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ABSTRACT

This study examines the invertebrate and fish life in the estuarine tidal marshes of Siletz and Netarts Bays, Oregon. Sweep nets, corers, enclosures, and clip-quadrat samplers were used to collect both quantitative and nonquantitative samples of invertebrates in level marsh, pan, tidal creek, and tidal flat habitats located in seven study areas representing various types of marsh. Fish in these habitats as well as in a slough and in bay channels were sampled by seine and otter trawls. Community taxonomic composition and trophic structure, and fish stomach contents are presented as relative frequency histograms and pie charts. Dominant invertebrate taxa in terrestrial collections were Acarina, Homoptera, and Diptera, and in aquatic collections were Capitellidae (polychaeta), Oligochaeta, *Gnoringosphaeroma* (Isopoda), and *Anisogammarus* and *Corophium* (Amphipoda). Threespine stickleback and young staghorn sculpin were by far the most common fish species throughout the marsh zone; juvenile salmonids and other species were captured only over submerged level marshes and in a slough. Trophic structure of terrestrial and aquatic invertebrate communities was generally heavily weighted to detritivores and scavengers. The herbivore component increased from low marsh to high marsh and was the dominant trophic type in the higher portions of vegetation (sweep net collections) of the high marsh. Araneae was the dominant invertebrate carnivore in the terrestrial communities. Fish consumed primarily aquatic animals, even those captured in tidal creek and submerged level marsh habitats where tidal inundation would be expected to make terrestrial foods available. The detritus food chain appears more important than the grazing food chain in the

terrestrial communities, and transfer of marsh products to aquatic food chains apparently is predominantly through the export of detritus rather than by direct consumption of terrestrial animals. This report can be used to evaluate the impact of Corps of Engineers projects on marshlands along the Oregon coast.

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4	Trophic structure of invertebrate communities	
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Table D-28. Number of animals taken by AN (non-quantitative) in a large pan of the Immature High area, 7 April 1978.

AREA SAMPLER SITE SAMPLE		IM HI AN	01 0001
TAXON	LIFE STAGE		
INVERTEBRATES			
OLIGOCHAETA OLIGOCHAETA SPP	ADULTS		118
COPEPODA CALANOIDA SPP	ADULTS		166
MARPACTACOIDA SPP	ADULTS		416
CUMACEA CUMELLA SPP	ADULTS		1
AMPHIPODA COROPHIUM SPP	ADULTS		1
ANISOGAMMARUS CONFERVICOLUS	ADULTS	350	
AMPHITOE SPP	ADULTS		1
ODONATA ODONATA SPP	NYMPHS		4
HEMIPTERA CORIXIDAE SPP	ADULTS		1
TRICHOPTERA LIMNephiliidae SPP	LARVAE		2
DIPTERA DIPTERA SPP	ADULTS		1
EPHYRIDAE SPP	LARVAE		1
MUSCIDAE SPP	LARVAE		3
CHIRONOMIDAE SPP	LARVAE		14
FISH			
GASTEROSTEIDAE GASTEROSTEUS ACULEATUS	ADULTS		1
	TOTAL		1080

Table D-53. Density (number per m²) of small infauna in a tidal creek of the Sedge area, 24 June 1978. Four SC samples each 10 cm deep were collected at sampling point 05, and screened on a 0.5 mm sieve.

AREA AMPLER SITE SAMPLE	TAXON	LIFE STAGE	SEDGE SC				MEAN(SD)
			01 0501	01 0502	01 0503	01 0504	
	INVERTEBRATES						
	CNICARIA CNICODARIA SPP	ADULTS		4934	4440	6414	3947.0(2391.7)
	NEMATODA NEMATODA SPP	ADULTS	1974	9868	9374	3947	6290.6(3407.1)
	POLYCHAETA CAPITELLIDAE SPP NEMATELUS FLORICOLA NOSSUNCIA FLORIDA	ADULTS ADULTS ADULTS	1974	4387 493 5921	2467 3947	6414	2713.6(3427.1) 123.3(217.6) 4563.8(1757.4)
	OLIGOCHAETA ULIGCHAETA SPP	ADULTS	201792	286160	116931	133706	184847.5(66669.7)
	GASTRUPODA GASTROPODA SPP	ADULTS		987		1974	740.1(810.2)
	OSTRACODA OSTRACODA SPP	ADULTS		1974	493	493	740.1(740.1)
	COPEPODA HARPACTICOIDA SPP	ADULTS	987	1480	4934	1480	2220.2(1579.6)
	CUMACEA HEMILEUCON SPP	ADULTS	987		493		370.0(409.1)
	ISOPODA GNUKINOSPHEROMA LUTEA	ADULTS		493			123.3(213.6)
	AMPHIPODA CUNOPHIUM SPP ANISOGAMMARUS CONFERVICOLUS	ADULTS ADULTS	6414 493	27136 2960	22202 1974	22095 493	19611.9(7858.3) 1480.1(1046.6)
	INSECTA INSECTA SPP	PUPAE				493	123.3(213.6)
	DIPTERA GEMATOPOGONIDAE SPP	LARVAE	493	493		1974	740.1(740.1)
	TOTAL		215114	351286	167255	180083	

Table D-41. Results of sampling for large infauna in a tidal creek of the Mature High area,
 1 November 1978. No large infauna were found in any of five 30 cm deep samples taken by LC.
 Samples were screened on a 2 mm sieve.

