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INTRODUCTION

In June and July 1980, the U. S. Geological Survey conducted a high resolution geophysical and seafloor sampling cruise (DC 4/5-80 BS/NB) in the northern Bering Sea to obtain data on seafloor hazards pertinent to OCS oil and gas lease sale activity. This report contains a list of the seismic reflection records that are publicly available and includes a trackline map of the Navarin Basin province. Microfilm copies of the seismic reflection records are available for viewing:

- (1) U. S. Geological Survey
Pacific-Arctic Branch of Marine Geology, Room B171
Menlo Park, CA 94025

or for purchase:

- (2) National Geophysical and Solar
Terrestrial Data Center
EDS/NOAA
Boulder, CO 80302

DATA COLLECTION

DISCOVERER cruise DC 4/5-80 BS/NB left Kodiak July 2, 1980, for work in OCS lease sale area 83 (Navarin Basin). The first leg, which was 75 percent geophysics and 25 percent sampling, ended at Adak July 24, 1980. The second leg of the cruise which began July 28, 1980, consisted of 60 percent sampling and 40 percent geophysics, and ended at Kodiak August 17, 1980.

Navigation positions were determined by satellite and Loran C. Position accuracies are probably on the order of 0.5 km.

Three separate seismic reflection systems were operated simultaneously, throughout much of the study area, providing high and intermediate frequency acoustic records. The systems were: 3.5 kHz transducer (12,842 km), 400-800 Joule minisparker (4624 km), and two 40 in³ airguns (6757 km). The 3.5 kHz system was operated continuously throughout the cruise, including transit

lines to and from the study area and to and from St. Paul Island for three medivacs. The airguns were deployed along all except transit and sampling lines. The minisparker system was operated in shelf and upper-slope water depths (to about 800 m). (See Table 1 for line numbers along which the various systems were operational).

Interpretations of the data have been underway since the cruise. The following preliminary reports have been released or are in press:

- Marlow, M. S., Carlson, P., Cooper, A. K., Karl, H., McLean, H., McMullin, R., and Lynch, M. B., 1981, Hydrocarbon resource report for proposed OCS lease sale 83, Navarin Basin, Alaska: U. S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 81-252, 75 p.
- Carlson, P. R., and Karl, H. A., in press, Geologic hazards in Navarin basin province, northwestern Bering Sea: U. S. Geological Survey Open-File Report, 176 p.
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