limb (0.7%); a regenerating limb in combination with another injury (0.4%); or a hole in the carapace (0.1%). Throughout the survey only one crab was encountered with black mat disease, a systemic fungal infection caused by Trichomaris invadens. Most oldshell crabs, however, showed some evidence of shell degeneration in the form of chitinoclastic bacterial infections (Photobacterium sp.; Jadamec et al. 1999) at the sites of minor injuries. The most common observation aside from the injuries and missing limbs noted above were grasping marks on females.

Carapace width histograms are presented in Fig. 10 through Fig. 18. Fig. 10 presents the width frequency histogram in aggregate for both sexes across strata. Fig 11 presents the same data by sex. In aggregate there are prominent narrow modes at 15, 21, 26 and 36 mm. There are larger wider modes in the distribution between 45 and 55 mm with a peak at 52 mm and between 60 and 72 mm with a peak at 67 mm. Smaller less obvious modes occur at the larger sizes at 80, 84, 88, 100, 113, 119, 130 and 150 mm. When presented by sex in Fig. 11 the modes are similar between the sexes with males showing a wider range of sizes and more numerous modes. In stratum 1, Fig. 12, in which only male Tanner crabs were caught, the width frequency histogram peaks at 152 mm. In strata 2 and 3 (Fig. 13, Fig. 14) very small juveniles dominated the catches with modes at 14-16 mm and 21-25 mm. The main difference in the size composition between strata 2 and 3 is the presence of a larger number of larger females in stratum 3. The size composition in stratum 4 (Fig. 15) is dominated by subadults with modes at 50 mm and 63 mm for females and 52 mm and 67 mm for males. The small juveniles that dominated the catch in strata 2 and 3 are absent from this stratum. Catches were limited in stratum 5 (Fig. 16), with weak modes at 35, 50 and 98 mm for females and 49 and 52 mm for males. Width frequency distribution data for ovigerous females, Fig. 17, show a mode at 100 mm. The smallest ovigerous female was 82 mm and the largest 120 mm. Width frequency histograms for females larger than 75 mm and males larger than 80 mm are presented in Fig. 18.

Carapace width/body weight relationships have been derived for male, female and ovigerous female Tanner crabs. These are presented in Figures 19 - 22 and in Table 10. Males are heavier than females at the same width. Ovigerous females are proportionally heavier than non-ovigerous females at the same width.

Maturity data were examined in two ways for both females and males. For males, the log of chela length was plotted against the log of carapace width, (Fig. 23; Jamieson et al. 1990; Conan and Comeau 1986). The data partition neatly into two groups, morphometrically mature (large clawed) and morphometrically immature (small clawed). Maturity codes were calculated using the following equation (Jamieson et al. 1990):

 $MC = \log(Chela Length) - \log(1.41 \log(Min. Carapace Width) + 2.92)$

If the result is positive the crab is mature, if negative the crab is immature. Mature males ranged in size from 94 to 166 mm. Morphometrically immature males ranged in size from 29-176 mm. Of the 68 crabs 110 mm CW or larger classified as immature, most had maturity codes that were only slightly negative suggesting that the above algorithm may be somewhat insensitive. Jamieson et al. (1990) notes that the above algorithm would be improved by additional data from morphometrically immature crabs, which was lacking during their original analysis. A future paper will revisit the derivation of the above algorithm incorporating the data collected here. Size at 50 % maturity for male Tanner crab, or the size at which half the males in the population are morphometrically mature, was determined by calculating the proportion of crabs in each 1 mm size increment that were mature, using the above algorithm, and plotting this as a function of carapace width. The resulting plot was fit with a logistic curve resulting in a value of 112 mm for the width at 50 % maturity for males (Fig. 24). For females we plotted the log of the 5th abdominal somite width against the log of

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carapace width (Fig. 25); the morphometrically mature females were clearly distinct as a cluster in the upper right of the plot. Without an algorithm to assign maturity codes for females the following was used: the width of the 5th abdominal somite divided by the carapace width. This partitioned the data into two fairly distinct groups: immature, where the values ranged from 0.29 to 0.48 and mature with values ranging from 0.51 to 0.66. Using a value of 0.50 as the criterion for maturity in females we found immature non-ovigerous females ranged from 25 to 97 mm, mature non-ovigerous females ranged in size from 90 to 123 mm. Ovigerous females raged in size from 83 to 120 mm. The single spent female caught during the survey was 106 mm wide. As with males the size at 50 % maturity was determined for females by plotting the proportions mature at each 1 mm size increment as a function of width (Fig. 26) and fitting a logistic curve to the data resulting in a size at 50 % maturity for females of 88 mm.

ECOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

The role of Tanner crabs in the deep slope ecosystem is not well understood, however, their anatomy suggests they are equipped to dismember large pieces of food that sink to the bottom, and are capable of travelling over comparatively large distances to do so. They also undoubtedly feed on benthic and interstitial organisms and themselves provide a food source for a number of species. Of a sample of 20 shortspine thornyhead (*Sebastolobus alascanus*) examined for stomach contents, 14 were full of Tanner crab juveniles exclusively, 4 were empty and 1 contained the remains of a small fish. The crabs from the stomachs were identifiable to sex and some could be measured, as their shells were intact. The size of crabs found in stomachs broke into two groups: 20-30 mm and 70 - 100mm; those from 70-100mm were softshell while the 20-30 mm size were hardshell. Stomach content of other fish species were not examined, although Pereyra (1966) records the smallest size range of crabs from fish stomachs, notably Dover sole (*Microstomus pacificus*) and sablefish (*Anaplopoma fimbria*).

OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA

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CTD (temperature/salinity) data were collected at 5 sites along transect 1 with one cast completed in each depth strata (Table 11, Fig. 9). Plankton samples were collected using a Bongo net with one sample collected from each depth stratum and one additional sample from a deeper tow (Table 12, Fig. 9).

Cast profiles were plotted for each of the CTD casts performed during the cruise (Fig. 27). The most obvious features of the temperature and salinity data are the distinct thermocline and halocline between 50 and 100 m at all stations. At all five sites the surface temperature dropped quickly to approximately 7 degree C and salinity increased to 34 ppt by 100 m depth, thereafter the decline in temperature and the increase in salinity was much more gradual. Surface temperature at the site furthest offshore was the highest. The temperature and salinity where Tanner crabs were most abundant ranged from 4.2-4.5 degrees C and from 34.0 to 34.25 ppt salinity.

DISCUSSION

The findings from this survey are similar to those of earlier work off Oregon (Pereyra 1966, 1968; Tester and Carey 1986), in Alaska (Somerton and Donaldson 1996) and in BC (Jamieson 1990). Tanner crabs were found between 436 m and 1301 m depth, mature males were found throughout the depth range but clearly dominated the catch between 450 m to 720 m depth. Females and juveniles (male and female, 10 - 40 mm CW) dominated the catch between 720 and 900m, while ovigerous females were shallower than non-ovigerous females. Sub-adults (male and female, 40 - 75 mm CW) dominated between 900 m and 1100 m. This pattern is almost identical to that found by Pereyra (1966, 1968) off of Oregon where adult males dominated between 500 and 640 m while females dominated between 640 and 690 m. Likewise the pattern of juvenile distribution was nearly identical with juvenile crabs (< 40 mm CW) found between 690 m and 865 m and sub-adults (immature crabs over 40 mm) being found below 865 m. These finding support the life history model proposed by Pereyra (1968) in which males and females were segregated by depth for most of the year, with males being shallower than females. Then throughout the late fall, winter and early spring both sexes undertaking bathymetric migrations with males moving deeper and females shallower. This migration being for the purposes of mating and coincident with the release of larvae and ovulation of fresh egg clutches. Once new egg clutches were extruded the sexes would again segregate. The larvae, once released, would be advected offshore as planktonic zoea for up to 80 days; once metamorphosed to megalopae they would settle to the bottom in deeper water and recruit from deep to shallow. During this survey juvenile, < 40 mm CW, crabs were found a various depths, but sub-adult crabs, 40 - 75 mm CW, were only found below 900 m suggesting there may be an ontogenetic migration to this depth from both deep and shallow areas, and that while juveniles, this species may use deeper water as a refuge from potential predators. This is substantiated by the depth distribution of known Tanner crab predators such as Shortspine thornyhead, (Sebastolobus alascanus), Dover sole (Microstomus pacificus) and Sablefish (Anoplopoma fimbria) (Pereyra 1966; this study).

Males ranged in size from 10 mm – 176 mm CW, females from 10 to 123 mm, and ovigerous females from 82 to 120 mm. The maximum size of males is similar to values reported for Alaska (170 mm CW, Somerton and Donaldson 1996) and Oregon (181 mm CW, Pereyra 1966; 162 mm CW, Tester and Carey 1986). The maximum size reported for females is likewise similar to that reported for Alaska (126 mm CW, Somerton and Donaldson 1996) and Oregon (126 mm CW, Pereyra 1966; 122 mm CW, Tester and Carey 1986).

The width frequency histogram for the population as a whole or by sex, Figure 10 and 11, are nearly identical to that presented in Tester and Carey (1986) in which they identify moult increments. Using the size at instar relationship presented in Tester and Carey (1986), the first instar captured during this survey was instar IV corresponding to the mode at 10 mm. Instar V is represented by the mode at 15 mm, instar VI corresponds to the mode at 21 mm and instar VII corresponds to the peak at 26 mm. For instars I – VII, Tester and Carey (1986) estimated a mean increase in carapace width per moult increment of 39 %. If one assumes that relationship holds true until the puberty moult, the modes identifies at 36 mm, 52 and 67 mm correspond to moults VIII – X (calculated modes should appear at 37 mm, 52 mm and 72 mm).

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Size at 50 % morphometric maturity and mean size of morphometrically mature crabs were estimated by sex. The size of 50 % maturity for males and females is 112 mm and 88 mm respectively. For males this is slightly less than the value reported from Alaska while for females it is significantly greater, 119 mm for males and 79 mm for females (Somerton and Donaldson 1996). When compared to values reported from Oregon, 118 mm and 85 mm for males and females (Tester and Carey 1986), the males are maturing at a smaller size and the females at a larger size. The mean CW of morphometrically mature individuals was 136 mm for males and 102 mm for females. These correspond well with values from Alaska, 138 mm and 100 mm for males and females respectively (Somerton and Donaldson 1996) and Oregon, 149 and 103 mm (Pereyra 1966) and 143 and 102 mm (Tester and Carey 1986). While the findings from the biological data are not new for this species, they are new for BC waters and correspond well with observed values from Alaska and Oregon.

In an effort to assess the quality of our trawl data two other sources of data were examined: groundfish trawl by-catch data and CPUE data from previous trawl surveys of Tanner crabs conducted by other researchers. The CPUE achieved during our 1999 Tanner crab trawl survey ranged from 0.0 to 130.22 kg/hr with a mean of 13.08 and standard deviation of 22.88 kg/hr. This corresponds to a density of crabs of 208.17 kg/km² with a standard deviation of 403.18 kg/km². CPUEs in the groundfish trawl fishery for the same area as that surveyed ranged from 0 to 112.8 kg per hour with a mean of 6.13 kg/hr and a standard deviation of 7.56 kg/hr. This corresponds to an average density of 142.36 kg/km² with a standard deviation of 276.31 kg/km². Pereyra (1966) observed CPUEs for Tanner crab ranging from 18.6 kg /hr to 21.8 kg/hr. There are very few other published CPUE or density estimates for *C. tanneri*. The values obtained during the trawl survey are approximately twice those observed in the groundfish trawl fishery and are close to but less than the values observed by Pereyra off Oregon in the early 1960s. The discrepancy between our current catch rates and those from Oregon in the early sixties may reflect trawl impacts on the abundance of Tanner crabs in our study area, differences in the fishing power of the nets or changes in the absolute abundance between time periods.

The primary objective of this survey was to produce baseline estimates of abundance for *C. tanneri*. The estimated biomass for all sizes of Tanner crabs in the study area was 122.5 metric tonnes (mt) of which 52.0 mt had a CW \geq 100 mm. The bootstrapped 95 % confidence interval was 69.7 to 221.1 mt for all crabs and 35.9 to 71.4 mt for crabs larger than 100 mm. The average density of tanner crab on the bottom was 223 kg/km² the average density of crabs larger than 100 mm was 104 kg/km².

One of the questions presented by industry has been whether or not a trawl survey is the best means of assessing the abundance of Tanner crabs. The data gathered during this survey demonstrate the effectiveness of trawl surveys as a tool for assessing Tanner crabs for the following reasons:

• The relatively narrow confidence intervals computed for the estimate of adult marketable biomass indicate that as adults the species is fairly uniformly distributed, making them a good candidate for assessment by trawl.

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- All size classes of crabs down to 10 mm CW as well as infaunal invertebrates whale bones and empty shells were retained by the net indicating that the trawl was able to capture and retain anything within the path of net.
- The FS3300 and Simrad ITI sensors attached to the net confirmed that the gear remained in contact with the bottom and maintained geometry once it reached the bottom.

The estimates produced here should be interpreted as either relative or possibly minimum estimates of the available biomass. Fishermen previously involved in the Tanner crab experimental fishery indicate that this species may have a preference for harder substrates than those sampled during this survey. Clearly the disparity between trap catch rates and trawl catch rates indicate that trapping is a much more efficient means of capturing this species. However a trap index alone would be unlikely to track changes in abundance with any certainty due to variables such as gear saturation, bait load, soak time and gear placement. It would seem prudent at the outset of investigating the fishery potential of this species to develop both trawl and trap indices to track the abundance of this species.

The primary biological and ecological findings of this survey include:

- The distribution, depth segregation by sex, size composition and maturity schedules for Tanner crab off the coast of British Columbia are similar to those for stocks off of Oregon and Alaska.
- The pattern of juvenile distribution tends to support the life history model proposed by Pereyra (1968) for Tanner crab stocks off of Oregon.
- The deep (500-1300m) continental slope ecosystem is an exceptionally diverse one dominated by thornyhead rockfish, sablefish, grenadiers, Tanner crab, cephalopods, ophiurids, gastropods and bathypelagic shrimp and fishes.
- > Thornyhead rockfish are a major predator on juvenile Tanner crab.

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Tow	Transect	Strata	Area Swept Km ²	Duration Min.	Crab Species	Catch Kg.	Density Kg/Km ²	Usability	Mean Depth
1	1	1	0.017075	16	C. tanneri	0.90	52.71	Usable	460
2	2	2	0.043810	42	C. tanneri	7.40	168.91	Usable	643
3	1	3	0.043420	43	C. tanneri	1.30	29.94	Usable	781
4	2	4	0.042753	49	C. tanneri	106.35	2,487.56	Usable	855
5	1	5	0.043581	43	C. tanneri	14.70	337.30	Usable	1170
6	3	6	0.044764	44	C. angulatus	1.60	35.74	Usable	1150
6	3	6	0.044764	44	C. tanneri	16.60	370.84	Usable	1150
. 7	3	5	0.041017	45	C. tanneri	5.10	124.34	Usable	1143
7	3	5	0.041017	45	C. angulatus	1.90	46.32	Usable	1143
8	3	4	0.049426	47	C. tanneri	6.61	133.74	Usable	949
9	3	3	0.043585	46	C. tanneri	8.90	204.20	Usable	825
10	3	2	0.053102	43	C. tanneri	15.90	299.42	Usable	667
11	3	1	0.050797	40	C. tanneri	0.00	0.00	Usable	481
12	2	1	0.056455	43	C. tanneri	1.00	17.71	Usable	436.5
13	1	1	0.053840	38	C. tanneri	0.90	16.72	Usable	525
14	1	2	0.052818	41	C. tanneri	7.80	147.68	Usable	667
15	1	4	0.052589	42	C. tanneri	21.00	399.33	Usable	946.5
16	1	6	0.031741	47	C. tanneri	15.00	472.57	Unusable	1301.5
17	2	2	0.054119	40	C. tanneri	0.00	0.00	Usable	533.5
18	2	3	0.052049	42	C. tanneri	8.76	168.36	Usable	731
19	4	4	0.019142	27	C. tanneri	2.11	110.23	Usable	913.5
20	4	3	0.027825	27	C. tanneri	18.90	679.24	Usable	725
21	4	2	0.034171	30	C. tanneri	6.20	181.44	Usable	565
22	4	5	0.051269	45	C. tanneri	0.00	0.00	Usable	1286
23	6	4	0.016233	28	C. tanneri	0.50	30.80	Unusable	927.5
24	6	2	0.073137	45	C. tanneri	3.20	43.75	Usable	610
25	6	1	0.052993	40	C. tanneri	2.20	41.51	Usable	507
26	6	3	0.038996	42	C. tanneri	0.00	0.00	Usable	884
27	4	1	0.048843	39	C. tanneri	1.50	30.71	Usable	539
28	0	1	0.041530	33	C. tanneri	1.00	24.08	Usable	540
29	0	2	0.047376	40	C. tanneri	5.30	111.96	Usable	666.5
30	0	3	0.047400	40	C. tanneri	11.00	232.07	Usable	749
31	0	4	0.037900	44	C. tanneri	11.64	307.13	Usable	912.5
32	0	5	0.037918	45	C. tanneri	9.90	261.09	Unusable	1033
33	7	5	0.021726	21	C. tanneri	1.80	-82.85	Usable	906
34	7	3	0.014336	4	C. tanneri	0.00	0.00	Unusable	753

Table 1. Summary of trawl activities and catches of Tanner crab from the 1999 Tanner crab trawl survey.

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Table 2. Total catch by species by trawl gear during the 1999 Tanner crab trawl survey off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Species have been keyed to the lowest taxonomic level possible. Occasionally organisms where only recorded to the level of Order, Family or Genus. Total catch weight is in kilograms. "Trace" indicates that in no single tow was there more than 0.1 kg recorded for the species.

