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Biomass of shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in NAFO Subarea 1 in 1981-84,  
estimated by means of bottom photography

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ABSTRACT

Data for shrimp stock assessment in NAFO SA1 was sampled on a photographic survey in July-August 1984 as a continuation of earlier sampling of that kind. The material from this survey is analyzed together with similar data from the years 1977-83 to produce biomass estimates for the shrimp stock. The size distribution of shrimp in the photographic material is discussed, and estimates for the total biomass in the area  $66^{\circ}00'N$ - $69^{\circ}30'N$  are given in the paper.

INTRODUCTION

Since 1977 regular sampling of data on shrimp abundance has been carried out during July-August in part of NAFO SA1. Data from the 1984 survey is presented in this paper, and biomass estimates for 1981-84 are given, based on a shrimp abundance model introduced earlier.

The principles for the model used in the present paper are the same as for the original model. The combinations of variables used for describing the biomass dependency, however, have been changed substantially from year to year in the use of this model. By including values for sea temperature up to four years before the photographic sampling the time series for the model runs is limited to cover only four sampling years (1981-84). Data from the whole period of sampling (1977-84), however, is given in terms of density and size distribution.

MATERIAL AND METHODS.

This paper updates earlier works concerning estimation of shrimp biomass based on bottom photography.

The sampling sites in the 1984 survey have been the same as occupied through the years 1977-83 (Figs. 1 and 2). A total of 36 stations were sampled in 1984, and 5359 photographs have been analyzed from this

year. As a result of earlier discussions in the working group on the availability of size grouping the shrimp on the photographs, a new reading of the whole material (in all 22128 photographs) has been commenced. Most of the work has been done, only analysis of the material from 1982 and 1983 remains. The new analysis classifies the shrimp into five size groups, while the earlier method used three groups. Biomass calculations in the old method were based on fixed mean weights in the groups. The mean weights in the new groups are calculated for each sampling station based on the actual size distribution of the shrimp and the following relationships:

$$\text{weight} = 0.003548 \times \text{carapace-length}^{2.44}$$

(Carlsson, pers.com.) and

$$\text{carapace-length} = 10.67 + 0.8333 \times \text{screen-length}.$$

'Screen length' is a certain measure for shrimp size as detected on the photographic reading screen and agreed among the readers.

A listing of the material from the re-analysis (1977-81) and from the recent survey is given in Table 1. The size distribution and the calculated mean weights in the groups are also shown in the tabel. The size groups are described ad follows:

Category	'Screen length', mm	Carapace length, mm
Group 1	< 7	< 16.5
Group 2	> 7 and < 10	> 16.5 and < 19.0
Group 3	> 10 and < 14	> 19.0 and < 22.3
Group 4	> 14 and < 18	> 22.3 and < 25.7
Group 5	> 18	> 25.7

The model used for estimating the biomass dependency of various parameters is essential the same as was described by Jørgensen & Kanneworff (1980). Only the different parameters, their squares and interactions have been changed and tested for their descriptive value during the years in which the model has been in use. The present model (which was also used in Kanneworff, 1984) includes the following parameters:

Year, depth, latitude, longitude, bottom temperature at the time of sampling, July bottom temperatures two and three years earlier at the sampling site, and finally, mean July temperatures in the depth zone 0-50 meters in the area west of the banks in the Davis Strait four years earlier.

The photographic sampling covers the years 1977-84, but due to scarcity of hydrographic observations, runs with the present model are limited to the period 1981-84. The input data for the model is unfortunately based on partly the old reading of the photographs (1982 and 1983) and partly the new (1981 and 1984); however, the difference in the average biomass indices between the old and the new reading is not significant (only about 2 % lower in the new).

New information on bottom temperatures for 1984 (Fig. 10) has been provided by Erik Buch (pers. com.), and has been used in calculations of the biomass estimates.

Model runs including all the above mentioned parameters, their squares and interactions produced a high correlation coefficient ( $r^2 = 0.82$ ), but many of the parameter estimates were not significantly different

from zero, i.e. they could not be assumed to describe the biomass density well enough. After a filtering process, in which parameters were removed one by one, a final shape of the model was chosen with a relatively high correlation coefficient ( $r^2 = 0.74$ ) and with all remaining parameter estimates significant on the 10 % level (Table 2).

Due to the short time series for the photographic sampling north of  $69^{\circ}30'N$  (Fig. 2) the model runs and the biomass calculations are limited to the area from  $66^{\circ}00'N$  to  $69^{\circ}30'N$ . However, a separate analysis of the data from the northern area (between  $69^{\circ}30'N$  and  $71^{\circ}00'N$ ) has been carried out on basis of photographs from 1981-84 and of new information on bottom temperatures (Erik Buch, pers.com.). Unfortunately, good information on the topography in this area is only limited, thus making a biomass calculation somewhat doubtful.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

##### Size distribution.

The distributions of shrimp in the five size groups are given for all sampling sites in Table 1. For the years 1982 and 1983 (which have not yet been re-analyzed) the size distributions were given by Kanneworff (1984). Due to the very few size groups in the old reading it is not possible to 'translate' the old distributions to the new, but roughly the group 'small' in the old material correspond to the two first groups in the new. In order to describe the development in the size composition of this stock a mean size distribution should be calculated, weighted by the predicted biomass estimates for each sampling site. To do so with a mixed material from the old and new reading has no real value, and the distributions from the different sampling sites must thus be studied one by one.

In Figs. 3 and 4 the size distributions and absolute densities are shown from four sites, which all encounter typical features. The area around KR004 (see map, Fig. 1) has always been one of the most important for the commercial fishery, and the figures might thus reflect the size composition of the most exploited part of the stock. The area KZ014 has in some years been of substantial importance for the fishery, and the catches have normally consisted of larger shrimp. Samples from LE005 have consistently showed a large proportion of small shrimp. In the area around LH014-LJ011 (Godhavn Rende) a high density of small shrimp has remained stable through all the years of sampling.

