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1 INTRODUCTION

Trace metals are well-known contaminants in offshore drilling wastes, including spent muds, formation waters, rig washing agents and some other discharges (Thomas et al., 1983). Effects of drillings wastes, likely caused by trace metals, have ranged from histopathological damage at the organism level (Arctic Laboratories Ltd., 1979) to species diversity and distribution changes at the community levels (Maurer et al., 1981). Dome Petroleum Ltd. (1979) in a comprehensive review, predicted that accumulation of heavy metals was the only effect of Arctic offshore production drilling that could not easily be mitigated or dismissed as insignificant. On the east coast, a review of environmental concerns related to hydrocarbon development on the Grand Banks noted that, while most impacts of rig discharges would be localized and minor, an exception would be with trace metals associated with process water (Drinnon, 1985). Trace metals are not only good indicators of environmental stress on sea bottom communities, but excellent tracers for monitoring the extent of drilling waste deposition.

To make existing data available on sediment trace metals in Hecate Strait to companies and reviewers assessing impact of proposed West Coast drilling, sediment chemical results were analysed and reported by Sneddon and Holman; 1982. During March, 1984, surveys were completed in Hecate Strait to characterize the levels of trace metals in tissues of fish and invertebrates of bottom communities. The purpose of this study was to define baseline trace metal levels in epibenthic tissue samples obtained from the otter trawl and surface sediment grabs. Relative species abundance was also reported. This study should be regarded as a preliminary review of baseline tissue and sediment trace metal concentrations; future reports will statistically analyze data from several background areas including Hecate Strait, Laredo Sound, Surf Inlet, Masset Inlet and Barkley Sound and Quatsino Sound.

1.1 Study Area

The study area is located approximately 9 nautical miles east of Rose Spit at the north end of the Graham Island, Queen Charlottes Islands,

British Columbia (Figure 1). The sampling stations are shown in Figure 2 and the coordinates are listed in Appendix I.

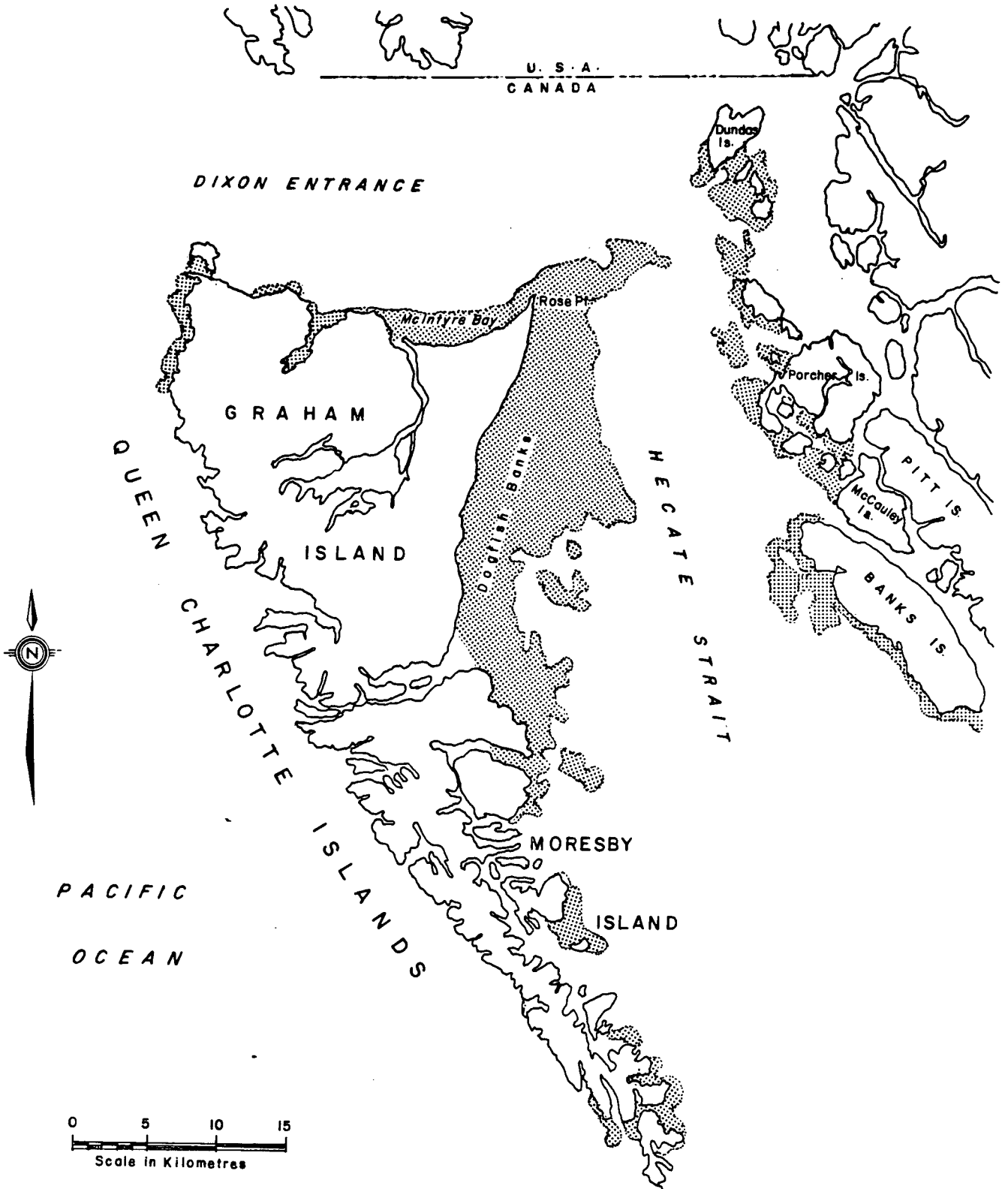
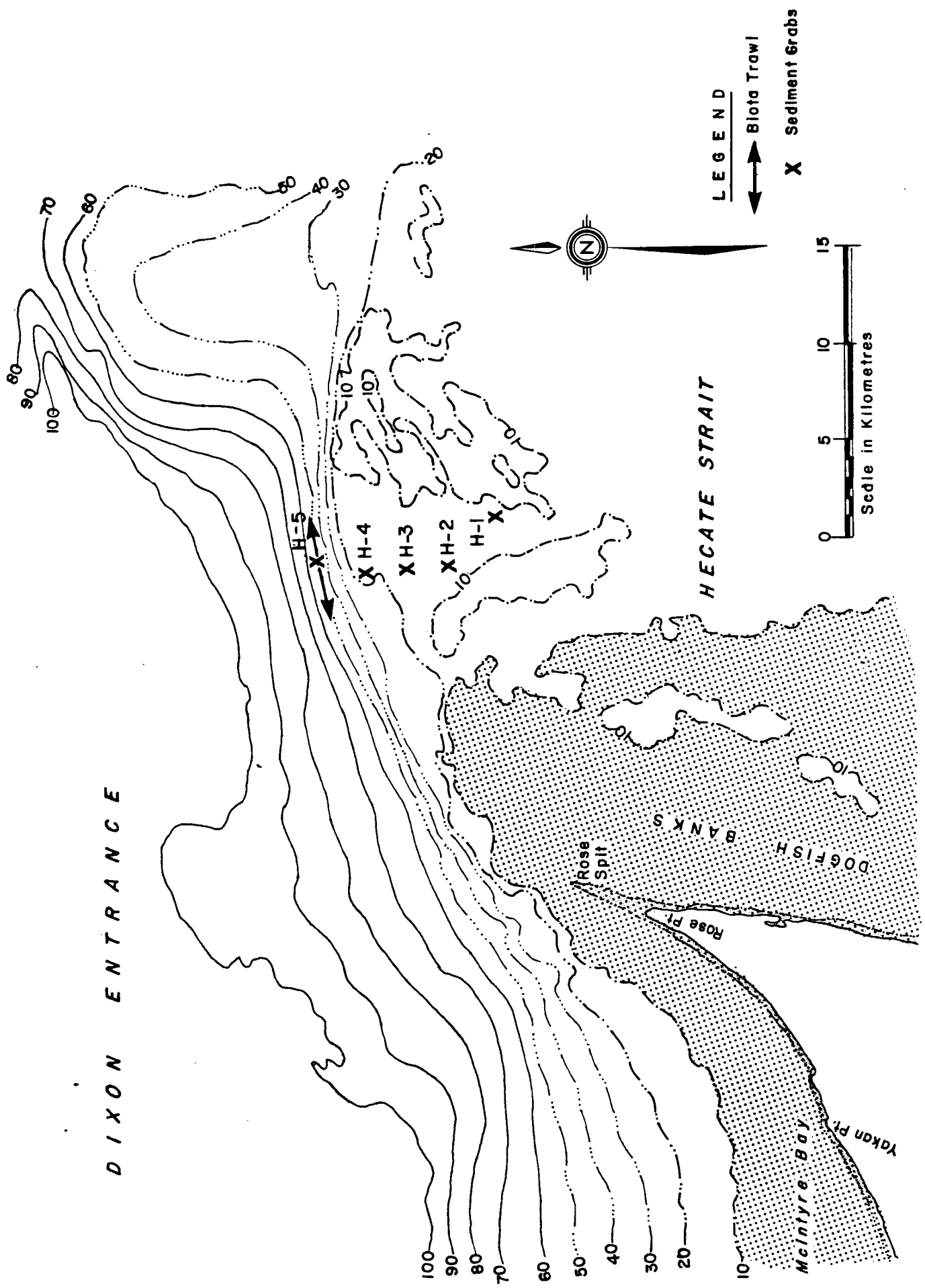