Latin Name	Common Name	Total Catch
Crab:		
Chionoecetes tanneri	Grooved Tanner crab	313.48
Chionoecetes angulatus	Angle Tanner crab	3.50
Lithodes couesi	Scarlet King crab	0.50
Calastacus stilirostris	a burrowing crab	Trace
Munida quadrispina	Squat lobster	Trace
Pagurus splendescens	a hermit crab	Trace
Calocaris quinqueseriatus	a burrowing crab	Trace
Calocaris investigatoris	a burrowing crab	Trace
Shrimp:	-	
Pasiphaea pacifica	Glass shrimp	59.15
Eualus macrophthalmus	Large eyed eualid	4.40
Eualus biunguis	Deepsea eualid	1.00
Pandalopsis dispar	Sidestripe shrimp	0.30
Eualus (Genus)	a shrimp Genus	0.30
Sergestes similis	Pacific sergestid	0.06
Systellaspis braueri	Quayle's spinytail	Trace
Notostomus japonicus	Spiny ridge shrimp	Trace
Sergia tenuiremis	Ocean sergestid	Trace
Acanthephyra curtirostris	Peaked shrimp	Trace
Bentheogennema borealis	Northern blunt-tailed shrimp	Trace
Bentheogennema (Genus)	a shrimp Genus	Trace
Hymenodora frontalis	Pacific ambereye	Trace
Parapasiphae sulcatifrons	Grooved-back shrimp	Trace
Pasiphaea tarda	Crimson pasiphaeid	Trace
Crangon dalli	Ridged crangon	Trace
Pandalus montagui tridens	Yellowleg shrimp	Trace
Gnathophausia(Family)	Order Mysidacea	Trace
Mysidacea (Order)	Mysids	Trace
Parapasiphae(Genus)	A shrimp Genus	Trace
Mollusca:	-	
Berryteuthis magister	Schoolmaster gonate squid	97.64
Opisthoteuthis californiana	Flapjack devilfish	34.12

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Table 2 (cont'd)

Latin Name	Common Name	Total Catch	
Mollusca: Cont'd			
Gastropoda (Class)	Mixed snail species	9.54	
Octopoteuthis deletron	a species of squid	4.60	
Benthoctopus(Genus)	An octopus genus	3.30	
Cephalopoda(Class)	Unidentified squid or octopus	2.02	
Gonatus (Genus)	a squid genus	1.10	
Chiroteuthis calyx	a species of squid	0.60	
Graneledone boreopacifica	a species of squid	0.50	
Galiteuthis armata	a species of squid	0.40	
Teuthoidea(Order)	Unidentified squid	0.35	
Histioteuthis heteropsis	Flowervase jewel squid	0.30	
Nudibranchiata (suborder)	Seaslugs	0.30	
Japetella diaphana	a species of squid	0.20	
Berryteuthius anonychus	Smallfin gonate gquid	Trace	
Onychoteuthis borealijaponicus	Boreal clubhook squid	Trace	
Vampyroteuthidae(Family)	Vampire squids	Trace	
Idas washingtonius	Washington combmussel	Trac	
Benthoctopus robustus	a species of octopus	Trac	
Echinoderm:			
Ophiurae (order)	Brittle stars	26.13	
Asteroidea(Class)	Starfish	22.19	
Solaster borealis	Northern Sunstar	19.07	
Allocentrotus fragilis	Fragile urchin	9.78	
Brisaster latifrons	Heart urchin	2.84	
Holothuroidea (class)	Sea cucumbers	1.24	
Echinacea (superorder)	Sea urchins	0.82	
Synallactes challengeri	Papillose sea cucumber	0.80	
Ctenodiscus crispatus	Mud star	0.70	
Molpadia intermedia	Sweet potato sea cucumber	0.30	
Hippasteria spinosa	Spiny red sea star	0.10	
Euryalae (Order)	Basket stars	Trace	
Psolus squamatus	Scaly sea cucumber	Trac	
Crinodea (class)	Sea lilies and feather stars	Trace	
Groundfish:			
Anoplopoma fimbria	Sablefish	2,871.64	
Sebastolobus altivelis	Longspine thornyhead	1,550.55	
Microstomus pacificus	Dover sole	-940.30	
Sebastolobus alascanus	Shortspine thornyhead	820.24	
Albatrossia pectoralis	Pectoral rattail	592.44	
Coryphaenoides filifer	Filamented rattail	439.39	

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Table 2 (cont'd)

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Latin Name	Common Name	Total Catch	
Groundfish: Cont'd			
Coryphaenoides acrolepis	Roughscale rattail	425.98	
Sebastes aleutianus	Rougheye rockfish	220.60	
Antimora microlepis	Pacific flatnose	184.59	
Sebastolobus(Gunus)	Thornyheads	155.30	
Raja rhina	Longnose skate	109.50	
Atheresthes stomias	Arrowtooth flounder	104.20	
Lycodes diapterus	Black eelpout	93.11	
Apristurus brunneus	Brown cat shark	86.36	
Bothrocara brunneum	Twoline eelpout	73.22	
Sebastes borealis	Shortraker rockfish	65.10	
Merluccius productus	Pacific hake	42.64	
Embassichthys bathybius	Deepsea sole	36.17	
Bathyraja trachura	Roughtail skate	34.90	
Eptatretus deani	Black hagfish	33.03	
Alepocephalidae(Family)	Slickheads	24.20	
Errex zachirus	Rex sole	19.70	
Talismania bifurcata	Threadfin slickhead	18.22	
Lycodapus fierasfer	Blackmouth slipskin	17.03	
Lycodes cortezianus	Bigfin eelpout	7.60	
Lycenchelys crotalina	Snakehead eelpout	7.50	
Sebastes malostomus	Blackgill rockfish	6.30	
Careproctus melanurus	Blacktail snailfish	5.11	
Psychrolutes phrictus	Blob sculpin	4.70	
Hydrolagus colliei	Spotted ratfish	2.40	
Sebastes aurora	Aurora rockfish	2.00	
Sebastes alutus	Pacific ocean perch	1.90	
Bathyraja interrupta	Sandpaper skate	1.40	
Derepodichthys alepidotus	Cuskpout	1.17	
Bothrocara remigerum	Longsnout eelpout	1.00	
Lampetra tridentata	Pacific lamprey	0.86	
Squalus acanthias	Spiny dogfish	0.70	
Eptatretus stouti	Pacific hagfish	0.60	
Bathyagonus nigripinnis	Blackfin poacher	0.28	
Agonidae(Family)	Poachers	0.20	
Lycodapus mandibularis	Pallid slipskin	Trace	
Bathypelagic Fish:			
Stenobrachius leucopsarus	Northern lampfish	49.61	
Icosteus aenigmaticus	Ragfish	34.10	
Bathylagus milleri	Stout blacksmelt	19.82	

Table 2 (cont'd)

Latin Name	Common Name	Total Catch	
Bathypelagic Fish: Cont'd			
Chauliodus macouni	Pacific viperfish	16.5	
Tactostoma macropus	Longfin dragonfish	2.7	
Sagamichthys abei	Shining tubeshoulder	0.6	
Tarletonbeania crenularis	Blue lanternfish	0.2	
Scopelosaurus harryi	Scaly waryfish	0.2	
Poromitra crassiceps	Crested ridgehead	0.2	
Anotopterus pharao	Daggertooth	0.2	
Nemichthyidae(Family)	Snipe eels	0.1	
Myctophidae (Family)	Lanternfishes	0.1	
Oneirodes bulbosus	Bulbous dreamer	0.1	
Benthalbella dentata	Northern pearleye	0.1	
Malacosteidae(Family)	Loosejaws	0.1	
Diaphus theta	California headlightfish	0.0	
Nanensia candida	Bluethroat argentine	0.0	
Melamphaes lugubris	Highsnout ridgehead	Trac	
Aristostomias scintillans	Shining loosejaw	Trac	
Notolepis rissoi	Ribbon barracudina	Trac	
Nemichthys scolopaceus	Slender snipe eel	Trac	
Anaplogastridae (Family)	Fang tooths	Trac	
Melamphaidae(Family)	Ridgeheads	Trac	
Oneirodidae(Family)	Dreamers	Trac	
Bathylagus pacificus	Slender blacksmelt	Trac	
Argyropelecus sladeni	Lowcrest hatchetfish	Trac	
Avocettina infans	Closespine snipe eel	Trac	
Other Inverts.	1 1		
Actiniaria (Order)	Anemone	101.1	
Scyphozoa (Class)	Jellyfish	24.2	
Aphrodita (Genus)	Sea mouse	0.2	
Isopoda (Order)	Isopods	0.1	
Thaliacea (Class)	Salps	Trac	
Pennatulacea (Order)	Sea pens	Trac	
Brachiopoda (Phylum)	Lamp shells	Trac	
Ctenophora (Phylum)	Comb Jellies	Trac	
Polychaeta(Class)	Polychaete worms	Trac	
Misc.		-	
	Unidentified matter	• 17.4	
	Unknown fish	0.6	
	Whale bones	~300.0	
	Kelp (Mixed species)	~50.0	

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Table 3. Total and average catch and average density of all Grooved Tanner crab (CT, *C. tanneri*) by stratum. Total and average catch and average density of CT larger than 100 mm carapace width by stratum. Stratum boundaries were 400-560, 560-720, 720-880, 880-1040, 1040-1200 m, for strata 1-5 respectively and >1200 m for stratum 6. N is the number of tows performed in each stratum.

Stratum	N	Total Catch (Kg)	Average Catch per Strata (Kg)	Average Density (Kg/Km ²)	Catch >100 Mm (Kg/Km ²)	Average Catch >100 Mm (Kg/Km ²)	Average Density >100 Mm (Kg/Km ²)
1	7	7.50	1.07	26.21	7.50	1.07	26.21
2	7	45.80	6.54	136.17	43.14	6.16	128.22
3	6	48.86	8.14	218.97	35.10	5.85	153.72
4	5	147.71	29.54	687.60	32.17	6.43	156.19
	4	21.60	5.40	136.12	16.75	4.19	106.27
6	1	16.60	16.60	370.84	7.82	7.82	174.66

Table 4. Total catch by species by trap gear during the 1999 Tanner crab survey off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Species have been keyed to the lowest taxonomic level possible. Occasionally organisms where only recorded to the level of Order, Family or Genus. Total catch weight is in kilograms. Trace quanties are less than 0.1 kg.

Latin Name	Common Name	Total Catch
Crabs:		
Chionoecetes tanneri	Grooved Tanner crab	345.37
Chionoecetes angulatus	Angle Tanner Crab	11.81
Chorilia longipes	Redclaw crab	Trace
Mollusca:		
Gastropoda (Class)	Gastropods	Trace
Echinoderm:		
Ophiuridae (Family)	Brittle stars	0.10
Holothuroidea (Class)	Sea cucumbers	Trace
Sinalyctese challengeri	Papillose sea cucumber	Trace
Echinacea (Super order)	Sea urchins	Trace
Solaster endeca	Northern sunstar	Trace
Thrissacanthus pencillatus	Mud star	Trace
Ophiurida (Order)	Basket stars	Trace
Groundfish:		
Anoplopoma fimbria	Sablefish	107.00
Paralomis multispina		3.40
Coryphaenoides acrolepis	Roughscale rattail	0.80
Other Invertebrates:		
Actiniaria (Order)	Anemone	Trace
Scyphozoa (Class)	Jellyfish	Trace

Table 5. Average Catch per trap by set and sex, in both numbers and kilograms. Species are *C. tanneri* (CT) and *C. angulatus* (CA), sex codes are 1 for males and 2 for females. Catch weights are in kilograms. Stratum boundaries were 400-560, 560-720, 720-880, 880-1040, 1040-1200 m, for strata 1-5 respectively and >1200 m for stratum 6.

Set Number	Stratum	Start Depth	Finish Depth	Species	Sex	Total Catch	Mean Catch per	Total Number	Mean Number
		(M)	(M)	i.		Weight	Trap	Caught	per Trap
1	1	525	513	CT	1	72.90	4.86	80	5.33
2	2	770	700	CT	1	70.30	5.02	92	6.57
2	2	770	700	CT	2	18.50	1.85	57	5.70
3	3	824	829	CT	1	77.00	5.13	137	9.13
3	3	824	829	CT	2	4.77	0.34	61	4.36
4	4	939	939	CT	1	35.70	2.38	472	31.47
4	4	939	939	CT	2	64.90	4.33	905	60.33
5	1	400	400	CT	1	1.30	0.65	2	1.00
6	6	1370	1360	CA	1	11.41	1.14	21	2.10
6	6	1370	1360	CA	2	0.40	0.40	2	2.00

Table 6. Number and depth interval for each stratum. Estimated habitat area per stratum in km^2 , the proportion of the total habitat area in each stratum, and the number of tows completed in each. The percentage of each stratum sampled assuming each tow fully samples the 1 km² within which it occurs.

Stratum	Depth Interval (m)	Total Area (Km ²)	Proportion of Area	Number of Tows	Percentage of Stratum Sampled
1	400-560	100.14	0.187486	7	6.990
2	560-720	99.92	0.187074	7	7.006
3	720-880	87.07	0.163016	6	6.891
4	880-1040	92.42	0.173032	5	5.410
5	1040-1200	154.57	0.289392	4	2.588
Deeper	>1200	Na	Na	1	Na
Total	400-1400	534.12	1.00	31	5.804

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Table 7. Biomass estimates, in metric tonnes, for Tanner crab, *C. tanneri*, in Study area 1; separate estimates are presented for all sizes of Tanner crabs, all animals under 100 mm and all animals 100 mm and greater. The upper and lower bound of the 95 % confidence interval are the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles of 1000 bootstrapped biomass estimates.

Strata	Biomass	95% Confid	95% Confidence Interval		
		Lower	Upper		
All sizes of crabs:					
1	2.5	1.2	3.6		
2	12.7	6.5	19.2		
3	17.8	6.3	36.0		
4	59.4	15.7	141.2		
5	30.1	4.5	50.0		
All Strata	122.5	69.7	221.1		
Crabs > 100 mm					
1	2.5	1.2	3.6		
	11.1	5.6			
2 3	7.9	2.8			
4	12.6	6.4			
5	17.9	5.4			
All Strata	52.0	35.9			
Crabs < 100 mm					
1	0.0	0.0	0.0		
2	1.6	0.4	3.9		
2 3 4	9.9	2.7	28.8		
4	46.8	10.5	146.1		
5	12.14	2.6	26.9		
All Strata	70.6	29.3	175.5		

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Set Weight Weight Total Proportion Proportion Number <100 mm >100 mm >100 mm Sample >100 mm by Weight (g) (g) Weight (g) by Number 1 918 918 1.00 1.00 2 7166 7166 1.00 1.00 3 700 735 1435 0.51 0.08 4 7167 1388 8556 0.16 0.02 5 3488 13276 16764 0.79 0.24 6 7412 0.47 8313 15726 0.08 7 2013 4692 6705 0.70 0.23 8 3454 3606 7060 0.51 0.10 9 4498 7250 11748 0.68 0.05 10 14904 0.99 170 14734 0.81 12 1471 1471 1.00 1.00 13 888 888 1.00 1.00 14 5631 7519 1888 0.75 0.01 15 16312 6540 22852 0.29 0.04 18 3133 5646 8779 0.64 0.01 19 249 2120 2369 0.89 0.75 20 6678 11954 18632 0.64 0.50 21 440 4951 5391 0.92 0.78 23 475 475 0.00 0.00 24 2973 2973 1.00 1.00 25 2583 2583 1.00 1.00 27 1426 1426 1.00 1.00 28 942 942 1.00 1.00 29 8 5114 5122 1.00 0.60 30 349 10408 0.97 10757 0.24 31 8467 3895 12362 0.32 0.11 32 4348 6386 10734 0.59 0.43 33 257 1528 1785 0.86 0.25 35 69769 69769 1.00 1.00 36 3152 83798 86950 0.96 0.90 37 5823 72022 77845 0.93 0.53 38 23911 7547 31458 0.24 0.03 39 1246 1246 1.00 1.00 40 787 13724 14511 0.95 0.89 Grand Total 106080 383742 489822 0.78 0.28

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Table 8. Weights and proportions of the catch less than or greater than or equal to 100 mm by set number. Weights are corrected for subsampling. Proportions were computed by weight and by number of Tanner crab. These proportion were computed based on the biological samples collected. The weights presented are in grams of crabs bio-sampled.

Carapace Width	Sex	Shell Condition	Count
< 40 mm	Undetermined	Undetermined	73
< 40 mm	Undetermined	New Shell, Hard	4
< 40 mm	Male	Undetermined	1,345
< 40 mm	Male	New Shell, Hard	122
< 40 mm	Male	New Shell, Hardening	18
< 40 mm	Male	New Shell, Soft	50
< 40 mm	Male	Plastic Soft	1
< 40 mm	Male	Old Shell	5
< 40 mm	Female	Undetermined	1,538
< 40 mm	Female	New Shell, Hard	140
< 40 mm	Female	New Shell, Hardening	36
< 40 mm	Female	New Shell, Soft	7
< 40 mm	Female	Plastic Soft	2
< 40 mm	Female	Old Shell	2
40 - 75 mm	Undetermined	New Shell, Hard	1
40 - 75 mm	Undetermined	Plastic Soft	13
40 - 75 mm	Male	New Shell, Hard	798
40 - 75 mm	Male	New Shell, Hardening	584
40 - 75 mm	Male	New Shell, Soft	501
40 - 75 mm	Male	Plastic Soft	44
40 - 75 mm	Male	Moulting	1
40 - 75 mm	Male	Old Shell	2
40 - 75 mm	Male	Real Old Shell	3
40 - 75 mm	Female	Undetermined	3
40 - 75 mm	Female	New Shell, Hard	1,032
40 - 75 mm	Female	New Shell, Hardening	634
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40 - 75 mm	Female	Plastic Soft	90
40 - 75 mm	Female	Moulting	12/
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> 75 mm	Male	New Shell, Hard	240
> 75 mm	Male	New Shell, Hardening	68
> 75 mm	Male	New Shell, Soft	84
> 75 mm	Male	Plastic Soft	50
> 75 mm	Male	Moulting	1
> 75 mm	Male	Old Shell	190
> 75 mm	Male	Real Old Shell	5
> 75 mm	Male	Not sure	33
> 75 mm	Female	New Shell, Hard	51
> 75 mm	Female	New Shell, Hardening	23
> 75 mm	Female	New Shell, Soft	55
> 75 mm	Female	Plastic Soft	47
> 75 mm	Female	Moulting	1
> 75 mm	Female	Old Shell	4
> 75 mm	Ovigerous	Undetermined	1
> 75 mm	Ovigerous	New Shell, Hard	30
> 75 mm	Ovigerous	Old Shell	90
> 75 mm	Ovigerous	Real Old Shell	· 1
> 75 mm	Ovigerous	Not sure	16
> 75 mm	Spent	Undetermined	1
> 75 mm	Spent	Old Shell	1

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Table 9. Summary of shell conditions by size category and sex. Counts are estimated from the biological data, which has been extrapolated to total catch for each tow.

