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THE DISTRIBUTION, ABUNDANCE AND DIVERSITY OF THE  
EPIFAUNAL BENTHIC ORGANISMS IN TWO (ALITAK AND  
UGAK) BAYS OF KODIAK ISLAND ALASKA

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I. SUMMARY OF OBJECTIVES, CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLICATIONS  
WITH RESPECT TO **OCS** OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

**Little** is known about the biology of the non-commercially important invertebrate components of the shallow, nearshore benthos of bays of Kodiak Island, and yet these components may be the ones most significantly affected by the impact of oil resulting from offshore petroleum operations. Some baseline data on species composition is essential before industrial activities take place in waters adjacent to Kodiak Island. It is the intent of this investigation to collect information on the composition, distribution, and biology of the **epifaunal** invertebrate components of two bays of Kodiak Island.

The specific objectives of this study are:

1. A qualitative inventory of dominant **benthic** invertebrate **epifaunal** species within two study sites (Alitak and Ugak bays).
2. A description of spatial distribution patterns of selected benthic invertebrate epifaunal species in the designated study sites.
3. Observations of biological interrelationships between segments of the **benthic** biota in the designated study areas.

Fifty-three permanent stations have been established in the two bays - 28 stations in **Alitak** Bay and 25 stations in Ugak Bay. These stations have been occupied with a 400-mesh Eastern otter **trawl** on three separate cruises in June, July and August of 1976. Taxonomic analysis of the **epifauna** collected has delineated 10 phyla, 20 classes, 54 families, 68 genera and 89 species. The Arthropoda (**Crustacea**) dominated species composition and biomass. **Porifera**, **Cnidaria**, and **Mollusca**, were also important, but accounted for only **1.1%** of the biomass collected.

Differences in sex composition and stage of maturity of king and snow crab between and within the two bays were noted. King crab occurred mainly at the outer stations of **Alitak** Bay and consisted mostly of egg-bearing females and juveniles. The crab were well dispersed throughout Ugak Bay, and mainly consisted of juveniles. Snow crab in **Alitak** Bay were primarily juveniles; snow crab in Ugak Bay were primarily adult males. Life history data for these crabs for the summer months is now available.

Food data for king and snow crabs for the two bays is available, and this data in conjunction with similar data from Cook Inlet and the Bering Sea should contribute to a fuller understanding of the **trophic** role of these crustaceans in their respective ecosystems. Additional food data for three species of demersal flatfishes, *as well* as an assessment of the literature, have made it possible to develop a preliminary food web for **Alitak** and Ugak bays and inshore waters around Kodiak Island. Comprehension of basic food interrelationships is essential for assessment of the potential impact of oil on the crab-dominated benthic systems of the **near-shore** waters of Kodiak.

The importance of deposit-feeding **clams** in the diet of crabs in the two Kodiak bays has been demonstrated by feeding studies there. **It** is suggested that an understanding of the relationship between oil, sediment, deposit-feeding clams, and crabs be developed in a further attempt. to understand the possible impact of "oil on the two **commercially** important species of crab in the Kodiak area.

Initial assessment of data suggests that a few unique, abundant, and/or large inv.ertebrate species (king crab, snow crab, several species of **clams**) are available in the bays under investigation and that these

species may represent organisms that could be useful for monitoring purposes.

It is suggested that a complete understanding of the **benthic** systems in both bays can only be obtained when the infauna is assessed in conjunction with the epifauna. **Infaunal** species are important food items for king and snow crabs. A program designed to examine the infauna should be initiated in the near future.

## II. INTRODUCTION

### General Nature and Scope of Study

The operations connected with oil exploration, production, and transportation in the Gulf of Alaska present a wide spectrum of potential dangers to the marine environment (see Olson and Burgess, 1967, for general discussion of marine pollution problems). Adverse affects on a marine environment cannot be assessed, or even predicted, unless background data pertaining to the area are recorded prior to industrial development.

Insufficient long-term information about an environment, and the basic biology and recruitment of species in that environment can lead to erroneous interpretations of changes in species composition and abundance that might occur if the area becomes altered (see Nelson-Smith, 1973; Pearson, 1971, 1972; Rosenberg, 1973, for general discussions on **benthic** biological investigations in industrialized marine areas). Populations of marine species fluctuate over a time span of a few to 30 years (Lewis, 1970).

**Benthic** organisms (primarily the infauna and **sessile** and slow-moving **epifauna**) are useful as indicator species for a disturbed area because they tend to remain in place, typically react to long-range environmental

changes, and by their presence, generally reflect the nature of the substratum. Consequently, the organisms of the **infaunal benthos** have frequently been chosen to monitor long-term pollution effects, and are believed to reflect the biological health of a marine area (see Pearson, 1971, 1972, 1975; and Rosenberg, 1973, for discussions on usage of **benthic** organisms for monitoring pollution). The presence of large numbers of **benthic epifaunal** species of actual or potential commercial importance (crabs, shrimps, scallops, snails, fin fishes) in the shelf ecosystem of Kodiak Island further dictates the necessity of understanding **benthic** communities since many commercial species feed on **infaunal** and small **epifaunal** residents of the benthos (see Zenkevitch, 1963, and this report for a **discussion** of the interaction of commercial species and the **benthos**). Thus, drastic changes in density of the food **benthos** would affect the health and numbers of these fisheries organisms.

Experience in pollution-prone areas of England (Smith, 1968), Scotland (Pearson, 1972), and California (Straughan, 1971) suggests that at the completion of an initial exploratory study, selected stations should be examined regularly on a long-term basis to determine any changes in species composition, diversity, abundance, and biomass. Such long-term data acquisition should make it possible to differentiate between normal ecosystem variation and pollutant-induced biological alteration. An intensive investigation of the **benthos** of the Kodiak shelf as well as its bays, is essential to an understanding of the **trophic** interactions involved there and the potential changes that may take place once-oil-related activities are initiated. An ongoing **benthic** biological program in the Gulf of Alaska has emphasized the development of a qualitative and quantitative inventory of

prominent species of the **benthic infauna** and epifauna there (Feder *et al.*, 1976) . In addition, a developing investigation concerned with the biology of selected **benthic** species from the northeast Gulf of Alaska and lower Cook Inlet will further our understanding of the overall Gulf of Alaska **benthic** system (Feder *et al.*, 1977). Initiation of a program designed to examine the **subtidal** benthos of the Kodiak shelf will expand the coverage of the Gulf of Alaska **benthic** system, and specifically an assessment of the fauna of shallow bays of Kodiak will extend the investigation into little-studied shallow-water benthic systems. The study reported here then, is a preliminary assessment of two shallow bays of Kodiak Island, and is intended to precede a greater overall investigation of the Kodiak Island shelf.

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#### Relevance to Problems of Petroleum Development

The effects of oil pollution on subtidal **benthic** organisms have been seriously neglected, although a few studies, conducted after serious oil spills, have been published (see **Boesch et al.**, 1974 for review of these papers). Thus, lack of a broad data base elsewhere makes it difficult at present to predict the effects of oil-related activity on the subtidal

benthos of the Kodiak continental shelf and the two Kodiak bays **investi-**gated. However, the expansion of research activities into Kodiak waters should ultimately enable us to identify certain species or areas that might bear closer scrutiny once industrial activity is initiated. It must be emphasized that a considerable time span is needed to understand fluctuations in density of marine benthic species, and it cannot be expected that a short-term research program will result in total predictive capabilities. Assessment of the environment must be conducted on a continuing basis.

Data indicating the effects of oil on most subtidal **benthic** invertebrates are fragmentary (**Nelson-Smith**, 1973). The tanner or snow crab (*Chionoecetes bairdi*) is a conspicuous member of the shallow shelf of Kodiak Island and its bays, and supports a commercial fishery of considerable importance there. Laboratory experiments with this species have shown that **postmolt** individuals lose most of their legs after exposure to Prudhoe Bay crude oil; obviously this aspect of the biology of the snow crab must be considered in the continuing assessment of this **benthic** species in the Gulf of Alaska (**Karinen** and Rice, 1974). Little other direct data based on laboratory experiments is available for **subtidal benthic** species (see Nelson-Smith, 1973). Experimentation on toxic effects of oil on other common members of the subtidal benthos should be strongly encouraged for the near future in Kodiak waters as well as for the overall OCS area of investigation. In addition, potential effects of the loss of sensitive species to the trophic structure of the shelf must be examined. The **latter** problem can be addressed once **benthic** food studies are made available as a result of **OCS** studies (e.g., the following annual

reports: Feder *et al.*, 1977, and Smith *et al.*, 1977).

A direct relationship between **trophic** structure (feeding type) and bottom stability has been demonstrated by Rhoads (see Rhoads, 1974 for review). They describe a diesel-fuel oil spill that resulted in oil becoming adsorbed on sediment particles which in turn caused death of deposit feeders living on sublittoral muds. Bottom stability was altered with the death of these organisms, and a new complex of species became established in the altered substratum. Many common members of the infauna of the Gulf of Alaska are deposit feeders; thus, oil-related mortality of these species could result in a changed near-bottom sedimentary regime with alteration of species composition there. In addition, the **commercially** important king crab and snow crab and some bottom fishes use deposit feeders as food (Feder *et al.*, 1977 and present report); thus, oil hydrocarbons might indirectly affect fisheries for these species around Kodiak Island.

As suggested previously, on completion of initial baseline studies in pollution-prone areas, selected stations **should** be examined on a **long-term** basis. Cluster analysis methods (see further discussion under Methods; also see Feder *et al.*, 1976, 1977, for a detailed discussion on methodology) might provide good techniques for the selection of stations for continuous monitoring of the Kodiak Shelf and its bays. In addition, these techniques could provide insights into normal ecosystem variation (Clifford and Stephenson, 1975; Williams and Stephenson, 1973; Stephenson *et al.*, 1974).

### III. CURRENT STATE OF KNOWLEDGE

Little is known about the biology of the invertebrate benthos of the Gulf of Alaska, although a compilation of some relevant data on the Gulf of Alaska is available (Rosenberg, 1972). The exploratory fishing drag program of the National Marine Fisheries Service (undated) is the most extensive investigation of the **benthic epifauna** of the Kodiak shelf.<sup>1</sup> Caution must be exercised in interpreting data from these trawl studies. Results from these surveys, directed toward different groups and/or species, are not typically comparable due to the alteration of gear and sampling effort from one cruise to another. Some unpublished information on the epifauna in the vicinity of Kodiak Island is available (i.e., Alaska Department of Fish and Game King Crab Indexing Surveys).<sup>2</sup> The International Pacific **Halibut** Commission surveys parts of the Kodiak shelf annually but only records commercially important crabs (see **Intl. Pac. Halibut Comm., 1961**). A compilation of *some* relevant data on renewable resources of the Kodiak shelf is available (**AEIDC, 1975**).

### IV. STUDY AREA

A large number of stations were occupied in two Kodiak **Island** bays in conjunction with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. **Alitak** Bay and Ugak Bay, located on the south and east side of the **Island** respectively, were the sites of **benthic** trawling activities during the summer of 1976 (Figs. 1 and 2).

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<sup>1</sup>Unpublished data. Reports available from the National Marine Fisheries Service Laboratory, Kodiak, Alaska.

<sup>2</sup>Unpublished data. Inquiries may be directed to Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Box 686, Kodiak, Alaska 99615.

