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#### ABSTRACT

Zooplankton samples were taken at 39 oceanographic stations in the eastern Chukchi Sea in September and October 1970. Sampling was done by vertical tows from near bottom to the surface with a 0.5-m diameter No. 0 (0.57 mm) mesh NorPac standard plankton net. Data are presented on the distribution and relative abundance of 63 categories of zooplankton at the onset of winter. Zooplankton abundance generally was lowest in waters with temperatures below 0°C; it did not appear to be associated with the distribution of salinity; and it tended to be inversely related to dissolved oxygen concentration. Comparison of zooplankton abundance in 1970 with published observations on the Chukchi Sea in 1947 shows probable seasonal variation of meroplankton abundance and yearly variation of holoplankton abundance.

#### INTRODUCTION

In September and October 1970, the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Glacier* made the first of the Western Beaufort Sea Ecological Cruises (WEBSEC-70). The WEBSEC program is carried on principally by the Coast Guard, but several other Federal agencies and universities cooperate in obtaining the many types of data required for a complete ecological assessment of the Beaufort Sea. The work of WEBSEC-70 was actually done in the eastern Chukchi Sea because exceptionally heavy pack ice prevented work east of Barrow, Alaska.

I participated in the WEBSEC-70 cruise from 26 September to 17 October. During that time I took zooplankton samples at 39 of the 92 stations occupied by the *Glacier* (Fig. 1, Table 1). The area covered was between lat. 68°54'N-70°34'N and long. 162°24'W-168°56'W. My objective was to determine the kinds and abundance of zooplankton in the eastern Chukchi Sea at the onset of winter. Previously, with the exception of MacGinitie (1955), information on the zooplankton of the eastern Chukchi Sea was limited to the summer months of July and August (Johnson, 1936, 1953, 1956, 1958; Hand and Kan, 1961; English, 1966).

This paper lists the kinds and abundance of zooplankters collected in 1970. It then relates the zooplankton distribution to the distribution of temperature, salinity, and dissolved oxygen and compares my abundance data for 1970 with Johnson's (1953) data for the 1947 summer cruise of the USS *Nereus*.

#### **METHODS**

My zooplankton sampling was limited to those stations at which the Coast Guard took hydrographic casts to measure physical and chemical characteristics of the water. Of the 92 stations occupied by the

Table 1.--Location, depth, date, time and number of species of zooplankton collected for 39 stations occupied by the USCG icebreaker <u>Glacier</u>, 26 September to 17 October 1970.

			F 1.		1/	Number
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number	Long, W	Lat. N	depth	Uate	(651)	species-
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3	70 10	160 03	41	29 Soptember	0700	11
3/	70 15	165 45	42	28 Contombor	1520	ii
1:3/	70 20	164941	40	20 September	1515	8
10-	70 10	164 9001	40	30 September	0715	13
10	70 24	1639161	28	30 September	1335	12
21	70 22	1639161	36	1 October	1425	15
21	70 34	162924	20	2 October	1005	21
23	70.23	1629571	18	2 October	1620	10
24	70 09	1620521	16	2 October	0850	10
204/	609501	1629171	10	A October	0710	12
204/	708011	1639501	20	4 October	1400	12
29-21	70 01 6094E1	162 23	19	5 October	0720	0
22	609 45	1619301	20	6 October	0350	16
33	609 47	1659371	30	6 October	0745	14
34	69.52	165 37	40	6 October	1220	12
30	709091	100 03	45	6 October	1520	13
20	70 00 60°E1	1669471	40	7 October	0725	0
39	709 31	1669571	45	7 October	1225	22
40	70 10	1680261	45	9 October	0715	15
43	70 30	168°56'	3.4	8 October	1215	15
44	60° 19'	168°05'	45	9 October	0725	16
49	600201	367044	45	9 October	1420	16
504/	69 30	1679751	12	10 October	0505	24
244/	609 24	166°52'	38	10 October	1230	20
50-	69913	1660 351	35	1) October	1050	12
60	600061	1669021	25	12 October	0740	12
62	60914	1659561	32	12 October	1135	10
60	609251	166°20'	36	12 October	1455	23
60	60°50'	167°23'	44	13 October	0935	13
72	60°10'	165011	27	14 October	0910	7
72	600331	164°37'	24	14 October	1420	10
79	600271	165°38'	30	15 October	0840	ii
85	699131	164°45'	20	16 October	0715	8
86	69°05'	165°05'	20	16 October	1100	6
87	69°04'	165°36'	20	16 October	1415	ğ
90	68°54'	166°40'	42	17 October	0705	12
91	68°54'	167°24'	44	17 October	1310	13

 $\underline{L}/\text{One}$  pair of samples was taken at each station; the time of the start of the first sample is given.

 $\frac{2}{1}$  Includes categories not identified to genus or species.

 $\frac{3}{Part}$  of samples lost.

 $\frac{4}{Q}$ ualitative phytoplankton samples also taken at this station.

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Figure 1.—Station locations (circled numbers) at which zooplankton samples were taken by the USCG icebreaker *Glacier* in 1970 and by the USS *Nereus* (prefix N) in 1947 and the number of species collected at each station (numbers without circles).

Glacier, 47 were for hydrographic casts; 1 was able to sample at 39 of those stations. At each station two samples were usually taken within 5 min of each other. All sampling was done with a 0.5-m diameter No. 0 (0.57 mm) mesh NorPac standard net. The net was lowered to 2 m from the bottom over depths of 18 to 51 m and was retrieved vertically at 40 m per min. The samples were preserved with 5% formaldehyde solution in plastic bags immediately after they were collected. Counts and identifications of zooplankters were done at the Auke Bay Fisheries Laboratory. No subsampling was required because the number of zooplankters in each sample was generally low (9-1,900). I did not make an extensive literature search for the most recent taxonomic revisions and was able to identify many of the larvae and even some of the adults only to phylum, class, or order (Table 2).

Biomass of the samples was not measured because weight measurements (wet or dry) and oxidation techniques would have made the specimen unfit for further taxonomic study; volumetric measurements were precluded by the large numbers and the large size variation of the hydromedusan *Aglantha digitale*.

1 assumed a net efficiency of 100% and converted the catch data to numbers of zooplankton per 100 m<sup>3</sup> of water filtered. The coarse mesh (0.57 mm), short vertical tows, and absence of noticeable clogging by phytoplankton make the 100% assumption reasonable. The review of field and laboratory studies of the efficiencies of the plankton nets by Tranter and Smith (1968) indicates that the actual volume of water filtered by slowly pulled coarse mesh nets is no less than 95% of the theoretical.