Table 10. Length-weight parameters for Tanner crab. Carapace widths are in millimeters and weight is in grams.

The relationship is:

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$$w_i = \alpha l_i^{\beta}$$

where w_i = the weight of crab *i*, l_i = the carapace width of crab *i* and α and β are regression parameters corresponding to the intercept and slope of the linearized model.

Sex	Intercept (α)	Exponent (β)
Males	-8.100721	3.100721
Female	-7.18909	2.718035
Ovigerous	-6.06632	2.53917

Table 11. CTD casts performed during the 1999 Tanner crab survey off the west coast of Vancouver Island

Cast	Cast Latitude		Longit	ude	Bottom Depth	Max. Cast Depth
Number					(m)	(m)
1	49	3.545	127	8.582	1375	1000
2	49	5.949	127	2.996	1000	900
3	49	6.914	127	0.993	681	640
4	49	7.495	126	59.419	510	470
5	49	8.233	126	57.636	380	335

Set]	Date	Time	Latitude	Longitude	Depth	Target Depth	Flowmeter	Wire out	Angle	Serial number
1	1 Start Finish	23-Jul-99	18:32 20:06	49 06.850 49 06.215	127 06.100 127 01.404	1400 1400	1000	475354 712810	1400	45	12963
2	2 Start Finish	. 30-Jul-99	19:51 21:27	49 04.399 49 05.611	127 11.536 127 15.269	1707 1530	1400	712811 919358	1700	45-60	12963
2	3 Start Finish	31-Jul-99	6:59 7:54	49 05.917 49 07.211	127 00.539 127 01.320	705 708	600	919364 33201	900	45	12963
2	4 Start Finish	1-Aug-99	6:20 7:00	49 05.610 49 06.578	126 56.300 126 56.578	415 392	375	33200 93848	500	42-48	12963
	5 Start Finish	1-Aug-99	717 755	49 06.233 49 05.228	126 58.404 126 57.417	503 500	410	93848 187950	650	44	12963
(6 Start Finish	1-Aug-99	1615 1712	49 04.575 49 03.535	127 01.880 127 01.278	-	900	187938 312902	1150	33	12963

Table 12. Bongo Tows completed during the 1999 Tanner crab trawl survey off the west coast of Vancouver Island Cruise 9918

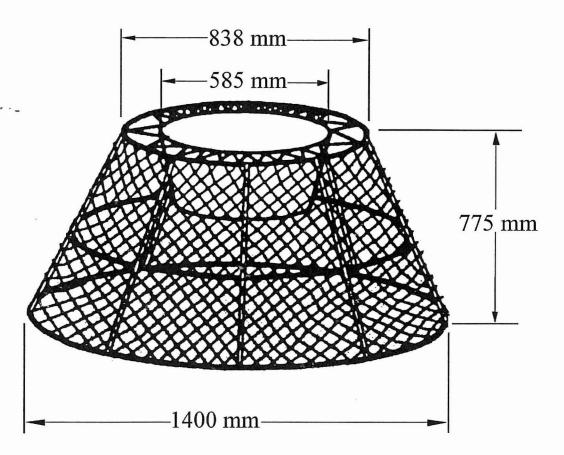


Figure 1. Tanner crab traps employed during the 1999 Tanner crab survey off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

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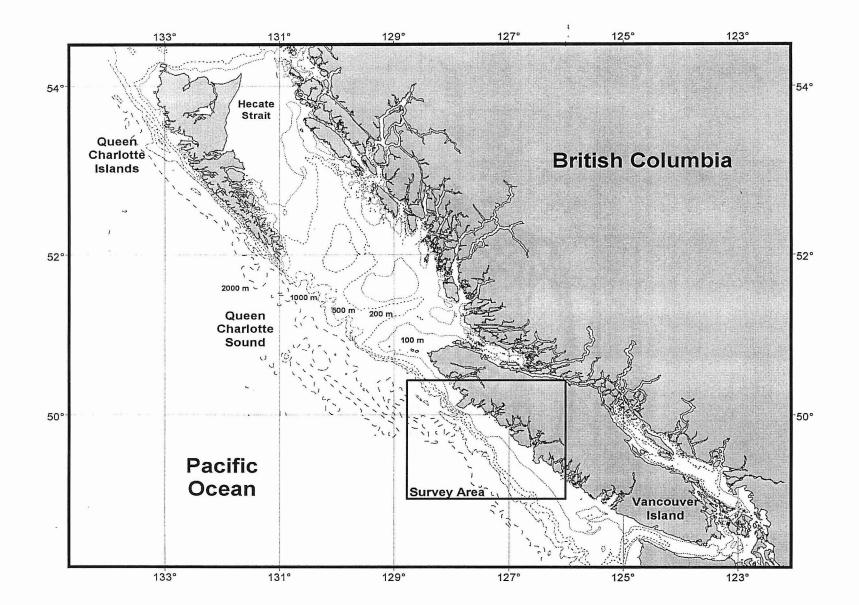


Figure 2. The West Coast of Canada indicating the survey area for the 1999 Tanner crab trawl survey. The depth contours shown are the 100, 200, 500, 1000 and 2000 m isobaths.

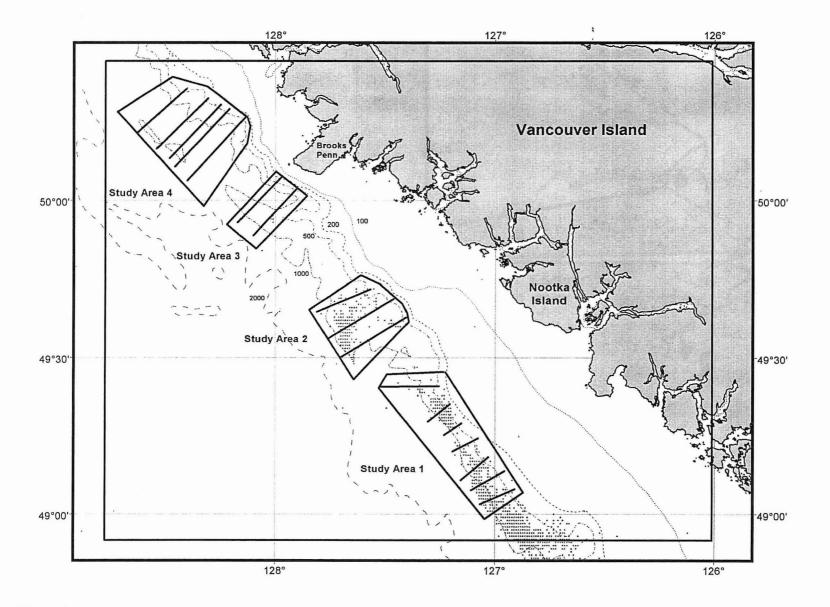


Figure 3. Survey area indicating the four selected study areas and the survey transects in each. Depth contours mark the 100, 200, 500, 1000 and 2000 m isobaths. The grey dots on the map represent locations where Tanner crab was caught incidentally during a commercial groundfish trawl set.

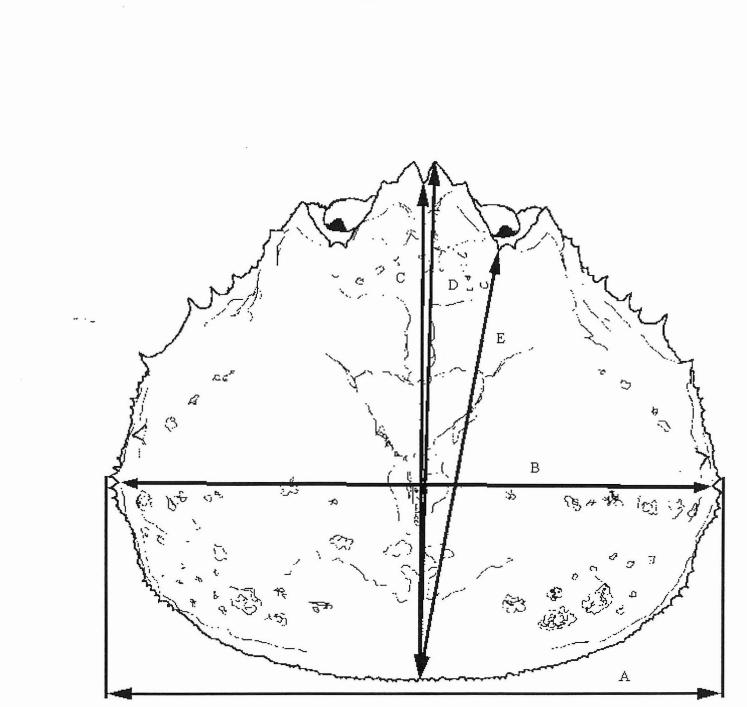


Figure 4. Tanner crab carapace measurement: A, carapace width including the spines, B, carapace width between the spines, C, carapace length – notch, D, carapace length - rostral horn, E, carapace length - eye orbit. Measurements A through D were collected (adapted from Jadamec et al. 1999).

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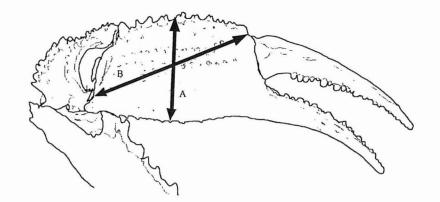


Figure 5. Lateral view of the right chela of a male Tanner crab showing the following measurements chela measurements **A**, Chela height, the greatest height measured, **B**, chela length, measured diagonally from the notch at the base of the thumb to base of the large spine on the ventral surface of the chela at the knuckle between the chela and the cheliped (adapted from Jadamec et al. 1999).

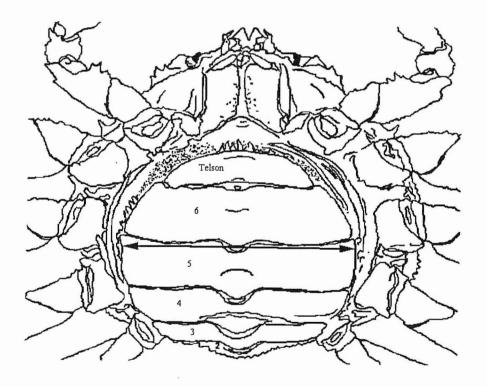


Figure 6. Ventral view of a female Tanner crab with the abdominal somites and telson identified showing the width measurement taken on the 5^{th} abdominal somite (adapted from Jadamec et al. 1999).

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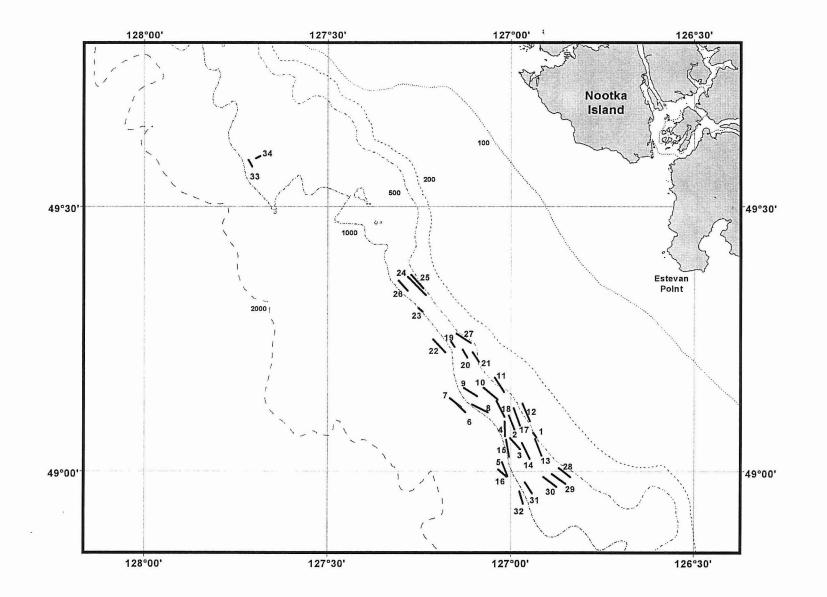


Figure 7. Trawls completed during the 1999 Tanner crab trawl survey. Depth contours mark the 100, 200, 500, 1000 and 2000 m isobaths. The lines connect the start and end positions of each tow and represent the net's path over the bottom.

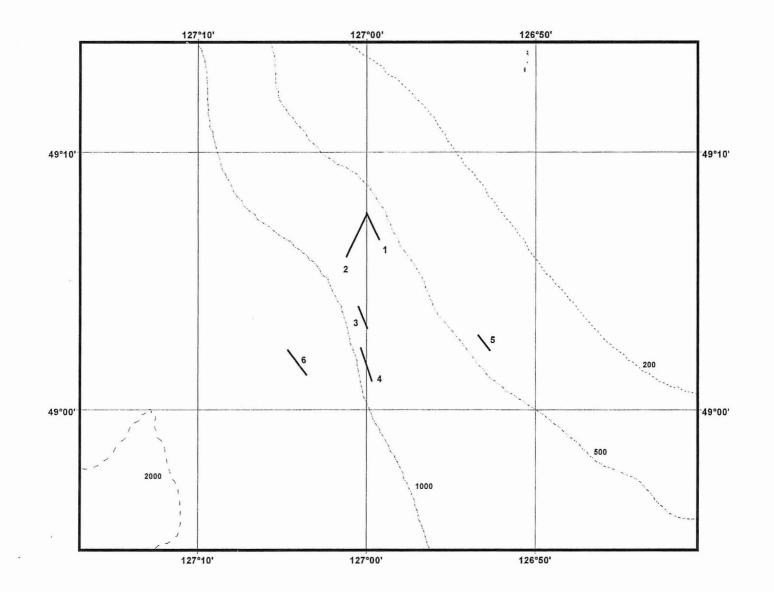


Figure 8. Trap Sets completed during the 1999 Tanner crab survey off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Depth Contours are the 200, 500, 1000 and 2000 m isobaths.

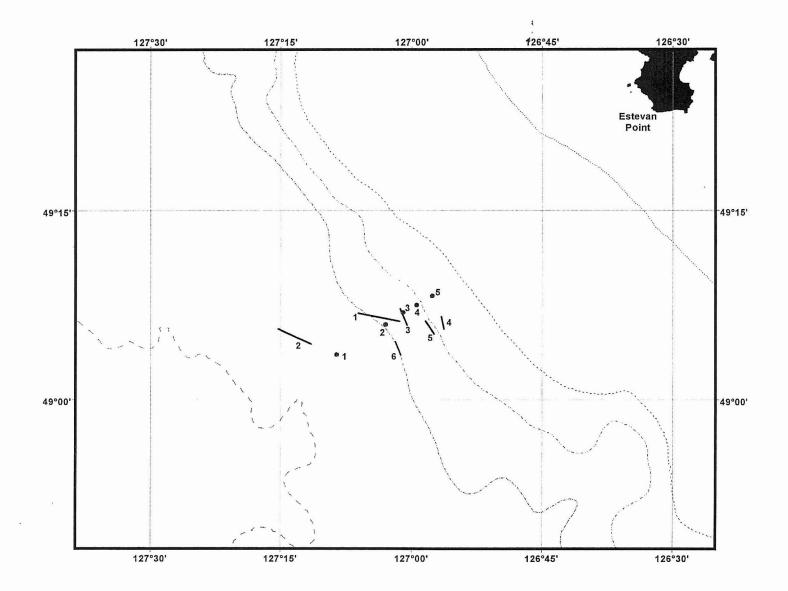
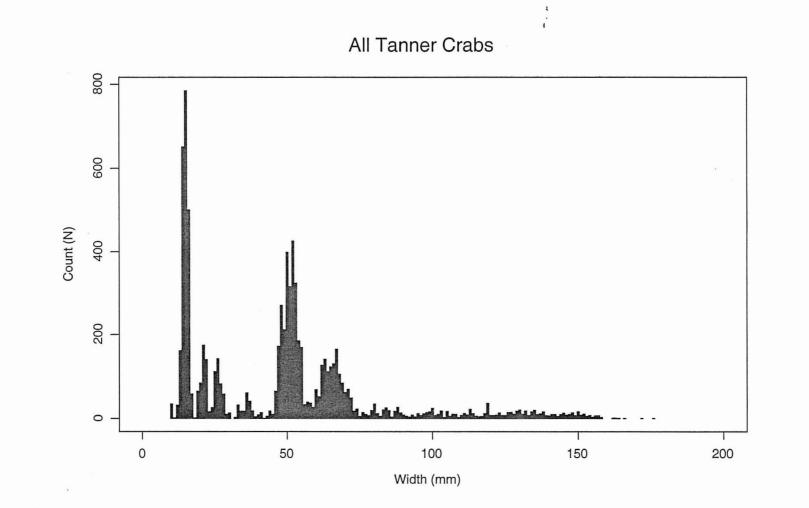


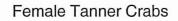
Figure 9. Oceranographic sampling conducted during the 1999 Tanner crab survey. Dots indicte the location of CTD casts, the lines represent Bongo tows, each is labeled and corresponds to the data in Tables 11 and 12. Depth contours are as labeled in Figs. 7 and 8.



