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PART I: INTRODUCTION

### Background

1. The US Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES), Coastal Engineering Research Center's (CERC's) Field Research Facility (FRF), located on 0.7 km<sup>2</sup> at Duck, NC (Figure 1), consists of a 561-m-long research pier and accompanying office and field support buildings. The FRF is located near the middle of Currituck Spit along a 100-km unbroken stretch of shoreline extending south of Rudee Inlet, VA, to Oregon Inlet, NC. The FRF is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and Currituck Sound to the west. The Facility is designed to (a) provide a rigid platform from which waves, currents, water levels, and bottom elevations can be measured, especially during severe storms; (b) provide CERC with field experience and data to complement laboratory and analytical studies and numerical models; (c) provide a manned field facility for testing new instrumentation; and (d) serve as a permanent field base of operations for physical and biological studies of the site and adjacent region.

2. The research pier is a reinforced concrete structure supported on 0.9-m-diam steel piles spaced 12.2 m apart along the pier's length and 4.6 m apart across the width. The piles are embedded approximately 20 m below the ocean bottom. The pier deck is 6.1 m wide and extends from behind the dune-line to about the 6-m water depth contour at a height of 7.8 m above the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD). The pilings are protected against sand abrasion by concrete erosion collars and against corrosion by a cathodic system.

3. An FRF Measurements and Analysis Program has been established to collect basic oceanographic and meteorological data at the site, reduce and analyze these data, and publish the results.

4. This report, which summarizes data for 1990, continues a series of reports begun in 1977.



Figure 1. FRF location map

# Organization of Report

5. This report is organized into nine parts and five appendixes. Part I is an introduction; Parts II through VIII discuss the various data collected during the year; and Part IX describes the storms that occurred. Appendix A presents the bathymetric surveys, Appendix B summarizes deepwater wave statistics, and Appendixes C through E (published under separate cover as Volume II) contain summary statistics for other gages.

6. In each part of this report, the respective instruments used for monitoring the meteorological or oceanographic conditions are briefly described along with data collection and analysis procedures and data results. The instruments were interfaced with the primary data acquisition system, a Digital Equipment Corporation (Maynard, MA) VAX-11/750 minicomputer located in the FRF laboratory building. More detailed explanations of the design and the operation of the instruments may be found in Miller (1980). Readers' comments on the format and usefulness of the data presented are encouraged.

#### Availability of Data

7. Table 1 summarizes the available data. In addition to the wave data summaries in the main text, more extensive summaries for each of the wave gages are provided in Appendixes B through E.

#### Table 1

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Notes: \* Full week of data obtained.

/ Less than 7 days of data obtained.

- No data obtained.

8. The annual data summary herein summarizes daily observations by month and year to provide basic data for analysis by users. Daily measurements and observations have already been reported in a series of monthly Preliminary Data Summaries (FRF 1990). If individual data for the present year are needed, the user can obtain detailed information (as well as the monthly and previous annual reports) from the following address: USAE Waterways Experiment Station Coastal Engineering Research Center Field Research Facility 1261 Duck Rd. Kitty Hawk, NC 27949-9440

Although the data collected at the FRF are designed primarily to support ongoing CERC research, use of the data by others is encouraged. The WES/CERC Coastal Engineering Information and Analysis Center (CEIAC) is responsible for storing and disseminating most of the data collected at the FRF. All data requests should be in writing and addressed to:

> Commander and Director US Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station ATTN: Coastal Engineering Information Analysis Center 3909 Halls Ferry Road Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199

Tidal data other than the summaries in this report can be obtained directly from the following address:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Ocean Service ATTN: Tide Analysis Branch Rockville, MD 20852

A complete explanation of the exact data desired for specific dates and times will expedite filling any request; an explanation of how the data will be used will help CEIAC or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/National Ocean Service (NOS) determine if other relevant data are available. For information regarding the availability of data for all years, contact CEIAC at (601) 634-2012. Costs for collecting, copying, and mailing will be borne by the requester. 9. This section summarizes the meteorological measurements made during the current year and in combination with all previous years. Meteorological measurements during storms are given in Part IX.

10. Mean air temperature, atmospheric pressure, and wind speed and direction were computed for each data file, which consisted of data sampled two times per second for 34 min every 6 hr beginning at or about 0100, 0700, 1300, and 1900 eastern standard time (EST); these hours correspond to the time that the National Weather Service (NWS) creates daily synoptic weather maps. During storms, data recordings were made more frequently. The data are summarized in Table 2.

# Table 2

#### Meteorological Statistics

		Mean	M	ean						Wind Re	sultant	s
	Air T	emperature	Atmospi	heric Pres.	F	recipit	ation.	<u>mn</u>		1990	198	0-1990
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Feb	10.2	6.6	1019.3	1017.6	68	75	113	20	1.4	248	1.7	346
Mar	11.3	9.5	1020.8	1016.7	114	93	206	35	0.7	27	1.5	2
Apr	13.9	13.5	1016.0	1013.6	136	99	182	0	0.4	10	0.3	328
May	18.9	18.8	1012.9	1015.8	189	76	239	20	1.4	216	0.5	193
Jun	22.7	23.4	1014.2	1015.4	136	88	136	27	1.2	232	1.1	201
Jul	26.1	26.0	1014.8	1016.3	32	95	275	19	2.9	187	1.8	209
Aug	25.5	25.9	1014.1	1016.1	63	98	221	30	0.3	43	0.5	92
Sep	22.5	22.4	1015.1	1017.6	20	83	226	5	1.5	15	2.0	39
Oct	20.3	17.8	1015.7	1019.3	73	65	143	17	1.1	52	2.3	27
Nov	12.7	13.2	1017.3	1018.2	54	90	145	26	2.1	285	1.7	346
Dec	10.7	7.9	1019.6	1019.5	57	66	131	4	1.1	313	2.2	332
Average	16.9	15.9	1016.4	1017.0	88	85			0.5	257	0.8	354
Total					1060	1026						

#### Air Temperature

11. The FRF enjoys a typical marine climate that moderates the temperature extremes of both summer and winter.

# Measurement instruments

12. A Yellow Springs Instrument Company, Inc. (YSI) (Yellow Springs, OH), electronic temperature probe with analog output interfaced to the FRF's computer was operated beside the NWS's meteorological instrument shelter located 43 m behind the dune (Figure 2). To ensure proper temperature



Figure 2. FRF gage locations

readings, the probe was installed 3 m aboveground inside a "coolie hat" to shade it from direct sun, yet provide proper ventilation. Results

13. Daily and average air temperature values are tabulated in Table 2 and shown in Figure 3.

#### Atmospheric Pressure

# Measurement instruments

14. <u>Electronic atmospheric pressure sensor</u>. Atmospheric pressure was measured with a YSI electronic sensor with analog output located in the laboratory building at 9 m above NGVD. Data were recorded on the FRF computer. Data from this gage were compared with those from an NWS aneroid barometer to ensure proper operation.

15. <u>Microbarograph.</u> A Weathertronics, Incorporated (Sacramento, CA), recording aneroid sensor (microbarograph) located in the laboratory building also was used to continuously record atmospheric pressure variation.

16. The microbarograph was compared daily with the NWS aneroid barometer, and adjustments were made as necessary. Maintenance of the microbarograph consisted of inking the pen, changing the chart paper, and winding the clock every 7 days. During the summer, a meteorologist from the NWS checked and verified the operation of the barometer.

17. The microbarograph was read and inspected daily using the following procedure:

- <u>a</u>. The pen was zeroed (where applicable).
- b. The chart time was checked and corrected, if necessary.
- c. Daily reading was marked on the chart for reference.
- $\underline{d}.$  The starting and ending chart times were recorded, as necessary.
- e. New charts were installed when needed.



Figure 3. Daily air temperature values with monthly means

# <u>Results</u>

18. Daily and average atmospheric pressure values are presented in Figure 4, and summary statistics are presented in Table 2.

