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Cruise no. 126 of the Albatross III was planned and conducted to gather information about the distribution of fishes across the Continental Shelf from Nantucket Shoals to Cape Hatteras during the late winter period when water temperatures generally are at their minimum. The shelf here has a general hydrographic similarity from north to south, well described by Bigelow (1933), that makes it a particularly worthwhile area in which to study the relation of fish distribution to water temperature, depth, and other factors of the environment. Since the fish of this portion of the shelf support several different, relatively important food and industrial fisheries, as well as an intensive marine sport fishery, Cruise no. 126 served to provide data valuable to several research programs.

This area has a distinctive fauna attributed in part to the thermal barrier present across the shelf at Cape Hatteras, as well as another such barrier, less marked, separating the waters of southern New England and the Gulf of Maine. No one species of marine fish is necessarily restricted to the shelf of the Middle Atlantic. However, several species of commercial importance are present here, and only here, in significant numbers. Among these are the scup, fluke, common sea robin, tilefish, sea bass, and tautog.

To the north, this area shares a number of species with the Gulf of Maine, especially during the winter months. Some of these are the yellowtail flounder, white hake, long-horned sculpin, eelpout, and winter flounder. Species entering from the south, especially during the periods of warmest water on the shelf, include some that habitually range even further south than Florida. Among these species are the bluefish, bluefin tuna, swordfish, American hake<sup>1</sup>, filefish (several species), smooth dogfish, weakfish, and kingfish.

The Albatross III sailed from Woods Hole on January 21, 1959, and returned on February 3. This was, as it turned out, the last biological research cruise of the Albatross III. During this cruise a total of eight fishing transects, totaling 53 fishing stations, were made across the shelf as indicated in figure 1. One hundred and eighty-three bathythermograph casts were made, the positions for which, with associated sea and weather data, are given in Appendix I.

When time permitted, an effort was made to evaluate the ability of the Edo AN/UQN-1B echo sounder to differentiate various species of fish.

#### GEAR AND OPERATIONS

A standard No. 36 otter trawl was used throughout, with the cod end and upper belly lined with 1/2-inch (stretched measure) cotton mesh to retain small fish. All of the tows were one-half hour each. The standard survey record card of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, was used to record the data. All fish were counted and measured (fork length, to the nearest millimeter) except in those few cases where the numbers were excessive, at which time aliquots

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We prefer the vernacular name, "American hake," for Merluccius albidus, to call to mind its relation to the European hake, M. merluccius L., and to set it apart from other common deepwater hakes.



Figure 1.--Cruise track of *Albatross III* Cruise no. 126. Solid circles indicate BT drops and ringed circles indicate fishing stations. Each fishing transect is identified with its code number and name. Letters are used to indicate beginnings and endings of various profiles presented in Appendix II.

were sampled. All skates and sharks were measured (total length) and sexed. Samples of fish and invertebrates for laboratory studies were preserved. All fish that could not be precisely identified on board ship were preserved for determination in the laboratory.

#### FISHING TRANSECTS

Each fishing transect was planned to be completed in the daylight hours of 1 day. Bad weather interfered only once after a transect had been started. The very last transect (off Block Island) was not attempted because of foul weather. The general plan was to make seven stations on each transect, at 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 150, and 200 fathoms. These depths were not considered rigid, however, and the stations were spaced so that each transect would include stations representative both of the extremes in depth and the extremes in temperature. Where the shelf was widest, New Jerseynorthward, the transects could not be extended into the shallower water because of the great amount of running time necessary to get from station to station. To the south, however, seven stations were easily completed within a day. The fishing station data are listed in table 1.

#### HYDROGRAPHIC TRANSECTS

Hydrographic work was limited to surface temperatures and to bathythermograph (BT) casts. The BT was used at the end of each fishing station and at regular intervals, usually every hour and occasionally every half hour. The bathythermographs were regularly checked against the surface thermometers, and the temperature unit was calibrated once aboard ship. The BT temperature data appeared to be reliable to within  $\pm 0.3^{\circ}$  F. The temperature data were plotted daily, both to help the planning of the following day's work and to keep a check on the functioning of the bathythermographs.

#### SURFACE TEMPERATURES

Surface temperatures obtained on this cruise for this section of the Atlantic coast were different only in detail from temperatures reported by Bigelow (1933) for this time of year (fig. 3). Along the coast, surface temperatures were in the low 40's to the south and in the upper 30's off southern New England. Previous survey cruises off southern New England, especially *Albatross III* Cruise no. 86, January 22, 1957, found considerably colder surface water (middle 30's) further offshore than we observed on this trip. Around Cape Hatteras, the immediate influence of the Gulf Stream may be observed, dwindling to the northward.