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Figure 10. Width frequency histogram for all tanner crab captured during the 1999 Tanner crab trawl survey. All strata, sexes and sizes. Data has been corrected to total catch for all size classes.

Male Tanner Crabs



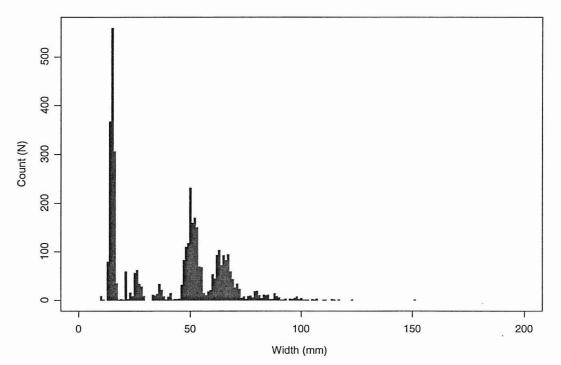
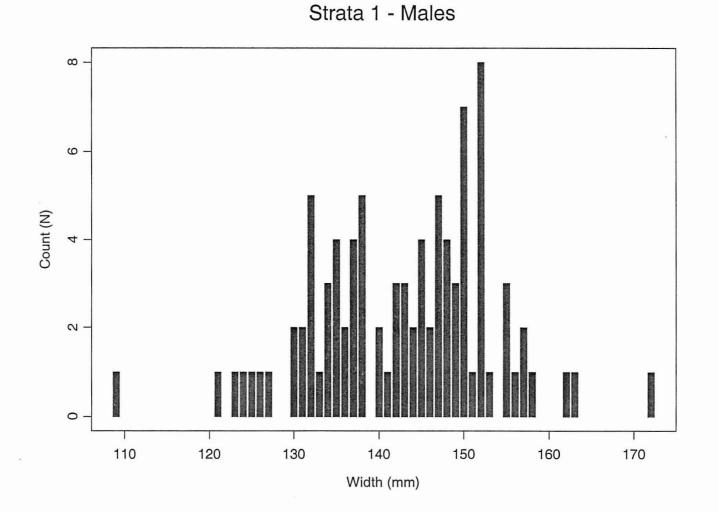
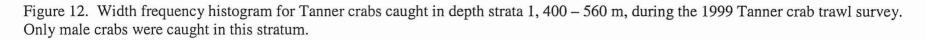


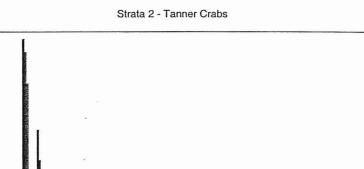
Figure 11. Width frequency histograms by sex for Tanner crab caught during the 1999 Tanner crab survey off the west coast of Vancouver Island

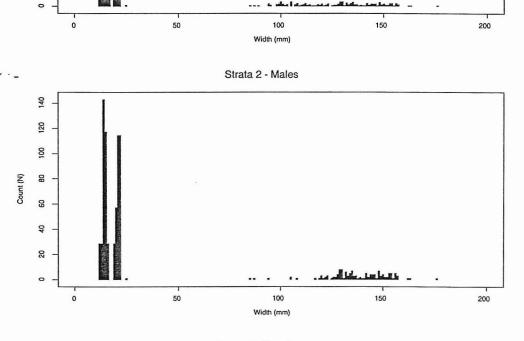
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Strata 2 - Females

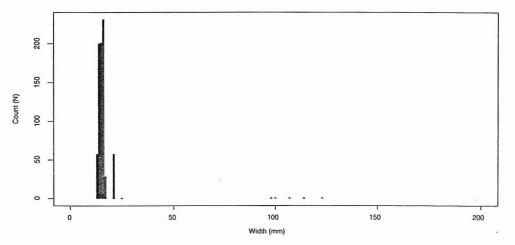
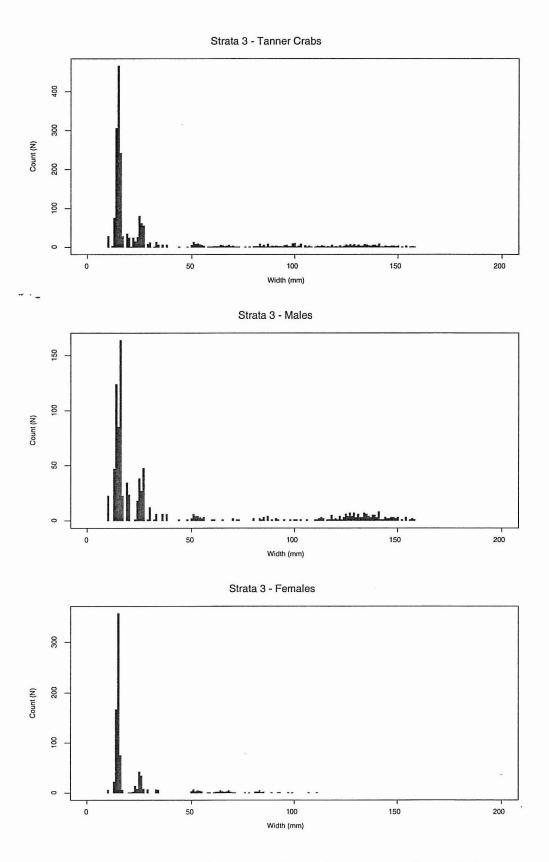


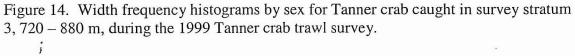
Figure 13. Width frequency histograms by sex for Tanner crab caught in survey stratum 2, 560 - 720 m, during the 1999 Tanner crab trawl survey.

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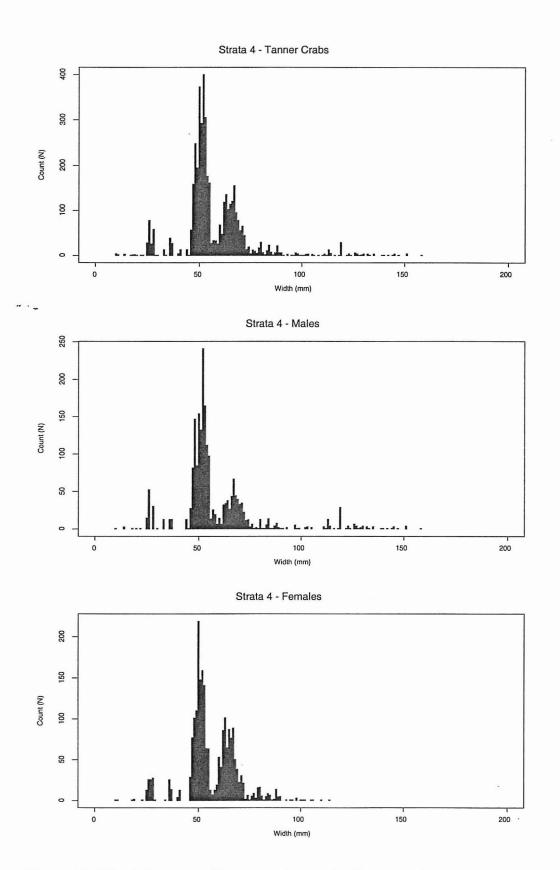
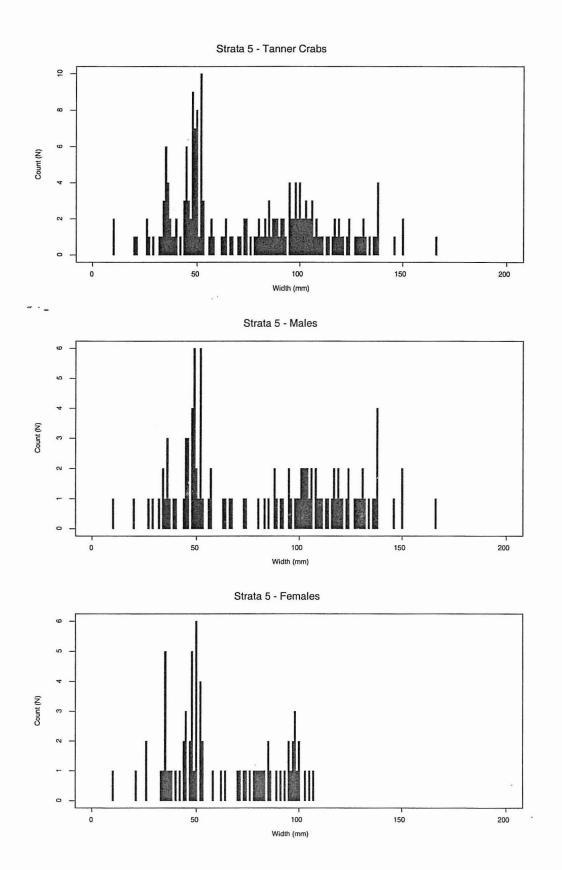
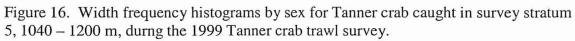


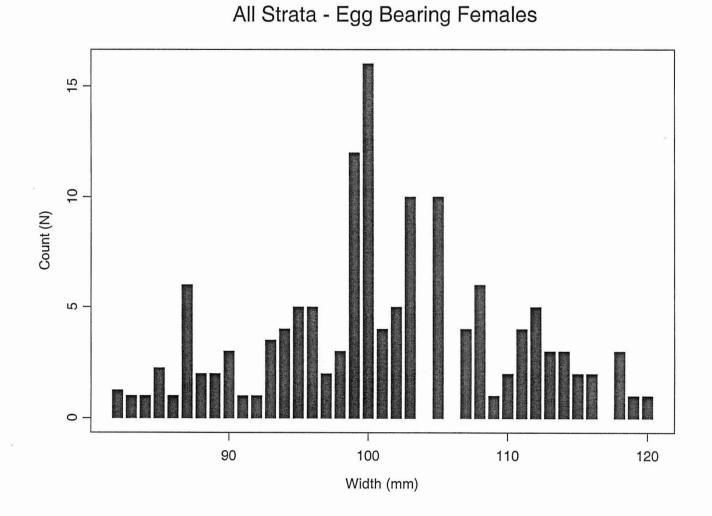
Figure 15. Width frequency histograms by sex for Tanner crab caught in survey stratum 4, 880-1040 m, during the 1999 Tanner crab trawl survey.

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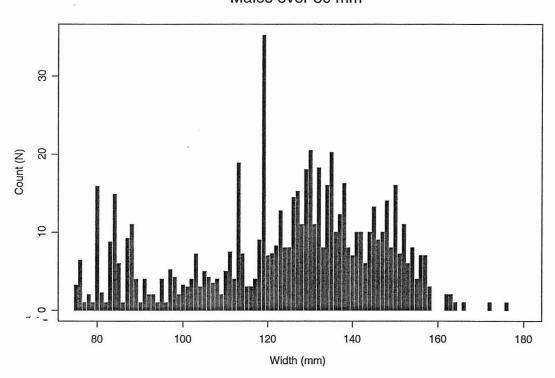
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Figure 17. Width frequency histogram for ovigerous Tanner crab caught during the 1999 Tanner crab trawl survey.



Females over 75 mm

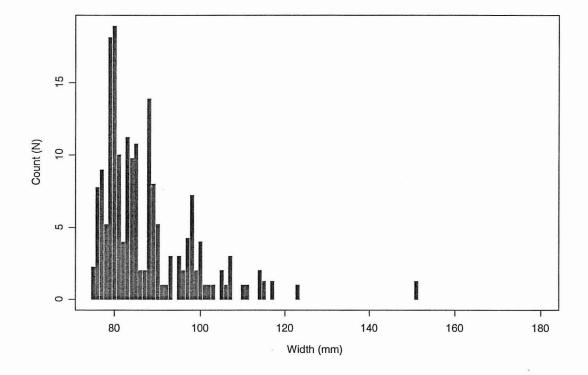


Figure 18. Width frequency histogram by sex for larger crabs caught during the 1999 Tanner crab trawl survey.

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Males over 80 mm

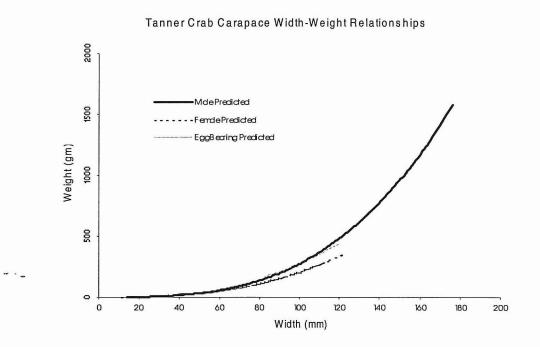
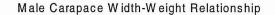
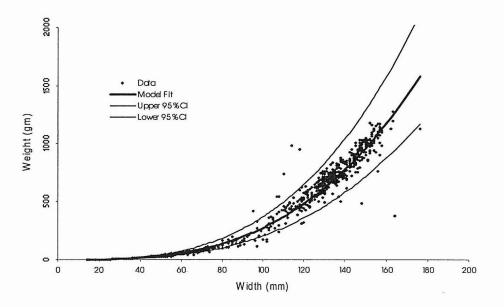
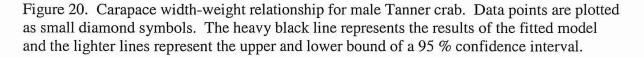


Figure 19. Carapace width-weight relationships for male, female, and ovigerous female Tanner crab. The plotted lines are the results of a least squares fit of the simple exponential growth model described in Table 10.







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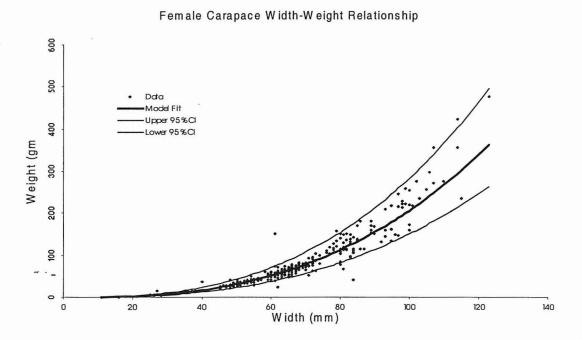


Figure 21. Carapace width-weight relationship for non-ovigerous female Tanner crab. Data points are plotted as small diamond symbols. The heavy black line represents the results of the fitted model and the lighter lines represent the upper and lower bound of a 95 % confidence interval

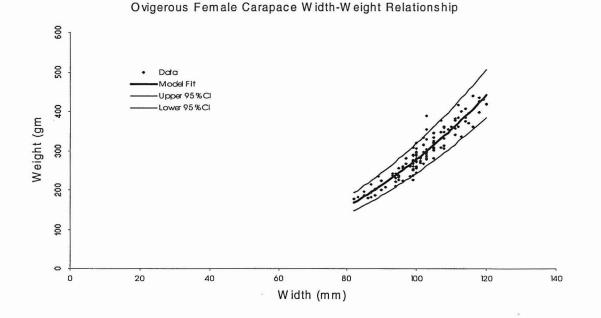


Figure 22. Carapace width-weight relationship for ovigerous female Tanner crab. Data points are plotted as small diamond symbols. The heavy black line represents the results of the fitted model and the lighter lines represent the upper and lower bound of a 95 % confidence interval.

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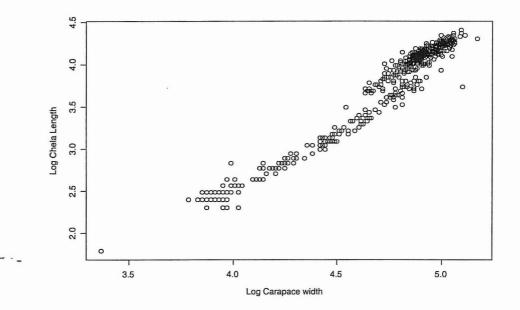


Figure 23. Plot of log chelae length on log carapace width. Clearly distinct is the separation of morphometrically mature from morphometrically immature individuals. Mophometrically mature males being represented the cloud of data points in the upper right hand corner of the plot.

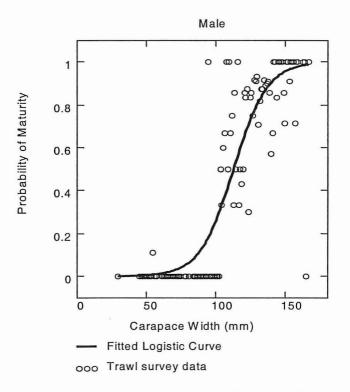


Figure 24. Male maturity ogive, plotting the proportion of male crabs in each 1 mm size increment that were mature and a logistic curve fitted to the data. From the logistic model the size at 50 % maturity is 112 mm.

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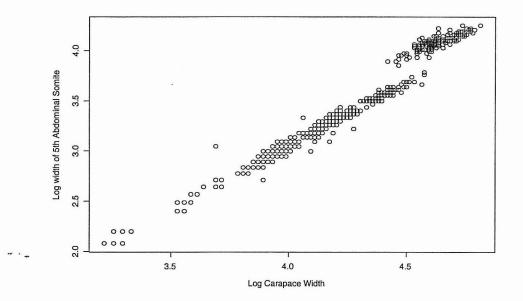


Figure 25. Plot of log of 5th obdominal somite width on log carapace width. As with males there is a clear distinction between morphometrically mature and immature idividuals. With mature females forming the cloud of data points in the upper right hand corner of the plot.