In all four areas the proportion of small shrimp seems to have been increasing or stable through the years 1979-81. In 1982-84, however, small shrimp are indicated to be less abundant in the area south of  $68^{\circ}N$ , while this group seems more stable in the northern areas. The abundance of middle sized shrimp seems to have been fairly stable during the years of sampling, and the decrease in total biomass estimate from 1983 to 1984 (as explained below) might thus be due to a reduction in the amount of small shrimp in part of the area.

The time series for the sampling north of  $69^{\circ}30'N$  is still too short to describe possible changes in the size distribution, but the figures for shrimp density for that area seem to indicate a somewhat lower biomass per areal unit compared to the areas to the south.

#### Biomass estimates.

By means of a regression model with a reduced sets of parameters an estimate of the biomass dependency of these parameters is calculated (Table 2) for data from the area  $66^{\circ}00'N$  to  $69^{\circ}30'N$  covering water depths from 100 to 600 meters. Table 3 shows for each sampling site the observed density of shrimp in terms of number per squaremeter together with the corresponding biomass per squaremeter as calculated by means of the model's parameter estimates. It is seen, that there is a fairly good correlation between the observed values and those predicted by the model.

Calculation of biomass indices for all relevant strata in the area covered by the sampling is done by inserting local values (year, latitude, longitude, depth, etc.) in the equation used in the model. Total biomass in the strata are obtained by multiplying the biomass indices with the areas of the strata, according to the figures given by Carlsson & Kannevorff, 1979. The overall figures for the whole area in question are given in Table 4 and Fig. 5. An increase in total biomass is noted from 1981 to 1982, followed by a slow decrease through the last three years. The biomass figures are summed up for each 30 minutes latitude strips in order to show a possible north-southward shift in the distribution. However, the figures do not indicate any drastic changes of that kind but show only a small increase in biomass in the area  $67-68^{\circ}N$  from 1981 to 1982, followed by a similar reduction from 1982 to 1984.

If, however, the biomass indices for all strata are plotted on maps for each year (Figs. 6-9), it can be seen that some concentration of the biomass might have taken place in the northeastern areas in 1983-84. At the same time a reduction of the biomass is indicated in the westernmost areas and in Holsteinsborg Dyb. During all four years the deep water ( $> 400$  m) seem to be of low importance.

A biomass estimate for the northern area ( $69^{\circ}30'N$  to  $71^{\circ}00'N$ ) is still not possible to develop on basis of a regression analysis similar to that described above, because of the short time series of sampling and hydrographic observations. The observed densities of shrimp in this area seems to indicate somewhat lower biomass indices. The total biomass might thus be within the range of 40 to 60 thousand tons.

#### CONCLUSION

Data from photographic sampling in the period 1977-84 has been examined, and biomass of shrimp in the area  $66^{\circ}00'N$  to  $69^{\circ}30'N$  is estimated for the years 1981 to 1984. The total biomass for 1984 is estimated to about 220000 tons, which is a small decrease compared to the 1983-estimate. Small shrimp seem to be less abundant in part of the area in 1984, prospecting somewhat lower recruitment than the years before.

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Table 1. List of sampling stations in 1977-81 and 1984. The percentage size distribution and the calculated mean weights are given for the five size groups.