# **Precipitation**

19. Precipitation is generally well distributed throughout the year. Precipitation from midlatitude cyclones (northeasters) predominates in the winter, whereas local convection (thunderstorms) accounts for most of the summer rainfall.

# Measurement instruments

20. <u>Electronic rain gage.</u> A Belfort Instrument Company (Baltimore, MD) 30-cm weighing rain gage, located near the instrument shelter 47 m behind the dune, measured daily precipitation. According to the manufacturer, the instrument's accuracy was 0.5 percent for precipitation amounts less than



Figure 4. Daily barometric pressure values with monthly means

15 cm and 1.0 percent for amounts greater than 15 cm.

21. The rain gage was inspected daily, and the analog chart recorder was maintained by procedures similar to those for the microbarograph.

22. <u>Plastic rain gage</u>. An Edwards Manufacturing Company (Alberta Lea, MN) True Check 15-cm-capacity clear plastic rain gage with a 0.025-cm resolution was used to monitor the performance of the weighing rain gage. This gage, located near the weighing gage, was compared daily; and very few discrepancies were identified during the year.

### <u>Results</u>

23. Daily and monthly average precipitation values are shown in Figure 5. Statistics of total precipitation for each month during this year and average totals for all years combined are presented in Table 2.



Figure 5. Daily precipitation values with monthly totals

# Wind Speed and Direction

24. Winds at the FRF are dominated by tropical maritime air masses that create low to moderate, warm southern breezes; arctic and polar air masses that produce cold winds from northerly directions; and smaller scale cyclonic, low pressure systems, which originate either in the tropics (and move north along the coast) or on land (and move eastward offshore). The dominant wind direction changes with the season, being generally from northern directions in the fall and winter and from southern directions in the spring and summer. It is common for fall and winter storms (northeasters) to produce winds with average speeds in excess of 15 m/sec.

#### Measurement instrument

25. Winds were measured at the seaward end of the pier at an elevation of 19.1 m (Figure 2) using a Weather Measure Corporation (Sacramento, CA) Skyvane Model W102P anemometer. Wind speed and direction data were collected on the FRF computer. The anemometer manufacturer specifies an accuracy of  $\pm 0.45$  m/sec below 13 m/sec and 3 percent at speeds above 13 m/sec, with a

threshold of 0.9 m/sec. Wind direction accuracy is  $\pm 2$  deg with a resolution of less than 1 deg. The anemometer is calibrated annually at the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, MD, and is within the manufacturer's specifications.

# <u>Results</u>

26. Annual and monthly joint probability distributions of wind speed versus direction were computed. Winds speeds were resolved into 3-m/sec intervals, whereas the directions were at 22.5-deg intervals (i.e. 16-point compass direction specifications). These distributions are presented as wind "roses," such that the length of the petal represents the frequency of occurrence of wind blowing from the specified direction, and the width of the petal is indicative of the speed. Resultant directions and speeds were also determined by vector averaging the data (see Table 2). Wind statistics are presented in Figures 6, 7, and 8.



Figure 6. Annual wind roses



292.5 270.0 247.5 225.0 112.5 225.0 135.0 202.5 180.0<sup>157.5</sup> S MARCH Speed 0.7 m/s Direction 27 deg









Figure 7. (Sheet 2 of 3)





Figure 7. (Sheet 3 of 3)















Figure 8. (Sheet 2 of 3)





Figure 8. (Sheet 3 of 3)

27. This section presents summaries of the wave data. A discussion of individual major storms is given in Part IX and contains additional wave data for times when wave heights exceeded 2 m at the seaward end of the FRF pier. Appendixes B through E provide more extensive data summaries for each gage, including height and period distributions, wave direction distributions, persistence tables, and spectra during storms.

28. Wave directions (similar to wind directions) at the FRF are season ally distributed. Waves approach most frequently from north of the pier in the fall and winter and south of the pier in the summer, with the exception of storm waves that approach twice as frequently from north of the pier. Annually, waves are approximately evenly distributed between north and south (resultant wave direction being almost shore-normal).

### Measurement Instruments

29. The wave gages included two wave staff (Gages 645 and 625), one buoy (Gage 630), and one pressure (Gage 111) gage as shown in Figure 2 and located as follows:

Gage Type/Number	Distance from Ba	Offshore seline	Water Depth m	Operational Period
Continuous wire (645)	238	m	3.5	11/84-12/90
Continuous wire (625)	567	m	8	11/78-12/90
Accelerometer buoy (630)	6	km	18	11/78-12/90
Pressure gage (111)	1	km	9	09/86-12/90

#### Staff gages

30. Two Baylor Company (Houston, TX) parallel cable inductance wave gages (Gage 645 at sta 7+80 and Gage 625 at sta 19+00 (Figure 2)) were mounted on the FRF pier. Rugged and reliable, these gages require little maintenance except to keep tension on the cables and to remove any material that may cause an electrical short between them. They were calibrated prior to installation by creating an electrical short between the two cables at known distances along the cable and recording the voltage output. Electronic signal conditioning amplifiers are used to ensure that the output signals from the gages are within a 0- to 5-V range. Manufacturer-stated gage accuracy is about 1.0 percent, with a 0.1-percent full-scale resolution; full scale is 14 m for Gage 625 and 8.2 m for Gage 645. These gages are susceptible to

lightning damage, but protective measures have been taken to minimize such occurrences. A more complete description of the gages' operational charac-teristics was given by Grogg (1986).

#### <u>Buoy gage</u>

31. One Datawell Laboratory for Instrumentation (Haarlem, The Netherlands) Waverider buoy gage (Gage 630) measures the vertical acceleration produced by the passage of a wave. The acceleration signal is double-integrated to produce a displacement signal transmitted by radio to an onshore receiver. The manufacturer stated that wave amplitudes are correct to within 3 percent of their actual value for wave frequencies between 0.065 and 0.500 Hz (corresponding 15- to 2-sec wave periods). The manufacturer also specified that the error gradually increased to 10 percent for wave periods in excess of 20 sec. The results in this report were not corrected for the manufacturer's specified amplitude errors. However, the buoy was calibrated semiannually to ensure that it was within the manufacturer's specification.

# Pressure gage

32. One Senso-Metrics, Incorporated (Simi Valley, CA), pressure transduction gage (Gage 111) installed near the ocean bottom measures the pressure changes produced by the passage of waves creating an output signal that is linear and proportional to pressure when operated within its design limits. Predeployment and postdeployment precision calibrations are performed at the FRF using a static deadweight tester. The sensor's range is 0 to 25 psi (equivalent to 0- to 17-m seawater) above atmospheric pressure with a manufacturer-stated accuracy of  $\pm 0.25$  percent. Copper scouring pads are installed at the sensor's diaphragm to reduce biological fouling, and the system is periodically cleaned by divers.

#### Digital Data Analysis and Summarization

33. The data were collected, analyzed, and stored on magnetic tape using the FRF's VAX computer. Data sets were normally collected every 6 hr. During storms, the collection was at 3-hr intervals. For each gage, a data set consisted of four contiguous records of 4,096 points recorded at 0.5 Hz (approximately 34-min long), for a total of 2 hr and 16 min. Analysis was performed on individual 34-min records.

34. The ana'ysis program computes the first moment (mean) and the

second moment about the mean (variance) and then edits the data by checking for "jumps," "spikes," and points exceeding the voltage limit of the gage. A jump is defined as a data value greater than five standard deviations from the previous data value, whereas a spike is a data value more than five standard deviations from the mean. If less than five consecutive jumps or spikes are found, the program linearly interpolates between acceptable data and replaces the erroneous data values. The editing stops if the program finds more than five consecutive jumps or spikes or more than a total of 100 bad points or the variance of the voltage is below  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  squared volts. The statistics and diagnostics from the analysis are saved.

