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FOREWORD

The following report is an outgrowth of part of a study

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through Brown and Caldwell, consulting engineers, to determine environmental conditions in the Gulf of the Farallones with respect to its

suitability to act as receiving waters for a portion of San Francisco's

effluent. The novel significance of this report is that the samples

used were taken previously by the Hydraulic Engineering Research

Laboratory, University of California, for research into sediment transport on Central California continental shelf for projects sponsored by

the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers with no idea that eventually the

samples could be used to obtain ecological background data. Thus, the

samples were already available avoiding additional expensive shipping

and collection costs.

With the increased public interest in the environment and the consequent addition of governmental requirements that the possible environmental impact be considered in the design of public works in the marine environment, more such studies will be required to ascertain pre-construction environmental conditions. Accordingly, it is hoped that this report may serve as a guide for future marine environmental studies economically utilizing existing marine sediment collections.

ABSTRACT

Correlation of identity and numbers of organic hard parts with bottom sedimentary environments from 50 sediment samples from the San Francisco offshore bar and adjacent areas in the Gulf of the Farallones of the Central California continental shelf permit the subdivision of this region into three faunal communities.

- I. The hard substrate community, in areas of rocky bottoms shows the greatest faunal diversity, particularly in molluscs, and the highest percentage of organic hard parts.
- II. The shelf community, in fine grained sediments found in water depths greater than 40 feet, is the most widespread characterized by relatively low productivity.
- III. The bar community on relatively sandy bottoms on the San Francisco bar and near Mussel Rock shows variable productivity with a preponderance of echnoid parts and juveniles particularly of arthropods and molluscs.

INTRODUCTION

This study is devoted to an analysis of the marine benthic fauna of the shallow continental shelf near the San Francisco area of central California. The conclusions of this study are based on an analysis of the organic hard parts of organisms that lived within the area of deposition of the sediments they occur with. Molluscs are the dominant producers of hard parts in this area, and echinoderms locally provide large amounts of hard parts, but overall about a dozen phyla are represented in the faunas.

The samples used for this faunal survey (Fig. 1) are part of a suite of samples collected in June 1964 (Moore, 1965) as part of a sampling program for a report on the sediments of the nearshore marine sediments in the vicinity of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Moore's study covered the provenance and distribution of the marine sediments. In 1968 the area of Bolinas Bay was resampled, and a comprehensive series of reports issued on the composition, provenance and distribution of marine sediments in Bolinas Bay (Isselhardt and others, 1968, 1969, Wilde and others, 1969). These reports effectively summarized the state of knowledge on the bottom sediments for this area of the continental shelf.

Faunas on the open continental shelf have received a limited amount of study, although a considerable amount of work has been done on faunas of the adjacent San Francisco and Tomales Bays. The most important faunal references are Packard (1918) on San Francisco Bay, and Smith and Gordon (1948) and Light and others (1961) on adjacent areas. Also pertinent are Odemar and others (1968), Gustafson (1968) and Chan and Molina (1969). A reference is made in Coan (1968) to faunal

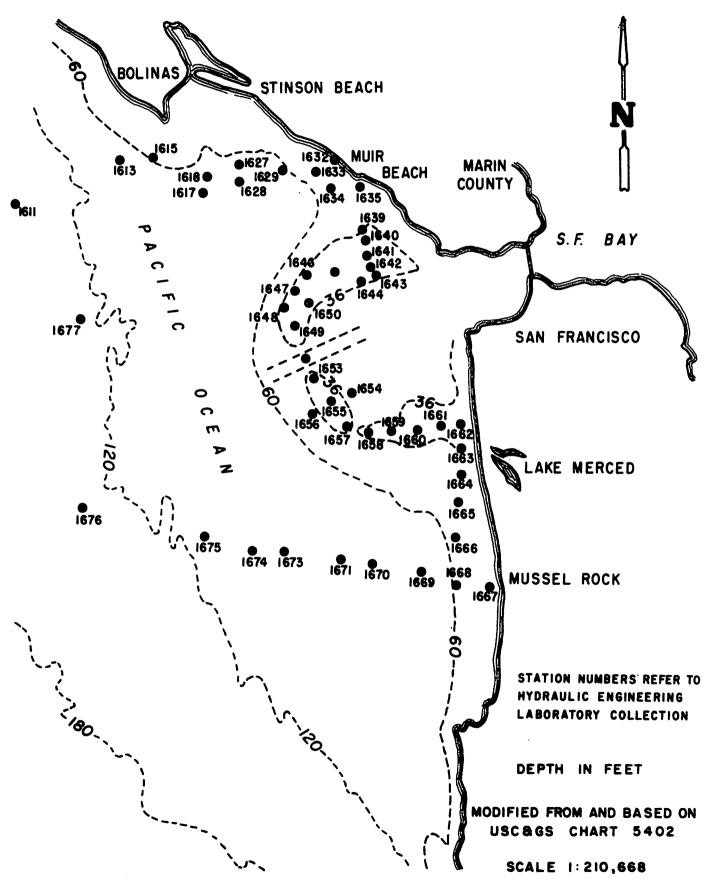


FIG I SAMPLE LOCATION

community composition in Half Moon Bay, a short distance to the south of the study area.

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

Sample collection consisted of towing a three-foot-long, six-inch-diameter pipe dredge a short distance (100-200 yards) obtaining a sample from the surface layer of sediment. Samples range generally between one and two quarts in volume. After collection the samples were dried in which state they were made available for this study.

Samples were screened into portions lesser and greater than ½ mm., and the organic material separated from the larger than ½ mm. fraction. The weight of this organic material was then determined. This technique recovered nearly all of the preserved organic matter in the samples, which are medium to coarse grained and contain most organic remains in the form of shell material. Measurements are made of sample weight and organic matter weight, with percentages of organic matter calculated for each sample.