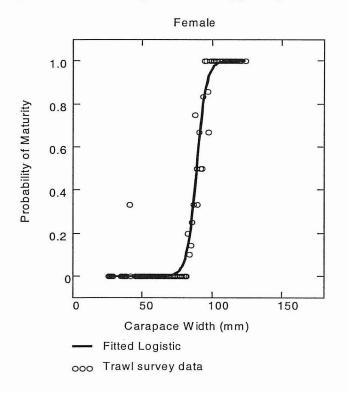


Figure 26. Female maturity ogive, plotting the proportion of female crabs in each 1 mm size increment that were mature and a logistic curve fitted to the data. From the logistic model the size at 50 % maturity is 88 mm.

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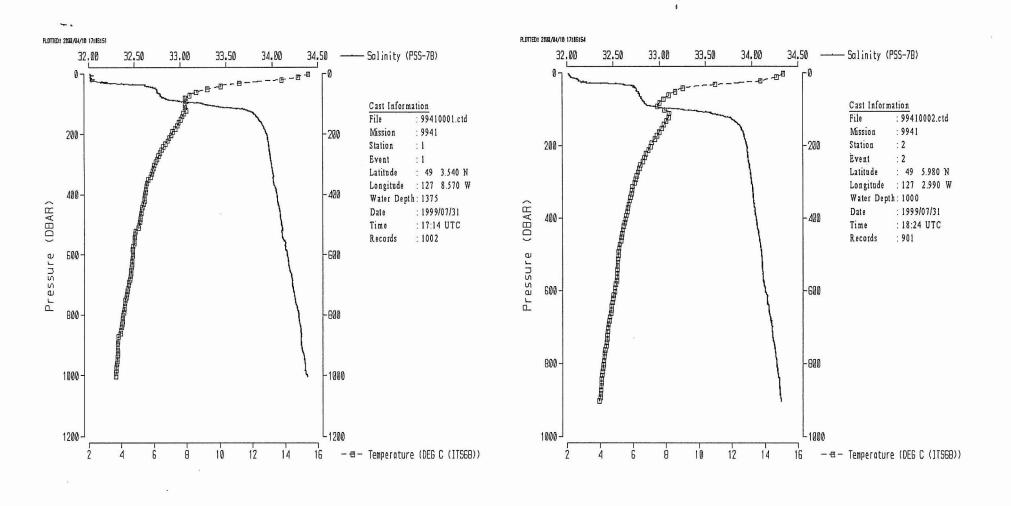


Figure 27. Cast Profiles for CTD casts performed during the 1999 Tanner crab Trawl Survey off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Casts proceed from deep to shallow.

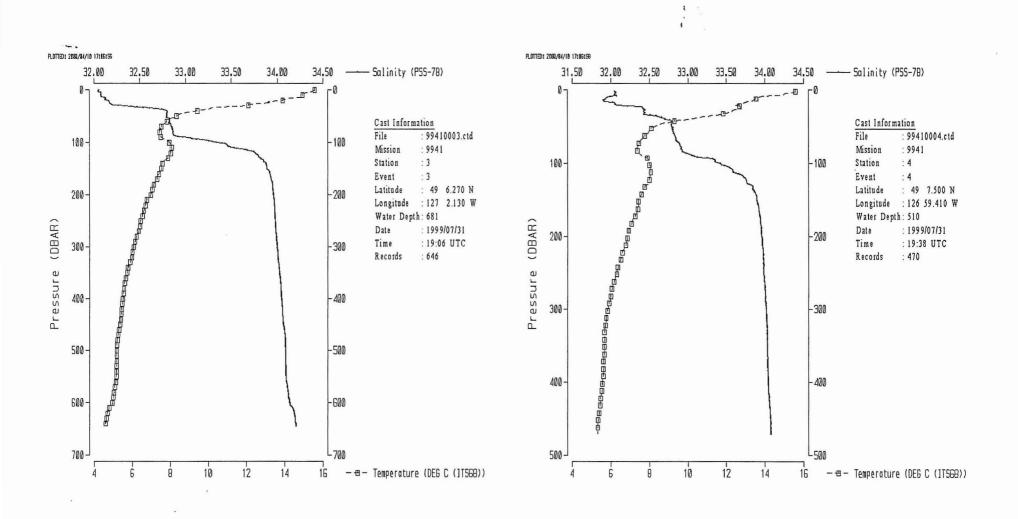
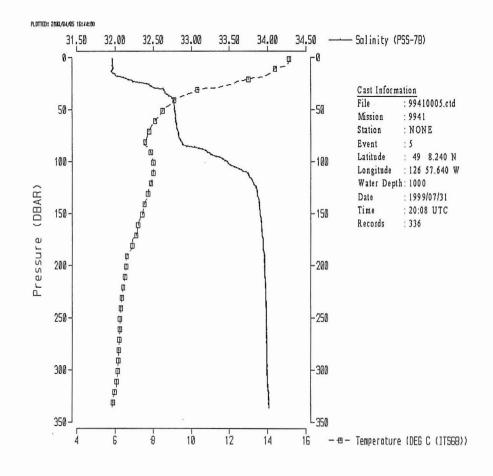


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APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Sex Codes

Blank = did not check

0 = Don't know

1 = male

3 = female

 $\mathbf{\hat{4}} = \mathbf{\hat{f}emale}$ with a complete batch of eggs *i.e.* are not in the process of hatching. Egg clutch fullness is a separate observation. Also record egg colour.

5 =female which has just released her eggs or is in the process of releasing her eggs - (an incomplete, dark brown egg mass - some eggs must still adhere to pleopods to qualify).

6 = hermaphrodite. Not observed in deepwater Tanners *as yet*.

Egg Color codes

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1 = yellow, newly extruded egg mass

2 = orange, dark orange coloration, this clutch is maturing.

3 = red, this color is attained at about the same time the eye spots start forming so look for very small black dots that indicate eye formation in the developing embryo.

4 = brown, the egg mass is brown because the eyes on the embryos are very large and when combined with the red egg coor the egg clutch appears brown.

5 = black, this clutch should be in the process of hatching, eyes are fully formed and the embryo within the egg is recognizable as a zoea or larval crab

6 = decomposing, this egg clutch was not fertilized, or is diseased and will not be hatching! This is unlikely to occur in Chionoecetes crabs due to their internal fertilization.

Appendix 2. Shell condition codes.

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1 = new hard shell - crab has moulted within the last year and carapace is fully hardened. Little sign of wear on tips of walking legs or claw teeth. Claws may begin to show ivory coloration at tips, however there is little fouling or abrasion observed.

2 = new shell hardening - walking legs can be bent with moderate pressure. Claw may be deformed with pressure from the thumbnail. No wear on tips of walking legs or claw teeth. Little fouling or abrasion observed.

3 = new shell soft - shell plastic and easily deformed - walking legs are easily bent, claws easily deformed. No sign of abrasion or wear. No fouling. Grasping marks on females are usually not observed

4 =plastic soft - newly moulted. Shell feels like soft leather. These crabs are too soft to crawl out of water, likely in very poor shape after capture by trawl. Very easily damaged.

5 =moulting - old shell which is splitting and is actually in process of moult. Suture (joint line between upper and lower halves of the shell) must be opening at time of observation. Fairly rare - this phase lasts less than 3 days.

6 = old shell - always show claw wear and usually epiphytes, for example: barnacle encrustation, tube worms, bryozoans, leech cocoons or other fouling growth. Lesions on shell and walking legs may show blackening; tips of walking legs worn; tips of claws broken or ivory coloured, teeth on claw blunted, spines on shell worn or broken. Female crabs frequently show grasping marks on legs. Crab is otherwise vigorous. Used to designate crabs which have not moulted for 1 year or more but which appear lively and likely to carry on for a bit. Typically the shell will be hard, although prior to a moult the shell will soften so the hardness cannot be taken as a reliable indicator.

7 = really old, barnacle encrusted shell, extreme shell and claw wear; claw tips frequently broken, females typically show missing appendages and old mating marks which have worn through legs; may have shell disease; tips of walking legs may be black or rotting off. These crabs always_appear lethargic and moribund. The crab probably has not moulted for 4 or more years. Unlikely to live long - crab is in terminal moult and shows other signs of senescence

8 = not sure - can't determine weather it is an old shell or a new shell. Shell shows signs of wear, especially on cusps and tips of claws, but the crab is still relatively clean and vigorous. Takes the guesswork out of old/new shell dilemma

9 = moulted shell - the new (larger) crab may or may not be present. If the moult and the new crab can be linked, then it is a moulted pair - before and after. We need this info. Record the data as if they were 2 separate crabs one after the other. In the observation column enter 1 (moulting pair) for both crabs. The moulted shell will be shell 9; the new crab will be shell 4.

Appendix 3. Injury codes

(Do not record injuries that occure during capture or sampling.)

1 =deformed carapace - occurs at time of moult – often misshapen, dented or rounded shell which hardens in this configuration – cannot obtain an accurate width measurement however do the best you can.

2 = hole or crack in carapace (healed).

3 =torn or missing telson (especially important for females as a missing telson may prohibit successful retention of the egg mass) Usually indicates rough handling of discarded females during egg incubation stage. The condition is rare in males.

4 = **regenerating claw or claws** - smaller limb is present which will require another moult or more to completely regenerate to full size.

5 = regenerating leg(s)

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6 = regenerating claw(s) and leg(s)

7 = multiple injuries - more than 1 injury code

8 = shell disease – See observation codes below to record disease details. Diseases may include:

- 1. Torch Chitinolastic bacterial infection, black spots on legs, claws and underside of shell and at the site of any shell injury.
- 2. Black mat fungus Carapace is covered in black tarry fungal uncrustation

3. Bitter lymph disease - Crab looks washed out and greenish particularly on the ventral surface

9 =dead - Record cause of death in comments if obvious. Measure the crab anyway - even if sex is not apparent (due to missing body parts). Determine if the shell is a actually from a dead crab and not a moult.

Appendix 4. Other codes.

Missing Limbs: Only record missing limbs that show a healed scar

Claws - record 1 or 2 missing - which side doesn't matter

Legs - 1 - 8 missing – which leg on which side is not important at this time.

Observation Codes

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Used to record something about an individual crab not recorded elsewhere.

1 = Moulting pair. - before and after shell size. Record them one after the other for the pair - order is not important. Obviously the larger one will be the live, soft crab (shell 4). Record the "moulted shell as shell condition 9.

2 = Mating pair - record as above only if male crab is actually grasping the female by the legs. It is unlikely this will be observed by the time the trawl reaches the surface – but just in case!

3 = Limb-bud forming - a fleshy miniature limb extruded from a lost limb sometime before a moult takes place. The bud indicates the crab is planning to moult as opposed to skip moulting. If 1 lost limb shows a bud, all other lost limbs will also show a bud unless limb loss was very recent. Record the limb as regenerating (4, 5 or 6 in the **Injury** column) as well as 3 in the **Observation** column.

4 = Marks on female - caused by the male crab grasping the female near the base of her walking legs and carrying her around prior to mating. The marks are noticeable as scratches or abraded areas on the female's legs. Mating marks do not necessarily indicate breeding and lack thereof does not necessarily imply that the crab is unbred. Typically a crab with mating marks will have an old shell or a very hard new one. Soft crabs seldom show mating marks due to the pliable condition of the shell.

5 = Tangled in man-made debris – i.e. fishing line, fish netting, rope strands, 6 pack rings etc. Put something in remarks as well.

6 = Torch - This is not uncommon, especially in old crabs. Caused by a chitin-eating bacterium, normally associated with injury to shell or appendages. Code also as 8 in the Injury column. "Biological Field Techniques for Chionoecetes Crabs" manual (p53, 56)

7 = Bitter lymph Syndrome – We have not identified it in our samples so far – be aware that it could be present. Bag and tag any crab you think shows this condition. Code also as 8 in the Injury column. "Biological Field Techniques for Chionoecetes Crabs" manual (p53 - 54)

9 = Black mat fungus — Bag and tag any specimens you think exhibit this. Code also as 8 in the Injury column. "Biological Field Techniques for Chionoecetes Crabs" manual (p 55).

Appendix 5. Fishing locations and catch information For all trawl sets from the 1999 Tanner crab survey off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Time is expressed on a 24-hour clock, depths are in meters, latitudes and longitudes are in degrees, decimal-minutes, direction in degrees, duration in minutes and distance and speed in knots and nautical miles. Catch weights are in kilograms, N is the number of animals if counted and Estimate indictes whether the recorded values are estimated from sub-samples or actual. Trace indicates weights less than approximately 0.1 kg or 100 g.

Set :	1	Date:	7/22			Set :	2	Date:	7/23		
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Stat area:	124	Sub area:	4			Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5		
	Start		Finish				Start		Finish		
Time:	15:49		16:5			Time:	6:34		7:16		
Depth:	458		462			Depth:	661		625		
Latitude:	49 4.38	6	49 3.826			Latitude:	49 4.754	4	49 6.336	5	
Longitude	126 56.		126 55.8			Longitude	126 59.4		127 0.31		
Direction:	146	Duration	16			Direction:	340	Duration	42		
Distance:	0.7	Speed:	2.60			Distance:	1.7	Speed:	2.33		
	0.7						1.7	-			
Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	NE	Estimate	Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	NI	Estimate
Crab						Crab					
Chionoecetes	s tanneri		0.90	1	-	Chionoecete.	s tanneri		7.40		-
Shrimp						Mollusc					
Pasiphaea pa	acifica		5.00		-	Berryteuthis			2.20	2	-
Mollusc			Trace			Benthoctopu	1.20	1	-		
	Berryteuthis magister			1	-	Groundfish					
	Onychoteuthis			1	-	Anoplopoma			120.50		-
Echinoderm			0.07			Sebastolobus		52.60		-	
Holothuroide	ea		0.06		-	Sebastolobus			19.50		-
Ophiurae Constant			Trace		-	Coryphaeno	iaes juijer		11.40	2	-
Groundfish	1:-		21.70			Raja rhina Lycodes diap			11.00 7.50	2	-
Sebastes bore Anoplopoma			16.00		-	Antimora mi			6.10		-
Sebastolobus		16	9.70		-	Microstomus			4.10	6	-
Microstomus			7.40		-	Albatrossia j			3.90	3	-
Merluccius p)	4.10		2	Apristurus b.			3.70	15	
Atheresthes s			2.70		-	Bothrocara		1.60	3	-	
Antimora mie			1.10		_	Eptatretus de			0.60	6	_
Lycodes diap			0.70		-	Careproctus		5	0.50	9	-
Sebastes mal			Trace	3	-	Lampetra tri			0.40	1	-
Lycodapus fi			Trace		-	Agonidae			Trace		-
Bathypelagic						Bathypelagic	Fish				
Stenobrachiu		sarus	Trace	20	-	Stenobrachiu		arus	0.90		-
Chauliodus n	nacouni		Trace	1	-	Chauliodus r	macouni	0.20		-	
Poromitra cr			Trace	1	-	Oneirodes bi	ulbosus		0.10		-
Notolepis ris.			Trace	1	-	Diaphus thet			Trace		-
Other Inverts	5.					Tactostoma i	macropus		Trace	1	-
Scyphozoa			7.50		-						
Actiniaria			1.40		-						
Aphrodita			Trace		-						

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Set :	3	Date:	7/23			Set :	4	Date:	7/23		
Transect :	1	Strata:	3			Transect :	2	Strata:	4		
Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5			Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5		
	Start		Finish				Start		Finish		
Time:	8:38		9:21			Time:	11:0		11:49		
Depth:	782		780			Depth:	960		750		
Latitude:	49 3.78		49 2.502	2		Latitude:	49 4.004	t.	49 5.648	3	
Longitude	127 0.11	18	126 58.4	75		Longitude	127 0.92		127 1.03		
Direction:	145	Duration	43			Direction:	0	Duration	49		
Distance:	1.8	Speed:	2.50			Distance:	1.7	Speed:	2.10		
Species		•	ht(Kg)	N	Estimate	Species			ht(Kg)	N	Estimat
Crab		11015	me(mg)	1,	L'Stilline C	Crab		The second	me(115)	14	Estimat
Chionoecete	es tanneri		1.30		-	Chionoecete	s tanneri		106.35		-
Mollusc	s function		1.50			Shrimp	o ranner t		100.55		
Cephalopod	a		Trace	6	-	Notostomus	japonicus		Trace		-
Groundfish						Mollusc					
Anoplopoma	ı fimbria		61.90		-	Berryteuthis	magister		1.04		-
Sebastolobu	s altivelis		44.00		-	Nudibranchi	ata		0.30		-
Sebastolobus alascanus			19.60		-	Groundfish					
Coryphaenoides filifer			17.50		-	Sebastolobus			129.63		-
Antimora mi			8.90		-	Anoplopoma		82.94		-	
Microstomu			2.90	3		Albatrossia p	50.20		-		
Apristurus b			2.35		-	Sebastolobus	16.04		-		
Bothrocara			2.00	5		Eptatretus de			7.66		-
Lycodes dia			0.61		-	Coryphaenor			7.29		-
Albatrossia			0.40		-	Embassichth		us	6.27		-
Bathyagonu		us	0.11		-	Bothrocara l			6.16		-
Lycodapus f Talismania l			0.10 Trace	1		Antimora mi Talismania b			2.84 2.50		-
Lycodapus n		ric	Trace	1		Apristurus b			0.97		-
Derepodicht			Trace	1		Lycodapus fi			0.57		-
Careproctus			Trace	1		Careproctus			0.49		_
Bathypelagic		5	IIuco	-		Alepocephal			0.30		-
Stenobrachi		arus	2.31		-	Derepodicht		otus	Trace	1	-
Bathylagus i			0.42		-	Lampetra tri			Trace	2	
Tactostoma			0.27	5	-	Bathypelagic					
Chauliodus .			0.14		-	Stenobrachiu		ırus	0.40		-
Nemichthyia	lae		Trace	3	-	Bathylagus n			Trace	6	j -
Sagamichthy			Trace	1	-	Tactostoma 1			Trace	1	-
Benthalbella			Trace	1	-	Sagamichthy			Trace	1	-
Notolepis ris	ssoi		Trace	1		Other Invert	s.				
Tarletonbea			Trace	5		Actiniaria			Trace		-
Aristostomia	as scintilla	ns	Trace	1	-						

