CRUISE ANNOUNCEMENT

VESSEL: SIO Vessel R/V New Horizon, 1501-NH.

CRUISE DATES: January 15 - February 8, 2015.

PROJECT: CalCOFI Survey, Fisheries Resources Division.

ITINERARY: Leg I: Depart San Diego, California at 0800 on January 15, 2015. Proceed to first CalCOFI station 93.3/26.7 (position 32E 57.4'N/117E 18.3'W) and begin a modified CalCOFI pattern. To complete the proposed cruise track, it will be necessary to maintain maximum speed between stations whenever possible. The vessel will stop on or about February 2 to exchange personnel in Monterey, CA.

Leg II: Once personnel exchanges are complete, the New Horizon will continue to occupy stations up to San Francisco. The vessel will return to San Diego on February 8, 2015.

OBJECTIVES: 1. To continue an ongoing assessment of pelagic fish stocks between La Jolla and San Francisco, California.

2. To monitor environmental conditions within the CalCOFI survey area.

3. To conduct continuous underway sampling of surface waters. Temperature, salinity and chlorophyll will be automatically logged by computer with the output from the GPS navigational unit.

4. To record current profiles throughout the duration of the cruise with the Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP).

5. To make continuous observations of sea birds and marine mammals.

PROCEDURES: 1. Each standard CalCOFI station will include the following:

a. A CTD/Rosette consisting of 20 10-liter hydrographic bottles will be lowered to 500 meters (depth permitting) to measure physical parameters and collect water at discrete depths for analysis of: oxygen concentration, salinity, nutrients, chlorophyll and
b. CalBOBL (CalCOFI Bongo) standard oblique plankton tow with 300 meters of wire out, depth permitting, using paired 505 µm mesh nets with 71 cm diameter openings. The technical requirements for this tow are: Descent rate of 50 meters per minute. All tows with ascending wire angles lower than 38° or higher than 51° in the final 100 meters of wire will be repeated. Additionally, a 45° wire angle should be closely maintained during the ascent and descent of the net frame. The Bongo frame will be fitted with a self-contained LOPC (Laser Optical Particle Counter) mounted inside the port side opening.

c. A Manta net (neuston) tow, using a 505 µm mesh net on a frame with a mouth area of 0.1333 m².

d. Weather observations.

e. A Pairovet (vertical) plankton tow will be taken at all stations inshore of, and including station 70. The Pairovet net will be fished from 70 meters to the surface (depth permitting) using paired 25 cm diameter 150 µm mesh nets. The technical requirements for Pairovet tows are: Descent rate of 70 meters per minute, ascent rate of 70 meters per minute. All tows with wire angles exceeding 15° during the ascent will be repeated.

f. Up to and including line 77, at about 1100 hours on each day of the cruise, a primary productivity CTD cast consisting of six 10-liter hydrographic bottles will be carried out. The cast arrangement will be determined by a Secchi disc observation. The purpose of the cast is to collect water from 6 discrete depths for daily in situ productivity experiments. Measurements of extracted chlorophyll and phaeophytin will be obtained with a fluorometer. Primary production will be measured as C¹⁴ uptake in a 6 hour in situ incubation. Nutrients will be measured with an auto-analyzer. All radiolosotope work areas will be given a wipe test before the departure of the SIO technical staff.

g. A light meter will be used to measure the light intensity in the euphotic zone once a day with the primary productivity cast.

h. During transit between stations, a bird observer will be recording location and species of various sea birds and marine mammals.

2. The egg pump will be pipe mounted outside of the ship’s hull drawing water from a depth of three meters. The system will run continuously during runs between stations.

3. Three APEX profilers will be deployed at specified locations during survey operations. These profilers are
supplied by the Navy.

4. Ten current drifters will be deployed during survey operations. The locations for deployment is to be determined but will be known prior to departure.