YEAR=1977																							
OBS	STNO	ARCODE	DEPTH	TEMP	N_OBS	N_1	N_2	N_3	N_4	N_5	N_DM	N1PCT	N2PCT	N3PCT	N4PCT	N5PCT	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5		
1	5453	KH006	471	4.6	239	73	6	14	56	13	67	45.06	1.70	8.64	34.57	0.02	2.6	3.6	6.3	8.4	10.3		
2	5454	KP006	555	4.3	20	4	1	0	3	2	50.00	12.50	0.00	0.00	37.50	2.6	3.7	.	.	.	11.3		
3	5447	KF040	277	2.6	54	2	1	11	14	20	13	3.57	1.79	19.64	25.00	50.00	2.9	4.1	6.0	8.5	11.1		
4	5449	KH004	211	2.5	90	10	22	98	65	17	76	4.72	10.38	46.23	30.66	8.02	3.1	4.1	5.9	8.2	10.3		
5	5448	KR138	309	3.3	30	0	0	13	6	7	1	0.00	0.00	50.00	23.00	26.92	.	.	5.9	8.3	10.8		
6	5446	KP001	351	2.9	8	2	0	4	4	1	0	18.18	0.00	36.36	36.36	9.09	2.6	.	6.0	8.3	10.3		
7	5455	KX005	412	3.0	179	112	14	18	35	6	76	60.54	7.57	9.73	18.72	3.24	2.6	3.7	6.1	8.4	10.3		
8	5456	KX138	344	2.3	162	25	2	17	14	1	24	42.37	3.39	28.81	23.73	1.69	2.6	3.9	6.0	8.3	10.2		
9	5444	KZ012	467	3.0	40	19	2	0	10	16	8	40.41	4.26	0.00	21.28	34.04	2.6	3.5	.	8.6	11.0		
YEAR=1978																							
OBS	STNO	ARCODE	DEPTH	TEMP	N_OBS	N_1	N_2	N_3	N_4	N_5	N_DM	N1PCT	N2PCT	N3PCT	N4PCT	N5PCT	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5		
10	5610	JF019	355	3.3	178	36	56	37	103	18	31	14.40	22.40	14.80	41.20	7.20	2.7	4.0	5.9	8.3	10.4		
11	5609	KA011	228	1.4	173	106	18	86	67	12	26	36.68	6.23	29.76	23.18	4.15	2.6	3.9	5.9	8.3	10.3		
12	5605	KP007	349	3.2	184	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	.	.	.	.	.	11.5	
13	5606	KP008	172	0.9	190	2	4	24	8	2	20	5.00	10.00	60.00	20.00	5.00	3.2	4.1	5.8	8.1	10.2		
14	5602	KK004	395	3.4	130	0	0	5	12	27	2	0.00	0.00	11.16	26.27	61.36	.	.	6.1	8.6	11.1		
15	5604	KK006	255	1.4	115	0	1	7	13	1	7	0.00	4.55	31.02	59.09	4.55	.	4.5	6.0	8.3	10.2		
16	5603	KK008	121	0.5	126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.	.	.	.	.	.	
17	5601	KR004	244	3.0	160	6	28	92	55	17	140	3.03	14.14	46.46	27.78	8.59	3.2	4.1	5.8	8.2	10.4		
18	5612	KV002	423	4.1	57	8	1	10	13	4	3	22.22	2.78	27.78	36.11	11.11	2.6	4.0	6.6	8.3	10.4		
19	5613	KZ002	326	3.6	162	288	151	138	116	17	46	40.56	21.27	19.44	16.34	2.39	2.7	3.9	5.8	8.2	10.3		
20	5614	LR003	331	0.5	33	1	2	7	6	2	6	5.56	11.11	38.89	33.33	11.11	3.0	4.1	5.9	8.2	10.4		
YEAR=1979																							
OBS	STNO	ARCODE	DEPTH	TEMP	N_OBS	N_1	N_2	N_3	N_4	N_5	N_DM	N1PCT	N2PCT	N3PCT	N4PCT	N5PCT	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5		
21	5739	KN003	243	2.9	33	0	1	1	3	1	8	0.00	16.67	16.67	50.00	16.67	.	4.2	6.0	8.3	10.5		
22	5740	KR004	263	2.7	14	27	39	32	12	0	63	24.55	35.45	29.09	10.91	0.00	2.9	4.0	5.7	7.9	*		
23	5734	KV007	234	2.4	6	0	1	6	2	0	1	0.00	11.11	66.67	22.22	0.00	.	4.1	5.8	8.1	.		
24	5741	KX014	259	3.0	3	1	0	2	1	2	2	16.67	0.00	33.33	16.67	33.33	2.5	.	6.1	8.3	10.5		
25	5744	KX30	335	3.2	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.7	.	5.8	.		
26	5742	KZ012	464	4.1	11	1	1	1	6	2	1	9.09	9.09	9.09	54.55	18.18	2.5	4.5	6.1	8.3	10.5		
27	5743	LB005	322	3.2	10	35	4	5	1	0	0	77.78	8.09	11.11	2.22	0.00	2.6	3.7	5.7	8.5	*		
28	5738	LE005	217	1.8	9	10	8	8	10	0	8	27.78	22.22	22.22	27.78	0.00	2.7	4.0	5.8	8.2	10.4		
29	5737	LJ011	260	2.1	45	36	88	48	35	2	41	17.22	42.11	22.97	16.75	0.96	3.0	4.0	5.7	7.9	10.9		
YEAR=1980																							
OBS	STNO	ARCODE	DEPTH	TEMP	N_OBS	N_1	N_2	N_3	N_4	N_5	N_DM	N1PCT	N2PCT	N3PCT	N4PCT	N5PCT	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5		
30	5855	KP440	284	1.7	31	0	2	5	0	1	11	0.00	25.00	62.50	0.00	12.50	.	4.1	5.6	8.1	11.4		
31	5856	KR004	208	1.4	162	59	38	48	28	2	72	33.71	21.71	27.43	16.00	1.14	2.7	4.0	5.7	8.1	10.2		
32	5867	KY001	350	3.5	40	30	80	254	149	25	59	5.58	14.87	47.21	27.70	4.65	3.1	4.1	5.9	8.2	10.3		
33	5868	KV002	410	2.8	108	127	110	68	32	7	22	36.92	31.98	19.77	9.30	2.03	2.7	3.9	5.5	7.1	.		
34	5857	KV007	218	1.0	47	19	4	4	1	0	11	67.06	14.29	3.57	0.00	0.00	2.6	3.8	5.6	8.3	.		
35	5872	KZ002	345	3.2	151	679	208	76	46	0	81	67.29	20.61	7.53	4.56	0.00	2.6	3.8	5.5	8.4	.		
36	5860	KZ012	466	3.8	178	19	7	29	25	1	11	23.46	0.64	35.80	30.86	1.23	2.6	4.0	5.9	8.2	10.2		
37	5859	KZ014	270	1.7	106	32	41	113	70	10	107	12.03	15.41	42.48	26.32	3.76	2.9	4.1	5.8	8.2	10.2		
38	5866	LA438	323	3.2	167	0	1	0	1	0	12	0.00	0.00	4.55	59.09	36.36	.	6.1	8.4	10.7	.		
39	5858	LB005	319	2.3	37	66	22	12	23	6	17	51.16	17.05	9.30	17.83	4.65	2.6	3.8	5.9	8.3	10.3		
40	5861	LD012	259	0.7	61	12	16	62	61	2	16	7.84	10.46	40.52	39.87	1.31	2.7	4.1	5.9	8.2	10.2		
41	5871	LD439	329	3.1	90	1	1	6	2	0	6	10.00	10.00	60.00	20.00	0.00	3.1	4.1	5.8	8.1	.		
42	5862	LE005	241	0.7	82	118	33	79	72	12	112	28.16	31.74	18.85	16.30	2.06	2.7	4.0	5.7	8.1	10.4		
43	5863	LI014	260	1.9	30	0	2	15	8	3	10	0.00	7.14	53.57	28.57	10.71	.	4.1	5.8	8.2	10.4		
44	5863	LIH40	260	1.4	112	19	225	455	141	10	117	2.24	26.47	53.53	16.59	1.18	3.2	4.1	5.7	8.0	10.1		
45	5859	LIH40	282	2.2	69	0	1	157	74	4	64	0.00	0.42	66.53	31.36	1.69	4.2	5.9	8.2	10.2			
46	5865	LIJ011	256	1.8	190	605	778	406	173	24	103	30.46	39.17	20.44	8.71	1.21	2.6	4.0	5.6	8.0	10.1		
YEAR=1981																							
OBS	STNO	ARCODE	DEPTH	TEMP	N_OBS	N_1	N_2	N_3	N_4	N_5	N_DM	N1PCT	N2PCT	N3PCT	N4PCT	N5PCT	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5		
47	6022	JL020	378	0.2	84	9	176	257	64	17	41	1.72	33.65	49.14	12.24	3.25	3.2	4.1	5.7	7.9	10.3		
48	6023	KA011	218	0.8	180	62	99	23	1	161	7.96	30.85	49.25	11.44	0.50	3.1	4.0	5.7	7.9	10.0			
49	6021	KP007	502	3.6	180	1	2	21	13	3	27	2.50	5.00	52.50	7.50	3.2	4.1	5.9	8.2	10.3			
50	6024	KI006	204	1.4	104	17	21	6	1	0	15	37.78	46.67	13.33	2.22	0.00	2.8	3.9	5.5	7.1	.		
51	6019	KI007	281	1.8	101	20	19	29	21	11	56	18.52	18.59	26.83	19.19	2.00	2.7						

Table 2. Information from the model run with parameter estimates as used in the biomass calculations.