For each sample the identifiable organic hard parts greater than \frac{1}{2} mm. were separated and tabulated. Numbers of individuals present in each sample are noted for each taxon in the samples. Identification of organic hard parts was made to the generic level, and specific level when possible. A few groups are too poorly known or inadequately preserved to permit identifications to this level.

Comparative collections of the Department of Paleontology of the University of California and of the Department of Geology of the California Academy of Sciences were consulted for identification of taxa in these samples.

COMMUNITIES

Studies of southern California continental shelf faunas have produced a series of reports on the benthic faunal communities in these areas in the manner of community structures presented in Thorsen (1957). The most important of these reports are Jones (1964), Hartman (1955), and Hartman and Barnard (1960). In contrast, the only references to community analysis for the northern California faunal province is that of Coan (1968), and in unreduced data presented by Odemar and others (1968) for deep water localities.

The benthic fauna includes three faunal groupings that differ in dominant taxa, productivity, and substrate they live in and have separate distributions. Their distributions are controlled principally by bottom sediment type and by degree of exposure to wave agitation. Their productivity is measured by the percentage of organic hard parts composing the sediments. The communities are the Hard Substrate community, the Bar community, and the Shelf community (Fig. 2).

Community Composition and Environment

The Hard Substrate community occurs in sediments adjacent to rocky bottoms. Samples with this faunal content are from the vicinity of the submerged reefs due south of Bolinas and include samples 1615, 1617, and 1618. The Hard Substrate community extends northward from the sample area, along the reefy margins of the Point Reyes Peninsula. This community contains the greatest faunal diversity, especially in the molluscan fraction, and the greatest organic hard parts content.

The Shelf community is the most widespread community and inhabits finer grained sediments in water depths greater than 40 feet. It is



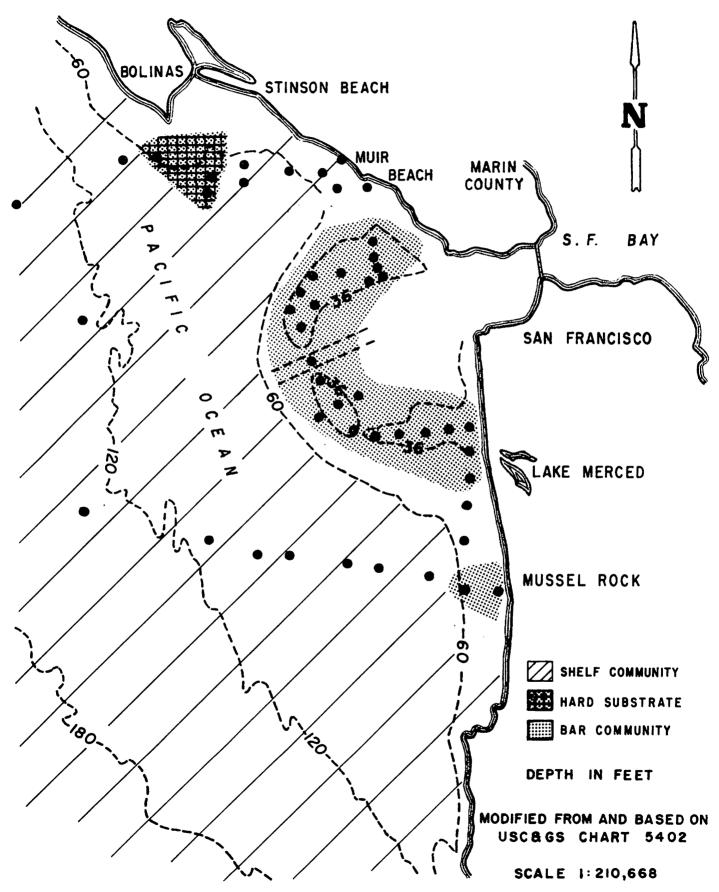


FIG. 2 COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTION MAP

present in samples 1611, 1613, 1627-1629, 1632-1635, 1665-1666, 1669-1677. It most abundant components are foraminifera, especially Elphidiella hannai, arthropods, especially Pseudophilomedes, sp., and molluscs, characteristically the bivalves Nuculana taphria and Mysella tumida and the gastropod Mitrella gouldii. Bivalves are the dominant group. This community has low productivity of organic hard parts, consistently measuring less than one-half of one percent.

The Bar community is the one found on San Francisco Bar, and is characteristic of medium grained sediments subject to moderate to strong wave action, and occurs in depths of 50 feet or less. The great majority of samples containing this community are from San Francisco Bar, 1639-1664, with a couple of samples from the vicinity of Mussel Rock, 1667-1668. This community is characterized by an abundance of the echinoid Dendraster excentricus and by abundant small individuals of the barnacle Balanus sp., and by the bivalves Spisula cf. S. catilliformis and Tellina salmonea and the gastropod Olivella baetica. The occurrence of Dendraster excentricus reveals the adaptation of this community to conditions of high wave energy. In keeping with such variable physical conditions, this community has variable productivity, from a low of less than one-tenth of one percent to a high of about two percent. In most cases it is dominated by juveniles of arthropods and molluscs.

In nearly all the samples studied, the great majority of organisms are of small size. Normally some of the taxa in each sample occur in great abundance, although with their small size they do not produce a high percentage of organic hard parts in the sample. The Bar community is dominated by juvenile individuals of taxa that become much larger

at maturity. This is true of most of the bivalves in the community, especially with the genera Modiolus, Siliqua, Spisula, and Tellina.

The barnacle Balanus is also abundantly represented by juveniles.