EQUIPMENT: 1. Supplied by scientific party:
-80 C Freezer (SWFSC)
37% Formalin (SWFSC)
Ethanol (SWFSC)
Tris buffer (SWFSC)
Sodium borate (SWFSC)
30cc and 50cc syringes (SWFSC)
Canulas (SWFSC)
Pint, quart and gallon jars (SWFSC)
Inside and outside labels (SWFSC)
CalCOFI net tow data sheets (SWFSC)
71cm CalCOFI Bongo frames (SWFSC)
71cm CalCOFI 505 µm mesh nets (SWFSC)
CalCOFI 150 µm Calvet nets and codends (SWFSC)
CalCOFI Pairovet frames (SWFSC)
333µm mesh codends (SWFSC)
Inclinometer for bongo tows (SWFSC)
Digital flowmeters (SWFSC)
10lb OPC/Bongo weight (SIO)
75lb Bongo weight (SWFSC)
100lb hydro weights (SWFSC)
CalCOFI Manta net frames (SWFSC)
60cm CalCOFI 505 µm mesh Manta nets (SWFSC)
Standard CalCOFI tool boxes (SWFSC)
Bucket thermometers and holders (SIO)
Hand held inclinometer (SWFSC)
Oxygen titration rig with reagents (SIO)
Oxygen auto-titrator (SIO)
Oxygen flasks (SIO)
Guideline Portasal (SIO)
Salinity bottles (SIO)
Standard sea water (SIO)
Data sheets for scheduled hydrographic work (SIO)
Weather observation sheets (SIO)
CTD and rosette (SIO)
Self contained LOPC unit for bongo frame (SIO)
Ten liter hydrographic bottles (SIO)
UNOLS van (OSU)
Isotope van (SIO)
CUFES (SWFSC)
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2. Supplied by New Horizon:
Starboard hydro winch with ¼” cable for standard Bongo, Pairovet and Manta tows
Starboard oceo winch with .322” conductive cable
Winch monitoring system
Seabird thermosalinometer
EK-60 Scientific sounder
Knudsen 320B/R 12 kHz depth recorder
Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler
MISCELLANEOUS:

The disposal of fish caught will be in accordance with NOAA Administrative order 202-735B dated January 25, 1989.

At the completion of the cruise an inspection will be made of scientific working and berthing spaces by the Commanding Officer or his designated representative. The Scientific party is responsible for the condition and cleanliness of spaces assigned to the scientific party.

The Cruise Leader will hold a pre-cruise meeting aboard the vessel before departure.

The Cruise Leader will hold a post-cruise meeting upon termination of the cruise.

All dates and times recorded will be in Pacific Standard Time.

It is requested that the main lab temperature be set at the required temperature prior to the installation of the Portasal unit.

A stop will be made at Monterey to exchange scientific personnel.

PERSONNEL: Dave Griffith, Cruise Leader     SWFSC
Amy Hays         SWFSC
Sue Manion       SWFSC
Bryan Overcash    SWFSC
Jennifer Rodgers-Wolgast*, MLR technical coordinator SIO
James Wilkinson*  SIO
Dave Faber*      SIO
R.J. Jiorle*     SIO
Lindsey Ekern, MLR chemist SIO
Geetha Ratnam*   SIO
Shonna Dovel*    SIO
Dawn Breese      FIAR
Katherine Whittaker, MM Observer SIO
Kristin Meagher Robinson*, MM Observer SIO
Josh Jones*, MM Acoustician SIO
Angela Klemmedson, volunteer SWFSC
TBD*, volunteer  SIO

SWFSC personnel authorized per diem at the rate of $5.00 per day to be paid via the Imprest Fund at the termination of the cruise.

*Disembarking in Monterey, CA

WATCH HOURS: 0000-1159
1200-2359

OVERTIME: 168 hours (Authorized total per NMFS personnel)
NIGHT DIFF: 156 hours (Authorized total per NMFS personnel)

Date: _____________  Prepared by: ______________________

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