The abundance of the eight most common zooplankters (A. digitale, Clione limacina, Sagitta elegans, Acartia longiremis, Calanus finmarchicus, Centropages abdominalis, Eucalanus bungii, Pseudocalanus minutus) and all calanoid copepods combined were examined for correlations with hydrographic conditions by comparing contour charts of levels of abundance of each species and total calanoid copepods with the contour plots of temperature, salinity, and dissolved oxygen from Ingham and Rutland (1972). Values of  $X^{i}$  (X = 3, 4, or 6; i = 1, 2, 3, ..., m) were used to assign levels of abundance of each group at each station. I contoured areas of absence and presence, and arbitrarily subdivided presence into five categories of abundance. Because a single scale of abundance could not be reasonably applied to all species, a separate scale based on maximum abundances recorded during the cruise was used for each species. To avoid subjective judgments, I used the power function to delimit abundance categories. This choice of power function was justified partially by the ease of computation and partially by the need to counter the effect of increasing variance with increasing means.

Table 2.--Numbers of zooplankters in the eastern Chukchi Sea, 26 September to 17 October 1970. Quantities are number per 100 m<sup>3</sup> of water filtered.

P indicates present but not counted. First and second sample at each station indicated by 1 and 2.

	Number of stations at	8		9	1			12	Station	number 15		18		19	}	21	
Zooplankter1	which found	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2		2	1	2
Aglantha digitale (O. F. Muller) Melicertum octocostatum (M. Sars Obelia sp.	39 ) 5 4	7,190	600 	2,328	2,850	1,478  	832	P 	206  	204		11,459	6,875	6,184	7,003	1,584 	1,981 14 
Aurelia aurita (Linneaus) <sup>2</sup> Chrysaora melanaster Brandt <sup>2</sup>	2							2									
Ctenophora <sup>3</sup>	4						12										
Nematoda	1																
Revozoa (cyphonautes)	1																
Polychaeta (adults)	1	30															
Polychaeta (larvae)	31	60		73	36					13				36	18	28	14
Podon leuckarti G. D. Sars	4	30															
Acartia longiremis (Lilljeborg) Calanus finmarchicus (Gunnerus)	26 29	60 60	 90	 982	12 133	12	12 25		24 12	13 		 13	13	36 	18 		28 14
Centropages abdominalis Sato	27	239	419			12						13					
Epilabodocera amphitrites	5		30														
Eucalanus bungil Giesbrecht Eurytemora herdmani	22			12	36	12	12		24				13		36	14	14
(Thompson & Scott) Metridia lucens 80eck	1																
Microcalanus sp. Pseudocalanus minutus (Kroyer)	3 27			49		37	37		24	 25						28	
Tortanus discaudatus (Thompson & Scott)	12																
Unidentified Calanoida (copepodites)	1																
Oithona helgolandica Claus	10			12								25	51				
Copepoda-Harpacticoida	5													18			
Copepoda (nauplii)	4																
Balanoids (nauplii) Balanoids (cyprids)	25 10	90 							 24			25	13			 14	
<u>Acanthomysis</u> sp. Mysis sp.	2 1	30															
Cumacea	6		60														
Epicaridea (cryptoniscids)	2	60															
Hyperia sp. (juveniles)	1																
Hyperoche medusarum (Kroyer) (juveniles)	1																
Parathemisto libellula (Lichtenstein) (juveniles)	1																
(juveniles)	6		30														
Phoxocephalidae	6 ]	90 60															
(3-4 sp.)	7				12												
Thysanoessa inermis (Kroyer)	2																
Thysanoessa sp. (larvae)	16			133	36		37		24	13						 14	28 14
Pandalus goniurus Stimpson	1																
Oxyrhyncha (zoeae)	6					25								18			
Pagurus sp. (zoeae)	20			24 36	49 36							64 	51		18 		
<u>Pagurus</u> sp. (glaucotnoe)	12								12								
<u>Spiratella helicina</u> (Phipps) Gastropoda (veligers)	29 8 1		 									25  	13 		18		28
Lamellibranchia (veligers)	7																
Sagitta elegans Verrill	30	60	120	146	73	118	50	Ρ	121	25		13	13			57	28
Echinoidea (plutei)	16			24	24	12				13		25	51	73	146	57	85
Asteroidea (bipinnarias)	2											25	25				
Fritillaria borealis Lohmann	16									76		204	229	673	655	42	127
Ascidacea (larvae)	5																28
Boreogadus saida (Lepechin)	7																
Pleuronectes quadrituberculatus	1																
(allas (laivae)																	

See footnotes at end of table.

Zooplankter <sup>1</sup>	Number of stations at which found	23	2	24	2	26	2	28	5tation 3	<u>1</u> number	2	31	2		33		342
Aglantha digitale (O. F. Muller) Melicertum <u>octocostatum</u> (M. Sars Obelia sp.	39 ) 5 4	8,785	1,966 	4,669	3,537	3,024	5,921	26,269 P	18,763 P	14,369	12,460	22,918	21,079	9,677	1,783	2,228	1,821
Aurelia aurita (Linneaus) <sup>2</sup> Chrysaora melanaster Brandt <sup>2</sup> Cvanea canillata (Linneaus) <sup>2</sup>	2 2 1																
Ctenophora <sup>3</sup>	4																13
Nematoda	1										~ ~						
Brvozoa (cyphonautes)	1																
Polychaeta (adults) Polychaeta (larvae)	1 31	 76			28		 32	2,680	1,608	127			 57	 68		 25	 25
<u>Evadne nordmanni Loven</u> Podon leuckarti G. O. Sars	3													-~			
Acartia longiremis (Lilljeborg)	26	25	76	28	~-		64		54					16			
Calanus finmarchicus (Gunnerus)	29		25					54				28				13	38
Centropages abdominalis 5ato Derjuginia tolli (Linko) Epilabodocera amphitrites	27 5							107 	54 	91 	91 	57 		255 	16 	51 	166
(McMurrich) Eucalanus bungii Giesbrecht Eurytemora herdmani	8 22	25									18 					13	
(Thompson & Scott) Metridia lucens Boeck	1 2																
Microcalanus sp. Pseudocalanus minutus (Krover)	3 27	25		28					27	18							
Tortanus discaudatus (Thompson & Scott)	12		25							18							
Unidentified Calanoida (copepodites)	1																
<u>Dithona helgolandica</u> Claus	10							751	509								13
Copepoda-Harpacticoida	5							27									
Copepoda (nauplii)	4							Ρ	Ρ	P	Ρ						
Balanoids (nauplii) Balanoids (cyprids)	25 10	25						80 27	54 	18 	18 	141 		272 	102 		38
A <u>canthomysis</u> sp. M <u>ysis</u> sp.	2 1																
Cumacea	6							27						34	34		
Epicaridea (cryptoniscids)	2																
Hyperia sp. (juveniles) Hyperoche medusarum	1																
(Kroyer) (juveniles) Parathemisto libellula	1								~-	18				**			
(Lichtenstein) (juveniles) Parathemisto pacífica Stebbing	1																
Dedicerotidae (3-4 sp.)	6													119	68		
Phoxocephalidae Unidentified Gammaridea	7																
(J-4 Sp.) Thysanossa inermis (Krover)	2														34		
Thysanoessa raschii (M. Sars)	16				28									68	68	13	
Pandalus goniurus Stimpson	1																
Hippolytidae (zoeae)	1																
Dxyrhyncha (megalopa)	20		76	85	85						55		28	85	68	38	140
Pagurus sp. (glaucothoe)	12			28		32									34	13	
Clione limacina (Phipps)	29		25	85								28		17		13	13
Gastropoda (veligers)	1							P	P								
Lamellibranchia (veligers)	7							Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р						
Sagitta elegans Verrill	30		51	28										34			
Echinoidea (plutei)	16							2,010	670	91	73		28	51			
Asteroidea (bipinnarias)	2																
Fritillaria borealis Lohmann	16	509	357	85	57		32	590	384	55	146			17			
Ascidacea (larvae)	3																
(Lepechin) (juveniles)	7														÷		+ -
Pallas (larvae)	1																

Table 2.--Continued.

