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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This cruise report summarizes the activities of the geological/paleoceanographic science program of CASES (Canadian Artic Shelf Exchange Study) Leg 8, 9 and ArcticNet Leg 1. A GSCA cruise number (2004-804) has been given to this project since GSCA personnel were onboard and samples from these two CASES Legs and ArcticNet will be curated at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography. The cruise number does not apply to data collected by other scientists involved in the CASES or ArcticNet programs and their activities will not be discussed in this report. Additional information on the activities of other CASES participants can be obtained from Louis Fortier (louis.fortier@bio.ulaval.ca) or at the CASES website (http://www.cases.quebec-ocean.ulaval.ca/). Additional information on the activities of other ArcticNet participants can be obtained from Martin Fortier (martin.fortier@arcticnet.ulaval.ca) or at the

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#### 1.2 Background

In March 2001, the CASES Research Network was funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) to conduct the Canadian Arctic Shelf Exchange Study (CASES). This multi-disciplinary, international project was initiated to develop an understanding of the biogeochemical and ecological consequences of sea ice variability on the MacKenzie Shelf.



The Geological Survey of Canada (Atlantic) (GSCA) has been involved with the development of the CASES program since its inception in 2001. Using over 30 years of experience in marine geophysical and geotechnical data collection, the GSCA took an advisory role in the early stages of CASES. The GSCA technical and scientific staff was able to advise and assist the CASES Research Network in outfitting the CCGS Amundsen for piston coring and box coring operations.

As the CASES program progressed, the GSCA was able to take a support role in the project and provided personnel for the two final legs of CASES onboard the Amundsen. The support that the GSCA was able to provide was onboard coring and box coring technical support, geophysical interpretation of sub-bottom profiler data, core logging and MSCL (Multi-Sensor Core Logger) operations, and the curation of core samples at the completion of CASES.

Field data collection for CASES ended when the Amundsen left Coronation Gulf and began its transit of the Northwest Passage to Churchill, Manitoba. From this point forward, the vessel was working under the new ArcticNet program. ArcticNet is a Network of Centres of Excellence of Canada funded project similar to CASES but with a larger scope. This project aims to contribute to the development and dissemination of the knowledge needed to formulate adaptation strategies and national policies to help Canadians face the impacts and opportunities of climate change and globalization in the Arctic. This will encompass the study of geological, ecological, environmental, biological, chemical, and cultural processes in the Arctic, focused on the Northwest Passage. The GSCA has also been involved with this project since its inception, in a more prominent role than was assumed for the CASES program.



# **2.0 SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of cruise 2004-804 fall under CASES sub-projects 2.8, 2.7 and ArcticNet sub-project 1.6. Sub-project 2.8 entitled "Decadal-Millennial Variability in Sea Ice and Carbon Fluxes" aims at reconstructing the paleoceanography of the Canadian Arctic Shelf. This sub-project places emphasis on the sea ice history and the storage and transport of organic carbon from the shelf to the deep part of the basin during the Holocene.

Sub-project 2.7 entitled "Benthic Processes and Carbon Cycling" aims to examine the processes that influence benthic community structure and respiration on the Mackenzie Shelf. To accomplish the goals of sub-project 2.7 the shells of benthic invertebrates will be recovered from the Beaufort Shelf to provide suitable materials to examine the utility of biogeochemical "markers" as proxies for the sources of organic materials consumed by marine benthos. The necessary samples were collected from box cores by sub-project 2.7 researchers and the samples will be analyzed, processed, sub-sampled, and curated by the same researchers. The responsibility of the GSCA to sub-project 2.7 is to provide a geological context to the samples and to provide assistance with geophysical interpretation for benthic habitats.

The objectives of ArcticNet sub-project 1.6 entitled "Opening the Northwest Passage: Resources, Navigation, Sovereignty, & Security" include: 1) compile corridors of precise high resolution bathymetry, and seabed geomorphology; 2) improve the mapping of the surficial geological environment of the Canadian Archipelago channels; 3) obtain sediment cores and grabs of the Holocene record for paleoceanographic analyses at optimal sites in the region.

To accomplish these objectives, the original plan was to collect high-resolution sediment cores along 3 transects:

- A) one transect of 3 cores in the Mackenzie Trough (western Mackenzie Shelf), from the shelf to the slope (~50 to 1100 m)
- B) one transect of 3 cores from the shelf to the slope off Tuktoyaktuk
- C) one east-west transect of 3 cores from the mouth of Amundsen Gulf and down the slope

Due to time constraints and schedules of other CASES scientists, these transects were not possible. As an alternative, piston core sites were selected based on sub-bottom data from geophysical data archived at the GSCA, CASES Leg 1, Leg 8, and Leg 9. Sites were selected in order to sample thick Holocene sequences on the Beaufort Shelf/Slope and the Northwest Passage.

The final objective of 2004-804 was to maximize multi-beam bathymetry and sub-bottom profiler data coverage. Geophysical data was collected by these two systems whenever the vessel was transiting between sampling stations, over most of the piston core sites, and in several areas where interesting seabed features were observed.



# **3.0 EQUIPMENT**

Scientific operations for cruise 2004-804 were performed aboard the CCGS Amundsen (see Figure 3.1). The Amundsen (formerly the CCGS Sir John Franklin built in 1979, and renamed Amundsen in 2003) is a Class 3 icebreaker which has been refitted to accommodate arctic science research. The ship is 98m long, 19m wide with a draft of 7m and can obtain a maximum speed of about 16 knots. There is approximately 300 m<sup>2</sup> of lab space inside the vessel with another 110m<sup>2</sup> of lab space in temporary external lab containers. The Amundsen can accommodate 46 scientific staff in addition to the 31 ship's crew. The following equipment was used to accomplish the scientific objectives of this cruise.

#### 3.1 Piston Corer

The piston corer used onboard the Amundsen was constructed based on blueprints of the AGC Long Corer, that were supplied by the GSCA. This system is comprised of a large core head used with 3m x 106mm ID core barrels that are attached with external couplings secured by set screws. Up to 5 barrels can be used with this system, yielding a 15m core sample; however the deck layout of the Amundsen only allowed for 3 core barrels to be used. The 3 barrel configuration was more than sufficient as all of the samples collected were less than 9m in length. Transparent plastic core liner was inserted into the core barrels for each sample to retain the core when it was removed from the corer. The whole round samples obtained by this system have a diameter of 99.2mm, and were cut into 1.5m lengths for ease of transportation. A 115kg trigger weight corer with a 1.5m aluminum barrel was used as the trigger weight for this system. The sample diameter of the trigger weight cores was also 99.2mm.

Since this equipment was manufactured specifically for the CASES program, the piston core system had never been assembled prior to the beginning of cruise 2004-804. The coring equipment had been onboard the Amundsen since the beginning of CASES and due to the shear number of personnel and equipment, the boxes containing the equipment had been moved and spread over the entire ship. With all of this moving of equipment unfortunately 2 boxes containing some essential parts were lost. These items included: -Shear pins for the split piston

-Spring for the split piston

- -O-rings for the split piston
- -Vented screws for the split piston (orifice screws)
- -Gasket for the split piston

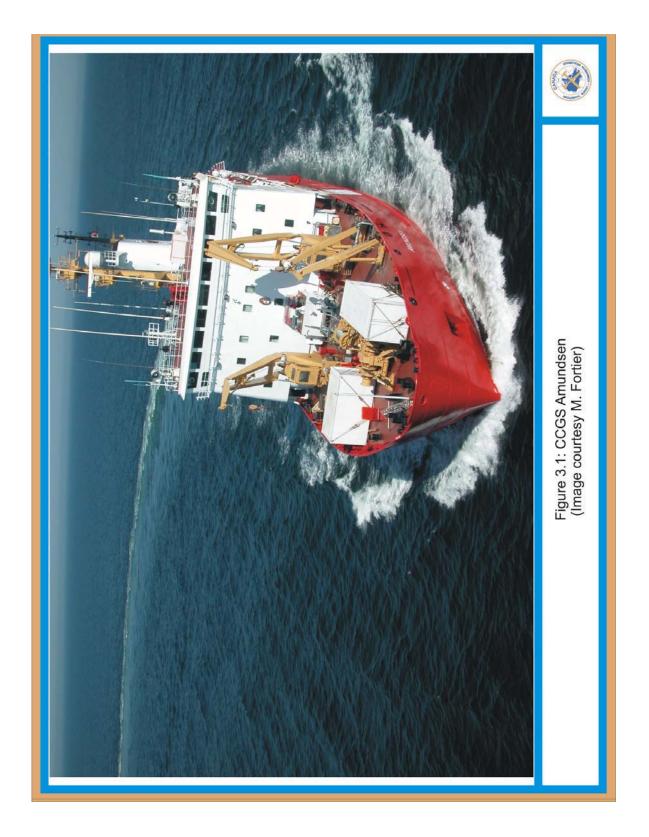
-Backing plates, pivot and locking pin for the trip arm

-Stainless steel pin to attach the split piston to the cable

-core cutter for the trigger weight core

After an exhaustive search of the entire ship, the search was abandoned and the focus switched to the manufacturing of new replacements for the missing parts. After 2 days of







work, the ship's engineers were able to manufacture all of the replacement parts needed. These make-shift parts were used for all of Leg 8 until actual replacement parts were brought onboard by GSCA personnel at the beginning of Leg 9.

The deployment of the piston corer was difficult due to the configuration of the Amundsen's foredeck. To deploy the corer, the system was first assembled perpendicular across the foredeck between the coring winch and the winch controls. When the piston corer was fully assembled, the nose of the corer was directed under the coring A-frame and the entire system was picked up horizontally using the two large cranes located on the foredeck. The core barrels were then rested on the edge of the ship and then the core head was slowly lifted to rotate the system to an almost vertical position and then it was slowly lowered to the water line (Figure 3.2). The trigger weight corer was then attached to the trigger arm using a separate winch and block. Retrieval of the piston corer was the reverse of deployment. This method of deployment/retrieval was cumbersome and slow; however it was the only method that could be conceived with the current configuration of the Amundsen. The deployment and retrieval processes did become easier and faster as the scientific personnel and ship's crew became more familiar with the equipment.

Once the piston corer was retrieved and back on the deck, each barrel is disassembled from the corer and the plastic liner is extracted. Each 3 meter long liner is then cut into 1.5 meter sections, which are capped at each end, labelled and stored in a refrigerated container (at about 4° C) for further analysis. All of the piston and box cores will be curated at the GSCA core repository located at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The cores have been labelled using two numbering systems. The first system used by Dalhousie University and ISMER consists of the GSCA cruise number, followed by the CASES station number (e.g. 2004-804-711PC). The second numbering system used for these samples is the standardized GSCA system (e.g. 2004-804-001PC) so the cores can be integrated into the Exploration Database (ED).

Since this piston core system was new and never used previous to 2004-804, there were problems encountered with the first two cores collected. These initial core samples were about 3 meters in length while the apparent penetration of the corer was as much as 7 meters. This problem was attributed to the split piston which was splitting too early and therefore limiting the sample length to about 3 meters. Copper shear pins in the split piston were used for the first two cores and it was determined that these pins were too soft and allowed the piston to split easily. For the rest of the cores during Leg 8 rigid stainless steel pins were used and they eliminated the problem of the piston splitting early. Effectively this made the piston a solid piston rather than a split piston. The corer functioned well for the rest of the core samples with obtained sample lengths as much as 6.64 meters.

See Section 4.1.1 for a discussion of the piston core samples that were collected.







## 3.2 Box Corer

The 50cm x 50cm x 80cm box corer (Figure 3.3) was used by many scientists onboard, with several samples taken from each core. For 2004-804, two push cores (99.2mm ID) were taken from each box core sample. Surface sediment sample at each box core location were also collected in order to develop reference databases of modern dinoflagellate cysts, diatoms and foraminifera populations in the study area. The surface samples will be curated at Dalhousie University and at the Institut des sciences de la mer de Rimouski (ISMER). The box corer functioned perfectly during 2004-804 with the only repair being a new trip cable which was adapted from a spare trip cable for the piston corer and then installed on the box corer.

See Section 4.1.2 for a discussion of the box core samples that were collected.

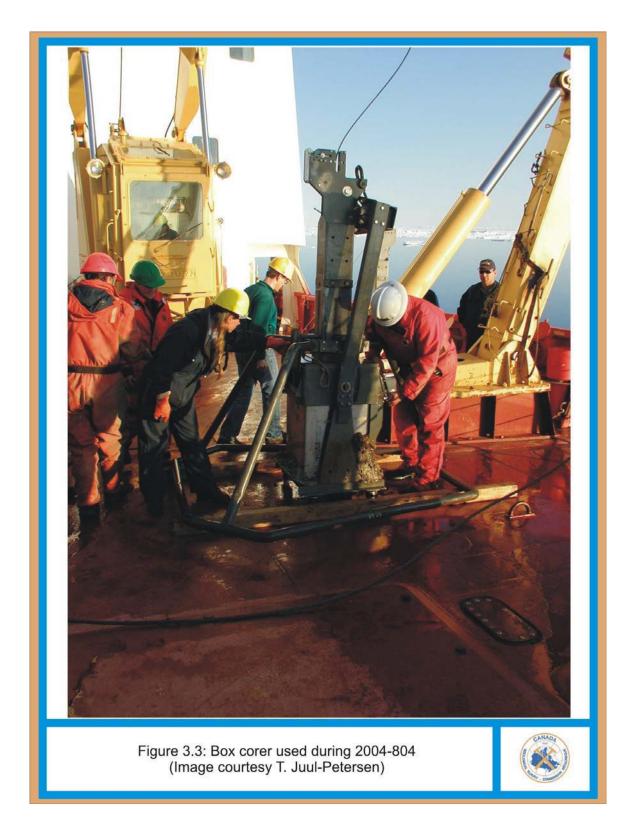
#### 3.3 Multibeam Echosounder

The Kongsberg-Simrad EM 300 multibeam echosounder system was used to collect all bathymetry data during cruise 2004-804. This system was operated and maintained by the personnel of Ocean Mapping Group (OMG) at the University of New Brunswick (Fredericton). The EM 300 is designed for seabed mapping from the shoreline to beyond the continental rises and includes such features as phase detection, equidistant beam spacing, calibrated seabed acoustic imaging, and advanced signal processing technology. The EM 300's transmit and receive transducer arrays were hull-mounted and are networked to the control station on the Navigation Deck of the Amundsen. Post processing and display of the multibeam data was performed using OMG developed software.

The basic specifications of the EM 300 are:				
Frequency	30 kHz			
Peak Power	4.5 or 9 kW			
Pulse Length	0.7, 2, or 15 ms			
Number of Beams	135			
Beamwidth	1x1°, 1x2°, 2x2°, or 2x4°			
Coverage sector	150°			
Depth range	10m to >5,000m			
Maximum swath width	>5,000m			

Sound velocity data for the EM 300 was acquired from the MVP-300 (Brooke Ocean Technology) that was dipping regularly in ice free waters, and the Seabird CTD on the rosette was also used to obtain the sound velocity profiles. Two hull mounted probes were also available to supply sound velocity information to the EM 300 transducer.







See Section 4.2 for a discussion of the features observed in the 2004-804 geophysical data and the performance of the EM 300 multibeam system. At the time of this report, the geophysical data are archived at the University of New Brunswick and can be viewed on the internet at http://chamcook.omg.unb.ca/~arcticnet/.

#### 3.4 Sub-bottom Profiler

The sub-bottom profiler installed onboard the Amundsen is the Knudsen 320R deep water echosounder. This system was operated by OMG and was used to collect all of the sub-bottom geophysical data during the CASES program. The Knudsen 320R is a high power bathymetry/sub-bottom imaging system capable of data collection at full ocean depths. The 320R utilizes a 3.5 kHz hull mounted transducer which is networked to the control station on the Navigation Deck of the Amundsen where the data is stored digitally.

The basic specifications of the Knudsen 320R are as follows:				
Frequency	3.5 kHz			
Power	4 to 8 selectable levels			
Pulse Length	Automatically selected with override			
Phased Ranges	Multiple 50% overlapped phases for each range,			
	manual or automatic selection			
Gain Controls	AGC, TVG, plus manual receive gain			

See Section 4.2 for a discussion of the features observed in the 2004-804 geophysical data and the performance of the Knudsen 320R sub-bottom profiler. At the time of this report, the geophysical data are archived at the University of New Brunswick and can be viewed on the internet at http://chamcook.omg.unb.ca/~arcticnet/.



## 4.0 GEOPHYSICAL AND GEOTECHNICAL DATA SETS

A large amount of both geophysical and geotechnical data has been collected during cruise 2004-804 aboard the CCGS Amundsen. Section 4 will discuss in further detail the amount and types of data collected over the duration of 2004-804. A narrative of the daily events of 2004-804 is provided in Appendix 1.

#### 4.1 Geotechnical Samples

A total of 9 piston cores and 42 box cores (2 push cores from each) were collected during the course of cruise 2004-804. The positions of the geotechnical samples are displayed in Figure 4.1.

#### 4.1.1 Piston Core Samples

Nine piston cores were attempted during cruise 2004-804. One of these attempts (sample 047PC) experienced considerable rigging problems and only a 52 cm, highly disturbed sample was obtained. Details on each of the piston core samples are available in Appendix 2. Sub-bottom profiles of each piston core site are available in Appendix 3. A detailed sediment description of each piston core is available in Appendix 4.

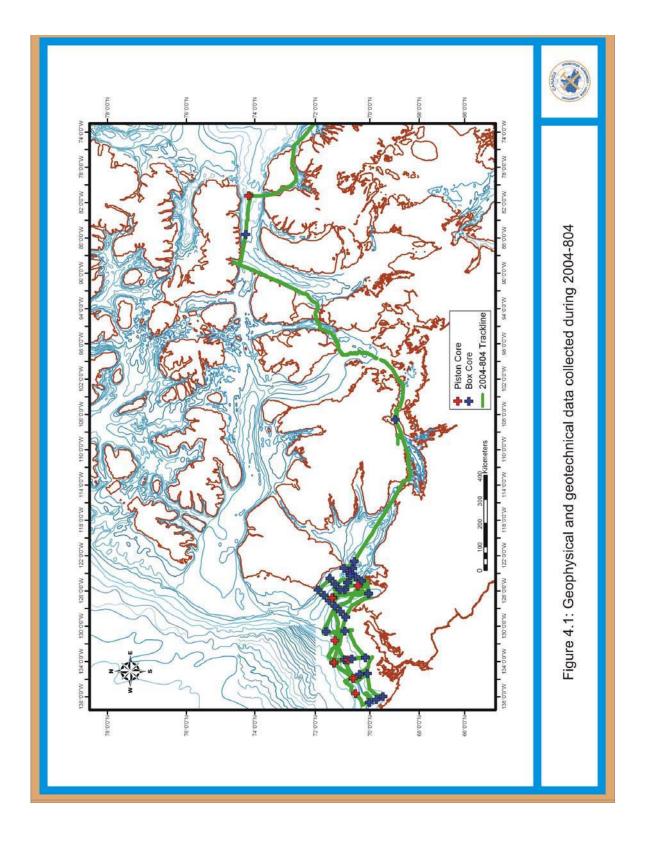
Because of limited survey time and the uneven distribution of Holocene sediments in the study area, it was not possible to collect cores along all of the transects that had been originally selected. However, the cores have been collected at key locations along the Mackenzie Shelf/Slope and Amundsen Gulf to fulfill the objectives of the expedition. Cores from a previous cruise in the Mackenzie Trough area (2002 JWACS cruise aboard the RV Mirai) will be used to complement the 2004-804 sampling transects.

Overall, the upper 4-5.5 metres of the cores consist of olive grey silty clay overlying massive grey clay, which, in the case of core 2004-804-015PC, was highly cohesive. This is most likely what stopped the corer from going deeper in the sediment. The upper 5.5 metres of core 2004-804-042PC are composed of the same olive grey silty clay, overlying a unit of pinkish grey clay. The time period covered by each core depends on the sediment accumulation rate at each location and will be determined at a later date using <sup>14</sup>C accelerated mass spectrometry (AMS) dating techniques.

## 4.1.2 Box Core Samples

A series of 42 box cores were collected at 40 different locations along the Beaufort Shelf/Slope, Amundsen Gulf, and the Northwest Passage. The high number of samples in the Beaufort Shelf/Slope and Amundsen Gulf provides an excellent surface coverage of







the area. In each boxcore, 2 surface samples and push cores were collected. The surface samples will be curated at Dalhousie University and at ISMER. Box cores collected in conjunction with piston cores allowed for the recovery the surficial layer of sediment, which is usually destroyed when the piston corer enters the sediments. In general, box cored sediments from the Beaufort Shelf/Slope area are composed of silty clay, possibly of late Holocene age, with relatively abundant benthic fauna (brittle stars, polychetes, amphipods, etc.). Sediments from the Amundsen Gulf, however, are composed of a relatively thin layer of silty clay overlying a diamicton of pink or grey color with abundant pebbles and cobbles.

Details on each of the box core samples are available in Appendix 2.

## 4.1.3 Other Collected Samples

Phytoplankton (collected with a diatom net; 50µm mesh) and drifting sediment trap samples were collected in order to document dinoflagellate (motile and cyst stage) populations in the water column. These samples will also help to establish relationships between dinoflagellates in the water column versus those found in surface sediments. Details on each of these samples are available in Appendix 2. These water column samples will be curated at ISMER.

## 4.1.4 Onboard Sample Processing and Sub-sampling

The 6 piston cores and 5 Trigger weight cores collected during Leg 8, and 48 pushcores from the 36 box cores were analyzed with the onboard MSCL (Multi Sensor Core Logger). Two piston cores, 2 trigger weight cores, and 11 pushcores from 6 box cores collected on Leg 9 were also analyzed with the MSCL. Piston core 047PC was not analyzed by MSCL due to the significant disturbance of the sample. A total of 6713 cm of core material was logged onboard the Amundsen for gamma density, p-wave velocity, core thickness, magnetic susceptibility and temperature.

Seven of the 9 piston cores obtained on Legs 8 and 9 were split into a Working and Archive half, a sediment description compiled, and then digitally color photographed. The last piston core collected (050PC and 050TWC) and the failed core attempt (047PC) were not split or processed. In total 3996 cm of core material was processed in this manner.

Sub-samples were taken every 10 cm from the Working core half. The sub-samples included:

-micropaleontology (foraminifera and thecamoebians, 10 cc's for T. Schell, Dalhousie) -diatoms (5 cc's for T. Schell, Dalhousie)

-marine palynomorphs (dinoflagellates and pollen, 10 cc's for A. Rochon, ISMER)



-u-tube (or mini-core) was taken from the entire core length for paleomagnetic study (for G. St. Onge, ISMER)

In total, 1191 sub-samples and 3996 cm of U-channel/mini-cores for paleomagnetism were collected. These sub-samples will be curated at Dalhousie University and ISMER.

Both the Working and Archive core halves are stored in plastic D-tubes and held in cold storage ( $\sim 4^{\circ}$ C) along with the unsplit pushcores and one unsplit piston core. The refrigerated unit that contains the cores remained on board the CCGS Amundsen until her return to Quebec City in October 2004. At this time, the cores were taken off the ship and trucked to the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Dartmouth where they were placed into storage in the GSC Core Repository.