Productivity

Productivity is determined here as the measure of percentage of organic hard parts in the sample (Fig. 3). The Hard Substrate community shows the highest productivity, with organic hard parts comprising up to a few percent of the sediment. The widespread Shelf community normally produces organic hard parts in a quantity of less than one-half of one percent of the sample. The true organic content is probably significantly greater than this, with many soft bodied organisms living in the fine-grained substrate containing this community.

Productivity of the Bar community is variable. In many cases it is very low, comprising less than one-tenth of one percent of the sample, while in others it reaches one or two percent. This variation is due mostly to the abundance of echinoids in the sample. The presence of abundant echinoids provides a degree of protection for the substrate that produces favorable conditions for the other elements of the community.

Distribution Maps

A distribution map is shown for the faunal communities and shows the limits of the communities. A map (Fig. 4) showing the abundance of the echinoid <u>Dendraster excentricus</u> is presented to show the extent of bottom conditions favorable to the development of the Bar community. Due to the economic importance of the crab <u>Cancer</u>, a map (Fig. 5) showing the abundance of <u>Cancer</u> sp. is presented. Most of the individuals of this genus present in the sample are juveniles.

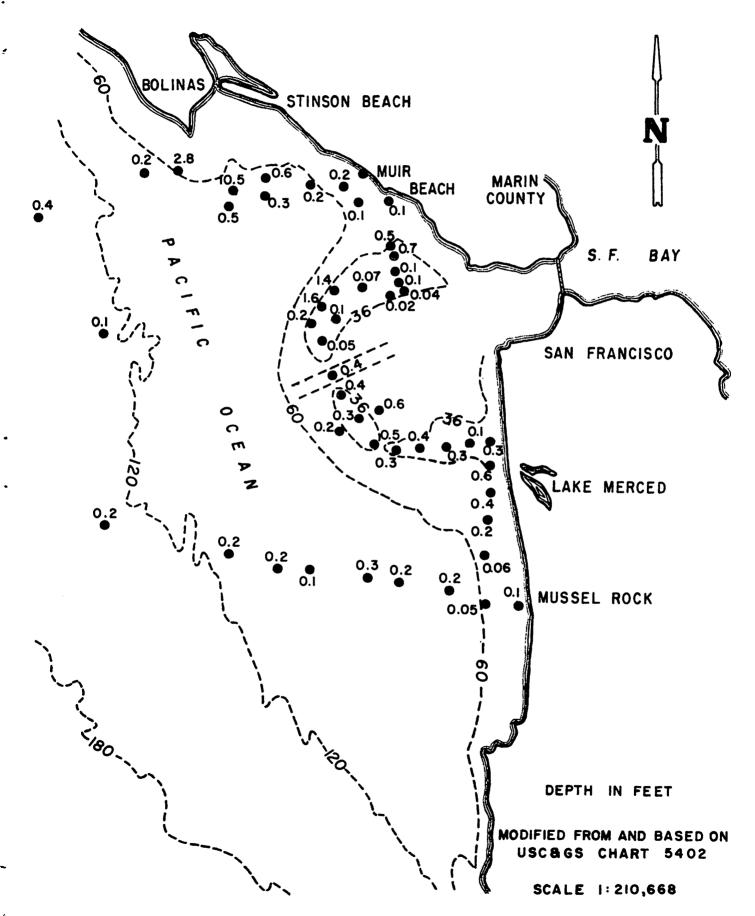


FIG. 3 WEIGHT PERCENT ORGANIC HARD PARTS

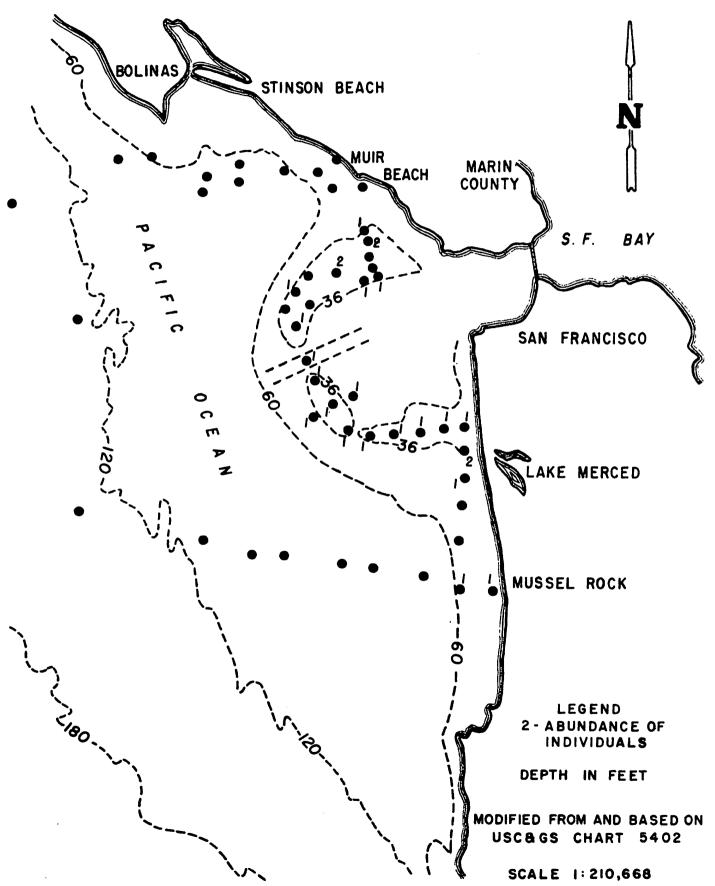


FIG. 4 ABUNDANCE OF <u>DENDRASTER</u> <u>EXCENTRICUS</u>

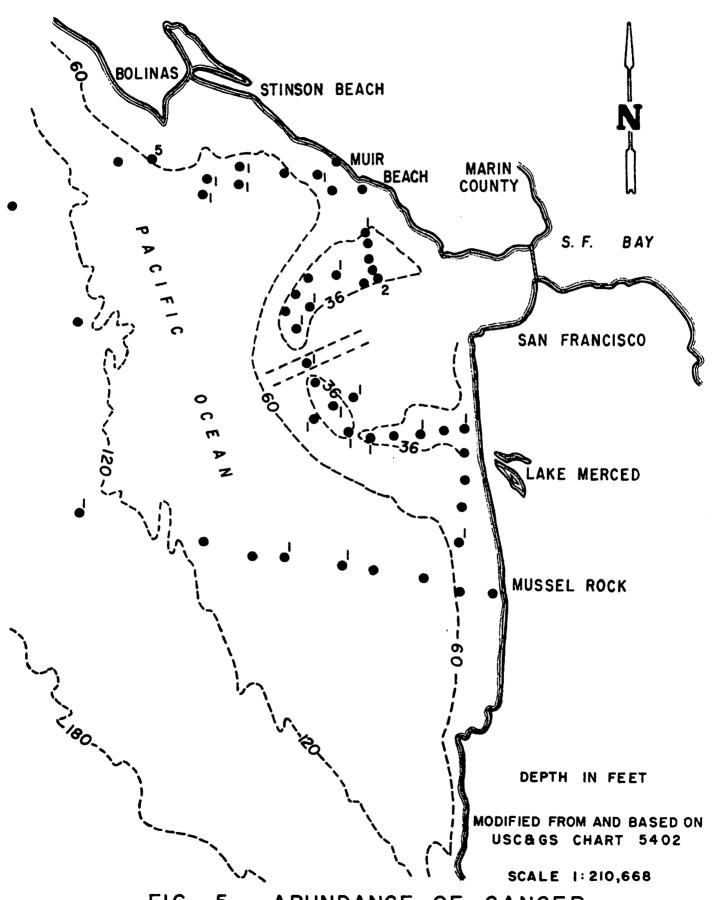


FIG. 5 ABUNDANCE OF CANCER

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FAUNAL LISTS AND SAMPLE WEIGHTS

Sample 1611

Total sample weight: 268 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.4%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 2 individuals

Nonionella sp. - 1 "

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - 12 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

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Nuculana sp. juv. - 1 individuals

Mysella tumida - 24

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius sp. - 1 individuals

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes - few

Total sample weight: 497 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai	- 40	individuals