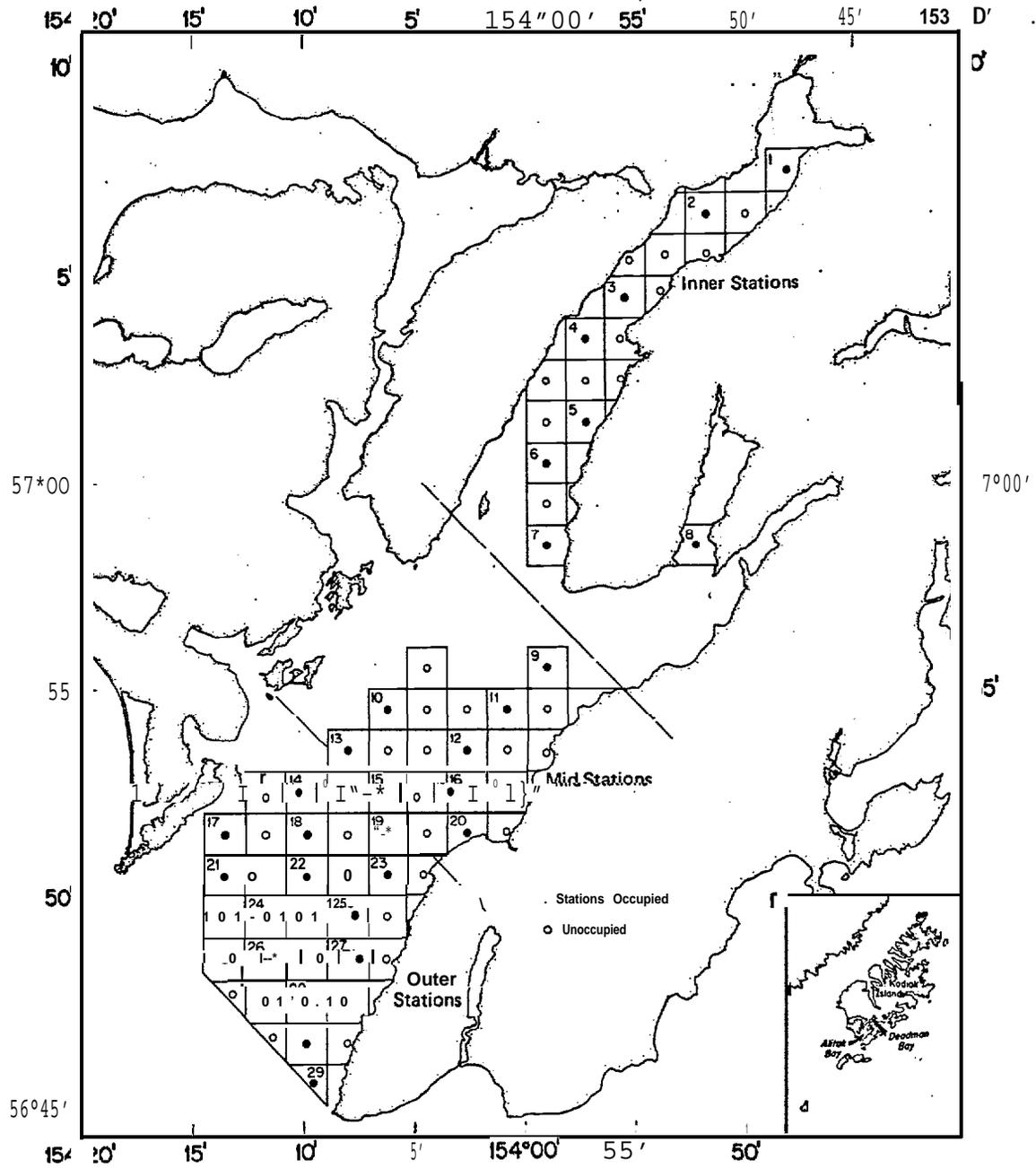


Figure 1. Trawl station grid and stations occupied in Alitak Bay, Kodiak Island, Alaska. June, July, and August, 1976. The oblique lines drawn across the bay divides it into three sections referred to in the text.

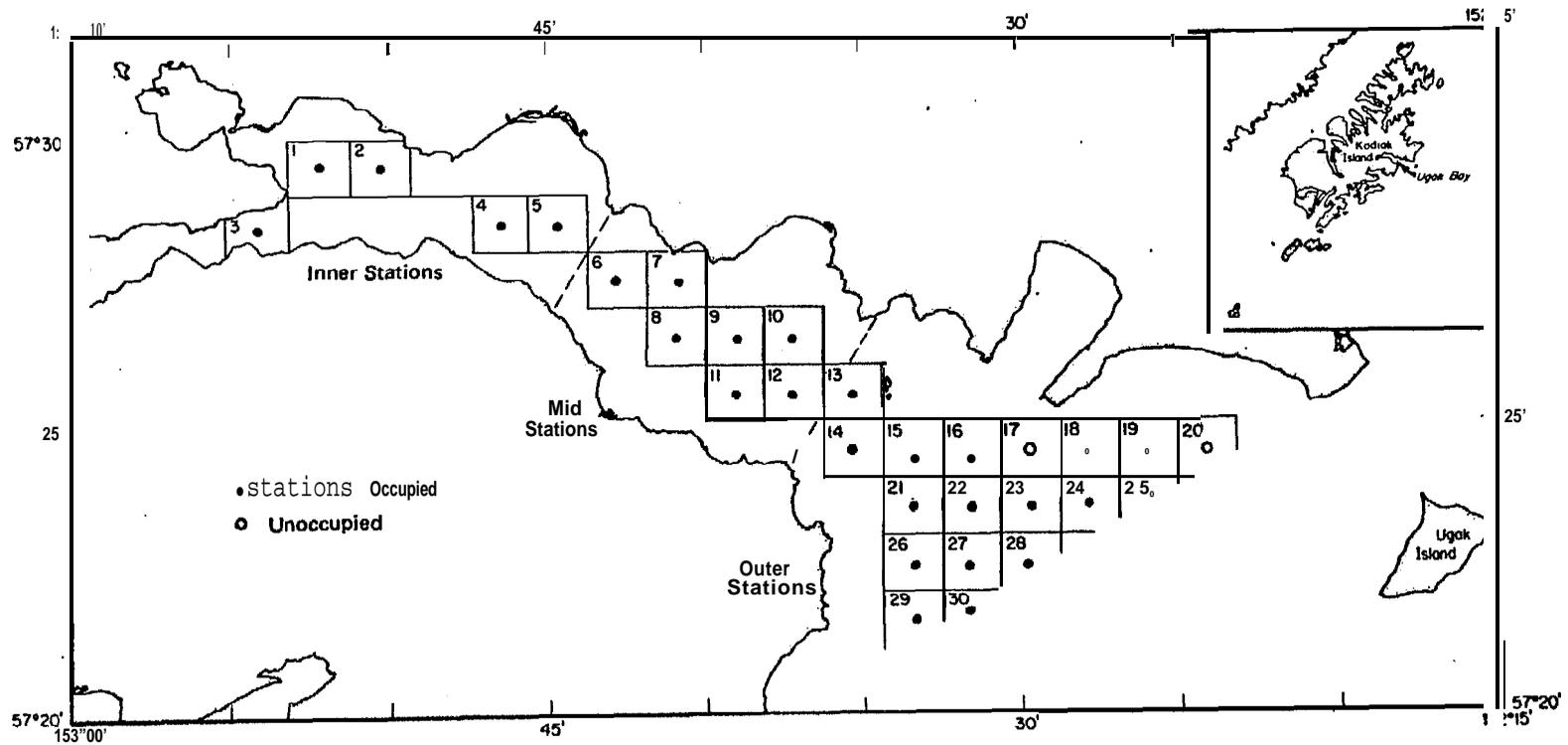


Figure 2. Trawl station grid in Ugak Bay, Kodiak Island, Alaska. June, July, and **August, 1976**. The oblique, dashed lines drawn across the bay divide it into three sections referred to in the text.

## V. SOURCES, METHODS AND RATIONALE OF DATA COLLECTION

**Benthic** epifauna was collected **onboard** the M/V *Big Valley* in 1976 during June 17-22, July 18-28 and August 19-29. Thirty-minute tows were made **at** predetermined stations (Figs. 1 and 2) using a commercial size 400-mesh Eastern otter trawl with a 12.2 m horizontal opening.

The number of stations occupied in each bay by cruise **are** as follows:

<u>Cruise Date</u>	<u>Alitak Bay</u>	<u>Ugak Bay</u>	<u>Total Stations</u>
June 17-22	28	25	53
<b>July</b> 18-28	28	25	53
August 19-29	22	25	47
TOTAL	78	75	153

Bay stations were arbitrarily divided into three sections; inner stations, mid-bay stations, and outer stations.

Invertebrates were sorted on shipboard, given tentative identifications, counted, and weighed. **Aliquot** samples of individual species were preserved and labeled for **final** identification at the Institute of Marine Science, University of Alaska. Laboratory examination occasionally revealed more than one species in a sample that had been identified in the field (e.g., field identifications of *Eualus macilenta* were later found to also **contain** *E. gaimardii belcheri*). The counts and weights of the species in question were arbitrarily expanded from the laboratory species ratio to encompass the entire catch of the trawl. .

After final identification, all invertebrates were assigned code numbers to facilitate data analysis by computer (Mueller, 1975). Representative and voucher samples of invertebrates are stored at the Institute of **Marine** Science, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska.

The major **limitations** of the survey were those **imposed** by the **selectivity** of the otter trawl used and the seasonal movements of certain species taken. In addition, rocky-bottom **areas could** not be sampled since otter trawls of the type used can only be fished on relatively smooth bottoms. Due to the location of stored commercial crab gear in **Alitak Bay**, six stations (9 through 13) had to be eliminated during the August sampling period.

Food data was collected by examination of stomachs either on ship-board or in the laboratory of two species of crab (snow crab, *Chionoecetes bairdi* and king crab, *Paralithodes camtschatica*) and three species of flatfishes (*Limanda aspera*, *Hippoglossoides elassodon* and *Lepidopsetta bilineata*). Only male snow crab between 75 and 180 mm carapace width were examined; only male king crab between 90 and 200 mm carapace width were examined. Food organisms are expressed in frequency of occurrence, i.e., the percent of stomachs containing various food items from the total number of stomachs analyzed. **Empty stomachs** were included in making calculations of frequency of occurrence.

King crab and snow crab were separated by weight, sex, and state of maturity. Male king crab were considered sexually mature if their wet weight was at least 2.2 kg. Male snow crab were considered mature if their wet weight was at least 0.45 kg. Weight criteria established for maturity of both crab species are approximations (J. **Hilsinger** and S. Jewett, unpublished). Female crab were classified as immature (**pre-reproductive**) or mature (reproductive or post-reproductive) based on the enlarged abdomen, modified **pleopods**, and egg **clutch** of the adults.

Data tables consist primarily of data pooled from all cruises from both bays. These data are used as the bases for biological generalizations

about the Kodiak bays studied. Selected biological aspects of each bay are treated separately in the text. Separate tables and discussions for each bay will be available in the Final Report, and will contain additional information from a fourth cruise in March 1977.

Data referred to in the text is generally from field notebooks and is not available to NODC at the time of this Annual Report. Complete station data **will** be available to NODC at the time of the final report.

## VI. RESULTS

### Distribution and Abundance

**Taxonomic** analysis of **epifaunal** invertebrates from 153 stations delineated 10 phyla, 20 classes, 54 families, 68 genera and 89 species (Table I; Appendix I). Arthropoda (**Crustacea**) and **Mollusca** dominated species representation with 36 and 28 species respectively (Table I, Appendix I). Arthropod crustaceans accounted for 97.3% of the total invertebrate biomass (Table II; Appendix II) and 96% of the total weight was made up of the families **Pandalidae**, Lithodidae, and Majidae (Table III; Appendix I). The leading species in each of these families respectively was the pink shrimp, *Pandalus borealis*; the king crab, *Paralithodes camtschatica*; and the snow (tanner) crab, *Chionoecetes bairdi* (Table IV; Appendix I). Although 28 species of **molluscs** were present, they only accounted for 0.1% of the **total** invertebrate biomass (Table II; Appendix I).

The average catch of *Pandalus borealis* for **all** stations was 9.9 kg per tow. Abundant catches of pink shrimp were obtained from **Alitak** Bay stations 11 through 16 (Fig. 1) and Ugak Bay stations 10 through 14, 22 and 23 (Fig. 2). The greatest **single** catch of pink shrimp was obtained in July at **Alitak** Bay station 23; 426.0 kg.

TABLE I

A LIST OF SPECIES TAKEN BY TRAWL FROM ALITAK AND UGAK BAYS,  
KODIAK ISLAND, ALASKA IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, 1976

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Phylum <b>Porifera</b>	Unidentified species
Phylum <b>Cnidaria</b>	
Class Hydrozoa	Unidentified. species
Class <b>Scyphozoa</b>	Unidentified species
<b>Class Anthozoa</b>	
Subclass <b>Alcyonaria</b>	
Family <b>Pennatulidae</b>	<i>Ptilosarcus gurneyi</i> (Gray)
Family <b>Actinostolidae</b>	<i>Stomphia coccinea</i> (o. F. Müller)
Family <b>Actinidae</b>	Unidentified species
Phylum <b>Annelida</b>	
Class <b>Polychaeta</b>	
Family <b>Polynoidae</b>	Unidentified species
Family <b>Nereidae</b>	<i>Nereis</i> sp.
Family <b>Serpulidae</b>	<i>Crucigera irregularis</i> Bush
Class <b>Hirudinae</b>	
Family <b>Acanthochitonidae</b>	<i>Notostomobdella</i> sp.
Phylum <b>Mollusca</b>	
<b>Class Pelecypoda</b>	
Family <b>Nuculanidae</b>	<i>Nuculana fossa</i> Baird
	<i>Yoldia hyperborea</i> Lovén in Torell
	<i>Yoldia thraciaeformis</i> Storer
Family <b>Mytilidae</b>	<i>Mytilus edulis</i> Linnaeus
	<i>Musculus discors</i> (Gray)
	<i>Modiolus modiolus</i> (Linnaeus)
Family <b>Pectinidae</b>	<i>Pecten caurinus</i> Gould
	<i>Chlamys rubida</i> Hinds
Family <b>Anomiidae</b>	<i>Pododesmus macrochisma</i> Deshayes
Family <b>Astartidae</b>	<i>Astarte rollandi</i> Bernardi
	<i>Astarte esquimalti</i> Baird
Family <b>Cardiidae</b>	<i>Clinocardium ciliaatum</i> (Fabricius)
	<i>Clinocardium nuttalli</i> Conrad
	<i>Serripes groenlandicus</i> (Bruguière)