Sea surface energy spectra are computed from the edited time 35. series. Spectral estimates are computed from smaller data segments obtained by dividing the 4,096-point record into several 512-point segments. The estimates are then ensemble-averaged to produce a more accurate spectrum. These data segments are overlapped by 50 percent (known as the Welch (1967) method) and have been shown to produce improved statistical properties than from nonoverlapped segments. The mean and linear trends are removed from each segment prior to spectral analysis. To reduce sidelobe leakage in the spectral estimates, a data window was applied. The first and last 10 percent of data points was multiplied by a cosine bell (Bingham, Godfrey, and Tukey 1967). Spectra were computed from each segment with a discreet Fast Fourier Transform and then ensemble-averaged. Sea surface spectra from subsurface pressure gages were obtained by applying the linear wave theory transfer function.

36. Unless otherwise stated, wave height in this report refers to the energy-based parameter  $H_{mo}$  defined as four times the zeroth moment wave height of the estimated sea surface spectrum (i.e., four times the square root of the variance) computed from the spectrum passband. Energy computations from the spectra are limited to a passband between 0.05 and 0.50 Hz for surface gages and between 0.05 Hz and a high frequency cutoff for subsurface gages. This high frequency limit is imposed to eliminate aliased energy and noise measurements from biasing the computation of  $H_{mo}$  and is defined as the frequency where the linear theory transfer function is less than 0.1 (spectral values are multiplied by 100 or more). Smoother and more statistically significant spectral estimates are obtained by band-averaging contiguous spectral components (three components are averaged per band producing a

frequency band width of 0.0117 Hz).

37. Wave period  $T_p$  is defined as the period associated with the maximum energy band in the spectrum, which is computed using a 3-point running average band on the spectrum. The peak period is reported as the reciprocal of the center frequency (i.e.,  $T_p = 1/\text{frequency}$ ) of the spectral band with the highest energy. A detailed description of the analysis techniques are presented in a report by Andrews (1987).<sup>\*\*</sup>

# <u>Results</u>

38. The wave conditions for the year are shown in Figure 9. For all four gages, the distributions of wave height for the current year and all years combined are presented in Figures 10 and 11, respectively. Distributions of wave period are presented in Figure 12.

39. Multiple year comparisons of data for Gage 111 actually incorporate data for 1985 and 1986 from Gage 640, a discontinued Waverider buoy previously located at the approximate depth and distance offshore as Gage 111 and data for 1987 from Gage 141, located 30 m south of Gage 111.

40. Refraction, bottom friction, and wave breaking contribute to the observed differences in height and period. During the most severe storms when the wave heights exceed 3 m at the seaward end of the pier, the surf zone (wave breaking) has been observed to extend past the end of the pier and occasionally 1 km offshore. This occurrence is a major reason for the differences in the distributions between Gage 630 and the inshore gages. The wave height statistics for the staff gage (Gage 645), located at the landward end of the pier, were considerably lower than those for the other gages. In all but the calmest conditions, this gage is within the breaker zone. Consequently, these statistics represent a lower energy wave climate.

<sup>\*</sup> M. E. Andrews. 1987. "Standard Wave Data Analysis Procedures for Coastal Engineering Applications," unpublished report prepared for the US Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, MS.



Figure 9. 1990 Time-histories of wave height and period for Gage 630







Figure 12. Annual wave period distributions for all gages

41. Summary wave statistics for the current year and all years combined are presented for Gage 630 in Table 3.

				1990						1	980-199	D C		_
		Hei	ght		Per	iod			Hei	ght		Per	iod	
	Mass	Std.	Extrano		Maan	Std.	Number	Mean	Std.	Futuene			Std.	Number
Month				Date	<u>sec</u>	_sec	Obs.	<u></u>	_ <u>m</u> _		Date	sec	_sec	<u>Obs</u> ,
Jan	0.8	0.3	1.5	19	8.3	2.2	123	12	07	45	1983	8 1	27	1194
Feb	1.1	0.5	2.8	11	8.3	2.5	111	1.2	0.7	5.1	1987	8.4	2.6	1121
Mar	1.1	0.6	2.8	29	8.8	2.7	119	1.2	0.7	4.7	1983	8.6	2.6	1240
Apr	1.0	0.4	2.2	18	8.9	2.3	115	1.0	0.6	5.0	1988	8.6	2.7	1207
May	0.9	0.4	2,5	22	8.1	2.6	124	0.9	0.5	3.3	1986	8.1	2.4	1229
Jun	0.9	0.5	2.1	12	8.1	2.2	93	0.8	0.4	2.4	1988	7.8	2.2	1138
Jul	0.9	0.4	1.7	26	7.7	1.8	107	0.7	0.3	2.1	1985	8.1	2.5	1164
Aug	0.7	0.4	1,8	1	9.7	2.8	119	0.8	0.5	3.6	1981	8.2	2.5	1180
Sep	1.0	0.4	2.0	4	8.8	3.1	120	1.1	0.6	6.1	1985	8.6	2.7	1191
Oct	1.3	0.7	4.4	26	8.5	2.5	117	1.2	0.7	4.4	1990	8.7	2.8	1239
Nov	1.1	0.7	3.6	10	7.8	2.2	79	1.1	0.7	4.1	1981	7.9	2.7	1037
Dec	1.2	0.6	2.5	9	8.0	2.4	121	1.2	0.8	5.6	1980	8.2	2.9	1067
Annual	1.0	0.5	4.4	Oct	8.5	2.5	1348	1.0	0.6	6.1	Sep 198:	58.3	2.6	14007

Table 3Wave Statistics for Gage 630

42. Annual joint distributions of wave height versus wave period for Gage 630 are presented for 1990 in Table 4, and for all years combined in Table 5. Similar distributions for the other gages are included in Appendixes B-E.

43. Annual distributions of wave directions (relative to True North) based on daily observations of direction at the seaward end of the pier and height from Gage 625 (or Gage 111 when data for Gage 625 were unavailable) are shown in Figure 13. Monthly wave "roses" for 1990 and all years combined are presented in Figures 14 and 15, respectively.

Table	4
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						F	eriod,	sec					
	2.0-	3.0-	4.0-	5.0-	6.0-	7.0-	8.0-	9.0-	10.0-	12.0-	14.0-	16.0-	
Height, m	2.9	<u>3,9</u>	4.9	<u>5,9</u>	<u>6,9</u>	7.9	<u>    8, 9</u>	<u>9,9</u>	<u>11.9</u>	<u>13.9</u>	<u>15.9</u>	Longer	<u>Tota</u>
0.00 - 0.49	15		15	15	45	104	378	312	178	52	126		124
0.50 - 0.99	41	163	237	401	497	490	1105	868	838	96	356	37	513:
1.00 - 1.49		15	230	445	312	178	482	289	297	37	134	•	2419
1.50 - 1.99			7	208	185	96	96	104	82		52	•	830
2.00 - 2.49				7	163	59	37		22				28
2.50 - 2.99					15	7	7		7	7	7	7	5
3.00 - 3.49							•					•	(
3.50 - 3.99				•			7	15					2:
4.00 - 4.49								7				•	
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5.00 - Greater			•									•	(
Total	60	178	489	1076	1217	934	2112	1595	1424	192	675	44	

Annual (1990) Joint Distribution of  $H_{mo}$  versus  $T_p$  for Gage 630\*

\* Percent occurrence (x100) of height and period.

Table 5

Annual (1980-1990) Joint Distribution of H<sub>mo</sub> versus T<sub>p</sub> for Gage 630 (All Years)\*

						P	eriod.	sec					
Height, m	2.0- 2,9	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- 6,9	7.0- 	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- <u>9.9</u>	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- _13.9	14.0- <u>15.9</u>	16.0- Longer	<u>Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49	29	14	27	61	89	116	333	281	191	69	126	3	1339
0.50 - 0.99	39	137	253	501	586	522	874	736	787	143	230	17	4825
1.00 - 1.49		9	148	403	437	256	263	211	335	41	124	4	2231
1.50 - 1.99			12	163	246	111	82	79	128	33	76	4	934
2.00 - 2.49			1	24	93	69	55	38	61	29	39	1	410
2.50 - 2.99				1	9	31	17	14	34	10	24	1	141
3.00 - 3.49					1	11	13	12	15	4	8		64
3.50 - 3.99						1	6	7	11	4	4		33
4.00 - 4.49							1	4	7	1	4		17
4.50 - 4.99								1	2				3
5.00 - Greater							1		1	1	1		4
Total	68	160	441	1153	1461	1117	1645	1383	1572	335	636	30	

\* Percent occurrence (x100) of height and period.