Nonionella sp.	- 2	П

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods Pseudophilomedes sp.

- l individuals Rutiderma sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

- l ind	ividuals
- 1	11
- 7	11
- 1	11
- 1	11
- 7	11
- 1	11
	- 1 - 7 - 1 - 1 - 7

Class Scaphopoda

Cadulus fusiformis - l individuals

Class Gastropoda

Mitrella gouldii - 6 individuals Odostomia sp. juv. - 1 Turbonilla sp. 11 - 2

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes - abundant

Phylum VERTEBRATA

vertebrae - one specimen

Total sample weight: 233 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 2.8%

Phylum PROTISTA

Order Foraminifera

Haplophragmoides sp.	- 60 i	ndividuals
Elphidiella hannai	- 60	11
Massilina sp.	- 6	11
Poroeponides sp.	- 4	11
Triloculina sp.	- 8	11
Rotorbinella sp.	- 2	11

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

several genera

Phylum ARTHROPODA

Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp.	- 9	- 9 individuals		
crabs				
Cancer sp.	<u>-</u> 5	11		

Phylum BRACHIOPODA

Terebratulina unguicola - 2 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Amphineura

Mopalia sp. - l individuals

Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria	- 7 indi	viduals
Chlamys hastatus	- 1	11
Hinnites multirugosus	- 2	11
Modiolus sp. juv.	- 4	†1
Transennella tantilla	- 4	11

Sample 1615 cont.

- 1 individuals
- 1
- 6 " , mostly juveniles
- 1
- 6
- 2
- 26 "
- 3
- 1 "
- 8

Class Gastropoda

Crepidula sp. juv.	- 3 individuals	
Nassarius mendicus	- 15	11
Ocenebra sp. juv.	- 1	11
Bittium eschrichtii	- 1	11
Amphissa sp.	- 1	11
Turbonilla sp.	- 2	11
Odostomia sp. juv.	- 6	11
Alvania acutilirata	- 4	11
Cypraeolina pyriformis	- 1	11

"WORMS"

calcareous worm tubes

- 2 individuals

Total sample weight: 1258 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.5%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 17 individuals

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

three genera

Phylum ARTHROPODA

Class Crustacea

ostracods
Pseudophilomedes sp. - 1 individuals
barnacles
Balanus sp. - 5 "
crabs
Cancer sp. - 1 "

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria	 2 ind: 	ividuals
Hinnites multirugosus	- 4	П
Ostrea lurida	- 1 ·	11
Protothaca staminea	- 9	11
Clinocardium nuttallii	- 2	11
Clinocardium fucanum	- 3	11
Transennella tantilla	- 45	11
Mysella tumida	- 3	11
Mya cf. M. truncata	- 3	11
Macoma secta	- 1	П

Class Scaphopoda

Cadulus fusiformis - 1 individuals

Sample 1617 cont.