#### 4.2 Geophysical Data

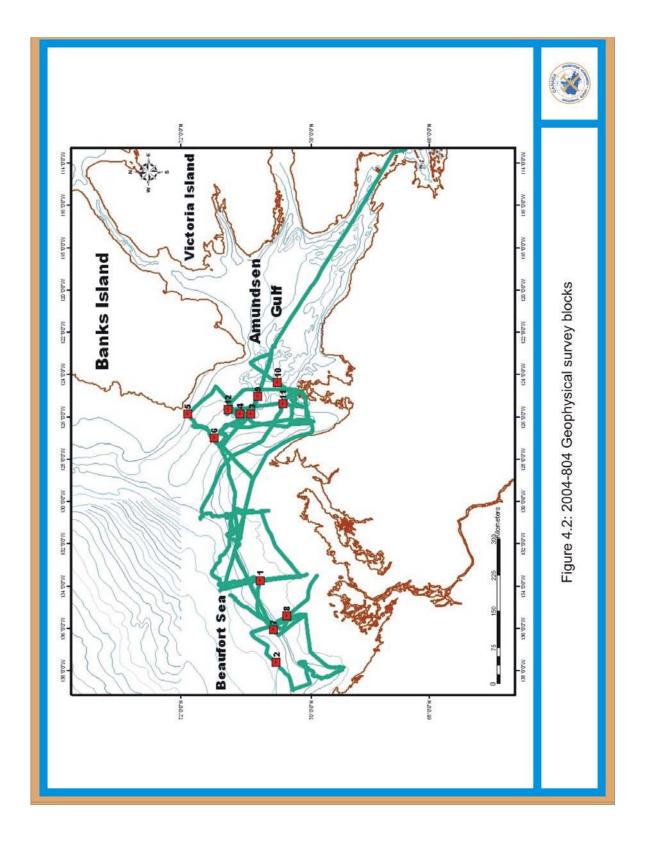
Geophysical survey blocks were conducted in the following areas in order to image core sites or interesting seabed features.

Block#	Date	CASES	Feature	Latitude	Longitude	Dimensions	WD(m)
		Station	/Core #			(km)	
1	06/30/04	711	005PC	70°48.27	-133°43.97	1.2 x 4	75
2	07/03/04	850	008PC	70°33.83	-137°35.67	8 x 7	1100
3	07/18/04	118		70°57.10	-125°51.63	5 x 8	375
4	07/18/04	309		71°06.94	-125°51.33	9 x 4.5	400
5	07/20/04	415	Sachs Feat.	71°54.05	-125°52.30	4.5 x 2.2	45
6	07/22/04	409	Deep Water				
			Scours	71°30.38	-127°00.42	6 x 9	375
7	07/26/04	803	Slump	70°36.04	-136°04.41	3 x 11	250
8	07/26/04		Mud				
			Volcano	70°23.37	-135°25.04	0.6 x 3	60
9	07/29/04	112		70°50.83	-125°02.23	3 x 4	350
10	08/01/04	209		70°32.24	-124°22.04	3 x 5.5	250
11	08/02/04	250	042PC	70°26.98	-125°24.06	8.5 x 1.6	150
12	08/02/04	309	Glacial Sole				
			Marks	71°18.05	-125°39.01	10 x 9.5	400

Table 4.1: Geophysical survey blocks

Multibeam and sub-bottom profiler data was also collected while the ship was transiting between stations, when ice conditions permitted. Figure 4.1 shows the complete track of the Amundsen where geophysical data was collected and figure 4.2 displays the locations of the survey blocks shown in Table 4.1 (map projection: Mercator). Images of the multibeam and sub-bottom profiler data can be viewed at the University of New Brunswick Ocean Mapping Group's website http://chamcook.omg.unb.ca/~arcticnet/.







The performance of the EM 300 multibeam system was excellent in ice free waters; however sea ice did adversely affect the quality of the bathymetry data. An evaluation of the geophysical equipment's performance in ice is presented in Section 5.3.



### **5.0 SCIENTIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The 2004-804 scientific program was successful in acquiring useful geophysical and geotechnical data to address the objectives of the CASES sub-project 2.8. This section will discuss the scientific accomplishments of this expedition.

#### 5.1 Geophysical Data Acquisition over Seabed Features

Several seabed features were observed in the geophysical data collected onboard the Amundsen. These features are discussed in the following sections.

#### **5.1.1 Slope Failure Feature**

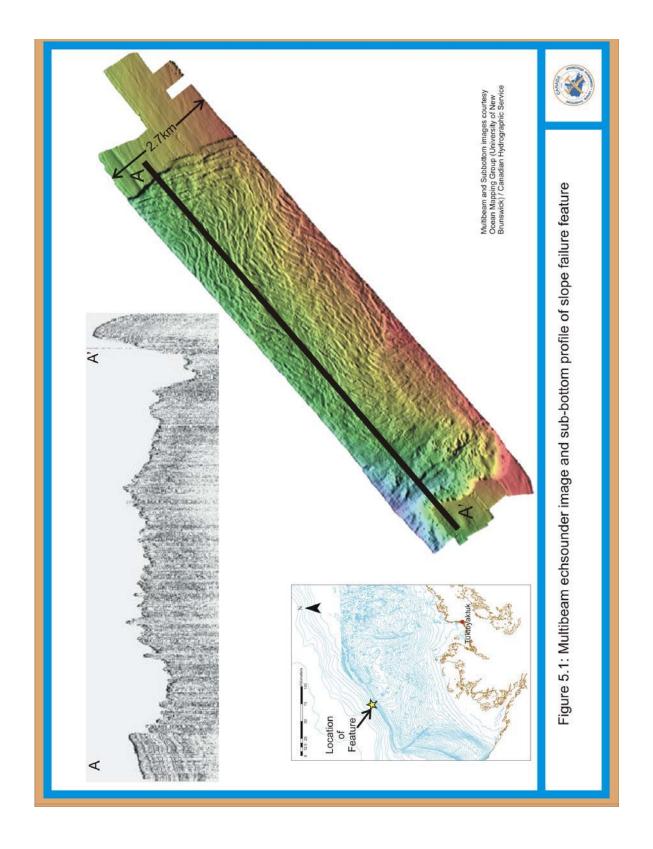
During the course of 2004-804, a large slope failure feature was imaged by multibeam echosounder and 3.5 kHz sub-bottom profiler (figure 5.1). Due to its large scale, the entire feature could not be imaged during the allotted time set aside to survey the area during CASES leg 8. This same slope failure feature has been imaged and reported on at least two prior occasions by O'Connor Associates (1981) (figure 5.2) and Hill, Moran, and Blasco (1982).

The O'Connor report attributes this feature to recent and possibly ongoing slope instability mainly due to the assumption that the failed sediments on the slope are recent Holocene sediments. Hill et al. attributes the feature to creep deformation of undefined age. Both of these studies were based on a model which assumed that the Beaufort Shelf and Slope were areas which had high sedimentation rates and therefore thick Holocene accumulation.

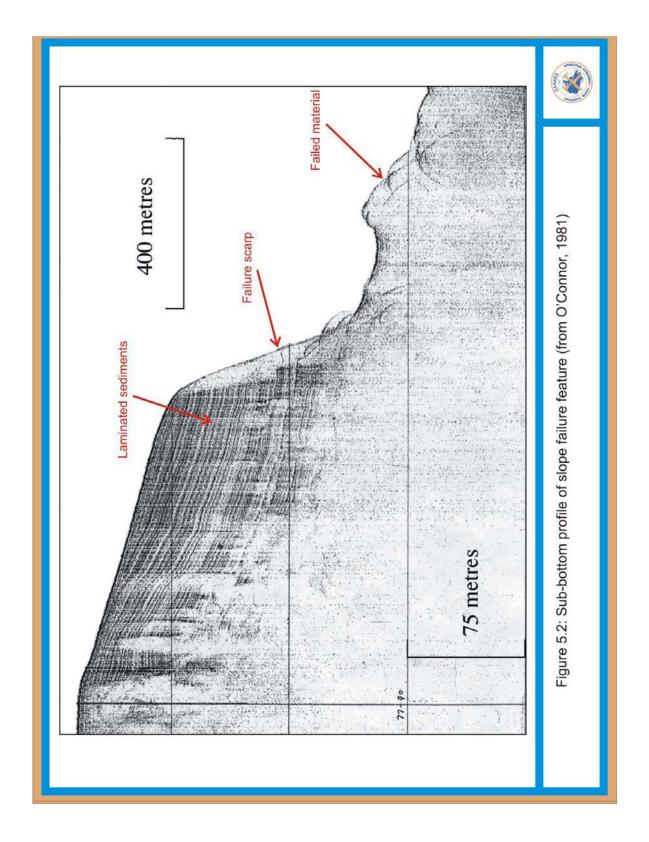
However, sedimentation is not consistent across the Beaufort Shelf. The MacKenzie River sediment plume provides more sediment to the inner shelf than it does to the outer shelf and shelf break. Re-suspension and sediment transport by bottom currents and storm action can be quite dynamic, causing sediment to be swept from the shelf (Carmack and MacDonald, 2002). Therefore, high sedimentation rates may not be present in the area of the slump which could mean that the slumped sediments are pre-Holocene in age. Low sedimentation rates would also preserve the sharp morphology and "fresh" appearance of the slump. Additional data is required to date the slumped material and calculate the sedimentation rate in the area of the feature.

When the failure feature in figure 5.1 was first observed onboard the Amundsen, some scientists thought it was the result of melting permafrost which caused the slope to become unstable and fail. In 1982, O'Connor Associates compiled a report entitled "Shallow Acoustic Permafrost in the Southern Beaufort Sea" which examined the available seismic reflection data in the Beaufort Sea for the presence of acoustic permafrost (APF). No shallow APF has been observed beyond the shelf edge in this report and considering the historical geology of the shelf, none is expected to occur











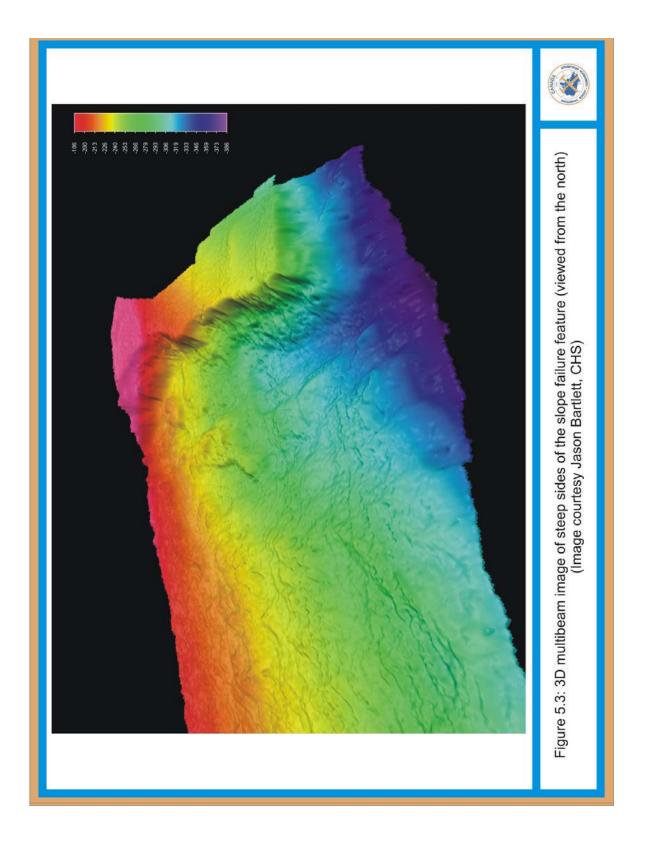
(O'Connor, 1982). All APF that was observed on the shelf occurred below the top of Unit C. This unit is consists of sands and silts that are interpreted to originate from deposition by glacial outwash onto the shelf which was at that time above sea level. No APF reflectors were observed within Unit A (recent marine sediments) or Unit B (transgressive sequence). All of these observations made in the O'Connor report suggest that permafrost does not occur in the area of the failure feature and therefore permafrost was probably not a factor in the initiation of the slope instability.

The age of this failure feature is also not certain. Initial observations onboard the Amundsen lead several scientists to theorize that the feature has occurred only recently due to the sharp sides and scarps along the margin of the failure (figure 5.3). The failed material at the base of the failure is also sharply folded which supports the theory that this is a recent feature. However if the sedimentation rate is low in this area (i.e. from regionally variable MacKenzie River sediment plume; and from current and storm resuspension and transport) then there would be a low sediment supply in this area which would cause most seafloor features to appear as if they were recent, regardless of their true age. Sharp sides and scarps on par with those of the failure are also observed along the margins of dredged sediment borrow sites used for the construction of artificial islands during hydrocarbon exploration. These borrow sites are located in areas of dynamic sediment transport and ice scouring, however the pits still appear fresh and have almost vertical walls after 30 years.

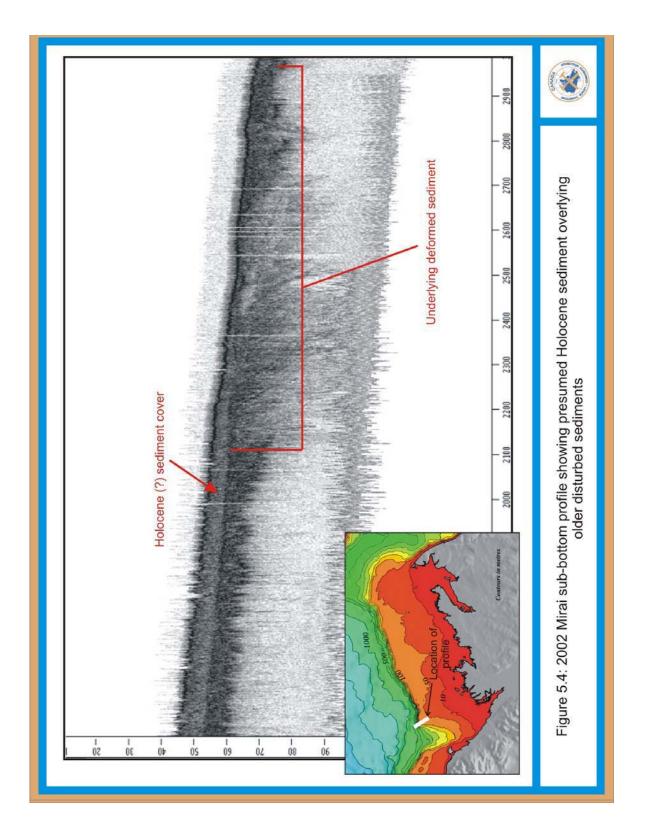
Preliminary observations from the 2002 research cruise aboard the M/V Mirai suggest that sediment failures at the Beaufort Shelf break are pre-Holocene in age. 3.5 kHz subbottom profiler records have imaged opaque deformed sediments overlain by a veneer of soft, recent (probably Holocene) marine sediment (figure 5.4). A thin layer of probable Holocene sediment has also been observed on sub-bottom profiles of the shelf break collected during 2004-804 (figure 5.5). If the same Holocene veneer could be recognized at the site of the slope failure feature observed on the 2004 Amundsen cruise then an estimate of the feature's age could be made. Additional high-resolution sub-bottom profiler data and sediment cores are required to adequately determine an age for this feature.

The historical geology of the Beaufort Margin would also tend to suggest that slope failure features in the Beaufort Sea would be pre-Holocene. The Beaufort Slope was a much more dynamic environment in the past, when the relative seal level (RSL) was as much as 140m lower than the current sea level about 27,000 years ago. The shallow water depths and glacial influences (i.e. increased sedimentation leading to sediment loading etc.) would have created an environment that would be more likely to cause slope failure than the current slope environment. There is no record of relict slope failures in seismic data collected over the Beaufort Slope. The failure-conducive environment and apparent lack of relict features suggest that this feature is likely pre-Holocene in age, however additional work is required to constrain the age of the failure.

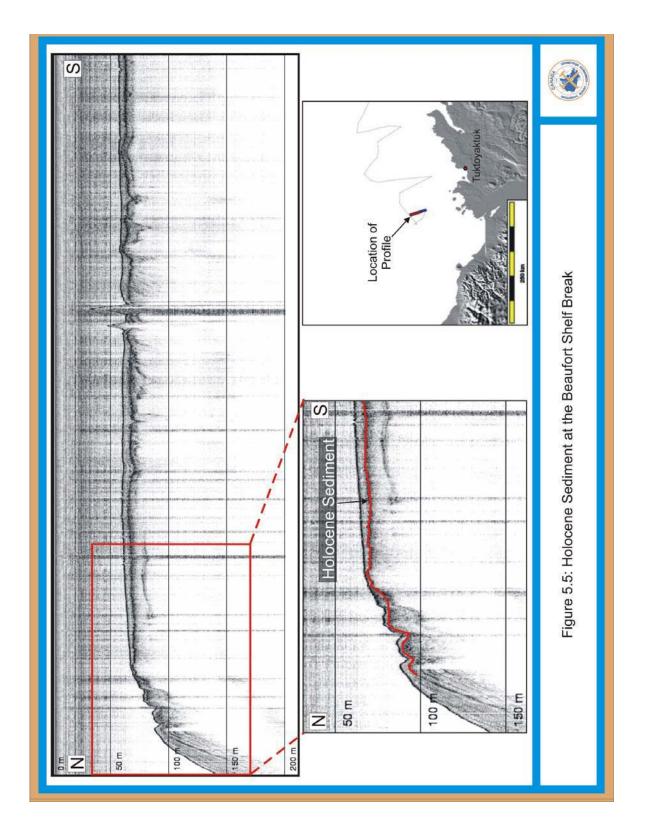














#### 5.1.2 Kopanoar Mud Volcano

The Kopanoar Mud Volcano is located on the Beaufort Shelf in approximately 60 meters water depth (Figure 5.6). This feature was first identified in the 1970's and has been imaged several times with geophysical instruments. Recently the mud volcano has been surveyed with multibeam echosounder in 2002 (R/V Mirai), 2004 (CCGS Amundsen and CCGS Nahidik) and with shallow seismic reflection systems in 2004 (CCGS Amundsen and CCGS Nahidik).

Mud volcanoes can be formed by several different processes including: rising volcanic gases through fine sediment; when mud and sand are squeezed upward by compressive forces created by sediment overburden; and in areas of high hydrocarbon concentration when gas and/or fluids migrate upwards through soft sediment. The origin of the Kopanoar mud volcano is still undetermined, but it is likely that this feature is related to migrating hydrocarbons (gas and/or associated fluids) from deep underlying reservoirs, shallow gas deposits, or gas hydrates.

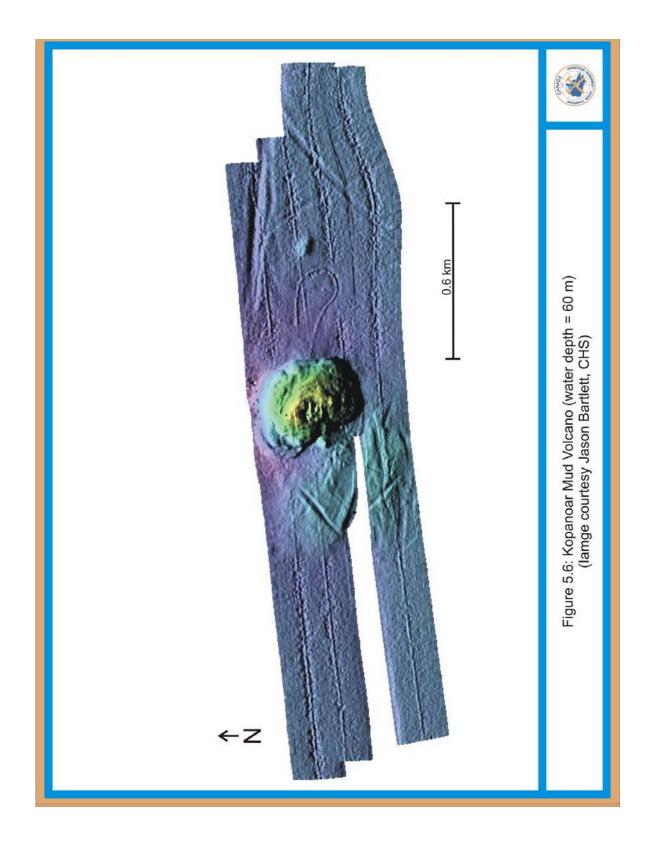
The Kopanoar feature is slightly elongated and measures about 318m x 407m at its base with a height of about 20m above the seabed.

#### 5.1.3 Ice Sheet Related Seabed Features

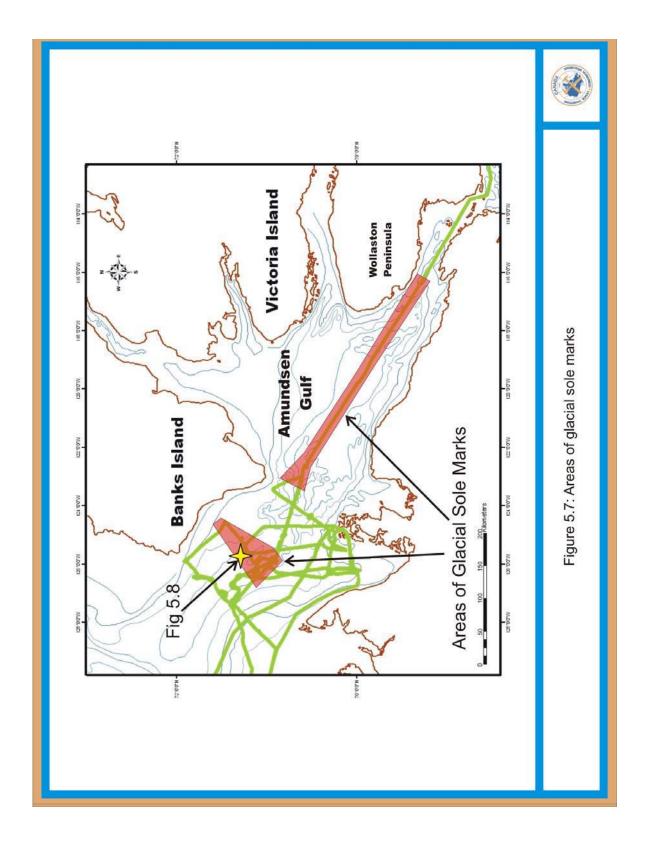
Seabed features interpreted to be related to glacier ice and/or meltwater movement have been identified at several multibeam survey sites. The sites that appear to have been affected by glacial actions are located in Amundsen Gulf and Dolphin and Union Strait (Figure 5.7), which were glaciated during the Late Wisconsinan by the Laurentide Ice Sheet (Dyke et al., 2003).

The most dramatic and abundant features observed in the Amundsen Gulf are glacial sole marks (Figure 5.8). These features have been observed at three different multibeam sites each located in about 400 meters of water at the western end of Amundsen Gulf. The sole marks are linear, parallel ridges and troughs that are orientated in a NW – SE direction. Each individual ridge is wider and higher above the seabed at their SE end and then decreases in size (both in width and height) to the NW. The ridges are approximately 40 to 300m wide, up to 30m high, and as long as 5km. Erosion is visible at the SE end of some of the ridges. The orientation and morphology of the sole marks suggests an ice movement direction to the Northwest. Similar features are observed on nearby Wollaston Peninsula, Victoria Island (Sharpe, 1992). It is not certain if these features originated from the movement of a large ice sheet or created by glacial meltwater processes.