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	Number of			36			0		Station	number					0		50
Zooplankter <sup>1</sup>	which found		2	1	2	1	2	1	2		2	1	2	1	2		2
Aglantha digitale (O. F. Muller) Melicertum octocostatum (M. Sars Obelia sp.	39 ) 5 4	1,481 	3,612	830 	886	2,598	4,054	8,828	2,716	1,678	3,241	3,970	5,542	3,622	4,244	3,820	3,530
Aurelia aurita (Linneaus) <sup>2</sup> Chrysaora melanaster Brandt <sup>2</sup> Cyanea capillata (Linneaus) <sup>2</sup>	2						10 			12							
Ctenophora <sup>3</sup>	4													~~			
Nematoda	1							34									
Bryozoa (cyphonautes)	1																
Polychaeta (adults) Polychaeta (larvae)	1 31	 24						 91	 45	 35					 34	 93	139
Evadne nordmanni Loven	3			•													
Acartia longiremis (Lilljeborg)	26			~=				11	45	35		75	15	23		12	23
Calanus finmarchicus (Gunnerus) Calanus tonsus Brady	29 1	83	107	100				57 		81	46	195	210		45	23	116
<u>Centropages abdominalis Sato Derjuginia tolli (Linko)</u> Epilabodocera amphitrites	27 5	107				10 	31 	11 23	11 34				30 	124	34	58 	139
(McMurrich) Eucalanus bungii Giesbrecht Eurytemora herdmani	8 22			 55	 44		10	23		127	93	75		- <del>-</del> 11		23 12	58 23
(Thompson & Scott) Metridia Lucens Boeck	1	•••							11								
Microcalanus sp.	3				11												
Tortanus discaudatus	12					10			23		12	30	90	23		12	
Unidentified Calanoida (comenodites)	1		24											23			12
Dithona belgolandica Claus	10							23	11			15					
Copepoda-Harpacticoida	5							11	11								
Copepoda (nauplii)	4																
Balanoids (nauplii)	25	59	36			10	83	11	34	12	12			57	68		486
Balanoids (cyprids) Acanthomysis sp.	10	~						23									
Mysis sp.	1																
Cumacea	6																
Epicaridea (cryptoniscids)	2																
Hyperia sp. (juveniles) Hyperoche medusarum	1													11			
(Kroyer) (juveniles) Parathemisto libellula	1																
(Lichtenstein) (juveniles) Parathemisto pacifica Stebbing	1	12					·										
(juveniles) Dedicerotidae (3-4 sp.)	6 6													11			
Phoxocephalidae Unidentified Gammaridea	1					~ -											
(3-4 sp.)	7										12						
T <u>hysanoessa inermis</u> (Kroyer) T <u>hysanoessa raschii</u> (M. Sars) T <u>hysanoessa</u> sp. (Tarvae)	2 16 8	12		 11				11	34 			449 	255	 		23	
Pandalus goniurus Stimpson	1																
Dxyrhyncha (zoeae)	6									23	12		15				
Dxyrhyncha (megalopa) Pagurus sp. (zoeae) Pagurus sp. (glaucothoa)	20 20 12	12	47	33		31 42	187 114		34 11	150 12	208 35	105 30	15 15	34		12	
Clione limacina (Phipps) Spiratella helicina (Phipps) Gastropoda (veligers)	29 8 1	24	47	22	22	10	21	23	11	12	46	30		11	11		12 93
Lamellibranchia (veligers)	7																
Sagitta elegans Verrill	30		12	33	100			45	68	58	93	30	45	11	79	637	1.146
Echinoidea (plutei)	16				11			113	11			15	60				
Asteroidea (bipinnarias)	2							11									
Fritillaria borealis Lohmann	16			11				1,754	170	35	58	300	45	••			
<u>Oikopleura vanhoeffeni</u> Lohmann Ascidacea (Tarvae)	5 3																35
Boreogadus saida (Lepechin)	7																
Pleuronectes quadrituberculatus Pallas (larvae)	1																

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Table 2.--Continued.

	Number of			55			0	62	Station	number		64		6	9		12
Zooplankter <sup>1</sup>	which found	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	- <u>1</u> -'	2
<u>Aglantha digitale</u> (O. F. Muller) <u>Melicertum octocostatum</u> (M. 5ars	39 ) 5	2,425	121	15,145	11,928	3,783	3,638	957 	2,241	3,501	1,846	3,183	2,617	6,019	4,804	1,320	1,000
<u>Aurelia aurita</u> (Linneaus) <sup>2</sup> Chrysaora melanaster Brandt <sup>2</sup>	2													 			
Cyanea capillata (Linneaus) <sup>2</sup>	1																
licentophore November de	1																
Nematoda	1									•							
8ryozoa (cyphonautes)	1			٢	P												
Polychaeta (adults) Polychaeta (larvae)	1 31	12	146	1,514	630					48	48	14		35		38	19
<u>Evadne nordmanni Loven</u> <u>Podon leuckarti</u> G. O. 5ars	3 4		24 	94 228	121	 											
Acartia longiremis (Lilljeborg) Calanus finmarchicus (Gunnerus)	26 29	1,031 2	12 2,959	134 1,649	13 1,086	29 3,201	1,397	41				141	14 552 28		12		
Centropages abdominalis 5ato	27	36	412	442	362	73	175	102	81	48	16	368	382	139	93		19
Epilabodocera amphitrites (McMurrich)	5			13								14	14	12			
Eucalanus bungii Giesbrecht Eurytemora herdmani (Thomoson & Scott)	22	146 	958 	576	710	87 	29					42					
Metridia lucens Boeck	2	36	182	27	13 80												
Pseudocalanus minutus (Kroyer)	27	85	558	536	322	146	73						14				19
(Thompson & Scott)	12			27	54			41	41		16	42	71		12		
(copepodites)	1																19
Oithona helgolandica Claus	10		49	268	40									12			
Copepoda-Harpacticoida	5	P	Ρ	13													
Copepoda (nauplii)	4	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р												
Balanoids (nauplii) Balanoids (cyprids)	25 10	12	206 24	2,037	1.086 27		116	41	102	16 		17 	22	81 	58		19
Acanthomysis sp. Mysis sp.	2 1											3					
Cumacea	6		24					20									
Epicaridea (cryptoniscids)	2																
Hyperia sp. (juveniles)	1																
Hyperoche medusarum (Kroyer)	1																
Parathemisto libellula (lichtenstein) (juveniles)	1																
Parathemisto pacifica Stebbing	6		24	13									3				
Oedicerotidae (3-4 sp.)	6	12		13					20			3					
Unidentified Gammaridea	7								20	16							
(J-4 Sp.)	2							20	20								
Thysanoessa raschii (M. Sars) Thysanoessa sp. (larvae)	16 8	194	255 	27			15 						3				
Pandalus goniurus Stimpson	į												3				
Oxyrhyncha (zoeae)	6																
Oxyrhyncha (megalopa) Pagurus sp. (zoeae)	20 20	24	12	13 13	27		15				16	3	3	35	46		
Pagurus sp. (glaucothoe)	12		12	13							48	3		46	23		
<u>Clione limacina</u> (Phipps) <u>Spiratella helicina</u> (Phipps) Gastropoda (veligers)	29 8 1	12 376	12 691	13 804 	27 777 		29	41 20	20 20	16  	605  	8 6 	6	23		19  	
Lamellibranchia (veligers)	7	P	Р	P	P			41	20	16		3					
Sagitta elegans Verrill	30	424	1.419	911	563	1.016	393	41	61	48	111	64	133	46	12		
Echinoidea (plutei)	16	~~	243	268	322												
Asternidea (bininnarias)	2																
Enitillaria horealic Lobman	16		36		12												
<u>Oikopleura vanhoeffeni</u> Lohmann Ascidacea (larvae)	5		24	27 27								3					
Boreogadus saida (Lepechin)	7																
Pleuronectes quadrituberculatus	1																
Pallas (larvae)									20								