#### **BOTTOM TEMPERATURES**

Bottom water temperatures observed on this cruise (fig. 4) correspond in general with those reported by Bigelow for this time of the year. Typically, there is a band of warmer water on the bottom along the outer edge of the Continental Shelf, as shown in figure 4 and in various transects (Appendix II). Bottom temperatures are colder both inshore and offshore of this band, as one would anticipate.

#### **TEMPERATURE PROFILES**

Temperature profiles (Appendix II, figs. A-1 to A-18) are presented for each bathythermograph transect. Even allowing for the  $\pm$  0.3°F. variation in the BT recordings, there is a remarkably consistent pattern of temperature distribution across the shelf. This pattern includes a marked temperature inversion over much of the shelf in depths over 40 fathoms out to about the 100-fathom line. Moving from south to north, the warmer water becomes more and more restricted, and occasionally, as off the Hudson Canyon, is off the bottom (see fig. A-4). Whether or not such a warm water zone is also to be found during the winter off Georges Bank further to the north remains to be established.

Examination of these profiles along with the comparable sections illustrated in Bigelow (1933) show differences in detail worthy of



Figure 2.-- A typical deep tow, station 4-8.

comment. All our profiles show generally warmer conditions than illustrated by Bigelow for the years 1929, 1930, and 1931. In addition the inversion is more pronounced in our 1959 data.

#### ANNOTATED LIST OF SPECIES

In the following list, the collection data are presented for those species not listed in Appendix II, appendix tables 2-9. The stations and appropriate data are listed in table 1. As previously mentioned, all fish, or aliquots from each tow, were measured. Only those measurements are given in this list that the authors believe worthy of record at this time.

#### Hagfishes

Hagfish, Myzine glutinosa Linnaeus. Sta. 4-8, 1; and 9-6, 1 specimen.

#### Sharks

Chain dogfish, Scyliorhinus retifer (Garman). Sta. 3-3, 1; 4-4, 1; 4-7, 1; 5-7, 2; 6-4, 1; 6-5, 1; 6-6, 1; 9-4, 1; and 9-5, 1 specimen. Smooth dogfish, *Mustelus canis* (Mitchill). Sta. 7-1, 20; 7-3, 1; and 7-4, 1 specimen.

Spiny dogfish, Squalus acanthias Linnaeus. Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles. The results of this cruise indicate that spiny dogfish tend to school by sex and that the males are usually found in cooler water than the females (fig. 5).

Etmopterus, Etmopterus hillianus (Poey). Sta. 7-6, 2 specimens.

Angel shark, *Squatina dumeril* (Lesueur). Sta. 5-7, 1; 7-4, 7; 7-6, 2; and 9-1, 1 specimen.

#### **Skates and Torpedoes**

Torpedo, Torpedo nobiliana Bonaparte. Sta. 10-5, 1 specimen.

Barndoor skate, *Raja laevis* Mitchill. Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

Big skate, *Raja ocellata* Mitchill. Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

Brier skate, *Raja eglanteria* Bosc. Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