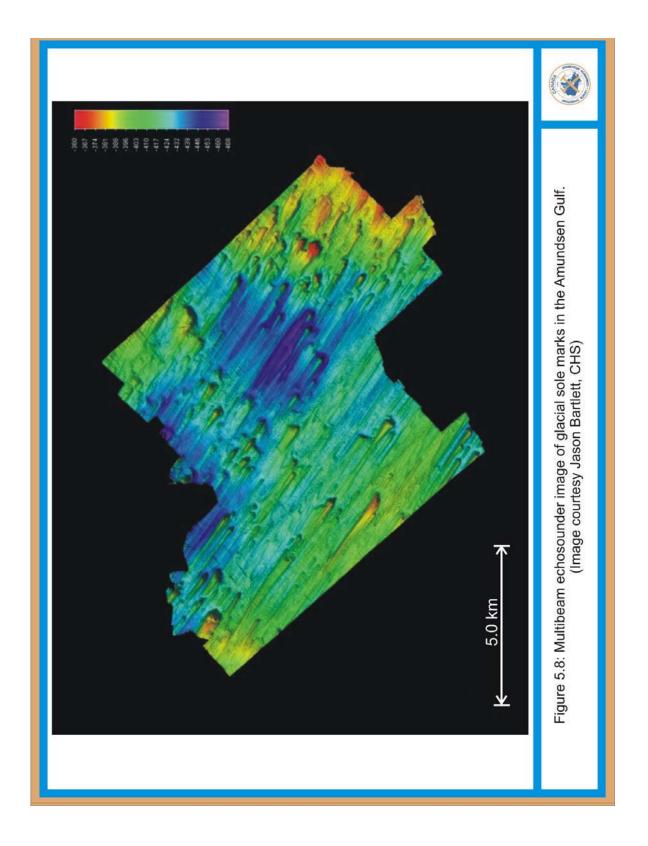
A second type of seabed feature interpreted to be created by glacial / ice sheet processes were observed offshore Sachs Harbour in the Amundsen Gulf. These features occur in



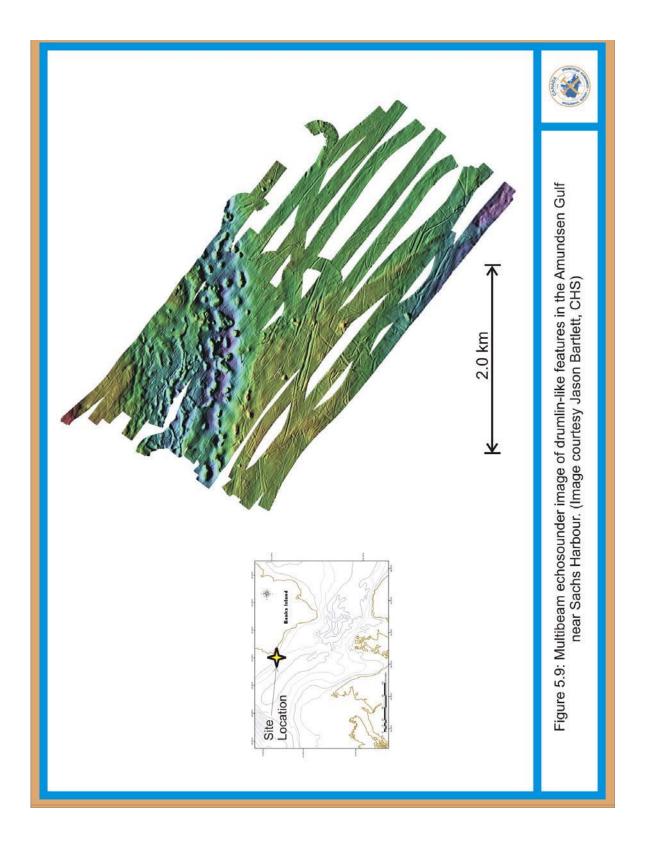














about 46m water depth and appear on the multibeam image as seafloor mounds (Figure 5.9). Most of the features are concentrated in an East –West trending band across the top of the multibeam site. There are also several E - W trending non-linear ridges observed just to the North of the main band of mounds. It is interpreted that these features originated from the deposition of sediment caused by glacial run-off, or they could be the result of post-depositional erosion of glacial moraines.

## 5.1.4 Deep Water Ice Scours

Ice scours with irregular paths have been observed to water depths of 400 m (Figure 5.10). Present day sea-ice pressure ridge keels scour to water depths of 55 m on the Beaufort Shelf. Low stand late Pleistocene sea level would have allowed pressure ridge keels to generate ice scours to approximately 175 m. This low sea level cannot account for the ice scours observed from 175 m to 400 m water depth. These deep water events may be the product of iceberg calving from the retreating Amundsen Gulf ice stream/sheet.

## 5.2 Deep Water Geotechnical and Geophysical Data

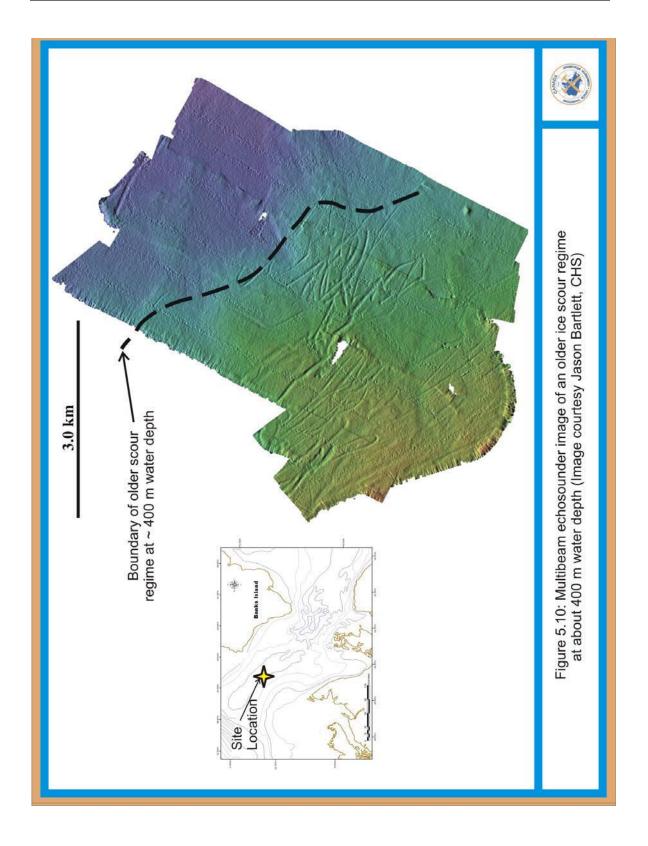
The use of the CCGS Amundsen for 2004-804 allowed for the collection of both geotechnical and geophysical data in much deeper water depths than are possible with other vessels in the Arctic Region. The Amundsen proved to be an excellent research platform, capable of working in rough weather and sea ice.

Piston cores and box cores were collected in various water depths in the Beaufort Sea, Amundsen Gulf, and the Northwest Passage ranging from 36m to 1154m water depth. Geophysical data was collected in water depths as deep as 1460m on the Beaufort Slope. This deep water geophysical and geotechnical data compliments the extensive dataset collected in shallower water on the Beaufort Shelf onboard the CCGS Nahidik.

## 5.3 Evaluation of the Performance of Geophysical Equipment in Ice

As discussed in Section 4.2, sea ice adversely affected the quality of the geophysical data collected by the Amundsen. OMG personnel observed that the vessel's speed has a direct effect on how well the system can track the sea floor while moving through thin to moderate sea ice. A slower survey speed decreases the amount of noise generated as the ship's hull strikes sea ice. OMG has also observed that keeping tight tracking gates and narrowing the angular coverage sector will slightly improve the bottom tracking as well. The Knudsen 320R sub-bottom profiler proved to be a bit more robust that the EM 300 as it was able to collect usable data in most ice conditions.







Very thick sea ice causes the vessel to ride up onto the ice in order to break it, which brings the EM 300 and Knudsen 320R transducers to come in contact with the ice and/or highly aerated water. This situation led to unusable geophysical data from both the subbottom profiler and the multibeam echosounder. It is not an option to decrease the speed of the vessel in these ice conditions as the ship requires momentum to break the ice.



## **6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Acquire more multibeam data in the Amundsen Gulf to determine the extent of ice sheet related features
- Acquire sediment cores from the slope failure feature. Also acquire additional multibeam and sub-bottom profiler data in order to identify the failure mechanism and the age of the feature
- Complete multibeam and sub-bottom profiler coverage over piston core sites
- Complete multibeam and sub-bottom profiler coverage over seabed features imaged during 2004-804

Tables 6.1 and 6.2 summarize the data that was collected over seabed features and core sites. These tables are to assist the planning of future field work.

Feature	Multibeam/SBP	Box Core	Piston Core	Comments
Glacial Sole	Yes	Yes (021BC	No	
Marks		and 022BC)		
Ice Scours	Yes	Yes (027BC)	No	
(400m)				
Sachs Harbor	Yes, but	Yes (025BC)	No	
Mounds	incomplete			
Slope Failure	Yes (feature not	Nearby	Nearby	013PC and 006BC
Feature	completely	(006BC)	(013PC)	about 4.5km east
(Slump)	mapped)			of slump
Kopanoar Mud	Yes	Yes (032BC,	No	Two BC's, one on
Volcano		033BC)		crest, one on
				adjacent seabed

 Table 6.1 - Multibeam / Sub-bottom and Core Data at Seabed Features

Table 6.2 - Multibeam / Sub-bottom Data at Piston Core Sites

Table 0.2 Multibeam / Sub bottom Data at Tiston Core Sites			
Piston Core	Multibeam/SBP	Comments	
	Survey Block		
050PC / 9	No	Lancaster Sound (attempted survey; 1.5 lines)	
044PC / 124	No	Regional survey line over site	
042PC / 250	Yes	Complete Survey	
019PC / 650	No	Regional survey line over site	
005PC / 711	Nearby	Near multibeam block of deep scour (71 m WD)	
015PC / 750	No	Regional survey line over site	
013PC / 803	No	Near slump multibeam block (4.5 km)	
008PC / 850	Yes	Complete Survey	



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# APPENDIX 1 - 2004-804 NARRATIVE



## 2004-804 NARRATIVE

#### <u>CASES Leg 8</u> <u>Robbie Bennett- GSC Coring Technician onboard June 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup></u>

All times Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

#### Monday, June 21, 2004

- Leave Halifax, load van and travel from Halifax to Rimouski

### Tuesday, June 22, 2004

- travel from Rimouski to Quebec City
- drop off equipment to be loaded onto charter flight to Inuvik

### Wednesday, June 23, 2004

- travel from Quebec City to CCGS Amundsen

#### Thursday, June 24, 2004

- attended meeting with all scientific staff (Chief Scientist- Louis Fortier)
- searched the Amundsen for coring equipment
- unloaded helicopter
- went over potential core sites with André Rochon

## Friday, June 25, 2004

- tried to isolate missing core equipment

#### Saturday, June 26, 2004

- searched for missing core equipment
- met with ship's engineers on the construction of replacement parts
- disabled tilt switch on pinger
- box core 2004-804-001BC

#### Sunday, June 27, 2004

- tried to isolate missing core equipment
- cleaned couplings and core cutter
- partially assembled the trigger weight core
- box core 2004-804-002BC

#### Monday, June 28, 2004

- lifted core barrels out of the hold with help from the crew
- cleaned inside and outside of core barrels
- cleaned inside and outside of core head
- surface samples collected at CASES station 703
- 50ml drifting sediment trap sample collected at CASES station 708



#### Tuesday, June 29, 2004

- tested replacement parts made by the ship's engineer
- prepared some of the rigging for the piston corer and trigger weight corer
- meeting with André Rochon, Dave Scott and Jacques Claveau (Bosun) on how to launch the corer

#### Wednesday, June 30, 2004

- continued preparation for the first piston core which is planned for tomorrow morning (July 1<sup>st</sup>)

### Thursday, July 01, 2004

- box core 2004-804-003BC
- collected the first piston core 2004-804 005PC
  - apparent penetration 7m
  - core length 3m
  - no trigger weight core, may have landed on its side
  - piston appears to have jammed about 3m up the barrel, could be due to the gasket which may have been too tight and caused the jam
  - system worked well except for the trigger weight core and the piston

## Friday, July 02, 2004

- box core 2004-804-006BC
- cleaned up piston
- got equipment ready for the next core

## Saturday, July 3, 2004

- collected second piston core 2004-804 008PC
  - apparent penetration 7m
  - core length 3m
  - trigger weight core about 40cm
  - piston stopped about 3m up the barrel, maybe due to weak shear pins which caused the piston to split early
  - system worked well except for the trigger weight core and the piston
  - tried to use the pinger on this core but was unable to see the bottom and the numbers (ms) from the software did not agree with the cable out readings on the winch, will probably just use this system for box coring from now on.

## Sunday, July 04, 2004

- cleaned up some equipment and prepared for the next piston core
- enabled tilt switch on pinger
- box core2004-804-009BC



- tested pinger again, worked better and was able to see the bottom, however this was intermittent and the problem has not been isolated yet, will continue to test.
- 50m deep plankton tow and 50ml drifting sediment trap samples collected at CASES station 906

#### Monday, July 05, 2004

- prepared for the next piston core
- box core 2004-804-010BC

### Tuesday, July 06, 2004

- 50m deep plankton tow sample collected at CASES station 912
- box core 2004-804-011BC
- wrote up piston coring procedures for personnel on Leg 9, gave the file to Andre

### Wednesday, July 7, 2004

- box core 2004-804-012BC
- discussed potential sites with André Rochon, Dave Scott, and Jason Bartlett

### Thursday, July 8, 2004

- collected piston core 2004-804 013PC
  - 256m water depth
  - apparent penetration 7 meters
  - sample length 6 meters
  - corer worked well

#### Friday, July 9, 2004

- box core 2004-804-014BC
- tested pinger with short BNC cable, same intermittent problem with only seeing the bottom some of the time
- collected piston core 2004-804 015PC
  - 1100m water depth
  - apparent penetration 8 meters
  - sample length 6 meters
  - corer worked well

#### Saturday, July 10, 2004

- box core 2004-804-016BC

#### Sunday, July 11, 2004

- box core 2004-804-017BC



## Monday, July 12, 2004

- box core 2004-804-018BC
- collected piston core 2004-804 019PC
  - 250m water depth
  - apparent penetration 8 meters
  - sample length 6.2 meters
  - corer worked well

#### Tuesday, July 13, 2004

- cleaned up piston core equipment
- built rack to store cores vertically
- 50m deep plankton tow sample collected at CASES station 650
- spoke with Bosun about better ways to launch the corer
- moved core head and barrels and strapped them down

### Wednesday, July 14, 2004

- transited to fuel barge, no coring activity
- unloaded garbage onto barge

#### Thursday, July 15, 2004

Crew change- no coring activity. New Chief Scientist- Dave Scott

#### Friday, July 16, 2004

- grind piston to make larger opening to be used with cable termination
- clean up lab

#### Saturday, July 17, 2004

- 50m deep plankton tow and 50ml drifting sediment trap samples collected at CASES station 200
- box core 2004-804-020BC
- grind piston

#### Sunday, July 18, 2004

- box core 2004-804-021BC
- box core 2004-804-022BC
- cleaned up lab
- started the assembly of MSCL

#### Monday, July 19, 2004

- continued assembly of the MSCL
- box core 2004-804-023BC
- 50m deep plankton tow sample collected at CASES station 309
- safety drill



### Tuesday, July 20, 2004

- 50ml drifting sediment trap sample collected at CASES station 312
- box core 2004-804-024BC
- continued assembly of the MSCL

### Wednesday, July 21, 2004

- 40ml drifting sediment trap sample collected at CASES station 312
- box core 2004-804-025BC
- continued assembly of MSCL

### Thursday, July 22, 2004

- box core 2004-804-026BC
- continued assembly of MSCL

## Friday, July 23, 2004

- continued calibrating MSCL
- 50ml drifting sediment trap sample collected at CASES station 415
- box core 2004-804-027BC
- box core 2004-804-028BC
- box core 2004-804-029BC

## Saturday, July 24, 2004

- box core 2004-804-030BC

## Sunday, July 25, 2004

- box core 2004-804-031BC

## Monday, July 26, 2004

- box core 2004-804-032BC on Kopanoar Mud Volcano crest
- box core 2004-804-033BC on Kopanoar Mud Volcano seafloor

## Tuesday, July 27, 2004

- Ship transited to Tuk, no coring operations

## Wednesday, July 28, 2004

- organized sample data and created sample database for all cores/water samples etc. collected during CASES Leg 8
- box core 2004-804-034BC

## Thursday, July 29, 2004

- box core 2004-804-035BC



#### Friday, July 30, 2004

- box core 2004-804-036BC
- calculated distances between core sites for Leg 9 with André Rochon

## Saturday, July 31, 2004

- box core 2004-804-037BC
- box core 2004-804-038BC
- box core 2004-804-039BC

#### Sunday, August 1, 2004

- setup piston corer
- box core 2004-804-040BC
- box core 2004-804-041BC
- collected piston core 2004-804 042PC
  - 193m water depth
  - apparent penetration 9 meters
  - sample length 7 meters
  - corer worked well

#### Monday, August 2, 2004

- CASES leg 8 scientific work complete, clean up lab and cabin

## Tuesday, August 3, 2004

- clean up lab and cabin
- check and label all core samples

## Wednesday, August 4, 2004

- Crew Change- GSC personnel, Robbie Bennett, departs CCGS Amundsen
- GSC personnel, Adam MacDonald, arrives on CCGS Amundsen

## <u>CASES Leg 9</u> <u>Adam MacDonald- GSC Coring Technician onboard August 4<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup></u>

#### Thursday, August 5, 2004

- attended meeting with all scientific staff (Chief Scientist- André Rochon)
- unloaded helicopter

## Friday, August 6, 2004

- prepare for piston coring and box coring

#### Saturday, August 7, 2004

- box core 2004-804-043BC



### Sunday, August 8, 2004

- collected piston core 2004-804 044PC
  - 426m water depth
  - apparent penetration 9 meters
  - sample length 4.4 meters

### Monday, August 9, 2004

- box core 2004-804-045BC
- calibrate and run tests on MSCL

#### Tuesday, August 10, 2004

- box core 2004-804-046BC
- further calibration and trial measurements on MSCL

## Wednesday, August 11, 2004

- MSCL analysis of core samples begins

## Thursday, August 12, 2004

- box core 2004-804-047BC
- collected piston core 2004-804 047PC
  - 115m water depth
  - apparent penetration 9 meters
  - sample length 0.5 meters
  - cable caught on core head shackle and did not allow piston to travel

#### Friday, August 13, 2004

- MSCL analysis of core samples

#### Saturday, August 13, 2004

- MSCL analysis of core samples

#### Sunday, August 14, 2004

- MSCL analysis of core samples

#### Monday, August 15, 2004

- MSCL analysis of core samples

#### Tuesday, August 16, 2004

- MSCL analysis of core samples

#### Wednesday, August 17, 2004

- MSCL analysis of core samples



#### Thursday, August 18, 2004

- box core 2004-804-048BC
- MSCL analysis of core samples

#### Friday, August 19, 2004

- box core 2004-804-049BC
- collected piston core 2004-804 049PC
  - 772m water depth
  - apparent penetration 950 meters
  - sample length 6 meters
  - corer worked well

#### Saturday, August 20, 2004

- MSCL analysis of core samples

#### Sunday, August 21, 2004

- MSCL analysis of core samples
- sub-sample core sediments
- check for core not run through MSCL

#### Monday, August 22, 2004

- sub-sample core sediments
- organize sample database and back-up MSCL data to CD ROM

#### Tuesday, August 23, 2004

- sub-sample core sediments
- disassembled and packed MSCL

#### Wednesday, August 24, 2004

- cleaned lab area and equipment
- secured core samples in refrigerated container

#### Thursday, August 25, 2004

- CCGS Amundsen arrives in Churchill, Manitoba
- cleaned lab in preparation for inspection by the Captain
- packed equipment in preparation for shipment
- loaded equipment to be shipped

#### Friday, August 26, 2004

- cleaned lab and cabin
- prepared for departure



# Saturday, August 27, 2004

- GSC personnel, Adam MacDonald, departs CCGS Amundsen
- Fly from Churchill to Quebec City

## Sunday, August 28, 2004

- Fly from Quebec City to Halifax



# APPENDIX 2 - 2004-804 SAMPLE INFORMATION



2004-804 - CASES 2004 Leg 8 and 9	- CAS	ES 200	)4 Leg	$\sim$	June 23rd to August 24)	ust 24)					
							Water				
Calendar	Time	Station	GSC #	CASES	Latitude	Longitude	Depth	Sampling	Sample Type	Length	Apparent
Date	MTN	No.		Sample #			(m)	Device		(cm)	Penetration
26-Jun-04	0:43	600	1A	2004-804-600A	71,37.48N	130, 34.24W	330	boxcore	Push core	38	
=	-	=	1B	2004-804-600B	=	=	-	=	н	31.5	
=	-	=		2004-804-600	-	-		-	Surface (Forams)	0-1	
=	-	-		=	=	=	=	-	Surface (Dinos)	0-0.5	
27-Jun-04	18:09	609	2A	2004-804-609A	70, 56.58N	130, 31.38W	74	boxcore	Push core	34	
=	-	=	2B	2004-804-609B	-	-		-	=	34.5	
=	-	=		2004-804-609	=	=	-	-	Surface (Forams)	0-1	
=	-	=		=	-	-		-	Surface (Dinos)	0-0.5	
=	-	=		=	-	-		-	Loose shell	~30	
28-Jun-04	8:17	703		2004-804-703	70, 56.58N	130, 31.38W	1154	boxcore	~surface (forams)	0-1	
28-Jun-04	8:17	708		2004-804-708	70, 56.58N	130, 31.38W	1154	•	Drifting sediment trap	~50 ml	
1-Jul-04	8:00	709	3A	2004-804-709	70, 57.811N	133, 47.025W	87	boxcore	Push core	31	
=	-	-		=	=	=	-	=	Surface (Forams)	0-1	
=	-	=		=	=	=	-	-	Surface (Dinos)	0-0.5	
1-Jul-04	19:45	711	4A	2004-804-711A	70, 49.427N	133, 48.199W	77	boxcore	Push core	32	
=	-	=	4B	2004-804-711B	=	=	=	=	=	32	
=	-	=	4C	2004-804-711C	=	=	-	-	н	29	
=	-	=		2004-804-711	=	=	-	-	Surface (Forams)	0-1	
-	-	=		=	=	-		-	Surface (Dinos)	0-0.5	
1-Jul-04	19:45	711	'	2004-804-711TWC	70, 49.427N	133, 48.199W	17	TWC	EMPTY	,	,
-	-	-	5PC	2004-804-711PC	-	-	-	Piston	section C-D	6-0	~700 cm
-	-	-	5PC	-	=	=	-	-	section B-C	9-159	
=	-	=	5PC	-	=	=	-	=	section A-B	159-309	



											600 cm														
	39	40	40	0-1	0-0.5	38	38	0-1	0-0.5	72	0-150	150-300	-	50m deep	~50 ml	39	39.5	0-1	0-0.5	40	41	0-1	0-0.5	50m deep	43
core cutter	Push core	н	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	section 1	section B-C	section A-B	core catcher	Plankton tow	Drifting sediment trap	Push core	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Plankton tow	Push core
=	boxcore	=	=	=	=	boxcore	=	=	=	Gravity	Piston	=	=			boxcore	=	=	=	boxcore	=	:	-		boxcore
=	237			=		1071				1054	=	=	=	281	281	272	=		=	169	=	=	-	54	54
=	135, 55.041W	=	=	=	-	137, 36.00W	=	=	-	137, 35.95W	=	=	=	138, 35.58W	138, 35.58W	138, 35.817W	=	=	=	138, 16.296W	=	-	-	137, 56.43W	137, 56.43W
-	70, 38.169N	н		=	-	70, 32.889N			-	70, 32.922N	=	=	=	70, 01.2N	70, 01.2N	70, 01.145N	=		=	69, 45.16N	=	=	-	69, 29.29N	69, 29.25N
=	2004-804-803A	2004-804-803B	2004-804-803C	2004-804-803	-	2004-804-850A	2004-804-850B	2004-804-850	2004-804-850	2004-804-850TWC	2004-804-850PC	-	-	2004-804-906	2004-804-906	2004-804-906A		2004-804-906	=	2004-804-909A	2004-804-909B	2004-804-909	-	2004-804-912	2004-804-912A
5TWC	6A	6B	6C			7A	7B			8TWC	8PC	8PC	8PC			9A	9B			10A	10B				11A
-	803	=	=	=		850	=	=		850	=	=	=	906	906	906	-	=	=	909	=	=	-	912	912
-	14:13	-	-	-	-	4:55	-	-	-	7:45	=	=	=	16:12	13:31	17:00	-	-	-	9:45	-	=	=	16:12	4:40
-	2-Jul-04	=	=	-	-	3-Jul-04	=	=	-	3-Jul-04	=	=	=	4-Jul-04	4-Jul-04	4-Jul-04	=	=	-	5-Jul-04	-	=	=	6-Jul-04	6-Jul-04



