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SUMMARY

As part of the continuing investigation into static fishing methods, the W.F.A.'s Industrial Development Unit have carried out trials with automatic line ripping equipment. This work was carried out on the 15m CELTIC MOR with the co-operation of Bridport Gundry Ltd.

Ripping (or jigging) is the fishing method in which a weighted line with a number of hooks is lowered into a shoal of feeding fish. The hooks are disguised with coloured lures to attract the fish and the line is moved rapidly up and down. This has traditionally been a handline fishery, but new equipment from Scandinavia has now fully automated the process at very reasonable cost.

The trials were carried out during February and March 1981 off the N.W. Coast of Skye. It was believed that cod would be spawning in the area and starting to feed again. This proved not to be the case but the equipment was found to work well under some very arduous weather conditions and some good results were obtained on coley and pollack.

The trials were not conclusive, but it is hoped other opportunities will arise for a more decisive demonstration later. The equipment can be quickly fitted to any vessel.

1. INTRODUCTION

Ripping, or jigging, is the method of fishing in which a line with several hooks is set in a shoal of feeding fish. The hooks are disguised with coloured lures and are rapidly jerked up and down and with the right type of lure the fish will attempt to take them along with the natural feed. Traditionally, hand ripping has been the customary method.

For a number of years automated equipment has been available capable of simulating completely the actions of manual handline ripping. Norwegian equipment is wellknown and has been tried by fishermen and development agencies in many parts of the World.

This equipment was of little interest to small craft in the U.K. as developments in small boat trawling in the past twenty years had more or less eclipsed the handline, and indeed, the longline fisheries. Automatic rippers for a one line operation selling for about £1300 each were, therefore, an expensive installation for a small half decked boat. Tropical handline fisheries are, in many countries, probably the most important artisanal fishing method. Mechanisation has always been seen as one way of increasing the efficiency and the earnings of these operations. The principal advantage would be the ability for one man to work several machines. Here again, however, the available equipment was an even more expensive luxury. out of all proportion to the value of the catch or, in some cases, the boat.

The rising cost of fuel has, however, meant that there has been a revival of interest in all types of static fishing methods by a wide range of boats. This includes trawlers up to the 80 foot length range, who can no longer make a living purely by trawling. Proper conservation policies also favour static gears with their

acknowledged size selectivity capabilities, when compared to trawling or purse seining, which are far less discriminating. Line ripping is one static method which could be adopted at certain times of the year.

Therefore, the arrival on the market of a new generation of autofishing machines manufactured in Scandinavia, has been followed with interest by the industry. Messrs. Bridport Gundry have secured the U.K. agency for one such typical machine, the Kemers "Juksa-Maskin" (jigging machine). These new machines are much more compact utilising micro circuit technology, and taking into consideration the inflation of the past ten years, are now quite competitively priced at about £1500 each.

The I.D.U. were approached by fishermen during the 1980 gillnet season on the Scottish West Coast to look at the possibilities of the new range of machines for two main reasons. Firstly, gillnets are particularly vulnerable to trawling activities, which cause expensive damage, or even destruction of the nets, and secondly, there was a case for the introduction of a handline fish shoal sampling device which could identify marks quickly and positively. This would enable nets to be set only on positive evidence of marketable fish stocks, resulting in more efficient Subsequently, Bridport Gundry secured the interest of Skipper Runton in Uig, Skye, and these two parties approached W.F.A. for some financial and technical support for extended trials. This support was agreed upon and funds were made available from savings on the electric fishing project.

It was agreed that both W.F.A. and Bridport Gundry would support the fishing operation with joint contributions to a total value of £3400. This would allow guaranteed earnings for Mr. Runton's boat of £1100/week for three weeks within the usual terms, whereby any fish

caught up to the total value of the charter would be credited to the two aforementioned charterers. Bridports would supply and install three machines and provide all fishing tackle, including lines, hooks and lures. They would also supply the services of a masterfisherman who had previous experience of these machines in Scotland and Scandinavia.

W.F.A. agreed to supply and install all electrical wiring, switchboxes and connections between the boat's batteries and the machines. Jointly the W.F.A. and Bridport Gundry representatives would record the trials operations and results. The trials would be carried out in accordance with the charter party mutually agreed between Skipper Runton and the Authority.

2. TRIALS

2.1 Objectives of the Trials

The objectives would be two-fold. Firstly to assess the capability of these particular machines installed on a commercial boat and used under commercial fishing conditions, and secondly to establish, assuming the former to be satisfactory, the viability of a handline fishery based on this type of equipment in the North West of Scotland and, in particular, in the waters around the Isle of Skye. The latter requirement would entail a parallel assessment of the most suitable tackle to be used in conjunction with these machines and the best techniques available to the skipper in terms of fish marks, identification and fishing strategy, including boat handling in the proximity of marks. The I.D.U. would undertake to compile and produce a report to be available to the industry after completion of the trials.

2.2 The Trials Vessel

Name: CELTIC MOR

Description: Devon crabber with traditional

wheelhouse aft.

Built of wood by Hinks of Appledore Construction:

1977.

L.O.A: 52 ft. (15m). Beam: 16 ft. (4.88m)

Draught: 10 ft. (3.04m) maximum.

Baudoin diesel 210 h.p. @ 1800 r.p.m. Engine

Auxiliaries: 5 h.p. Petter driving alternator. Electrics: 24 volt DC system with spare set

of batteries.

Deck Rapp Hydema 2235 1970 net hauler. Machinery: Celtic slave 1500kg net hauler

(hydr. driven).

Decca Mk 21 Navigator. Simrad EY 50 KHZ sounder. Navigational:

Decca 100 Radar.

Fish Hold: Dry hold and vivier tank for crabs.

Accommodation: 6 berths in aft. cabin.

2.3 The Auto-Fishing Equipment

Manufacturer: Kemers Maskin AB, Bjursas, Sweden.

Type: Atlanter electronic jigging machines.

General

Specification: Maximum fishing depth - 199 fathoms.

Range - 1-199 fathoms.

Power requirements - 50-150 watts.