Table	1Li:	st of	fishing	stations	and	pertinent	data
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				Average			Speed	
	~ .			depth of		Bottom	over	
	Station	Posi	tion	tow in	BT slide	temperature	bottom	
Date	number	Latitude	Longitude	feet	number	(°F.)	(knots)	Remarks
1959								
Feb.3	1 - 1	39°58.8'N	70°19.0'W	210	172	1/ ±44	4.4	Martha's Vinevard transect
Feb 3	1 - 2	40°00 5'N	70°17 0'W	146	173	$\overline{2}/49$	3 8	···· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Feb 3	1 - 3	40°03 2'N	70°13 5'W	00	174	$T'_{+50}$	3 4	
Feb 3	1 _ 1	40º06 01N	70º14 51W	02	175	7/ 52	3.6	
reb.s	1 - 4	4000.011	70917 0111	03	170	3/ 52	3.0	
reb.s	1 - 5	40.09.9.1	70°17.0°W	04	170	2/ 00	3.0	
Feb.3	1 - 6	40°22.0'N	70°20.3'W	47	177	$\frac{2}{48}$	4.4	
	_							
Jan.23	3 - 1	39°24.0'N	73°29.0'W	25	36	45.7	3.6	Barnegat transect
Jan.23	3 - 2	39°04.1'N	73°05.0'W	45	37	51.3	5.2	
Jan. 23	3 - 3	38°56.0'N	72°53.3'W	62	39	51.7	4.4	
Jan.23	3 - 4	38°55.7'N	73°56.5'W	80	40	48.8	3.8	
Jan. 23	3 - 5	38°51.5'N	72°55.5'W	159	41	48.8	4.0	
Jan 24	4 - 1	38°18 5'N	74°19 3'W	20	54	48 7	5.0	Delaware transect
Jan 24	1 - 2	38º00 01N	74907 01W	42	55	52 5	5.0	Dord Haro Handeet
Jan, 24	4 2	20005 EIN	74901 5111	714	55	52.0	5.0	
Jan. 24	4 - 5	30 03.3'IN	79050 0HW	02	50	53.4	4.0	
Jan, 24	4 - 4	38-01.5'N	73-36,0'W	82	57	52.8	4.2	
Jan.24	4 - 5	37°58.5'N	73°56.0'W	104	58	52.0	4.6	
Jan.24	4 - 6	37°56.8'N	73°57.5'W	129	59	50.3	4.6	
Jan.24	4 - 7	37°55.0'N	73°58.5'W	147	60	46.7	5.0	
Jan.24	4 - 8	37°57.0'N	73°56.0'W	220	61	1/ ±46.0	5.0	
Jan.25	5 - 1	37°50.6'N	73°52.5'W	18	69	51.7	5.0	Winter guarter transect
Jan 25	5 - 2	37°40 7'N	74°30.0'W	37	71	55.3	5.4	(interrupted by bad weather)
Jan 25	5 - 3	37°38 0'N	74º24 0'W	48	72	53 4	5 2	(interrupted by see a benefit,
Jan 25	5 - 4	37934 5IN	74919 51W	130	73	10 2	3 2	
Jan. 20	5 - 1	27024 5IN	74916 0111	130	194	1/ +16 5	3.2	
Jan. SI	5-0	37-34,5'IN	74-10.0'W	438	124	1/ 140.5	4.0	
Jan. 31	5 - 7	37°36.5'N	74°16.5'W	92	125	49.0	4.0	
7 95	C 1	DCOLO OINT	REAL OUT	10	0.4	40.1	1.0	Gara Ghanlas transset
Jan. 25	6 - 1	36°50.0'IN	75°13.0'W	17	84	48.1	4.0	Cape Charles transect
Jan.25	6 - 2	36°46.5'N	74°52.2'W	24	86	55.7	3.2	
Jan.25	6 - 3	36°45.5'N	74°41.5'W	42	87	54.1	3.2	
Jan.25	6 - 4	36°45.5'N	74°40.0'W	77	88	49.7	4.4	
Jan.25	6 ~ 5	36°48.0'N	74°39.0'W	107	89	52.2	3.6	
Jan.25	6 - 6	36°46.5'N	74°38.0'W	173	90	46.2	4.0	
Jan.27	7 - 1	35°48.5'N	74°17.3'W	19	98	59.2	5.0	Albemarle transect
Jan. 27	7 - 2	35°46.5'N	75°03.0'W	26	99-100	59.4	4.4	
Jan.27	7 - 3	35°46.5'N	74°54.0'W	45	101-102	56,9	3.7	
Jan. 27	7 - 4	35°49.8'N	74°51.6'W	64	103	55.1		
Jan. 27	7 - 5	35°47.0'N	74°51 5'W	80	104	53.2	4.6	
Jan 27	7 - 6	35°45 0'N	74°50 3'W	192	105	50	4 4	
Jun. 21		00 10.0 11	11 00.0 11	102	100	00	1, 1	
Feb 1	9 - 1	38931 6IN	7 3 9 5 3 0111/	31	138	49	3.0	Cape May transect
Fob 1	0. 2	38030 UNI	73940 0137	12	130	59.2	3.0	Cape may transect
Feb. 1	9 - 2	30 20.0.IN	72026 4111	40	139	52.5	3.0	
rep.1	9 - 3	30'20,0'IN	13 30.4'W	02	140	52.8	4.0	
Feb.1	9 - 4	38-23,7'N	13-27.2'W	86	141	52.1	3.6	
Feb.1	9 - 5	38°24.2'N	73°24.7'W	118	142	52.0	3.4	
Feb.1	9 - 6	38°25.4'N	73°23.2'W	192	143	45.2	4.0	
Feb.1	9 - 7	38°33.2'N	73°14.0'W	152	144	48	3.6	
Feb.2	10 - 1	39°29.4'N	72°06,2'W	228		1/ 142	4.6	Hudson Canyon transect
Feb.2	10 - 2	39°31.3'N	72°06,0'W	178	155	44.5	4.0	
Feb.2	10 - 3	39°31.0'N	72°10.7'W	103	156	49.3	3.6	
Feb.2	10 - 4	39°32.2'N	72°09.3'W	92	157	51.0	3.8	
Feb 2	10 - 5	39°37 0'N	72°16 0'W	67	158	52.0	5.0	
Feb 2	10 - 6	39°46 0'N	72°25 0'W	46	159	47 8	4.0	
Feb 2	10 - 7	30°40 0IN	72038 2111	32	160	44 1	4 4	
1.60.2	10 - 1	00 40.0.W	12 00.2 11	52	100		1.7	

1/ Bottom temperatures for depths greater than 150 fathoms estimated by extropolating bathythermo-

graph data. 2/ Data considered reliable to nearest degree only.