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Set :	5	Date:	7/23			Set :	6	Date:	7/23		
Transect :	1	Strata:	5			Transect :	3	Strata:	5		
Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5			Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5		
	Start		Finish				Start		Finish		
Time:	13:20		14:3			Time:	16:5		16:49		
Depth:	1150		1190			Depth:	1120		1180		
Latitude:	49 1.019) .	48 59.44	18		Latitude:	49 6.703	3	49 7.909		
Longitude	127 1.43		127 0.53			Longitude	127 7.3		127 9.25		
Direction:	159	Duration	43	5		Direction:	315	Duration	44	2	
Distance:	1.7	Speed:	2.40			Distance:	1.8	Speed:	2.30		
Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	N Es	timate	Species		Weig	ght(Kg)	Ν	Estimate
Crab						Crab					
Chionoecete	s tanneri		14.70		-	Chionoecete.	s tanneri		16.60		-
Shrimp						Chionoecete.	s angulatu	5	1.60		-
Pasiphaea ta			Trace		-	Shrimp					
Parapasipha			Trace		-	Mysidacea			Trace		-
Acanthephyr			Trace		-	Parapasipha		ons	Trace		-
"Eualus macr	ophthalmi	lS	Trace	20	-	Notostomus	iaponicus		Trace		-
Mysidacea			Trace		-	Mollusc					
Notostomus	japonicus		Trace		-	Nudibranchi	ata		Trace		-
Echinoderm						Echinoderm					
Euryalae			Trace		-	Asteroidea			6.50		-
Groundfish						Groundfish					
Coryphaeno			194.80		-	Sebastolobus			261.00		Yes
Sebastolobin			110.90		-	Coryphaenoi			208.40		-
Albatrossia j			65.30		-	Albatrossia p			83.50		-
Anoplopoma			23.90		-	Sebastolobus		S	80.00		Yes
Antimora mi			7.10		-	Anoplopoma			58.30		-
Bothrocara			6.80		-	Bothrocara l			9.50		-
Eptatretus de			2.40		-	Embassichth		us	9.00		-
Embassichth		us	2.10		-	Antimora mi			8.90		-
Lycodapus fi			1.00		-	Alepocephal			6.00		-
Lycenchelys		- 4	0.30		-	Lycenchelys			2.80		-
Derepodicht		otus	0.10		-	Eptatretus de			2.20		-
Lampetra tri Bathypelagic			Trace		-	Apristurus bi			1.50 1.27		-
Chauliodus i			6.40			Lycodapus fi Talismania b			0.60		-
Bathylagus n			1.60		-	Derepodicht		otus	0.50		-
Stenobrachi		arus	0.90		-	Careproctus			0.30		-
Sagamichthy		1143	0.60		-	Bathypelagic		2	0.20		070
Tactostoma			0.14		÷	Bathylagus n			2.90		-
Poromitra ci			0.14		-	Stenobrachiu		arus	2.90		-
Aristostomia	•	75	Trace		-	Chauliodus r			0.30		_
Nemichthyid			Trace		-	Tactostoma r			0.20		_
Other Invert			Theor			Nemichthyid	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Trace		-
Actiniaria			11.00		-	Tarletonbear		nris	Trace		_
Scyphozoa			Trace		-	Poromitra cr			Trace		-
Sejpholou			11400			Other Invert			1 acc		
						Actiniaria			46.80		-

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Set :	7	Date:	7/24			Set :	8	Date:	7/24		
Transect :	3	Strata:	5			Transect :	3	Strata:	4		
Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5			Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5		
	Start		Finish				Start		Finish		
Time:	6:46		7:31			Time:	9:1		9:48		
Depth:	1160		1126			Depth:	933		965		
Latitude:	49 7.28		49 8.271			Latitude:	49 7.57		49 6.668		
Longitude	127 8.08		127 9.95			Longitude	127 6.32	5	127 3.76		
		Duration		00						0	
Direction:	313	Duration	45			Direction:	120	Duration	47		
Distance:	1.9	Speed:	2.50			Distance:	2.0	Speed:	2.50		
Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	NE	Stimate	Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	N	Estimate
Crab						Crab					
Chionoecete			5.10		-	Chionoecete.	s tanneri		6.61		-
Chionoecete	es angulatus		1.90	6	-	Shrimp			_		
Shrimp						Notostomus j			Trace		-
Eualus biun			1.00		-	Eualus macr		2	Trace		-
Pasiphaea te			Trace	1	-	Sergestes sin			Trace		-
~ Crangon da			Trace	1	-	Hymenodora			Trace		-
Notostomus			Trace	3	-	Acanthephyr	a curtirost	ris	Trace		-
Parapasipho	ae sulcatifro	ons	Trace	11	-	Mollusc	1 . 1		m		
Mollusc			T			Vampyroteut Nudibranchi			Trace		-
Gastropoda Gonatus			Trace Trace		-	Echinoderm	aia		Trace		-
Vampyroteu	thidaa		Trace		-	Asteroidea			0.70		
Benthoctopu			Trace		-	Holothuroide	20		Trace		-
Echinoderm			IIdee		-	Groundfish	u		Trace		-
Asteroidea			0.40		-	Sebastolobus	altivelis		54.30		Yes
Groundfish			0.40			Sebastolobus			37.80		Yes
Coryphaeno	oides acrolei	nis	140.00		-	Anoplopoma			37.60		-
Sebastolobu			95.30		-	Albatrossia p			8.10		-
Albatrossia			40.70		-	Lycodapus fi			6.70		-
Anoplopoma			24.00		-	Alepocephali			6.50		-
Antimora m			5.40		4	Coryphaenoi		pis	5.60		-
Bothrocara			2.30		-	Antimora mie			1.80		-
Alepocephal	lidae		1.30		-	Bothrocara b	orunneum		1.50		-
Lycodapus f	fierasfer		0.80		-	Embassichth	ys bathybiı	tS	1.20		-
Lycodes dia	pterus		0.50		-	Talismania b			1.10		-
Derepodichi	thys alepido	tus	0.40		-	Lycenchelys	crotalina		0.50		5 -
Lycenchelys			0.20		-	Eptatretus de			0.50		4 -
Talismania I			0.10	5	-	Bathyagonus			Trace		-
Embassichth		ts	Trace	1	-	Derepodicht		tus	Trace		-
Bathypelagic						Bathypelagic					
Bathylagus			2.60		-	Stenobrachiu		rus	2.20		-
Stenobrachi		rus	2.20		-	Bathylagus n			1.40		-
Chauliodus			0.40		-	Anotopterus			0.20		-
Poromitra c			0.10 Trace	4	-	Tactostoma n		wig	0.20		-
Avocettina i Tarletonbea		nia	Trace		-	Tarletonbean Chauliodus n		rts	Trace Trace		-
		115	Trace Trace		-				Trace		-
Tactostoma Other Invert			Trace		-	Sagamichthy Poromitra cr			Trace		-
Actiniaria	.3.		11.90		-	Nemichthyida			Trace		-
Polychaeta			Trace	3	-	Other Invert			Indee		
Aphrodita			Trace	1	-	Actiniaria			Trace		-
Isopoda			Trace	1	_				Trucc		
roopouu			11400								

Set :	9	Date:	7/24			Set :	10	Date:	7/24	
Transect :	3	Strata:	3			Transect :	3	Strata:	2	
Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5			Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5	
	Start		Finish				Start		Finish	
Time:	10:44		11:30			Time:	12:52		13:35	
Depth:	800		850			Depth:	654		680	
-		0				Latitude:	49 9.481			
Latitude:	49 8.50		49 9.452						49 8.123	
Longitude	127 5.4		127 7.61	9		Longitude	127 4.45		127 2.12	4
Direction:	299	Duration	46			Direction:	130	Duration	43	
Distance:	1.8	Speed:	2.30			Distance:	2.1	Speed:	2.90	
Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	NE	Stimate	Species		Weig	ght(Kg)	N Estimate
Crab						Crab				
Chionoecete	s tanneri		8.90		-	Chionoecetes	s tanneri		15.90	-
Lithodes cou			0.50		-	Shrimp				
Munida qua			Trace	15	-	Pasiphaea pa	acifica		1.84	Yes
Shrimp						Mollusc				2
Notostomus	japonicus		Trace	2	-	Berryteuthis	magister		15.20	-
Echinoderm						Gastropoda	0		1.19	Yes
Ophiurae			1.50		-	Cephalopoda	ı		0.92	Yes
Crinodea			Trace		-	Echinoderm				
Groundfish						Asteroidea			0.92	Yes
Anoplopoma	i fimbria		126.60		-	Ophiurae			0.92	Yes
Sebastolobu.			88.60		Yes	Holothuroide	ea		0.92	Yes
Sebastolobu.		ls	62.00		Yes	Echinacea			0.46	Yes
Microstomus			26.20		-	Hippasteria s	spinosa		0.10	-
Coryphaeno			12.30		-	Groundfish	7			
Albatrossia			9.00		-	Anoplopoma	fimbria		330.30	-
Apristurus b			3.10		-	Microstomus			55.20	-
Antimora mi			3.10		-	Sebastolobus	-	5	39.90	Yes
Alepocephal			2.20		-	Sebastolobus			17.40	Yes
Embassichth		ius	1.90		-	Antimora mic			17.40	-
Eptatretus d			0.50		-	Lycodes diap			14.00	-
Lycenchelys			0.40		-	Coryphaenoi		pis	8.22	-
Careproctus			0.20		-	Apristurus bi		F · -	7.10	-
Bothrocara			0.20		-	Albatrossia p			5.90	-
Derepodicht			0.10		-	Bothrocara b			3.50	-
Bathyagonus			Trace		-	Lycodapus fi			0.92	Yes
Bathypelagic						Eptatretus de			0.50	-
Stenobrachi		sarus	0.50		-	Careproctus		7	0.30	-
Tactostoma			0.50		-	Bathypelagic				
Bathylagus r			0.40		-	Icosteidae			50.00	-
Poromitra ci			Trace		-	Chauliodus n	nacouni		0.92	Yes
Tarletonbeau	•	aris	Trace		-	Stenobrachiu	s leucopsa	irus	0.70	-
Anotopterus			Trace		-	Tactostoma n			Trace	-
Chauliodus i			Trace		-	Oneirodes bu	•		Trace	-
Nemichthyid			Trace		-	Sagamichthy.			Trace	-
Nanensia ca			Trace		-	Tarletonbean		ris	Trace	-
						Other Inverts	5.			
						Scyphozoa			0.92	Yes

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Set :	11	Date:	7/24			Set :	12	Date:	7/24		
Transect :	3	Strata:	1			Transect :	2	Strata:	1		
Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5			Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5		
	Start		Finish				Start		Finish		
Time:	14:45		15:25			Time:	16:17		17:0		
Depth:	428		534			Depth:	423		450		
Latitude:	49 10.642		49 8.969)		Latitude:	49 7.685		49 5.674	Ĺ	
Longitude	127 2.648		127 1.10			Longitude	126 58.1		126 56.8		
Direction:		Duration	40	/1		Direction:	120 50.1	Duration	43	570	
Distance:		Speed:	2.80				2.2		4J 3.00		
Distance:	2.1	Speeu:	2.80			Distance:	2.2	Speed:	3.00		
Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	Ν	Estimate	Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	Ν	Estimate
Crab						Crab					
Chionoecetes	s tanneri		0.00		-	Chionoecetes	s tanneri		1.00	1	-
Shrimp						Shrimp					
Pasiphaea pa			1.70		-	Pasiphaea po			1.81		Yes
Eualus macro			0.20		-	Pandalopsis			0.30		-
Pandalopsis a	dispar		Trace		-	Eualus macr	ophthalmu.	5	0.15		Yes
"Mollusc						Mollusc					
Berryteuthis	magister		4.00		-	Berryteuthis	magister		5.70		-
Gastropoda			0.20		-	Gastropoda			0.60		Yes
Teuthoidea			0.10		-	Echinoderm			0.60		••
Groundfish	~		100.00			Ophiurae			0.60		Yes
Anoplopoma			188.00		-	Holothuroide	ea		Trace		-
Microstomus			101.00		-	Groundfish			100 (0		
Sebastes aleu			85.70		-	Sebastes alei			130.60		-
Atheresthes s			38.70		-	Anoplopoma			108.80		-
Sebastolobus			29.10		-	Sebastolobin			44.40		-
Errex zachirı			11.30		-	Microstomus			25.80		-
Sebastes mal			6.30		-	Atheresthes s			13.20		-
Lycodes corte			5.70		-	Merluccius p			10.80		-
Merluccius p			4.70		-	Errex zachiri	us		7.50		-
Sebastes bore			3.30		-	Raja rhina			2.50		1
Hydrolagus c			2.40		.=	Sebastes aur			2.00		
Lycodes diap			2.20		-	Sebastes alui			1.30		-
Antimora mic	crolepis		1.50		-	Squalus acar			0.70		-
Raja rhina	lanor.		1.00		-	Lycodes diap			0.70		-
Sebastes alut			0.60		-	Antimora mi			0.50		-
Bathyraja int			0.50		-	Lycodes cort			0.40		-
Squalus acan			Trace		-	Bathypelagic	120		Traca		
Derepodichth		tus	Trace		-	Stenobrachiu		rus	Trace		-
Bathypelagic			Trace			Other Invert Actiniaria	S.		2 40		
Tarletonbean Stanobrachiu			Trace		-				3.40 0.15		- Yes
Stenobrachiu Other Inverts		us	Trace		-	Aphrodita Isopoda			0.15		Yes
			0.70			Isopoaa Misc.			0.15		165
Actiniaria Ironoda			Trace		(- -)	Unidentified	oroania	attor	1.21		Yes
Isopoda Aphrodita			Trace		-	oniaeniijiea	organic mi	11101	1.21		1 65
Aphrodita			Trace		-						

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Set :		Date:	7/24			Set :	14	Date:	7/25		
Transect :	1	Strata:	1			Transect :	1	Strata:	2		
Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5			Stat area:	124	Sub area:	4		
	Start		Finish				Start		Finish		
Time:	17:42		18:20			Time:	7:2		7:43		
Depth:	490		560			Depth:	654		680		
Latitude:	49 3.706		49 1.754	4		Latitude:	49 3.240	6	49 1.395	5	
Longitude	126 56.05	55	126 54.9			Longitude	126 58.2	218	126 56.9		
Direction:		Duration	38			Direction:	158	Duration	41		
Distance:		Speed:	3.30			Distance:	2.0	Speed:	2.90		
Species			ht(Kg)	N	Estimate	Species		-	ht(Kg)	N	Estimate
Crab		it cig	mt(115)		Dimate	Crab		TT CIE	,(1x5)	14.	Estimate
Chionoecete	os tanneri		0.90		-	Chionoecete.	s tanneri		7.80		_
Shrimp	o ranner i		0.70			Shrimp	stunnert		7.00		~
Pasiphaea p	pacifica		11.30		Yes	Eualus macr	ophthalmu	lS	1.50		-
Eualus maci		5	0.32		Yes	Notostomus			Trace		_
Mollusc	1					Mollusc	r				
"Cephalopod	a		0.94		Yes	Berryteuthis	magister		2.00	2	-
Berryteuthis			0.90		-	Echinoderm	0				
Echinoderm						Ophiurae			6.50		-
Asteroidea			1.00		-	Asteroidea			0.50		-
Groundfish						Euryalae			Trace		-
Anoplopoma	ı fimbria		69.00		-	Groundfish					
Sebastolobu			18.80		-	Anoplopoma	fimbria		135.90		-
Microstomu	s pacificus		15.30		-	Sebastolobus	alascanu:	5	28.20		-
Atheresthes	stomias		8.50		-	Coryphaenor	ides acrole	pis	23.50		-
Lycodes dia	pterus		2.00		-	Microstomus	pacificus		20.60		-
Antimora mi	icrolepis		1.90		-	Antimora mi	crolepis		19.90		-
Merluccius p	productus		1.70		-	Sebastolobus	s altivelis		15.50		-
Apristurus b			1.40		-	Lycodes diap			11.30		-
Lycodes cor			1.30		-	Albatrossia p			9.30		7
Bathyraja in	iterrupta		0.90		-	Apristurus b	runneus		6.20		-
Lampetra tri			0.10		-	Bothrocara l			2.70		-
Bathypelagic						Eptatretus de			2.20		-
Stenobrachi			0.94		Yes	Careproctus		5	0.40	5	
Tarletonbea		ris	0.09		Yes	Lycodapus fi			Trace	10	-
Chauliodus			0.09		Yes	Bathyagonus		is	Trace		-
Other Invert	S.					Bathypelagic					
Scyphozoa			1.89		Yes	Stenobrachiu		arus	1.70		-
Actiniaria			1.00		-	Chauliodus r			0.60		-
Misc.			0.01			Bathylagus n			0.60	-	-
Unidentified	l organic ma	itter	0.94		-	Tactostoma r			0.20	6	
						Sagamichthy			Trace	1	-
						Nemichthys s		lS	Trace	1	-
						Bathylagus p			Trace	1	-
						Argyropeleci			Trace	1	-
						Tarletonbear Scopelosaur		iris	Trace	5	-
						Vanalocauri	IN DATENI		1 1900		-