Voltage - 12 or 24 volts. Main cables - 2 x 10mm² Weight of unit - 73 lbs.

Height with stand - 40 inches.

Functions:

To be programmed to simulate the initial paying out of line to a preset depth, and the jigging action over a wide range within the depth range of 199 fathoms.

Digital readout indicating depth of tackle at any time.

Preset fish or weight sensor which effectively informs the operator via an audible warning when fish are taken and instructs the machines to haul in to a preset point where the catch can be unhooked and the operator, by activating the reset button, restart programme once more.

A memory facility determines that the jigging function will restart at the depth at which the previous catch was taken.

There is an emergency stop control on the machine.

There are another five timing controls and an audible warning facility to indicate that fish have been caught and the line is reeling in.

The machine which incorporates the control panel, electronic package, the reel and its electric motor, is mounted on a 44mm dia. aluminium pole which is located in a cast base plate secured to the deck. The pole is also tied to the gunwale via a clamp and bracket.

A detachable horizontal outrigger pole is mounted across the top of each machine. It supports a lead block at its outermost end carrying the line well clear of the vessel's side.

(See also copy of specification Appendix 1 andd Plates).

2.4 Installation

The three machines were fitted along the starboard side of the vessel adjacent to the rail as indicated in the photographs.

Due to the unusually high gunwales on this vessel, extra long support stanchions had to be provided. These were 48 ins. in length, i.e. from the bottom of the deck socket to the top of the machine (the standard pole length

is 40 ins.). The deck sockets were coach screwed into the wooden deck and the horizontal stand support was similarly coach screwed into the gunwale rail. Each pole is clamped to the deck socket, the horizontal support and the machine respectively.

Each machine was connected via 1m. of cable made up of industrial neoprene covered flex to a watertight plug and thence via individual 10mm² positive and negative leads (PVC covered copper wires), to a master isolator switch with three fuses located in the engine room. From this switch positive and negative 10mm² cable was connected across one bank of 4 x 6 volt batteries. All deck and engine room cabling was neatly clamped. The latter was especially important on deck in view of the possibility of catching light fishing tackle on exposed cabling.

2.5 Fishing Tackle

Several Scandinavian weighted hooks were available together with a variety of traces which consisted of lures, some of which were luminous and up to half a dozen hooks (Mustad type 2315 no. 5). The hooks attached to the weights were type 2335 no. 5. Details of traces and weights used are included in the fishing logs and commented upon in the discussion (Section 3). Basically the tackle consisted of a ripper weight with four hooks attached to a trace of about one fathom in length of 110 lb. monofilament with 6 to 8 hooks and lures, attached to the main line.

2.6 Narrative

Installation of the machines and the electrical connections took place on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th February, 1981, in Uig. The vessel had completed a normal week's prawn potting on the Friday afternoon. The trials commenced on Monday 16th at the North West corner of Skye.

2.7 Summary of Trials

2.7.1 First Series 16th February-3rd March, 1981

All the trials took place in the vicinity of North West Skye (see Fig. 1).

Details are contained in log sheets appended.

February was selected for the trials because it was believed that spawning cod would appear in the trials area about this time.

Trials commenced on Monday 16th February, fishing around various small rocky islands around the north end of the Isle of Skye. The decision to work there was made as a result of communication previously made with a hand line ripping boat currently working the area out of Gairloch.

Marks were found over pinnacles of rock and over small banks near Eilean Trodday and as far east as Staffin.

No difficulty was experienced in catching some 4 boxes (150kg or 24 stone) of assorted pollack (Lythe), small coley and codling, with the pollack being predominant. In wind force 4 to 5 and occasionally strong tides, the boat had to be frequently repositioned to maintain station over the marks. Although each manoeuvre took only two or three minutes, it did necessitate recovering all three lines and this did involve the loss of perhaps between 10 and 30% of available fishing time. Confidence in the operation of the machines was, however, soon established and in due course, experience gained in maintaining station over marks.

The advantage of advance information from the other vessel operating on these marks cannot be over-emphasised. This 30 ft. boat appeared to be working two lines from mackerel hand gurdies.

Though CELTIC MOR proceeded to sea again on the 17th, no fishing was possible owing to southerly gales and, in fact, the boat proceeded to Loch Dunvegan to shelter for the day. Fishing was possible in the Loch on the 18th and the known patches were tried where cod are taken by nets in this area. There was a distinct lack of marks and no other boats, other than demersal trawlers and creel boats, were in the vicinity. Later Pooltiel Bay on the west coast was visited and drift ripping was carried out. During this operation in a strong wind, one man was seriously hooked in the hand and had to be landed at Dunvegan for hospital treatment. The vessel proceeded later to the 'edges' in north east Loch Dunvegan and tried ripping both there and in Loch Snizort without success; one gurnard was in fact taken.

Thursday the 19th was spent looking at the banks between Loch Snizort and the Shiant Islands in the North Minch. Marks were in fact observed on the East Bank and North of the Shiants. About 38kg of fish consisting of coley and some whiting were taken but very strong tides made holding the boat over the mark extremely difficult. Finally Score Bay in Skye was visited without any marks being seen. On Friday Moonen Bay and the approaches to Loch Dunvegan were visited. Some small bottom marks were seen in Moonen but no fish were caught. The week ended with no firm evidence of the expected influx of spawning cod. Two longline boats operated briefly in the area taking very little in the Loch but catching some skate in the North Minch.

Owing to the lack of signs of cod in Dunvegan it was decided to start the week of 23rd February by visiting the rock 'pinnacles' off the north end of Skye where fish had been taken earlier. A few fish were taken on the Monday. Owing to the difficulty experienced holding station over these quite small areas of marks, it was decided to anchor in between 12 and 20 fathoms over the area known as the Staffin Peaks. On the 24th nine boxes

(340kg) of pollack (Lythe) were taken in just over three hours in this area. This in fact proved to be the only real successful demonstration of fishing during these trials.