Figure 3.--Surface temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit on the Continental Shelf, Nantucket Shoals to Cape Hatteras. Based on data collected January 23 to February 3, 1959.

Leopard skate, *Raja garmani* Whitley. Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

Little skate, *Raja erinacea* Mitchill. Sta. 1-1, 3; 9-1, 3; 9-3, 1; 10-6, 1; and 10-7, 2 specimens.

Smooth-tailed skate, Raja senta Garman. Sta. 10-1, 1 specimen.

Thorny skate, *Raja radiata* Donovan. Sta. 1-1, 1; and 10-1, 3 specimens.

#### Lantern Fishes and other "Deep-Sea Fishes"

Headlight fish, *Diaphus dumerilii* (Bleeker). Sta. 4-5, over 300 specimens averaging 75 mm. in length; sta. 7-6, 16; and 10-2, 1 specimen. The lower lobe of the caudal is black, facilitating separation of this species in the field

Madeira lantern fish, Lampanyctus maderensis (Lowe). Sta. 3-5, 1; and 7-6, 1 specimen. This species has the upper lobe of the caudal tipped with black.

Humboldt's lantern fish, Myctophum humboldti (Risso). Sta. 1-1, 1 specimen plus 2 others, almost certainly this species, that were apparently regurgitated by another fish. The latter specimens were each about 160 mm. in length.



Figure 4.--Bottom temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit on the Continental Shelf, Nantucket Shoals to Cape Hatteras. Based on data collected January 23 to February 3, 1959.

Pearlsides, Maurolicus pennanti (Walbaum). Sta. 4-5, I specimen.

Gonostoma, Gonostoma elongatum Gunther. Sta. 10-1, 3; and 10-2, 2 specimens. These and many other specimens from stomachs, presumably the same species averaged about 170 mm. in length.

Hatchet fish, *Polyipnus asteroides* Schultz. Sta. 5-6, 1 specimen about 55 mm. in length.

Paralepis, *Paralepis* sp. Sta. 7-6, 1 specimen. This appears to be an undescribed species.

Sorcerer, genus Venefica. Sta. 10-2, 1 specimen. Several examples, probably this genus as well, varying from 300 to 500 mm. were also taken from the stomachs of white hake on this station. The specimen listed was taken alive. It had been injured earlier in life and had lost perhaps one-third of its tail.

Green-eye, Chloropthalmus agassisii Bonaparte. Sta. 1-1, 8; 1-2, 1; 4-8, 12; 5-6, 5; 9-6, 1; and 10-2, 4 specimens. This determination should be considered tentative until present efforts at revision of this genus are completed.

Benthodesmus, Benthodesmus atlanticus Goode and Bean. Sta. 1-1, 1 specimen.



Figure 5.--A big haul of spiny dogfish, station 9-3.

Hypsicometes. Hypsicometes gobioides Goode. Sta. 10-2, 1; and 10-3, 1 specimen.

Hypoclydoma, Hypoclydonia bella (Goode and Bean). Sta. 5-6, 1; and 4-5, 3 specimens.

Lowe's polymixia, *Polymixia lowei* Gunther. Sta. 4-7, 1; and 6-5, 2 specimens.

#### Herrings

Round herring, *Etrumeus sadina* (Mitchill). Sta. 6-3, 600+; 7-2, 8; and 7-4, 500+. See figure 6 and remarks under bluefin tuna.

Herring, Clupea harengus Linnaeus. Sta. 10-5, 11 specimens.

Alewife, Pomolobus pseudoharengus (Nilson). Sta. 1-6, 4; and 10-6, 5 specimens.

Blueback, Pomolobus aestivalis (Mitchill). Sta. 4-2, 1 specimen.

Shad, Alosa sapidissima (Wilson). Sta. 4-3, 1; and 5-7, 2 specimens.

#### Hakes

Silver hake, *Merluccius bilinearis* (Mitchill). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

American hake, Merluccius albidus (Mitchill). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles. This fish has been called the "offshore" hake by Bigelow and Schroeder (1955). It appears to be very closely related to another Merluccius species in the eastern Atlantic called the European hake (M. merluccius). Since there are already many species of hakes in our offshore waters, we feel that American hake is to be preferred as a vernacular name.

If our interpretation of the echo sounder traces is correct, both this species and *M. bilinearis* must be very common in the offshore middle Atlantic



Figure 6.--Counting and measuring Etrumeus, station 7-4.

area. Several fishermen aboard the Albatross III during this cruise expressed the opinion that a dragger might very well catch these two whitings in commercial quantities, especially along that section of the shelf edge south of Hudson Canyon. There is no doubt that both species appear to be quite abundant between 100 and 250. fathoms.