Table 2.--Continued.

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#### Table 2.--Continued.

	Number of					01		S	tation	number		00		0	
Zooplankter <sup>1</sup>	stations at which found	73	2	78	2	1	2	1 86	2	1	2	1 90	2	-1-9	2
Aglantha digitale (0. F. Muller)	39	382	21	2,122	1,392	1,273	509		840	622	1,146	2,365	2,910	Ρ	Ρ
Melicertum octocostatum (M. Sars Obelia sp.	) 5 4												12		
Aurelia aurita (Linneaus) <sup>2</sup>	2														
Cyanea capillata (Linneaus) <sup>2</sup>	ĩ														
Ctenophora <sup>3</sup>	4	21													
Nematoda	1													~~~	
Bryozoa (cyphonautes)	1														
Polychaeta (adults) Polychaeta (larvae)	1 31		21	17	17	25				25	25	728	485		
Evadne nordmanni Loven Podon leuckarti G. O. Sars	3 4												12	12	
Acartia longiremis (Lilljeborg)	26	21				25		51	*	•		497	388 303	23 405	370
Calanus tonsus Brady	1														
Centropages abdominalis Sato Derjuginia tolli (Linko)	27 5			17	34					25	51				
Epilabodocera amphitrites (McMurrich)	8											12	24		12
Eucalanus bungii Giesbrecht Eurytemora herdmani	22	21		17											
(Inompson & Scott) Metridia lucens 80eck	2														
Microcalanus sp. Pseudocalanus minutus (Kroyer)	3 27	21		17	34	102		25			51	49	12		
Tortanus discaudatus (Thompson & Scott)	12			~-								121	97	~-	
Unidentified Calanoida (copepodites)	1														
Oithona helgolandica Claus	10														
Copepoda-Harpacticoida	5								~-						
Copepoda (nauplii)	4								~ ~						
8alanoids (nauplii) 8alanoids (cynrids)	25 T0						 25	25		25		61 	206	116	116
Acanthomysis sp.	2														
<u>mysis</u> sp.												12			
Cumacea	D											12			
Epicaridea (cryptoniscids)	2											14			
<u>Hyperia</u> sp. (juveniles) <u>Hyperoche medusarum</u> (Kroyer)	1								••						
(juveniles) Parathemisto libellula	1														
(Lichtenstein) (juveniles) Parathemisto pacifica Stebbing	1														
(juveniles) Oedicerotidae (3-4 sp.)	6 6														
Phoxocephalidae	1								**		- 5				
(3-4 sp.)	7											12			
Thysanoessa inermis (Kroyer)	2		21												
Thysanoessa sp. (larvae)	8													12	12
Pandalus goniurus Stimpson	1														
Hippolytidae (zoeae) Oxyrhyncha (zoeae)	6														
Oxyrhyncha (megalopa) Pagurus sp. (zoeae)	20 20												12		1
Pagurus sp. (glaucothoe)	12														
Clione limacina (Phipps)	29		42		17					25					1
Gastropoda (veligers)	ĩ														,
Lamellibranchia (veligers)	7														
Sagitta elegans Verrill	30	85	64	119	238	229	102	102	255	178	102	388	182	2	
Echinoidea (plutei)	16											24	49	)	
Asteroidea (bipinnarias)	2														
Fritillaria borealis Lohmann	16														
<u>Ascidacea</u> (larvae)	5														
Boreogadus saida (Lepechin)	7										25				
Pleuronectes quadrituberculatus Pallas (larvae)	1								-~						

 $^1\underline{Staurophora}$  mertensi Brandt was frequently seen but not taken in any of the samples. -Seen more often than taken in samples.

All specimens too damaged for species identification.

## ABUNDANCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ZOOPLANKTON

Sixty-three categories of zooplankton, including separate larval stages for some species, were identified in the samples from the 39 stations (Table 2). Among the categories, 18 occurred at only one station each and 12 occurred at more than half of the stations (Table 2). The number of categories identified at each station varied from 6 at station 86 to 29 at station 55; the average number of species per station was 13 (Table 1, Fig. 1). In general, the stations with the greatest number of species were northwest of Cape Lisburne and those with the least were between Cape Lisburne and Point Lay.

The numbers of individuals in each category at each station varied greatly (Table 2). I calculated the average number for the two samples at each station for the purpose of comparing abundance of the categories. Aglantha digitale was the predominant zooplankter and the only one that occurred at all of the stations. The average number per 100 m<sup>3</sup> (i.e., the average of the two samples) among the stations ranged from 200 to 22,516. Calanoid copepods, the second most abundant zooplankters, ranged from 27 to 3,146 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>. Calanus finmarchicus was the most abundant calanoid (up to 2,299 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>) and also occurred the most frequently (29 stations). Larvae of polychaetes, barnacles, oxyrhynchid crabs, hermit crabs, and sea urchins in aggregate were more abundant than calanoid copepods at 18 stations. The large proportion of meroplankton to the total zooplankton is characteristic of the shallow areas of the eastern Chukchi Sea (Johnson, 1956).

Even though two samples were available from most stations, no rigorous statistical comparisons were made between samples or stations because of the low counts and the high frequency of zero counts in the samples. Frequently one sample of a pair would have a raw count four times or more the count of its mate. The extreme case was station 63 where one sample contained a single *Clione limacina* and its mate contained 38. The presence of one or more individuals of a species in one sample of a pair was often accompanied by the absence of individuals in the other sample. Extreme cases of absence and presence were 0 and 32 *Aglantha digitale* in the samples from station 86 and 0 and 20 plutei of Echinoidea in the samples from station 54.

## RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ZOOPLANKTON AND CHARACTERISTICS OF WATER

The distribution and abundance of zooplankton are in part dependent on characteristics of the water before and at the time of sampling. In discussing the distribution and abundance of species within the area covered by the *Glacier*, it must be remembered that the survey was extended over a month; during this time marked chemical and physical changes in the water were caused by surface freezing, wind mixing, and the southward movement of the ice front (Ingham and Rutland, 1972). Despite the extended period, comparison of the contours of plankton abundance (Fig. 2 to 10) with contour plots of temperature, salinity, and dissolved oxygen (Fig. 11 to 13) are useful for an understanding of the area.

The similarity of the density distributions of zooplankters in the nine categories (Fig. 2 to 10) selected for comparison suggests that the abundance of all except Acartia longiremis (Fig. 5) were being influenced by a common set of environmental factors. The area appeared to be subdivided into three parts: a west area (stations 40-60, 64, 90, and 91), a north area (stations 8-39 and 69), and a south area (stations 62, 63, and 72-87). To test the reality of this subdivision, I computed means and variances for each area from the station means. The variances were high and increased as the means increased, which indicated that the data were not normally distributed and required transformation. Plots of variances and standard deviations against the means indicated that the square root transformation  $(X' = \sqrt{X + 0.5})$  could be used. The original means and transformed data are given in Table 3.

The square root transformation did not fully normalize the data but did reduce variances enough for me to test for differences of means and variances among the three areas. To test for equality of transformed means (Table 4), I used either a t-test assuming equal variance or a t'-test assuming unequal variance (Ostle, 1963). The choice of whether to use the t-test or the t'-test depended on the results of an F-test for equality of variances (Ostle, 1963) (Table 5). The 0.05 level of significance was used in all cases to accept or reject the assumptions of equal means or variances. Although they were not always statistically different, the higher variances were usually associated with the higher means. Because the north and south areas appeared to have equivalent means but differing variances in several cases. I combined the north and south areas into an east area for further testing against the west area (Tables 4 and 5).

Aglantha digitale (Fig. 2) was least dense in the south area and had significantly higher variance in the north area than in either the west or south areas. Sagitta elegans (Fig. 3) had significantly different mean densities in all three areas; the west was highest and the north lowest.

*Clione limacina* (Fig. 4) was the only species in which no statistical difference among means was found. The variance about the mean was highest in the south area because of the exceptionally high count of juveniles at station 63. Deleting station 63 from the statistics left the north area separable from the other areas by reason of higher variance (Table 5).

The mean density of *Acartia longiremis* in the south area was significantly lower than in the west area but not lower than in the north area. The variance for the

Zooplankter, area, and number of stations	Mean	Transformed	Standard deviation	0.95 confider transform	ice limits of red mean
(in parentheses)	(number per 100 m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>2/</sup>	$(\sqrt{1} + 0.5)$	of $\sqrt{1 + 0.5}$	Lower limit	Upper limit
Aglantha digitale					
West (18)	4,492	64.32	19.85	50.12	78.52
North (20)	6,577	71.21	39.82	52.57	89.85
South (8)	1,218	33.12	11.76	23.29	42.96
Sagitta elegans					
West (10)	424	18.24	10.07	11.04	25.45
North (20)	32	4.49	3.58	2.81	6.17
South (8)	100	9.26	4.10	5.83	12.68
Clione limacina					
West (11)	12	3.28	1.53	2.25	4.30
North (20)	14	3.30	1.93	2.40	4.21
South (8)	48	4.82	5.38	0.32	9.32
South $(7)^{3/2}$	15	3.78	0.96	2.89	4.67
Acartia longiremis	,				
West (11)	60	5.97	5.24	2.28	9.67
North (20)	13	2.98	2.18	1.96	4.00
South (8)	6	1.92	1.75	0.45	3.39
Calanus finmarchicus					
West (11)	646	20.73	15.44	10.36	31.11
North (20)	47	4.52	5.31	2.03	7.01
South (8)	43	4.95	4.68	1.04	8.86
Centropages abdominalis					
West (11)	130	9.90	6.01	5.87	13.94
North (20)	48	4.98	5.04	2.62	7.34
South (8)	19	3.35	3.03	0.81	5.88
South $(7)^{4/}$	9	2.47	1.87	0.74	4.19
Eucalanus bungii					
West (11)	129	8.07	8.40	2.43	13.72
North (20)	9	2.37	1.97	1.45	3.29
South (8)	1	1.02	0.90	0.27	1.77
<u>Pseudocalanus</u> minutus)					
West (11)	90	7.22	6.50	2.85	11.59
North (20)	9	2.47	1.96	1.55	3.37
South (8)	16	3.55	2.19	1.73	5.39
Total calanoids					
West (11)	1,109	28.68	17.77	16.74	40.62
North (20)	131	10.39	4.97	8.06	12.72
South (8)	98	9.40	3.47	6.49	12.30

Table 3.--Means, transformed means, and standard deviation and 0.95 confidence limits of transformed means of the density of zooplankters in three areas  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the eastern Chukchi Sea, September-October 1970.

 $\frac{1}{West}$  area includes stations 40 to 60, 64, 90, and 91; north area stations 8 to 39 and 69; and south area stations 62, 63, and 72 to 87.

 $\frac{2}{Rounded}$  to the nearest whole number.

 $\frac{3}{2}$ Excluding station 63.

 $\frac{4}{2}$  Excluding station 62.

Table 4.--Values of <u>t</u> from tests for equality of transformed means  $(\overline{X}) = \sqrt{X + 0.5}$ 

of density of zooplankters in four areas of the eastern Chukchi Sea, September-October 1970.

		Areas c	compared	
Zooplankter	West-South	West-North	West-East-	North-South
Aglantha digitale	3.915*	0.632	0.185	3.876*
Sagitta elegans	2.569*	4.187*	3.706*	3.051*
Clione limacina	0.789	0.037	0.578	0.778
C. <u>limacina</u> (excluding station 63)	0.771		0.262	0.842
Acartia longiremis	2.378*	1.807	2.021	1.227
Calanus finmarchicus	3.196*	3.376*	3.387*	0.200
Centropages abdominalis	3.114*	2.432*	3.033*	0.851
<u>C. abdominalis</u> (excluding station 62)	3.826*		3.122*	1.891
Eucalanus bungii	2.761*	2.217	2.380*	2.489*
Pseudocalanus minutus	1.737	2.366*	2.222*	D.368
Total calanoids	3.508*	3.342*	3.423*	D.514

 $1\!\!/_{\sf East}$  equals north and south areas combined.

\*t or t' equals difference of means significant at P = 0.05.