									650 cm											900 cm							
40	0-1	0-0.5	39	39	0-1	0-0.5	50m deep	114	0-17	17-167	167-317	317-467	467-617	~50 ml	39	39	0-1	0-0.5	39	0-136	136-286	286-436	436-586	I	I	38	36
=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Plankton tow	section 1	section E-F	section D-E	section C-D	section B-C	section A-B	Drifting sediment trap	Push core	-	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	section 1	section D-E	section C-D	section B-C	section A-B	core catcher	core cutter	Push core	=
	=	=	boxcore	=	=	=	-	Gravity	Piston	н	=	=		•	boxcore	"	=	=	Gravity	Piston	"	=	=	=	=	boxcore	=
-	=	=	42	=	=	=	251	218	-	-	=	=	=	218	1087	-	=	=	1087	-	-	=	=	=	=	70	=
=	-	=	135, 20.48W	=	=	=	135, 52.437W	135, 52.815W	=	=	=	=	-	135, 52.815W	134, 08.609W	=	=	=	134, 06.20W	-	=	=	=	=	=	133, 40.84W	=
=	=	=	70. 05.7N	=	=	=	70, 38.615N	70, 37.976N	=	=	=	=	=	70, 37.976N	71, 20.753N	"	=	=	71, 20.45N	=	"	=	=	=	=	70, 41.37N	=
2004-804-912B	2004-804-912	=	2004-804-809A	2004-804-809B	2004-804-809	=	2004-804-803	2004-804-803TWC	2004-804-803PC	=	=	=		2004-804-906	2004-804-750A	2004-804-750B	2004-804-750	=	2004-804-750TWC	2004-804-750PC	=	=	=	=	=	2004-804-712A	2004-804-712B
11B			12A	12B				13TWC	13PC	13PC	13PC	13PC	13PC		14A	14B			15TWC	15PC	15PC	15PC	15PC	15PC	15PC	16A	16B
-	=	=	809	=	=	=	803	803			=	=	=	906	750	-	-	=	750	-	-	=	=	=	=	712	=
-	-	-	19:25	-	-	-	22:44	10:50	-	-	-	-	-	8:17	14:40	-	-	-	16:10	-	-	-	-	-	-	10:00	=
-	-	=	7-Jul-04	-	=	=	8-Jul-04	8-Jul-04	=	=	=	=	=	9-Jul-04	9-Jul-04	=	=	=	9-Jul-04	=	=	=	=	=	=	10-Jul-04	=



												800 cm													
0-1	0-0.5	40m deep	44	43	1-0	0-0.5	38	38	1-0	0-0.5	83	0-15	-	15-165	165-315	315-465	465-615	50m deep	~50 ml	50m deep	43.5	42	0-1	0-0.5	34
Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Plankton tow	Push core	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	section 1	section E-F	E*	section D-E	section C-D	section B-C	Section A-B	Plankton tow	Drifting sediment trap	Plankton tow	Push core	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core
-	=	I	boxcore	-	=	=	boxcore	-	=	-	Gravity	Piston	-	-	-	=	=		'	ı	boxcore	=	-	=	boxcore
-	-	45	45	-	=	=	241	-	=	-	246	-	-	-	-	=	=	255	228	228	236	=	-	-	388
=	-	133, 32.54W	133, 32.047W	=	=	=	131, 37.148W	=	=	=	131, 36.98W	=	=	=	=	=	-	131, 36.98W	126, 17.81W	126, 17.81W	126, 17.8W	-	=	-	125,51.02W
-	-	70, 10.37N	70, 10.196N	=	-	-	71, 18.558N	=	-	=	71, 18.52N	=	=	=	=	-	-	71, 19.05N	70, 02.75N	70, 02.75N	70, 02.7N	-	=	-	70, 56.64N
2004-804-712	-	2004-804-718	2004-804-718A	2004-804-718B	2004-804-718	=	2004-804-650A	2004-804-650B	2004-804-650	=	2004-804-650TWC	2004-804-650PC	=	=	=	=	-	2004-804-650	2004-804-200	2004-804-200	2004-804-200A	2004-804-200B	2004-804-200	-	2004-804-118A
			17A	17B			18A	18B			19TWC	19PC	19PC	19PC	19PC	19PC	19PC				20A	20B			21A
-	-	718	718	-	=	=	650	-	=	-	650	-	-	-	-	=	-	650	200	200	200	-	=	-	118
:	-	13:45	14:12	=	-	-	18:06	=	-	-	19:10	-	-	-	-	-	-	7:50	5:07	0:07	6:55	-	-	=	6:39
-	-	11-Jul-04	11-Jul-04	=	-	-	12-Jul-04	=	-	=	12-Jul-04	=	=	=	=	-	-	13-Jul-04	17-Jul-04	17-Jul-04	17-Jul-04	-	-	-	18-Jul-04



32	0-1	0-0.5	41	44	0-1	0-0.5	50m deep	31	30	0-1	0-0.5	~50 ml	33	31	0-1	0-0.5	40m deep	24	27	0-1	0-0.5	24	27	0-1
=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Plankton tow	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Drifting sediment trap	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Plankton tow	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)
-	=	-	boxcore	=	=	=	-	boxcore	-		=	-	boxcore	-		-		boxcore	-		=	boxcore	-	-
=	-	-	397	-	-	=	314	307	=	-	=	307	224	=	-	-	46	56	=	-	=	390	-	-
=	-	-	125, 50.01W	=	=	=	125, 49.75W	125, 11.534W	-	=	=	125, 11.534W	124, 32.583W	-	=	=	125, 52.21W	125, 52.092W	-	=	=	126, 28.649W	-	-
=	-	=	71, 07.52N	=	=	=	71, 07.52N	71, 18.115N	=	=	=	71, 18.115N	71, 29.155N	=	=	=	71, 53.90N	71, 54.455N	=	=	=	71, 41.992N	=	-
2004-804-118B	2004-804-118	=	2004-804-309A	2004-804-309B	2004-804-309	=	2004-804-309	2004-804-312A	2004-804-312B	2004-804-312	=	2004-804-312	2004-804-315A	2004-804-315B	2004-804-315	=	2004-804-415	2004-804-415A	2004-804-415B	2004-804-415	=	2004-804-412A	2004-804-412B	2004-804-412
21B			22A	22B				 23A	23B				 24A	24B				25A	25B			 26A	26B	
-	-	-	309	-	-	-	309	312	-	-	-	312	315	-	-	-	415	415	-	-	-	412	-	-
-	-	-	12:33	-	-	=	8:25	22:00	-	:	=	5:07	8:28		:	-	4:50	12:15		:	-	2:15	-	-
-	-	-	18-Jul-04	-	-	-	19-Jul-04	19-Jul-04	-	-	-	20-Jul-04	20-Jul-04	-	-	=	21-Jul-04	21-Jul-04	-	-	-	22-Jul-04	-	-



0-0.5	50m deep	l	35	37	0-1	0-0.5	35	35	0-1	0-0.5	31	31	0-1	0-0.5	28	30	0-1	0-0.5	28	30	0-1	0-0.5	28	30	0-1	0-0.5
Surface (Dinos)	Plankton tow	-	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)
=	•	-	boxcore	-	=	=	boxcore	=	=	-																
=	383		387	-	-	-	179	178	179	-	59	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	66	-	-	=
=	127, 03.62W	10 10	127, 05.53W	-	-	=	127, 41.91W	127, 41.87W	127, 41.91W	=	128, 18.302W	=	=	=	128, 55.987W	=	=	=	135, 25.178W	=	=	=	135, 25.214W	=	=	-
=	71, 30.53N		71, 30.70N	-	-	=	71, 18.66N	71, 18.68N	71, 18.66N	=	71, 06.777N	=	=	=	70, 54.991N	=	=	=	70, 23.405N	=	=		70, 23.571N	=	=	=
=	2004-804-409		2004-804-409A	2004-804-409B	2004-804-409	=	2004-804-406A	2004-804-406B	2004-804-406	=	2004-804-403A	2004-804-403B	2004-804-403		2004-804-400A	2004-804-400B	2004-804-400	=	2004-804-805A	2004-804-805B	2004-804-805-1	=	2004-804-805C	2004-804-805D	2004-804-805-2	-
			27A	27B			28A	29A			30A	30B			31A	31B			32A	32B			33A	33B		
=	415		409	-	=	-	406	-	=	-	403	-	=	-	400	-	=	-	805	=	-	-	805	=	=	-
=	4:50	ļ	17:40	=	=	-	17:40	=	=	=	23:09	=	=	=	10:54	=	=	=	11:34	=	=	-	11:57	=	=	=
-	23-Jul-04		23-Jul-04	-	-	-	23-Jul-04	-	=	=	24-Jul-04	-	=	-	25-Jul-04	-	=	-	26-Jul-04	=	=	-	26-Jul-04	=	=	=



38	37	0-1	0-0.5	17	17	0-1	0-0.5	38	39	0-1	0-0.5	21	26	0-1	0-0.5	35	32	0-1	0-0.5	16	13	0-1	0-0.5	50m deep	
Push core	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Plankton tow	
boxcore	=	=	=	boxcore	=	=	=	boxcore	=	=	=	boxcore	=	=	-	boxcore	=	=	=	boxcore	=	=	=		
442			-	352			-	569			-	297		-	-	430	-	-		241	-			93	
126, 43.112W	=	=	=	125, 03.010W	=	=	=	123, 25.824W	-	-	=	123, 24.900W	-	-	-	123, 53.429W	=	=	-	124, 21.95W	=	-	=	124, 50.69W	
71, 23.368N	-	-	-	70, 50.910N	-	-	=	70, 39.600N	-	-	-	70, 58.450N	-	-	-	70, 45.429N	-	-	-	70, 32.319N	-	-	-	70, 19.28N	
2004-804-124A	2004-804-124B	2004-804-124	=	2004-804-115A	2004-804-115B	2004-804-115		2004-804-109A	2004-804-109B	2004-804-109		2004-804-215A	2004-804-215B	2004-804-215		2004-804-212A	2004-804-212B	2004-804-212		2004-804-209A	2004-804-209B	2004-804-209		2004-804-206	
34A	34B			35A	35B			36A	36B			37A	37B			38A	38B			39A	39B				
124	=	=	-	115	=	=	-	109	-	-	-	215	-	-	-	212	=	=	-	209	=	-	=	206	
19:50	=	-	-	13:23	-	-	=	9:41		=	-	2:59		=	-	14:14		=	=	22:32		=	-	6:17	
28-Jul-04	=	=	=	29-Jul-04	=	=	=	30-Jul-04	-	-	=	31-Jul-04	-	=	-	31-Jul-04	=	=	-	31-Jul-04	=	-	=	1-Aug-04	



								150 cm	900 cm										900					150				
35	36	0-1	0-0.5	37	35	0-1	0-0.5	108	0-64	64-214	214-364	364-514	514-664			38	38	20cc's	0-144	144-295	295-442			0-47	37	38	0-1	0-1
Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	Push core	=	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)	section 1	section E-F	section D-E	section C-D	section B-C	Section A-B	core catcher	core cutter	pushcore	-	Surface sample	section C-D	section B-C	Section A-B	core catcher	core cutter	Section A-B	Pushcore	н	Surface (Forams)	Surface (Dinos)
boxcore	=	=	=	boxcore	-	=	=	TWC	Piston	-	=	-	=	-	-	boxcore	-		Piston	з	-	=	-	TWC	boxcore	-	=	,,
95	-	-	-	193	-	-	-	193	-	-	=	-	=	-	-	236	-		426	-	-	-	-	=	511	-	-	-
124, 50.320W	=	=	=	125, 25.386W	=	=	=	125, 23.562W	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	126, 17.14W	-		126, 46.1W	=	=	=	=	=	124, 13.9W	=	=	=
70, 19.248N	-	=	-	70, 27.095N	-	-	-	70, 27.079N	=	=	-	=	-	=	=	70, 02.70N	-		71, 24.8N	-	-	=	=	-	70, 45.2N	=	=	=
2004-804-206A	2004-804-206B	2004-804-206		2004-804-250A	2004-804-250B	2004-804-250		2004-804-250TWC	2004-804-250PC	=	-	=	-	=	=	2004-804-200	-		2004-804-124	-	-	=	=	=	2004-804-112	=	=	-
40A	40B			41A	41B			42TWC	42PC	42PC	42PC	42PC	42PC	42PC	42PC	43A	43B		44PC	44PC	44PC	44PC	44PC	44TWC	45A	45B		
206	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-		124	-	-	=	-	:	112	-	=	=
14:49		-	-	0:08		-	-	1:28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6:45	-		6:45	-	-	-	-	-	10:17	-	-	=
1-Aug-04	-	-	=	1-Aug-04	-	-	=	1-Aug-04	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	7-Aug-04	-		8-Aug-04	=	=	=	=	=	9-Aug-04	=	=	-

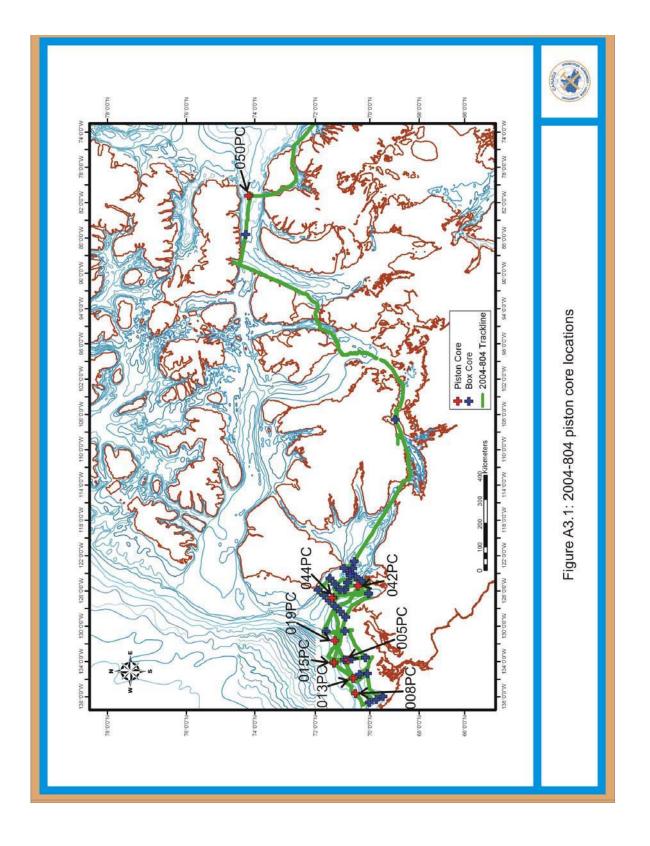


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pushcore	pushcore	surface (forams)	surface (dinos)	section A-B		pushcore	pushcore	surface (forams)	surface (dinos)	pushcore	pushcore	surface (forams)	surface (dinos)	section D-E	section C-D	section B-C	section A-B	section A-B	pushcore	pushcore	surface (forams)	surface (dinos)	
boxcore	=		3	Piston	TWC	boxcore	и	и	n	boxcore		и	3	Piston	=		=	TWC	boxcore	=	n	*	
544	=	-	=	115	-	-	-	-	=	534	-	-	=	772	=	-	=	=	=	=	=	=	
122, 37.8W	=		=	106, 35.1W					=	085, 36.1W			=	81, 11.7W	=		=	=	=	=	=	=	
70, 36.0N	=	=	=	68, 59.9N	=	=	=	-	=	74, 16.9N	=	-	-	74, 11.2N	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	
2004-804-106	=	-	-	2004-804-002	-	-	-	=	-	2004-804-007	-	=	-	2004-804-009	=	-	=	-	-	-	-	-	
46A	46B			47PC	47TWC	48A	48B			49A	49B			50PC	50PC	50PC	50PC	50TWC	51A	51B			
106	=	-	=	2	-	-	-		=	7	-		=	6	=	-	=	=	=	=	=	=	
16:30	=	-	=	9:56	-	-	-	-	=	10:15	-	-	=	7:48	=	-	=	=	=	=	=	:	
10-Aug-04	=	=	=	12-Aug-04	=	=	=	=	=	18-Aug-04	=	=	=	19-Aug-04	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	