AREA SAMPLER SITE SAMPLE	MAT LC	HI	MAT LC	HI	MAT LC	HI	MAT LC	HI	MAT LC	HI
	0101	14	0201	14	0301	14	0401	14	0501	14
TAXON	LIFE STAGE									
INVERTEBRATES	(none captured)									

APPENDIX E

FISH SAMPLE DATA

Abbreviations for gear used in this appendix are:

LS = large seine
MS = medium seine
OT = otter trawl
SS = small seine

Table F-2. (Concluded)

GREAT N. SOIL				
SAMPLER HS				
SITE# 1				
SAMP EA 0101-1401				
SPECIES#		4681		4681
SPECIMEN		1		2
PC LNC MM		41		43
STOM FULL %		55		63
SOLUS VOL MM**3		4.2		3.6
DIG STATE		6		7
PREY		NUMB VOL %	NUMB VOL %	MEAN VOL %
UNSPECIFIED		ND 63.0	ND 26.0	46.7
INVERTEBRATES				
COPEPODA				
HARPACTICOIDA SPP	ADULTS	1 .1		.1
COINAE				
KEMILEUDON SPP	ADULTS	14 29.0	17 71.0	50.0
AMPHIPODA				
COROPHIDIA SPP	ADULTS	1 2.0		1.0
ANISOGAMMARUS COMPERVICOLU	ADULTS	1 5.0		2.5
DIPTERA				
CERATOPOGONIDAE SPP	LARVAE	2 .5	2 3.0	1.8

Table F-11. (Concluded)

APPEAL SLT					
SAMPLER NO.					
SITE 1					
SAMPLER 2					
SPECIES	1601	1602	1603		
SPECIMEN	13	14	15		
FA UNO AM	36	38	36		
STOM FULL %	80	75	88		
SOLUS VOL AMPL	18.8	1.8	9.5		
DEG STATE	9	8	6		
PREY	NUMB VOL %	NUMB VOL %	NUMB VOL %	MEAN VOL %	
UNSPECIFIED	NO 10.7	NO 43.8	NO 21.7	43.3	
INVERTEBRATES					
POLYCHAETA					
POLYCHAETA SPP	ADULTS			1.2	
OLIGOCALTA					
OLIGOCALTA SPP	ADULTS			1.4	
GASTROPODA					
ALUCIA SPP	ADULTS			2.6	
AKALEAL					
AKALEAL SPP	ADULTS			1.0	
ACARINA					
ACARINA SPP	ADULTS			1.1	
STRACODA					
STRACODA SPP	ADULTS	3 5.0		1.9	
COPEPODA					
HARPACTICOIDA SPP	ADULTS	3 1.7	2 1.2	5.3	
CIRRIPEDIA					
CIRRIPEDIA SPP	LARVAE			1.1	
ISOPODA					
ONALIDOPHAROMA LUTEA	ADULTS	6 12.6	2 25.0	2 3.3	5.9
AMPHIPODA					
AMPHIPODA SPP	ADULTS	NO 21.6		NO 4.3	1.8
COROPHIDIA SPP	ADULTS		1 5.0		3.1
ANISCUAMMARIUS CONFERVICOLU	ADULTS	1 43.8		3 60.7	13.5
FALCITRIGAE SPP	ADULTS				1.5
INSECTA					
INSECTA SPP	LARVAE				1.1
HYMENOPTERA					
APHIDIIDAE SPP	ADULTS				1.6
DIPTERA					
DIPTERA SPP	PUPAE				1.3
MUSCIDAE SPP	LARVAE				1.9
MUSCIDAE SPP	LARVAE				1.0
CERATOPHILIDAE SPP	LARVAE		1 25.0	2 5.7	10.0
CHEILICHTHAE SPP	LARVAE				9.9
TEPHALIDAE SPP	LARVAE			1 6.3	3.8

Table F-14. (Reference Table E-14)

		1601	2201	2502				
AREA: SEDGE								
SAMP. ER: MS								
SITE: 17								
SAMP. EQ: 061								
SPECIES:		1601	2201	2502				
SPECIMEN		1	2	3				
PK. LING. AM		98	75	23				
STON. FULL %		98	75	23				
RDUS. VOL. MM**3		28.0	28.0	2.3				
DIG. STATE		7	6	2				
PREY		NUMB	VOL. %	NUMB	VOL. %	NUMB	VOL. %	MEAN VOL. %
UNSPECIFIED		ND	35.8	ND	73.6	ND	88.9	57.4
INVERTEBRATES								
NEMATODA								
NEMATODA SPP	ADULTS			1	.1			.0
BRANCHIOPODA								
EVADNE SPP	ADULTS			1	.5			.2
COPEPODA								
HARPACTICOIDA SPP	ADULTS					13	2.8	.7
ISOPODA								
GNATHOSPHEROIDAE LUTEA	ADULTS			1	3.0			1.0
AMPHIPODA								
COGROPHIUM SPP	ADULTS	4	13.8	5	1.0	9	4.0	6.8
ANISOGAMMARUS CONFERVICOLU	ADULTS	9	92.0	5	22.0	6	28.0	33.3
DIPTERA								
DIPTERA SPP	LARVAE			1	.1			.0
CERATOPOGONIDAE SPP	LARVAE					8	4.0	1.3

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