Class Gastropoda

<u>Crepipatella</u> sp. juv.	 2 individuals
Margarites sp. ?	- 4
Homalopoma sp. ?	- 1
Nassarius mendicus	- 12
Ocenebra sp.	- 1
Alvania acutilirata	- 12
Mitrella sp.	- 1
Epitonium sp.	- 1
Balcis sp.	- 1
Turbonilla sp.	- 3

Total sample weight: 1214 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 10.5%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 85 individuals Massilina sp. **-** 1

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Mutilus (Aurila) sp. - l individuals barnacles Balanus sp. - 2 individuals crabs

Cancer sp.

- 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Chlamys sp. - l individuals Protothaca staminea - 2 Clinocardium nuttallii - 2 Kellia laperousii - 1 Transennella tantilla - 4 Mysella tumida - 2 11 Mya cf. M. truncata 11 - 1 Tellina bodegensis

Class Gastropoda

Polytropa lamellosa 3 individuals Olivella baetica 3 Nassarius mendicus - 6 Nassarius cf. N. perpinguis - 1 11 Alvania acutilirata 11 **-** 5 Epitonium sp. - 1 Odostomia sp. 11 1 Turbonilla sp. 11 - 1 Mangelia barbarensis - 1 11 Acteon? sp. 11 - 1

Sample 1618 cont.

Phylum VERTEBRATA

vertebrae fish dermal plate one specimenone specimen

Total sample weight: 245 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.6%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 7 individuals

Phylum ARHTROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - 2 individuals

crabs

Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Mysella tumida - 12 individuals

Axinopsida sericata - 1 "

Class Gastropoda

Mitrella sp. - 1 individuals

"WORMS"

Chitinous worm tubes - few

Miscellaneous plant fragments

Total sample weight: 487 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.3%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 50 individuals

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes - 5 individuals

crabs

Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Mysella tumida - 55 individuals

Axinopsida sericata - 1 "
Tellina carpenteri - 6 "

Class Gastropoda

Mitrella gouldii - 4 individuals

Nassarius perpinguis - 1 "
Turbonilla sp. - 2 "

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes - abundant

agglutinated worm tubes - few

Total sample weight: 1152 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 95 individuals

Massilina sp. - 2 "

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - 7 individuals
Rutiderma sp. - 1 "
barnacles
Balanus sp. - 1 "

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria - 6 individuals
Protothaca tenerrima - 1 ''
Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 1 ''
Mysella tumida - 24 ''
Axinopsida sericata - 4 ''
Tellina bodegensis - 10 ''

Class Scaphopoda

<u>Cadulus fusiformis</u> - 2 individuals

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius mendicus- 2 individualsMitrella gouldii- 1 "Odostomia sp.- 1 "Mangelia barbarensis- 1 "Acteon punctocoelata- 1 "

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes - abundant

Total sample weight: 826 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 30 individuals

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

<u>Pseudophilomedes</u> sp. - 7 individuals barnacles

Balanus sp. - 1

Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Modiolus sp. juv. - 1 individuals
Siliqua sp. - 1 ''

Mysella tumida - 6 ''

Axinopsida sericata - 1 ''

Tellina bodegensis - 11 ''

Class Gastropoda

Mitrella gouldii
Cypraeolina sp.

- 3 individuals

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes - abundant

Total sample weight: 795 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.1%

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

one genus

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - 3 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria	- 2 individuals	
Spisula cf. S. catilliformis	- 2	11
Mysella tumida	- 3	11
Mysella sp.	- 1	11
Tellina bodegensis	- 5	11

"W OR MS"

worm jaws - 1 specimen chitinous worm tubes - abundant agglutinated worm tubes - few

Total sample weight: 1157 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.1%

Phylum PROTISTA

Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 8 individuals
Massilina sp. - 3

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - 3 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

- l individuals Nuculana sp. juv. Modiolus sp. juv. **-** 1 Spisula cf. S. catilliformis 11 - 4 Mysella tumida - 6 11 11 Macoma sp. - 1 11 Tellina bodegensis - 7

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes - few

Phylum VERTEBRATA

vertebrae - 2 individuals

Total sample weight: 627 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.5%

Phylum PROTISTA
Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 7 individuals

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

two genera

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - 1 individuals

Mutilus (Aurila) sp. - 1 "

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 1 "

crabs

Cancer sp. - 1 "

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Amphineura

Mopalia sp. - 1 individuals

Class Bivalvia

Nuculana sp. - l individuals Clinocardium nuttallii - 1 Transennella tantilla 11 - 3 Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 9 Mysella tumida - 10 Mysella sp. - 1 11 Tellina salmonea 11 - 3 Tellina bodegensis 11 - 11

Class Gastropoda

Olivella sp. - 2 individuals

Mitrella sp. - 1

Sample 1639 cont.

Phylum ECHINODERMATA Class Echinoidea

Dendraster excentricus

- l individuals

Total sample weight: 973 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.7%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 4 individuals
Tricohyalus sp. - 10 "

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

three genera

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles
Balanus sp.

- 6 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Modiolus sp. juv. - 3 individuals Hinnites multirugosus - 1 Siliqua sp. - 1 Clinocardium nuttallii Transennella tantilla - 2 - 3 Mysella tumida - 1 Mysella sp. 11 Tellina salmonea - 9 Tellina bodegensis - 2

Class Gastropoda

Homalopoma sp. - 1 individuals
Olivella baetica - 5

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Dendraster excentricus - 1 individuals

Phylum VERTEBRATA

skate tooth - one specimen

Total sample weight: 1803 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.1%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 2 individuals

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 5 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria - 1 individuals

Protothaca sp. - 1 "

Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 4 "

Transennella tantilla - 1 "

Macoma sp. - 2 "

Tellina salmonea - 4 "

Phylum ECHINODERMATA Class Echinoidea

<u>Dendraster excentricus</u> - 2 individuals

Total sample weight: 1570 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.1%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 2 individuals
Tricohyalus sp. - 2 "

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles
Balanus sp. - 4 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

- 2 individuals Modiolus sp. juv. Protothaca staminea - 1 11 - 2 Transennella tantilla 11 Mysella tumida - 1 н Tellina salmonea - 1 11 - 1 Macoma sp.