SHRIMP PHOTO, BIOMASS 1981 - 1984 66°00'N - 69°30'W REDUCED MODEL							
GENERAL LINEAR MODELS PROCEDURE							
DEPENDENT VARIABLE: LNBIAALL WEIGHT: SQM							
SOURCE	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F VALUE	PR > F	R-SQUARE	C.V.
MODEL	17	57113.54909451	3359.62053497	12.64	0.0001	0.741342	1355.9372
ERROR	75	19927.16101553	265.69548021		ROOT MSE		LNBIAALL MEAN
CORRECTED TOTAL	92	77040.71011004			16.30016810		1.20213294
SOURCE	DF	TYPE I SS	F VALUE	PR > F	DF	TYPE III SS	F VALUE
DEP	1	3380.58765954	12.72	0.0006	1	5060.68685092	19.05
LA	1	26418.48482082	99.43	0.0001	1	1530.10655803	5.76
LO	1	237.23264846	0.89	0.3477	1	2265.61829188	8.53
TE0	1	736.02889513	2.77	0.1002	1	757.05219214	2.85
TE2	1	960.86689507	3.62	0.0611	1	2655.47998913	9.99
TE3	1	324.32819152	1.22	0.2728	1	2363.33171299	8.89
DEP DEP	1	5683.24782228	21.39	0.0001	1	10911.22354025	41.07
LA LA	1	2885.80565971	10.86	0.0015	1	2848.42523983	10.72
LA YEAR	1	594.26191684	22.36	0.0001	1	1936.22123019	7.29
LO YEAR	1	2891.32769121	10.88	0.0015	1	2293.19310846	8.63
TE0 YEAR	1	743.85306708	2.80	0.0985	1	833.55105495	3.14
DEP LA	1	601.18271930	2.26	0.1367	1	3881.34024005	14.61
DEP T 4	1	92.09395172	0.35	0.5578	1	2068.94580204	7.79
LA TEZ	1	2522.33121085	9.49	0.0029	1	2393.58380780	9.01
TE0 TE3	1	614.16425361	2.31	0.1326	1	1532.88920279	5.77
TE2 TE3	1	636.57541051	2.40	0.1259	1	1614.63173805	6.08
TE3 T 4	1	2444.17628085	9.20	0.0033	1	2444.17628085	9.20
PARAMETER	ESTIMATE	T FOR H0: PARAMETER=0	PR >  T	STD ERROR OF ESTIMATE			
INTERCEPT	-1718.10080470	-3.43	0.0010	501.48188339			
DEP	0.52970223	4.36	0.0001	0.12137218			
LA	37.68080976	2.40	0.0189	15.70187343			
LO	15.30088177	2.92	0.0046	5.23980556			
TE0	-13.55060517	-1.69	0.0956	8.02763955			
TE2	-36.45956314	-3.16	0.0023	11.53272742			
TE3	-2.69241574	-2.98	0.0039	0.90275907			
DEP DEP	-8.99084748-05	-6.41	0.0001	0.00001403			
LA LA	-0.35529468	-3.27	0.0016	0.10851215			
LA YEAR	0.14208041	2.70	0.0086	0.05263187			
LO YEAR	-0.18622937	-2.94	0.0044	0.06338988			
TE0 YEAR	0.17220709	1.77	0.0806	0.09722479			
DEP LA	-0.00662826	-3.82	0.0003	0.00173421			
DEP T 4	-0.00631799	-2.79	0.0067	0.00226410			
LA TEZ	0.50922940	3.00	0.0036	0.16966069			
TE0 TE3	-0.26990921	-2.40	0.0188	0.11237104			
TE2 TE3	0.27119286	2.47	0.0160	0.11001036			
TE3 T 4	0.88542733	3.03	0.0033	0.29193001			

Table 3. Observed and predicted values of density and biomass of shrimp on all sampling sites in the area 66°00'N - 69°30'N.