S 1990 Height 0.7 m Direction 70 deg Ν 0.0 22.5 45.0 67.5 🗖 90.0E 112.5 135.0 157.5 S 1980-1990 Height 0.8 m Direction 66 deg Height, m 2.0 3.0 4.0 2.0



Figure 13. Annual wave roses





S JANUARY Height 0.4 m Direction 72 deg S FEBRUARY Height 0.7 m Direction 61 deg





S MARCH Height 0.8 m Direction 61 deg





Figure 14. Monthly wave roses for 1990 (Sheet 1 of 3)




S MAY Height 0.6 m Direction 68 deg

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S JUNE Height 0.6 m Direction 77 deg







45.0



S JULY Height 0.6 m Direction 84 deg





Figure 14. (Sheet 2 of 3)



45.0







S SEPTEMBER Height 0.8 m Direction 75 deg

S OCTOBER Height 0.9 m Direction 70 deg





S NOVEMBER Height 0.7 m Direction 57 deg





Figure 14. (Sheet 3 of 3)



(Sheet 1 of 3)



Figure 15. (Sheet 2 of 3)





S SEPTEMBER Height 0.8 m Direction 70 deg



S OCTOBER Height 1.0 m Direction 67 deg





135.0

S NOVEMBER Height 0.9 m Direction 60 deg S DECEMBER Height 0.8 m Direction 59 deg



Figure 15 (Sheet 3 of 3)

#### PART IV: CURRENTS

44. Surface current speed and direction at the FRF are influenced by winds, waves, and, indirectly, by the bottom topography. The extent of the respective influence varies daily. However, winds tend to dominate the currents at the seaward end of the pier, whereas waves dominate within the surf zone.

# <u>Observations</u>

45. Near 0700 EST, daily observations of surface current speed and direction were made at (a) the seaward end of the pier, (b) the midsurf position on the pier, and (c) 10 to 15 m from the beach 500 m updrift of the pier. Surface currents were determined by observing the movement of dye on the water surface.

### <u>Results</u>

46. Annual mean and mean currents for 1980 through 1990 are presented in Table 6 and in Figure 16. Figure 16 shows the daily and average annual measurements at the beach, pier midsurf, and pier end locations. Since the relative influences of the winds and waves vary with position from shore, the current speeds and, to some extent, direction vary at the beach, midsurf, and pier end locations. Magnitudes generally are largest at the midsurf location and lowest at the end of the pier.

	Pier End	<u>d, cm/sec</u>	<u>Pier Midsu</u>	rf, cm/sec	Beach,	cm/sec
		1980-		1980-		1980-
Month	<u>1990</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1990</u>	_1990	<u>1990</u>	1990
Jan	5	15	-11	16	-13	10
Feb	11	17	-6	10	6	12
Mar	13	16	-1	12	6	12
Apr	15	11	-12	0	2	7
May	8	10	-5	-4	-3	-2
Jun	0	5	-19	-9	-15	-7
Jul	11	4	-31	-17	-19	-11
Aug	17	9	-10	-11	-4	-5
Sep	11	7	-10	-7	2	-3
Oct	-5	8	-22	-1	-31	1
Nov	18	13	28	8	15	11
Dec	9	14	15	17	10	11
Annual	10	11	-6	1	-4	з

# Table 6Mean Longshore Surface Currents\*

\* + = southward; - = northward.



Figure 16. Daily current speeds and directions with monthly means for 1990

#### PART V: TIDES AND WATER LEVELS

#### Measurement Instrument

47. Water level data were obtained from a NOAA/NOS control tide station (sta 865-1370) located at the seaward end of the research pier (Figure 2) by using a Leupold and Stevens, Inc. (Beaverton, OR), digital tide gage. This analog-to-digital recorder is a float-activated, negator-spring, counterpoised instrument that mechanically converts the vertical motion of a float into a coded, punched paper tape record. The below-deck installation at pier sta 19+60 consisted of a 30.5-cm-diam stilling well with a 2.5-cm orifice and a 21.6-cm-diam float.

48. Operation and tending of the tide gage conformed to NOS standards. The gage was checked daily for proper operation of the punch mechanism and for accuracy of the time and water level information. The accuracy was determined by comparing the gage level reading with a level read from a reference electric tape gage. Once a week, a heavy metal rod was lowered down the stilling well and through the orifice to ensure free flow of water into the well. During the summer months, when biological growth was most severe, divers inspected and cleaned the orifice opening as required.

49. The tide station was inspected quarterly by a NOAA/NOS tide field group. Tide gage elevation was checked using existing NOS control positions, and the equipment was checked and adjusted as needed. Both NOS and FRF personnel also reviewed procedures for tending the gage and handling the data. Any specific comments on the previous months of data were discussed to ensure data accuracy.

50. Digital paper tape records of tide heights taken every 6 min were analyzed by the Tides Analysis Branch of NOS. An interpreter created a digital magnetic computer tape from the punch paper tape, which was then processed on a large computer. First, a listing of the instantaneous tidal height values was created for visual inspection. If errors were encountered, a computer program was used to fill in or recreate bad or missing data using correct values from the nearest NOS tide station and accounting for known time lags and elevation anomalies. The data were plotted, and a new listing was generated and rechecked. When the validity of the data had been confirmed, monthly tabulations of daily highs and lows, hourly heights (instantaneous

height selected on the hour), and various extreme and/or mean water level statistics were computed.

# <u>Results</u>

51. Tides at the FRF are semidiurnal with both daily high and low tides approximately equal. Tide height statistics are presented in Table 7. Figure 17 plots the monthly tide statistics for all available data, and Figure 18 compares the distribution of daily high and low water levels and hourly tide heights. The monthly or annual mean sea level (MSL) reported is the average of the hourly heights, whereas the mean tide level is midway between mean high water (MHW) and mean low water (MLW), which are the averages of the daily high- and low-water levels, respectively, relative to NGVD. Mean range (MR) is the difference between MHW and MLW levels, and the lowest water level for the month is the extreme low (EL) water, while the highest water level is the extreme high (EH) water level.

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Month	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
or	High	Tide	Sea	Low	Mean	Extreme		Extreme	
<u>Year</u>	Water	<u>Level</u>	<u>Level</u>	Water	Range	<u>High</u>	Date	Low	Date
					<u>1990</u>				
Jan	36	-4	-4	-46	82	76	9	-75	28
Feb	41	0	1	-41	82	94	5	-78	25
Mar	43	2	2	-40	83	81	29	-64	28
Apr	43	3	3	-38	81	82	26	-66	11
May	52	11	11	-29	81	109	22	-47	11
Jun	49	9	9	-32	81	86	22	-53	3
Jul	49	10	10	-30	79	74	22	-54	21
Aug	56	17	17	-22	78	92	21	-46	20
Sep	59	20	20	-20	79	87	4	-44	20
Oct	57	16	16	-25	82	99	26	-65	5
Nov	54	13	13	-28	82	94	18	-53	28
Dec	47	5	6	-36	83	89	3	-74	31
1990	49	9	9	-32	81	109	May	- 78	Feb
				1	Prior Yea	<u>:s</u>			
1989	49	9	9	-31	80	199	Mar	-77	Apr
1988	46	6	7	-33	79	129	Apr	-72	Dec
1987	55	15	16	-24	79	113	Jan	-63	Nov
1986	60	13	13	-35	95	123	Dec	-108	Jan
1985	59	10	11	-37	96	136	Dec	-93	Apr
1984	64	16	16	-32	97	147	Oct	-77	Ju1
1983	68	19	19	-30	98	143	Jan	-73	Mar
1982	58	8	9	-42	99	127	Oct	-108	Feb
1981	59	8	9	-42	101	149	Nov	-110	Apr
1980	59	8	8	-43	102	118	Mar	-119	Mar
1979	60	9	9	-43	103	121	Feb	-95	Sep
1979-									
1990	57	11	11	-35	93	199	Mar 1989	-119	Mar 1980

<u>Tide Height Statistics\*</u>

\* Measurements are in centimeters.



high- and low-water levels

### PART VI: WATER CHARACTERISTICS

52. Monthly averages of daily measurements of surface water temperature, visibility, and density at the seaward end of the FRF pier are given in Table 8. The summaries represent single observations made near 0700 EST and, therefore, may not reflect daily average conditions since such characteristics can change within a 24-hr period. Large temperature variations were common when there were large differences between the air and water temperatures and variations in wind direction. From past experience, persistent onshore winds move warmer surface water toward the shoreline, although offshore winds cause colder bottom water to circulate shoreward resulting in lower temperatures.