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Set :	and the second	Date:	7/25		Set :	16	Date:	7/25	
Transect :		Strata:	4		Transect :	1	Strata:	6	
Stat area:		Sub area:	5		Stat area:	124	Sub area:	4	
Stat al ca.		Sub al ca.			Stat al ca.		Sub al ca.		
	Start		Finish			Start		Finish	
Time:	8:55		9:37		Time:	12:26		13:13	
Depth:	980		913		Depth:	1255		1348	
Latitude:	49 1.623		49 3.62		Latitude:	49 0.208		48 59.375	
Longitude	127 0.267		127 0.77		Longitude	127 2.06		127 0.698	
Direction:		Duration	42		Direction:	132	Duration	47	
Distance:		Speed:	2.80		Distance:	1.3	Speed:	1.60	
Species	210	······		N. E-durate	Species				
-		weig	ht(Kg)	N Estimate			weig	ht(Kg) I	N Estimate
Crab			21.00		Crab Chionoecete	a tann ari		15.00	
Chionoecete Shrimp	es tannert		21.00	-	Pagurus sple			Trace	-
Pasiphaea t	arda		Trace	-	Munida quad			Trace	-
Hymenodor			Trace		Shrimp	anspina		ITACC	1 74
Systellaspis			Trace		Notostomus	ianonicus		Trace	
" Notostomus			Trace	-	Acanthephyr		is	Trace	_
Sergia tenui			Trace	-	Pasiphaea to			Trace	4
Sergestes si			Trace	-	Eualus macr			Trace	_
Mollusc					Eualus biung			Trace	-
Gastropoda	1		0.30	-	Mollusc				
Groundfish					Benthoctopu	s robustus		0.50	-
Sebastolobu	us altivelis		103.30	-	Gastropoda			0.30	-
Sebastolobu	ıs alascanus		20.20	-	Echinoderm				
Albatrossia			19.60	-	Asteroidea			1.30	-
Anoplopom			19.20	-	Groundfish				
	oides acrolep	ois	15.44	-	Albatrossia j			78.20	-
Talismania			12.10	-	Coryphaeno		pis	42.40	-
Lycodapus j			3.74	-	Sebastolobu			21.10	-
Antimora m			3.50	-	Antimora mi	-		7.70	-
Eptatretus a			3.50	-	Embassichth		S	2.80	-
Bothrocara			1.34	1-	Anoplopoma			2.50	-
Apristurus l			1.30	-	Bothrocara i			1.00	-
Alepocepha			0.80	-	Bothrocara l			0.90	-
	s melanurus		0.30	1 0 .	Careproctus			0.10 0.10	-
Lycodes cor Bathypelagie			0.20	-	Lycodapus fi Bathyraja in			Trace	-
	c FISN ius leucopsai	71.5	3.92	Yes	Bathypelagic			Trace	-
Chauliodus		из	1.31	Yes	Chauliodus 1			0.30	-
Bathylagus			0.87	Yes	Bathylagus n			0.20	-
	nnia crenular	is	0.87	Yes	Stenobrachi		715	0.20	_
Diaphus the			0.04	Yes	Poromitra ci			Trace	-
Nanensia co			0.04	Yes	Other Invert				
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Set :	17	Date:	7/26			Set :	18	Date:	7/26		
Transect :	2	Strata:	2			Transect :	2	Strata:	3		
Stat area:	125	Sub area:				Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5		
	Start		Finish				Start		Finish		
Time:	6:32		7:12			Time:	8:22		9:4		
Depth:	520		547			Depth:	712		750		
						-		-			
Latitude:	49 7.162		49 5.189			Latitude:	49 6.172		49 7.98		
Longitude	126 59.5	35	126 58.5	515		Longitude	127 1.03	36	127 2.35	54	
Direction:	162	Duration	40			Direction:	320	Duration	42		
Distance:	2.1	Speed:	3.10			Distance:	2.4	Speed:	3.40		
Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	NE	Stimate	Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	NE	Stimate
Crab						Crab					
Chionoecete	s tanneri		0.00		-	Chionoecete	s tanneri		8.76	1120	-
Shrimp						Shrimp					
Pasiphaea p	acifica		3.70		-	Eualus			0.30		-
Eualus macr	rophthalmu	S	0.10	100	-	Notostomus	japonicus		Trace	7	-
Mysidacea			Trace		-	Hymenodora	a frontalis		Trace	10	-
Sergestes sin	nilis		Trace		-	Mysidacea			Trace		-
Notostomus	japonicus			5	-	Mollusc					
Mollusc						Berryteuthis	magister		2.80		-
Berryteuthis	magister		3.70	3	-	Gonatus	10		Trace	7	-
Gastropoda			Trace		-	Echinoderm					
Gonatus			Trace	4	-	Ophiurae			Trace		-
Groundfish						Groundfish					
Anoplopoma	ı fimbria		58.20		-	Anoplopoma	fimbria		97.20		-
Microstomu			23.40		-	Sebastolobus	s altivelis		62.67		Yes
Albatrossia	pectoralis		19.80		-	Sebastolobus		5	41.00		-
Sebastolobu		5	13.40		-	Microstomus			14.50		-
Lycodes dia	pterus		6.10		-	Coryphaeno		epis	9.85		Yes
Antimora mi	icrolepis		4.60		-	Albatrossia p			9.50		-
Apristurus b	runneus		4.50		-	Antimora mi			8.30		-
Raja rhina			3.10		-	Lycodes diap			6.20		Yes
Sebastes bor			1.20		-	Bothrocara l			3.90		-
Careproctus			Trace		-	Eptatretus de			3.40		-
Coryphaeno			Trace		-	Apristurus b			2.80		-
Bathyagonu		is	Trace	1	-	Embassichth		us	0.80		-
Bathypelagic						Lycodapus fi			0.62		Yes
Stenobrachi		ırus	1.00		-	Alepocephal			0.60		-
Chauliodus I			0.20			Bathyagonus		is	0.07		Yes
Tactostoma			Trace	6	-	Bathypelagic			0.00		
Melamphaes			Trace	1	-	Stenobrachi		arus	2.98		Yes
Benthalbella			Trace	1	-	Chauliodus I			1.11		Yes
Sagamichthy			Trace	6) ,	Bathylagus n			1.11		Yes
Notolepis ris			Trace	6	-	Tarletonbean		irts	0.07		Yes
Tarletonbea		IFIS	Trace	6	-	Other Invert Actiniaria	S.		Trees		
Other Invert Actiniaria	S.		0.20						Trace		-
			0.30	5	-	Scyphozoa Misc.			Trace		-
Scyphozoa			Trace	5	-	Unidentified	organic m	atter	4.00		_
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Set :	19	Date:	7/26			Set :	20	Date:	7/26		
Transect :	4	Strata:	4			Transect :	4	Strata:	3		
Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5			Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5		
	Start		Finish				Start		Finish		
Time:	10:35		11:2			Time:	13:30		13:57		
Depth:	927		900			Depth:	701		749		
Latitude:	49 14.12		49 14.75	1		Latitude:	49 13.81	7	49 12.87	15	
			49 14.75 127 9.75								
Longitude	127 9.17			00		Longitude	127 7.83		127 7.05	01	
Direction:	323	Duration	27			Direction:	150	Duration	27		
Distance:	0.6	Speed:	1.30			Distance:	1.1	Speed:	2.40		
Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	NE	Estimate	Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	N Es	stimate
Crab						Crab					
Chionoecetes	tanneri		2,11	4	Yes	Chionoecetes	s tanneri		18.90	10	-
Shrimp						Shrimp					
Pasiphaea pa	icifica		0.13		-	Pasiphaea po			1.40		-
Mysidacea			Trace		-	Eualus macro	ophthalmu	5	0.19		-
Eualus macro	ophthalmu	S	Trace		-	Mysidacea			Trace		-
Mollusc						Mollusc			5 100		
Berryteuthis	magister		1.00	1	-	Gastropoda			1.50		-
Groundfish						Berryteuthis	magister		1.00	3	-
Anoplopoma			101.40		-	Gonatus			Trace	5	-
Sebastolobus			52.45		-	Echinoderm			0 (0		
Sebastolobus		5	29.10		-	Asteroidea			2.60		-
Microstomus			12.80		-	Groundfish	C. L. :-		140 40		
Coryphaenoi		pis	12.40 6.60		-	Anoplopoma Sebastolobus	The second se		148.40 54.30		-
Albatrossia p Bothrocara b			2.07		-				34.30		-
			1.55		-	Microstomus Sebastolobus			34.70		-
Antimora mic Eptatretus de			1.33		-	Lycodes diap			8.30		-
Lycodes diap			0.80		-	Bothrocara b			6.90		-
Lycenchelys a			0.30		2	Coryphaenoi		nis	3.32		-
Lycodapus fie			0.30		-	Merluccius p		013	2.84		_
Apristurus br			0.30		-	Antimora mic			2.30		-
Bathyagonus		is	Trace		-	Albatrossia p			1.84		-
Talismania b			Trace		_	Eptatretus de			0.87		-
Derepodichth		otus	Trace		-	Apristurus bi			0.40		-
Lycodapus m			Trace	1	-	Careproctus			0.30		-
Bathypelagic						Agonidae			0.20		-
Stenobrachiu		ırus	1.35		-	Lycodapus fi	erasfer		0.14		-
Chauliodus n	nacouni		0.08		-	Derepodichth		otus	Trace	2	-
Tactostoma n	nacropus		0.07		-	Bathypelagic					
Nemichthyida			Trace	1	-	Stenobrachiu	•	rus	2.50		-
Bathylagus m			Trace		-	Chauliodus n			0.18		-
Tarletonbean		iris	Trace		-	Bathylagus n			0.10		-
Other Inverts	i .					Tarletonbean		ris	0.05		-
Isopoda			Trace		-	Argyropelecu			Trace	1	-
						Other Inverte	S.		-		
						Actiniaria			Trace		-

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Set :	21	Date:	7/26	Set :	22	Date:	7/27
Transect :	4	Strata:	2	Transect :	4	Strata:	5
Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5	Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5
	Start		Finish		Start		Finish
Time:	15:9		15:39	Time:	7:8		7:53
Depth:	480		650	Depth:	1179		1393
Latitude:	49 13.5	539	49 12.407	Latitude:	49 14.9	9	49 13.488
Longitude	127 6.2	239	127 5.214	Longitude	127 12.	672	127 10.712
Direction:	147	Duration	30	Direction:	138	Duration	45
Distance:	1.4	Speed:	2.80	Distance:	2.0	Speed:	2.60
Species		Weig	ht(Kg) N Estimate	Species		Weig	ht(Kg) N Estimate

Distance: 1.4	Speed: 2.80		Distance: 2.0 Sp	2.00	
Species	Weight(Kg)	N Estimate	Species	Weight(Kg)	N Estimate
Crab			Crab		
Chionoecetes tanneri	6.20	-	Chionoecetes tanneri	0.00	-
Shrimp			Mollusc		
Eualus macrophthalm	us Trace	- <u>-</u>	Gastropoda	0.15	-
Sergestes similis	Trace	-	Echinoderm		
Pasiphaea pacifica	Trace	-	Asteroidea	0.17	-
" Notostomus japonicus	Trace		Groundfish		
Mollusc			Raja rhina	7.60	-
Berryteuthis magister	Trace	-	Sebastolobus alascanus	4.00	-
Gonatus	Trace	-	Coryphaenoides acrolepis	2.90	-
Gastropoda	Trace	-	Sebastolobus altivelis	0.40	-
Echinoderm			Talismania bifurcata	0.20	-
Asteroidea	1.30	-	Bathypelagic Fish		
Echinacea	0.30	-	Stenobrachius leucopsarus	6.20	-
Groundfish			Bathylagus milleri	3.40	-
Anoplopoma fimbria	132.50	-	Chauliodus macouni	0.75	-
Microstomus pacificus	77.00	-	Tactostoma macropus	0.30	-
Albatrossia pectoralis	66.20	-	Sagamichthys abei	Trace	-
Sebastolobus alascanu	<i>us</i> 44.50	-	Nanensia candida	Trace	-
Sebastolobus altivelis	36.00	-	Tarletonbeania crenularis	Trace	-
Raja rhina	15.40	-	Benthalbella dentata	Trace	-
Sebastes borealis	11.80	-	Other Inverts.		
Antimora microlepis	7.50	-	Scyphozoa	3.00	-
Lycodes diapterus	5.70	-			
Merluccius productus	3.40	-			
Apristurus brunneus	2.50	-			
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Set :	23	Date:	7/27	Set :	24	Date:	7/27
Transect :	6	Strata:	4	Transect :	6	Strata:	2
Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5	Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5
	Start		Finish		Start		Finish
Time:	9:22		9:50	Time:	11:10		11:55
Depth:	925		930	Depth:	560		660
Latitude:	49 18.1	114	49 18.521	Latitude:	49 20.0	1	49 22.054
Longitude	127 14	.411	127 15.138	Longitude	127 13.9)	127 16.871
Direction:	320	Duration	28	Direction:	316	Duration	45
Distance:	0.6	Speed:	1.20	Distance:	2.3	Speed:	3.00

Species	Weight(Kg)	N Estimate	Species	Weight(Kg)	N Estimate
Crab			Crab		
Chionoecetes tanneri	0.50	-	Chionoecetes tanneri	3.20	-
Mollusc			Shrimp		
Gastropoda	1.50	-	Pasiphaea pacifica	0.26	-
Echinoderm			Mollusc		
Asteroidea	0.50	-	Berryteuthis magister	27.20	-
Groundfish			Gastropoda	0.80	-
Sebastolobus altivelis	23.80	-	Echinoderm		
Sebastolobus alascanus	12.90	-	Ophiurae	13.08	-
Anoplopoma fimbria	4.10	-	Asteroidea	3.00	-
Albatrossia pectoralis	2.90	-	Groundfish		
Microstomus pacificus	1.60	-	Anoplopoma fimbria	313.20	-
Apristurus brunneus	0.80	-	Microstomus pacificus	248.60	-
Merluccius productus	0.70	-	Sebastolobus alascanus	66.70	-
Eptatretus stouti	0.60	-	Raja rhina	18.60	-
Lycenchelys crotalina	0.50	-	Antimora microlepis	17.40	-
Coryphaenoides acrolepis	0.30	-	Albatrossia pectoralis	14.10	-
Antimora microlepis	0.10	-	Lycodes diapterus	8.30	-
Lycodapus fierasfer	Trace	-	Atheresthes stomias	7.20	-
Derepodichthys alepidotus	Trace	-	Merluccius productus	5.10	-
Bathypelagic Fish			Bothrocara brunneum	4.80	-
Stenobrachius leucopsarus	2.30	-	Apristurus brunneus	1.90	-
Chauliodus macouni	0.50	-	Coryphaenoides acrolepis	0.85	-
Bathylagus milleri	0.20	-	Careproctus melanurus	0.82	-
Tactostoma macropus	0.10	-	Bathyagonus nigripinnis	Trace	-
Tarletonbeania crenularis	Trace	-	Eptatretus stouti	Trace	-
Aristostomias scintillans	Trace	-	Lycodapus fierasfer	Trace	-
			Bathypelagic Fish		
			Stenobrachius leucopsarus	0.89	-
			Chauliodus macouni	0.20	-
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Time:

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	25	Date:	7/27	Set :	26	Date:	7/27
	6	Strata:	1	Transect :	6	Strata:	3
	125	Sub area:	5	Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5
	Start		Finish		Start		Finish
	13:2		13:42	Time:	15:3		15:45
	484		530	Depth:	828		940
	49 20.75	7 [.]	49 22.296	Latitude:	49 21.62	1	49 20.5
	127 14.29	94	127 16.349	Longitude	127 18.3	88	127 16.856
	320	Duration	40	Direction:	147	Duration	42
	2.2	Speed:	3.30	Distance:	1.9	Speed:	2.70
		Weig	ht(Kg) N Estimate	Species Crab		Weig	ht(Kg) N

Species	Weight(Kg)	N Estimate	Species	Weight(Kg)	N Estimate
Crab			Crab		
Chionoecetes tanneri	2.20	4 -	Chionoecetes tanneri	0.00	-
Shrimp			Shrimp		
Pasiphaea pacifica	10.50	Yes	Pasiphaea pacifica	2.84	Yes
Eualus macrophthalmus	0.04	-	Hymenodora frontalis	Trace	-
Mollusc			Eualus macrophthalmus	Trace	-
Berryteuthis magister	5.00	-	Notostomus japonicus	Trace	-
Gastropoda	0.85	-	Sergestes similis	Trace	-
Cephalopoda	0.31	Yes	Mollusc		
Teuthoidea	Trace	-	Teuthoidea	0.25	Yes
Echinoderm			Echinoderm		
Ophiurae	2.06	Yes	Ophiurae	0.33	Yes
Groundfish			Groundfish		
Microstomus pacificus	157.80	-	Microstomus pacificus	5.60	-
Anoplopoma fimbria	134.80		Raja rhina	4.40	-
Atheresthes stomias	33.90	-	Merluccius productus	0.50	-
Sebastes borealis	27.10	-	Lycodapus fierasfer	0.07	-
Sebastolobus alascanus	24.00	-	Bothrocara brunneum	0.05	-
Raja rhina	16.20	-	Lycodes diapterus	Trace	-
Sebastolobus altivelis	9.50	-	Sebastolobus altivelis	Trace	
Antimora microlepis	7.80	-	Antimora microlepis	Trace	-
Merluccius productus	5.40	-	Bathypelagic Fish		
Sebastes aleutianus	4.30	-	Stenobrachius leucopsarus	1.67	-
Lycodes diapterus	2.70	-	Bathylagus milleri	0.50	-
Eptatretus deani	0.80	-	Chauliodus macouni	0.30	-
Bathypelagic Fish			Malacosteidae	0.10	-
Icosteidae	34.10	-	Scopelosaurus harryi	0.09	-
Stenobrachius leucopsarus	0.20	-	Bathylagus pacificus	Trace	-
Other Inverts.			Tarletonbeania crenularis	Trace	-
Actiniaria	8.73	-	Other Inverts.		
Misc.			Scyphozoa	3.76	Yes
Unknown fish	0.62	Yes	Misc.		
			Unidentified organic matter	0.83	Yes