White hake, *Urophycis tenuis* (Mitchill). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles. The white hake taken late in afternoon invariably had eaten recently. Their food included squid, octopi, and several species of deep-sea fishes. The females had enlarged ovaries, which appeared to be ripening.

Red hake, Urophycis chuss (Walbaum). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles. It was hoped that we might be able to define the winter habitat of the red hake during this cruise. This fish is abundant inshore during the summer months, where, in the New England area, it has supported the industrial fishery. We did not catch them at any time in such numbers that we felt we had located the winter center of abundance.

This species appeared to be most abundant in depths between 100 and 250 fathoms where the water temperature was between 47° and 50° F. During the summer months, also, red hake are most abundant in water having a temperature of about 48° F. Fishing transects made on other cruises during the winter months have demonstrated that red hake may be as abundant on the inshore side of the warm water at the shelf edge as on the offshore side. It is possible that this fish is not fully available to an otter trawl at this time; that is, the species may be a considerable distance off the bottom or widely spread out and not as concentrated as it is when inshore in the summer. In any event, it does appear that this fish prefers a year-round water temperature slightly less than 50°F.

Spotted hake, Urophycis regius (Walbaum). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

Long-finned hake, *Urophycis chesteri* (Goode and Bean). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles. Five larvae from sta. 5-6.

Hakeling, *Physiculus fulrus* (Bean). Sta. 1-1, 1; and 10-1, 1 specimen. Both specimens were alive when brought up. They were generally a very dark brownish black above and on the sides and an intense bluish black ventrally, especially about the area beneath which lies the abdominal cavity.

The drawing in Bigelow and Schroeder (1953) does not adequately convey the true profile of this fish. Mr. Frank Bailey kindly prepared figure 7, illustrating this species, from our material.

Four-bearded rockling, Enchyelyopus cimbrius (Linnaeus). Sta. 5-6, 1; and 7-5, 1 specimen.

#### Grenadiers

Three species of grenadiers were collected. The nomenclature used is that of Parr (1946).

Malacocephalus (Pawnurus) occidentalis, Goode and Bean. Sta. 6-5, 2 specimens, 221 and 255 mm. in length; and sta. 9-6, 1 specimen, a mature female, 372 mm. in length.

Nezumia bairdii (Goode and Bean). Sta. 1-1, 3 specimens; sta. 10-1, 12 specimens varying from 230 to 332 mm. in length; and sta. 10-2, 8 specimens, 6 of which were from 220 to 283 mm. in length with two very small specimens measuring 70 and 130 mm. in length.

Coelorhynchus carminatus (Goode). Sta. 1-1, 3 specimens, 242, 261 and 267 mm.; sta. 1-2, 2 specimens, 215 and 295 mm.; sta. 3-5, 2 specimens, 222 and 231 mm.; sta. 4-8, 6 specimens, varying from 170 to 250 mm. in length; sta. 5-6, 9, not measured; sta. 6-6, 3 specimens, 230, 248, and 272 mm.; sta. 9-6, 4 specimens varying in length from 219 to 272 mm.; sta. 10-1, 2 specimens, 200 and 256 mm.; and sta. 10-2, 6 specimens, 5 of which were from 205 to 248 mm. in length and one (tail broken) about 330 mm.

C. carminatus was obviously relatively common through the area, perhaps more abundant to the south, at least in the depths fished. N. bairdii was collected only north of the 39th parallel. Both Nezumia and Coelorhynchus were collected in greatest number in the deeper water.

The length frequency data indicates that we had sampled three age classes. There was little on the scales, however, to indicate that it might be possible to age specimens of Nezumia or Coelorhynchus. Specimens of Coelorhynchus and Nezumia over 300 mm. appeared to be clearly approaching maturity, leading us to believe that these specimens were one year older than the majority, which averaged about 250 mm. (Coelorhynchus) and 270 mm. (Nezumia). The two small specimens of Nezumia collected, 70 and 130 mm., strongly suggest that we had collected the first three consecutive age classes, depending upon when these fish spawn. If so, the growth rate would not be greatly different from that of the common species of hakes in the area.

The stomachs of most of the specimens were examined, and most were empty. The very few with food all contained crustaceans, predominately amphipods.

#### Flounders

Fluke, *Paralichthys dentatus* (Linnaeus). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

Four-spot flounder, Paralichthys oblongus (Mitchill). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

Grey sole, *Glyptocephalus cynoglossus* (Linnaeus). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

Sand flounder, Lophosetta maculata (Mitchill). Sta. 4-1, 1; 5-1, 1; 6-1, 4; and 7-1, 1 specimen.

Gulf Stream flounder, *Citharichthys arctifrons* Goode. Sta. 4-4, 1; 4-6, 1; and 4-7, 1 specimen.