Class Gastropoda

<u>Crepidula</u> sp. juv. - 1 individuals <u>Olivella</u> bactica - 1 "

Total sample weight: 2164 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.04%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 1 individuals
Tricohyalus sp. - 1 "

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 3 individuals

crabs

Cancer sp. - 2

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Spisula cf.S. catilliformis- 3 individualsSiliqua sp.- 1"Axinopsida sericata- 1"Tellina salmonea- 5"

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius sp. - 1 individuals
Mitrella gouldii - 2 "

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Dendraster excentricus - 1 individuals

Total sample weight: 850 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.02%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 1 individuals

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

one genus

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 2 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Transennella tantilla - 1 individuals

Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 1 "

Mysella tumida - 1 "

Tellina salmonea - 1 "

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Dendraster excentricus - 1 individuals

"WORMS"

worm jaw - one specimen

Phylum VERTEBRATA

vertebrae - one specimen

Total sample weight: 1545 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.07%

Phylum B RYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

one genus

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods <u>Pseudophilomedes</u> sp. barnacles	- 1 in	dividuals
Balanus sp.	- 3	11
crabs	_	
Cancer sp.	- 1	11
Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia		
Nuculana taphria	- 3 in	dividuals
Modiolus sp. juv.	- 3	11
Chlamys sp. juv.	- 1	11
Spisula cf. S. catilliformis	- 3	11
Transennella tantilla	- 1	11
Mysella tumida	- 3	11
Mya sp.	- 1	11
Macoma sp.	- 2	11

Class Gastropoda

Tellina salmonea

Tellina bodegensis

- 3 individuals Olivella baetica Epitonium sp.

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Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Total sample weight: 228 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 1.4%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 70 individuals

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

<u>Pseudophilomedes</u> sp. - l individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana sp. - 1 individuals

Mysella tumida - 10 "

Tellina bodegensis - 4

"WORMS"

Total sample weight: 288 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 1.6%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 60 individuals

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - 3 individuals

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria juv. - 2 individuals

Mysella tumida - 27

Tellina bodegensis - 12

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius sp. - 1 individuals

Acteocina sp. juv. - 1

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Dendraster excentricus - 1 individuals

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes - abundant

Total sample weight: 842 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 2 individuals

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

<u>Pseudophilomedes</u> sp. - l individuals

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria - l individuals

 Protothaca staminea
 - 1
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 Siliqua sp.
 - 1
 "

 Mysella tumida
 - 6
 "

 Tellina bodegensis
 - 4
 "

Class Scaphopoda

<u>Cadulus fusiformis</u> - 1 individuals

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes - few

Phylum VERTEBRATA

vertebrae - one specimen

Total sample weight: 2137 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.05%

Phylum PROTISTA
Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 2 individuals

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

one genus

Phylum ARTHROPODA

Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 2 individuals

crabs

Cancer sp. - 1 "

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Modiolus sp. juv. - 2 individuals
Siliqua sp. - 1 "
Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 7 "

Mysella sp. - 7 "

Tellina salmonea - 6 "

Tellina bodegensis - 1 "

Class Gastropoda

Olivella baetica - 1 individuals
Odostomia sp. - 1

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Total sample weight: 2306 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.1%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 1 individuals
Tricohyalus sp. - 1 "

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

four genera

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 3 individuals crabs

Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

 Modiolus sp. juv.
 - 2 individuals

 Spisula cf. S. catilliformis
 - 4 "

 Siliqua sp.
 - 1 "

 Clinocardium nuttallii
 - 1 "

 Mysella tumida
 - 1 "

 Macoma sp.
 - 2 "

 Tellina bodegensis
 - 2 "

Class Gastropoda

Crepidula sp. juv. - 3 individuals
Olivella baetica - 3 "
Micranellum? sp. - 1 "

"WORMS"

Total sample weight: 1561 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.4%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 2 individuals
Tricohyalus sp. - 1 "

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

three genera

Phylum ARTHROPODA

Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 40 individuals

crabs

Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Bivalvia

Modiolus sp. juv. - l individuals Siliqua patula - 1 Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 6 Transennella tantilla - 2 Macoma sp. 11 - 1 Tellina salmonea - 27 11 Tellina bodegensis **-** 3

Class Gastropoda

Olivella baetica - 2 individuals

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Dendraster excentricus - 1 individuals

Phylum VERTEBRATA

vertebrae - one specimen

Total sample weight: 965 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.4%

Phylum PROTISTA
Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - l individuals

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

two genera

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - l individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Modiolus sp. juv.- 3 individualsChlamys sp.- 1 "Spisula cf. S. catilliformis- 1 "Siliqua sp.- 1 "Tellina salmonea- 3 "Tellina bodegensis- 1 "

Class Gastropoda

Olivella sp. - 1 individuals

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

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Total sample weight: 831 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.6%

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

one genus

Phylum ARTHROPODA

Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 3 individuals crabs

Cancer sp. - 1 "

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Bivalvia

Nuculana sp. - 1 individuals

Clinocardium nuttallii - 1 "

Siliqua sp. - 1 "

Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 1 "

Tellina salmonea - 2 "

Tellina bodegensis - 1 "

Class Gastropoda

Crepidula sp. juv.- 1 individualsNassarius perpinguis- 2"Olivella sp.- 3"Micranellum ? sp.- 1"

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Total sample weight: 1681 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - l individuals

