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4.0 CRUISE REPORT
MMS CRUISE CAMP 2-2
Sediment-Transport Instrument-Retrieval Cruise
28-31 July, 1987

4.1 Objectives

The objectives of this cruise were to:

1. Recover USGS moorings and GEOPROBE tripods at sites R-8 and R-9;
2. Obtain box cores and CTD profiles at selected sites; and
3. Navigate mooring locations for future recovery of anchors.

4.2 Activities

The M/V Aloha departed Ventura, CA at about 0100, 29 July for transit to site R-8. We arrived in the area of R-8 about 1000, 29 July. The winds were moderate (15 kts.) from the NW.

The mooring and GEOPROBE were interrogated and responded properly. We made preparations for precise navigation of the mooring position. The mooring was navigated using the Miniranger and acoustic transponder - 1100 to 1300, 29 July.

The wind speed continued to increase in early afternoon and it was felt that a recovery attempt would be dangerous to equipment and personnel. The winds were steady at 20-25 knots with higher gusts. Box coring was not feasible due to seas and the low stern freeboard of the M/V Aloha.

Operations were suspended until 0100, 30 July when it was believed that the strong coastal winds would diminish. Unfortunately, the "usual" early morning calm never materialized; winds continued to be greater than 20 knots from the NW and, by now, the seas were 8-12 ft and steep.

At 0900, 30 July, the weather forecasts indicated a continuation of strong winds and small craft warnings were posted for the Point Sal area. We decided, after discussion with Jeff Hyland, Program Manager, to check conditions at R-8 once more and if conditions were still unsuitable for safe work, we would return to Ventura.

Conditions at R-8 had not changed and, therefore, we continued to Ventura, CA arriving at about 0400, 31 July 1987.

Summary

Although weather conditions were not good, they were not unusual for this season off central California. Due to the low freeboard on the stern, the M/V Aloha does not provide a safe working environment under adverse and extreme weather conditions .

B - BIOLOGY

	NUMBER	i	l	FORMAT		NUMBER	i	l	FORMAT
B01 Primary productivity					B31 Vitamin concentrations				
B02 Phytoplankton pigments					B32 Amino acid concentration				
B03 Seston					B33 Hydrocarbon concentrations				
B04 Particulate organic carbon					B34 Lipid concentrations				
B05 Particulate organic nitrogen					B35 ATP-ADP-AMP concentrations				
B06 Dissolved organic matter					B36 DNA-RNA concentrations				
B07 Bacterial and pelagic micro-organisms					B37 Taggings				
B08 Phytoplankton					B80 Other measurements				
B09 Zooplankton									
B10 Neuston					BS TYPES OF STUDIES				
B11 Nekton					B51 Identification	6	A	A	9
B12 Invertebrate nekton					B52 Spatial and temporal distribution	6	A	A	9
B13 Pelagic eggs and larvae					B53 Monitoring and surveillance	6	A	A	9
B14 Pelagic fish					B54 Biomass determination				
B15 Amphibians					B55 Description of communities	6	A	A	9
B16 Benthic bacteria and micro-organisms					B56 Food chains energy transfers				
B17 Phytobenthos					B57 Population and environments	6	A	A	9
B18 Zoobenthos	6	A	A	9	B58 Population structures	6	A	A	9
B19 Commercial demersal fish					B59 Taxonomy, systematics, classification	6	A	A	9
B20 Commercial benthic molluscs					B60 Physiology				
B21 Commercial benthic crustacean					B61 Behaviour				
B22 Attached plants and algae					B62 Pathology, parasitology				
B23 Intertidal organisms					B63 Toxicology				
B24 Borers and foulers					B64 Gear research				
B25 Birds					B65 Exploratory fishing				
B26 Mammals and reptiles					B66 Commercial fishing				
B27 Deep scattering layers					B67 Aquaculture				
B28 Acoustical reflections on marine organisms					B90 Other measurements				
B29 Biologic sounds									
B30 Bioluminescence									

H - HYDROGRAPHY

HS SURFACE				NUMBER	i	l	FORMAT	HC CHEMICAL				NUMBER	i	l	FORMAT
H01	Continuous temperature recording							H26	Silicates						
H02	Continuous salinity recording							H27	Alkalinity						
H03	Discrete temperature measurements							H28	pH						
H04	Discrete salinity measurements							H29	Chlorinity						
NEAR SEA FLOOR (≤ 10 m)								H30	Trace elements						
H05	Continuous temperature recording							H31	Radioactivity						
H06	Continuous salinity recording							H32	Isotopes						
H07	Discrete temperature measurements							H33	Dissolved gases						
H08	Discrete salinity measurements							H90	Other measurements						
HP PHYSICAL								P - POLLUTION							
H09	Classical oceanographic stations							P01	Suspended solids						
H10	Vertical profiles (STD/CTD)							P02	Heavy metals in sediment	1	C	A	1	2	9
H11	Sub-surface measurements underway							P03	Petroleum residues in sediment	1	B	A	1	2	9
H12	Mechanical bathythermograph (No. of drops)							P04	Chlorinated hydrocarbons						
H13	Bathythermograph-expendable (No. of drops)							P05	Other dissolved substances						
H14	Sound velocity stations							P06	Thermal pollution						
H15	Acoustic stations							P07	Waste water: BOD						
H16	Transparency							P08	Waste water: Nitrates						
H17	Optics							P09	Waste water: Microbiology						
H18	Diffusion (Dynamic)							P10	Waste water: Other						
H80	Other measurements							P11	Discolored water						
								P12	Bottom deposits						
HC CHEMICAL								P13	Contaminated organisms						
H21	Oxygen							P90	Other measurements						
H22	Phosphates														
H23	Total-P														
H24	Nitrates														
H25	Nitrites														