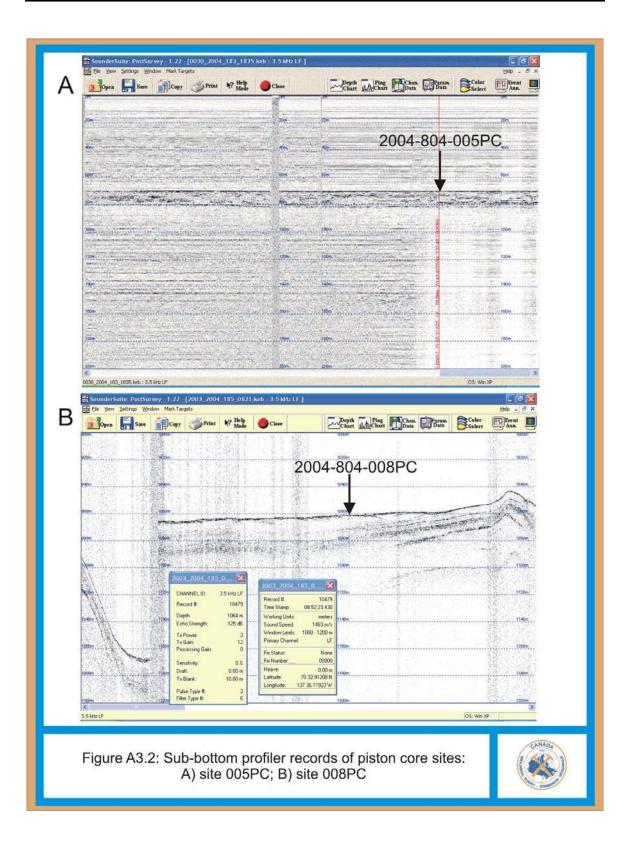


# APPENDIX 3 – 2004-804 SUB-BOTTOM PROFILES OVER PISTON CORE SITES

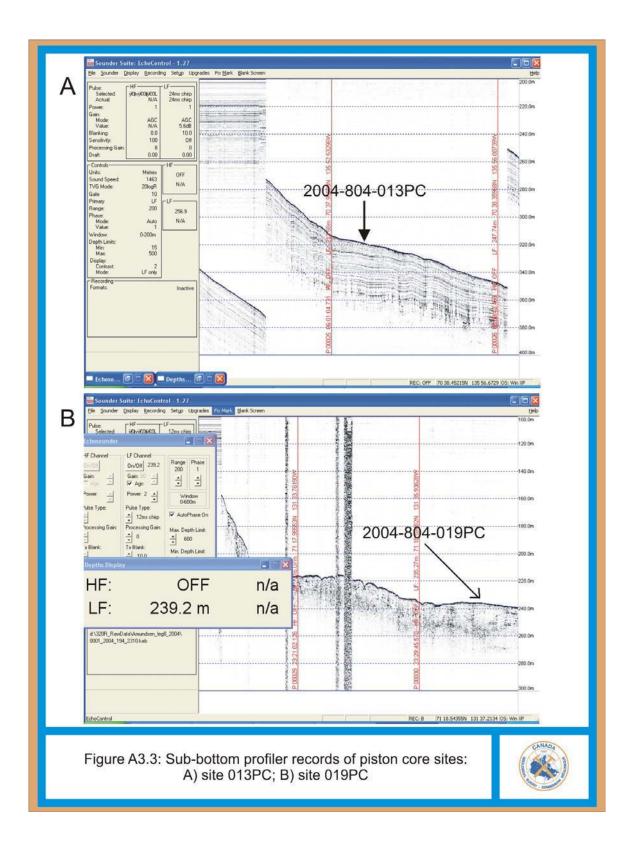




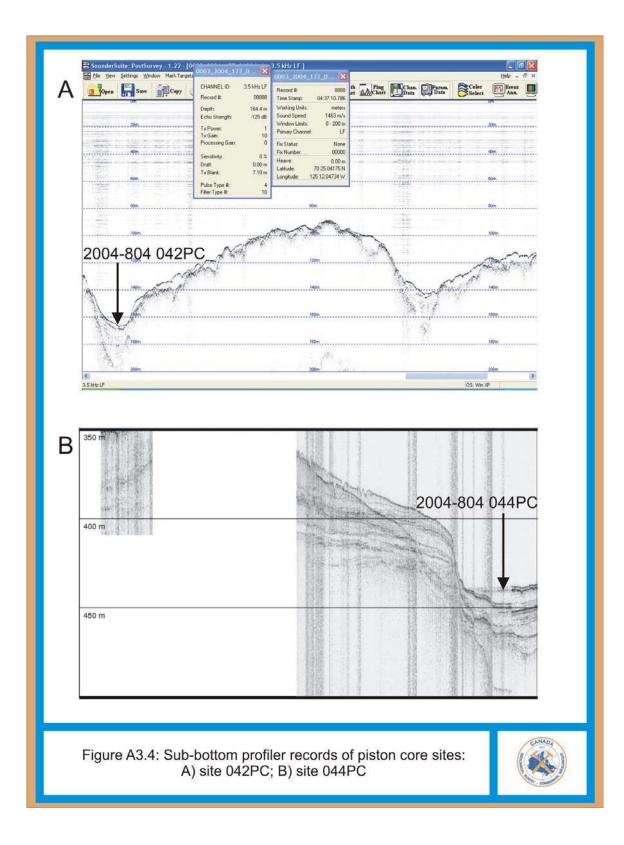




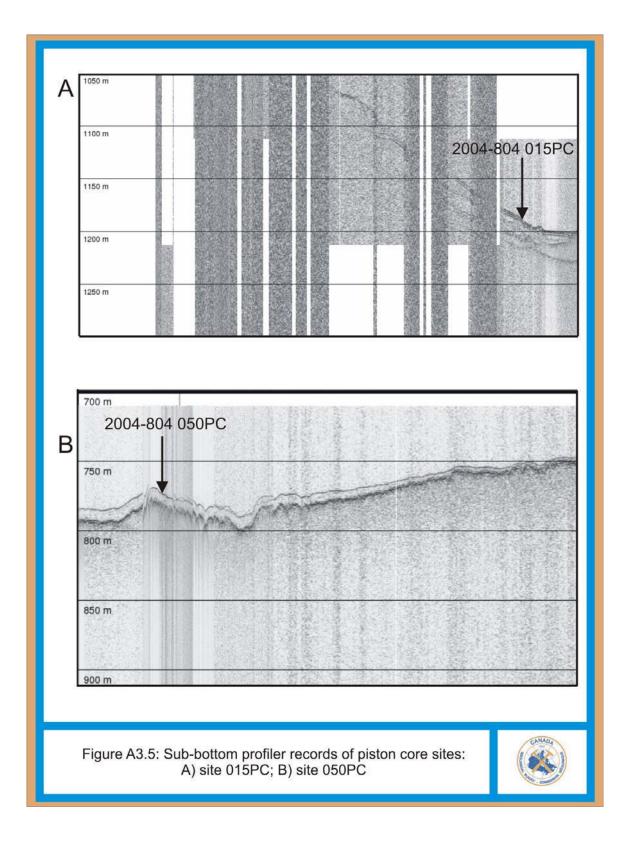






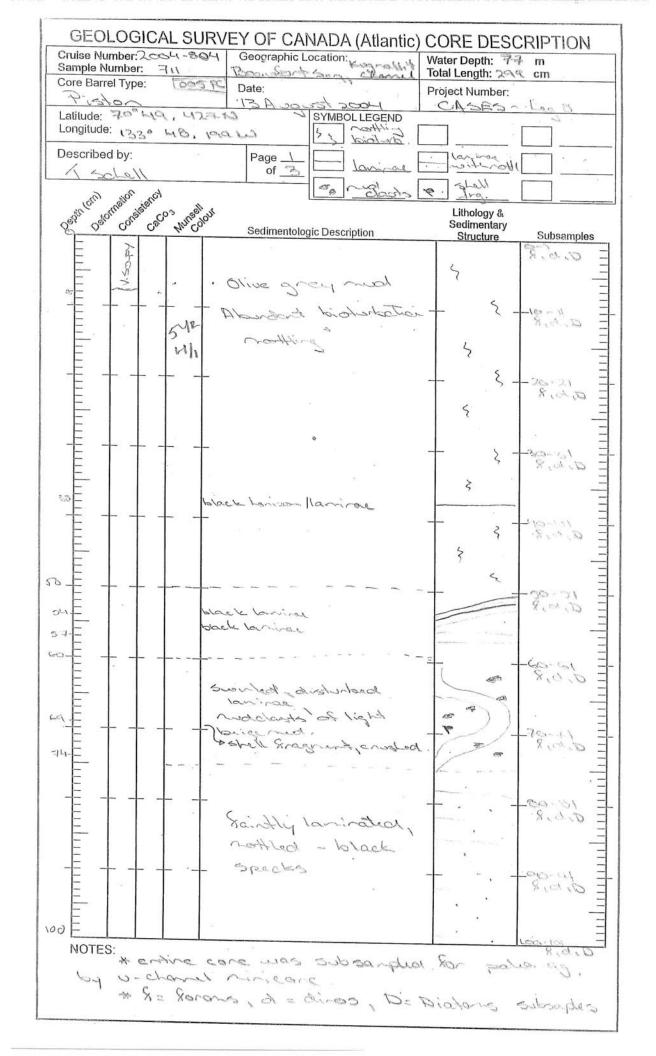


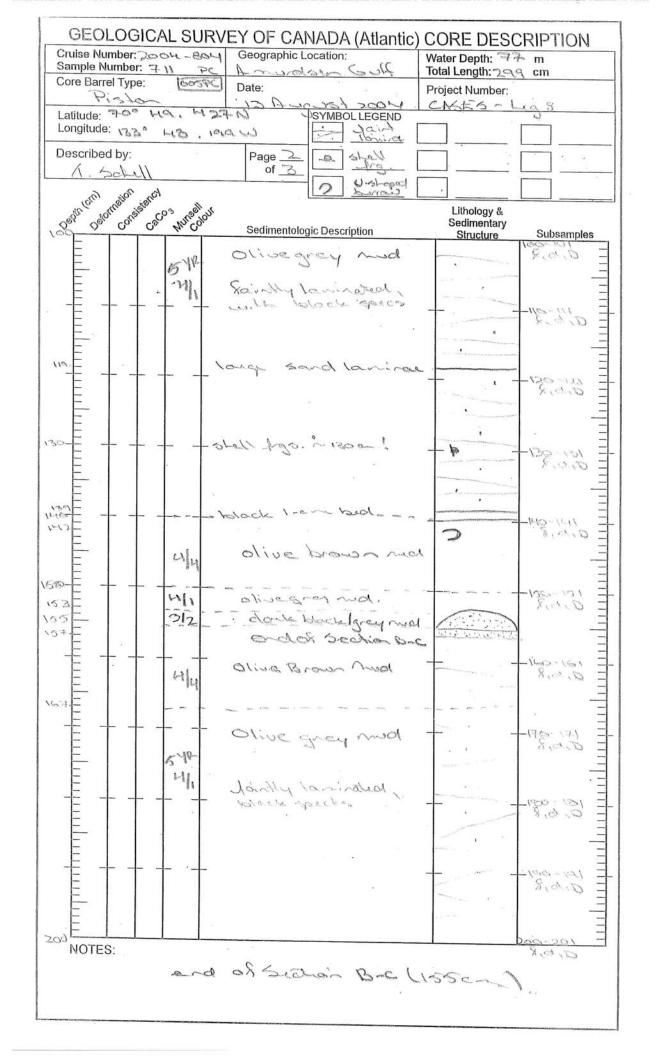


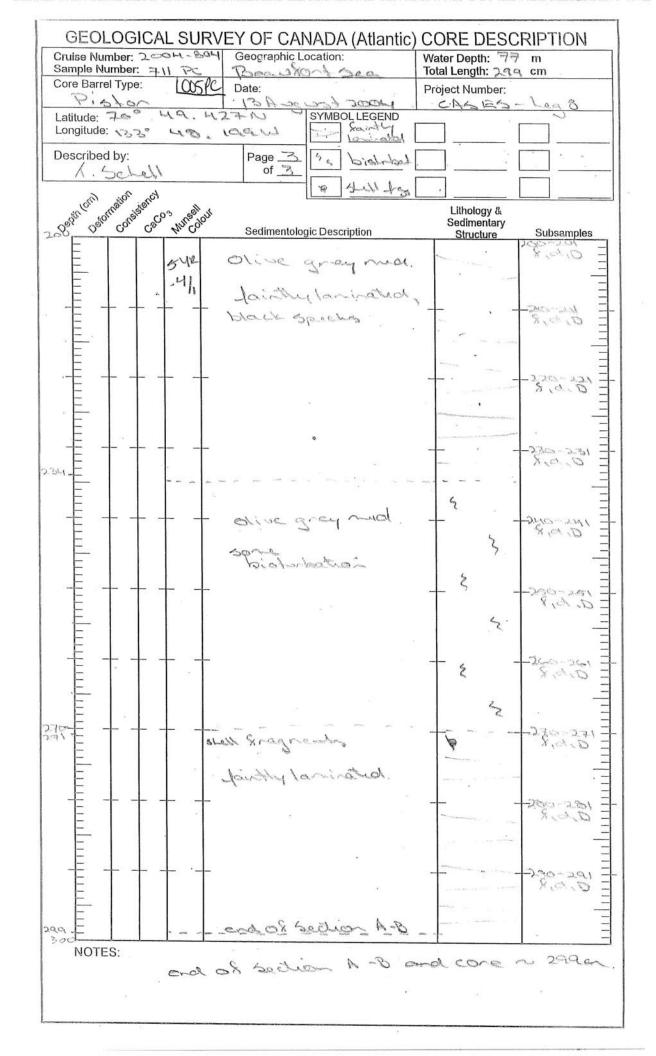


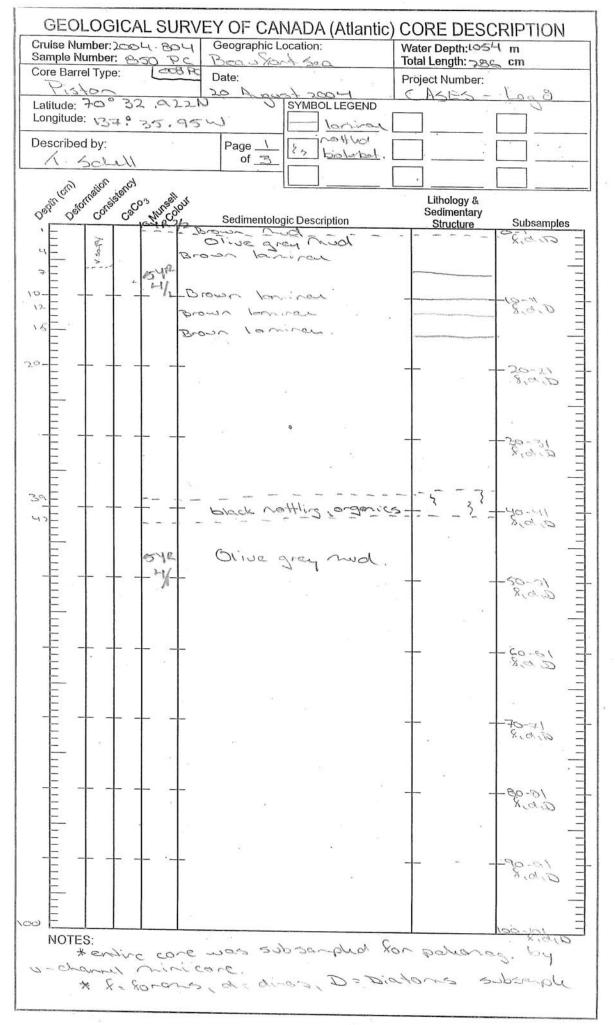


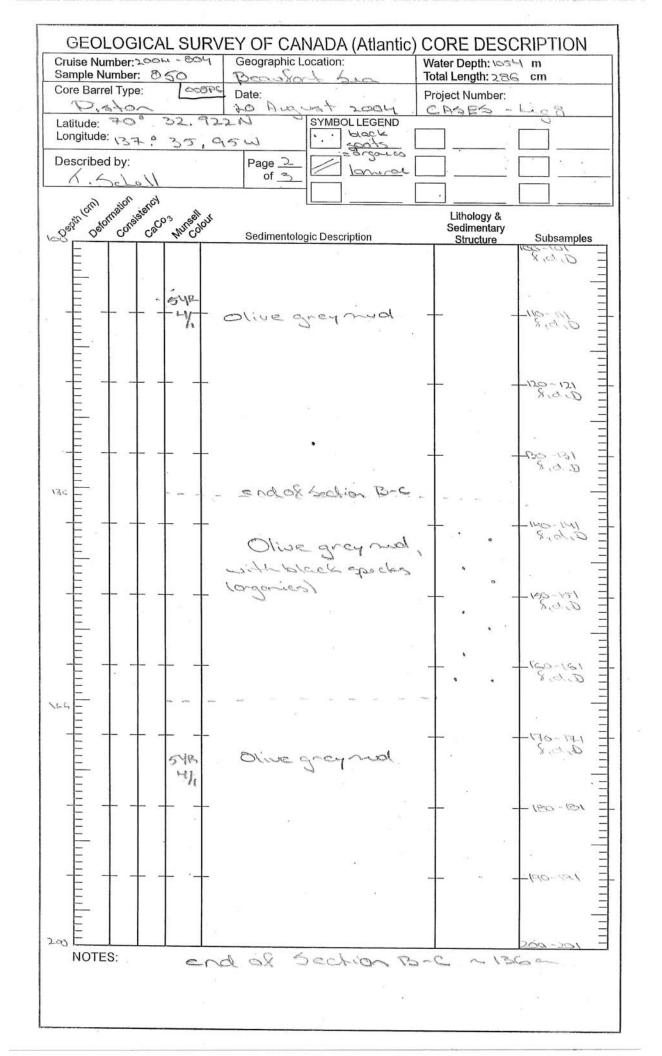
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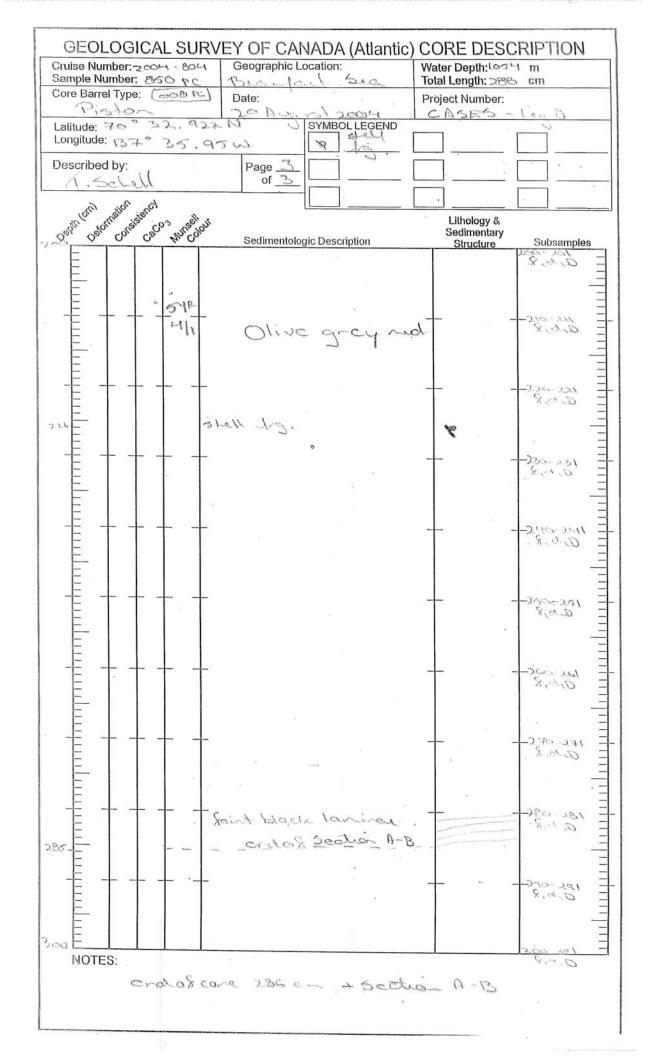