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	Family Veneridae
	<i>Saxidomus gigantea</i> (Deshayes)
	<i>Protothaca staminea</i> (Conrad)
	Family Tellinidae
	<i>Macoma calcarea</i> (Gmelin)
	<i>Macoma moesta</i> (Deshayes)
	Family Hiatellidae
	<i>Hiatella arctica</i> (Linnaeus)
	Family Teredinidae
	<i>Bankia setacea</i> Tryon
Class	Gastropoda
	Family Calyptraeidae
	<i>Crepidula nummaria</i> Gould
	Family Velutinidae
	<i>Velutina</i> sp.
	Family Cymatidae
	<i>Fusitriton oregonensis</i> (Redfield)
	Family Thaididae
	<i>Nucella lamellosa</i> (Gmelin)
	Family Neptunidae
	<i>Neptunea lyrata</i> (Gmelin)
	Family Dorididae
	Unidentified species
Class	Cephalopod
	Family Gonatidae
	<i>Gonatus</i> sp.
	Family Octopodidae
	<i>Octopus</i> sp.
Phylum	Arthropoda
Class	Crustacea
	Family Balanidae
	<i>Balanus balanus</i> Pilsbury
	<i>Balanus hesperius</i> Pilsbury
	<i>Balanus rostratus</i> Pilsbury
Class	Isopoda
	Unidentified species
Class	Amphipoda
	Unidentified species
Class	Decapoda
	Family Pandalidae
	<i>Pandalus</i> sp.
	<i>Pandalus borealis</i> Kröyer
	<i>Pandalus goniurus</i> Stimpson
	<i>Pandalus hypsinotus</i> Brandt
	<i>Pandalopsis dispar</i> Rathbun
	Family Hippolytidae
	<i>Eualus biunguis</i> Rathbun
	<i>Eualus gaimardii belcheri</i> (Bell)
	<i>Eualus macilenta</i> (Kröyer)

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Family Crangonidae	
<i>Crangon dalli</i> Rathbun	
<i>Crangon communis</i> Rathbun	
<i>Sclerocrangon boreas</i> (Phipps)	
<i>Argis lar</i> (Owen)	
<i>Argis dentata</i> (Rathbun)	
<i>Argis crassa</i> Rathbun	
Family Paguridae	
<i>Pagurus</i> sp.	
<i>Pagurus ochotensis</i> Brandt	
<i>Pagurus aleuticus</i> (Benedict)	
<i>Pagurus capillatus</i> (Benedict)	
<i>Pagurus kennerlyi</i> (Stimpson)	
<i>Pagurus beringanus</i> (Benedict)	
<i>Elassochirus tenuimanus</i> (Dana)	
<i>Labidochirus splendescens</i> (Owen)	
Family Lithodidae	
<i>Paralithodes camtschatica</i> (Tilesius)	
Family Majidae	
<i>Oregonia gracilis</i> Dana	
<i>Hyas lyratus</i> Dana	
<i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i> Rathbun	
<i>Pugettia gracilis</i> (Dana)	
Family Cancridae	
<i>Cancer</i> sp.	
<i>Cancer magister</i> Dana	
<i>Cancer oregonensis</i> (Dana)	
Family Atelocyclusidae	
<i>Telmessus cheiragonus</i> (Tilesius)	
Family Pinnotheridae	
<i>Pinnixa occidentalis</i> Rathbun	
Phylum Echiurida	
Class Echiuroidea	
Family Echiuridae	
<i>Echiurus echiurus</i> Fisher	
Phylum Ectoprocta	
Unidentified species	
Phylum Brachiopoda	
Class Articulate	
Family Cancellothridae	
<i>Terebratulina unguicula</i> Carpenter	
Family Dallinidae	
<i>Terebratalia transversal</i> (Sowerby)	
Phylum Echinodermata	
Class Asteroidea	
Family Echinasteridae	
<i>Henricia</i> sp.	
Family Solasteridae	
<i>Solaster stimpsoni</i> Verrill	

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	Family Asteridae
	<i>Stylasterias forreri</i> (de Loriol)
	<i>Evasterias echinosoma</i> (Stimpson)
	<i>Evasterias troschेलii</i> (Stimpson)
	<i>Pycnopodia helianthoides</i> (Brandt )
	Family Strongylocentrotidae
	<i>Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis</i> (O. F. Miller)
Class	Ophiuroidea
	Family Gorgonacephalidae
	<i>Gorgonocephalus caryi</i> (Lyman)
Class	Holothuroidea
	Family Molpadiidae
	<i>Molpadia</i> sp.
	Family Cucumariidae
	<i>Cucumaria</i> sp.
Phylum	Chordata
	Class Ascidiacea
	Family Styelidae
	<i>Pelonaia corrugata</i> Forbes Goods

TABLE 11

NUMBERS, WEIGHT, AND DENSITY OF MAJOR EPIFAUNAL INVERTEBRATE PHYLA  
OF ALITAK AND UGAK BAYS; 1976

(Trawl survey pooled data from cruises in June, July, and August)

Phylum	Number of Organisms	Weight(kg)	Percent of Total Weight	Mean Grams per Square Meter
<b>Porifera</b>	1650	102.03	0.7	0.18
<b>Cnidaria</b>	241	45.67	<b>0.3</b>	0.08
<b>Mollusca</b>	570	19.30	0.1	0.03
Arthropoda (Crustacea only)	319120	12619.44	97.3	22.36
<b>Echinodermata</b>	<u>297</u>	<u>157.70</u>	<u>1.2</u>	<u>0.28</u>
TOTAL	321878	12944.14	99.6	22.93

TABLE III

NUMBERS, WEIGHT, AND DENSITY OF MAJOR EPIFAUNAL INVERTEBRATE FAMILIES OF  
ALITAK AND UGAK BAYS, 1976

(.Trawl survey, pooled data from cruises in June, July, and August)

Family	Number of Organisms	Weight(kg)	Percent of Total Weight	Mean Grams per Square Meter
<b>Actiniidae</b>	195	41.41	0.3	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Pandalidae</b>	281899	2372.66	18.3	4.20
<b>Hippolytidae</b>	12827	89.77	0.7	<b>0.15</b>
<b>Crangonidae</b>	7733	53390.66	0.4	0.09
<b>Lithodidae</b>	4420	3668.80	28.3	6.50
Majidae	11397	6403.41	49.4	<b>11.34</b>
Asteridae	<u>232</u>	<u>150.02</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>0.26</u>
TOTAL	318703	66116.73	98.5	22.61

TABLE IV

NUMBERS, WEIGHT, AND DENSITY OF THE MAJOR EPIFAUNAL SPECIES OF ARTHROPODA (CRUSTACEA) FROM  
ALITAK AND UGAK BAYS, 1976

(Trawl survey, **pooled** data from cruises of June, July, and August)

Species	Number of Organisms	Weight(kg)	Percent of Total Weight	Percent of Phylum Weight	Mean Grams per Square Meter
<i>Pandalus borealis</i>	79312	1528.02	11.8	12.11	2.70
<i>Pandalus goniurus</i>	<b>38671</b>	311.90	2.4	2.47	0.55
<i>Pandalus hypsinotus</i>	61470	493.38	<b>1.1</b>	3.91	0.87
<i>Pandalopsis dispar</i>	2446	39*35	0.3	<b>0.31</b>	0.06
<i>Eualus gaimardi belcheri</i>	<b>10292</b>	<b>71.99</b>	0.5	0.57	<b>0.12</b>
<i>Argis dentata</i>	3676	25.83	0.2	0.20	<b>0.04</b>
<i>Paralithodes camtschatica</i>	4420	3668.80	28.3	29.07	<b>6.50</b>
<i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i>	<u>11287</u>	<u>6399.84</u>	<u>49.4</u>	<u>50.71</u>	<u>11.33</u>
TOTAL	211574	12539.11	94.0	<b>99.35</b>	22.17

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The average catch of *Paralithodes camtschatica* for all stations was 23.97 kg. **Alitak** Bay stations 21 through 29 and **Ugak** Bay stations 1 and 3 had the highest catches. The single largest catch was obtained at **Alitak** Bay station 28 during July.

*Chionoecetes bairdi* was normally dominant at all stations. The average catch was 41.8 kg. Large catches were obtained in **Alitak** Bay stations 2 through 5 and Ugak Bay stations 9, 10, 13 and 22. The largest catch was recorded at **Alitak** Bay station 3.

Differences in sex composition and stage of maturity of king crab and snow crab were evident between and within bays (Table V). During the three sampling periods in **Alitak** Bay, king crab were found mainly in the outermost stations (stations 14, 17, 18, 19, and 21 through 29) (Table V; Fig. 1). These outer stations were mainly composed of adult egg-bearing females and juveniles. The sex ratio of king crabs in the outer **Alitak** stations for the present study as well as from other studies (Gray and Powell, 1966; Kingsbury and James, 1971) is presented in Table VI. The sex ratio for king crab obtained in Ugak Bay for the present study is presented in Table VII.

King crab were well dispersed throughout Ugak Bay in all months. The composition was mainly juveniles (Table V).

The trend for the catch of snow crab in **Alitak** Bay declined from June to August. Adult males were the main component of the population during all sampling periods (Table V).

Snow crab were most abundant in the outer Ugak Bay stations (stations 13 through 30) (Fig. 2). The composition was mainly adult males (Table V). . . . .

TABLE V

SEX-MATURITY COMPOSITION OF KING CRAB AND SNOW CRAB IN ALITAK AND UGAK BAYS, JUNE, JULY,  
AND AUGUST, 1976

Alitak Bay Stations	Composition	June				July				August			
		King crab		Snow crab		King crab		Snow crab		King crab		Snow crab	
		No.	%										
1-7 (inner)	Adult males	0	0	1148	98	0	0	653	97	3	30	417	95
	Adult females w/eggs	0	0	8	1	0	0	16	2	7	70	11	3
	Juvenile males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	<1
	Juvenile females	0	0	8	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	9	2
	Total	0	0	1164	100	0	0	675	100	10	100	439	100
9-13, 15, 16, 20 (mid-bay)	Adult males	0	0	603	88	41	67	895	92	6	15	84	92
	Adult females w/eggs	1	100	55	8	4	6	53	6	16	39	4	4
	Juvenile males	0	0	0	0	13	21	14	1	14	34	2	2
	Juvenile females	0	0	27	4	4	6	8	1	5	12	2	2
	Total	1	100	685	100	62	100	970	100	41	100	92	100
14, 17, 18, 19, 21-29 (outer)	Adult males	25	7	1037	76	28	4	583	61	21	8	178	67
	Adult females w/eggs	165	50	319	23	244	35	271	28	100	37	69	26
	Juvenile males	87	26	8	1	236	34	12	1	92	34	9	3
	Juvenile females	56	17	4	<1	186	27	93	10	56	21	11	4
	Total	333	100	1368	100	694	100	959	100	269	100	267	100
Ugak Bay Stations													
1-5 (inner)	Adult males	8	7	180	87	23	2	214	42	20	5	190	77
	Adult females w/eggs	1	1	16	8	2	<1	59	12	5	1	19	8
	Juvenile males	43	38	0	0	397	43	196	38	193	50	18	7
	Juvenile females	61	54	11	5	511	55	42	8	169	44	21	8
	Total	113	100	207	100	933	100	511	100	387	100	248	100
6-12 (mid-bay)	Adult males	7	29	567	90	23	6	212	56	2	1	213	81
	Adult females w/eggs	3	13	31	5	9	2	33	9	1	1	8	3
	Juvenile males	12	50	0	0	189	50	109	29	76	45	25	10
	Juvenile females	2	8	3	5	159	42	25	6	88	53	16	6
	Total	24	100	633	100	380	100	379	100	167	100	262	100

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Ugak Bay Stations	Composition	June				July				August			
		King crab		Snow crab		King crab		Snow crab		King crab		Snow crab	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	Z	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
13-30	Adult <b>males</b>	21	29	591	83	21	8	728	62	2	<1	339	76
(outer)	Adult females w/eggs	7	10	38	5	36	13	61	5	9	1	23	5
	Juvenile males	29	40	0	0	149	53	189	16	379	57	59	14
	<b>Juvenile</b> females	15	21	79	12	<b>73</b>	26	200	17	282	42	24	5
	Total	72	100	708	<b>100</b>	279	100	<b>1178</b>	100	672	100	445	100

Stations 9-13 in **Alitak** Bay were not sampled during August due to the presence of stored crab gear.

TABLE VI  
SEX RATIOS OF KING CRAB IN OUTER ALITAK BAY<sup>1</sup>

Date	Mature Crabs			Immature Crabs		
	Male	Female	Ratio <sup>2</sup>	Male	Female	Ratio <sup>2</sup>
April 1970 <sup>3</sup>	390	<b>1419</b>	3.63	<b>60</b>	76	1.26
<b>May 1962<sup>4</sup></b>	366	584	1.59	28	21	0.75
June 1970 <sup>3</sup>	198	359	1.81	103	66	0.64
June 1976	25	165	6.60	87	" 56	0.64
<b>July 1976</b>	28	244	8.71	236	186	0.78
August 1976	21	100	4.76	92	56	0.60

<sup>1</sup>Additional data not reported here is found in Kingsbury *et al.*, 1974.

<sup>2</sup>Females per male.

<sup>3</sup>Kingsbury and James, 1971.

<sup>4</sup>Gray and Powell, 1966.