FIGURE 1 LOCATION MAP - HECATE STRAIT



GRAHAM ISLAND

FIGURE 2 SAMPLING STATIONS IN HECATE STRAIT - March 1984

2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 Tissue Samples

Tissue samples were collected using a small otter trawl which consisted of a 3.8 cm mesh net with a 5.8 metre throat. The trawl was towed with a 3:1 scope for a distance of approximately 0.8 km.

Species collected for trace metal analysis included pandalid shrimp (Pandalopsis dispar); crangon shrimp (Crangon communis); ratfish (Hydrolagus colliei); halibut (Hippoglossus stenolepis); hake (Merluccius productus); skate (Raja kincaidi); rockfish (Scorpaenidae) and all species of flatfish. The total trawl catch was quantified in terms of total number and weight.

The shrimp were beheaded; tail muscle (generally composites of 2) and hepatopancreas (composites of 6) were frozen for trace metal analysis. Fish tissue consisted of muscle filets with skin removed. The liver and gills from each fish species were also submitted for trace metal analysis. All biota samples were frozen individually in whirlpac bags.

2.1.1 Analytical Procedures - Tissue. Tissue trace metal analyses were conducted at the West Vancouver Laboratory according to procedures outlined by Swingle and Davidson (1979) which were basically as follows: tissue samples were thawed, blended, freeze-dried, and oxidized in a low temperature asher. The ash containing the metallic salts was then dissolved in warm concentrated nitric acid. Samples were analyzed on the Inductive Coupled Argon Plasma (ICAP) Optical Emission Spectrometer. Tissue levels that were below the ICAP detection limit for cadmium and lead were analyzed by the Jarrell Ash 850 AAS with a FLA 100 graphite tube furnace.

For mercury analysis, the blended and freeze-dried samples were dissolved in a 4:1 sulfuric acid-water mixture. These solutions were further oxidized with 50% peroxide, heated, cooled and diluted with potassium permanganate. The resultant solutions were then analyzed by "cold vapour" AAS (Atomic Absorption Spectrometer) with background correction.

2.2 Sediment Samples

Sediment surface grabs were taken at five stations (refer to Figure 2) using a stainless steel Smith-MacIntyre grab. The top 2 centimetres were retained for trace metal analysis. Samples were frozen onboard in whirlpac bags.

2.2.1 Analytical Procedures - Sediment. Frozen sediment samples were analyzed by the West Vancouver Laboratory for trace metals according to the procedure outlined by Swingle and Davidson (1979). The samples were freeze-dried and sieved through an 100-mesh nylon sieve. They were then digested in a 4:1 nitric-hydrochloric acid mixture and analyzed for trace metals using ICAP. Low level cadmium and lead levels were obtained using the Jarrell Ash 850 AAS with a FLA 100 graphite tube furnace.