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

two genera

 ${\tt Phylum}~{\tt ARTHROPODA}$

Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 1 individuals crabs

Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Bivalvia

- l in	dividuals	
- 1	11	
- 4	11	
- 1	11	
- 1	11	
- 2	11	
- 3	11	
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Class Gastropoda

Olivella baetica - 8 individuals

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Dendraster excentricus - 1 individuals

"WORMS"

Total sample weight: 1270 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum PROTISTA
Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - l individuals

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

two genera

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods
Pseudophilomedes sp. - 1 individuals
crabs
Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

 Modiolus sp. juv.
 - 3 individuals

 Clinocardium nuttallii
 - 1 "

 Spisula cf. S. catilliformis
 - 4 "

 Macoma sp.
 - 1 "

 Tellina salmonea
 - 3 "

 Tellina bodegensis
 - 2 "

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius perpinguis - 1 individuals
Olivella baetica - 4 "

Phylum ECHINODERMATA Class Echinoidea

Total sample weight: 220 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.5%

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

one genus

Phylum ARTHROPODA

Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - l individuals

crabs

Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Bivalvia

Macoma sp. - l individuals

Tellina salmonea - 2

Class Gastropoda

Olivella baetica - 1 individuals

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Total sample weight: 1329 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.3%

Phylum PROTISTA
Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 2 individuals

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

two genera

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 3 individuals

Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Bivalvia

Modiolus sp. juv.- l individualsSiliqua sp.- l ''Spisula cf. S. catilliformis- 4 ''Transennella tantilla- l ''Tellina salmonea- 9 ''Tellina bodegensis- 2 ''

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius sp. - l individuals
Olivella baetica - 3

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

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Total sample weight: 1363 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.04%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Tricohyalus sp.

- l individuals

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

two genera

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - l individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Modiolussp. juv.- 1 individualsClinocardiumnuttallii- 1"Spisulacf.S. catilliformis- 2"Tellinasalmonea- 5"

Class Gastropoda

Olivella sp. - 1 individuals

Mitrella sp. - 1 "

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

<u>Dendraster excentricus</u> - 1 individuals

"WORMS"

Total sample weight: 845 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.3%

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

one genus

Phylum ARTHROPODA

Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 1 individuals

crabs

Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Bivalvia

Modiolus sp. juv. - l individuals

Chlamys sp. juv. - 1 "Tellina salmonea - 8

Class Gastropoda

Olivella baetica - 1 individuals

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Total sample weight: 1385 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.1%

Phylum PROTISTA
Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - l individuals

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

two genera

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 2 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Modiolus sp. juv. - 1 individuals
Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 1

Mysella tumida - 1 "
Tellina salmonea - 13 "

Class Gastropoda

Olivella baetica - 2 individuals

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Dendraster excentricus - 1 individuals

"WORMS"

Total sample weight: 1065 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.3%

Phylum ARTHROPODA

Class Crustacea

barnacles Balanus sp.

Balanus sp. - 2 individuals crabs

Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Bivalvia

Modiolus sp. juv.- 1 individualsSpisula cf. S. catilliformis- 1 "Macoma secta ?- 1 "Macoma sp.- 1 "Tellina salmonea- 11 "Tellina bodegensis- 1 "

Class Gastropoda

Olivella baetica - 2 individuals

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Total sample weight: 1783 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.6%

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 3 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Bivalvia

Ostrea lurida - 1 individuals
Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 3 ''
Clinocardium nuttallii - 1 ''
Macoma sp. - 1 ''
Tellina salmonea - 10 ''

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius sp. - 1 individuals
Olivella baetica - 7 "

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

<u>Dendraster excentricus</u> - 2 individuals

Total sample weight: 1618 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.4%

${\tt Phylum} \,\, {\tt ARTHR\,OPODA} \,\,$

Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 2 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Bivalvia

Spisula cf. S. catilliformis	- 5 inc	dividuals
Mysella tumida	- 3	11
Tellina salmonea	- 8	11
Tellina bodegensis	- 3	11

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius perpinguis - 2 individuals
Olivella baetica - 5

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Total sample weight: 926 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 25 individuals
Tricohyalus sp. - 2 "

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

one genus

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - l individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria	- 7 ind	lividuals
Clinocardium nuttallii	- 1	11
Spisula cf. S. catilliformis	- 3	11
Siliqua patula	- 3	11
Mysella tumida	- 5	11
Macoma sp.	- 2	11
Tellina bodegensis	- 15	11
Nettastomella sp.	- 1	†I

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius perpinguis - 2 individuals

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes - abundant

Total sample weight: 776 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.06%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 6 individuals

Phylum BRYOZOA (Entoprocta and Ectoprocta)

one genus

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 2 individuals crabs
Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria - 4 individuals Pandora bilirata? - 1 Clinocardium nuttallii - 2 Mysella tumida - 2 Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 40 Macoma sp. **-** 3 Tellina salmonea - 1 Tellina bodegensis - 8 - 11

Class Gastropoda

Olivella sp. - 2 individuals
Acteon? sp. - 1

"WORMS

chitinous worm tubes - few

Phylum VERTEBRATA

vertebrae - two specimens

Total sample weight: 2748 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.1%

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - 3 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 1 individuals

Class Gastropoda

Acmaea sp. juv. - 1 individuals

Olivella baetica - 12 "

Phylum ECHINODERMATA

Class Echinoidea

Total sample weight: 1026 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.05%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 1 individuals

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

barnacles

Balanus sp. - l individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria - 1 individuals

Pandora bilirata - 1 "

Protothaca staminea - 2 "

Siliqua sp. - 1 "

Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 9 "

Tellina bodegensis - 3 "

Class Gastropoda

Olivella sp. - l individuals

Phylum ECHINODERMATA Class Echinoidea

Class Echinoidea

Dendraster excentricus - 1 individuals

"WORMS"

Total sample weight: 1431 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum ARTHROPODA

Class Crustacea

ostracods

<u>Pseudophilomedes</u> sp. - l individuals

barancles

Balanus sp. - 3

Phylum MOLLUSCA

Class Bivalvia

Nuculana sp. - l individuals Protothaca staminea - 1 Clinocardium nuttallii 11 - 1 Siliqua sp. - 1 11 Mysella tumida Spisula cf. S. catilliformis **-** 9 11 Macoma sp. - 2

Tellina bodegensis

Class Gastropoda

Olivella baetica - 1 individuals

Mangelia barbarensis - 1

11

11

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Acteon? sp.