"Deepwater flounder", Monolene sessilicauda Goode. Sta. 1-3, 1; and 10-3, 1 specimen.

#### John Dories

John Dory, Zenopsis ocellata (Storer). Sta. 5-4, 1 specimen 428 mm. intotal length; and sta. 9-4,



Figure 7.--Physicalus fulvus (Bean). Drawn from 160-mm. specimen.

1 specimen of 230 mm. Also 2 specimens not measured, sta. 6-5, 1 and 6-6, 1.

#### Snipefishes

Snipefish, Macrorhamphosus scolopar (Linnaeus). Material tentatively referred to this species. Sta. 4-4, 2; and 10-5, 1 specimen.

#### Mackerels

Mackerel, Scomber scombrus Linnaeus. Sta. 3-1, 1; 3-2, 12; and 3-3, 2 specimens. All specimens were ca. 20 cm. in total length. These stations are on the inshore end of the Barnegat fishing transect. All of these specimens had a well developed "adipose eyelid."

Bluefin tuna, Thunnus thynnus (Linnaeus). Sta. 7-4, 13 specimens taken by hook and line, ranging from 43 to 49 cm. in fork length. Figure 8 is a photograph of a 45-cm. specimen. Frank Mather (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution) kindly verified our identification.

These fish were observed on stations before and after 7-4. They came alongside on this particular station when we have several bushels of round herring in the cod end and a fair number escaping through the 1/2-inch cod end liner. This "chum" attracted the school of small tuna, estimated to contain at least 300 fish. The tuna bit readily on hooks baited with round herring and also avidly struck a yellowfeathered spoon.

#### **Butterfishes**

Butterfish, *Poronotus triacanthus* (Peck). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

#### **Bluefishes**

Bluefish, *Pomatomus saltatrix* (Linnaeus). Sta. 7-1, 2 specimens (fig. 9).

#### Sea Basses

Sea bass, Centropristes striatus (Linnaeus). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

#### Porgies

Scup, Stenotomus versicolor (Mitchill). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

There were virtually no young-of-the-year scup in our collections. In the opinion of many of the fishery biologists, State and Federal, that had an interest in or occasion to observe the scup last summer (1958), the spawning, or the results thereof, had been an almost total failure. The results of our cruise bear this out.

Of further interest was the fact that the scup taken off New Jersey presented a different appearance to the eye than did those taken to the north and east. Some preliminary observations by two of us, Edwards and Hamer, had led us to believe that differences existed in the stocks that occurred off the coasts of New Jersey and southern New England during the summer months, at least, on the basis of a comparison of scales. The differences observed on this cruise were matters of differences in color. The fish taken north of the Hudson Canyon were darker and generally less colorful than those taken farther south. This color difference was particularly noticeable on the caudal fin. The fish taken off New Jersey had caudal fins that were, by comparison, brightly barred with alternate vertical bands of orange and blue.

#### Tilefishes

Tilefish, Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps Goode and Bean. Sta. 1-4, 1 specimen.

#### Rockfishes

Black-bellied redfish, *Halicolenus dactylopterus* (De La Roche). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

#### Sculpins

Long-horned sculpin, Myorocephalus octodecimspinosus (Mitchill). Sta. 3-2, 1 specimen.

#### Sea Robins

Common sea robin, *Prionotus carolinus* (Linnaeus). Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

Striped sea robin, Prionotus evolans (Linnaeus). Sta. 6-5, 1; 7-1, 13; and 7-2, 4 specimens.

Armored sea robin, *Peristedion miniatum* Goode. Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

#### **Ocean Pouts**

Eelpout, Macrozoarces americanus (Block and Schneider). Sta. 1-5, 5; 9-1, 2; and 10-5, 1 specimen.

#### Anglers

Angler, Lophius americanus Cuvier and Valenciennes. Collection data listed on fishing transect profiles.

#### Frogfishes

Dibranchus atlanticus Peters. Sta. 1-1, 1; 10-1, 3; and 10-2, 2 specimens. It was noticed that pupils of these specimens were black with very slight blue cast, whereas several specimens taken in approximately 200 fathoms southeast of Cape Hatteras had strikingly bright blue pupils.



Figure 8.--A 45-cm. bluefin tuna, photographed immediately after capture.



Figure 9.--Bhuefish taken in the trawl on station 7-1.

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Appendix Table 1. --Basic data for bathythermograph casts (data coded where necessary in accordance with H.O. Pub. No. 607--Instruction mannual for oceanographic observations), Albatross III Cruise no. 126, + 5 time zone (Continued)

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#### **APPENDIX II, TEMPERATURE PROFILES**

The profiles presented in figures A-1 to A-18 are based on the bathythermograph casts. They are all, by necessity, somewhat diagrammatic. This is particularly true of the profiles presenting both temperature and fishing data. In order to fish in various depths, it was frequently necessary to search around somewhat to find trawlable bottom. For this reason some of the profiles are not straight lines across the shelf, especially on the edge of the shelf.