2.3 Quality Control

Standard reference materials Lobster tail (NRC), Oyster tissue (NBS), bovine liver (NBS), BCSS marine sediment (NRC) and MESS marine sediment (NRC) are analysed with each batch of samples processed. If significant differences are observed between measured and certified values, methods are checked and the samples re-run. Quality control results are recorded, and are available for inspection. Detection limits for ICAP results are summarized in Appendix IV.

3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Biota

3.1.1 Tissue Trace Metals. Mean tissue metal concentrations from the various organisms obtained at the trawl site are summarized in Table 1. The standard deviation, variance, maximum, and minimum levels have also been included. Refer to Appendix II for the raw tissue data.

Metal levels in shrimp could be considered as baseline concentrations (Hall et al, 1978) with the exception of lead in tail muscle for Crangon communis (mean level - .99 mg/kg) and Pandalopsis dispar (mean level - 1.16 mg/kg). Most metals were higher in the hepatopancreas than in the tail muscle (i.e. copper - 1180 vs. 13.45 mg/kg; zinc - 131 vs. 50.93 mg/kg; cadmium - 31.5 vs. 0.18 mg/kg, arsenic - 125 vs. 69.25 mg/kg; molybdenum - .7 vs. .4 mg/kg and manganese 16.5 vs. 3.78 mg/kg).

Muscle, liver, and gill tissue from the bottom-dwelling fish were analyzed for trace metal concentrations (Table 1). The metal levels can generally be considered as baseline levels (Hall et al., 1978). Higher concentrations of copper, zinc, cadmium, arsenic, iron, and manganese were found in the liver whereas higher levels of aluminum and barium were found in the gills. Molybdenum, lead, and mercury varied considerably in the specified tissues. Most metal concentrations were consistent in fish muscle with the exception of arsenic which was lower in Antherestes stomias (Arrowtooth Flounder), Hippoglossus stenolepis (Pacific Halibut) and Scorpaenidae (Rockfish); mean levels for these species ranged between 5.00 and 14.71 mg/kg opposed to 39.00 - 111.00 mg/kg for the other bottom-dwelling fish sampled.

Comparison of invertebrate (shrimp) and vertebrate (fish) muscle tissue metal levels showed higher concentrations of copper, zinc, cadmium, and aluminum in shrimp respective concentrations were approximately 13 mg/kg compared to < 2 mg/kg for copper, 50-60 mg/kg compared to 16-25 mg/kg for zinc, .18-.43 mg/kg compared to .08-1.8 mg/kg for cadmium and 30-87 mg/kg compared to 4-12 mg/kg for aluminum.

TABLE 1 MEAN TRACE METAL LEVELS IN BIOTA FROM HECATE STRAIT - MARCH 1984

| | Al | As | Ba | Be | Cd | Cr | Cu | Fe | Hg | Mn | Mo | Pb | Zn |
|---|--------|--------|------|------|-------|------|--------|----------|------|-------|------|------|--------|
| SHRIMP - Crangon communis - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n=4 mean | 87.00 | 47.00 | 0.94 | 0.10 | 0.43 | 0.63 | 13.60 | 146.50 | 0.12 | 3.84 | 0.48 | 0.99 | 58.33 |
| max. | 120.00 | 52.00 | 1.15 | 0.10 | 0.49 | 0.80 | 15.02 | 233.00 | 0.17 | 5.55 | 0.50 | 1.10 | 59.60 |
| min. | 67.00 | 44.00 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.37 | 0.50 | 12.30 | 110.00 | 0.03 | 3.10 | 0.40 | 0.85 | 56.60 |
| SHRIMP - Pandalopsis dispar - Hepatopancreas | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 41.00 | 125.00 | 0.41 | 0.08 | 31.50 | 0.60 | 1180.0 | 181.00 | 0.37 | 16.50 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 131.00 |
| SHRIMP - Pandalopsis dispar - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n=24 mean | 30.88 | 69.25 | 0.23 | 0.08 | 0.18 | 0.52 | 13.45 | 103.39 | 0.15 | 3.78 | 0.40 | 1.16 | 50.93 |
| S.D. | 24.78 | 18.89 | 0.13 | 0.00 | 0.22 | 0.14 | 3.18 | 103.24 | 0.06 | 7.54 | 0.00 | 0.25 | 7.51 |
| var. | 614.29 | 356.80 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 10.14 | 10658.32 | 0.00 | 56.89 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 56.44 |
| max. | 120.00 | 133.00 | 0.56 | 0.09 | 1.19 | 0.90 | 24.20 | 502.00 | 0.31 | 38.90 | 0.40 | 1.42 | 83.60 |
| min. | 7.00 | 19.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.40 | 7.20 | 24.30 | 0.07 | 1.28 | 0.40 | 0.16 | 45.40 |
| FLOUNDER - Artherestes stomias - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n=7 mean | 12.71 | 14.71 | 0.24 | 0.08 | 0.16 | 0.83 | 1.67 | 32.70 | 0.43 | 1.44 | 0.40 | 1.43 | 20.84 |
| S.D. | 6.92 | 10.70 | 0.26 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.47 | 1.18 | 19.66 | 0.39 | 1.05 | 0.00 | 0.29 | 5.82 |
| var. | 47.90 | 114.57 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.22 | 1.39 | 386.69 | 0.15 | 1.11 | 0.00 | 0.08 | 33.88 |
| max. | 21.00 | 34.00 | 0.78 | 0.08 | 0.22 | 1.80 | 4.00 | 70.70 | 1.20 | 3.54 | 0.40 | 1.83 | 31.90 |
| min. | 4.00 | 4.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.40 | 0.70 | 12.20 | 0.25 | 0.39 | 0.40 | 1.01 | 13.40 |
| FLOUNDER - Artherestes stomias - Gill | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n=4 mean | 273.25 | 20.00 | 1.11 | 0.09 | 0.36 | 0.63 | 3.17 | 590.25 | 0.37 | 8.56 | 0.43 | 1.28 | 90.03 |
| max. | 397.00 | 30.00 | 1.73 | 0.10 | 0.45 | 1.00 | 3.30 | 821.00 | 0.70 | 13.00 | 0.50 | 1.42 | 110.00 |
| min. | 154.00 | 8.00 | 0.50 | 0.08 | 0.29 | 0.40 | 2.90 | 388.00 | 0.03 | 5.48 | 0.40 | 1.11 | 74.20 |