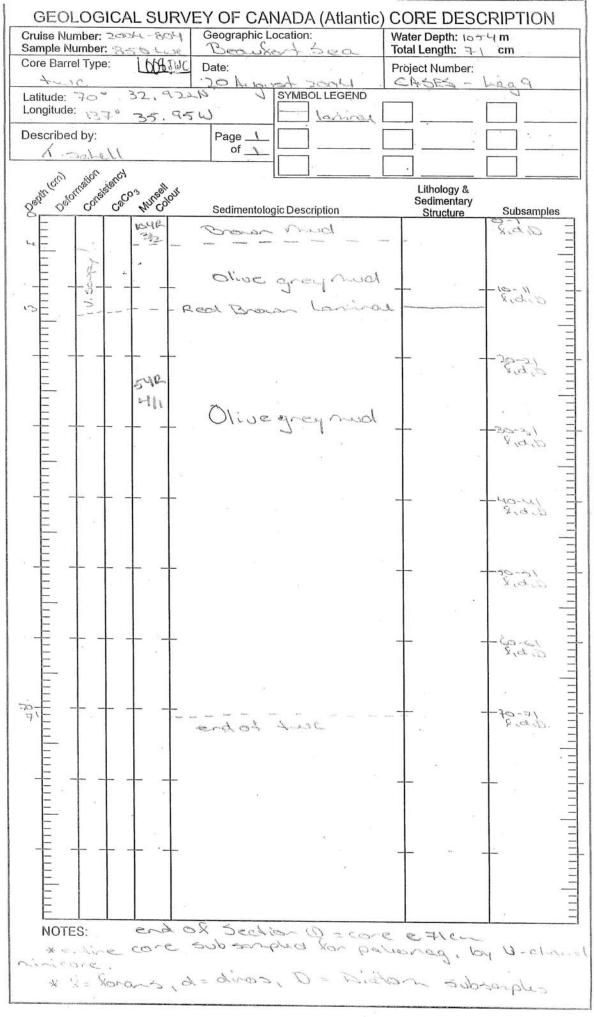


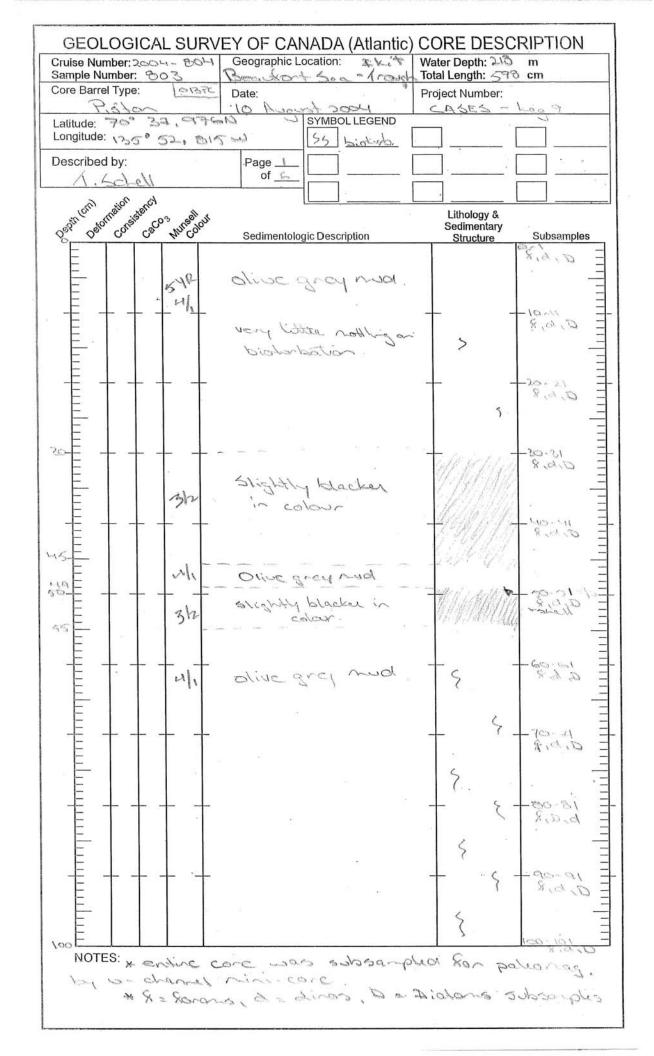


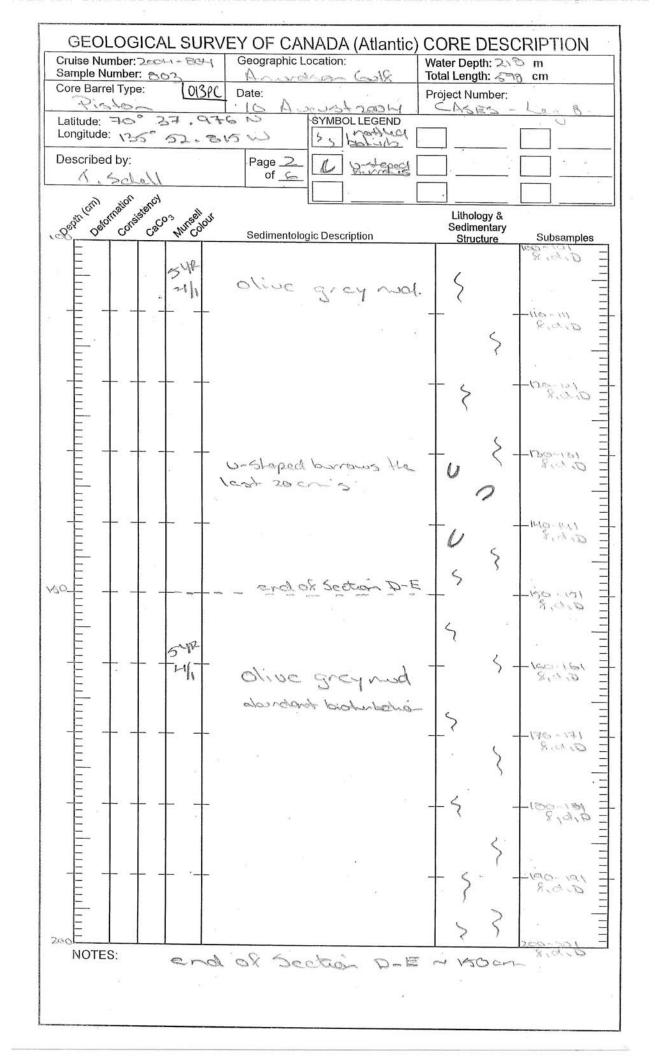


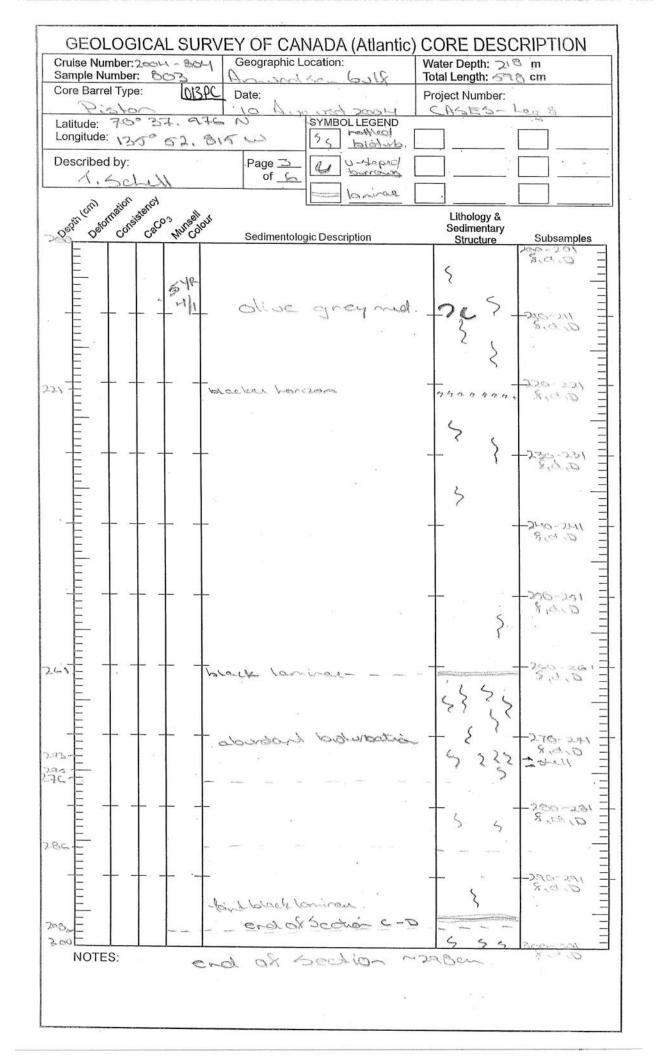


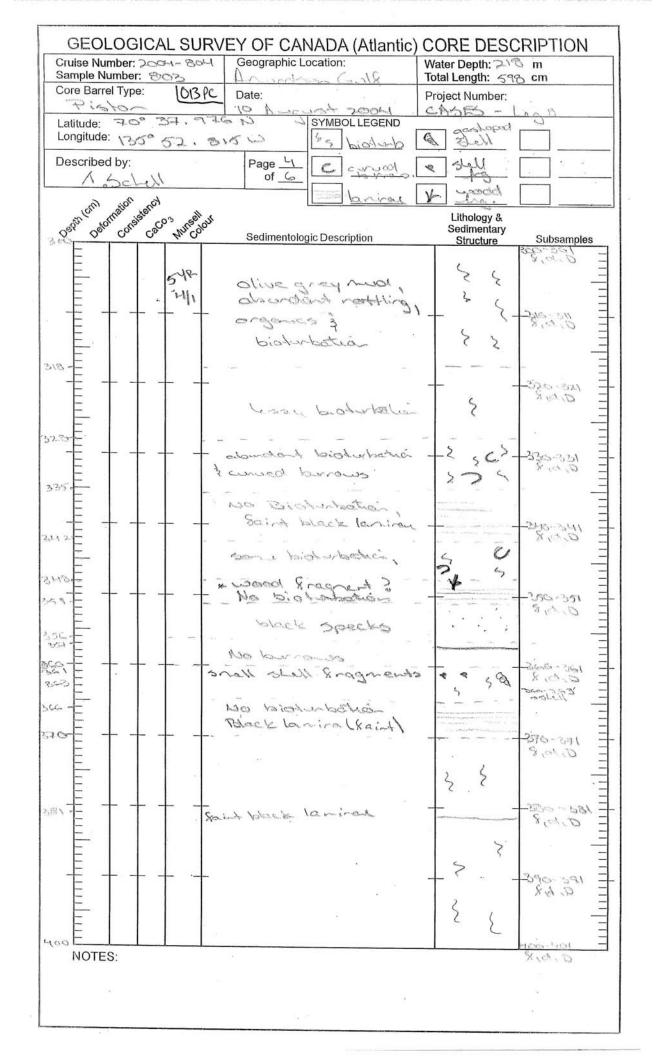


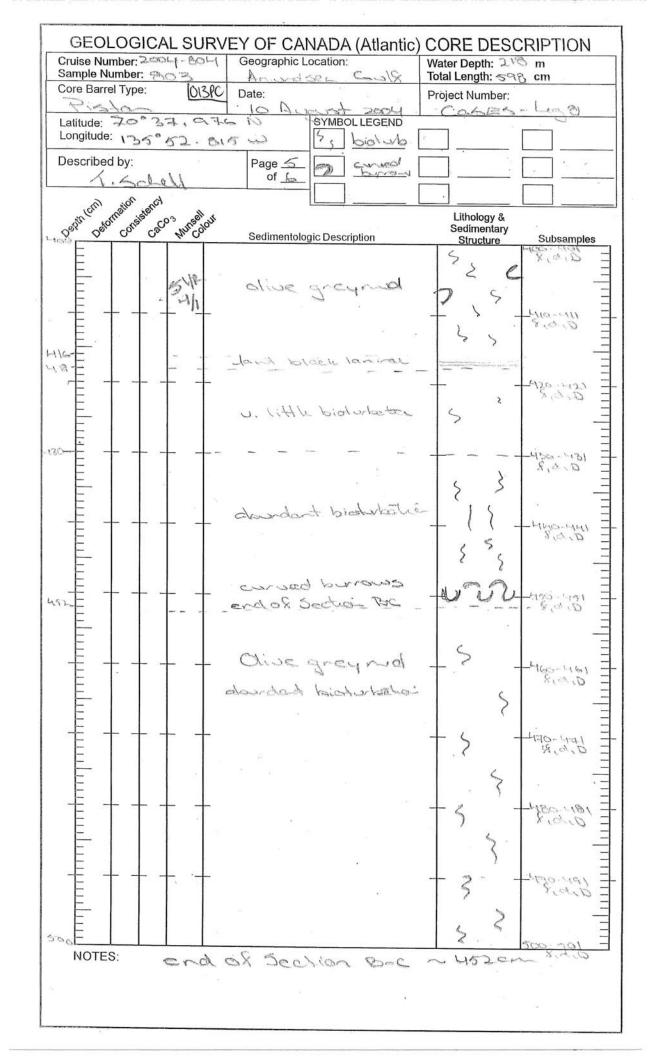


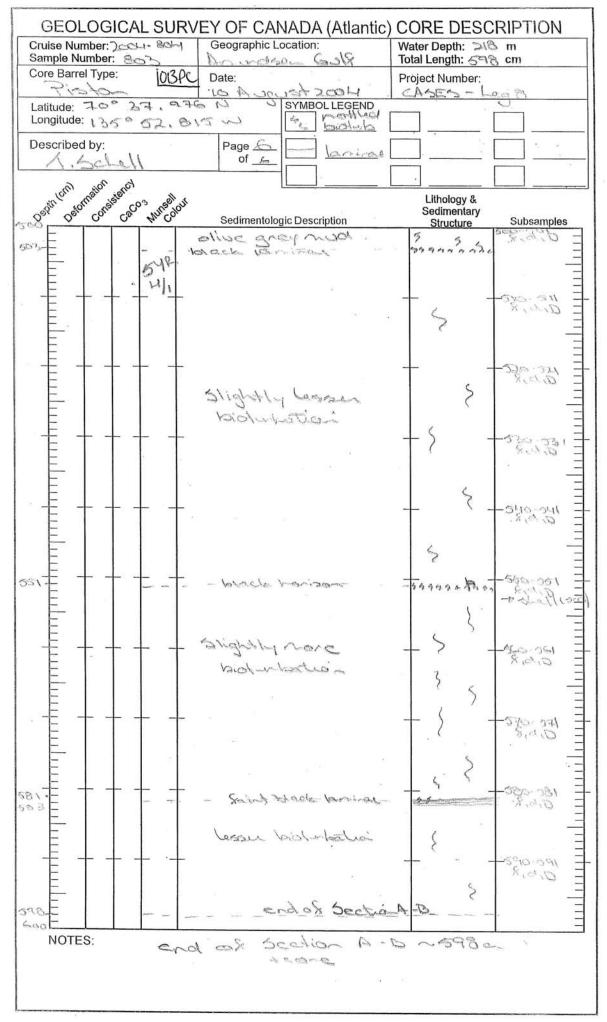


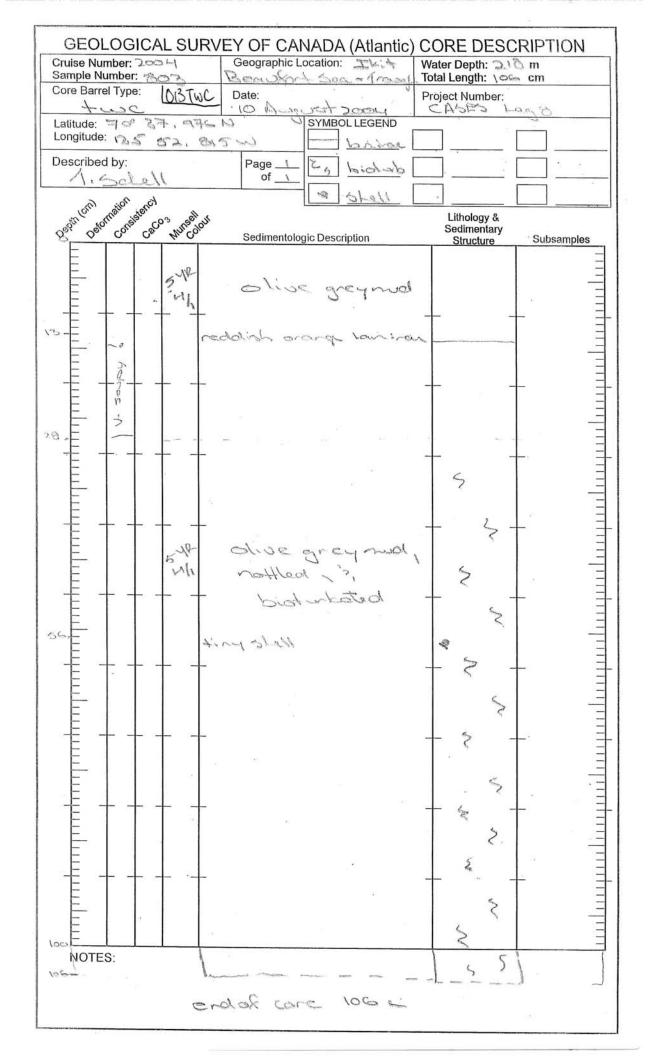




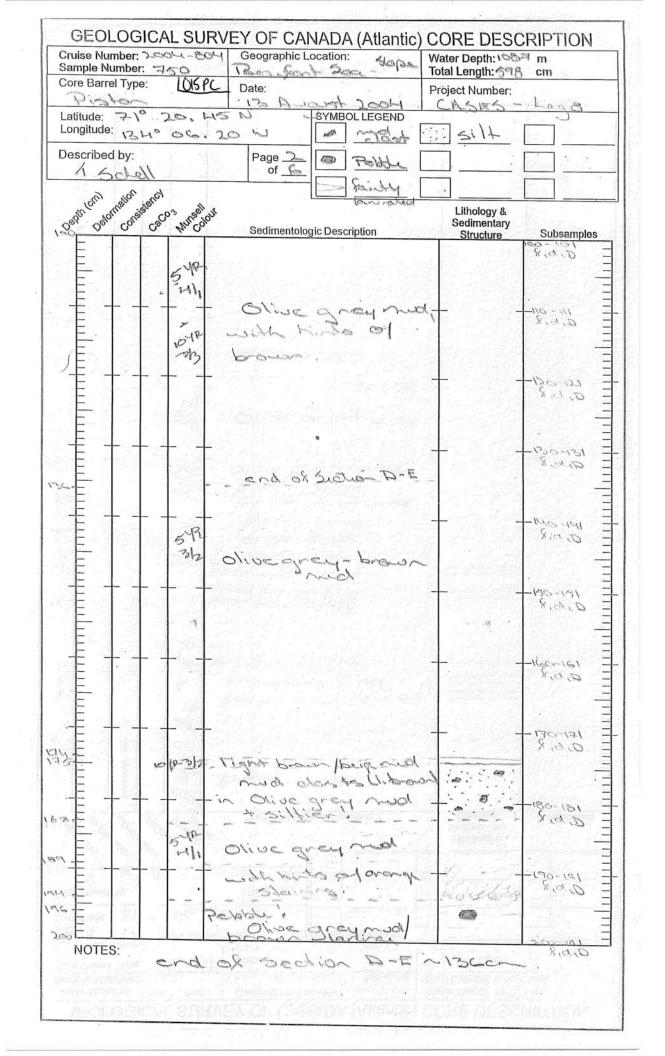


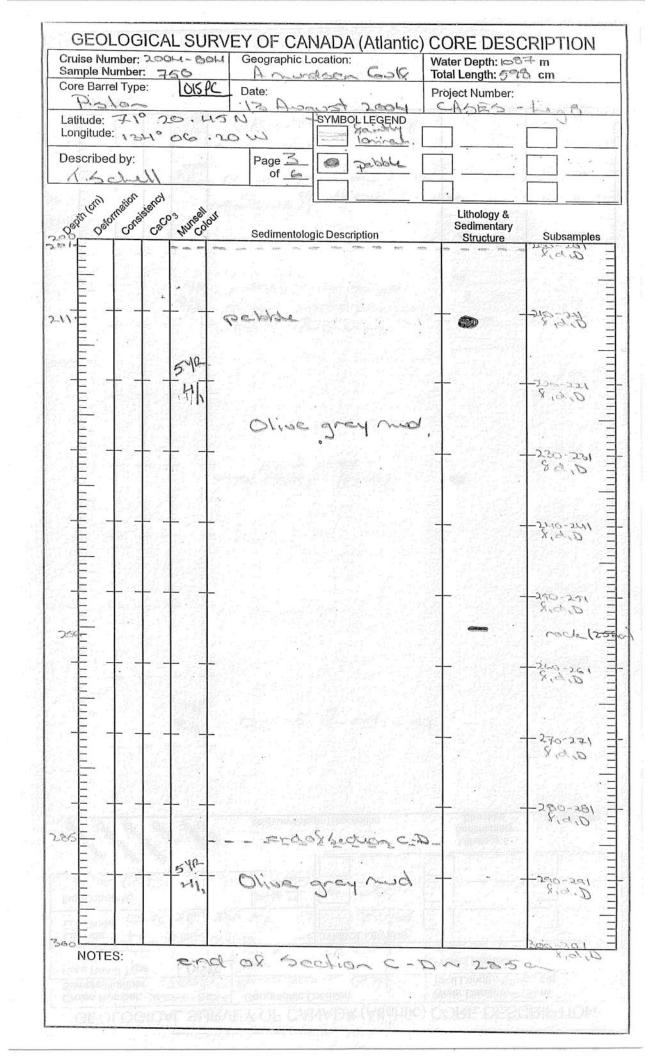


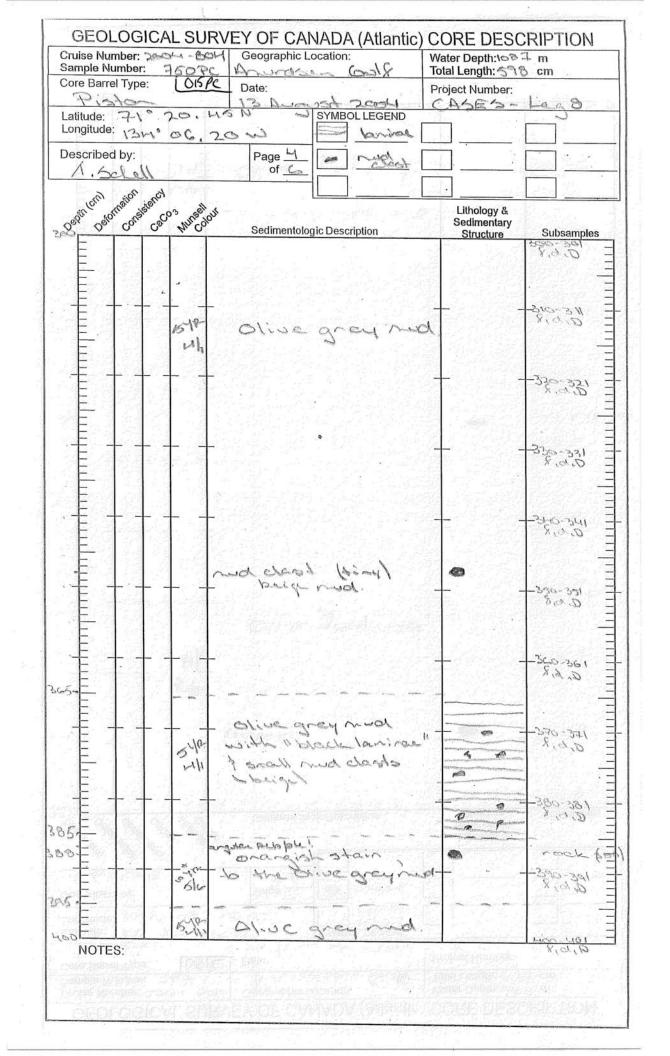


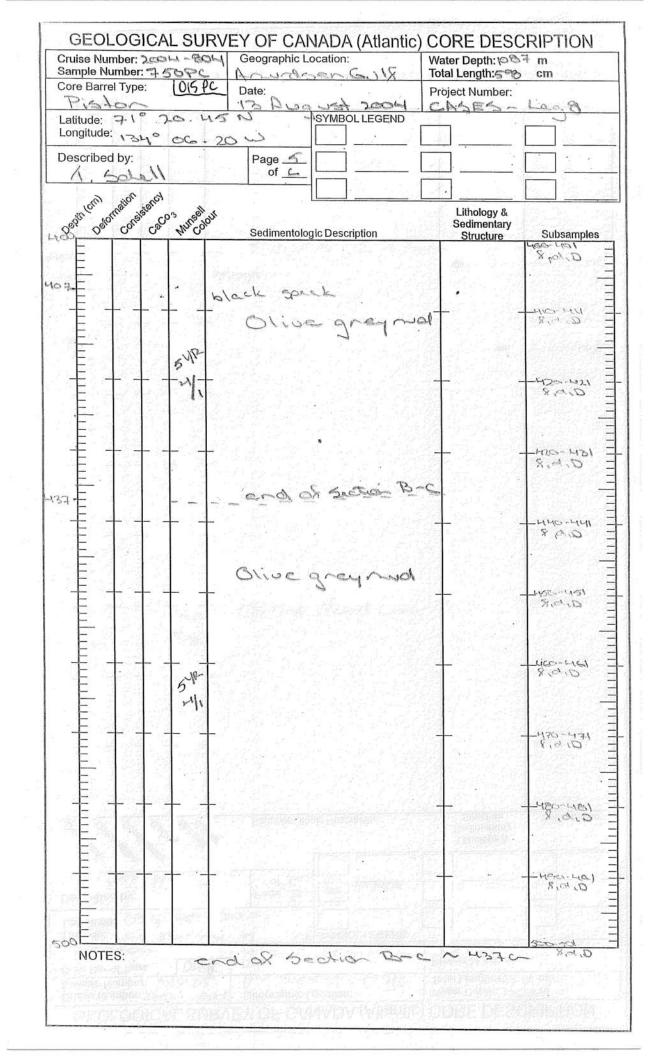


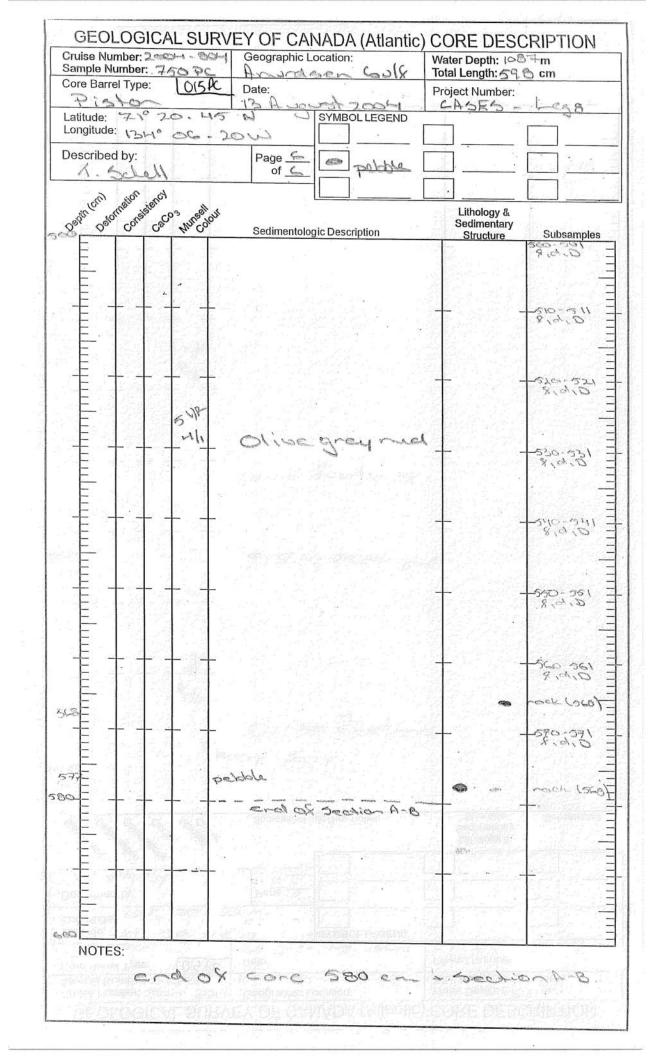
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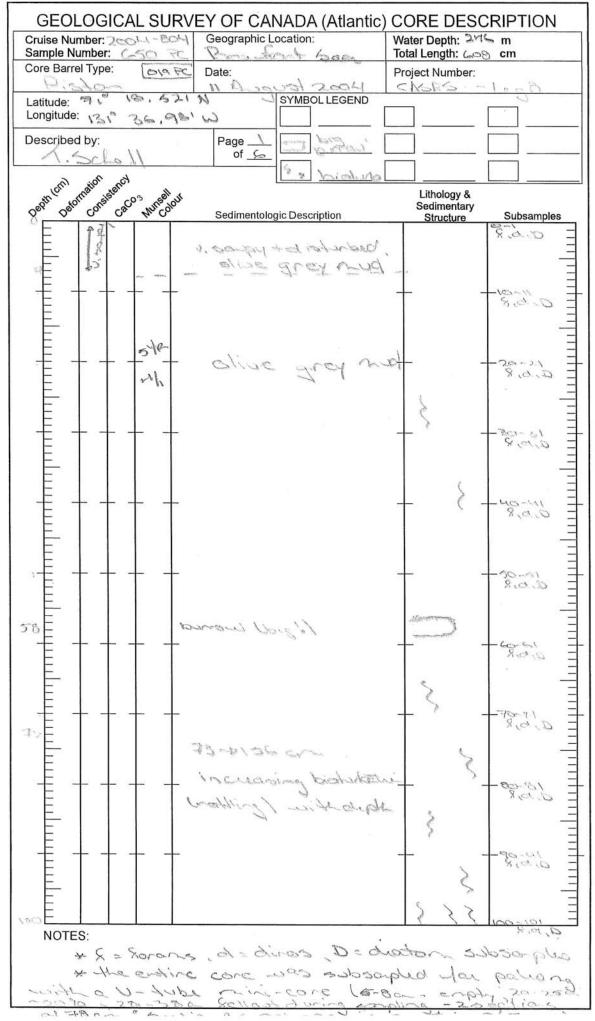