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Set :	27	Date:	7/27			Set :	28	Date:	7/28	
Transect :	4	Strata:	1			Transect :	0	Strata:	1	
Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5			Stat area:	125	Sub area:	5	
	Start		Finish				Start		Finish	
Time:	17:0		17:39			Time:	6:39		7:12	
Depth:	480		598			Depth:	550		530	
Latitude:	49 15.64	45	49 14.57	76		Latitude:	48 59.33	35	49 0.365	5
Longitude	127 8.88		127 6.51			Longitude	126 50.2		126 52.1	
Direction:	127 0.00	Duration	39			Direction:	300	Duration	33	•••
Distance:	2.6	Speed:	3.90			Distance:	1.6	Speed:	2.90	
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Species		weig	ht(Kg)	IN	Estimate	Species		weig	ht(Kg)	N Estimate
Crab			1.50			Crab Chionoecete	a tann ani		1.00	1 -
Chionoecete Shrimp	sianneri		1.50		-	Shrimp	sianneri		1.00	1 -
Pasiphaea p	acifica		8.37		Yes	Pasiphaea p	acifica		3.64	Yes
Eualus maci		15	0.11		Yes	Eualus macr		IS .	0.29	Yes
Pandalus mac			Trace		-	Sergestes sin		.5	0.06	Yes
Mollusc	Shinagar in a	acris	muoo			Mollusc			0.00	103
Berryteuthis	magister		4.00		2	Gastropoda			0.30	-
Gastropoda			0.10		-	Echinoderm				
Gonatus			Trace		-	Ophiurae			0.29	Yes
Echinoderm						Echinacea			0.06	Yes
Ophiurae			0.48		Yes	Holothuroid	ea		0.06	Yes
Asteroidea			0.10		-	Groundfish				
Groundfish						Anoplopoma	ı fimbria		81.30	-
Microstomu .	s pacificus		64.40		2	Sebastolobu.	s altivelis		12.90	-
Albatrossia	pectoralis		44.80		-	Raja rhina			11.90	-
Anoplopoma	ı fimbria		41.00		-	Sebastolobu	s alascanu.	5	7.90	-
Apristurus b	runneus		38.00		-	Antimora mi			4.90	-
Raja rhina			12.70		-	Lycodes diap			2.60	-
Sebastolobu		S	12.20		-	Albatrossia			2.60	-
Sebastolobu			4.20		-	Apristurus b			1.00	-1
Lycodes dia			2.80		-	Merluccius p			0.50	-
Antimora mi			2.50		-	Coryphaeno			0.30	-
Merluccius p			1.70		3 -	Careproctus		2	Trace	-
Bothrocara			1.00		1 -	Bathypelagio			1.00	
Errex zachir		5.L.	0.90 0.60	(2 - 1 -	Stenobrachii Chauliodus i		arus	1.80 Trace	-
Embassichth Careproctus			0.00		1 -	Scopelosaur			Trace	-
Bathyagonu			Trace		1 -	Tarletonbea		aris	Trace	-
Coryphaeno			Trace		2 -	Nemichthyid			Trace	2
Bathypelagic		cpis	IIucc			Notolepis ris			Trace	<u></u>
Stenobrachi		arus	0.50		-	Other Invert				
Myctophida			0.11		Yes	Scyphozoa			0.47	Yes
Chauliodus			0.10		-	Misc.				
Nemichthyia	lae		Trace		1 -	Unidentified	organic m	atter	1.65	Yes
Sagamichthy			Trace		1 -	Unknown fis	0		0.06	Yes
Tactostoma			Trace		-					
Other Invert										
Scyphozoa			1.21		Yes					
Actiniaria			0.45		-					
Aphrodita			Trace		-					
Misc.		554								
Unidentified	organic n	natter	1.09		Yes					

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	29	Date:	7/28			Set :	30	Date:	7/28		
Transect :	0	Strata:	2			Transect :	0	Strata:	3		
Stat area:	124	Sub area:	2			Stat area:	124	Sub area:	2		
	Start		Finish				Start		Finish		
Time:	8:15		8:55			Time:	9:56		10:36		
Depth:	653		680			Depth:	756		742		
-	48 59.6	. 84	48 58.57	78		Latitude:	48 58.23	31	48 59.34	.6	
Longitude	126 53.2		126 51.0			Longitude	126 52.5		126 54.7		
Direction:				52		Direction:				04	
	126	Duration	40				310	Duration	40		
Distance:	1.7	Speed:	2.50			Distance:	1.9	Speed:	2.80		
Species		Weig	ht(Kg)	ΝE	stimate	Species		Weig	ght(Kg)	NE	stimate
Crab						Crab					
Chionoecetes	tanneri		5.30		-	Chionoecete.	s tanneri		11.00	100	-
Shrimp						Shrimp					
Eualus macro		us	1.20		Yes	Eualus macr		LS	0.30		-
Pasiphaea pa			0.56		Yes	Hymenodora			Trace		-
Notostomus ja	ponicus		Trace	4	-	Notostomus	japonicus		Trace		-
Mollusc						Mollusc					
Gastropoda			0.80		-	Gastropoda			Trace		-
Echinoderm						Echinoderm					
Ophiurae			0.07		Yes	Ophiurae			0.30		-
Groundfish						Asteroidea			0.20		
Anoplopoma f			169.70		-	Groundfish					
Microstomus j		2	31.80		-	Anoplopoma			111.60		-
Sebastolobus			24.10		-	Sebastolobu			84.80		-
Sebastolobus		ıs	24.10		-	Sebastolobu			36.50		-
Antimora mici			13.10		-	Coryphaeno		epis	11.90		-
Coryphaenoia		epis	5.70		-	Antimora mi			9.10		-
Lycodes diapt	erus		5.40		-	Microstomus			8.60		-
Raja rhina			5.10		-	Albatrossia į			4.20		-
Apristurus bri			3.80		-	Lycodes diap			3.70		-
Albatrossia pe			2.90		-	Apristurus b			1.40		-
Eptatretus dec			0.20		-	Eptatretus de			0.80		-
Bathypelagic I			1 10			Merluccius p		:-	0.70		-
Stenobrachius Bathulaous		sarus	1.10 0.42		-	Bathyagonus Lycodapus fi		15	0.10 Trace		-
Bathylagus m Chauliodus m			0.42		-	Careproctus		c	Trace		-
Notolepis riss			Trace			Bathypelagic		3	ITACC		-
Nemichthyida			Trace		-	Bathylagus n			1.50		-
Other Inverts.			Trace		070	Chauliodus i			0.90		_
Scyphozoa			1.48		Yes	Tactostoma			0.30		-
Actiniaria			0.07		Yes	Stenobrachi	-	arus	Trace		_
Misc.			0.07		100	Oneirodidae			Trace		-
Unidentified of	organic r	matter	1.41		Yes	Tarletonbeau		aris	Trace		-
	0					Benthalbella			Тгасе		-
						Sagamichthy			Trace		-
						Argyropelec			Trace		-
						Nemichthyid			Trace		-
						Other Invert					
						Scyphozoa			0.73		-

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Set :	31	Date:	7/28	Set :	32	Date:	7/28
Transect :	0	Strata:	4	Transect :	0	Strata:	5
Stat area:	124	Sub area:	2	Stat area:	124	Sub area:	2
	Start		Finish		Start		Finish
Time:	12:31		13:15	Time:	14:38		15:23
Depth:	905		920	Depth:	1022		1044
Latitude:	48 58.7	721 ·	48 57.485	Latitude:	48 56.3	06	48 57.713
Longitude	126 57	.699	126 56.519	Longitude	126 58.	001	126 58.591
Direction:	147	Duration	44	Direction:	342	Duration	45
Distance:	1.5	Speed:	2.00	Distance:	1.4	Speed:	1.80

Species	Weight(Kg)	N Estimate	Species	Weight(Kg)	N Estimate
Crab			Crab		
Chionoecetes tanneri	11.64	-	Chionoecetes tanneri	9.90	-
Mollusc			Mollusc		
Cephalopoda	0.16	-	Gastropoda	0.30	-
Echinoderm			Gonatus	Trace	-
Asteroidea	0.70	-	Echinoderm		
Groundfish			Asteroidea	1.40	-
Sebastolobus altivelis	118.90	-	Holothuroidea	0.20	-
Sebastolobus alascanus	27.40	-	Groundfish		
Anoplopoma fimbria	27.30	-	Sebastolobus altivelis	138.00	-
Coryphaenoides acrolepis	20.00	-	Anoplopoma fimbria	33.60	-
Albatrossia pectoralis	6.60	-	Albatrossia pectoralis	28.20	-
Embassichthys bathybius	3.40	-	Sebastolobus alascanus	18.00	-
Antimora microlepis	3.30	-	Coryphaenoides acrolepis	17.40	-
Eptatretus deani	3.00	-	Bothrocara brunneum	11.70	-
Bothrocara brunneum	2.00	-	Embassichthys bathybius	7.20	-
Apristurus brunneus	1.34	-	Antimora microlepis	2.70	-
Talismania bifurcata	1.22	-	Lycenchelys crotalina	2.50	-
Microstomus pacificus	1.00	-	Eptatretus deani	2.20	-
Lycodes diapterus	1.00	-	Alepocephalidae	1.40	-
Alepocephalidae	0.50	-	Talismania bifurcata	0.40	-
Lycodapus fierasfer	0.10	-	Careproctus melanurus	0.20	
Careproctus melanurus	0.10	-	Lycodapus fierasfer	0.05	3 -
Derepodichthys alepidotus	0.07	-	Bathypelagic Fish		
Bathypelagic Fish			Stenobrachius leucopsarus	0.30	-
Stenobrachius leucopsarus	1.75	-	Bathylagus milleri	0.30	-
Bathylagus milleri	0.80	-	Chauliodus macouni	0.20	-
Chauliodus macouni	0.60	-	Nemichthyidae	Trace	2=2
Tactostoma macropus	0.35	-	Tactostoma macropus	Trace	6 -
Nemichthyidae	0.12	-	Poromitra crassiceps	Trace	4 -
Benthalbella dentata	0.10	-	Other Inverts.		
Scopelosaurus harryi	0.06	-	Actiniaria	2.20	-
Nanensia candida	Trace	-			
Tarletonbeania crenularis	Trace	-			
Melamphaidae	Trace	-			
Argyropelecus sladeni	Trace	-			

Set :	33	Date:	7/29	Set :	34	Date:	7/29
Transect :	7	Strata:	5	Transect :	7	Strata:	3
Stat area:	124	Sub area:	2	Stat area:	126	Sub area:	2
	Start		Finish		Start		Finish
Time:	7:51		8:12	Time:	9:28		9:32
Depth:	983		829	Depth:	753		753
Latitude:	49 35.	179	49 34.449	Latitude:	49 35.3	32	49 35.6
Longitude	127 42	.928	127 42.299	Longitude	127 41	.744	127 41
Direction:	153	Duration	21	Direction:	0	Duration	4
Distance:	1.8	Speed:	2.30	Distance:	0.0	Speed:	0.00

Species	Weight(Kg)	N Estimate	Species	Weight(Kg)	N Estimate
Crab			Crab		
Chionoecetes tanneri	1.80	-	Chionoecetes tanneri	0.00	-
Shrimp					
Bentheogennema borealis	Trace	-			
Notostomus japonicus	Trace	-			
Acanthephyra curtirostris	Trace	-			
Euatus macrophthalmus	Trace	-			
Hymenodora frontalis	Trace	-			
Mollusc					
Gastropoda	0.50	-			
Nudibranchiata	Trace	-			
Echinoderm					
Asteroidea	0.90	-			
Holothuroidea	Trace	-			
Groundfish					
Coryphaenoides acrolepis	93.00	-			
Sebastolobus altivelis	78.90	-			
Sebastolobus alascanus	12.40	-			
Anoplopoma fimbria	11.90	-			
Albatrossia pectoralis	8.10				
Alepocephalidae	4.60	-			
Antimora microlepis	1.80	-			
Bothrocara brunneum	1.30	-			
Embassichthys bathybius	0.90	-			
Lycodapus fierasfer	0.60	-			
Eptatretus deani	0.50	-			
Merluccius productus	0.50	-			
Lycenchelys crotalina	Trace	-			
Bathypelagic Fish					
Stenobrachius leucopsarus	3.10	-			
Bathylagus milleri	0.50	-			
Chauliodus macouni	0.50	-			
Tactostoma macropus	0.10	-			
Scopelosaurus harryi	0.10	-			
Tarletonbeania crenularis	Trace	-			
Benthalbella dentata	Trace	-			
Bathylagus pacificus	Trace	-			
Nanensia candida	Trace	-			
Nemichthyidae	Trace	~			
Argyropelecus sladeni	Trace	-			
Poromitra crassiceps	Trace	-			
Other Inverts.				-	
Actiniaria	0.50	-			
Isopoda	Trace	-			

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Appendix 6. Species list, and tows in which they occurred, for gastropods and bivalves captured during the 1999 Tanner crab assessment survey off the west coast of Vancouver Island, July 21 – August 3. Not all samples have been processed consequently this is only a partial list.

Species	Tow Number					
Bivalves						
Dermatomya tenuiconcha	5,6,15,16,32					
Malletia faba	5,6,15,16,32					
Nuculana conceptionis	16,23					
Vesicomya ovalis	6					
Nucula tenuis	16					
Delectopecten vancouverensis	20					
Idas washingtonius	24					
Asheonothaerus (Genus)	32					
Gastropods						
Neptunea amianta	2,3,4,5,6,12,14,15,16,18,20,21,23,32,33					
Bathybembix bairdii	2,4,5,6,12,14,15,18,19,20, 21,23,33					
Colus halli	4,5,15,16,18,20, 32					
Mohnia frielei	2,3,4,5,15,18					
Buccinium (Genus)	5,6,15,16, 32					
Natica clausa	3,6,18,32					
Boreotrophon (Genus)	16,32					
Fusitriton oregonensis	12					
Colus jordani	12					
Soleriella nuda	12					
Polinices nanus	12					
Cancellaria (Genus)	21					
Lepeta (Genus)	24					

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Appendix 7. Fishing locations and catch information from all trap sets from the 1999 Tanner crab survey off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Time is expressed on a 24-hour clock, depths are in meters, latitudes and longitudes are in degrees, decimal-minutes, direction in degrees, duration in minutes and distance and speed in knots and nautical miles. Catch weights are in kilograms, N is the number of animals if counted and Estimate indictes whether the recorded values are estimated from sub-samples or actual. Trace indicates weights less than approximately 0.1 kg or 100 g.

Set	1	Date	7/30		Set	2	Date	7/30	
Transect	0	Strata	1		Transect	0	Strata	2	
Stat area	125	Sub area	5		Stat area	125	Sub area	5	
	Start		Finish			Start		Finish	
Time	14:20	9:22			Time	16:28	13:3		
Depth	525	513			Depth	770	700		
Latitude	49 7.658	49 6	.619		Latitude	49 5.957	49 7	.58	
Longitud	127 0.016	126	59.273		Longitud	127 1.215	127	0.016	
Duration	19:02	Distance		1.0	Duration	20:35			1.0
Direction	325				Direction	140			
Catch					Catch				
Species		Weight(kg	N	Estimate	Species		Weight(kg	N	Estimate
Crab					Crab				
Chionoecetes	s tanneri	72.90	80	-	Chionoecete	s tanneri	88.80	150	-
Mollusc									
wionuse					Mollusc				
Gastropoda			8	-	Mollusc Gastropoda			3	-
	1		8	-		m		3	-
Gastropoda			8 9	-	Gastropoda	n		3	-
Gastropoda Echinodern					Gastropoda Echinoder				-
Gastropoda Echinodern Holothuroide	ea		9	-	Gastropoda Echinoder Ophiurae			4	-
Gastropoda Echinodern Holothuroida Echinacea	ea		9	-	Gastropoda Echinoder Ophiurae			4	-

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Set	3	Date	7/31		Set	4	Date	7/31	
Transect	0	Strata	3		Transect	0	Strata	4	
Stat area	125	Sub area	5		Stat area	124	Sub area	4	
	Start		Finish			Start		Finish	
Time	11:19	8:52			Time	15:0	12:20)	
Depth	824	829			Depth	939	939		
Latitude	49 3.176	49 4	.012		Latitude	49 1.123	49 2.	4	
Longitud	126 59.90	68 127	0.491		Longitud	126 59.69	91 127 ().35	
Duration	21:33	3 Distance		1.0	Duration	21:20) Distance		1.0
Direction	330	0			Direction	155	5		
Catch					Catch				
Species		Weight(kg	Ν	Estimate	Species		Weight(kg	N	Estimate
Crab					Crab				
Chionoecete	s tanneri	81.77	198	-	Chionoecete	s tanneri	100.60	1377	-
- Mollusc					Mollusc				
Gastropoda			2	-	Gastropoda			2	-
Echinodern	n								
Ophiurae		0.10		-					
Solaster bor	ealis		2	-					
Groundfish	l								
Anoplopoma	fimbria	3.20		-					

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Set	5	Date	8/1		Set	6	Date	8/1	
Transect	0	Strata	1		Transect	0	Strata	6	
Stat area	124	Sub area	4		Stat area	125	Sub area	5	
	Start		Finish			Start		Finish	
Time	11:5	10:2	20		Time	14:40	6:32		
Depth	400	400			Depth	1370	1360)	
Latitude	49 2.895	49 2	.316		Latitude	49 2.323	49 1	.354	
Longitud	126 53.3	94 126	52.706		Longitud	127 4.659	127	3.563	
Duration	23:1	5 Distance		1.0	Duration	15:52	Distance		
Direction	32	5			Direction				
Catch					Catch				
Species		Weight(kg	N	Estimate	Species		Weight(kg	N	Estimate
Crab					Crab				
Chionoecete	s tanneri	1.30	2	-	Chionoecete	S	11.81	23	-
"Echinodern	n				Echinoder	m			
Ctenodiscus			2	-	Euryalae			6	-
Groundfish	ι .				Ophiurae			1	-
Anoplopoma	ı fimbria	100.30	46	-	Ctenodiscus			2	-
					Groundfish	1			
					Anoplopoma	fimbria	3.50	1	-
					Coryphaeno		0.80	1	-
					Other Inve	rts			

Scyphozoa

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