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TABLE 1 MEAN TRACE METAL LEVELS IN BIOTA FROM HECATE STRAIT - MARCH 1984
(Continued)

| | Al | As | Ba | Be | Cd | Cr | Cu | Fe | Hg | Mn | Mo | Pb | Zn |
|---|----------|-------|-------|------|------|----------------|------|---------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| FLOUNDER - <i>Atheresthes stomias</i> - Liver | n=4 mean | 4.75 | 41.25 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 19.83 | 0.45 | 52.68 | 0.18 | 5.79 | 0.40 | 0.99 | 146.50 |
| | max. | 6.00 | 72.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 23.70 | 0.50 | 1690.00 | 0.32 | 6.72 | 0.40 | 1.16 | 165.00 |
| | min. | 4.00 | 19.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 10.00 | 0.40 | 356.00 | 0.05 | 4.35 | 0.40 | 0.82 | 115.00 |
| HALIBUT - <i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i> - Muscle | | | | | | <i>Halibut</i> | | | | | | | |
| | | 4.00 | 8.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.60 | 10.70 | 0.03 | 0.89 | 0.40 | 2.00 | 18.50 |
| HALIBUT - <i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i> - Gill | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 28.00 | 4.00 | 0.13 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.40 | 2.50 | 0.05 | 3.82 | 0.40 | 1.27 | 78.30 |
| HALIBUT - <i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i> - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 4.00 | 52.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 9.50 | 0.60 | 36.50 | 0.10 | 4.92 | 0.60 | 1.16 | 186.00 |
| RATFISH - <i>Hydrolagus colliei</i> - Gill | | | | | | <i>Ratfish</i> | | | | | | | |
| | | 35.00 | 12.00 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 0.52 | 0.40 | 3.40 | 0.22 | 4.93 | 0.40 | 0.84 | 66.90 |
| RATFISH - <i>Hydrolagus colliei</i> - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 11.00 | 19.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 10.50 | 0.50 | 65.00 | 0.07 | 4.75 | 0.40 | 0.97 | 271.00 |
| SOLE - <i>Glyptocephalus zachirus</i> - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 10.00 | 62.00 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.70 | 0.80 | 0.02 | 1.35 | 0.40 | 1.85 | 16.30 |

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TABLE 1 MEAN TRACE METAL LEVELS IN BIOTA FROM HECATE STRAIT - MARCH 1984
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| | Al | As | Ba | Be | Cd | Cr | Cu | Fe | Hg | Mn | Mo | Pb | Zn |
|---|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|--------|--------|------|-------|------|------|--------|
| SOLE - <i>Glyptocephalus zachirus</i> - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4.00 | 17.00 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 1.50 | 0.40 | 4.30 | 203.00 | 0.04 | 4.18 | 0.40 | 0.58 | 75.00 |
| SOLE - <i>Inopsetta ischyra</i> - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n=3 mean | 10.00 | 65.33 | 0.28 | 0.08 | 0.18 | 0.63 | 1.87 | 23.53 | 0.05 | 1.09 | 0.40 | 1.26 | 21.80 |
| max. | 22.00 | 77.00 | 0.55 | 0.08 | 0.21 | 0.70 | 2.40 | 38.50 | 0.09 | 1.67 | 0.40 | 2.00 | 23.30 |
| min. | 4.00 | 57.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.60 | 0.90 | 11.40 | 0.02 | 0.53 | 0.40 | 0.59 | 19.60 |
| SOLE - <i>Inopsetta ischyra</i> - Gill | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n=2 mean | 92.50 | 6.00 | 3.03 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 1.30 | 2.30 | 265.50 | 0.08 | 10.24 | 0.40 | 0.64 | 99.10 |
| max. | 118.00 | 6.00 | 5.38 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 2.90 | 2.90 | 372.00 | 0.11 | 11.10 | 0.40 | 0.77 | 122.00 |
| min. | 67.00 | 6.00 | 0.68 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 1.70 | 1.70 | 159.00 | 0.04 | 9.37 | 0.40 | 0.51 | 76.20 |
| SOLE - <i>Inopsetta ischyra</i> - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n=3 mean | 4.00 | 58.33 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.71 | 0.47 | 89.47 | 263.33 | 0.13 | 7.86 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 125.13 |
| max. | 4.00 | 111.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.95 | 0.60 | 149.00 | 424.00 | 0.18 | 10.70 | 0.90 | 0.84 | 184.00 |
| min. | 4.00 | 16.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.28 | 0.40 | 25.60 | 60.00 | 0.04 | 4.31 | 0.40 | 0.15 | 55.40 |
| SOLE - <i>Lepidopsetta bilineata</i> - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5.00 | 64.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.40 | 0.70 | 25.60 | 0.23 | 2.64 | 0.40 | 1.42 | 20.70 |

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TABLE 1 MEAN TRACE METAL LEVELS IN BIOTA FROM HECATE STRAIT - MARCH 1984
(Continued)

| | Al | As | Ba | Be | Cd | Cr | Cu | Fe | Hg | Mn | Mo | Pb | Zn |
|--|-------|--------|------|------|------|------|-------|--------|------|-------|------|------|--------|
| SOLE - Parophrys vetulus - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n=2 mean | 4.00 | 34.00 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.95 | 0.60 | 1.45 | 14.25 | 0.11 | 0.63 | 0.40 | 1.86 | 19.50 |
| max. | 4.00 | 39.00 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 1.80 | 0.70 | 2.10 | 16.40 | 0.14 | 0.69 | 0.40 | 1.92 | 19.60 |
| min. | 4.00 | 29.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.50 | 0.80 | 12.10 | 0.07 | 0.56 | 0.40 | 1.79 | 19.40 |
| SOLE - Parophrys vetulus - Gill | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n=2 mean | 34.00 | 4.00 | 1.57 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.95 | 2.00 | 173.50 | 0.02 | 7.21 | 0.40 | 0.07 | 68.45 |
| max. | 50.00 | 4.00 | 2.79 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 1.50 | 2.70 | 219.00 | 0.02 | 12.10 | 0.40 | 0.88 | 70.70 |
| min. | 18.00 | 4.00 | 0.34 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.40 | 1.30 | 128.00 | 0.02 | 2.32 | 0.40 | 0.51 | 66.20 |
| SOLE - Parophrys vetulus - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4.00 | 33.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 3.60 | 0.80 | 24.30 | 469.00 | 0.19 | 4.53 | 0.40 | 1.38 | 146.00 |
| HAKE - Merlucius productus - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 50.00 | 53.00 | 0.35 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.50 | 2.30 | 153.00 | 0.48 | 6.32 | 0.40 | 1.39 | 25.50 |
| SKATE - Raja kincaidi - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9.00 | 111.00 | 0.42 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.70 | 1.10 | 26.30 | 0.48 | 2.53 | 0.40 | 1.77 | 20.50 |
| SKATE - Raja kincaidi - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4.00 | 15.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.80 | 0.40 | 6.60 | 125.00 | 0.10 | 2.45 | 0.40 | 1.53 | 28.60 |