The various temperature and fishing profiles are presented in more or less geographic order, from north to south.

Bottom water temperatures given for stations at depths exceeding 150 fathoms were determined by extrapolating bathythermograph data and should be considered gross estimates.

- Figure A-1.--Temperature profile A-B and B-C.FigureFigure A-2.--Temperature profile U-V.FigureFigure A-3.--Temperature profile T-U.FigureFigure A-4.--Temperature profile S-T.FigureFigure A-5.--Temperature profile R-S.FigureFigure A-6.--Temperature profile D-E.FigureFigure A-7.--Temperature profile Q-R.FigureFigure A-8.--Temperature profile E-F.FigureFigure A-9.--Temperature profile P-Q.Figure
- Figure A-10.--Temperature profile F-G. Figure A-11.--Temperature profile N-O-P. Figure A-12.--Temperature profile H-I. Figure A-13.--Temperature profile G-H. Figure A-14.--Temperature profile I-J. Figure A-15.--Temperature profile J-K. Figure A-16.--Temperature profile K-L. Figure A-17.--Temperature profile L-M.
  - Figure A-18 .-- Temperature profile M-N.



Figure A-1,--Temperature profile A-B and B-C. Data from bathythermograph casts 1 to 21, and 21 to 26, January 21-22, 1959.



Figure A-2.--Temperature profile U-V. Data from bathythermograph casts 177 to 182, February 3-4, 1959.



Figure A-3.--Temperature profile T-U. Data from bathythermograph casts 172 to 177, February 3, 1959.



Figure A-4.--Temperature profile S-T. Data from bathythermograph casts 160 to 171, February 2-3, 1959.

Appendix table 2.--Principal species caught, fishing transect 1 (Martha's Vineyard), February 3, 1959

[See Figure A-3]

		Nur	ber taken	at station	1	
crossing	[Avera	ige depth o	of tow (in	fathoms) i	in parenthe	eses]
opecies	6	5	4	3	2	1
	(46.5)	(64)	(82.5)	(99)	(146)	(210)
Spiny dogfish: Male	48 11  2  1  4		14 353    277 	423 5   3 1,500  9 7	 2 300 130 1 105 1  4 4 4  9 5	2 280 72 26  68  34  34  31



Figure A-5.--Temperature profile R-S. Data from bathythermograph casts 153 to 160, February 2, 1959.

Appendix table 3.--Principal species caught, fishing transect 10 (Hudson Canyon), February 2, 1959

[See figure A-5]

	Number taken at station								
Creation	[Average depth of tow (in fathoms) in parentheses]								
Species	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
	(32)	(46)	(67)	(92)	(103)	(178)	(228)		
Spiny dogfish: Male Female. Barndoor skate. Leopard skate. Silver hake. American hake. White hake. Red hake. Long-finned hake. Fluke. Grey sole. Butterfish. Scup. Black-bellied redfish. Armored sea robin. Angler.	10  1 13  1 	40 2 16  178  41 90  8	5 5 2 29   149 387 		1      4 21	280 360 16 36 16  17  17	 62 5  8  11  2 -2		

<sup>1</sup> Young-of-the-year and immature fish



Figure A-6.--Temperature profile D-E. Data from bathythermograph casts 36 to 41. January 23, 1959.

### Appendix table 4.--Principal species caught, fishing transect 3 (Barnegat), January 23, 1959

	Number taken at station [Average depth of tow (in fathoms) in parentheses]							
Creation								
Specres	1	2	3	4	5			
	(25)	(45)	(62)	(80)	(159)			
Big skate. Leopard skate. Silver hake. Red hake. Four spot. Grey sole. Butterfish. Mackerel. Scup. Black-bellied redfish. Angler.		2   8 12  3	2 23 1 2  17 2 1  1	1 12   	407 54  2  7 8			



Figure A-7.--Temperature profile Q-R. Data from bathythermograph casts 145 to 153, January 1-2, 1959.



Figure A-8.--Temperature profile E-F. Data from bathythermograph casts 41 to 53, January 23-24, 1959.



Figure A-9.--Temperature profile P-Q. Data from bathythermograph casts 134 to 143, February 1, 1959.