Table 5.--Values of F from tests for equality of variances using transformed data

 $(X' = \sqrt{X + 0.5})$  for density of zooplankters in four areas of the eastern

	Areas compared					
Zooplankter	West-South	West-North	West-East 1/	North-Sout		
Aglantha digitale	2.85	4.02**	3.475**	11.47***		
Sagitta elegans	6.03***	7.89***	5.78***	1.31		
Clione <u>limacina</u>	12.44***	1.60	4.56***	7.78***		
C. <u>limacina</u> (excluding station 63)	2.52		4.68***	4.02*		
Acartia longiremis	8.95***	5.81***	6.296**	1.54		
Calanus finmarchicus	10.90***	8.44***	9.315***	1.29		
Centropages abdominalis	3.93*	1.42	1.735	2.76		
<u>C. abdominalis</u> (excluding station 62)	10.36***		1.752	7.28**		
Eucalanus bungii	87.99***	18.26***	21.302***	4.82**		
Pseudocalanus minutus	8.80***	10.98***	10.051***	1.25		
Total calanoids	26.20***	12.80***	15.256***	2.05		

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>East</sub> equals north and south areas combined.

\*P = 0.05.

\*\*P = 0.025.

\*\*\*P = 0.010.

north and south areas separately and combined were significantly lower than for the west area, although the mean of the two areas (11 per 100 m<sup>3</sup> for 28 stations) did not differ significantly from the mean for the west area (60 per 100 m<sup>3</sup> for 11 stations). The density contours of *A. longiremis* (Fig. 5) tend to run more strongly north-south than the contours for the other species. Although the west-north and west-east differences of means were not statistically significant, the differences are probably real.

The mean densities and variances of *Calanus* finmarchicus and *Centropages abdominalis* were significantly higher in the west area than in the north and south areas. The separation of north and south areas was not statistically significant for either *C*.



Figure 2.—Abundance of the hydromedusan Aglantha digitale contoured in powers of 6 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>.



Figure 3.—Abundance of chaetognath Sagitta elegans contoured in powers of 3 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>.



Figure 4.—Abundance of pteropod *Clione limacina* contoured in powers of 3 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>. Presence of *Spiratella limacina* indicated by X.



Figure 5.—Abundance of the copepod Acartia longiremis contoured in powers of 3 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>.



Figure 6.—Abundance of the copepod *Calanus finmarchicus* contoured in powers of 4 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>.



Figure 7.—Abundance of the copepod *Centropages abdominalis* contoured in powers of 3 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>.



Figure 8.—Abundance of the copepod *Eucalanus bungii* contoured in powers of 3 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>.



Figure 9.—Abundance of the copepod *Pseudocalanus minutus* contoured in powers of 3 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>.

finmarchicus or C. abdominalis, but the density contours (Fig. 6, 7) show that the portions of each area having zero counts were separated by a band of moderate density along the probable boundary of the north and south areas. Eucalanus bungii (Fig. 8) had a similar density distribution, in which statistically significant differences were found between means of the south area and the west and north areas but not between the west and north areas. However, the difference in the mean for E. bungii in the west and north areas is quite large (t' = 2.217 vs.  $t'_{0.975} = 2.224$ ), and the difference of variance is significant (F = 18.26 vs.  $F_{0.9995} = 8.14$ ). Pseudocalanus minutus varied from the other calanoid copepods in that the higher mean density for the west area (90 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>) was not statistically different from that for the south area (16 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>) but did differ from that for the north area (9 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>). The density contours of *P. minutus* (Fig. 9) show a broad area of absences and low abundance in the lower half of the north area, compared with a very narrow band of absences or low abundance on the western margin of the south area.

Contouring and testing the density of all calanoid copepods as one group obscures much detail but does indicate major patterns (Fig. 10). The west area was statistically separable from the north and south areas because of the high abundance in the lower half of the west area. The north and south areas were not statistically separable and were characterized by generally few calanoids. Lowest abundances in the north area were in the northeast sequences of stations, considerably off center from the areas of lowest abundance for the individual species contoured. In the south area, the four stations of lowest total calanoid densities (stations 63, 72, 86, and 87) were the same stations contributing to the low mean densities of *Acartia longiremis, Calanus finmarchicus*, and *Eucalanus bungii*.

In general, the west area had significantly higher mean concentrations of zooplankters than the combined north and south areas except for *Aglantha digitale* and *Clione limacina*. Although not statistically separable, the difference between west and east concentrations of *Acartia longiremis* (Fig. 5) is probably real.

The north area had statistically higher mean densities of Aglantha digitale and Eucalanus bungii and lower mean density of Sagitta elegans. After deleting the exceptionally high count of Centropages abdominalis at station 62, the density of C. abdominalis was also statistically higher in the north than in the south area. Variances of A. digitale, C. abdominalis, and E. bungii were statistically higher in the north area than in the south area, as was the variance of Clione limacina after deletion of exceptionally high values from station 63. Although the differences were not always statistically significant, the north area



Figure 10.—Abundance of calanoid copepods (all species) contoured in powers of 4 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>.

had generally higher means and variances than the south area.

## Temperature

The contours of temperature (Fig. 11) resemble those of zooplankton abundance. The area enclosed by the 0°C contours between Cape Lisburne and Point Lay most closely approximates the area of lowest zooplankton diversity (Fig. 1) as well as areas of low abundance for Aglantha, Clione, Centropages, Eucalanus, Pseudocalanus, and total calanoid copepods (Fig. 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10). To the north, temperatures rise to over 3°C and then drop, forming a series of contours that parallel changes in abundance of these same five zooplankters, plus Sagitta, total calanoid copepods, and perhaps Calanus. The area northwest of Cape Lisburne generally has wider contour spacing of temperatures from 1° to 3°C and generally higher abundance of zooplankton. If temperature is the major physical factor controlling zooplankton abundance. areas with temperatures below 0°C or with strong horizontal gradients probably had a history of conditions (either too cold or unstable) that prevented development of large populations. The areas of broad temperature contours probably represent more stable conditions that would allow denser populations of zooplankton to develop.

## Salinity

The distribution of zooplankton did not appear to be associated with salinity. The salinity contours (Fig. 12) did not correspond well with the zooplankton contours, particularly in the 10 m and bottom contours. Thus, although the nearshore stations were less saline than the offshore stations, these differences were not associated with differences in zooplankton abundance.

#### **Dissolved Oxygen**

The horizontal contours of dissolved oxygen concentration (Fig. 13), especially at the surface and 10-m depths, may be more indicative of recent physical processes and lowering temperatures than biological processes. Although there appears to be an inverse relationship between zooplankton abundance and oxvgen concentration, comparison of zooplankton abundance with percent saturation of dissolved oxygen (Fig. 14) and theoretical oxygen depletion yielded no significant relationships. The cold-water area between Cape Lisburne and Point Lay had low zooplankton abundance and high oxygen concentrations. The stations northwest of Cape Lisburne had warmer waters, more zooplankton, and generally less oxygen. West of Point Lay, nearshore stations (where lowered salinity or increased wave action may have effected greater oxygen solution) had higher oxygen concentrations, whereas offshore stations had lower oxygen concentrations and moderately high populations of Aglantha



Figure 11.—Sea temperature distributions at surface, 10 m, and bottom, eastern Chukchi Sea off Cape Lisburne-Icy Cape, 25 September to 17 October 1970. Redrawn from Ingham and Rutland (1972).