TABLE VII  
SEX RATIOS OF KING CRAB IN UGAK BAY JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 1976

Date	Mature Crabs			Immature Crabs		
	Male	Female	Ratio <sup>1</sup>	Male	Female	Ratio <sup>1</sup>
June	36	11	0.30	84	78	0.92
July	67	47	0.70	735	743	1.01
August	24	15	0.60	648	539	0.83

<sup>1</sup>Females per male

## Feeding Data

Food contents were examined from 67 snow crab (*Chionoecetes bairdi*), 17 king crab (*Paralithodes camtschatica*), 17 yellowfin sole (*Limanda aspera*), 5 flathead sole (*Hippoglossoides elassodon*) and 4 rocksole (*Lepidopsetta bilineata*) (Table VIII).

The two commercial crabs, *P. camtschatica* and *C. bairdi*, were feeding on different items with little overlap. *Paralithodes camtschatica* concentrated on *Nuculana fossa*, miscellaneous clam species, *Margaritas* sp., and miscellaneous fishes. *Chionoecetes bairdi* fed primarily on polychaetes, *Nuculanidae*, miscellaneous clam species (consumed about equally by both crabs), caridean shrimps, and plant matter. Sediment was found in 44.8% of snow crab stomachs. Although the latter item had the highest frequency of occurrence in snow crab stomachs, it is not clear if sediment actually represents a food source for *Chionoecetes bairdi* or is incidentally taken in the feeding process.

Among the fishes examined for stomach contents, *Limanda aspera* used fishes, *C. bairdi*, and clams, including the deposit-feeding *Macoma* as major food items; *Hippoglossoides elassodon* concentrated on euphausiids and caridean shrimps; *Lepidopsetta bilineata* fed primarily on polychaetes and *Nuculana fossa*.

The Kodiak Island food web (Fig. 3) is based on data presented in this report, information from McDonald and Peterson (1976) and Feder et al. (1977) which presents some Pacific cod data from Kodiak. The food web (Fig. 3) is presented so that carbon flow is generally from bottom to top and always in the direction of the arrows. Data was insufficient to clearly identify major food pathways. Polychaetes, gastropod (snails), pelecypods (clams), amphipods, anomurans (hermit crabs), brachyurans (true

TABLE VIII

PERCENT **FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE** OF FOOD ITEMS (LISTED ACCORDING TO LOWEST LEVEL OF **TAXONOMIC IDENTIFICATION**) FOUND IN STOMACHS OF INVERTEBRATES AND FISHES FROM ALITAK AND UGAK BAYS, KODIAK ISLAND, 1976

Food Item	Percent frequency of occurrence of food items found in stomachs of:				
	<i>Paralithodes camtschatica</i> N=17	<i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i> N=67	<i>Limanda aspera</i> N=17	<i>Hippoglossoides elassodon</i> N=5	<i>Lepidopsetta bilineata</i> N=4
<b>Polychaeta</b>	<b>1</b>	11.9			<b>75.0</b>
<b>Nuculanidae</b>		9.0			
<i>Nuculana fossa</i>	47.1				<b>50.0</b>
<i>Yoldia</i> sp.					25.0
<b>Pelecypoda</b>	29.4	29.9	<b>17.7</b>		<b>25.0</b>
<i>Axinopsida</i> sp.					<b>25.0</b>
<i>Macoma</i> sp.			11.8		25.0
<i>Tellina</i> sp.		1.5			
<i>Spisula polynyma</i>	5.9		5.9		
<i>Siliqua alta</i>			5.9		
<i>Mytilus edulis</i>		1.5			
Gastropoda	5.9				-
<i>Margarites</i> sp.	11.8				
<i>Fusitriton oregonensis</i>	5.9				
<b>Crustacea</b>		3.0			
<b>Euphausiacea</b>				60.0	
Caridea		16.4		14.2	25.0
<b>Crangonidae</b>		1.5			

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Food Item	Percent frequency of occurrence of food items found in stomachs of:					
	<i>Paralithodes camtschatica</i> N=17	<i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i> N=67	<i>Limanda aspera</i> N=17	<i>Hippoglossoides elassodon</i> N=5	<i>Lepidopsetta bilineata</i> N=4	
Brachyura	-	9.0	-	-	-	-
Majidae	5.9	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i>	-	-	11.8	-	25.0	
Atelecyclidae	5.9	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Echinurus echinurus</i>	-	1.5	-	-	-	-
Teleostei	17.7	3.0	17.7	-	25.0	
Osmeridae	-	-	5.9	-	-	-
<i>Mallothus villosus</i>	-	-	5.9	-	-	-
Unidentified plants	5.9	31.3	-	-	-	-
Sediment	-	44.8	-	-	-	-
Empty stomachs	23.5	22.4	47.1	-	-	-

1 All dashes indicate food item not present

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Food Web

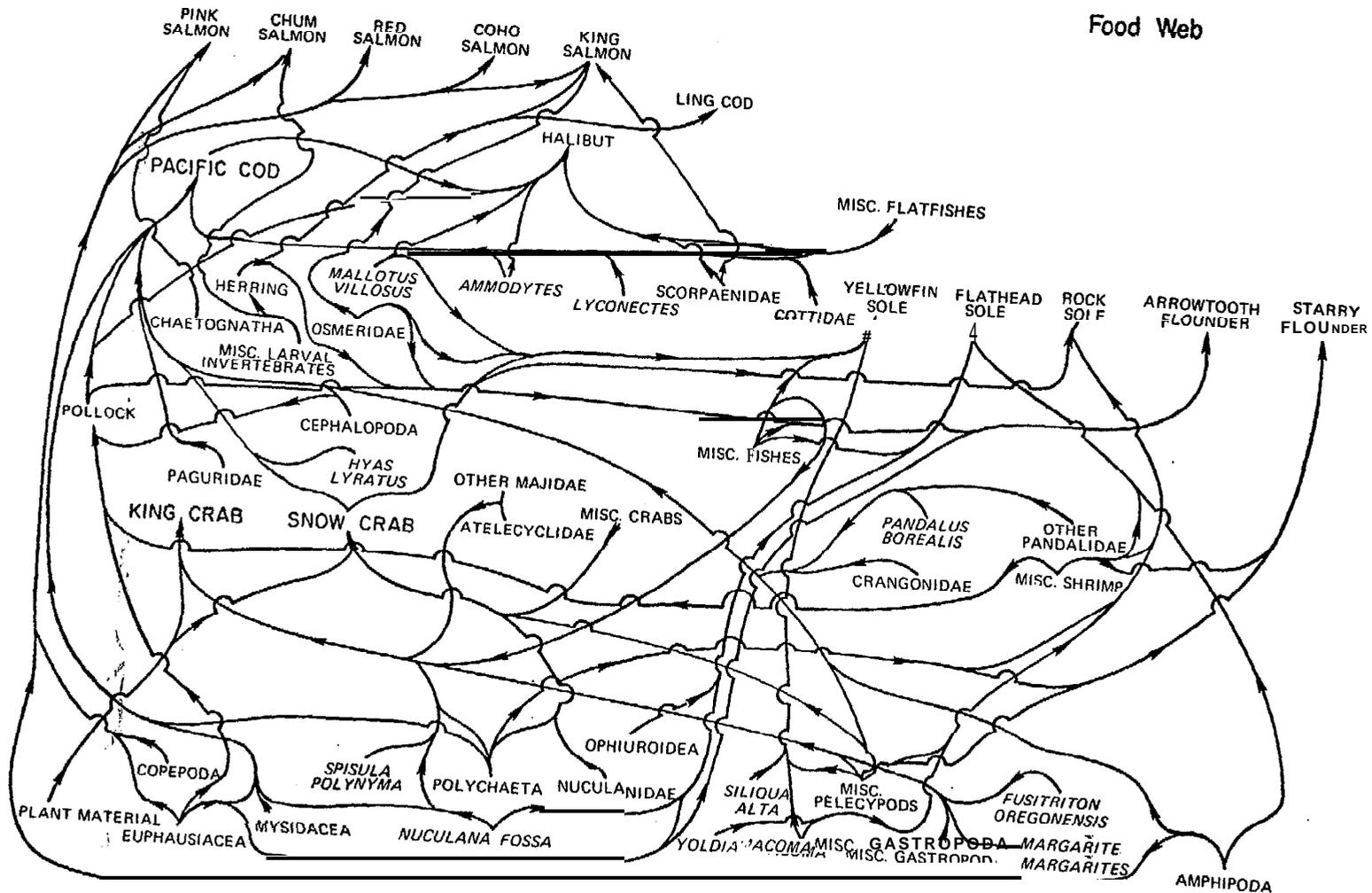


Figure 3. A food web based on the epibenthic species taken from Alitak and Ugak Bays and inshore waters around Kodiak Island, Alaska.

crabs), and **carideans** (shrimps) are the major invertebrate food items in the web. Shrimps and crabs are important food items for most fishes as well as some of the crabs. Small fishes such as herring, **capelin** and **sandlance** are important as food for the larger predatory fishes such as Pacific cod, king salmon and halibut (see Feder *et al.*, 1977 for additional Gulf of Alaska food data).

Feeding relationships for snow crab, king crab, and Pacific cod (data from Feder *et al.*, 1977 and S. Jewett, unpublished data for Kodiak) are shown in more detail in Figures 4, 5, and 6, respectively. The snow and king crabs (two of the most important commercial organisms on the Kodiak shelf) feed heavily on animals relying in whole or in part on deposited **organics**, detritus, bacteria, **benthic** diatoms, and **meiofauna** (Figs. 5 and 6, Table IX). Pacific cod feeds primarily on **animals** that are feeding on small **benthic** invertebrates or scavenging on animal remains (Fig. 6; Table IX). The invertebrates in the two bays relied on a variety of feeding methods (Table IX) while the fishes tended to be predators.

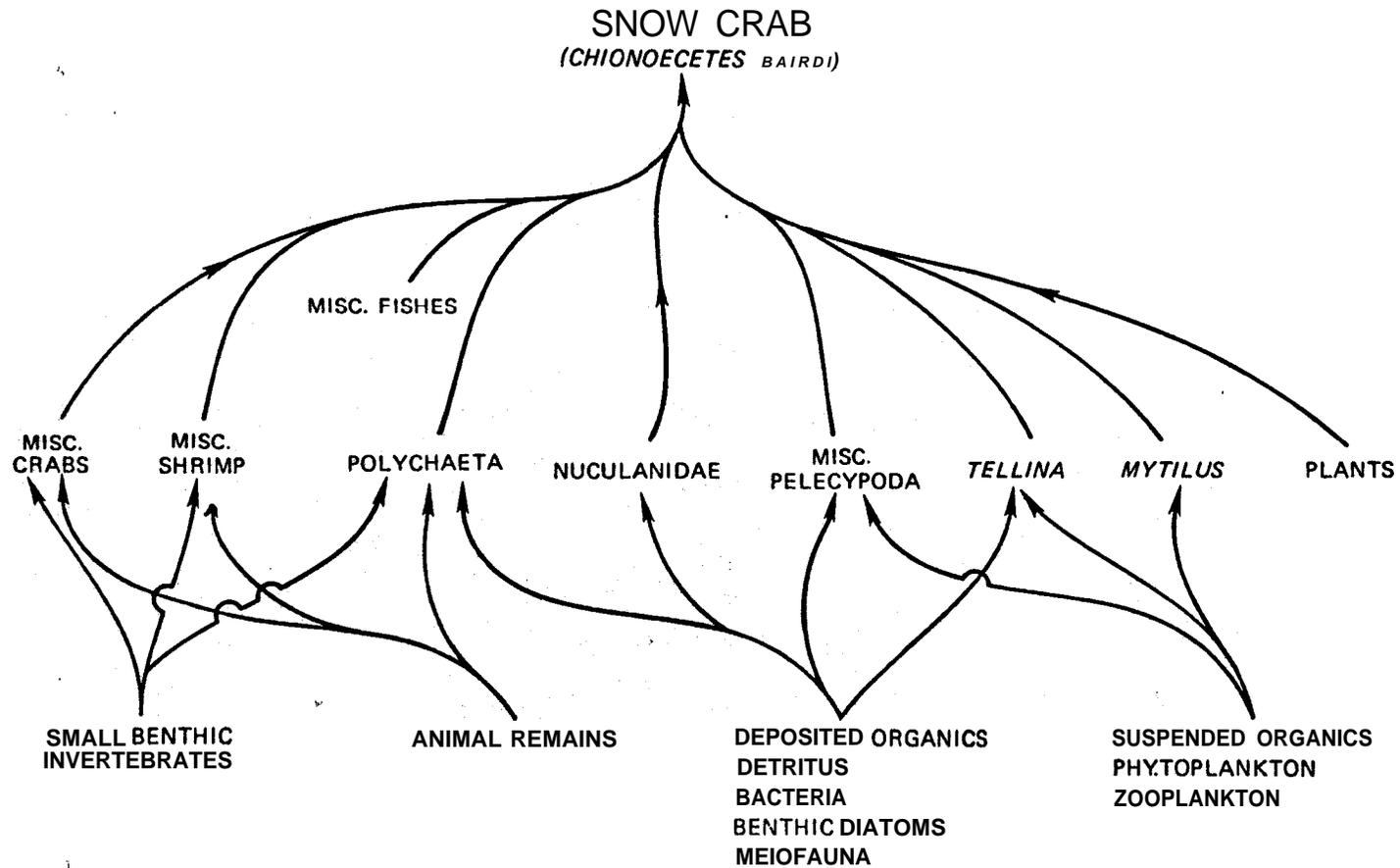
Number, weight and frequency of occurrence calculations used in this report are based on Appendix Tables 1-4.