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3.1.2 Quantitative Analysis. Quantitative biota data (species identification/number/total weight) obtained at the trawl site, H-1 is summarized in Appendix III. Crangon communis and Pandalopsis dispar appear to be the most dominant species of shrimp, whereas Antheresthes stomias (Arrowtooth flounder) was the dominant fish species. This information will be valuable for future comparisons with other baseline areas.

3.2 Sediment Trace Metals

The mean trace metal content found from the sediment grabs are shown in Table 2.

Surface sediment metal levels were comparable between the five stations (H-1 to H-5) with the exception of lead, iron and manganese which were considerably higher at Stations H-3 and H-4; respective concentrations were 23-24 mg/kg compared to 3-5 mg/kg for lead, 98,800-93,200 mg/kg compared to 15,200-33,300 mg/kg for iron and 402-416 mg/kg compared to 197-262 mg/kg for manganese.

Sediment samples were also collected by the Pacific Geoscience Centre northern Hecate Strait during June and September, 1979 and analysed for trace metals by EPS (Sneddon and Holman, 1982). The trace metal levels obtained from this survey are compared with the 1984 sediment levels in Table 3. The metal concentrations have not substantially changed between the two sampling periods and can be considered as baseline levels.

TABLE 2 TRACE METALS IN SURFACE SEDIMENT GRABS FROM HECATE STRAIT - MARCH 1984 (ug/g dry weight)

| STATION | DEPTH (m) | Al | As | Ba | Be | Ca | Cd | Co | Cr | Cu | Fe | Hg | Mg |
|---------|-----------|-------|----|------|-----|-------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|-------|------|
| H-1 | 111 | 7760 | 8 | 24.1 | 0.2 | 24100 | 0.4 | 4.8 | 15.0 | 3.6 | 15200 | 0.053 | 3290 |
| H-2 | 32 | 6810 | 8 | 17.3 | 0.2 | 10600 | 0.5 | 7.0 | 21.6 | 4.7 | 33300 | 0.053 | 2760 |
| H-3 | 40 | 5030 | 8 | 11.1 | 0.2 | 7410 | 0.3 | 14.2 | 43.8 | 5.0 | 98800 | 0.029 | 2080 |
| H-4 | 37 | 5500 | 8 | 10.5 | 0.2 | 7810 | 0.3 | 15.8 | 45.2 | 3.3 | 93200 | 0.047 | 2100 |
| H-5 | 121 | 10850 | 8 | 36.9 | 0.2 | 16950 | 0.4 | 9.1 | 18.5 | 5.1 | 16750 | 0.068 | 2555 |

| STATION | DEPTH (m) | Mn | Mo | Na | Ni | P | Pb | Si | Sn | Sr | Ti | V | Zn |
|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|----|-----|----|------|----|-------|------|-----|------|
| H-1 | 111 | 197 | 0.8 | 2230 | 9 | 640 | 3 | 1960 | 3 | 161.5 | 814 | 50 | 24.0 |
| H-2 | 32 | 262 | 0.8 | 1340 | 5 | 873 | 5 | 2040 | 6 | 62.6 | 1390 | 114 | 26.1 |
| H-3 | 40 | 402 | 0.8 | 1010 | 3 | 855 | 24 | 1740 | 8 | 39.4 | 2330 | 319 | 41.5 |
| H-4 | 37 | 416 | 0.8 | 850 | 3 | 898 | 23 | 640 | 8 | 39.9 | 2240 | 306 | 37.1 |
| H-5 | 121 | 242 | 0.8 | 3320 | 11 | 809 | 4 | 685 | 4 | 109.5 | 907 | 54 | 36.9 |

TABLE 3 TRACE METAL CONCENTRATIONS IN HECATE STRAIT MARINE SEDIMENTS
- 1979 VS. 1984

| METAL | RANGE - MG/KG DRY WEIGHT | |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | 1979* | 1984 |
| Cu | 2.68 - 11.2 | 3.3 - 5.1 |
| Pb | < 9.65 - 21.6 | 3 - 24 |
| Cd | < .5 - 1.64 | .3 - .5 |
| Zn | 13.2 - 48.3 | 24.0 - 41.5 |
| Mo | < 17.9 - < 24.7 | 0.8 |
| As | - | 8.0 |
| Fe | 16,500 - 49,400 | 15,200 - 98,800 |
| Al | 5,050 - 18,000 | 5,030 - 10,850 |

* Sneddon and Holman (1982) - Stations 1-14

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| STATION | PARAMETER | DEPTH (m) | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE |
|---------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| H-1 | Sediment | 111 | 54°12.5'N | 131°21.00'W |
| H-2 | Sediment | 32 | 54°13.78 | 131°22.74'W |
| H-3 | Sediment | 40 | 54°15.48 | 131°23.55'W |
| H-4 | Sediment | 37 | 54°16.84'N | 131°24.20'W |
| H-5 | Sediment | 121 | 52°18.42'N | 131°24.97'W |
| H-5 | Trawl | start: | 54°18.34'N | 131°24.26'W |
| | | finish: | 54°18.18'N | 131°25.96'W |