The so called Christmas decoration lures proved to be the most successful utilising red and green lures. Strengthening winds curtailed fishing early on Tuesday 24th February afternoon. No fishing was possible on both Wednesday and Thursday, although CELTIC MOR managed to make passage to Dunvegan. In the Loch on Friday, further attempts were made to rip on some small marks observed in an area where the gill netter INSHALLAH had taken five boxes of cod from a fleet of gill nets. Although there was now some evidence of the spring cod arriving, nothing was taken on the lines in either Lochs Dunvegan or Snizort.

At this stage it was felt, however, the cod were so scarce that negative results were not unexpected when one considers the very 'local' nature of the line jigging operation.

The following week started with the receipt of reports from INSHALLAH of a few marks in Loch Dunvegan.

Although CELTIC MOR detected a few marks only a couple of fish, a codling and a haddock were taken despite ripping operations extending out of the Loch and as far south as Loch Bracadale on the west coast.

INSHALLAH landed thirty boxes (1140kg) of cod and some coley on the night of the 2nd from the north east edges of Loch Dunvegan from 4 x 800 yards of gill netting, which had been set for two days. On the following day the INSHALLAH had little success with her nets and only a couple of coley and a couple of pollack were taken by the CELTIC MOR's lines despite ripping in the Loch and as far north as Comet Rock off the northernmost point of Skye.

It was, therefore, decided on Tuesday evening the 3rd March to suspend the trials, as clearly the main run of spawning cod had not yet arrived. This stock was regarded, of course, as the most useful from the point of achieving worthwhile catch rates.

The equipment was unshipped and stowed below decks until more information became available on the cod run.

2.7.2 Second Series 16th-20th March, 1981

Towards the end of the week ending 13th March, information was received that the gill netters INSHALLAH and VISION were taking between thirty and forty boxes (1150-1500kg) of large cod per day in Loch Dunvegan and on the Isle of Harris coast on the opposite side of the Minches. Charter funds were available for a further four and one half days' cover. It was, therefore, decided to resume fishing Monday 16th March.

CELTIC MOR arrived in the Loch about noon on the 16th, the three jigging machines having been reinstalled prior to departure from Uig. The INSHALLAH had taken sixteen boxes (600kg) that morning from 800 yards of nets. The pelagic trawler POLARFISK was towing just outside INSHALLAH's gear and caught 25 boxes (950kg) after a five hour tow. Jigging was, therefore, carried out in the vicinity of these vessels, although only small fish or plankton marks were seen. Five coley were taken within a few minutes on one line, but absolutely nothing thereafter, though fishing was carried out until dark all over the area around the mouth of the Loch.

A sea anchor was used in the strong northerly winds to reduce the drift effect. This particular area with its very steep edges is unsuitable for the use of a conventional ground anchor. The sea anchor reduced the rate of drift but, though allowing the lines to fish in a more nearly vertical mode, did not prevent the boat quickly drifting off the few marks which were seen. Generally speaking, these marks were of 'feed' and not individual large fish. (See Conclusions).

On Tuesday 17th March, after a pre-sunrise to daylight echo survey of the Loch and brief jigging exercise on dense 'feed' marks, all without result, CELTIC MOR proceeded to the vicinity of Rodel, Harris to fish alongside the gill netter VISION. The VISION had reported cod in the area. Although this vessel was taking fish in her nets, the ripping lines caught nothing. Only occasional small marks were seen on the bottom.

On Wednesday 18th, the CELTIC MOR proceeded from Uig to Portree in gale force winds, unable to fish but echo searching en route.

Conversations with a fisherman from Kyle had indicated several areas to the east of Skye where line caught fish had been taken some years ago. Although much of this area is now closed to fishing by the Ministry of Defence, jigging was carried out East of Rona, on the Ross Shire coast, and around Loch Torridon during Thursday. Several herring marks were seen and four herring taken on one occasion but no white fish. This area certainly . proved very barren in terms of fish marks with the exception of the occasional herring marks. After midday it was decided to proceed across to the area of pinnacles off the north of Skye. There, some marks were seen in 10 to 15 fathoms and over two hours of intermittent jigging, about one box (38kg) of pollack with a few coley were taken. It was not possible to anchor on this occasion due to a hydraulic failure and, therefore, the boat had to be moved frequently to reposition over the marks.

The final day of the charter, Friday 20th March, was spent in Loch Dunvegan jigging over the area adjacent to the cod gill nets. Although a few fish marks were seen on the steep edges only one cod was taken and four coley.

The machines and associated wiring were removed from the vessel on Friday evening enabling CELTIC MOR to resume creel fishing on the following Monday, 23rd March.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 The Atlanter Jigging Machine

The first objective, which was to assess the machines in relation to their claimed specification, was carried out successfully in that they performed satisfactorily in a variety of weather conditions, and despite being subjected to heavy spray on several occasions.

The only malfunction which occurred was rather insignificant. The audible catch warning failed on No. 1 machine, although the machine was otherwise unaffected.

The fine adjustments to clutch slip and brake drag required some experience to adjust effectively, as did the strike or catch sensor sensitivity. Some weights and lures were lost due to maladjustment of the former when the winch overan after the weight had struck bottom in too deep a setting. As far as the strike sensor was concerned, too low a setting could cause the alarm to sound and the line to reel in as a result of the winch stopping abruptly.

Skipper Runton felt that the inhaul speed of about 32 fathoms/minute (60m/minute) was inadequate and wasteful in fishing time. Whilst this is indeed true in shallow water 10 fathoms (20m) when compared with hand or gurdy lining, it is a different story in greater depths and especially in heavy fishing where the human operator would soon tire and slow down. Kemers have now increased the motor speed on their latest machines by 25%

or to about 75m/minute. Of course, one man can also easily tend two or even three automatic machines, although in heavy fishing, two is perhaps sufficient as time has to be allowed to unhook several fish from each strike. Thus effectively fishing efficiency per man can be increased by about 50% in shallow water and 100% in deep water.

A variety of lures was used and these are described in Appendix 3. It was not possible for obvious reasons, to assess the effectiveness of these, however. The measured current requirement, 8 amps, is well within the capabilities of a 24 volt heavy duty battery pack. (See Fig. 3 Measured current requirement).