## VII . DISCUSSION

### Station Coverage

The trawl program discussed in this report represents the first intensive coverage of **epifaunal** invertebrates of **Alitak** and Ugak Bays. Preliminary plans called for 28 stations to be occupied monthly- in **Alitak** Bay and 25 stations in Ugak Bay for June, **July**, and August 1976. August sampling in **Alitak** Bay was hampered when stored crab gear prevented sampling

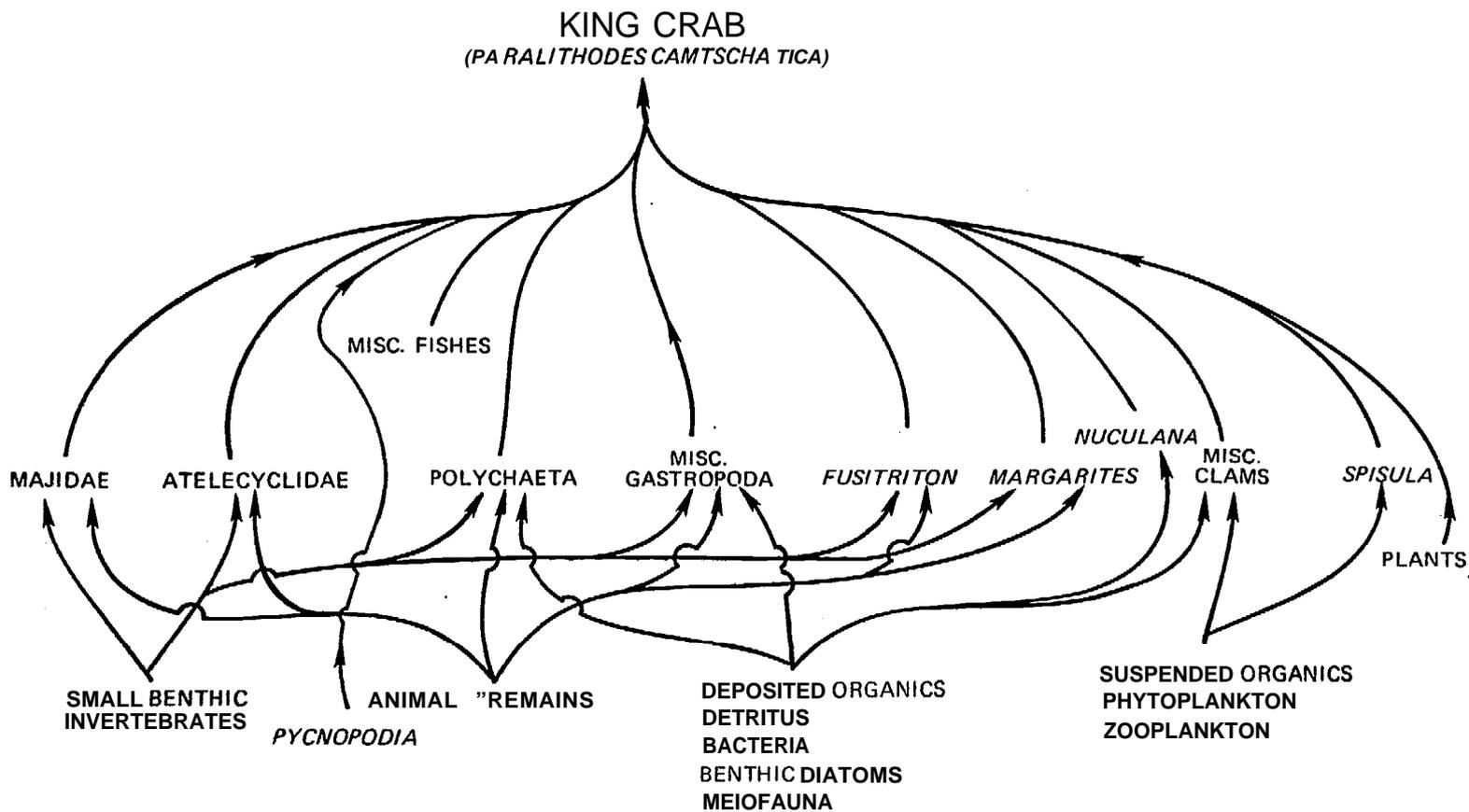
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Figure 4. Food web showing carbon flow to snow crab (*Chionoecetes bairdi*) in Alitak and Ugak Bays and inshore waters around Kodiak Island, Alaska,

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Figure 5. Food web showing carbon flow to king crab (*Paralithodes camtschatica*) in Alitak and Ugak Bays and inshore waters around Kodiak Island, Alaska.

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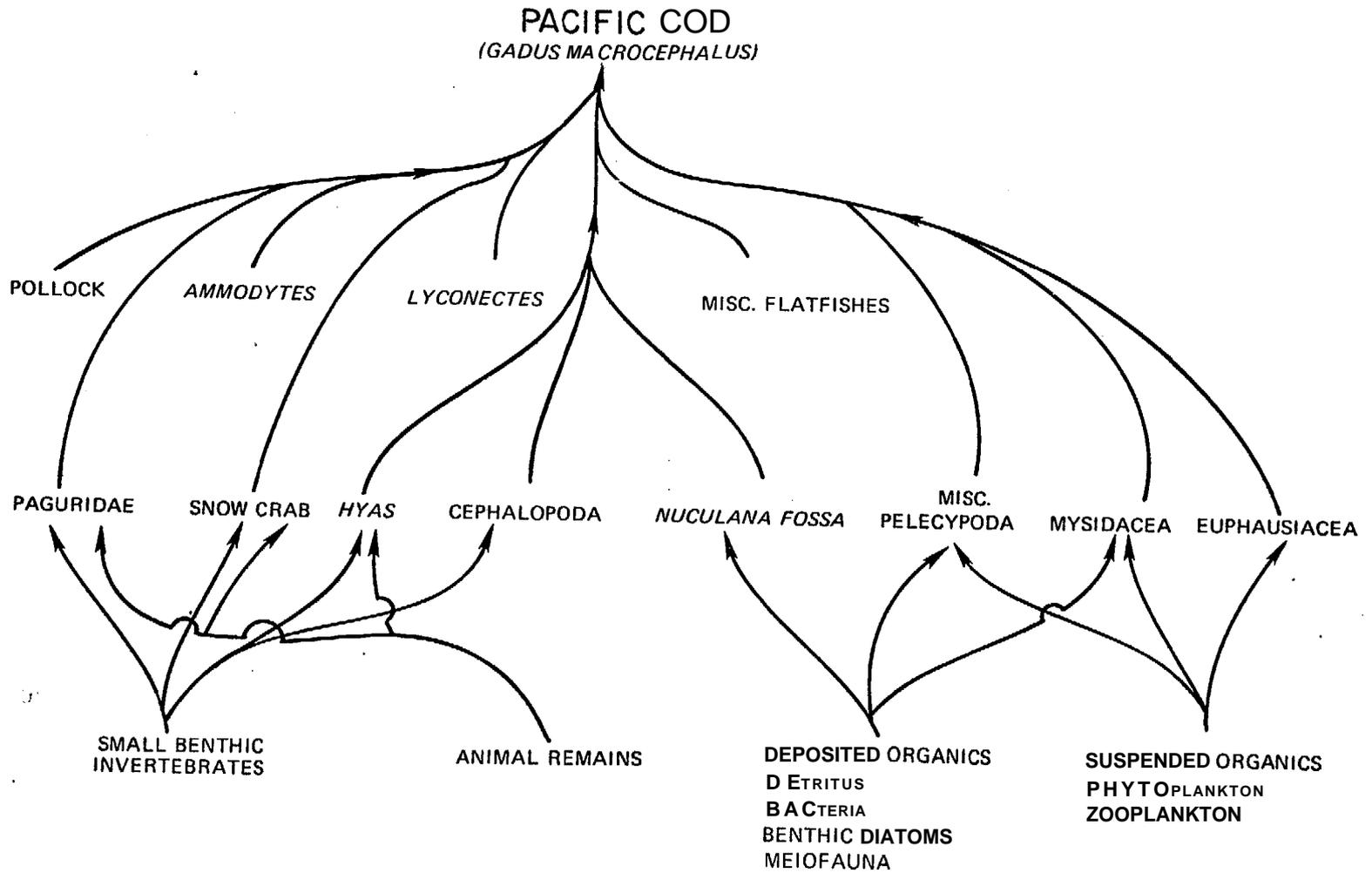


Figure 6. Food web showing carbon flow to Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*) from inshore waters around Kodiak Island, Alaska. (Also see Feder et al., 1977 for comments on cod food habits in the Gulf of Alaska).

TABLE IX

FEEDING METHODS<sup>1</sup> OF ORGANISMS INCLUDED IN THE KODIAK ISLAND (ALITAK AND UGAK BAYS AND OTHER INSHORE WATERS) FOOD WEB

Phylum abbreviations: **A=Annelida; M=Mollusca; Art=Arthropoda; Ecd=Echinodermata**  
Ctn=Chaetognatha; **Cho=Chordata**; X=dominant feeding method; **O=other** feeding method

Organism	Phylum	Deposit Feeder	Suspension Feeder	Scavenger	Predator	Unknown
<b>Polychaeta</b>	A	x	x	x	x	
Gastropoda	M	x		x	x	
Margaritas	M					x
<i>Fusitriton oregonensis</i>	M			x	x	
<i>Nuculana fossa</i>	M	x				
<i>Yoldia</i> sp.	M	x				
<i>Spisula polynyma</i>	M		x			
<i>Axinopsida</i> Sp.	M					x
<i>Siliqua alta</i>	M					x
<i>Macoma</i> sp.	M	X	o			
Cephalopoda	M			x	x	
<b>Mysidacea</b>	<b>Art</b>		x	x	x	
Amphipoda	Art	x		x	x	
Euphausiacea	Art		x			
Pandalidae	Art			x	x	-
<i>Pandalus borealis</i>	<b>Art</b>			x	x	
Crangonidae	Art			x	x	
Paguridae	<b>Art</b>			x	x	
<i>Paralithodes camtschatica</i>	Art			x	x	
Majidae	Art			x	x	

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Organism	Phylum	Deposit Feeder	Suspension Feeder	Scavenger	Predator	Unknown
<i>Hyas lyratus</i>	Art			x	x	
<i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i>	Art			X	X	
Atelecyclidae	Art					x
Ophiuroidea	Ecd	x	x	x	x	
Chaetognatha	Ctn				x	
<i>Clupea harengus pallasii</i> (herring)	Cho				X	
<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i> (pink salmon)	Cho				X	
<i>O. keta</i> (chum salmon)	Cho				X	
<i>O. kisutch</i> (coho salmon)	Cho				X	
<i>O. nerka</i> (red salmon)	Cho				X	
<i>O. tshawytscha</i> (King salmon)	Cho				X	
Osmeridae	Cho				X	
<i>Mallotus villosus</i> (capelin)	Cho				X	
<i>Theragra chalcogramma</i> (pollock)	Cho				X	
<i>Gadus macrocephalus</i> (Pacific cod)	Cho			X	X	
<i>Lyconectes</i> sp.	Cho				X	

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Organism	Phylum	Deposit Feeder	Suspension Feeder	Scavenger	Predator	Unknown
<i>Ammodytes</i> sp. (sand lance)	Cho				x	
<b>Scorpaenidae</b>	Cho				x	
<i>Ophiodon</i> sp. (lingcod)	Cho				x	
<b>Cottidae</b>	Cho				x	
<i>Atheresthes stomias</i> (arrowtooth flounder)	Cho				x	
<i>Hippoglossoides elassodon</i> (flathead sole)	Cho				x	
<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i> (Pacific halibut)	Cho				x	
<i>Lepidopsetta bilineata</i> (rock sole)	Cho				x	
<i>Limanda aspera</i> (yellowfin sole)	Cho	"	-		x	
<i>Platichthys stellatus</i> (starry flounder)	Cho				X	

<sup>1</sup> Based on Barnes, 1968; Feder, unpublished data; Hart, 1973; Newell, 1970; Pearce and Thorson, 1967; and Rasmussen, 1973.

of five stations. During the three sampling periods, 78 stations were occupied in Alitak Bay covering a total of 1.76 km<sup>2</sup>. Station coverage in Ugak Bay was 1.69 km<sup>2</sup>. The average distance fished at each station was 1.85 km.

#### Species Composition and Diversity

Examination of the species composition of both bays revealed crustaceans and molluscs to be the major epifaunal invertebrates present. In general, epifaunal diversity was similar to that reported in Feder *et al.* (1976) for the northeast Gulf of Alaska. Major differences between the northeast Gulf of Alaska and the Kodiak bay fauna were the low numbers of species of annelids and echinoderms found in the bays. Coverage of the northeast Gulf of Alaska revealed 30 species of annelids and 36 species of echinoderms; however, these phyla in Alitak and Ugak Bays only comprised 4 and 10 species respectively. *Pagurus* was the most diverse genus present with six species collected.