OBSERVED AND PREDICTED VALUES OF TOTAL SHRIMP BIOMASS 66°00'N - 69°30'N REDUCED MODEL								
YEAR=1981								
OBS	STNO	ARCODE	DEP	O_SQM	O_DENS	O_BIOM	P_BIOM	RES
1	6023	KA011	218	666	0.55	2.83	1.66	-0.53
2	6021	KF007	502	666	0.11	0.69	0.30	-0.84
3	6020	KL006	206	385	0.17	0.57	0.67	0.16
4	6019	KP440	281	374	0.44	2.65	4.24	0.47
5	6024	KR004	218	707	1.02	7.61	5.00	-0.42
6	6031	KT001	347	710	0.80	5.64	3.81	-0.39
7	6030	KT436	280	722	0.55	4.44	3.59	-0.21
8	6033	KV002	411	636	0.78	3.00	2.28	-0.28
9	6029	KX438	347	548	0.25	1.51	4.40	1.07
10	6034	KZ003	340	625	1.04	5.73	5.25	-0.09
11	6026	KZ012	470	688	0.34	2.51	2.41	-0.04
12	6025	KZ015	278	633	2.53	11.39	8.72	-0.27
13	6028	LB005	326	611	0.88	4.10	6.11	0.40
14	6027	LE005	256	677	2.35	8.97	14.44	0.48
15	6036	LH014	253	544	1.06	5.07	6.24	0.21
16	6037	LJ011	257	237	2.52	11.36	7.00	-0.48
YEAR=1982								
OBS	STNO	ARCODE	DEP	O_SQM	O_DENS	O_BIOM	P_BIOM	RES
17	6232	KA011	220	461	0.45	2.73	10.82	1.38
18	6231	KF007	320	563	0.08	0.34	0.78	0.83
19	6216	KL006	183	258	0.69	3.16	6.31	0.69
20	6217	KN003	215	359	3.12	22.37	5.31	-1.44
21	6229	KP440	280	512	0.97	5.20	8.15	0.45
22	6218	KR004	213	471	1.02	7.43	5.57	-0.29
23	6219	KR006	185	607	3.37	15.10	9.67	-0.45
24	6228	KT001	350	444	2.11	11.24	4.47	-0.92
25	6223	KT436	281	631	0.54	3.81	3.52	-0.08
26	6227	KV002	424	647	0.40	2.27	2.65	0.16
27	6221	KV007	191	644	0.80	4.77	11.07	0.84
28	6224	KX007	410	668	0.77	5.18	4.45	-0.15
29	6222	KX438	337	576	0.32	2.16	5.16	0.87
30	6226	KZ003	344	596	0.77	4.73	4.92	0.04
31	6235	KZ012	468	668	0.43	3.04	2.31	-0.27
32	6234	KZ014	260	281	0.67	4.47	6.34	0.35
33	6225	LB005	329	650	0.82	4.73	5.05	0.06
34	6236	LD012	245	498	0.95	5.33	6.90	0.26
35	6237	LE005	266	441	1.25	6.68	9.72	0.38
36	6239	LH004	209	403	0.61	3.42	3.49	-0.01
37	6249	LH014	259	620	1.82	9.43	8.65	-0.09
38	6238	LH440	282	353	0.82	6.10	4.84	-0.23
YEAR=1983								
OBS	STNO	ARCODE	DEP	O_SQM	O_DENS	O_BIOM	P_BIOM	RES
39	6435	KN011	225	435	0.99	6.86	2.79	-0.90
40	6437	KB007	353	457	0.08	0.33	0.29	-0.11
41	6436	KB008	176	489	0.38	2.60	0.49	-1.60
42	6439	KF007	241	464	0.12	0.67	1.43	0.76
43	6438	KF008	165	508	0.07	0.30	0.56	0.63
44	6441	KJ005	478	647	0.06	0.24	0.41	0.53
45	6440	KL006	206	585	0.12	0.60	1.30	0.77
46	6442	KN004	213	607	3.19	21.52	6.69	-1.17
47	6428	KP440	281	529	0.34	2.04	3.96	0.66
48	6444	KR004	223	488	1.12	8.32	8.00	-0.04
49	6443	KR006	185	516	2.50	14.38	8.14	-0.57
50	6445	KT001	349	539	0.86	5.19	2.93	-0.57
51	6456	KT436	293	573	1.04	7.68	5.12	-0.41
52	6459	KV002	416	500	0.48	2.67	1.59	-0.52
53	6461	KV007	256	580	0.70	4.65	4.98	0.07
54	6460	KX007	434	570	0.35	2.01	1.94	-0.03
55	6457	KX438	339	573	0.44	2.95	3.85	0.27
56	6458	KZ002	334	576	0.97	6.01	3.78	-0.46
57	6462	KZ012	463	434	0.46	2.95	7.43	0.92
58	6454	LB005	330	429	1.38	8.01	8.51	0.06
59	6429	LD012	229	456	1.55	10.62	7.03	-0.41
60	6455	LD439	334	573	0.43	2.91	3.88	0.29
61	6453	LE005	273	570	1.39	7.42	12.66	0.53
62	6452	LH004	213	546	0.54	3.71	4.84	0.27
63	6430	LH014	237	486	2.22	12.31	9.29	-0.28
64	6434	LH440	281	273	0.55	3.99	6.29	0.46
65	6446	LJ011	256	58	3.38	24.11	7.94	-1.11
YEAR=1984								
OBS	STNO	ARCODE	DEP	O_SQM	O_DENS	O_BIOM	P_BIOM	RES
66	6713	KA010	227	295	0.44	2.58	0.73	-1.26
67	6715	KB006	488	519	0.06	0.15	0.09	-0.49
68	6714	KB008	184	593	0.05	0.08	0.07	-0.11
69	6717	KF007	319	566	0.23	1.63	1.16	-0.34
70	6716	KF008	172	573	0.05	0.08	0.39	1.59
71	6718	KJ006	455	566	0.05	0.05	0.45	2.20
72	6723	KL006	205	536	0.08	0.28	0.96	1.23
73	6721	KN003	219	410	0.66	2.56	4.23	0.50
74	6722	KP440	287	603	0.39	2.41	2.76	0.14
75	6720	KR004	217	553	1.12	5.43	4.38	-0.21
76	6719	KR006	194	152	8.33	25.31	8.71	-1.07
77	6724	KS002	344	553	2.05	11.22	4.35	-0.25
78	6725	KT437	275	556	0.49	2.69	1.08	-0.91
79	6727	KV002	415	444	0.42	2.43	1.78	-0.31
80	6735	KV007	224	597	1.02	5.71	3.13	-0.60
81	6734	KX007	452	393	0.46	3.02	1.93	-0.45
82	6726	KX437	320	532	0.27	1.41	1.70	0.19
83	6728	KZ002	321	512	1.22	6.74	2.92	-0.84
84	6737	KZ012	465	573	2.18	8.34	6.78	-0.21
85	6736	KZ014	276	536	1.00	5.82	7.02	0.19
86	6729	LB005	321	305	0.97	4.31	7.85	0.60
87	6738	LD012	250	464	4.39	16.12	9.05	-0.58
88	6733	LD439	325	559	0.23	1.24	1.95	0.45
89	6730	LE005	251	570	2.08	8.35	9.96	0.18
90	6731	LH004	207	393	0.40	2.25	2.09	-0.07
91	6740	LH014	249	471	5.47	23.74	18.09	-0.27
92	6732	LH440	274	532	0.62	4.04	2.13	-0.64
93	6749	LJ011	254	546	1.57	5.87	10.94	0.62

Table 4. Calculated total biomass for all strata within  $66^{\circ}00'N$  to  $69^{\circ}30'N$  in water depths 100-600 meters with sums for 30 minutes latitude strips (see also Fig. 5).

