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SUMMARY

The final ichthyoplankton data sets were transferred from the Narragansett Laboratory to NODC. This task is awaiting review of its revised final report.

Preparation of the Pathobiology final report is now well underway.

The Finfish Task continued to work on the software needed for graphical data presentations. This task is somewhat behind schedule, but may still be able to meet the November completion deadline.

A. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

R. Reid

Discussions were held (1) with Pathobiology task personnel about the status of their project and completion of the final report, and (2) with the COAR concerning BLM review of the Ichthyoplankton Task's revised final report. The review should be completed by early October.

B. DATA MANAGEMENT

A. Pacheco

Ichthyoplankton Task data sets which had been held at the Narragansett Laboratory were submitted to NODC in August. This completed the data reformatting and submission requirements for all tasks except Finfish.

C. TASK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Fisheries (T. Azarovitz):

During the ninth quarter, work has centered around revising and modifying previously delivered computer software so that graphic presentations of the data can be generated. Modifications to the programs are currently being made by Northeast Fisheries Center Automatic Data Processing personnel. Initial test plots for one of the species should be generated within the next work week.

Coastline plotting software was completed and delivered to us during this quarter. Although production runs of this type of report have not yet been run, no problems have been encountered during testing.

Although we are considerably behind the schedule we had set for ourselves, it still may be possible to complete all tasks during November.

2. Pathobiology (R. Murchelano):

We settled on a format and outline for our final report, "Diseases in Fish and Shellfish from North American Waters". The report will consist of five sections: Introduction, Diseases of Fish, Diseases of Crustaceans, Diseases of Shellfish, Conclusions and Summary. A computer listing of information compiled on these diseases will form an appendix to the report. Writing of the report proper is now well underway.

3. Ichthyoplankton (W. Smith):

The sole unfinished activity in this task is the submission of 50 copies of a revised final report. The revised report is still under BLM review.