APPENDIX II TISSUE TRACE METALS IN BIOTA - MARCH 1984 (mg/g - Dry Weight)

| Al | As | Ba | Be | Cd | Cr | Cu | Fe | Hg | Mn | Mo | Pb | Zn | % MOISTURE |
|--|--------|------|------|-------|------|---------|--------|------|-------|------|------|--------|------------|
| SHRIMP - Crangon communis - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 67.00 | 47.00 | 0.70 | 0.10 | 0.39 | 0.50 | 14.20 | 126.00 | - | 3.30 | 0.50 | 1.10 | 58.80 | 75.7% |
| 120.00 | 44.00 | 1.15 | 0.09 | 0.48 | 0.80 | 12.70 | 233.00 | 0.03 | 5.55 | 0.40 | 0.85 | 56.60 | 76.2% |
| 83.00 | 45.00 | 0.90 | 0.10 | 0.37 | 0.50 | 12.30 | 117.00 | 0.15 | 3.10 | 0.50 | 0.90 | - | 73.6% |
| 78.00 | 52.00 | 1.00 | 0.10 | 0.49 | 0.70 | 15.20 | 110.00 | 0.17 | 3.40 | 0.50 | 1.10 | 59.60 | 75.4% |
| SHRIMP - Pandalopsis dispar - Hepatopancreas | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41.00 | 125.00 | 0.41 | 0.08 | 31.50 | 0.60 | 1180.00 | 181.00 | 0.37 | 16.50 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 131.00 | 67.3% |
| SHRIMP - Pandalopsis dispar - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30.00 | 59.00 | 0.46 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.40 | 12.40 | 164.00 | 0.14 | 2.94 | 0.40 | 0.16 | 47.10 | 76.2% |
| 120.00 | 57.00 | 0.50 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.50 | 9.70 | 502.00 | 0.20 | 38.90 | 0.40 | 1.20 | 50.10 | 76.1% |
| 38.00 | 80.00 | 0.24 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.40 | 17.80 | 147.00 | 0.31 | 2.07 | 0.40 | 0.98 | 46.80 | 76.7% |
| 12.00 | 65.00 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.50 | 13.90 | 37.30 | 0.09 | 1.58 | 0.40 | 1.35 | 50.70 | 76.8% |
| 23.00 | 72.00 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.50 | 15.00 | 74.80 | 0.14 | 1.70 | 0.40 | 1.28 | 47.70 | 75.3% |
| 37.00 | 133.00 | 0.31 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.70 | 24.20 | 82.30 | 0.15 | 2.42 | 0.40 | 1.42 | 83.60 | 76.4% |
| 26.00 | 61.00 | 0.22 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.50 | 14.00 | 67.80 | 0.08 | 2.01 | 0.40 | 1.22 | 52.60 | 76.0% |
| 23.00 | 57.00 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.40 | 11.10 | 64.10 | 0.08 | 1.94 | 0.40 | 1.21 | 50.10 | 77.0% |
| 9.00 | 90.00 | 0.11 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.40 | 11.40 | 32.60 | 0.13 | 1.36 | 0.40 | 1.20 | 52.00 | 76.6% |
| 67.00 | 56.00 | 0.36 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.50 | 11.40 | 158.00 | 0.10 | 3.71 | 0.40 | 1.03 | 49.30 | 74.3% |
| 7.00 | 75.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.21 | 0.50 | 12.00 | 24.30 | 0.25 | 1.79 | 0.40 | 1.20 | 52.00 | 76.6% |
| 29.00 | 69.00 | 0.23 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.40 | 12.40 | 56.60 | 0.07 | 1.63 | 0.40 | 0.97 | 50.20 | 76.3% |
| 28.00 | 70.00 | 0.24 | 0.08 | 1.19 | 0.70 | 13.90 | 73.20 | 0.09 | 3.17 | 0.40 | 1.17 | 51.00 | 76.5% |
| 23.00 | 72.00 | 0.19 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.80 | 13.80 | 65.50 | 0.12 | 2.14 | 0.40 | 1.35 | 47.30 | 76.8% |
| 12.00 | 74.00 | 0.11 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.50 | 13.40 | 31.30 | 0.09 | 1.28 | 0.40 | 1.18 | 47.50 | 76.7% |
| 26.00 | 62.00 | 0.25 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.70 | 13.90 | 234.00 | 0.13 | 2.54 | 0.40 | 1.01 | 52.20 | 74.4% |
| 24.00 | 72.00 | 0.15 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.40 | 15.30 | 59.90 | 0.23 | 1.97 | 0.40 | 1.30 | 49.80 | 75.1% |
| 20.00 | 74.00 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.60 | 15.50 | 54.70 | 0.09 | 1.78 | 0.40 | 1.28 | 47.80 | 73.4% |
| 21.00 | 19.00 | 0.25 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.50 | 7.20 | 218.00 | 0.14 | 5.46 | 0.40 | 1.37 | 56.00 | 75.2% |
| 13.00 | 61.00 | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.40 | 13.70 | 30.30 | 0.12 | 1.58 | 0.40 | 1.15 | 45.40 | 75.6% |

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APPENDIX II TISSUE TRACE METALS IN BIOTA - MARCH 1984 (mg/g - Dry Weight)
(Continued)