A R E A	1981	1982	1983	1984
$69^{\circ}00'N$ - $69^{\circ}30'N$	47235	40839	50385	43146
$68^{\circ}30'N$ - $69^{\circ}00'N$	48235	50547	74319	61725
$68^{\circ}00'N$ - $68^{\circ}30'N$	42741	80328	60345	54745
$67^{\circ}30'N$ - $68^{\circ}00'N$	31111	61760	53817	40106
$67^{\circ}00'N$ - $67^{\circ}30'N$	6055	19971	10292	11803
$66^{\circ}30'N$ - $67^{\circ}00'N$	4567	8903	5552	5426
$66^{\circ}00'N$ - $66^{\circ}30'N$	5134	13523	5198	2962
T O T A L	185078	275871	259908	219913

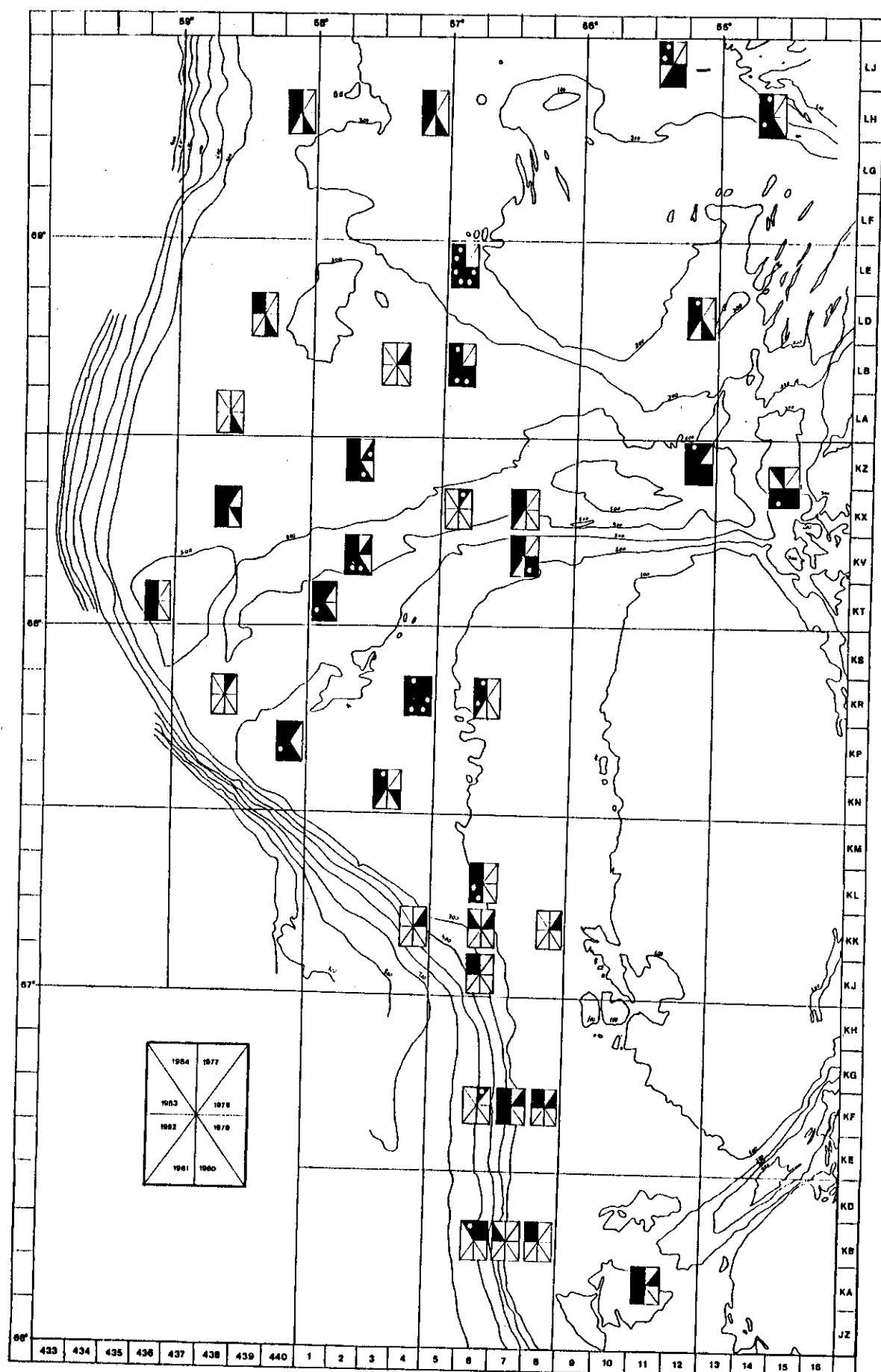


Fig. 1. Map with sampling stations 1977-84 in the area  $66^{\circ}00'N$  to  $69^{\circ}30'N$ . The white dots in certain of the filled fields denote sites on which small shrimp were dominating in the actual year.