3.2 Viability of Cod Ripping in the Trials Area

The second objective of these trials, was unfortunately, not realised. Though evidence was gained that rock dwelling fish such as pollack, can easily be taken, as shown by 54 stones in 3½ hours (100kg/hr.), this was an isolated case. The deliberate objective of the trials was to catch spawning codfish, and the success with pollack was not repeated.

The early days of the trial were indecisive in that there was no real evidence of large quantities of cod in the area, but the final week's trial was carried out over areas yielding good trawl and gillnet catches of cod but without success from the automatic line ripper.

It became apparent to the trials team that the complete absence of cod, which was the most prolific species in the area, was significant and not merely due to not being in the right place at the right time. Examination of gill net caught fish revealed that these cod were in the final stage prior to spawning, and were still in fact, not feeding. Subsequent personal correspondence with Dr. Heslop of the Marine Laboratory has indicated that the stomachs of these fish were probably so compressed by the distended

gonads that the fish were unable to ingest food. This would certainly explain their lack of response to lures. The male fish are also likely to be disinterested in food as they are fully occupied in fertilising the eggs.

Local fishery, opinion with one exception, expressed surprise at this phenomenon as years ago, longline boats did pursue a fishery in this area during February and March. It is believed that probably just after spawning, these fish may well be taken easily by handlines. One local fisherman did remark that the former longline fishermen 'could never catch cod when the nets were taking them' and vice versa.

In view of the unfortunate biological conditions which seem to have been encountered and of the keen interest of several local fishermen, every endeavour should be made to carry out further trials at other times of the year. The significant feature was the obvious efficiency of the equipment when fishing over pollack and coley marks. Virtually every individual fish mark seen was taken in these cases.

3.3 The Fishing Technique

A useful exercise was carried out in ascertaining the best way of maintaining the boat over marks as obviously with line ripping, one only catches fish directly under the boat. The use of an anchor to hold the vessel in the shallower areas, say up to 50 fathoms, is possible, providing sea conditions do not cause undue strain on the cable and, therefore, the vessel. It is important that adequate warp is carried; e.g. 150 fathoms (300m) and that a suitable winch or hauler is available. An alternative grapnel or preferably several grapnels should be available for anchoring over difficult bottom. In many cases, fish congregate on steep edges where it is unwise, and in many cases, unpracticable to use a

ground anchor. In these cases a sea anchor may be used. A good mizzen sail should be used with the anchor. The sea anchor was a 5m diameter (open) parachute, and although inadequate, clearly indicated that a larger parachute, perhaps of about 10m diameter, similarly rigged (see Fig. 7) would be an efficient means of holding the boat virtually stopped relative to the water Obviously a sea anchor is ineffective against tidal drift, but even then, it allows fishing to continue with nearly vertical fishing lines whilst moving with the tide. Without the sea anchor, wind drift causes the boat to move away from the line, causing the weights and lines to lift off the bottom and thus seriously reducing effective fishing action, except perhaps for fish near the surface. The sea anchor is, of course, ideal for use over marks scattered over a wide area as opposed to local 'clumps' of fish which require a boat to remain exactly over these without drifting either to wind or tide. CELTIC MOR lay rather well without the anchor with the wind on the quarter with the minimum of sternway on and the rudder inclined towards the wind.

The Simrad EY 50 KCS sounder proved adequate for detecting good fish marks in depths up to and in excess of 100 fathoms. Individual fish were marked at 70 fathoms. It is suggested, however, that a more sophisticated sounder, either with a scale expander facility or fishlupe, or perhaps the improved definition provided by a colour sounder, would be a worthwhile investment. After all, contrary to most other fishing methods, it is possible to position the vessel and its gear accurately over the shoal with this method, and this needs the quickest and most positive method of identification of marks.

4. ECONOMICS OF AUTOMATIC JIGGING

Clearly, for the aforementioned reasons, it is not yet possible to form firm conclusions on automated jigging as a comparable fishing method to other static methods. However, if one assumes comparable catch rates with gill net vessels of similar size, then a comparison of gear and crew costs is revealing.

1.	Gillnetter:	Full set of 3200m of netting @ £100/70m (incl. anchors etc.)	£ 5000
	Running costs:	Loss of 800m each two weeks through damage over a 3 month season	£ 7000
		Crew costs at say 15 man/months (5 men)	£11250
		Actual gear & crew costs	£23250
2.	Line Jigging:	6 lines @ £23 line (incl. lures)	£ 138
		6 weights @ £3 weight	£ 18
		Losses over 3 months (all gear + 3 traces/week)	£ 400
		Crew costs (3 men) @ 9 man/months	£ 6750
		Actual gear & crew costs	£ 7306
		Difference	£15944

N.B. Fuel and other operating costs assumed to be similar.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- Line ripping can only be used on feeding cod which have spawned. Unfortunately, contrary to the normal seasonal pattern, the cod were not in this condition during the trials period and the results on cod were disappointing.
- 5.2 The machines and the method, however, proved their suitability on other species such as pollack which could be caught quite well from rocky ledges and pinnacles.
- 5.3 The machines gave little trouble in service and proved very durable in the most severe weather conditions. Although the line hauling speed was slower than would have been preferred, this is only a disadvantage in shallow water. In deep water, the line speed would be much faster and far less tiring than could be achieved by one man. One man can tend two or even three machines.
- 5.4 No conclusions were drawn on the most suitable lures.
- 5.5 It is important to keep the vessel on station over the fish marks with the lines hanging vertically. Experience was gained using anchors and sea anchors. A good echo sounder is also important to assist discrimination between fish and feed.
- The trials are well worth pursuing when it is known that post spawning cod are available. The equipment is of such low cost and easily installed that it can provide a viable alternative to gill netting or potting. If catch rates are proved to be equal to gill netting there will be significant savings in manpower and gear costs.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Much of the success of the trial in terms of the efficient use of charter time was due to the wholehearted co-operation and interest shown by Skipper Runton and his crew.

Robin Gavin, representing Bridport Gundry, also an experienced skipper, contributed substantially to the operation. In particular, his experience of handling small vessels engaged in handline fishing in the West Country and his recent experience with the Lofoten cod fishery, proved invaluable.