Appendix table 5.--Principal species caught, fishing transect 9 (Cape May), February 1, 1959

[See figure A-9]

	Number taken at station							
Species	[Average depth of tow (in fathoms) in parentheses]							
Obcorco.	1	2	3	4	5	7	6	
	(32)	(43)	(62)	(86)	(117)	(153)	(180)	
Spiny dogfish: Male.	53	144	251					
Female	4	138	466					
Brier skate	1					1	1	
Leopard skate				80	+1.125	850	415	
American hake	±7					27	+125	
White hake						15	21	
Red hake	1			1	49	17		
Spotted hake		1		6				
Long-finned hake							4	
Fluke	2		1					
Crev sole					5	3	3	
Butterfish	52	1,120		5	1			
Sea bass		23	5					
Scup	3	121	2	1				
Black-bellied redfish					1	30	13	
Common sea robin	105	11						
Armored sea robin					1	1		
Angler	5	1			4	13	51	

# Appendix table 6.--Principal species caught, fishing transect 4 (Delaware Bay), January 24, 1959

		Number taken at station							
Species	[	Average	depth of	tow (in	fathoms	) in par	entheses	]	
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	(30)	(42)	(65)	(80)	(100)	(125)	(150)	(220)	
Spiny dogfish: Male	14  1  1 10  1  1  3  1	53 66  2 1  6   4  10 5 30  4  4 	2 1  2  1  53 15 3  1  53	1 1  1  1  4 2  1  1  1 1  1 	   3 113  15 1  	  1 72  5  2  2  2	 1  72  36  2  2  4  4	   127 46  6  3  7 7  7	
Angler	6	1	1	1	1	2	9	30	

[See figure A-10]

<sup>1</sup> Young-of-the-year



Figure A-10,--Temperature profile F-G. Data from bathythermograph casts 54 to 61, January 24, 1959.



Figure A-11.--Temperature profile N-O-P. O-P: Data from bathythermograph casts 124 to 134, January 31 to February 1, 1959. N-O: Data from bathythermograph casts 121 to 124, January 31, 1959.



Figure A-12.--Temperature profile H-1. Data from bathythermograph casts 69-73. January 25, 1959.

Appendix table 7.--Principal species caught, fishing transect 5 (Winter Quarter), January 25, 1959

	See	figure	A-12]
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	Number taken at station							
Species	[Average depth of tow (in fathoms) in parentheses]							
	1	2	3	7	4	6		
	(18)	(37)	(48)	(92)	(130)	(238)		
Spiny dogfish:								
Male	58	4	1	17				
Female		L 1		8				
Big Skale	1			2				
Leonard skate		2		2				
Silver hake	2			<sup>1</sup> 334	<sup>1</sup> 230			
American hake						66		
White hake						49		
Red hake				61				
Spotted hake	2			6				
Long-finned hake						29		
Fluke		2		4				
Four spot			1	6				
Grey sole						2		
Butterfish	6	1						
Sea bass		-2	6					
Scup	1	399	4		L			
Black-Dellied redfish.					2	271		
Angler	5			2	5	17		

<sup>1</sup> Mostly immature fish

Appendix table 8.--Principal species caught, fishing transect 6 (Cape Charles), January 25, 1959

	Number taken at station								
Species	[Average depth of tow (in fathoms) in parentheses]								
Species	1	2	3	4	5	6			
	(17)	(24)	(42)	(77)	(107)	(173)			
Spiny dogfish:.		1							
Male		25							
Pemale		56	T						
Brier skate			1						
Silver hake	1 5			6	450	540			
American hake						24			
White hake					1	4			
Red hake					33	2			
Spotted hake			1	1	12	2			
Long-finned hake						16			
Fluke	L	2	2		T				
Butterfish									
Sea bass		3	2	15	8				
Scup.			46	8					
Black-bellied redfish.					2	2			
Common sea robin		6	45	6	1				
Angler					15	45			

[See figure 15-A]

<sup>1</sup> Young-of-the-year



Figure A-13.--Temperature profile G-H. Data from bathythermograph casts 60 to 69, January 24-25, 1959.



Figure A-14.--Temperature profile 1-J. Data from bathythermograph casts 73 to 83, January 24-25, 1959.



Figure A-15.--Temperature profile J-K. Data from bathythermograph casts 84 to 90, January 25, 1959.



Figure A-16.--Temperature profile K-L. Data from bathythermograph casts 90 to 97, January 26-27, 1959.



Figure A-17.--Temperature profile L-M. Data from bathythermograph casts 98 to 106, January 27, 1959.

Appendix table 9.--Principal species caught, fishing transect 7 (Albermarle), January 27, 1959

[See figure A-7]

	Number taken at station								
Species	[Average depth of tow (in fathoms) in parentheses]								
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
	(19)	(26)	(45)	(64)	(80)	(192)			
Brier skate Leopard skate Silver hake American hake Red hake Spotted hake Long-finned hake Fluke Four spot Butterfish. Black-bellied redfish. Angler	1    2	5	4 1  2 1  1 	1 1 3  1  1	 123  7  1 6  2	1 332 4 7 4 4  2 1			

Mostly immature fish.
 Small red hake in scallop.





Figure A-18.--Temperature profile M-N. Data from bathythermograph casts 107 to 121, January 30-31, 1959.

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