Figure 12.—Salinity distributions at surface, 10 m, and bottum, eastern Chukchi Sea off Cape Lisburne-Icy Cape, 25 September to 17 October 1970. Redrawn from Ingham and Rutland (1972).



Figure 13.—Dissolved oxygen distributions at surface, 10 m, and near bottom, eastern Chukchi Sea off Cape Lisburne-Icy Cape, 25 September to 17 October 1970. Redrawn from Ingham and Rutland (1972).



Figure 14.—Contours of percent saturation of dissolved oxygen at surface, 10 m, and near bottom, eastern Chukchi Sea, Cape Lishurne-Icy Cape, 28 September to 17 October 1970. Redrawn from Ingham and Rutland (1972).

and calanoid copepods. Stations west of 1cy Cape had alternating areas of low and high oxygen concentration and corresponding areas of high and low zooplankton abundance respectively.

## COMPARISON OF ABUNDANCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ZOOPLANKTON IN 1970 AND 1947

The eastern Chukchi Sea fauna is a continuation of the fauna of the eastern Bering Sea (Johnson, 1953, 1956; Johnson and Brinton, 1963). Of the 32 kinds of zooplankters from the eastern Chukchi Sea identified to species, only the copepod *Derjuginia tolli* has not been previously recorded in the eastern Bering Sea; it appears to be restricted to the polar seas (Brodskii, 1950; Johnson, 1963).

In this section I compare the results of sampling by the Glacier in the fall of 1970 with the results of sampling by the Nereus in the summer of 1947. Others have studied zooplankton in the Chukchi Sea, but the Nereus cruise was the only one that collected data in the same area and used similar sampling techniques as the Glacier. Because an east-west change in zooplankton composition and abundance has been demonstrated (Johnson, 1936, 1953; English, 1966), 1 compare my data with Johnson's only for the most approximate of the two sets of stations—*Nereus* stations 12, 13, 14, and 21; and Glucier stations 43, 44, 49, and 90 (Fig. 1, Table 6). The comparative data in Table 6 are drawn from Table 1 of Johnson (1953) and my Table 2 in this paper. The data from both sources were adjusted to number of zooplankters per 100 m<sup>3</sup>. The differences between the zooplankton catches of the two cruises may have been due to differences in the years of sampling, the season, or the size of the mesh in the sampling net used. Also, because most of the Glacier stations were inshore of the *Nereus* stations, they were shallower and less saline.

Johnson (1953) did not list Hydromedusae in any of his samples, but the hydromedusan *Aglantha digitale* was the predominant zooplankter in my samples and occurred both as juveniles and adults. MacGinitie (1955) and Hand and Kan (1961) found this species to occur consistently off Point Barrow, and Hand and Kan noted large yearly variation in its abundance. Considering the ubiquity of the distribution of *A*. *digitale* in 1970 (Fig. 2), 1 believe it likely that 1947 was a year of low abundance and 1970 one of very high abundance.

Polychaete larvae were more numerous in 1947 than in 1970. Among all of the stations sampled in 1970, the counts at only two approached the magnitude of Johnson's counts. The 1947 samples were taken with a finer meshed net, which would account for part of the difference, and also they were taken earlier in the year. Many of the larvae I examined were approaching a size and state at which they settle to the bottom. When present, in the 1947 cruise cladocerans (*Evadne* sp. and *Podon* sp.) were observed in high numbers and in the 1970 cruise in low numbers. The abundance of marine cladocerans varies seasonally, with peaks in spring and summer (Gieskes, 1971); so that the low numbers obtained on the *Glacier* cruise could have been due to the time of year.

Calanoid copepods dominated the zooplankton in 1947 but not in 1970. Except for Acartia longiremis and *Pseudocalanus minutus* most species of calanoid copepods were about as abundant in 1947 as in 1970. Acartia longiremis was much more abundant in the 1947 samples, possibly because this species, like the cladocerans, has peak abundance in the summer. Pseudocalanus minutus was more abundant in the summer of 1947 than the fall of 1970 even though this species probably overwinters as copepodites (Fontaine, 1955) and should have a relatively high population in the early fall. Thus, I think the large difference in abundance of P. minutus between 1947 and 1970 reflects a difference between years rather than seasons. The high numbers of calanoid nauplii and the cyclopoid Oithona sp. in the summer of 1947 versus very few in the fall of 1970 appears to be a seasonal effect. Because of their small size, copepod nauplii and *Oithona* were never sampled adequately by the nets I used; however, few copepod nauplii and Oithona were found in qualitative phytoplankton samples taken with finer nets at four stations. No eggbearing calanoids were found in the 1970 samples.

Barnacle larvae were more uniformly distributed than cladocerans in both years and were more numerous in the summer of 1947 than the fall of 1970. Early summer populations of barnacle larvae may be composed of several species. Three species of *Balanus* (MacGinitie, 1955) and one of *Chthamalus* (Southward and Southward, 1967) may contribute larvae to the area. Some species of *Balanus* release only a single spring or early summer brood, whereas *Chthamalus* in the Chukchi Sea may release more than one brood per summer (Southward and Southward, 1967). Although large yearly variations in abundance of barnacle larvae probably occur, I believe the differences between the 1947 and 1970 samples represent seasonal more than yearly differences.

Amphipods and euphausids were probably not adequately represented in either the 1947 or 1970 samples because of their ability to avoid the nets used. Without knowledge of the identity of the amphipods taken in 1947, 1 can only note that amphipods were about as abundant in 1947 as in 1970. Only larval stages of unidentified euphausids were reported for the 1947 samples, and juveniles of *Thysanoessa inermis* and *T. raschii* predominated in the 1970 samples, as one would expect in the later season.

Crab larvae were more abundant in the fall of 1970 than the summer of 1947. Advanced zoeae and megalopa of an oxyrhynchid crab (probably *Hyas coarctatus*) were more numerous than equivalent stages of hermit crabs (*Pagurus* sp.) At many stations oxyrhynchid and *Pagurus* larvae were about as abundant as many of the calanoid copepods (Table 2).

The pteropods *Clione limacina* and *Spiratella helicina* were found in the southeastern Chukchi Sea in 1970 but not in 1947. Yearly variation in abundance of both species may be large—Johnson (1953) did not find pteropods in the southeastern Chukchi Sea in 1947, but MacGinitie (1955) reports that *S. helicina* were abundant at Point Barrow that same summer. *Spiratella* spp. are the only known prey of *C. limacina* (Lalli, 1970). However, the frequent occurrence of *C. limacina* in the absence of *Spiratella* (my Fig. 4: MacGinitie, 1955, Table 7) suggests that *Chione* does have alternative prey.

Lamellibranch veligers were numerous in Johnson's samples in the summer of 1947 but rarely occurred in my samples in the fall of 1970. The small size of the veligers precluded quantitative sampling by the nets used in 1970, but I believe the difference is principally due to the lateness of the season in which I sampled. I found lamellibranch veligers at only 7 of 39 stations, and then only in low abundance; Johnson encountered lamellibranch veligers at 19 of 21 stations in the Bering and Chukchi Seas, usually in high abundance.