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APPENDIX I

MANUFACTURERS' SPECIFICATION



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Price List 1/9/80

ATLANTER ELECTRONIC JIGGING EQUIPMENT		
ATLANTER ELECTRONIC JIGGING MACHINE 12V OR 24V. ATLANTER SQUID JIGGING MACHINE - AN ATTACHMENT	Price	£ 1490=23
TO THE ABOVE SPECIFICAALY DESIGNED FOR SQUID.	Price	566=35
ACCESSORIES		
UNDERWATER LIGHTS - Attached to fishing lines to "lure" squid shoals up in the water towards the		•
fishing vessel.	Price	3 = 16
ATTRACTING LICHTS - Fitted aboard the fishing vessel - these lights "hold" the quid shoal in		
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2000 ")	13	5=45
MURASAKI MANSEN SQUID SIZE 1-3		9=47 - 95p
Fishing Line and Shock Absorbers		
Mckuro Fishing Line - 100 Metre Lengths	Price	17=60
Shock Absorbers 2.5 x 500MM - Various size	Price	1=90
5.0 x 500M to suit weight	Price	4=40
5.0 x 1000M of fish caught	Price	5=71
5.0 x 2000 M	Price .	9=59
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APPENDIX II

FISHING LOGS

WEATHER/TIDE 2 REMARKS.	TEST RUN SMOOTH BOTTOM	SSW 4 (WIND) SW WEAK (MDE	ECHO SURVEY: FLADDA CHUIN RUBHA HUNISH	SSW 5 NE WEAK FENTIERS TAKING, SQUID - NOT. TAKING.		No 1 m/c AUDIBLE WARNING INOP.	SAML COLEY, WHITING AND I CODLING.	SLY H NLY STREONG HANDLINE BOAT TAKING FISH TAKING FISH
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AREA	EAST BANK (NORTH MINCH)	SHIANT IS. NORTH SIDE.	Score Bry (N.SKYE)	MOONEN BAY	1	2	OIFF DUNVEGAY	LOCH DUNVEGAN
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TACKLE	No I SQUID LIRES No 7 RUBBER EELS No 3 BLUE PLASTIC FLIES	EMER. WTS. YOW EACK 2 Kg.	11	7	נג	No3 M/C NOW ALSO WITH SQUID LURES	TRUED TINSEL LURES AND THESE WITH RUBSIER EELS MITHERS
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AREA	LOCH DUNNEGAN	ij	STAFFIN EDGE	N of Longa	6 M. N. OF RubH RE	STAFFIN PEAKS	-
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WEAMER/TIDE	E 5-6 Ney Mossense	SES NLY MODERATE, FEED MARKS	do.	NE 5-6 SLACK WATER SMALL FISH MARKS NEAR	E 4 NLY MOD. REPORT OF FEW THE BOTTOM FROM SOAT WITH YLUFE GILLNET BORT LANDED 30X 6570M BOXES FROM 3200	48 HOURS, ECHO SURVEY OF W SIDE OF LOCH DUNNEGAN
CATTON	71,10	CODLING (ON EES)	Smau. Happer or No 3	7 2 2 2	<u> </u>	4 4 6 6 5
TACKLE	No / NOW FEATHERS I	do .	do CHANGED NO 3 TO SMALL MACKODEL FLIES (FEATHERS)	7	3	
חכל ומל פפספ.	& × 8 E - 7 E	18-20×2	23-25 × 2		35 × 2 22 × 2(x16)	
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AREA	OFF NEIST PT. LT.	MOONEN	" . 	S BE WEIST	W. SIDE OF L. Dunvegan	
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WEATHER/TIDE 2 REMARKS.	E 3 W MOD NO MARKS SEEN. GLOSE TO - (SOME COD IN NETS)	LAID TO SEA AWCHOR.	E 2-3 WLY MOD. SMALL MARK ON STEEP EXE.	SLACK WATER SMALL MARKS ON EDGES!	F 2 SLACK WATER	E 2 MOD COLEY TRUEN IN MIDWATTER. CHLHETTER TOOK ONLY 3 BOXES OUT OF BODYMOS. OF BODYMOS.
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TACKLE	Not coo Ripped Ferrilers & 1700 5 ms. No 2 EEL TRREE 750 g m. No 3 small MACKIEREL FEATHERS & 750 g m.	*	10509m wt.	REMOVED NO I	CHANGED 180 - 3 TO WHITE	2
PROG.	80-87 × 2 86 × 16	80-84 × 1 × 2 × ·	× × × - uh	32-30 × 2		×
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DECCA READINGS	7.11 E F 47.9	D 11.8 F 47.0	D 12.2	C 2.4 H 37.0	C 5.0 H 36.0	D 11.11
AREA	NE LOCH DUNNEGAN.	3	n	5 to 6 MILES E of LOCHMADDY N. UIST.	"	E OF DUNVEGAN HEAD
DAY OR DARK	DAY	:	.	s	τ	a
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WEATHER/TIDE 2 REMARKS.	VAR 1 NLY MOD. ONLY A FEW MARK	IY X W G NLY MOD. LINES LYING WELL TO WINDWALL DOSING UP TO GEN USING MIZZEN: OILLWETTER, 10898	No I m/c TD o HUCH LINE (FITED DURING TLAIS) LINE FOULING CASING NXW 6 & SELY STRONG. EKCESSIVE BOAT DRIF LOST MARKS GURCALY EVEN WITH SEA ANCHOR OUT.	NxW6 SLACK WATER SOME FEED' MARKS IN MID	NXW 5 SLACK WATER. FEED MARKS ON	SEARCHING EAST SIDE OF LOCH. TRAWLER TOOK
CATCH	Pollack	50ae)	7 7 7	7 2	J Z	10.05
TACKLE	AS PREVIOURY POLLACK	No I Me MED HOOKS? FEATHERS No 2 FEATHERS ALL 7509 WTS	65-60 × 2-5 wts increased to 1500g on nos 2 × 3	(500 kgs on	. =	
q peoc.	7-25 ×2	78-85 x 2	60 × 2-5	35-65 × 2	×	
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AREA	FISHERMAN'S ROCK. N END SKYE.	NE OF DUNVEGAN HEAD		E SIDE OF LOCH DUNVEGAN	2	-
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ا ع ه	1600	1312	1330	1520	1530	1545
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WEATHER/TIDE & REMARKS.	CHECK HAULING SPEED, 120 FATHS 4-5 MIN. ABOUT	MIND NYW DW TIDE WLY MOD PRETED NOZILA WITH 90 F. OUT WITH	N x W 5-6 NLY MODONER FEED MACK	SLY I NLY SLIGHT. DENSE 'FEED' MARKS ON BOTTOM.	GILLNETTER HAULNG COD CLOSE TO. ONE OR TWO SMALL BOTTOM MARKS. NOS 1 = 3 LINES 20°-25° OFF BONT. SIDE. NO 2 45° OFF WIND SSW 4-5	SEARCHED COAST OF HARRIS AND ACROSS TO N SKYE, FLADACHUIN ISLAND.
CATCH &	NIC SPE 4-5 1 × 1	3 5 2 3 3	7 20	1 X Y X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	NIC THENE THENE SUBL SUBL SUBL WIND	SEAR SEAR SEAR SEAR SEAR
TACKLE	AS BEFORE		2	No! FEMMERS MED HOOKS 1500 gm. No.2 RUBBER HOOKS 1500gm No.3 As No!	No 2 M/c 750 gm	
אכל ומל אים פים.	79-120 ×2		49 -30	tt-38 × 2	53-56 ×2	
ДЕРТ	90		45-13	01-51	56	
DECCA READINGS			l	1	(6c) D 15.6 D 51.7	·
AREA	NE of Dunvegam HEAD	,	SW LOCH Dunyegan	SE LOCH DUNVEGAN	OFF THE SOUND OF HARRIS	
DAY OR DARK	DAY	·	کا کا کا کا	HALF DARK, PRE SWRISE.	J A Y	Z
ا 2 9	1700		1820	0705	1030	1430
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WEATHER /TIDE 2 REMARKS.		NO FISHING, ECHO SEARCHED FROM UIG TO PORTREE. NLY GALES.	N 3-4, HEN, Ny SWELL, SLACK WATER.	ND MARKS.	N 5-6 SLY MOD HARRING MARKS.	IV LL #EAVY MLY SWELL: SLY TIDE: SCRATCHY! MARGE LOST NO 3 WEIGH	SMALL FISH HAREKS .
CATCH	ž J		7,2	HERS)	4 HEGGUNG ON 1162.	אור	NIF
TACKLE	AS BEFORE		X (No)SQUID LURES WITH TINSEL . X 135-137 RIPPER WT AND SCANDINANIAM	1000g. No 2 Rubber EELS 1000gm Schndighuw. No 3 Flestemhers) Ripper & 250gm Lut.	5	3 .	NO 3 HOW LARGE HOOKS AND EELS, BOWDIV. WT.
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או אטנכ	25-35 ×2		135-137 ALSO,		40-50×1 mg	10-12 ×	
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AREA	N. SKYE Fladdackuir I.		EAST OF RONA.	•	Ross shire shoke North OF APPLE GROSS.	y OPPOSITE ROOMA	LOCH TORRIDOM
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WEAMER/TIPE 2 REMARKS.	ALSO MACKEREL FLIES HANDUNE IN USE.	CONTERPRINTED STANGED	SE 5, CONSIDERABLE DRIFT, FEW SMALL MARKS	2	NO MARKS	SE 5 NW MOD. SOME BOTTOM MARKS.	COLEY (NTERRUPTED) LARGE ANDE COD
CATCH	Z T	STOWES FISH.	J	אור	NIL	H MED. COLĒY	COLY COLY COLY
TACKLE	AS BEFORE	REPLACED NOS TACKLE (LOST) HES SMARL HOWS	3	2	1	No Im/c CHANGED TO COMB'N EELS 1 FLES	No/M/C / 1 TRIED EDYSTONE IZELS, CAUGHT / I COLEY
שוכל ומל שבספ.	1	9-14 × 10R2	65-115 x 2	65-115 ×2	7	45-58 × 1	. AAB .
DEPTH	25	10-12	59-09	60-65	3	. 58	٧٩٦٠
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AREA	LOCH TORRIDON	OFF STAFFIN	LOCH DUNVEGARY OFF ISAY ISLAND	n	ห	=	E. SIDE OF LOCH DUNVEGAN
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APPENDIX III

DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS TRACES

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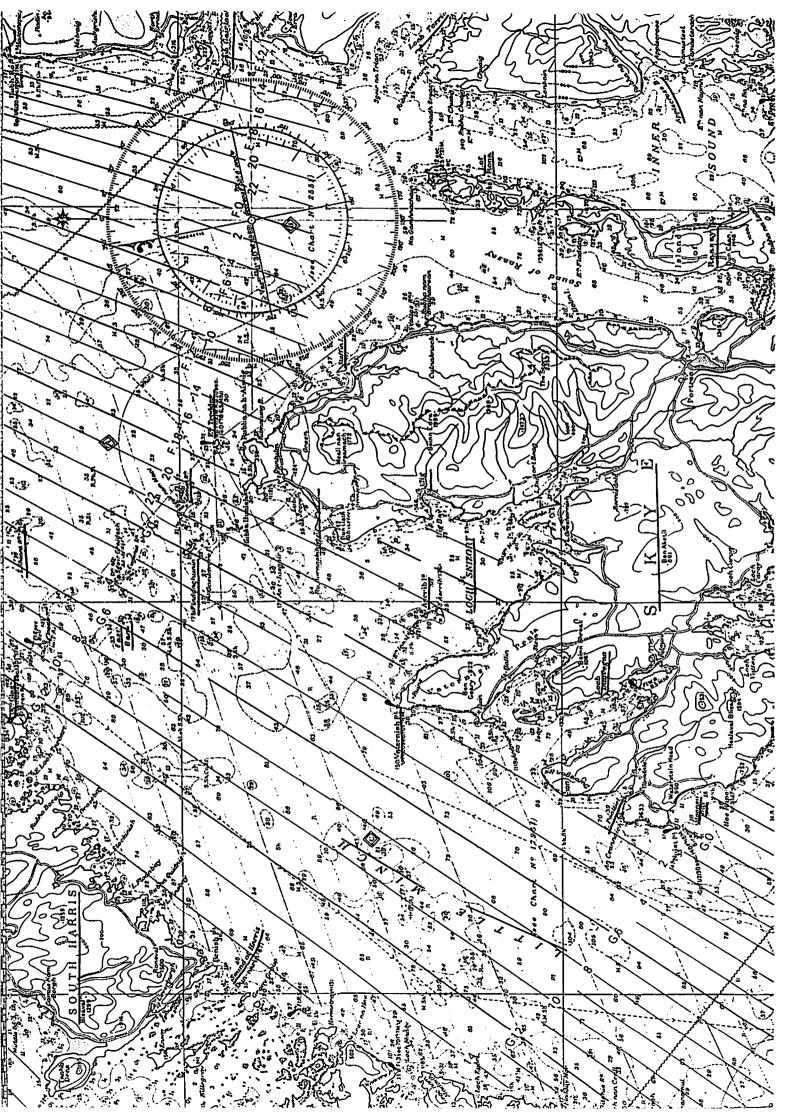
DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS TRACES