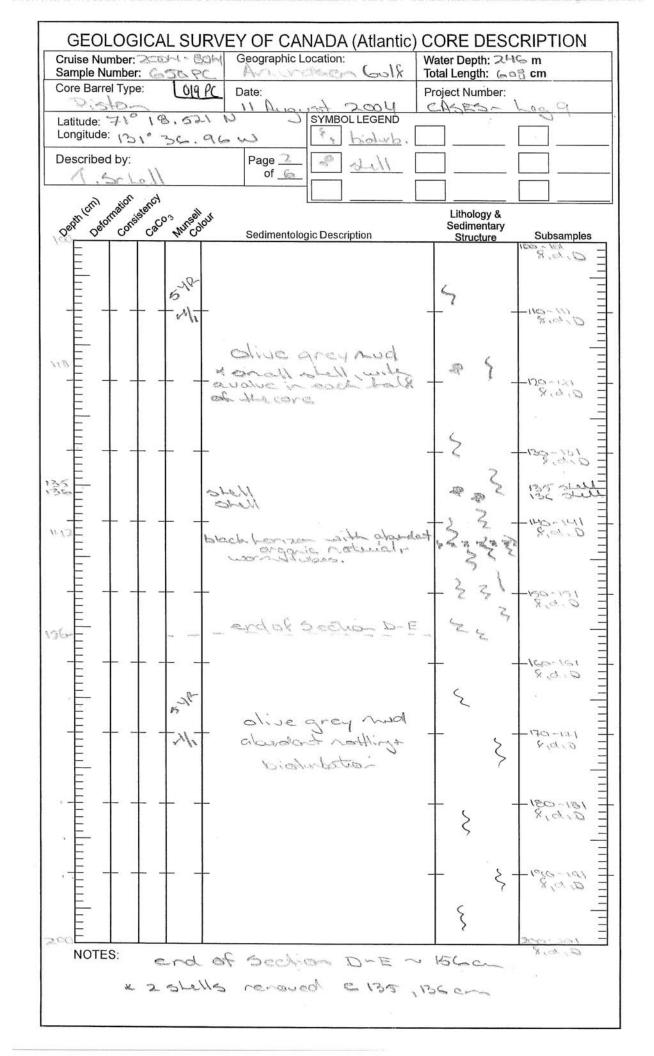


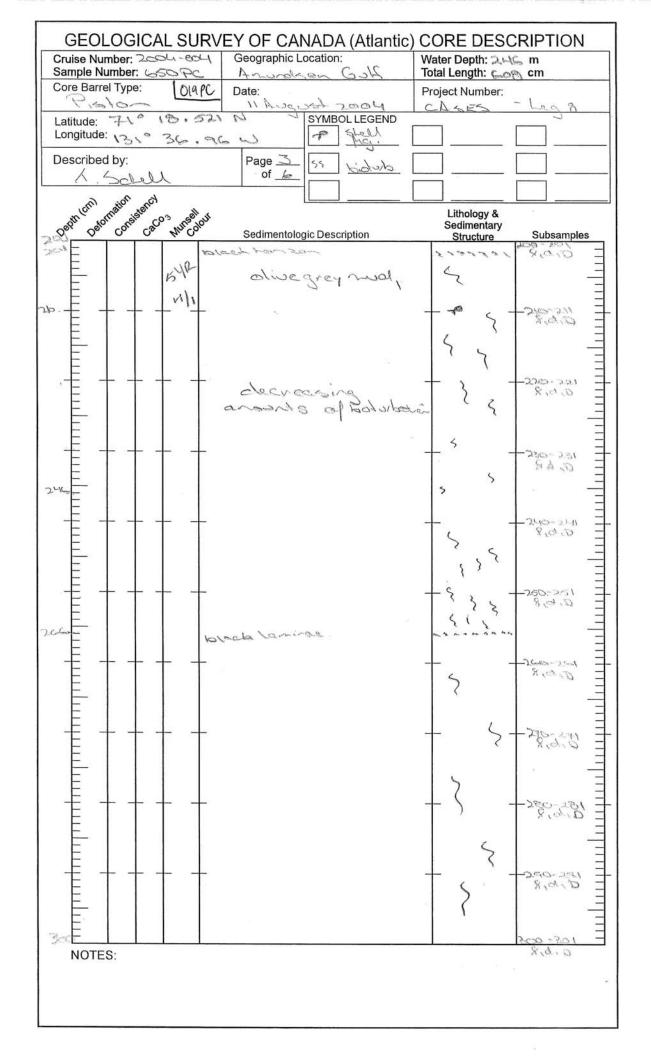


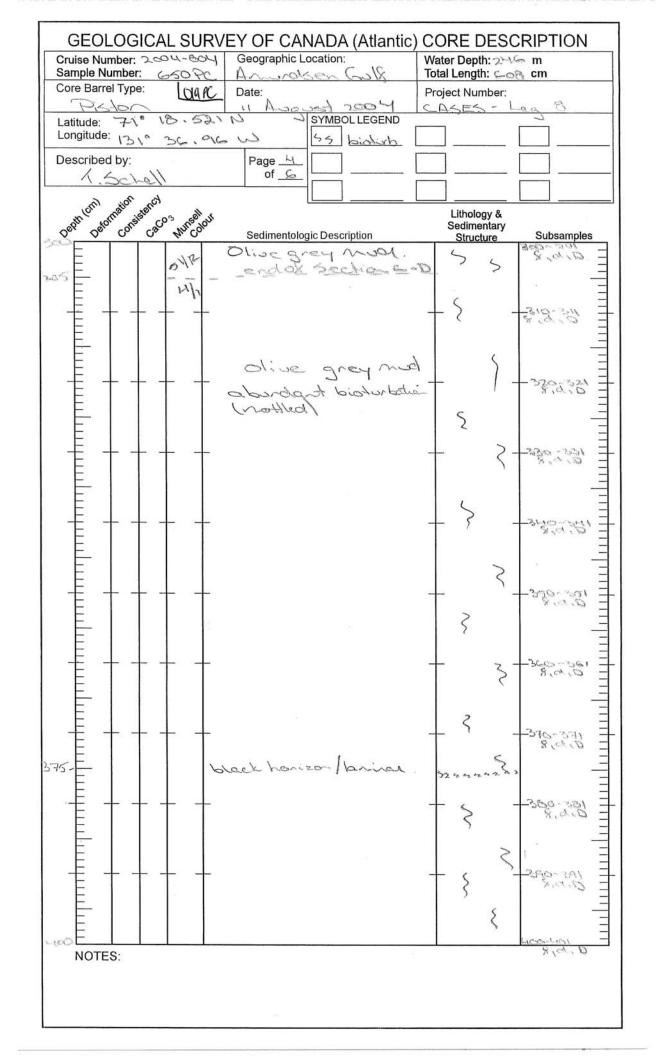


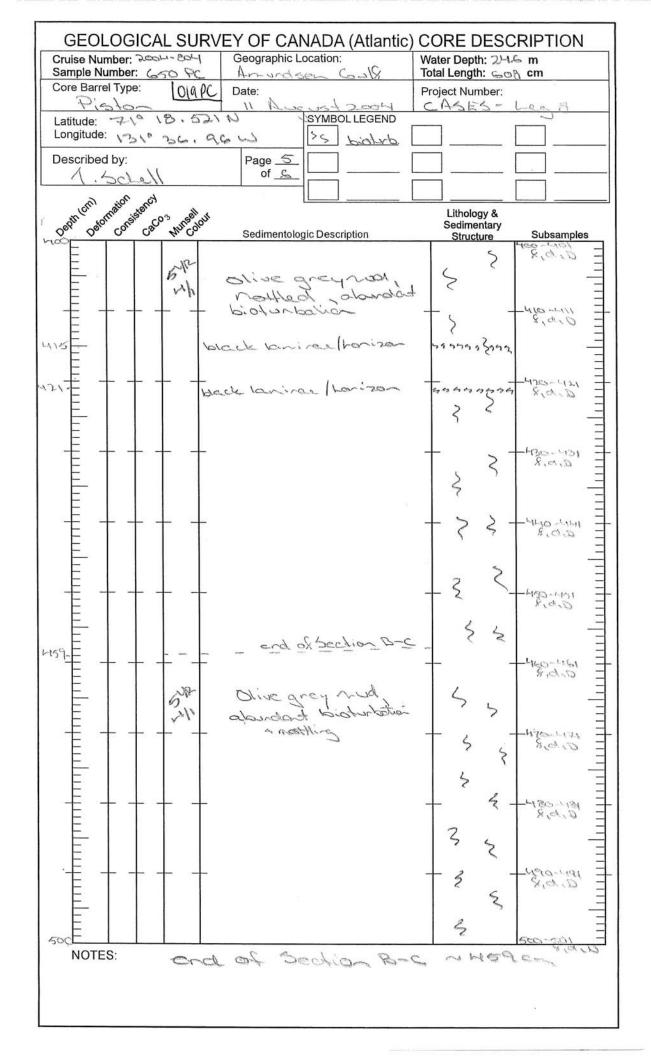


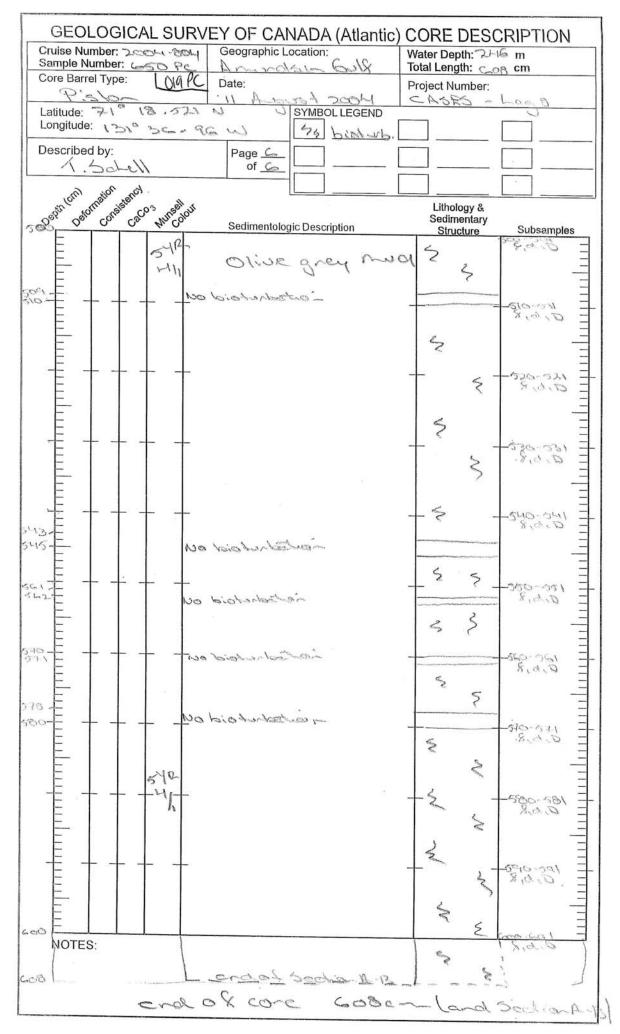


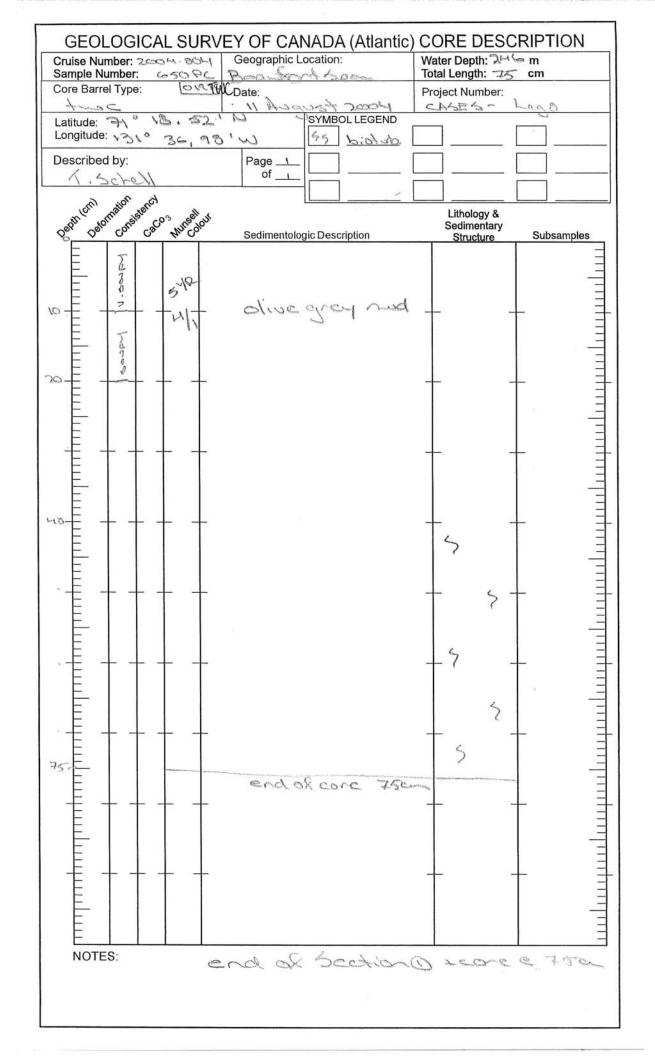


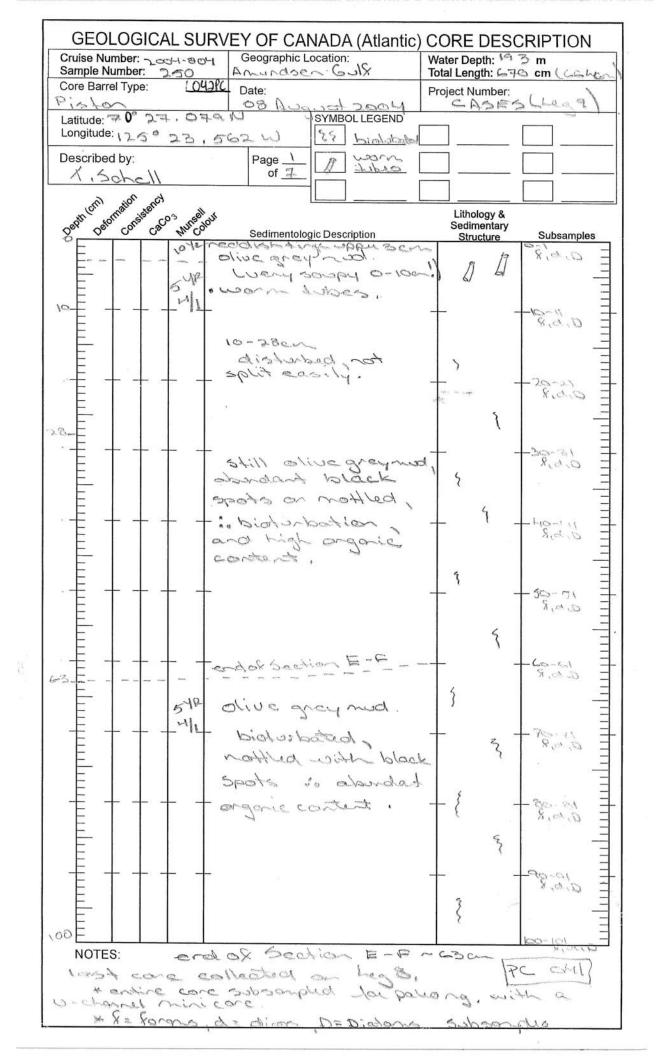


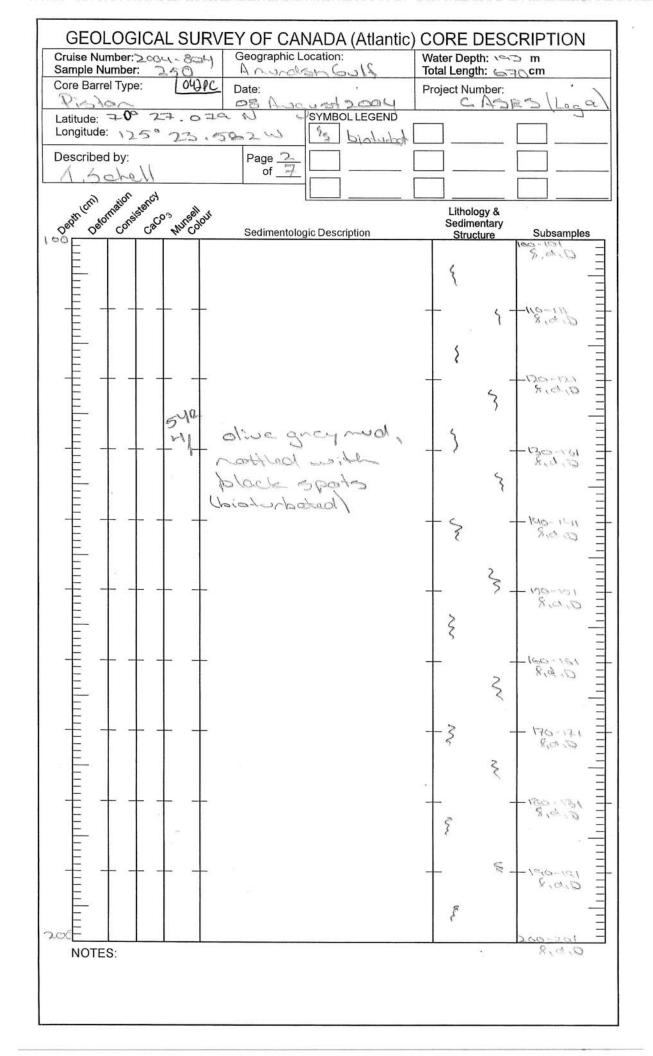


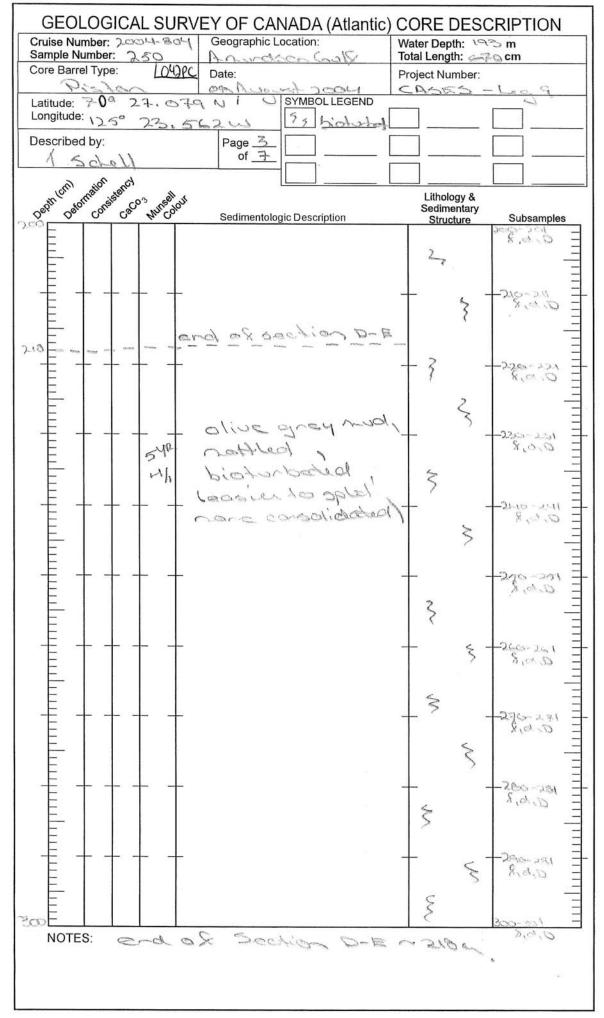


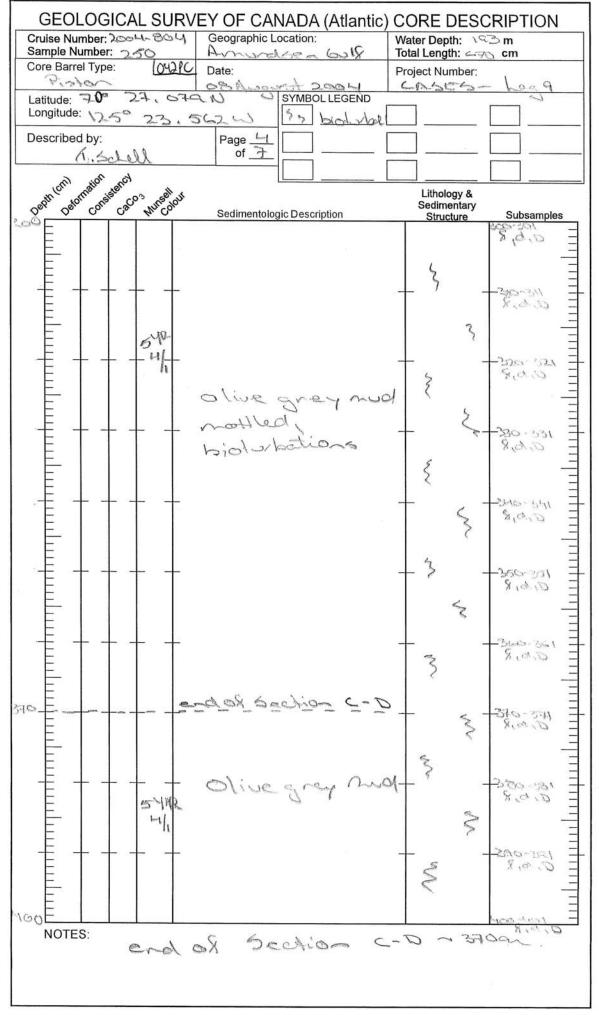


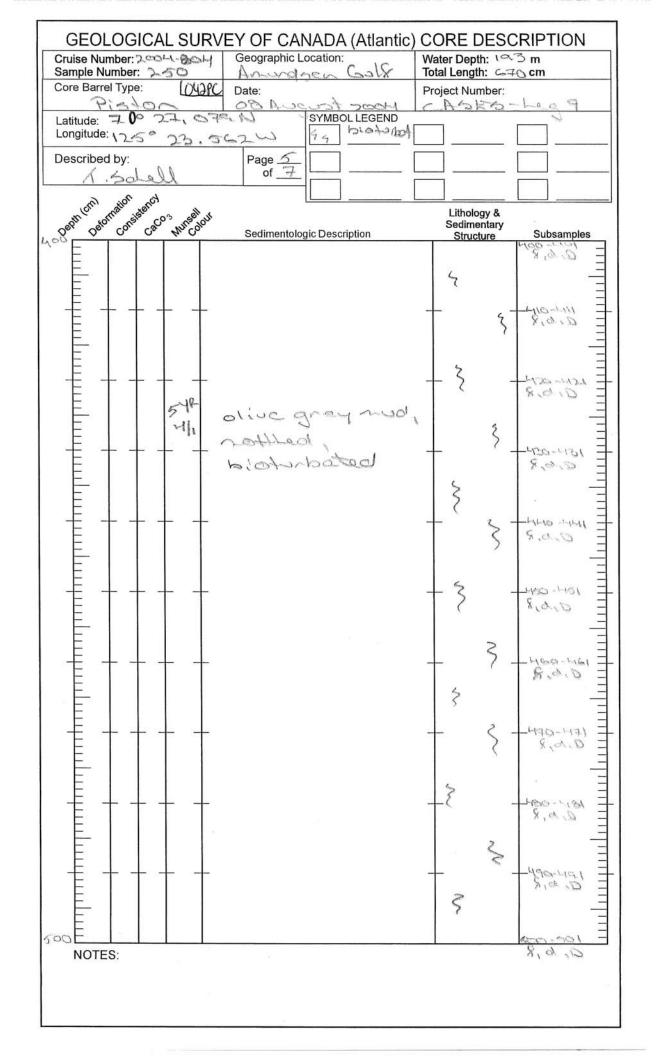


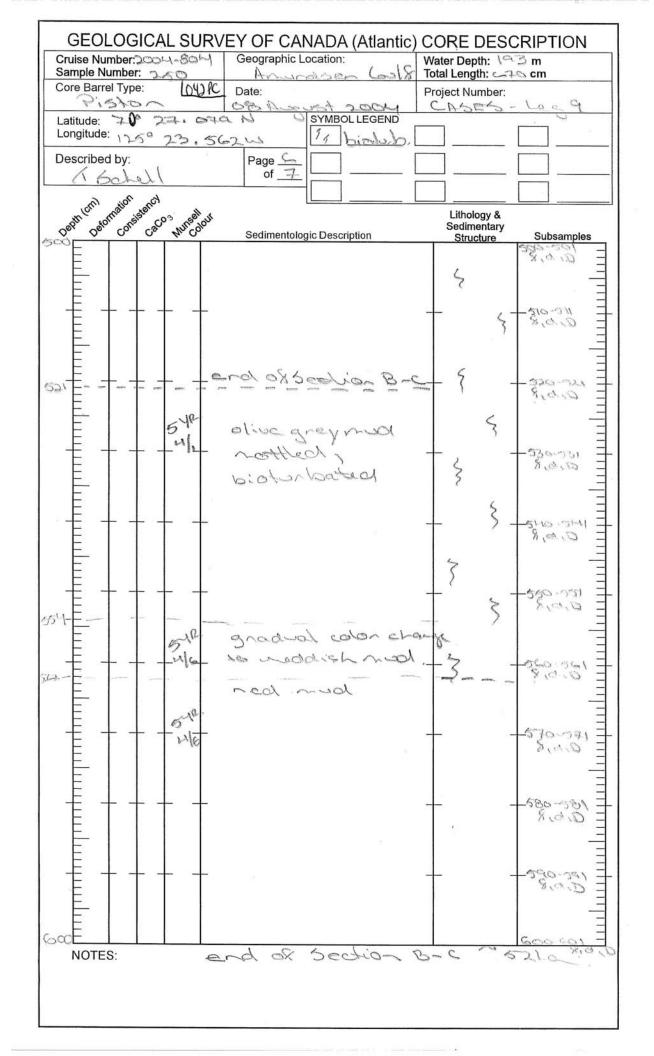


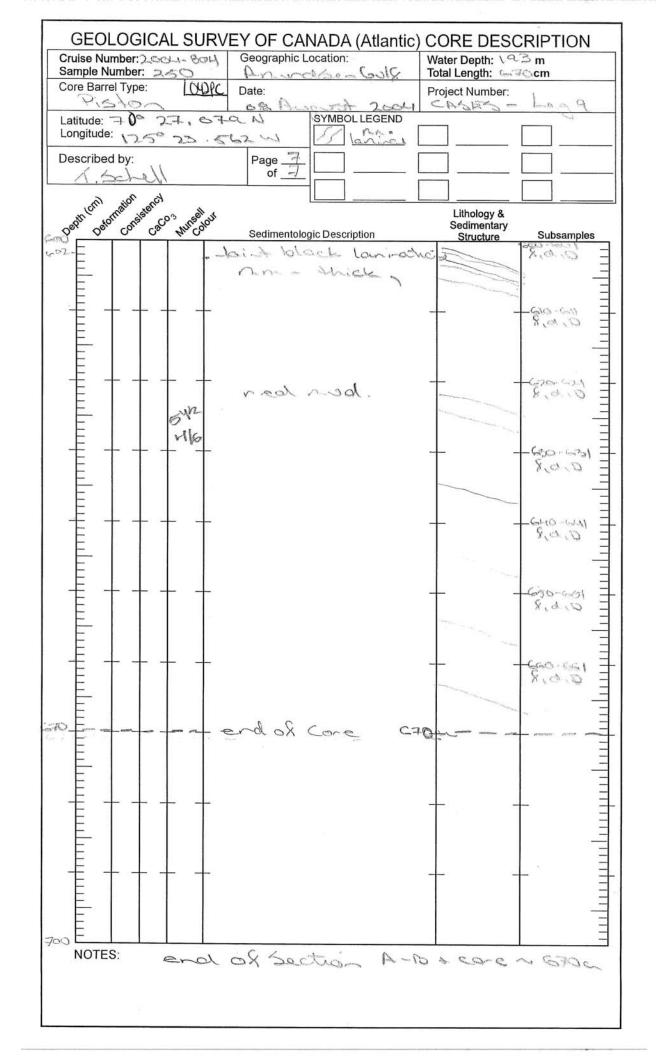


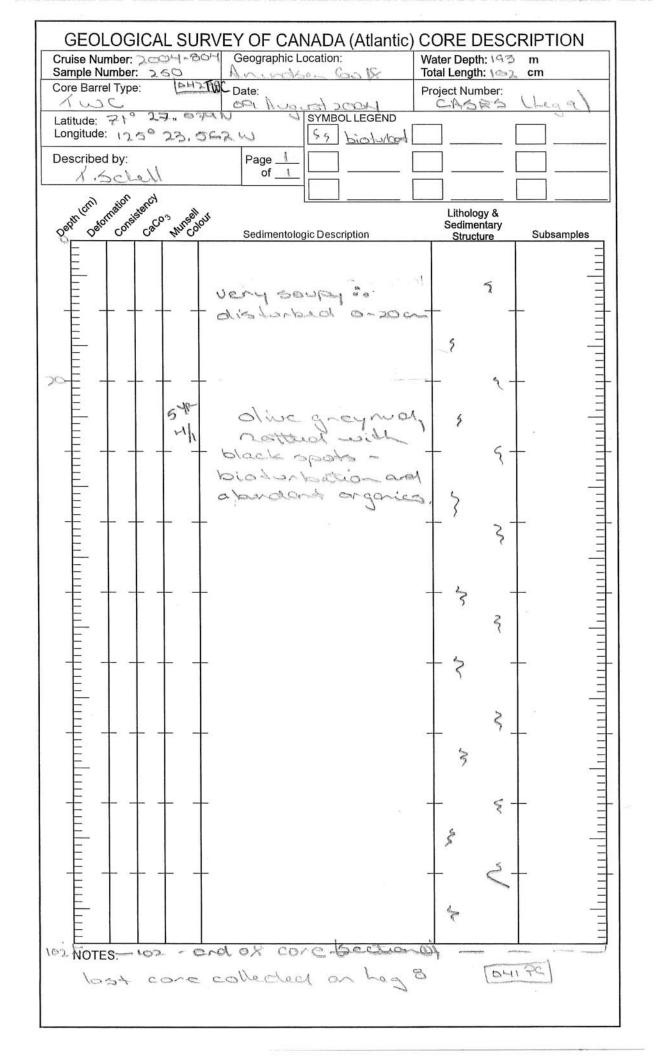