Alitak Bay has a past history as a king crab mating ground (Kingsbury and James, 1971), and has been a major producer of commercial-sized crab in the Kodiak Island area since 1953 (Gray and Powell, 1966). Outer Alitak Bay was also the site of king crab distribution, abundance, and composition studies (Gray and Powell, 1966; Kingsbury *et al.*, 1974) conducted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game during the summer months of 1962 and 1970.

King crab live most of their lives on the deeper part of the continental shelf, coming into the shallows once a year to mate. Except during the mating season (mid-March to June), the sexes remain apart in deep water (Iverson, 1966). However, changing physical conditions from

year to year may **alter** the **periodicity** of migration and breeding. The documented-life history of **the** king crab reported elsewhere is reflected in the observations made for this crab in the two Kodiak bays discussed in this report. Examination of sex composition and stage of maturity of king crab from the past and present studies in outer **Alitak** Bay indicate a low ratio of adult females to adult males during the mating season (Tables V and VI). After mating has presumably **occurred and** sexes separate the ratio increases (Tables V and VI). The absence of adult males from the bays in the latter part of the present study reflects their departure following spawning. Segregation between sexes in juveniles is not apparent (Tables V and VI; Powell and Nickerson, 1965).

Catches of king crab and snow crab in Ugak Bay during the present study reflect a similar sex-maturity composition to that found during **A.D.F. & G.** crab indexing studies in this bay, i.e., a predominance of juvenile king crab of both sexes and adult male snow **crab**. Although Ugak Bay does not typically yield commercial-size king crab, **the** outer bay is often fished for snow crab (**A.D.F. & G.**, Kodiak, **Alaska** snow crab catch statistics).

#### Food Habits

**The** main species examined for stomach **contents** (*Chionoecetes bairdi* and *Paralithodes camtschatica*) in the present study were the most abundant and widely dispersed organisms present. Important food items consumed **by Alitak Bay** and Ugak Bay snow **crab differed from food items used by** this crab in Cook Inlet. Feder *et al.* (1977) examined **715** snow crab **in** Cook Inlet, and found the main items in order of decreasing percent frequency of occurrence **in** stomachs were *Macoma* spp. (clams), *Pagurus*

spp. (hermit crabs), *Balanus* spp. (barnacles), and sediment. The only similar stomach item in the present study was sediment. The role of sediment in crab feeding is not known. However, regardless of whether or not sediment is taken incidentally or selectively, Yasuda (1967) found benthic diatoms to be abundant in *Chionoecetes opilio elongatus* in the Bering Sea. Yasuda (1967) postulated that diatoms were taken indirectly with food and sediment. Inferences from the present study, as well as other snow crab food data (Feder et al., 1977; Yasuda, 1967; Feder, unpublished data) concerning prey species, suggest that the foods used by snow crab are area specific.

Food items among king crab appear to be similar at different geographic locations. McLaughlin and Hebard (1961) found molluscs to be the most frequently consumed food group (69.0%) in Bering Sea king crab (with pelecypods more frequent than gastropod). Echinoderms ranked second, appearing in 42.2% of the crabs. Bering Sea king crab examined by Feder (Feder et al., 1977) also showed pelecypod molluscs to be the dominant food, specifically *Clinocardium* sp. and *Nuculana* sp. *Nuculana*, a deposit feeder, is the most frequently occurring food used by king crab in Alitak and Ugak Bays. Gastropod were food items of secondary importance in the present study. Although echinoderms were absent from the 17 king crab examined, sand dollars (Echinoidea) are occasionally consumed by king crab occupying the outer continental shelf between Alitak and Ugak Bays (Guy C. Powell, A. D. F. and G., personal communication).

The two commercially important animals of great abundance near Kodiak Island (king crab and snow crab) feed on a wide variety of organisms. The king crab, with its large claws, is taking snails, clams, and fishes, while the snow crab with its long, thin, curved claws is better able to remove

**plant** material, **polychaetes**, shrimps, and small clams from the bottom. Post larval stages of king crab were not preyed upon by any of the fishes examined. However, the soft-shelled stage of king crab is probably preyed on since soft-shell snow crab are known prey of *Octopus* and sea stars (John **Hilsinger**, unpublished data).

The use of deposit-feeding animals as food, as well as the consistent uptake of sediments, by king and snow crabs in the Kodiak area may be critical in the event of oil contamination of sediments on crab feeding grounds.

#### VIII. CONCLUSIONS

Fifty-three permanent stations have been established in two bays of Kodiak Island - **Alitak** (28 stations) and Ugak (**25** stations) bays. These stations have been occupied in conjunction with Alaska Department of Fish and Game personnel.

There is now a satisfactory knowledge, on a station basis (for the months sampled), of the distribution and abundance of **epifaunal** invertebrates (89 species identified to date) of the two study bays. Ten **phyla** are represented in the collection. The important groups, in terms of species, in descending order of importance are the Arthropoda (Crustacean), **Mollusca**, Echinodermata and **Annelida**. The latter three groups only accounted for 1.3% of the biomass collected, while the Arthropoda accounted for 97.3% of the biomass.

-Additional seasonal **data** are **essential**. ~~It is only when such con-~~tinuing information is available that a reasonable biological assessment of the effect of an oil **spill** on these bays can be made. An additional cruise carried out in March 1977 should furnish vitally needed mid-year data.

Differences in sex composition and stage of maturity of king and snow crab between and within the two bays were evident. Throughout the sampling period in **Alitak** Bay, king crab occurred **mainly** at the outer stations and consisted primarily of egg-bearing females and juveniles of both sexes. King crab were well dispersed throughout Ugak Bay during this period, and consisted mainly of juveniles. Snow crab in **Alitak** Bay were primarily juvenile **while** mainly adult **males** inhabited Ugak Bay. Life history data for these crabs for the summer months are now available.

Preliminary feeding data for the most common **epifaunal** species of the two bays is presented in this report. Of special importance is the food data compiled for the two **commercially** important crabs of the Kodiak area - snow and king crabs. These data in conjunction with similar data compiled for these two species in Cook Inlet and the Bering Sea (**Feder et al.**, 1977) should contribute to an understanding of the trophic role of the crabs in their respective ecosystems and the impact of oil on crab dominated systems such as those found in **Alitak** and Ugak Bays.

The importance of deposit-feeding **clams** in the diet of crabs is demonstrated for the two bays; this situation is also true for crabs observed elsewhere. A high probability exists that oil hydrocarbons **will** enter crabs **via** these deposit-feeding **molluscs**, suggesting that studies interrelating sediment, oil, deposit-feeding clams, and crabs should be initiated soon.

Sampling crabs and fishes using trawls and stomach analysis has made it **possible** to understand a **major component (the epifauna) of two Kodiak** bays. However, a full comprehension of the **benthic** system there **will only** be achieved when these studies are expanded to include an assessment of infauna as well. Data available to date suggest that adequate numbers of

unique, abundant, and/or large species are available to permit nomination of likely monitoring candidates. Presumably a monitoring program would be based primarily on recruitment, growth, reproduction, and food **habits** of the chosen species.

#### I x . NEEDS FOR FURTHER STUDY

1. Although the trawling activities were satisfactory for determination of the distribution and abundance of **epifauna**, a substantial component of both bays - the **infauna** - was not sampled. Since **infaunal** species represent important food items, it is essential that dredging be accomplished at the bay stations in the near future.

2. The present study has produced a data **base** describing the **abun-**dance, density, and distribution of epibenthic invertebrates as **well** as notes on reproductive biology of commercially important crabs during June, July, and August 1976. Additional studies are needed during other seasons and years to describe seasonal and year-to-year variations in the distribution and relative abundance of the epifauna.

3. Seasonal predator-prey relationships **should** be examined in conjunction with simultaneous **infaunal** sampling.

4. It is essential that large samples of **the dominant** clam prey species be obtained to initiate recruitment, age, growth, and mortality studies. These data **will** then be comparable to similar data being collected for clams of Cook Inlet and the Bering Sea (**Feder et al., 1977**). Any **future** modeling efforts **concerned with carbon or energy flow in the Kodiak** area **will** need this type of information.

5\* No-physical and chemical data are currently available. This information should be obtained in the future in conjunction with **all** biological sampling efforts. .

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x. SUMMARY OF 4TH QUARTER OPERATIONS

Ship or Laboratory Activities

1. During 3-18 March 1977 the M/V *Big Valley* conducted **benthic** trawling in Ugak and **Alitak** Bay.

2. Scientific party:

Stephen Jewett, Research Assistant, collected data on distribution and abundance, **trophic** relationships and reproductive activity.

3. Methods - **field** sampling:

Benthic trawling was conducted with a 400-mesh Eastern otter trawl. Stations selected from a sampling grid typically were sampled for 20 minutes or **1.85** kilometers.

4. **Sample** localities:

See text figures 1 and 2

5\* Data collected:

Twenty-three stations were occupied in Ugak Bay and 21 stations were occupied in **Alitak** Bay.

6. Distribution and abundance data, cluster analysis, predator-prey relationships and reproductive notes **will** be included **in** the **Final** Report. Data will be examined within and between Ugak and **Alitak** Bay.

XI. APPENDIX

FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE OF **EPIFAUNAL** INVERTEBRATES  
AS WELL AS PERCENT COMPOSITION BY PHYLA,  
'FAMILY AND SPECIES

OCCURRENCES OF EACH SPECIES

SPECIES CODE	TAXANOMIC NAME	OCCURS	% OF ALL OCCUR	% OF ALL STATIONS	DISTKM
320000000	PORIFERA				
-330100000	HYDROZOA	41.	3.116	26.974	70.27
330200000	SCYPHOZOA	6.	0.456	3.947	10.17
3303480101	PTILOSARCUS GURNEYI	2*	0.152	1.316	3.70
-3303540101	STOMPHIA COCCINEA	8.	0.608	5.263	12.94
3303550000	ACTINIIDAE	1.	0.076	0.658	1.85
420100000	POLYCHAETA	24.	1.824	15.789	38.36
-4201010000	POLYNOIDAE	4.	0.304	2.632	5.54
4201230400	MEREIS SP.	3.	0.228	1.974	3.69
4201700201	CRUCIGERA IRREGULARIS	3.	0.228	1.974	3.69
-4203000000	HIRUDINEA	3*	0.228	1.974	3.69
4203010100	NOTOSTOMOBDELLA SP.	1*	0.076	0.658	1.85
4204030203	MUCILANA FOSSA	8.	0.608	5.263	12.94
-4204030502	YOLDIA HYPERBOREA	14.	1.064	9.211	20.32
4204030507	YOLDIA THRACIAEFORMIS	4.	0.304	2.632	6.47
4204070101	MYTILUS EDULIS	1*	0.076	0.658	1.85
-4204070402	MUSCULUS DISCORS	2.	0.152	1.316	3.70
4204070601	MODIOLUS MODIOLUS	3.	0.228	1.974	3.69
4204080102	CHLAMYA RUBIDA	1*	0.076	0.658	1.85
-4204080401	PECTIN CAURINUS	5*	0.380	3.289	6.00
4204100101	PODODESMUS MACROCHISMA	4.	0.304	2.632	5.54
4204110106	ASTARTE ROLLANDI	1.	0.076	0.658	0.92
4204110108	ASTARTE ESCHIMALTI	1.	0.076	0.658	0.92
4204200101	CLINOCARDIUM CILIATUM	1.	0.076	0.658	0.92
4204200102	CLINOCARDIUM NUTTALLII	11.	0.836	7.237	17.56
-4204200201	SERRIPES GROENLANDICUS	1.	0.076	0.658	1.85
4204210201	SAXIDOMUS GIGANTEA	7.	0.532	4.605	11.09
4204210701	PROTOTHACA STAMINEA	1*	0.076	0.658	0.92
-4204240101	MACOMA CALCAREA	1.	0.076	0.658	1.85
4204240107	MACOMA MAESTA	8.	0.608	5.263	14.80
4204290201	HIATELLA ARCTICA	3.	0.228	1.974	4.62
-4204310101	RANKIA SETACEA	9.	0.684	5.921	14.79
4205230201	CREPIDULA NUMMARIA	2.	0.152	1.316	3.70
4205270200	VELUTINA SP.	3*	0.228	1.974	3.69
-4205290101	FUSITRITION OREGONENSIS	1.	0.076	0.658	0.92
4205310102	MUCELLA LAMELLOSA	12.	0.912	7.895	19.41
4205330801	HEPTONEA LYRATA	29	0.152	1.316	2.77
-4205570000	DORIDIIDAE	7.	0.532	4.605	12.02
4207050200	GONATUS SP.	1.	0.076	0.658	1.85
4207120200	OCTOPUS SP.	2.	0.152	1.316	3.70
-5318020102	BALANUS BALANUS	2*	0.152	1.316	3.70
5318020108	BALANUS HESPERIUS	10.	0.760	6.579	15.71
5318020110	BALANUS ROSTRATUS	3.	0.228	1.974	3.69
5330000000	ISOPODA	1.	0.076	0.658	0.92
5331000000	AMPHIPODA	1.	0.076	0.658	1.85
5333040101	PANDALUS BOREALIS	1.	0.076	0.658	0.92
5333040102	PANDALUS GONIOPUS	113.	8.587	74.342	198.35
5333040106	PANDALUS HYP SINOTUS	45*	3.419	29.605	78.60
5333040204	PANDALOPSIS DISPAR	114*	8.663	75.000	197.85
-5333050402	FUALUS BIUNGUIS	24.	1.824	15.789	41.61
5333050406	FUALUS GAIMARDII BELCHERI	53.	4.027	34.868	91.08
5333050412	FUALUS MACILENTA	20.	1.520	13.158	37.00
5333060107	CRANGON DALLI	14.	1.064	9.211	25.90
		35,	2.660	23.026	57.78