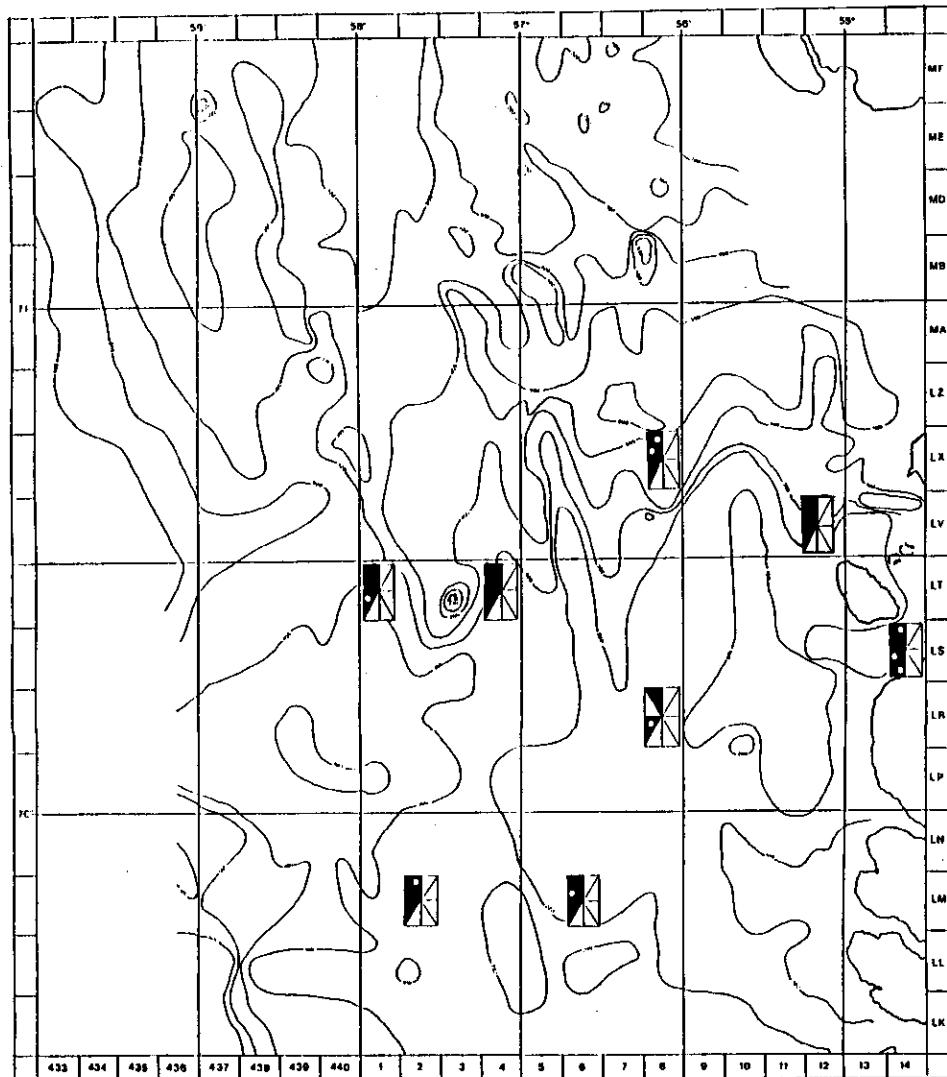
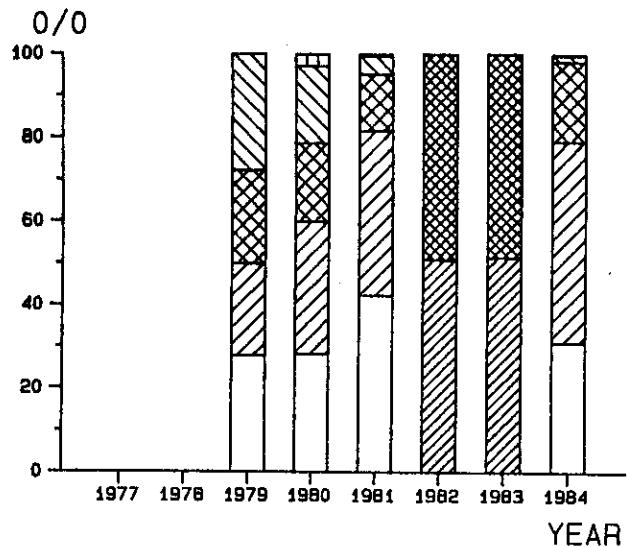
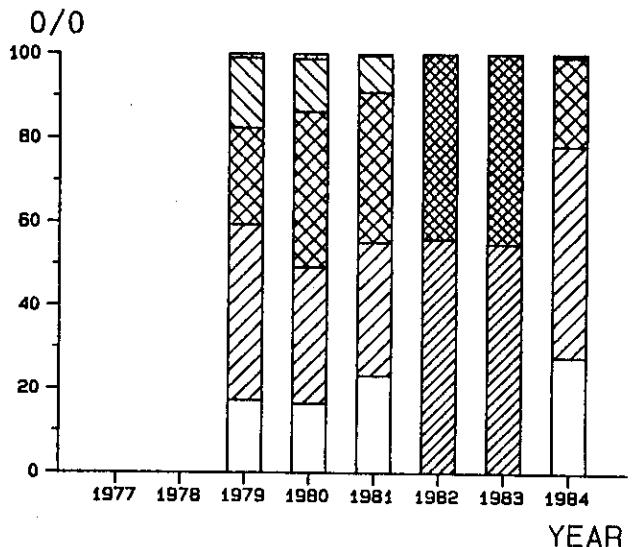


Fig. 2. Map with sampling stations 1981-84 in the area  $69^{\circ} 30' \text{N}$  to  $71^{\circ} 30' \text{N}$ . The white dots in certain of the filled fields denote sites on which small shrimp were dominating in the actual year.