| AI | As | Ba | Be | Cd | Cr | Cu | Fe | Hg | Mn | Mo | Pb | Zn | % MOISTURE |
|--|-------|------|------|-------|------|--------|---------|------|-------|------|------|--------|---------------|
| SHRIMP - <i>Pandalopsis dispar</i> - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26.00 | 68.00 | 0.15 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.40 | 10.50 | 62.00 | 0.21 | 2.19 | 0.40 | 1.28 | 48.20 | 77.1% |
| 19.00 | 62.00 | 0.16 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.40 | 11.20 | 46.00 | 0.21 | 1.36 | 0.40 | 1.06 | 47.60 | 76.3% |
| 76.00 | 75.00 | 0.56 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.90 | 14.20 | 139.00 | 0.17 | 3.80 | 0.40 | 1.23 | - | 76.7% |
| 32.00 | 79.00 | 0.21 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.40 | 14.80 | 56.70 | 0.16 | 1.46 | 0.40 | 1.25 | 47.60 | 77.5% |
| FLOUNDER - <i>Artherestes stomias</i> - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 4.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.60 | 1.50 | 14.40 | 0.25 | 0.39 | 0.40 | 1.69 | 17.40 | 83.4% |
| 4.00 | 34.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.50 | 1.10 | 12.20 | 1.20 | 0.75 | 0.40 | 1.83 | 13.40 | 81.0% |
| 16.00 | 8.00 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 1.80 | *11.40 | 32.80 | 0.08 | 0.98 | 0.40 | 1.27 | 21.70 | 82.3% |
| 11.00 | 11.00 | 0.11 | 0.08 | 0.19 | 0.70 | 1.50 | 27.30 | 0.28 | 0.93 | 0.40 | 1.46 | 17.60 | 85.05 |
| 21.00 | 25.00 | 0.78 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.90 | 0.70 | 70.70 | 0.68 | 3.54 | 0.40 | 1.01 | 22.10 | 81.7% |
| 13.00 | 10.00 | 0.39 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.90 | 1.20 | 29.70 | 0.27 | 1.65 | 0.40 | 1.22 | 21.80 | 83.6% |
| 20.00 | 11.00 | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.22 | 0.40 | 4.00 | 41.80 | 0.25 | 1.83 | 0.40 | 1.56 | 31.90 | 84.8% |
| FLOUNDER - <i>Artherestes stomias</i> - Gill | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 362.00 | 12.00 | 1.50 | 0.10 | 0.45 | 0.70 | *26.10 | 639.00 | - | 10.00 | 0.50 | 1.40 | 110.00 | 84.9% |
| 154.00 | 30.00 | 0.50 | 0.08 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 2.90 | 513.00 | - | 5.77 | 0.40 | 1.17 | 94.10 | 79.6% |
| 180.00 | 8.00 | 0.72 | 0.08 | 0.33 | 0.40 | 3.30 | 388.00 | 0.03 | 5.48 | 0.40 | 1.42 | 74.20 | 83.3% |
| 397.00 | 30.00 | 1.73 | 0.08 | 0.29 | 1.00 | 3.30 | 821.00 | 0.07 | 13.00 | 0.40 | 1.11 | 81.80 | 83.0% |
| FLOUNDER - <i>Artherestes stomias</i> - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 39.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 22.40 | 0.40 | 76.40 | 356.00 | 0.25 | 6.38 | 0.40 | 1.16 | 159.00 | 76.6% |
| 4.00 | 72.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 23.20 | 0.50 | 47.10 | 1690.00 | 0.11 | 4.35 | 0.40 | 0.85 | 115.00 | 74.6% |
| 5.00 | 35.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 23.70 | 0.40 | 60.30 | 814.00 | 0.32 | 5.69 | 0.40 | 1.13 | 165.00 | 79.4% |
| 6.00 | 19.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 10.00 | 0.50 | 26.90 | 683.00 | 0.05 | 6.72 | 0.40 | 0.82 | 147.00 | 72.6% |

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APPENDIX II
 TISSUE TRACE METALS IN BIOTA - MARCH 1984 (mg/g - Dry Weight)
 (Continued)

| Al | As | Ba | Be | Cd | Cr | Cu | Fe | Hg | Mn | Mo | Pb | Zn | % MOISTURE |
|--|-------|------|------|-------|------|-------|---------|------|------|------|------|--------|---------------|
| HALIBUT - Hippoglossus stenolepis - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 8.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.60 | 0.80 | 10.70 | 0.03 | 0.89 | 0.40 | 2.00 | 18.50 | 81.6% |
| HALIBUT - Hippoglossus stenolepis - Gill | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28.00 | 4.00 | 0.13 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.40 | 2.50 | 143.00 | 0.05 | 3.82 | 0.40 | 1.27 | 78.30 | 83.1% |
| HALIBUT - Hippoglossus stenolepis - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 52.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 9.50 | 0.60 | 36.50 | 523.00 | 0.10 | 4.92 | 0.60 | 1.16 | 186.00 | 76.2% |
| RATFISH - Hydrolagus colliei - Gill | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35.00 | 12.00 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 0.52 | 0.40 | 3.40 | 193.00 | 0.22 | 4.93 | 0.40 | 0.84 | 66.90 | 83.4% |
| RATFISH - Hydrolagus colliei - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11.00 | 19.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 10.50 | 0.50 | 65.00 | 1970.00 | 0.07 | 4.75 | 0.40 | 0.97 | 271.00 | 76.0% |
| SOLE - Glyptocephalus zachirus - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.00 | 62.00 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.70 | 0.80 | 80.90 | 0.02 | 1.35 | 0.40 | 1.85 | 16.30 | 81.8% |

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APPENDIX II TISSUE TRACE METALS IN BIOTA - MARCH 1984 (mg/g - Dry Weight)
(Continued)

| Al | As | Ba | Be | Cd | Cr | Cu | Fe | Hg | Mn | Mo | Pb | Zn | % MOISTURE |
|--|--------|------|------|------|------|--------|--------|------|-------|------|------|--------|---------------|
| SOLE - Glyptocephalus zachirus - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 17.00 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 1.50 | 0.40 | 4.30 | 203.00 | 0.04 | 4.18 | 0.40 | 0.58 | 75.00 | 83.0% |
| SOLE - Inopsetta ischyra - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 77.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.21 | 0.60 | 0.90 | 11.40 | 0.09 | 0.53 | 0.40 | 2.00 | 19.60 | 81.7% |
| 22.00 | 62.00 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.60 | 2.30 | 38.50 | 0.02 | 1.08 | 0.40 | 0.59 | 22.50 | 80.8% |
| 4.00 | 57.00 | 0.55 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.70 | 2.40 | 20.70 | 0.03 | 1.67 | 0.40 | 1.19 | 23.30 | 81.2% |
| SOLE - Inopsetta ischyra - Gill | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 67.00 | 6.00 | 5.38 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 1.90 | 1.70 | 159.00 | 0.04 | 11.10 | 0.40 | 0.51 | 122.00 | 79.0% |
| 118.00 | 6.00 | 0.68 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.70 | 2.90 | 372.00 | 0.11 | 9.37 | 0.40 | 0.77 | 76.20 | 84.6% |
| SOLE - Isopsetta ischyra - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 16.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.28 | 0.40 | 25.60 | 60.00 | 0.04 | 4.31 | 0.40 | 0.15 | 55.40 | 48.6% |
| 4.00 | 48.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.90 | 0.40 | 93.80 | 306.00 | 0.17 | 8.57 | 0.40 | 0.84 | 136.00 | 71.1% |
| 4.00 | 111.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.95 | 0.60 | 149.00 | 424.00 | 0.18 | 10.70 | 0.90 | 0.73 | 184.00 | 75.7% |
| SOLE - Lepidopsetta bilineata - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.00 | 64.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.40 | 0.70 | 25.60 | 0.23 | 2.64 | 0.40 | 1.42 | 20.70 | 81.0% |