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Mean	Surface	Water	Characteristics
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	Temperature deg C		Visibility m		Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
		1980-		1980-		1980-
Month	<u>1990</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1990</u>	1990	1990
Jan	6.7	5.9	2.0	1.3	1.0241	1.0236
Feb	9.0	5.3	2.5	1.8	1.0236	1.0232
Mar	10.1	6.9	2.1	1.6	1.0232	1.0229
Apr	12.6	11.0	2.5	2.0	1.0223	1.0226
May	15.4	15.3	3.1	2.4	1.0230	1.0222
Jun	20.2	19.3	4.0	3.5	1.0212	1.0215
Jul	22.5	22.0	4.3	3.8	1.0216	1.0215
Aug	26.4	23.7	4.0	3.2	1.0195	1.0204
Sep	25.1	23.0	2.6	2.2	1.0199	1.0209
Oct	21.8	19.5	2.1	1.5	1.0221	1.0217
Nov	15.7	14.9	2,0	1.0	1.0224	1.0229
Dec	11.9	10.0	1.5	1.1	1.0234	1.0235
Annual	16.4	14.7	2.7	2.1	1.0221	1.0222

### <u>Temperature</u>

53. Daily sea surface water temperatures (Figure 19) were measured with an NOS water sampler and thermometer. Monthly mean water temperatures (Table 8) varied with the air temperatures (see Table 2).



Figure 19. Daily water temperature values with monthly means

### **Visibility**

54. Visibility in coastal nearshore waters depends on the amount of salts, soluble organic material, detritus, living organisms, and inorganic particles in the water. These dissolved and suspended materials change the absorption and attenuation characteristics of the water that vary daily and yearly.

55. Visibility was measured with a 0.3-m-diam Secchi disk, and similar to water temperature, variation was related to onshore and offshore winds. Onshore winds moved warm clear surface water toward shore, whereas offshore winds brought up colder bottom water with large concentrations of suspended matter. Figure 20 presents the daily and monthly mean surface visibility values for the year. Large variations were common, and visibility less than 1 m was expected in any month. Monthly means are given in Table 8.



Figure 20. Daily water visibility values with monthly means

# <u>Density</u>

56. Daily and monthly mean surface density values, plotted in Figure 21, were measured with a hydrometer. Monthly means are also given in Table 8.





57. Waves and currents interacting with bottom sediments produce changes in the beach and nearshore bathymetry. These changes can occur very rapidly in response to storms or slowly as a result of persistent but less forceful seasonal variations in wave and current conditions.

58. Nearshore bathymetry at the FRF is characterized by regular shoreparallel contours, a moderate slope, and a barred surf zone (usually an outer storm bar in water depths of about 4.5 m and an inner bar in water depths between 1.0 and 2.0 m). This pattern is interrupted in the immediate vicinity of the pier where a permanent trough runs under much of the pier, ending in a scour hole where depths can be up to 3.0 m greater than the adjacent bottom (Figure 22). This trough, which apparently is the result of the interaction of waves and currents with the pilings, varies in shape and depth with changing wave and current conditions. The effect of the pier on shore-parallel contours occurs as far as 300 m away, and the shoreline may be affected up to 350 m from the pier (Miller, Birkemeier, and DeWall 1983).



Figure 22. Permanent trough under the FRF pier, 6 September 1990

59. To document the temporal and spatial variability in bathymetry, surveys were conducted approximately monthly of an area extending 600 m north and south of the pier and approximately 950 m offshore. Contour maps resulting from these surveys along with plots of change in elevation between surveys are given in Appendix A.

60. All surveys used the Coastal Research Amphibious Buggy (CRAB), a 10.7-m-tall amphibious tripod, and a Zeiss electronic surveying system described by Birkemeier and Mason (1984). The profile locations are shown in each figure in Appendix A. Survey accuracy was about  $\pm 3$  cm horizontally and vertically. Monthly soundings along both sides of the FRF pior were collected by lowering a weighted measuring tape to the bottom and recording the distance below the pier deck. Soundings were taken midway between the pier pilings to minimize errors caused by scour near the pilings.

61. A history of bottom elevations below Gages 645 and 625 is presented in Figure 23 for their respective pier stations of sta 7+80 (238 m) and sta 18+60 (567 m) along with intermediate locations, 323 and 433 m.



Figure 23. Time-history of bottom elevations at selected locations under the FRF pier

# PART VIII: PHOTOGRAPHY

# Aerial Photographs

62. Aerial photography was taken quarterly using a 23-cm aerial mapping camera at a scale of 1:12,000. All coverage was at least 60-percent overlap, with flights flown as closely as possible to low tide between 1000 and 1400 EST with less than 10-percent cloud cover. The flight lines covered are shown in Figure 24. Figure 25 is a sample of the imagery obtained on 17 April 1990; the available aerial photographs for the year are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flight Lines</u>	<u>Format</u>
14 Jan	1	B/W
23 Jan	2	Color
	3	B/W

# Beach Photographs

63. Daily color slides of the beach were taken using a 35-mm camera from the same location on the pier looking north and south (Figure 26). The location from which each picture was taken, as well as the date, time, and a brief description of the picture, was marked on the slides.



Figure 24. Aerial photography flight lines



Figure 25. Sample aerial photograph, 17 April 1990



a. 18 January 1990





Second and the second

b. 18 February 1990



c. 18 March 1990

Figure 26. Beach photos looking north and south from the FRF pier (Sheet 1 of 4)

North View

South View





d. 18 April 1990





e. 18 May 1990



f. 28 June 1990

Figure 26. (Sheet 2 of 4)

North View

South View



g. 18 July 1990



h. 28 August 1990



i. 18 September 1990

Figure 26. (Sheet 3 of 4)

North View

South View



j. 18 October 1990



k. 18 November 1990





1. 18 December 1990 Figure 26. (Sheet 4 of 4)

64. This section discusses storms (defined here as times when the wave height parameter,  $H_{mo}$ , equaled or exceeded 2 m at the seaward end of the FRF pier). Sample spectra from Gage 630 are given in Appendix B. Prestorm and/or poststorm bathymetry diagrams are given in Appendix A. Tracking information was provided by NOAA Daily Weather Maps (US Department of Commerce 1990).

65. Following the passage of a cold front, strong northerly winds generated by a high pressure system began to affect the FRF late on 4 February. Peak northerly winds exceeding 19 m/sec were recorded at 2200 EST on 4 February. The maximum  $H_{mo}$  (Gage 625) of 2.07 m ( $T_p = 7.31$  sec) occurred at 0508 EST on 5 February.



Figure 27. Data for 5 February 1990 storm

## 6 March 1990 (Figure 28)

66. Winds from a strong Canadian high pressure system began to generate storm waves at the FRF late on 6 March. The maximum  $H_{mo}$  (Gage 625) of 2.50 m ( $T_p$  = 7.53 sec) was attained at 0208 EST on 7 March. Maximum winds (from northeast) exceeding 16 m/sec occurred at 0542 EST also on 7 March.