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes - few

Phylum VERTEBRATA

vertebrae - one specimen

Total sample weight: 793 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 25 individuals

Phylum ARTHROPODA

Class Crustacea

ostracods

<u>Pseudophilomedes</u> sp. - l individuals

barnacles
Balanus sp. - 1 "

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria - 4 individuals Yoldia ? sp. - 1 Protothaca staminea - 8 11 Cooperella ? sp. - 1 Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 1 Mysella tumida 11 - 6 Macoma sp. 11 - 1 Tellina bodegensis - 3 11

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius sp. - 1 individuals
Odostomia sp. - 4

"WORMS"

Total sample weight: 1743 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.3%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 75 individuals

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - 9 individuals barnacles

Balanus sp. - 3 "

crabs

Cancer sp. - 1 "

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria	- 11 ir	ndividuals
Pandora bilirata	- 6	11
Protothaca staminea	- 13	11
Clinocardium nuttallii	- 1	11
Mysella tumida	- 16	11
Spisula cf. S. catilliformis	- 6	11
Axinopsida sericata	- 3	11
Siliqua sp.	- 1	11
Macoma sp.	- 3	11
Tellina bodegensis	- 28	11

Class Scaphopoda

Cadulus sp. - 1 individuals

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius perpinguis

Mitrella gouldii

Mangelia barbarensis
Odostomia sp.

- 2 individuals
- 1 "
- 1 "
- 3 "

"W OR MS"

chitinous worm tubes - abundant

Total sample weight: 583 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.1%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 35 individuals

Massilina sp. - 1 "

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

<u>Pseudophilomedes</u> sp. - 2 individuals

Cancer sp. - 1

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria - 7 individuals Protothaca staminea - 1 Clinocardium nuttallii 11 - 1 Mysella tumida - 7 Solen sp. - 1 Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 1 Macoma sp. - 1 Axinopsida sericata 11 - 1 Tellina bodegensis 11 - 18

Class Gastropoda

Mitrella gouldii - 1 individuals
Odostomia sp. - 1 "

"WORMS"

Total sample weight: 308 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 30 individuals

${\bf Phylum}~{\bf ARTHROPODA}$

Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - 7 individuals barnacles
Balanus sp. - 2

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria	- 3 inc	dividuals
Protothaca staminea	- 5	11
Mysella tumida	- 7	11
Spisula cf. S. catilliformis	- 1	11
Axinopsida sericata	- 1	11
Tellina bodegensis	- 12	11

"WORMS"

Total sample weight: 1173 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 70 individuals

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - 8 individuals

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria	- 8 individuals
Protothaca staminea	- 3 "
Siliqua sp.	- 1
Mysella tumida	- 11 "
Axinopsida sericata	- 4
Macoma sp.	- 2
Tellina bodegensis	- 11 "

Class Scaphopoda

Cadulus sp. - 1 individuals

Class Gastropoda

Olivella baetica - 1 individuals

Mitrella gouldii - 1 "

Mangelia barbarensis - 1 "

Odostomia sp. - 1 "

Acteon? sp. - 1 "

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes - few agglutinated worm tubes - few

Total sample weight: 1404 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.2%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai - 120 individuals
Nonionella sp. - 5

Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp. - 40 individuals
barnacles
Balanus sp. - 2 "

crabs
Cancer sp. - 1 "

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria - 24 individuals Modiolus sp. juv. - 1 Siliqua sp. - 6 11 Solen sp. - 1 Mysella tumida - 105 Cooperella subdiaphana - 1 Spisula cf. S. catilliformis - 1 Axinopsida sericata - 1 11 Macoma sp. **-** 9 11 Tellina bodegensis - 12

Class Scaphopoda

<u>Cadulus</u> sp. - l individuals

Class Gastropoda

Nassarius perpinguis - 2 individuals

Mitrella gouldii - 13 "

Mangelia barbarensis - 1 "

Odostomia sp. - 4 "

Turbonilla sp. - 2 "

Sample 1676 cont.

"WORMS"

chitinous worm tubes agglutinated worm tubes

- abundant

- few

Total sample weight: 511 grams

Percentage of organic hard parts in sample: 0.1%

Phylum PROTISTA Order Foraminifera

Elphidiella hannai	- 35	individuals
Massilina sp.	- 1	11
Nonionella sp.	- 1	11

Phylum ARTHROPODA

Class Crustacea

ostracods

Pseudophilomedes sp.	- 17 individuals
barnacles	
Balanus sp.	- 1 "

Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia

Nuculana taphria	- 3 individual	S
Siliqua patula	- 5	
Solen sp.	- 1 "	
Mysella tumida	- 27	
Axinopsida sericata	- 1	
Macoma sp.	- 4	
Tellina bodegensis	- 1	

Class Gastropoda

Mitrella gouldii	-]	individuals
Mangelia barbarensis	-]	11

"W OR MS"

chitinous worm tubes - abundant

Phylum VERTEBRATA

vertebrae - one specimen