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## OCCURENCES OF EACH SPECIES

SPECIES CODE	TAXANOMIC NAME	OCCURS	% OF ALL OCCUR	% OF ALL STATIONS	DIST KM
5333060111	CRANGON COMMUNIS	44.	3.343	28.947	76.75
5333060201	SCLEROCRANGON BOREAS	2*	0.152	1.316	1.84
5333060301	ARGIS LAR	23.	1.748	15.132	42.55
5333060302	ARGIS DENTATA	65.	4.939	42.763	112.81
5333060305	ARGIS CRASSA	3.	0.228	1.974	2.76
5333110200	PAGURUS SP.	1.	0.076	0.658	0.92
5333110202	PAGURUS OCHOTENSIS	320	2.432	21.053	50.83
5333110203	PAGURUS ALEUTICUS	43*	3.267	28.289	70.25
5333110205	PAGURUS CAPILLATUS	18.	1.368	11.842	28.65
5333110217	PAGURUS KENNERLYI	3.	0.228	1.974	3.69
5333110209	PAGURUS BERINGANUS	3*	0.228	1.974	4.062
5333110301	FLASSOCHIRUS TENUIMANUS	3.	0.228	1.974	4.16
5333110401	LABIDOCHIPUS SPLENDESCENS	3.	0.228	1.974	3*69
5333120701	PARALITHODES CAMTSCHATICA	122*	9.271	80.263	202089
5333170101	OREGONIA GRACILIS	19*	1.444	12.500	32.36
5333170201	HYAS LYRATUS	8.	0.608	5.263	12001
5333170302	CHIQU?IOCCFTES BAIRDI	150.	11.398	98.684	253.76
53331705(33	FPIALT'IS GRACILIS	10*	0.760	6.059	15.71
5333180100	CANCER SP.	1.	0.076	0.658	1.85
5333180104	CANCER MAGISTER	9.	0.684	5.921	15.72
5333180106	CANCER OREGONENSIS	10.	0.760	6.579	14.78
53331901(71	TELMESSUS CHEIRAGONUS	4*	0.304	2.632	6.47
53332103W3	PINNIXA OCCIDENTALIS	1*	0.076	0.658	1.85
6001020101	ECHIURUS ECHIURUS	1.	0.076	0.658	1.85
640000009'0	ECTOPROCTA	2*	0.152	1.316	2.77
670203010'1	TEREBRATULINA UNGUICULA	1.	0.076	0.658	0.92
6702050401	TEREBRATALIA TRANSVERSA	2.	0.152	1.316	1.84
6901080100	HENRICIA SP.	2.	0.152	1.316	2.77
6901110304	SOLASTER STIMPSONI	2*	0.152	1.316	3.70
6901120301	EVASTERIAS ECHINOSOMA	18.	1.368	11.842	30051
690112030'2	EVASTERIAS TROSCHELII	10.	0.760	6.579	15*71
6901121101	STYLASTERIAS FORRERI	2.	0.152	1.316	2.77
6901121201	PYCNOPODIA HELIANTHOIDES	3.	0.228	1.974	4.62
6902040201	STRONGYLOCENTROTUS DROEBACHIENSIS	19.	1.444	12.500	32.36
6903040201	GORGONOCEPHALUS CARYI	1.	0.076	0.658	0.92
6904050100	MOLPADIA SP.	1.	0.076	0.658	1.85
6904100100	CUCUMARIA SP.	4*	0.304	2.632	7.40
7200000000	CHORDATA:ASCIDIACEA	22.	1.672	14.474	36*05
7203020501	PELONAI A CORRUGATA	1.	0.076	0.658	1.85

--- TOTAL DISTANCE FISHED = 256.53 KM

APPENDIX TABLE II

NUMBERS, WEIGHT, AND DENSITY OF EPIFAUNAL INVERTEBRATE PHYLA IN ALITAK AND UGAK BAYS,  
KODIAK ISLAND, JUNE, JULY, ANJI AUGUST, 1976

PERCENTAGE COMPOSITION BY WEIGHT - ALL PHYLA

TAXON CODE		COUNT	% COUNT	WEIGHT	% WEIGHT	GM/M SQ ALL STA	%-BIOMASS.
32	PORIFERA	1650.34	0.5109	102028055	0.7874	0.18078	0.79
33	CNIDARIA	240.97	0.0746	45673*81	0.3525	0.08093	0*35
48	ANNELIDA	1014*83	0.3142	1082045	0.0084	0.00192	0.01
49	MOLLUSCA	570.40	0.1766	19304.36	0.1490	0.03421	0.15
53	ARTHYROPODA:CRUSTACEA	319120.64	98.7922	12619440-75	9793945	22.36038	97.39
60	FCHIURIDEA	1.67	0.0005	25.00	0.0002	0.00004	0.00
65	ECTOPROCTA	3000	0.3009	227.00	0.0018	0.00040	0.00
67	BRACHIPODA	5*00	0.0015	33.00	0.0003	0.00006	0.00
68	ECHINODERMATA	297.10	0.0920	157709.22	1.2172	0.27944	1*22
77	CHORDATA:ASCIDIACEA	118.12	0.0366	11507090	0.0888	0.02039	0.09

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APPENDIX TABLE 111

NUMBERS, WEIGHT, AND DENSITY OF EPIFAUNAL INVERTEBRATE FAMILIES IN ALITAK AND UGAK BAYS,  
KODIAK ISLAND, JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST, 1976

COMPOSITION OF ALL PHYLA BY FAMILY

TAXON CODE		COUNT	% COUNT	WEIGHT	% WEIGHT	GM/M SO- ALL STA	% BIOMASS
320000	PORIFERA	1650.34	0.5109	102028.55	0.7874	0*18078	0.79
330100	HYDROZOA	8.67	0.0027	2154.33	0.0166	0.00382	0.02
330200	SCYPHOZOA	2.00	0.0006	145.00	0.0011	0.00026	0.00
330348	PENNATULACEA PENNATULIDAE	30.33	0.0094	597.00	0.0046	0900106	0.00
330354	ACTINOSTOLIDAE	4.00	0.0012	1360000	0.0105	0.00241	0*01
333355	ACTINIIDAE	195.97	0.0607	41417.48	0.3197	0.07339	0.32
490100	POLYCHAETA	813.57	0.2519	821.57	0.0063	0.00146	0.01
490101	POLYNOIDAE	5.33	0.0017	6.67	0.0001	0.00001	0.00
490123	HERPIDAE	12.50	0.0039	24.50	0.0002	0.00004	0.00
490170	SERPULIDAE	172.43	0.0534	206.71	0.0016	0.00037	0 * 0 0
490300	HIRUDINEA	1.67	0.0005	1.67	0.0000	0.00000	0.00
490301	ACANTHOCHITONIDAE	9.33	0.0029	21.33	0.0002	0.00004	0.00
490403	MUCILANIDAE	83.33	0.0258	122.83	0.0009	0.00022	-0.0000
490407	MYTILIDAE	53.00	0.0164	759.00	0.0059	0.00134	0.01
490408	PECTINIDAE	16.61	0.0051	2978.11	0.0230	0 0 0 0 5 2 8	0.02
490410	ANOMIIDAE	4.00	0.0012	80.00	0.0006	0.00014	0.00
490411	ASTARTIDAE	4900	0.0012	8.00	0.0001	0.00001	0.00
490420	CARDIIDAE	49.00	0.0152	1550.00	0.0120	0.00275	0.01
490421	VENFRIDAE	3.00	0.0009	128.00	0.0010	0.00023	0.00
490424	TELLINIDAE	23.10	0.0071	880.62	0.0068	0.00156	0.01
490429	HIATELLIDAE	96.61	0.0299	56.61	0.0004	0.00010	0.00
490431	TEREDINIDAE	104.00	0.0322	14.00	0.0001	-0.00002	-0.00
490523	CALYPTAEIDAE	5.43	0.0017	4.43	0.0000	0.00001	0.00
490527	VELUTIIDAE	1000	0.0003	1.00	0.0000	0.00000	0.00
490529	CYMATIIDAE	106.33	0.0329	11413.67	0.0881	0.02022	-0.09
490531	THALIDAE	4.22	0.0013	43.33	0.0003	0000008	0.00
490533	JEPTU?IME	11.00	0.0034	610.00	0.0047	0.00108	0.00
490557	ORIDIDAE						

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T AXON CODE	COUNT	% COUNT	WEIGHT	% WEIGHT	GM/M SQ ALI. STA	% BIOMASS
490705 GONATIDAE	2.00	0.00006	70.00	0.0005	0.00012	0.00
490712 OCTOPODIDAE	2.33	0.0007	583.33	0.0045	0.000103	0.00
531802 GALANIDAE	290.33	0.0899	3887.67	0.0300	0.00689	0.03
533000 ISOPODA	1000	0.0003	1.00	0.0000	0.00000	0.00
533100 AMPHIPODA	2.00	0.0006	1.00	0.0000	0.00000	0.00
533304 PANDALIDAE	281899.36	87.2694	2372664.38	18.3118	4.20412	18.31
533305 HIPPOLYTIDAE	12827.39	3.9711	89775.28	0.6929	0.15907	0.69
533306 CRANGONIDAE	7733.40	2.3941	53390.66	0.4121	0.09460	0.41
533311 PAGURIDAE	486.44	0.1506	12108.47	0.0935	0.02145	0.09
533312 LITHODIDAE	4420.62	1.3685	366880.53	2803151	6.50075	28.32
533317 MAJIDAE	11397.49	3.5284	6403419.25	49.4204	11.34622	49.42
533318 CANCROIDAE	53.18	0.0165	13803.52	0.01065	0.02446	0.11
533319 ATELECYCLIDAE	6.93	0.0021	1586.43	0.0122	0.00261	0.01
533321 PINNACULIDAE	2.50	0.0008	2.50	0.0000	0.00000	0.00
600102 ECHIURIDAE	1067	0.0005	25.00	0.0002	0.00004	0.00
660000 ECTOPROCTA	3.00	0.0009	227.00	0.0018	0.00040	0.00
670203 CANCELLOTHYRIDIDAE	1.00	0.0003	1.00	0.0000	0.00000	0.00
670205 DALLINIDAE	4.00	0.0012	32.00	0.0002	0.00006	0.00
680108 ECHINASTERIDAE	3.00	0.0009	180.00	0.00014	0.00032	0.00
68.7111 SOLASTICIDAE	4.17	0.0013	275.00	0.0021	0.00049	0.00
690112 ASTERIDAE	232.68	0.0720	150020095	191576	0.26582	1.16
69204 STRONGYLOCENTROTIDAE	48.41	0.0150	777.27	0.0060	0.00138	0.01
69304 GORGONOCEPHALIDAE	1.33	0.0004	80.00	0.0006	0.00014	0.00
693405 POLYDIPLOIDAE	1.00	0.0003	20.00	0.0002	0.00004	0.00
693410 CUCUMARIIDAE	6.50	0.0020	6356.00	0.0491	0.01126	0.05
720000 CHORDATA: ASCIDIACEA	117.12	0.0363	11499.90	0.0888	0.02038	0.09
720302 STYELIDAE	1.00	0.0003	8.00	0.0001	0.00001	0.00