Figure 28. Data for 6 March 1990 storm

# 29 March 1990 (Figure 29)

67. Developing over South Carolina on 29 March, this storm rapidly moved to the northeast being located off the Virginia coast by 30 March. Maximum winds approaching 16 m/sec peaked at 1634 EST on 29 March with the maximum  $H_{mo}$  (Gage 625) of 2.22 ( $T_p$  = 6.92 sec) occurring later the same day at 1934 EST. The minimum atmospheric pressure of 1,014 mb was recorded at 0400 EST on 30 March. Total precipitation was 30 mm.



Figure 29. Data for 29 March 1990 storm

### 22-23 May 1990 (Figure 30)

68. Traveling across the southern United States, this storm went off the South Carolina coast early on 23 May. The maximum  $H_{mo}$  (Gage 625) of 2.33 m ( $T_p$  = 6.92 sec) was attained at 2222 EST on 22 May. Preceding this by several hours, the peak wind speed (from northeast) exceeded 16 m/sec. Because the storm track remained well south of the FRF, the minimum atmospheric pressure dropped to only 1,007.1 mb. Total precipitation was 45 mm.



Figure 30. Data for 22-23 May 1990 storm

# 12-13 October 1990 (Figure 31)

69. Large waves generated by Hurricane Lili arrived on the North Carolina coast late on 12 October. Remaining well offshore, Lili turned north on 13 October, no longer posing a threat to the coast. Because the storm remained well offshore, the only effects to the FRF were the increased wave heights. The maximum  $H_{mo}$  (Gage 625) of 2.44 m ( $T_p$  = 12.88 sec) occurred at 2133 EST on 12 October.



Figure 31. Data for 12-13 October 1990 storm

#### 25-27 October 1990 (Figure 32)

70. Forming over South Carolina early on 25 October, this strong storm slowly moved offshore where it quickly intensified and slowly moved up the coast, being centered off Cape Hatteras, NC, on the morning of 26 October. By 27 October the storm was located off New England. Peak winds approaching 21 m/sec were recorded at 0434 EST on 26 October with the maximum  $H_{mo}$ (Gage 111) of 5.00 m ( $T_p$  = 9.85 sec) occurring several hours later at 0700 EST. The minimum atmospheric pressure of 992.3 mb was recorded on 26 October at 0259 EST. Total precipitation was 43 mm.



Figure 32. Data for 25-27 October 1990 storm

# 10 November 1990 (Figure 33)

71. Developing over Texas early on 8 November, this storm quickly moved to the east, being located over North Carolina on 10 November. Maximum wind speeds (from southeast) exceeded 13 m/sec at 0508 EST on 10 November. The peak  $H_{mo}$  (Gage 625) reached 2.62 m ( $T_p$  = 9.85 sec) several hours later at 0734 EST. The minimum atmospheric pressure of 996.6 mb occurred at 0633 EST, also on 10 November. Total precipitation was 34 mm.



Figure 33. Data for 10 November 1990 storm

# 17-19 November 1990 (Figure 34)

72. Strong winds generated by a mid-western high pressure system began to produce storm waves at the FRF late on 17 November. Maximum wind speeds (from north) exceeded 16 m/sec at 2308 EST on 17 November. The peak  $H_{mo}$  (at Gage 625) reached 2.37 m ( $T_p$  = 7.76 sec) at 0134 EST on 18 November.



Figure 34. Data for 17-19 November 1990 storm

# 30 November 1990 (Figure 35)

73. Following the passage of a cold front early on 29 November, strong winds generated by another mid-western high pressure system briefly produced storm waves at the FRF. Winds exceeded 10 m/sec (from north-northwest) at 0100 EST on 30 November with the maximum  $H_{mo}$  (Gage 625) of 2.15 m ( $T_p$  = 6.92 sec) occurring at the same time.



Figure 35. Data for 30 November 1990 storm

### 8-9 December 1990 (Figure 36)

74. Developing over Texas on 6 December, this small coastal storm rapidly moved into the Atlantic, being located off Cape Hatteras, NC, on 8 December. The minimum atmospheric pressure of 1,010.0 mb was recorded on 8 December at 1442 EST followed (at 1600 EST) by the peak wind speed (from north-northwest) which surpassed 15 m/sec. The maximum  $H_{mo}$  (Gage 625) of 2.08 m ( $T_p$  = 9.48 sec) occurred on 9 December at 0542 EST. Total precipitation was 24 mm.



Figure 36. Data for 8-9 December 1990 storm
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# APPENDIX A: SURVEY DATA

 Contour diagrams constructed from the bathymetric survey data are presented in this appendix. The profile lines surveyed are identified on each diagram. Contours are in half meters referenced to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD). The distance offshore is referenced to the Field Research Facility (FRF) monumentation baseline behind the dune.

2. Changes in FRF bathymetry diagrams constructed by contouring the difference between two contour diagrams are also presented with contour intervals of 0.25 m. Wide contour lines show areas of erosion. Other areas correspond to areas of accretion. Although these change diagrams are based on considerable interpolation of the original survey data, they do facilitate comparison of the contour diagrams.

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Figure A7. FRF Bathymetry 31 October 90 (depths relative to NGVD)

### APPENDIX B: WAVE DATA FOR GAGE 630

1. Wave data summaries for Gage 630 are presented for 1990 and for 1980 through 1990 in the following forms:

Daily  $H_{mo}$  and  $T_{p}$ 

2. Figure Bl displays the individual wave height  $(H_{mo})$  and peak spectral wave period  $(T_p)$  values along with the monthly mean values.

Joint Distributions of  $H_{mo}$  and  $T_{p}$ 

3. Annual and monthly joint distributions tables are presented in Tables Bl and B2, and data for 1980 through 1990 are in Tables B3 and B4. Each table gives the frequency (in parts per 10,000) for which the wave height and peak period were within the specified intervals; these values can be converted to percentages by dividing by 100. Marginal totals are also included. The row total gives the number of observations out of 10,000 that fell within each specified peak period interval. The column total gives the number of observations out of 10,000 that fell within each specified wave height interval.

## Cumulative Distributions of Wave Height

4. Annual and monthly wave height distributions for 1990 are plotted in cumulative form in Figures B2 and B3. Data for 1980 through 1990 are in Figure B4.

#### Peak Spectral Wave Period Distributions

5. Annual and monthly peak wave period,  $T_p$ , distribution histograms for 1990 are presented in Figures B5 and B6. Data for 1980 through 1990 are in Figure B7.

### Persistence of Wave Heights

6. Table B5 shows the number of times in 1990 when the specified wave height was equaled or exceeded at least once during each day for the duration (consecutive days). Data for 1980 through 1990 are given in Table B6. An example is shown below:

Height							Cons	ecut	ive	Day(s	s) or	Lor	nger		-				
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1.0	50	34	24	21	18	14	12	8	7	3			2						
1.5	41	19	8	6	2	1													
2.0	22	9	5	1															
2.5	10	5	2																
3.0	6	1																	
3.5		1																	
4.0	1																		

This example indicates that wave heights equaled or exceeded 1.0 m 50 times for at least 1 day; 34 times for at least 2 days; 24 times for at least 3 days, etc. Therefore, on 16 occasions the height equaled or exceeded 1.0 m for 1 day exactly (50 - 34 - 16); on 10 occasions for 2 days; on 3 occasions for 3 days, etc. Note that the height exceeded 1 m 50 times for 1 day or longer, while heights exceeded 0.5 m only 18 times for this same duration. This change in durations occurred because the longer durations of lower waves may be interspersed with shorter, but more frequent, intervals of higher waves. For example, one of the times that the wave heights exceeded 0.5 m for 16 days may have represented 3 times the height exceeded 1 m for shorter durations.