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APPENDIX II TISSUE TRACE METALS IN BIOTA - MARCH 1984 (mg/g - Dry Weight)
(Continued)

| Al | As | Ba | Be | Cd | Cr | Cu | Fe | Hg | Mn | Mo | Pb | Zn | % MOISTURE |
|--------------------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|-------|--------|------|-------|------|------|--------|---------------|
| SOLE - Parophrys vetulus - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 39.00 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.50 | 0.80 | 12.10 | 0.14 | 0.69 | 0.40 | 1.92 | 19.60 | 82.0% |
| 4.00 | 29.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.18 | 0.70 | 2.10 | 16.40 | 0.07 | 0.56 | 0.40 | 1.79 | 19.40 | 79.0% |
| SOLE - Parophrys vetulus - Gill | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18.00 | 4.00 | 2.79 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 1.50 | 1.30 | 128.00 | 0.02 | 12.10 | 0.40 | 0.51 | 70.70 | 46.8% |
| 50.00 | 4.00 | 0.34 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.40 | 2.70 | 219.00 | 0.02 | 2.32 | 0.40 | 0.88 | 66.20 | 79.7% |
| SOLE - Parophrys vetulus - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 33.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 3.60 | 0.80 | 24.30 | 469.00 | 0.19 | 4.53 | 0.40 | 1.38 | 146.00 | 74.7% |
| HAKE - Merluccius productus - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 50.00 | 53.00 | 0.35 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.50 | 2.30 | 153.00 | 0.48 | 6.32 | 0.40 | 1.39 | 25.50 | 80.7% |
| SKATE - Raja kincaidi - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9.00 | 111.00 | 0.42 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.70 | 1.10 | 26.30 | 0.48 | 2.53 | 0.40 | 1.77 | 20.50 | 79.4% |
| SKATE - Raja kincaidi - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 15.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.80 | 0.40 | 6.60 | 125.00 | 0.10 | 2.45 | 0.40 | 1.53 | 28.60 | 48.3% |

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APPENDIX II TISSUE TRACE METALS IN BIOTA - MARCH 1984 (mg/g - Dry Weight)
(Continued)

| Al | As | Ba | Be | Cd | Cr | Cu | Fe | Hg | Mn | Mo | Pb | Zn | % MOISTURE |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|--------|------|------|------|------|-------|---------------|
| ROCKFISH - SCORPAENIDAE - Muscle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 5.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.18 | 0.50 | 2.70 | 12.00 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.40 | 1.33 | 16.30 | 79.3% |
| ROCKFISH - SCORPAENIDAE - Liver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.00 | 4.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 1.30 | 0.50 | 14.70 | 167.00 | - | 180 | 0.40 | 0.35 | 55.10 | 51.1% |

* Not used in statistical calculations

APPENDIX III QUANTITATIVE BIOTA ANALYSIS - HECATE STRAIT - MARCH 1984
(Station H-1)

| SPECIES | COMMON NAME | NUMBER | TOTAL WEIGHT (g) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------|
| MOLLUSCA - Gastropods | | | |
| <u>Trichotropis cancellata</u> | Harry shell | 2 | - |
| | Moonsnail | 1 | - |
| ARTHROPODA - Isopods | - | 1 | - |
| - Caridea | | | |
| <u>Crangon communis</u> | | 91 | 111 |
| <u>Pandalopsis dispar</u> | Sidestripe Shrimp | 49 | 588 |
| <u>Pandalis borealis</u> | Pink Shrimp | 19 | - |
| <u>Pasiphae pacifica</u> | Glass Shrimp | 1 | - |
| <u>Spirontocaris</u> sp. | - | 1 | - |
| BRANCHYURA | | | |
| Hyas lyratus | Lyre Crab | 4 | - |
| ECHINODERMATA | | | |
| - ASTEROIDEA | - | 1 | - |
| - OPHIURODEA | Basket Star | 1 | - |
| <u>Gorgoncephalus eucnemis</u> | | | |
| - HOLOTHURODIA | | | |
| <u>Chiridota</u> sp. | Brittle Star | Several | - |
| CORDATA - PISCES | | | |
| <u>Parophrys vetulus</u> | English Sole | 1 | 252 |
| <u>Glyptocephalus zachirus</u> | Rex Sole | 3 | 150 |
| <u>Gadus macrocephalus</u> | Pacific Cod | 3 | 2049 |
| <u>Hippoglossus stenolepis</u> | Pacific Halibut | 1 | 1400 |
| <u>Clupea harengus pallasii</u> | Pacific Herring | 6 | 92 |
| <u>Antheresthes stomias</u> | Arrowtooth Flounder | 10 | - |
| <u>Raja kincaidii</u> | Black Skate | 1 | 400 |
| <u>Boccaio</u> sp. | Rockfish | 1 | < 50 |
| <u>Hydrolagus colliei</u> | Ratfish | 4 | 200 |

APPENDIX IV TRACE METAL DETECTION LIMITS

| METAL | CONCENTRATION (ug/g) | |
|-------|----------------------|----------|
| | Biota | Sediment |
| As | 4 | 8 |
| Ba | .08 | .20 |
| Be | .08 | .20 |
| Cd | .20 | .30 |
| Co | .40 | .80 |
| Cr | .40 | .80 |
| Cu | .40 | .80 |
| Mn | .08 | .20 |
| Mo | .40 | .80 |
| Ni | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| P | 4.0 | 8.0 |
| Pb | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| Sb | 4.0 | - |
| Sn | .80 | 2.0 |
| Sr | .08 | .20 |
| Ti | .20 | .30 |
| V | .40 | .80 |
| Zn | .20 | .30 |
| Al | 4.0 | 8.0 |
| Fe | .40 | 80 |
| Si | 8.0 | 20 |
| Ca | 8.0 | 20 |
| Mg | 8.0 | 20 |
| Na | 8.0 | 20 |