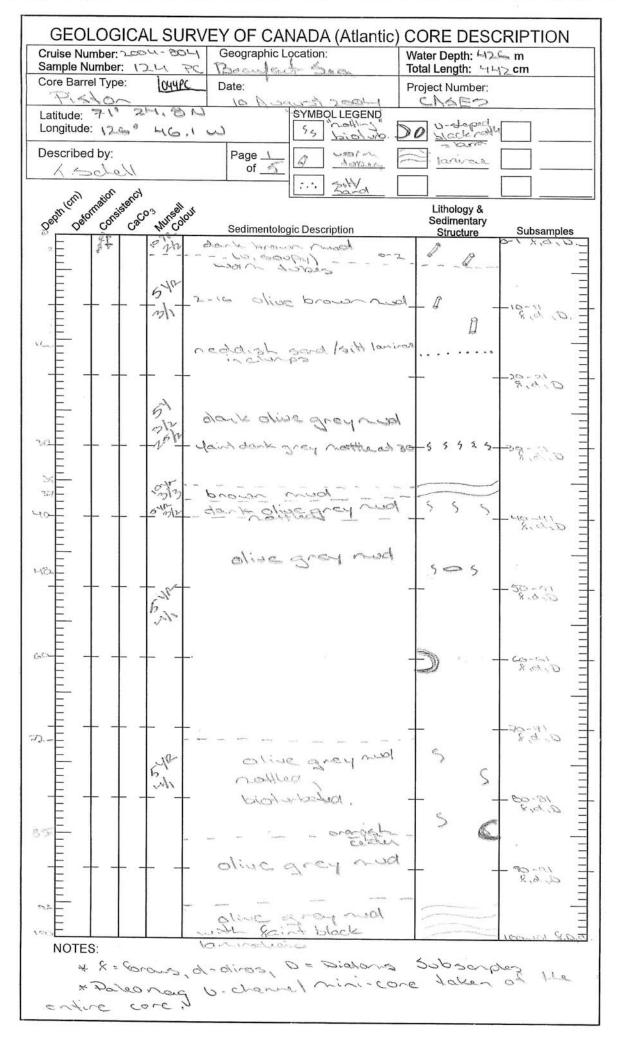


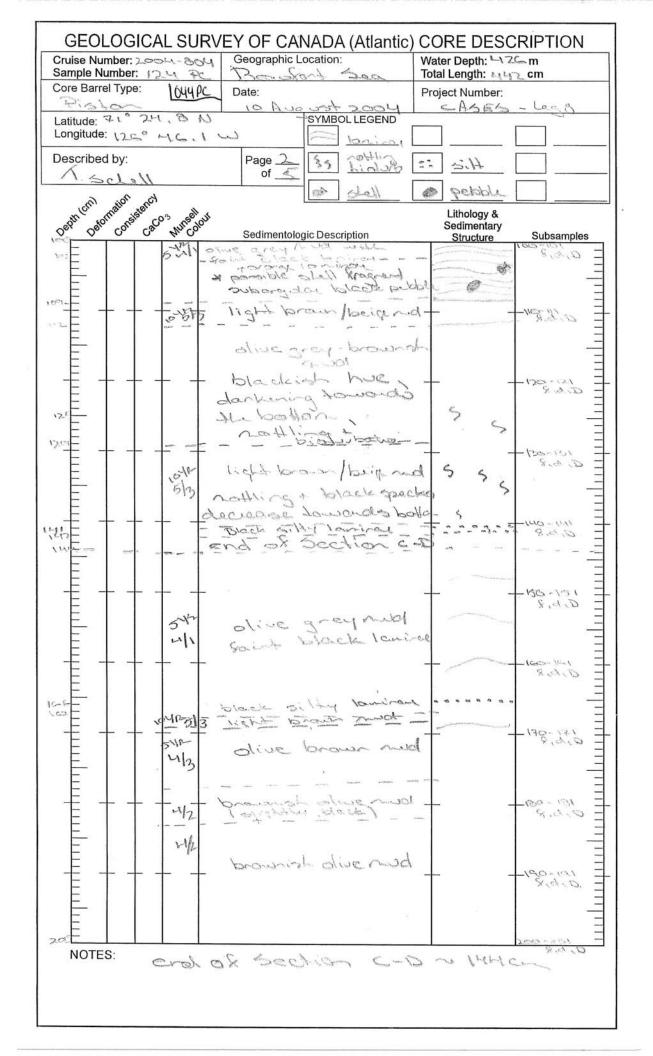


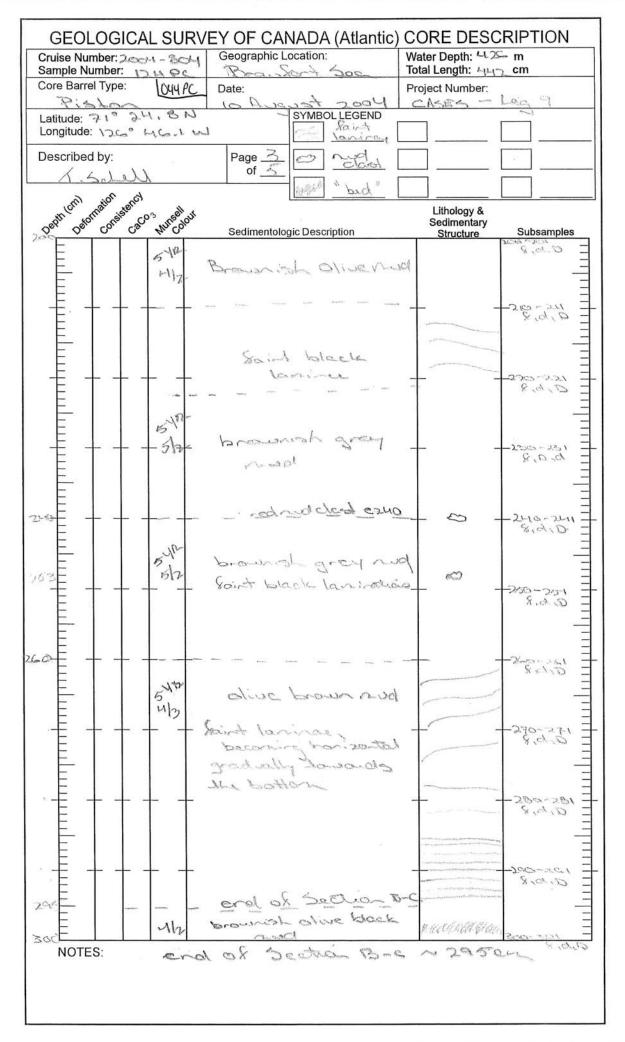




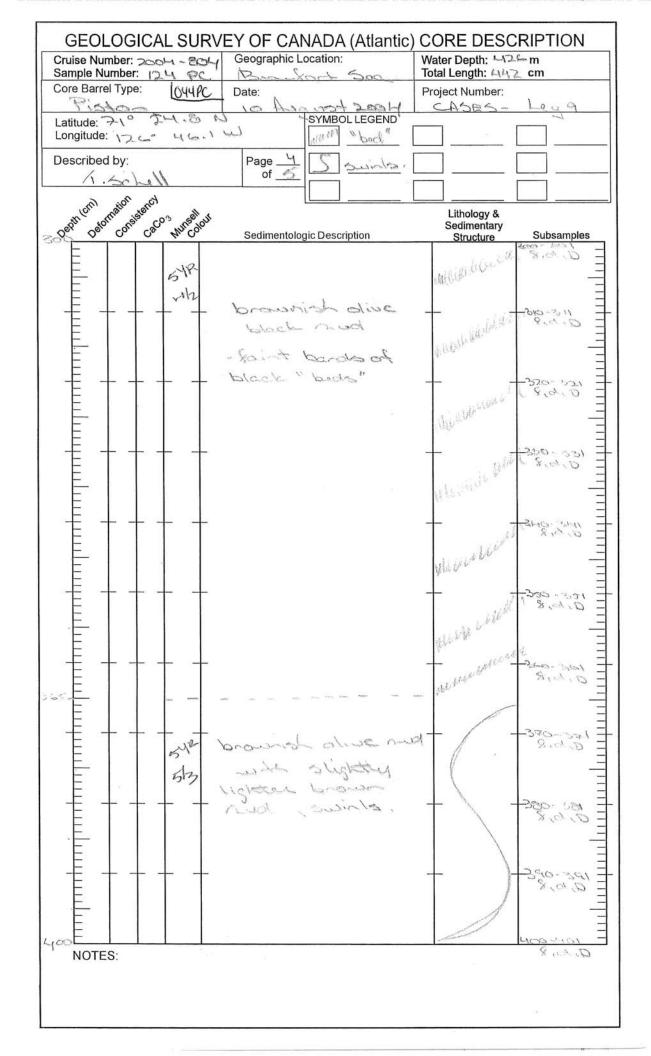


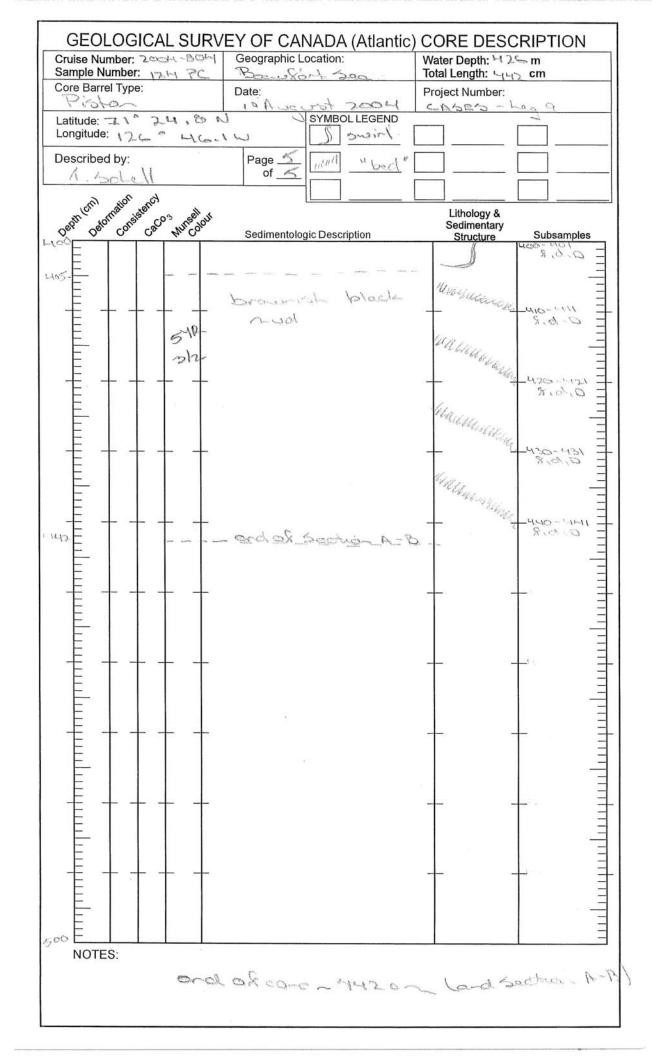


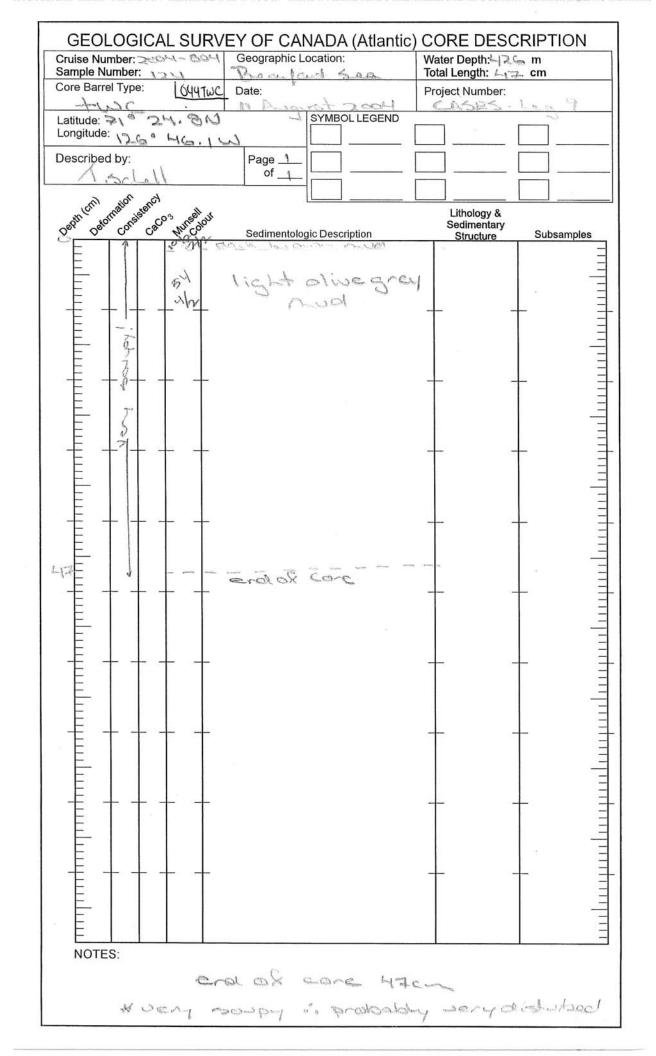


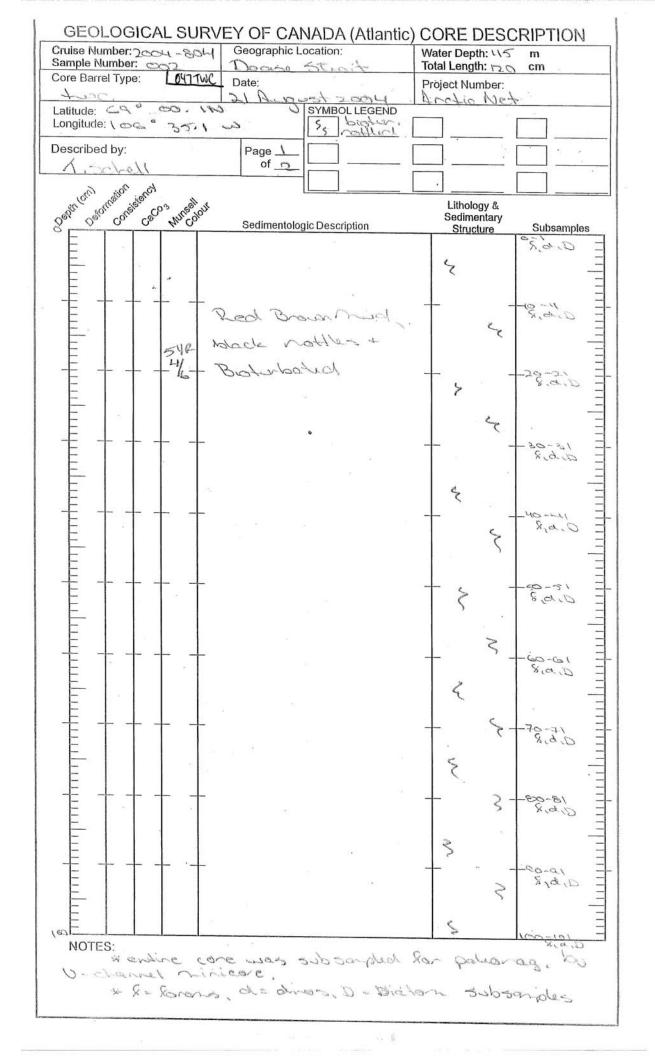


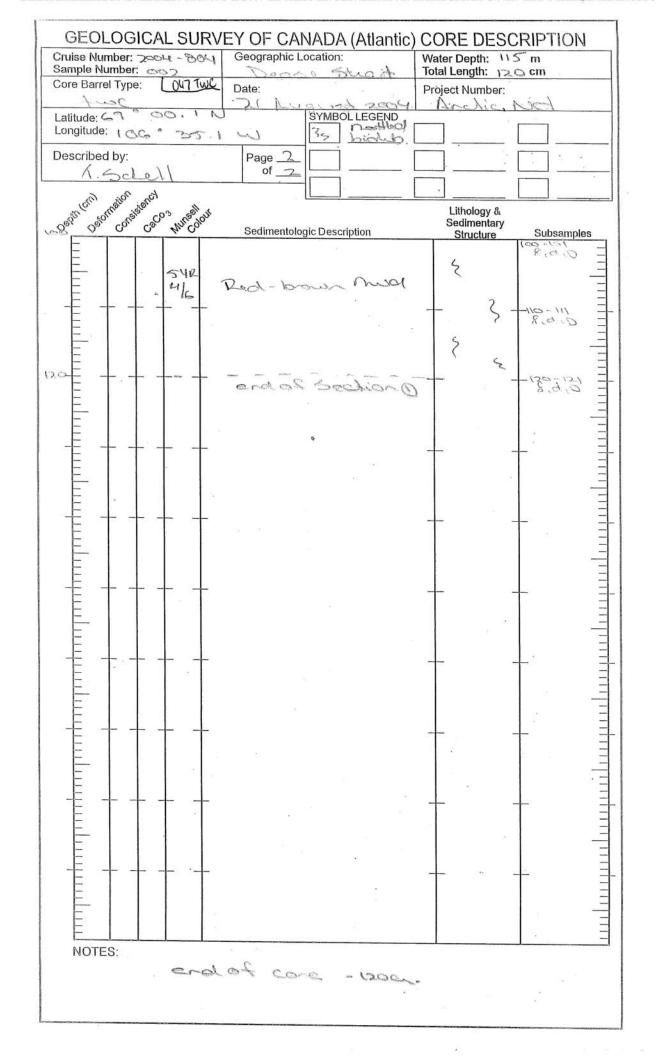
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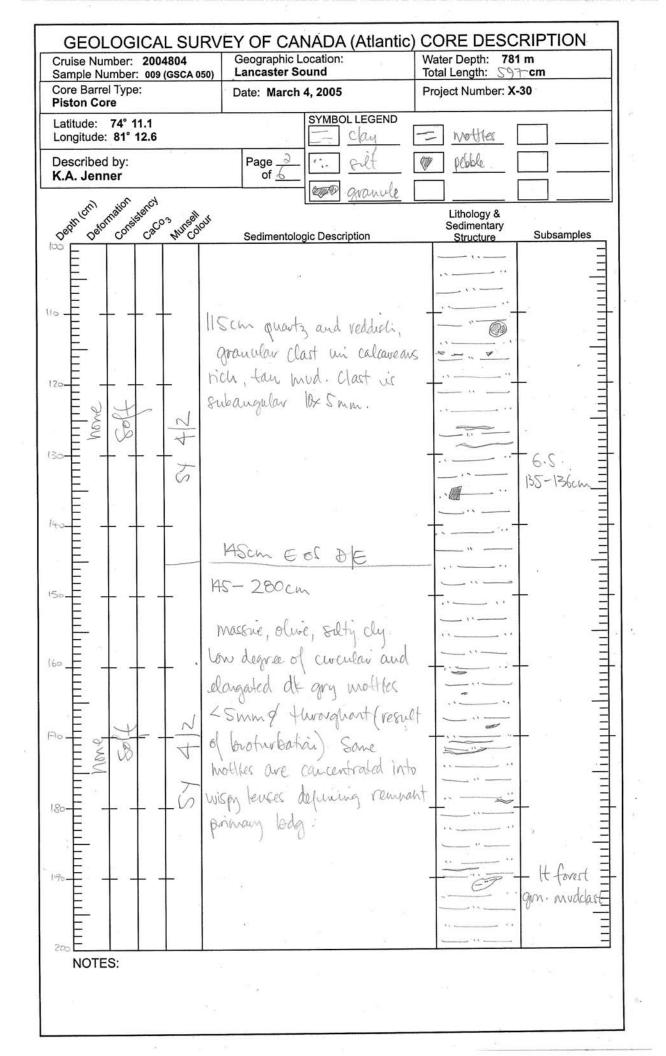


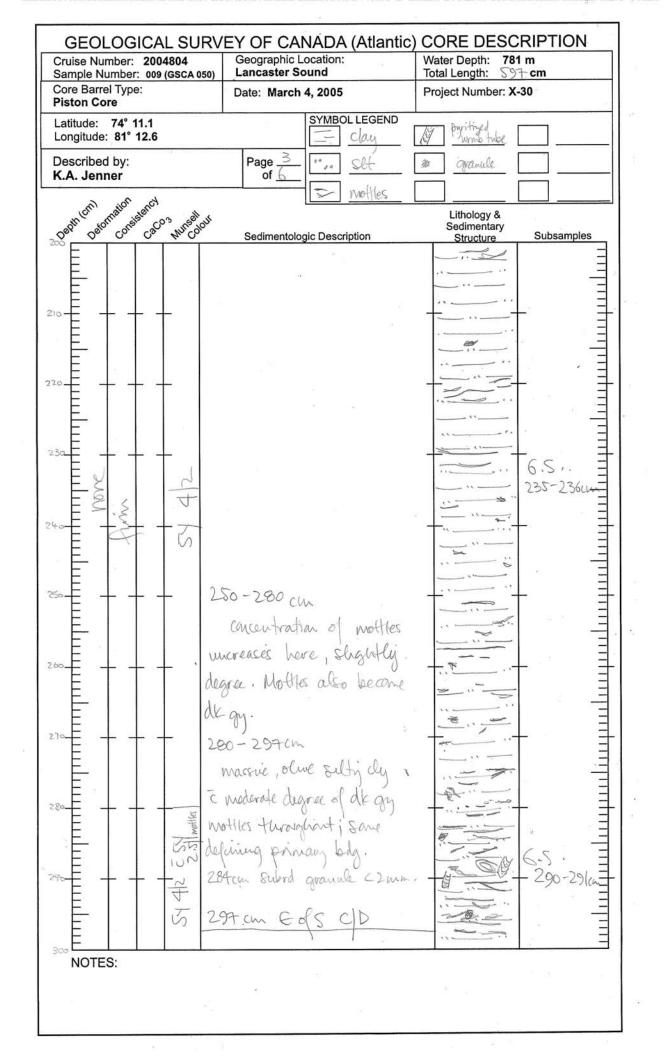


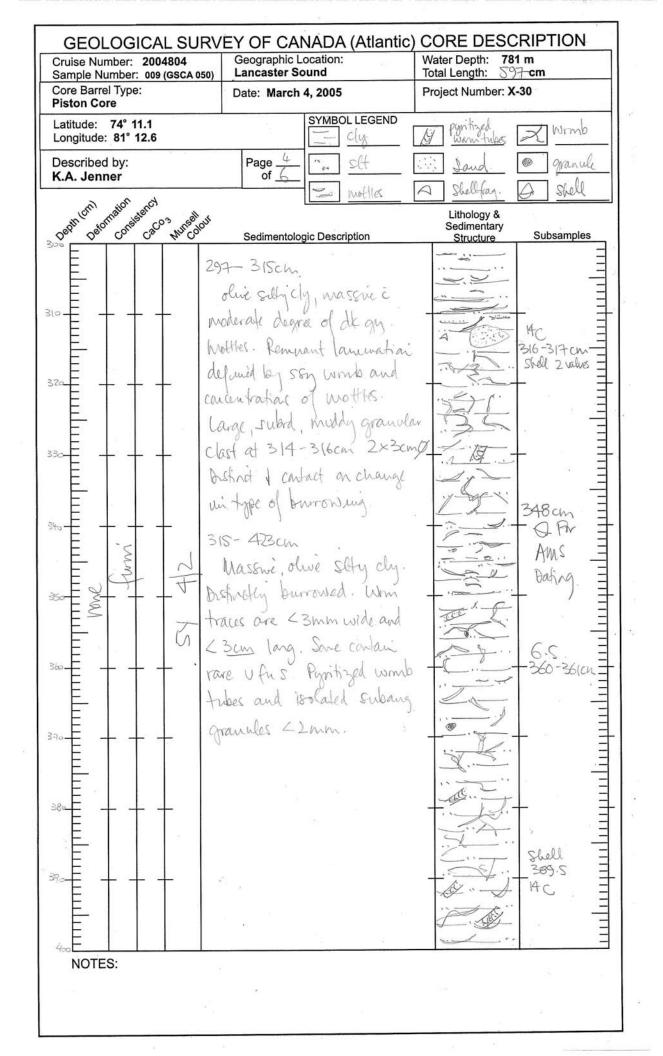




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