#### <u>Spectra</u>

7. Monthly spectra for the offshore Waverider buoy (Gage 630) are presented in Figure B8. The plots show "relative" energy density as a function of wave frequency. These figures summarize the large number of spectra for each month. The figures emphasize the higher energy density associated with storms as well as the general shifts in energy density to different frequencies. As used here, "relative" indicates the spectra have been smoothed by the three-dimensional surface drawing routine. Consequently, extremely high- and low-energy density values are modified to produce a smooth surface. The figures are not intended for quantitative measurements; however,

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they do provide the energy density as a function of frequency relative to the other spectra for the month.

8. Monthly and annual wave statistics for Gage 630 for 1990 and for 1980 through 1990 are presented in Table B7.

9. Figure B9 plots monthly time-histories of wave height and period.



Figure B1. 1990 daily wave height and period values with monthly means for Gage 630

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# Table Bl Annual Joint Distribution of $\,H_{mo}\,$ versus $\,T_{p}\,$

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# $Table \ B2$ Monthly Joint Distribution of \ H\_{mo} \ versus \ T\_p

February 1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

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<u>Height.m</u>	2.0- 2.9	3.0- <u>3,9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- 7.9	8.0- _ <u>8.9</u>	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _11.9	12.0- _13.9	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- _Longer	<u>Iotal</u>
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# March 1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

						Pe	riod.	sec					
Height. m	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- _ <u>6,9</u>	7.0- 7.9	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- _ <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- Longer	Iotal
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May 1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

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June 1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

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Period. sec													
<u>Height. m</u>	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- 	5.0- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- 7.9	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- _ <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- Longer	Iotal
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater Total		17i	513 256	256 513 427	85 427 342 171	171 171 256	769 598	855 855	940 684 85 256 85	85 85	513 85		0 4273 3674 1110 427 255 0 170 85 0 0

November 1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

		-				Pe	riod.	sec					
<u>Height.m</u>	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.9- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- 6.9	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- 8.9	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- Longer	Total
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	253 127	• • • • •	127 253	380 253 253	759 380 506 633	253 253 253 253 127 127	886 380 633 127	127 380 253 127	127 1013 253 127	127	127		1900 3419 2278 1393 760 127 0 127 0 127 0
5.00 - Greater Total	38Ö	ò	38Ò	88Ġ	2278	1266	202Ġ	1014	152 <sup>0</sup>	127	127	ò	U

	December 1990,	Gage 630
Percent	Occurrence(X100) of	Height and Period

	Period. sec												
<u>Height.m</u>	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- 	5.0- _ <u>5.9</u>	6. <b>0-</b> <b>6.9</b>	7.0- 	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- <u>9.9</u>	10.0- _11.9	12.0- <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- <u>Longer</u>	Total
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		83	248 413 83	413 496 413	579 579 331 579	248 331 579 83	413 331 413 83 	165 413 248 248	83 496 909	83 248       	165 165 83		496 3306 3390 2067 745 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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			Po	ercent	Occur	Annual rence(	1980- X100)	1990, of Hei	Gage 63 ght and	30 d Peri	bd		
						<u> </u>		SEC			••••		
<u>Height.m</u>	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- 6.9	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- <u>9.9</u>	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- _ <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- _Longer	Total
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99	29 39	14 137	27 253	61 501	89 586	116 522	333 874	281 736	191 787	69 143	126 230	3 17	1339 4825
1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49	•	9	148 12	403 163	437 246	256 111 69	263 82	211 79	335 128	41 33 20	124 76	4	2231 934
2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49	•	•		1	9 1	31 11	17 13	14 12	34 15	10 4	24 8	i	141 141 64
3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49	•			:		1	6 1	7	11 7	4 1	4 4	:	33 17
4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater Total	68	160	441	1153	1461	1117	i 1645	1 1383	1 1572	i 335	i 636	30	3 4

# Table B3

Annua	l Joint	Distribution	of	H <sub>mo</sub>	versus	Τp	(All	Years)
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	January 1980-1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period Period, sec												
<u>Height.m</u>	2.0-	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- <u>4,9</u>	5.0- 5.9	6.0- 6.9	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _11.9	12.0- _ <u>13.9</u>	14.0- 	16.0- Longer	<u>Iot</u>
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	92 75	8 218 17	8 243 168 25	84 410 536 318 25	75 410 536 410 184 17	42 360 260 193 176 67 8	159 352 193 101 101 42 25	260 678 201 92 25 17 8	226 871 486 218 101 67 25 8 8	50 109 25 34 17	92 226 59 50 25 42	8	109 395 248 143 67 26 6
5.00 - Greater Total	167	243	444	1373	163Ż	1106	97 <u>3</u>	128i	201 <i>0</i>	26Ō	494	16	I

Table B4

Monthly Joint Distribution of  $H_{mo}$  versus  $T_p$  (All Years)

February 1980-1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Period. sec												
<u>Height.m</u>	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- _ <u>8.9</u>	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- _ <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- _Longer	Iotal
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	9 54	89 9	9 178 134 9	45 428 642 214 80 9	62 482 633 357 152 9	45 312 232 178 45 45 18	89 500 303 107 36 18 9	62 687 339 107 71 9 27 9 9	80 1017 544 196 80 98 27 9 36 2087	27 18 71 54 45 18 18	107 169 205 98 62 18 9 775	9 9 18	535 3943 3112 1320 607 277 117 27 54 0 9

March 1980-1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Perjod. sec												
<u>Height, m</u>	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- 	5.0- 5.9	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _11.9	12.0- _13.9	14.0- _15.9	16.0- Longer	<u>Iotal</u>
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	8 8	73 8	8 185 218 8	16 468 411 242 16	40 444 492 258 73 24 8	40 427 347 105 48 16 16	113 645 323 81 113 24 8	32 702 266 145 56 8 16 16 16	137 815 621 234 137 48 48 56 16 16	73 121 48 73 32 16 8	129 202 290 113 97 40 8 16 24		596 4030 3024 1259 572 176 112 88 64 16
5.00 - Greater Total	16	8İ	419	1153	1339	999	1315	1257	2128	371	91 <u>9</u>	ò	0

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			P	ercent	Occur:	rence (	x100) (	of Hei	ght an	Perio	bd		
						Pe	r10d.	sec					
Height. m	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- Longer	Total
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater	8 75	8 174 8	17 257 116	50 406 215 157 41	33 539 414 141 58 8	25 481 340 91 8 17 25 8	265 746 356 99 50 25 17 33 8	199 870 340 108 58 17 25	166 1069 323 182 50 33 25	83 240 58 25 25 25	83 398 157 91 8 17		937 5255 2327 894 298 142 92 41 8 8 0
Total	83	190	390	869	1193	995	1599	1625	1848	456	754	0	

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April 1980-1990, Gage 630

May 1980-1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Period, sec												
<u>Height m</u>	2.0- 2.9	3.0- <u>3,9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- <u>9.9</u>	10.0- _11.9	12.0- _ <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- Longer	<u>Iotal</u>
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	8 16	16 187 8	41 334 130 8	73 602 252 57 16	138 578 342 81 24 16	155 822 220 41 57 8	423 1302 391 114	269 936 228 65 33 8	171 716 293 98 8 8	41 106 16 24 24 16 8	73 212 81 57 24 8 8	• • • • •	1408 5811 5961 545 186 72 16 0 0
Total	24	21İ	513	100Ö	1179	1303	2238	1539	1294	235	463	ò	0

			P	ercent	0ccur:	rence()	X100) (	of Heig	ght and	d Perio	bd				
	Period. sec														
<u>Height.m</u>	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- <u>9,9</u>	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- _ <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- _Longer	<u>Iotal</u>		
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	26 53	35 237 9	53 369 88 18	132 659 228 44	220 729 185 70 26	369 703 158 53 18	738 1696 185 35 35	545 949 105 18 9	202 483 88 70	44 141	35 44 44 53		2399 6063 1090 361 88		
2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99	• • •		- - - -		• • •				• • •	• • •		• • •	000000000000000000000000000000000000000		
5.00 - Greater Total	7ġ	281	528	1063	1230	130İ	2689	162Ġ	84 <b>3</b>	185	176	ò	0		