(Mustad Co. numbering).

1)	Plastic Eels	Sheathing	Large Hooks	(No.	6/0
2)	Plastic Eels	Sheathing	Small Hooks	(No.	8/0)
3)	Feathers	Sheathing	Large Hooks	(No.	2310-6)
4)	Feathers	Sheathing	Intermediate Hooks	(No.	2363-15)
5)	Feathers	Sheathing	Small Hooks	(No.	2363-16)
6)	Octopus	Sheathing	Small Hooks	(No.	2363-16)
7)	Tinsel Type "Fe	eathers'	Small Hooks	(No.	2363-15)
8)	'Eddystone' Eedtails)	lš (plastic	Small Hooks	(No.	2363-15)

N.B. This class of hook is referred to as a 'Round Bent Sea Hook' in Mustad's catalogue.

All traces were between two and four metres in length with side lines 250mm in length and six or eight in number at equidistant spacing. Side lines tied with heat sealed knots and swivels fitted at junctions with line and with weight. Traces and side lines of monofilament nylon. Weights of 300 to 2500gm (see also fig. 5). Bottom weight hooks were Mustad 2355-5's.



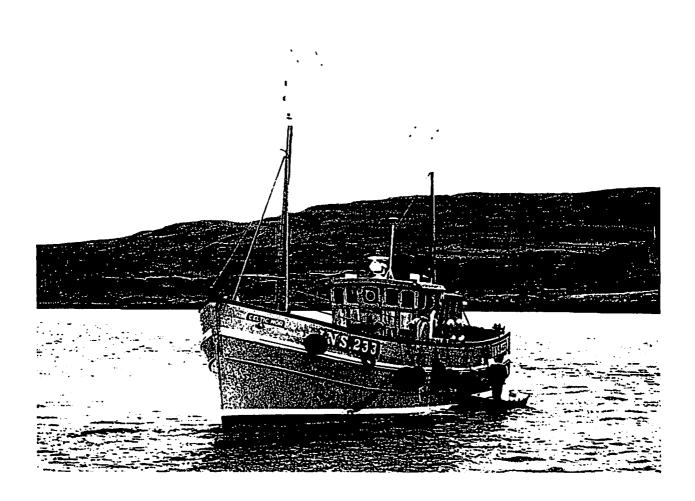
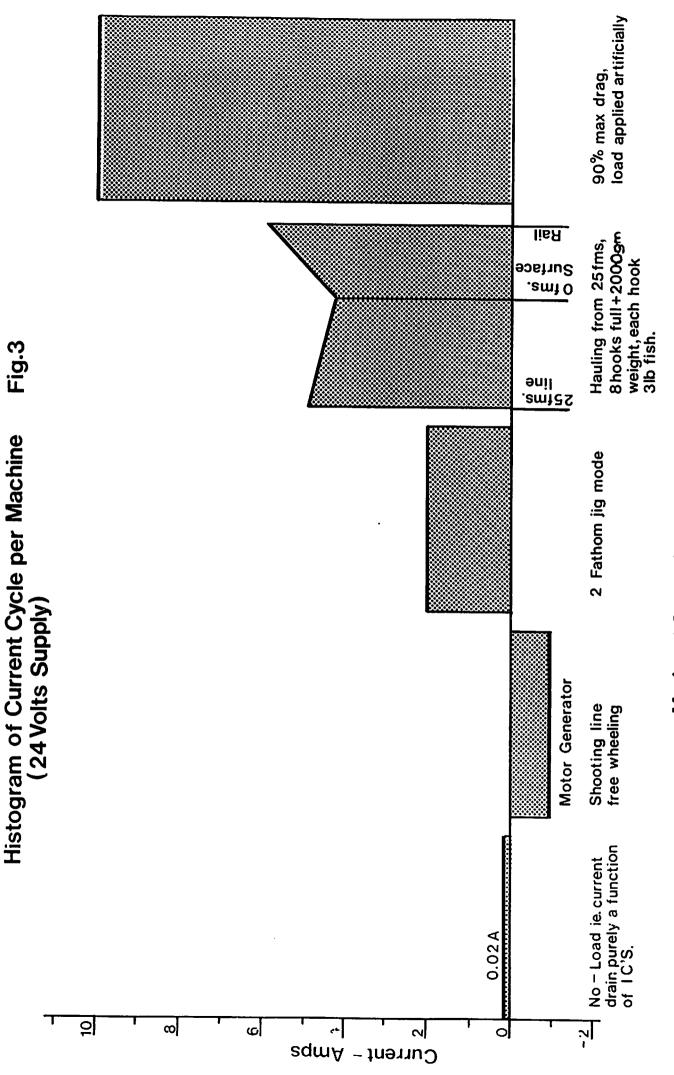