APPENDIX TABLE IV

NUMBERS, WEIGHT, AND DENSITY OF EPIFAUNAL INVERTEBRATE SPECIES IN ALITAK AND UGAK BAYS,

KODIAK ISLAND, JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST, 1976

Composition of all phyla by species

TAXON CODE - TAXONOMIC NAME	COUNT	% COUNT	WEIGHT	% WEIGHT	GM M SQ OCC STA	GM M SQ ALL STA	BIOM%	PHYL C	% PHYL W
2200000000 PORIFERA	1650.3	0.5	102028.55	0.79	0.6600	0.18078	0.79...	100.00	100.00
3301000000 HYDROZOA	8.7	0.0	2154.33	0.02	0.0963	0.000382	0.02	3.60	4.72
3302000000 SCYPHOZOA	2.0	0.0	145.00	0.00	0.0178	0.00026	0.00	0.83	0.32
2303490101 PTILOSARCUS GURNEYI	3003	0.0	597.00	0.00	0.0210	0.00106	0.00	12.59	1031
3303540101 STOMPHIA COCCINEA	4.0	0.0	1360.00	0.01	0.3342	0.00241	0.01	1.66	20913
3303550000 ACTINIIDAE	196.0	0.1	41417.48	0.32	0.4908	0.07339	0.32	81.33	90.68
4901000000 POLYCHAETA	813.6	0.3	821.57	0.001	0.0674	0.00146	0.01	80.17	75.90
4901010000 POLYNOIDAE	5.3	0.0	6.67	0.00	0.0000	0.00001	0.00	0.53	0.62
4901230400 HERPIS SP.	1205	0.0	24.50	0.00	0.0030	0.00004	0.00	1.23	2.26
4901700201 CRUCIGERA IRREGULARIS	172.4	0.1	206.71	0.00	0.0255	0.00037	0.00	16.99	19.10
4303000000 MIRACIDIA	1.7	0.0	1.67	0.00	0.0004	0.00000	0.00	0.16	0.15
4403010100 NOTOSTOMODELLA SP.	9.3	0.0	21.33	0.00	0.0007	0.00004	0.00	-0.92	-1.97
4904030203 MUCILANA FOSSA	71.7	0.0	44.17	0.00	0.0010	0.00008	0.00	12.56	0.23
4904030502 YOLGIA HYPERBOREA	10.7	0.0	28.67	0.00	0.0020	0.00005	0.00	1.87	0.15
4904030507 YOLGIA THPACIAEFFORMIS	1.0	0.0	50.00	0.00	0.0123	0.00009	0.00	0.18	0.26
4604070101 MYTILUS EDULIS	19.0	0.0	80.00	0.00	0.0098	0.00014	0.00	-3.33	0.941
4304070402 MUSCULUS DISCORS	30.0	0.0	668.00	0.01	0.0823	0.00118	0.01	5.26	3.46
4904070601 MODIOLUS MODIOLUS	4.0	0.0	11.00	0.00	0.0027	0.00002	0.00	0.70	0.06
4904080102 CHLAMYIS RUBIDA	8.8	0.0	194.44	0.00	0.0147	0.00034	0.00	1.54	1.01
4934080401 PECTEN CAURINUS	7.8	0.0	2783.67	0.02	0.2284	0.00493	0.02	1.37	14.42
4904100101 PODDESMUS MACROCHISMA	4.0	0.0	80.00	0.00	0.0395	0.00014	0.00	0.70	0.41
4904110106 ASTARTE ROLLANDI	2.0	0.0	4.00	0.00	0.0020	0.00001	0.00	0.35	0.02
4904110108 ASTARTE ESQUIMALTI	2.0	0.0	4.00	0.00	0.0020	0.00001	0.00	0.35	0.02
4994200101 CLINOCARDIUM CILIATUM	34.3	0.0	351.67	0.00	0.0091	0.00062	0.00	6.02	1.82
4904200102 CLINOCARDIUM NUTTALLII	1.7	0.0	366.67	0.00	0.0901	0.00065	0.00	0.29	1.90
4904200201 SERRIPES GROENLANDICUS	13.0	0.0	831.67	0.01	0.0341	0.00147	0.01	2.28	4.31

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## ALL PHYTA BY SPECIES, CONTINUED.

TAXON CODE	TAXONOMIC NAME	COUNT	% COUNT	WEIGHT	% WEIGHT	GM M 50 Occ STA	GM M 50 ALL STA	BIOM %	PHYL C	% PHYL U
4904210201	SAXIDOMUS GIGANTEA	290	0.0	118.00	0.00	0.0583	0.00021	0.00	0.35	0.61
4904210701	PROTOTHACA STAMINEA	1.0	0.0	10.00	0.00	0.0025	0.00002	0.00	0*18	0*05
4904240111	MACOMA CALCAREA	17.1	0.0	698.95	0.01	0.0215	0.00124	0*01	3.00	3.62
4904240107	MACOMA MOESTA	6.0	0.0	181.67	0*00	0.0179	0.00032	0 8 0 0	1.05	0.94
4904290201	HIATELLA ARCTICA	9606	0.0	56.61	0.00	0.0017	0.00010	0.00	16.94	0.29
6X?4310101	BANKIA SETACEA	104*0	0.0	14.00	0.00	0.0017	0.00002	0.00	18.23	0.07
4905230201	CREPIDULA NUMMARIA	5*4	0*0	4.43	0.00	0.0005	0.00001	0000	0*95	0.02
4905270200	VELUTINA SP.	1.0	0.0	1.00	0.00	0.0005	0.00000	0.00	0018	0.01
4305290101	FUSITRITION OREGONENSIS	106.3	0*0	11413.67	0.09	0s2673	0.02022	0.09	18.64	59.12
JCM5310102	MUCELLA LAMELLOSA	4.2	0.0	43.33	0*00	0.0071	0.00008	0.00	0*Y4	0922
4905330801	NEPTUNEA LYRATA	11.0	0.0	610.00	0*00	0.0231	0*00108	0*00	1*93	3.16
4905570050	DORIDIIDAE	1.4	0.0	1.43	0*00	0.0004	0.00000	0*00	0*25	0.01
4907050200	GONATUS SP.	2.0	0.0	70.00	0.00	0s0086	0.00012	-0.00	0035	0.36
4907120200	OCTOPUS SP.	2.3	0.0	583.33	0*00	0.0717	0.00103	0.00	0.41	3.02
5318020102	BALANUS BALANUS	213.3	0.1	2176.67	0.02	0.0630	0.00386	0.02	0*07	0.02
5319020138	BALANUS HESPERIUS	24.0	0.0	111.00	0.00	0.0137	0.00020	0.00	0.01	0.00
5318020110	BALANUS ROSTRATUS	5300	0*0	1600.00	0.01	0,7905	0.00284	0.01	0.02	0.01
5330000000	150P00A	1*0	0.0	1*00	0.00	0.0002	0900000	0.00	0.00	0.00
5331000000	AMPHIP00A	2.0	0.0	1.00	0*00	0.0005	0.00000	0.00	0.00	0.00
5333040101	PANDALUS BOREALIS	79312.4	55.5	1528021.17	11.79	3.5017	2.70750	11.79	56.19	12.11
5333040102	PANDALUS GOMIURUS	38671.0	12.0	311903.00	2.41	1.8037	0.55266	2.41	12.12	2.47
5333040106	PANDALUS HYP SINOTUS	61470.0	19.0	493387.20	3*81	1.1335	0.87423	3.81	19.26	3.91
5333040204	PANDALOPSIS DISPAR	2446.0	0.8	39353.00	0.30	0.4299	0.06973	0.30	0877	0.31
5333050402	FUALUS BIUNGUIS	1979.4	0.6	13861.28	0.11	0.0692	0.02456	0011	0.62	0.11
5333050406	FUALUS GAIMARDII BELCHERI	10292.0	3.2	71990.00	0.56	0.8844	0.12756	0.56	3.23	0.57
5333050412	FUALUS MACILENTA	556.0	0.2	3924.00	0*03	0.0689	0.00695	0.03	0.17	0.03
5333060107	CRANGON DALLI	869.6	0.3	5655.61	0.04	0.0445	0.01002	0.04	0.27	0.04

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ALL PHYLIA BY SPECIES, CONTINUED.											
TAXON CODE	TAXONOMIC NAME	COUNT	% COUNT	WEIGHT	% WEIGHT	G M OCC STA	M SQ ALL STA	GM M SQ ALL STA	BIOM %	PHYL C %	PHYL W
5333060111	CRANGON COMMUNIS	1455.7	0.5	10179.67	0.08	0.0603	0.01804	0.08	0.08	0.46	0.08
5333060201	SCLEROCRANGON BOREAS	87.0	0.0	289.00	0.00	0.0714	0.00051	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00
5333060301	ARGIS LAR	1638.0	0.5	11410.00	0.09	0.1219	0.02022	0.09	0.09	0.51	0.09
5333060302	ARGIS DENTATA	3676.1	1.1	25833.57	0.20	0.1041	0.04577	0.20	0.20	1.15	0.20
5333060305	ARGIS CRASSA	7.0	0.0	23.00	0.00	0.0038	0.00004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5333110200	PAGURUS SP.	2.0	0.0	2.00	0.00	0.0010	0.00000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5333110202	PAGURUS OCHOTENSIS	254.7	0.1	6205.82	0.05	0.0555	0.01100	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.05
5333110203	PAGURUS ALEUTICUS	154.4	0.0	5044.39	0.04	0.0326	0.000894	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04
5333110205	PAGURUS CAPILLATUS	41.2	0.0	544.68	0.00	0.0086	0.00097	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
5333110207	PAGURUS KENNEPLYI	21.4	0.0	218.57	0.00	0.0269	0.00039	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
5333110209	PAGURUS BERINGANUS	5.7	0.0	50.00	0.00	0.0049	0.00009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5333110301	FLASSOCHIRUS TENUIMANUS	4.0	0.0	20.00	0.00	0.0022	0.00004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5333110401	LABIDDOCHIRUS SPLENDESCENS	3.0	0.0	23.00	0.00	0.0028	0.00004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5333120701	PARALITHODES CAMTSCHATICA	4420.6	1.4	3668800.53	28.32	8.2194	6.50075	28.32	28.32	1.39	29.07
5333170101	OREGONIA GRACILIS	47.7	0.0	613.57	0.00	0.0086	0.00109	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
5333170201	HYAS LYRATUS	45.9	0.0	2882.29	0.02	0.1091	0.00511	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02
5333170302	CHIRONOECETES BAIRDI	11287.4	3.5	6397840.69	49.39	11.4637	11033987	49039	49.39	3.54	50.71
5333170503	FRONTALIUS GRACILIS	16.4	0.0	82.71	0.00	0.0024	0.000015	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
5333180100	CANCER SP.	2.5	0.0	2.50	0.00	0.0006	0.00000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5333180104	CANCER MAGISTEP	15.8	0.0	13667.02	0.11	0.3952	0.02422	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.11
5333190106	CANCER OREGONENSIS	34.8	0.0	134.00	0.00	0.0041	0.00024	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
5333190101	TELESSEUS CHEIRAGONUS	6.9	0.0	1506.43	0.01	0.1115	0.00281	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
5333210303	PINNIXA OCCIDENTALIS	2.5	0.0	2.50	0.00	0.0006	0.00000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5901020101	ECHIURUS ECHIURUS	1.7	0.9	25.00	0.00	0.0061	0.00004	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
6600000000	ECTOPROCTA	3.0	0.0	227.00	0.00	0.0312	0.00040	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
6702030101	TEREBRATULINA UNGUICULA	1.0	0.0	1.00	0.00	0.0005	0.00000	0.00	0.00	20.00	3.03

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ALL PHyla BY SPECIES. CONTINUED.

TAXON CODE	TAXONOMIC NAME	COUNT	% COUNT	WEIGHT..	% WEIGHT	GM M50 OCC STA	GM M 50 ALL STA	BIOM %	PHYL C %	PHYL W
6702050401	TEREBRATALIA TRANSVERSA	4.0	000	32.00	0.00	0.0079	0.00006	0.00	80.00	96.97
6901080100	HENRICIA SP.	3*0	0.0	180*00	0.00	0.0295	0.00032	0.00	1.01	0.11
6901110304	SOLASTER STIMPSONI	4.2	0*0	275.00	0.00	0.0338	0.00049	0.00	1.40	0*17
6301120301	EVASTERIAS ECHINOSOMA	91.4	0*0	17571.27	0014	0.2618	0.03113	0.14	30.77	11.14
6901120302	EVASTERIAS TROSCHELII	61.7	0*0	18598.57	0.14	005381	0 - 0 3 2 9 5	0.14	20.77	11.79
6901121101	STYLASTERIAS FORRERI	3.0	0.0	1270.00	0.01	0.2084	0000225	0.01	1.01	0.81
6901121201	PYCNOPODIA HELIANTHOIDES	76.6	0.0	112581011	0.87	1.0765	0.19948	0.87	25.77	71.39
6902040201	STRONGYLOCENTROTUS DROEBACHIENSIS	48.4	0.0	777.27	0*01	0.0109	0.00138	0.01	16.30	0.49
6903040201	SORGONICEPHALUS CARYI	1.3	0.0	80.00	0.00	0.0395	0.00014	0.00	0.45	0*05
6904050100	HOLPADIA SP.	1 * 0	0*0	20900	0.00	0.0049	0900004"	0.00	"0.3.%"	0.01
6904100100	CUCUMARIA SP.	6.5	0.0	6356*00	0.05	093904	0.01126	0.05	2.19	4.03
7200000000	CHORDATA:ASCIDIACEA	117.1	0.0	11499.90	0.09	0.1450	0.02038	0.09	99.15	99.93
7703020501	PELONAIIA COPPUGATA	1.0	0.0	8*00	0.00	0.0020	0.00001	0*00	0.85	0*07

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Submission dates are estimated only and will be updated, if necessary, each quarter. Data batches refer to data as identified in the data management plan.

<u>Cruise/Field Operation</u>	<u>Collection Dates</u>		<u>Estimated Submission Dates</u> <sup>1</sup>			
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Batch 1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Big Valley 001	<b>6/17/76</b>	<b>6/23/76</b>	<b>5/30/77</b>			
Big Valley 002	<b>7/18/76</b>	<b>7/28/76</b>	<b>5/30/77</b>			
Big Valley 003	<b>8/19/76</b>	<b>8/29/76</b>	<b>5/30/77</b>			
Big Valley 004	<b>3/3/77</b>	<b>3/18/77</b>	<b>6/30/77</b>			

NOTE : <sup>1</sup> Data Management Plan submitted August 16, 1976, we await formal approval by Contracting Officer.