June 1980-1990, Gage 630

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				creene	occui	i ence (			gine un							
		Period, sec														
<u>Height m</u>	2.0- 	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- 7.9	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- <u>9.9</u>	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- _ <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- Longer	Tota			
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	9 34	17 137 17	52 309 69	95 644 206 52 9	206 902 241 9	318 816 86 17	988 1452 120 26 9	713 885 43 17	275 395 43 43	103 223	206 120	17 69	2999 5986 825 164 18 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0			

July 1980-1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

August 1980-1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Period. sec													
<u>Height, m</u>	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- 4.9	5.0- 5.9	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- 9 <u>.9</u>	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- _13.9	14.0- _15.9	16.0- _ <u>Longer</u>	Total	
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater	25 42	25 85 8	59 203 136	119 576 331 68 17	153 831 271 136 25 8	195 746 195 59 8	593 1356 203 34 17 17 8 	500 839 119 17	356 653 93 17 34 8 8	68 153 17	93 331 34 34 8 8	42	2186 5857 1407 365 109 41 24 8 0 0 0	

			Pe	ercent	0ccur	rence(	X100) (	of Hei	ght and	d Perio	bd					
		Period. sec														
Height. m	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- <u>5,9</u>	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- 7.9	8.0- _ <u>8.9</u>	9.0- <u>9,9</u>	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- _ <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- _Longer	Total			
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	8 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	8 118 8	8 185 92 8	34 403 445 143 34	25 546 495 285 76	17 537 311 126 50 42 8 	118 865 403 92 76 25	269 739 210 118 25 8 8	218 1024 344 67 67 67	101 160 101 25 67 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	92 302 176 118 67 8 8 8 8 8	8 8	906 4879 2593 990 462 91 40 24 0 0 8			

September 1980-1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

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			Pe	ercent	0 Occuri	ctober rence(	1980- X100)	1990, ( of Heig	Gage 6: ght and	30 d Perio	od		
						Pe	riod.	sec					
<u>Height.m</u>	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- 	5.0- 5.9	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- <u>9.9</u>	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- _ <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _15.9	16.0- _Longer	Iotal
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater	32 32	65	169 178 32	363 613 234 16	48 387 355 387 121 16	65 331 210 121 169 105 32	178 646 169 81 65 32 8 8	137 492 291 105 89 65 24 8	218 936 452 178 153 48 16 16	32 145 81 105 48 16 16	121 315 202 202 73 65 32	8 32 8	831 3889 2551 1477 742 347 88 48 24 0 0 0
Total	64	65	379	1226	1314	1033	1187	1211	2017	443	1010	48	

Table B4 (Concluded)

November 1980-1990, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Period. sec													
<u>Height.m</u>	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- 5.9	6.0- 6.9	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- 8.9	9.0- 9,9	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- _ <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- Longer	Total	
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater	48 48	29 96 19	29 376 280 19	19 579 511 212 29	48 579 704 347 116	116 453 415 222 125 29	222 453 289 125 125 10 19	174 550 251 77 39 19 48 10	96 627 289 116 19 48 39	68 125 39 48 19 10 19 10	212 135 87 10 10 10 10	48 29 10	1061 4069 2913 1186 482 116 87 78 10 0	
Total	96	144	704	1350	1794	136Ö	1243	1168	1234	338	484	8Ż	0	

			r	ercent	Dec Occuri	ence()	(1980- (100)	of Heig	ght and	30 d Perio	od				
	Period. sec														
Height, m	2.0- <u>2.9</u>	3.0- <u>3.9</u>	4.0- 4.9	5.0- 5.9	6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- <u>9.9</u>	10.0- _ <u>11.9</u>	12.0- <u>13.9</u>	14.0- _ <u>15.9</u>	16.0- <u>Longer</u>	Total		
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater Tota	75 28	28 169	47 244 187 19 19  516	66 497 459 225	19 637 628 506 281	19 244 309 150 122 37 9 	112 412 206 94 37  66 28  955	225 469 131 66 47 19 19 19 9  1004	131 797 422 103 75 56 19 28 9 1649	141 178 37 9 47	291 281 131 66 56 28 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 889	9 37 46	1163 3993 2510 1238 684 140 122 84 36 0 27		

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Figure B2. Annual cumulative wave height distributions for Gage 630



Figure B3. 1990 monthly wave height distributions for Gage 630



Figure B4. 1980-1990 monthly wave height distributions for Gage 630



Figure B5. Annual wave period distributions for all gages



Figure B6. 1990 monthly wave period distributions for Gage 630





Height						(	Conse	ecut	ive	Day(s	) or	Lon	ger						
(m)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
0.5		17	16			15					12	9		8					6
1.0	53	43	23	15	13	9	7	6	4		3		2						1
1.5	42	25	7	2															
2.0	21	8	2																
2.5	8	1																	
3.0	2																		
3.5	2																		
4.0	1																		

Table B5 1990 Persistence of  $H_{mo}$  for Gage 630

Table B6

1980 through 1990 Persistence of  $~\rm H_{mo}~$  for Gage 630

Height							Cons	ecut	ive	Day(s		Lon	Iger						
(m)	-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19+
0.5	20	18	16	15		14	12		11	10		9	8	7	6	5			4
1.0	50	34	24	17	14	10	8	5	4	3		2					1		
1.5	39	22	11	6	4	2			1										
2.0	22	11	4	2		1													
2.5	10	5	2	1															
3.0	5	2	1																
3.5	3	1																	
4.0	ĩ																		
	-																		



Figure B8. 1990 monthly spectra for Gage 630 (Sheet 1 of 6)



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Table	B7
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	1000							1980-1990						
	Height				Period		Height				Period			
Month	Mean 	Std. Dev.	Extreme	<u>Date</u>	Mean sec	Std. Dev. <u>sec</u>	Number <u>Obs.</u>	Mean 	Std. Dev. _m	Extreme	<u>Date</u>	Mean <u>sec</u>	Dev. sec	Number Obs.
lan	0.8	0.3	1.5	19	8.3	2.2	123	1.2	0.7	4.5	1983	8.1	2.7	1194
Cob	1 1	0.5	2.8	11	8.3	2.5	111	1.2	0.7	5.1	1987	8.4	2.6	1121
Han	1.1	0.0	2.8	29	8.8	2.7	119	1.2	0.7	4.7	1983	8.6	2.6	1240
Mar	1.1	0.0	2.0	18	8.9	2.3	115	1.0	0.6	5.0	1988	8.6	2.7	1207
Apr	1.0	0.4	25	22	8 1	2.6	124	0.9	0.5	3.3	1986	8.1	2.4	1229
may	0.9	0.4	2.5	12	8 1	22	93	0.8	0.4	2.4	1988	7.8	2.2	1138
Jun	0.5	0.5	1 7	26	77	1.8	107	0.7	0.3	2.1	1985	8.1	2.5	1164
JUI	0.9	0.4	1.7	1	9.7	2.8	119	0.8	0.5	3.6	1981	8.2	2.5	1180
Aug	0.7	0.4	2.0	Å	8.8	3 1	120	1.1	0.6	6.1	1985	8.6	2.7	1191
Sep	1.0	0.4	2.0	26	8 5	2 5	117	1 2	0.7	4.4	1990	8.7	2.8	1239
Oct	1.3	0.7	4.4	10	7 8	2.5	79	1 1	0.7	4.1	1981	7.9	2.7	1037
Nov Dec	1.1	0.7	2.5	9	8.0	2.4	121	1.2	0.8	5.6	1980	8.2	2.9	1067
Annual	1.0	0.5	4.4	Oct	8.5	2.5	1348	1.0	0.6	6.1	Sep 198	85 8.3	2,6	14007

## Wave Statistics for Gage 630



Figure B9. Time-histories of wave height and period for Gage 630