Fig. 2 Trials Vessel



Mode of Operation

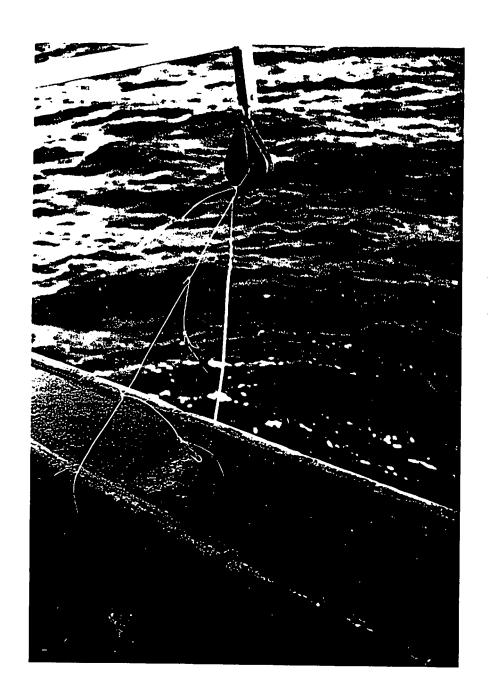


Fig. 4 Typical Plastic Eels Trace.



Fig. 5 Weights Used

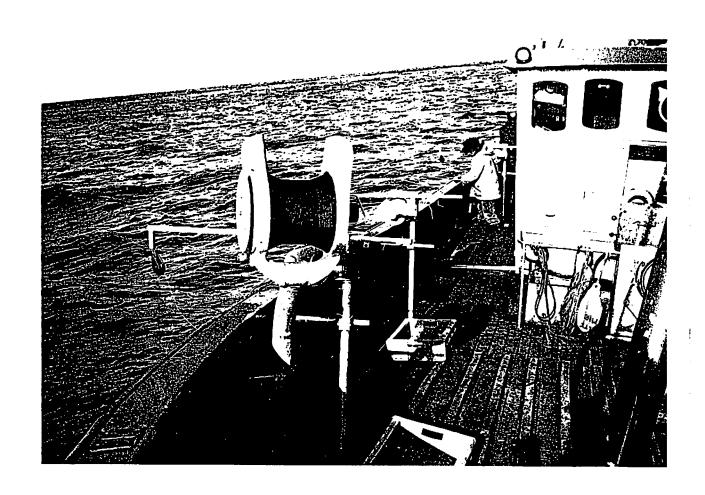
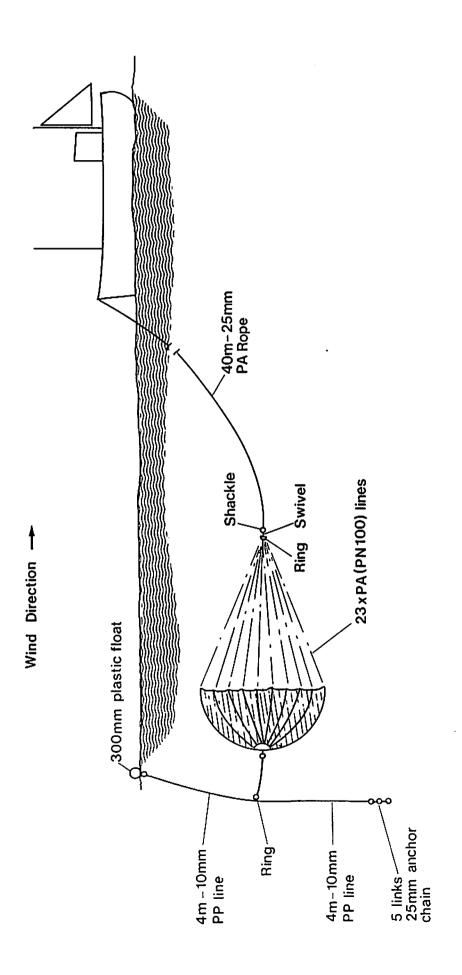


Fig. 6 3 Machines Mounted Aft of Net Hauler



5m dia. parachute sea anchor rig. Fig.7



Fig. 8 Gaffing Fish

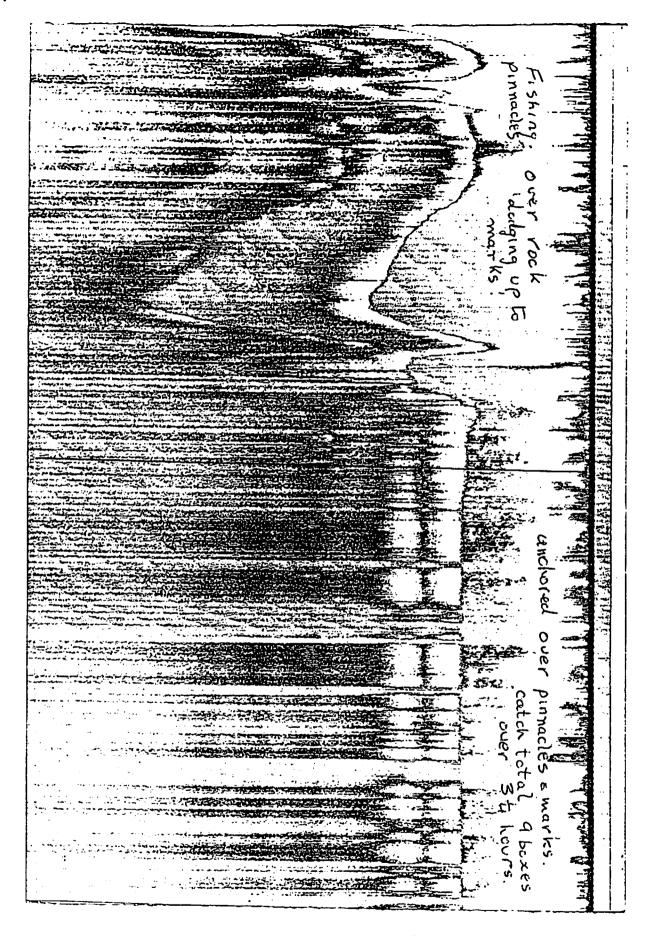


Fig. 9 Echo Sounder Trace Record