Sagitta elegans is the only chaetognath recorded from the Chukchi Sea (Dawson, 1971). The stations compared in Table 6 had greater numbers of S. elegans in 1947 than 1970, but complete data from both years show a wide variation in catch (my Table 2: Johnson, 1953, Table 1). Where there is a thousandfold difference between stations, a twofold or threefold difference between years (Table 6) does not seem significant.

Echinoderm larvae, like polychaete larvae, copepod nauplii, *Oithona* sp., and lamellibranch veligers, were probably underestimated in 1970, relative to estimates in 1947, because my net was coarser than that used aboard the *Nereus*. However, 1 think the major cause of the difference between the 1947 and 1970 counts is seasonal because most echinoderm larvae have a pelagic life of less than 8 weeks (Thorson, 1961) and would have settled out of the plankton before late September or October. If my hypothesis is correct, this in combination with MacGinitie's (1955) data indicates a very short spawning period for most Chukchi Sea echinoderms with planktonic larvae: the peak spawning period is in July or August and most larvae settle before September or October.

Like echinoderm larvae, adult larvaceans (appendicularians) may also be seasonal in abundance. This seasonality may explain why larvaceans were about 1,000 times more abundant in the 1947 summer samples than in my 1970 fall samples. Neither Johnson (1953) nor MacGinitie (1955) mention *Fritillaria borealis* in their samples, but it dominated the larvaceans in my samples. I found the larger *Oikopleura vanhoeffeni* only occasionally in 1970. Unfortunately, Johnson (1953) does not identify the larvaceans found in the *Nereus* samples, although a *Fritillaria* sp. and an *Oikopleura* sp. were recorded by Johnson (1936) from samples taken by the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Chelan* in 1934 at stations west of Nome, Alaska.

I believe the strong seasonal nature of Arctic productivity accounts for most of the differences found in comparing my 1970 fall data with Johnson's 1947 summer data, especially those larval forms which were much more abundant in 1947. Large yearly variations probably account for the greater abundance of some larger and longer lived zooplankters in 1970. Although a coarser net was used in 1970 than 1947, I feel that net selectivity played a role secondary to the seasonal and yearly differences.

#### SUMMARY

1. Zooplankton samples were collected at 39 stations in the eastern Chukchi Sea between 26 September and 17 October 1970.

2. Sixty-three categories of zooplankton were encountered; between 6 and 29 categories occurred at the individual stations.

3. The hydromedusan *Aglantha digitale* was the predominant zooplankter, both in numbers and biomass. Calanoid copepods were the second most abundant zooplankters, although meroplankters equaled or exceeded copepods in numbers at one-half of the stations.

4. Contour plots of zooplankton abundance indicate that three environments were sampled: 1) an area of high abundance and diversity northwest of Cape Lisburne, 2) an area of low abundance and diversity between Cape Lisburne and Point Lay, and 3) an area of rapid north-south variation but generally low abundance extending west along the 70°N parallel.

5. Waters with temperatues below 0°C tended to have lower zooplankton abundance than adjacent warmer waters. In areas where the temperatures changed rapidly from 1° to 3°C horizontally, the abundance of many species changed along the gradient in a parallel fashion. Broad temperature contours in the area northwest of Cape Lisburne indicated some stability, which would be conducive to the development of large zooplankton populations.

6. Nearly no assocation was evident between zooplankton abundance and salinity.

7. A tendency was noted for an inverse relation between zooplankton abundance and dissolved oxygen concentration of the water.

8. A comparison of the 1970 data with data for 1947 demonstrated several differences—some appeared to be differences between years and others seemed to be differences due to time of year. Apparent betweenyear differences were greater numbers of *Aglantha*, *Clione*, and crab larvae, and lesser numbers of *Pseudocalanus* in 1970 than in 1947. Differences thought to be due to season were lesser numbers of cladocerans, *Acartia*, *Oithona*, larvaceans, and most Table 6.--Numbers of selected zooplankters taken at four stations by the USS Nereus in 1947 and at four comparable stations by the USCG icebreaker Glacier in 1970 (WEBSEC-70), southeastern Chukchi Sea (adjusted to number per 100  $m^3$ ).

	Nereus	stations	July-August	1947	<u>Glacier</u> s	tations <sup>1/</sup> S	september-Oc	tober 1970	Difference attributable
Zooplankter	12	13	14	21	43	44	49	90	to <sup>2/</sup>
Aglantha digitale	;	ł	;	;	2.460	4.756	3 933	2 638	>
Polychaeta (larvae)	;	13	8,037	2,507	23	2	23	607	S & N
Evadne nordmanni	;	;	1	2,507	;	ł	1	: :	S
Podon leuckarti	ł	1	;	2,507	;	;	;	9	ŝ
Acartia longiremis	99	2,016	13	80	17	45	[	442	S
Calanus finmarchicus	581	106	93	385	64	202	23	454	None
Centropages abdominalis	:	ł	;	ł	;	15	79	49	None
Epilabodocera amphitrites	;	;	;	40	t	;	2		None
Eucalanus bungii	ł	;	1	106	110	37	;	1	None
Microcalanus sp.	ł	;	ł	1	;	ł	1	9	None
Pseudocalanus minutus	9,998	1,007	20,199	31,287	:	60	;	30	Y
Tortanus discaudatus	13	1	i	13	;	L I	1	109	;
Calanoida (nauplii)	10,780	1,511	26,260	;	1	;	ł	;	S & N
Oithona sp.	7,690	3,130	6,061	37,547	17	7	1	ł	S & N
Balanoids (nauplii)	13	;	9,629	10,013	12	62	;	134	S
Balanoids (cyprids)	13	133	93	2,507	:	:	1	ł	S
Amphipods	13	27	13	1	9	1	11	9	None
Euphaus i ds	;	ł	1	t 1	;	352	9	;	S
Euphausids (larvae)	;	1	1	27	!	;	;	:	S
Crab larvae	;	13	13	1	196	68	;	1	Y
Pagurus sp. (larvae)	!	{	1	1 1	23	22	23	;	Y
Clione limacina	1	;	;	;	26	15	11	;	Y
Lamellibranchia (veligers)	6,152	13	2,016	45,054	ł	1	;	;	S & N
Sagitta elegans	438	106	159	584	;	37	45	285	None
Echinoidea (plutei)	3,845	1	-	28,780	;	37	1	36	S & N
Ophiuroidea (plutei)	2,307	;	;	17,520	;	;		1	S & N
Asteroidea (bipinnarias)	;	;	;	2,506	;	;	1	;	S & N
Larvaceans	6,152	4,748	28,236	13,766	;	172	1	1	S & N

 $\frac{1}{A}$  Average of two samples.

 $\frac{2}{M}$  Major attribution of difference between 1947 and 1970 values:

S = difference between seasons Y = difference between years N = difference in net selectivity.

planktonic larvae in the fall of 1970 than in the summer of 1947.

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