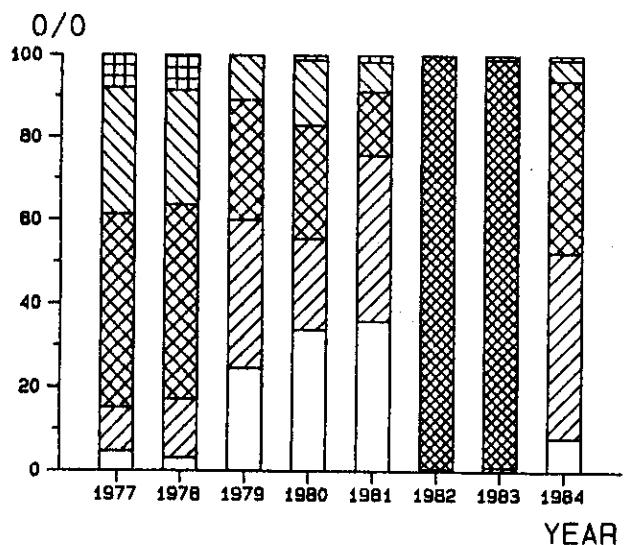
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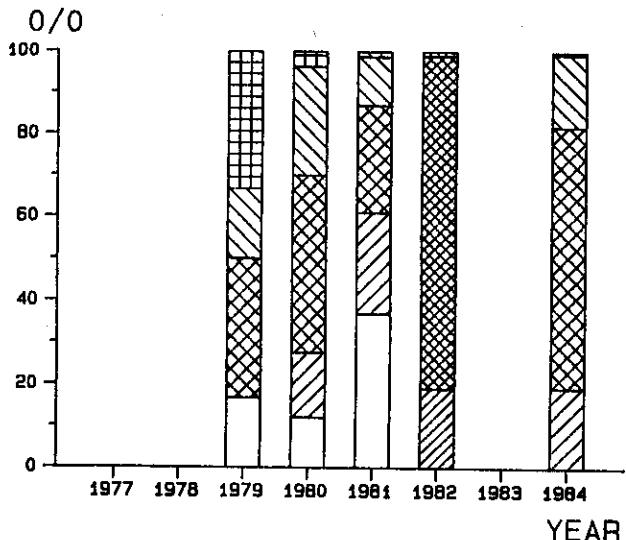
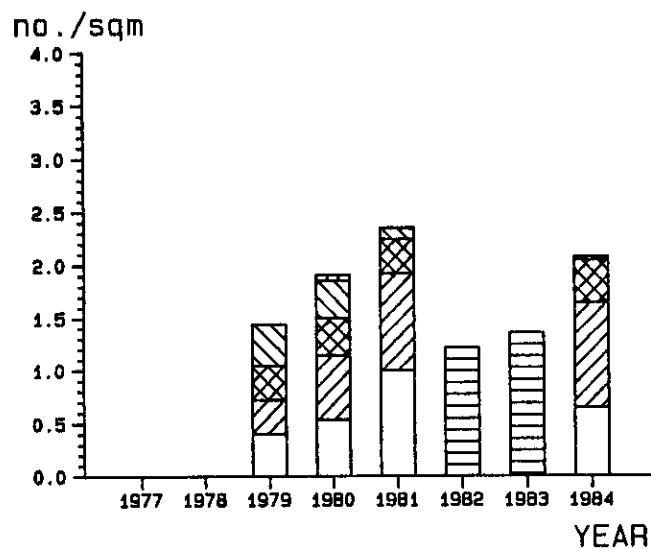
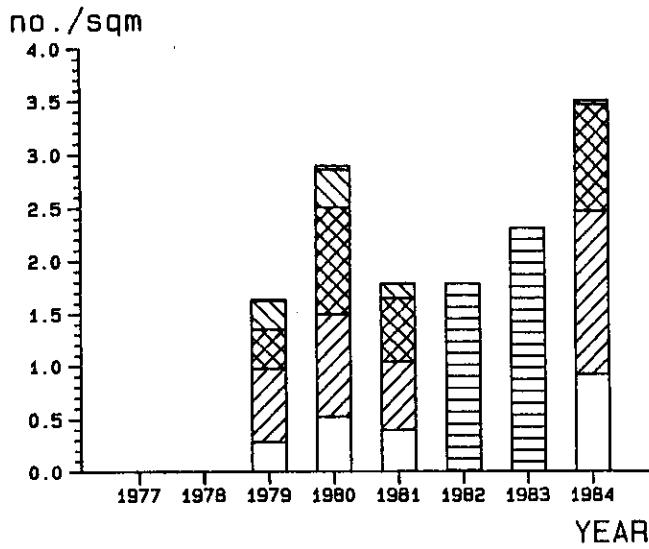


Fig. 3. Size distribution in four different areas (for area codes see Fig. 1). In 1982 and 1983 (old reading) the lowermost column (small shrimp) correspond roughly to the two lower columns the other years.

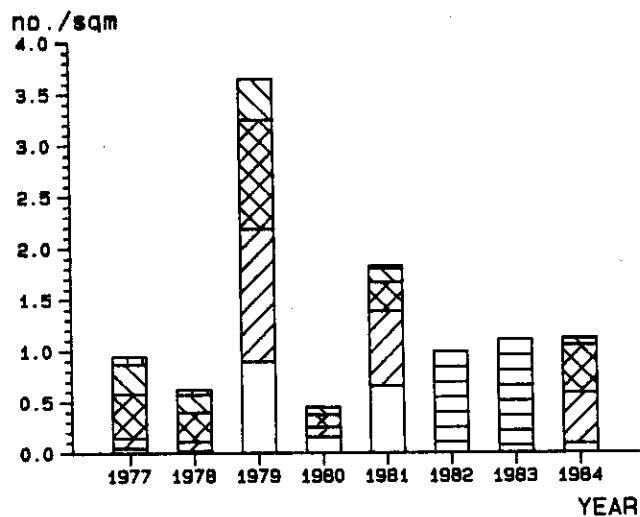
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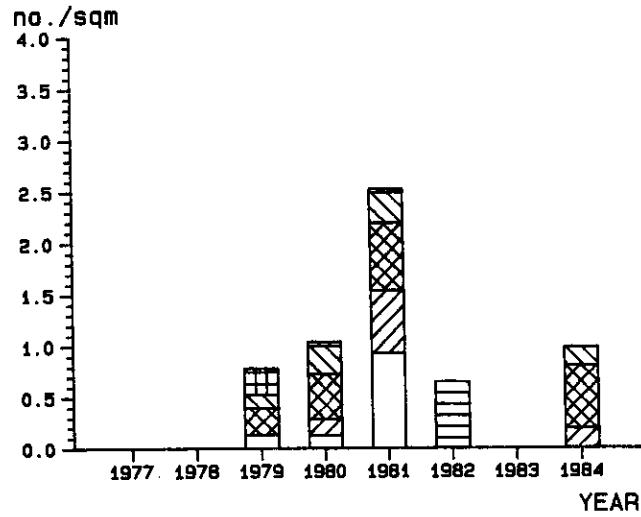


Fig. 4. Shrimp density in numbers per squaremeter in four different areas (for area codes see Fig. 1). In 1982 and 1983 (old reading) the density figures are not broken down into size groups.

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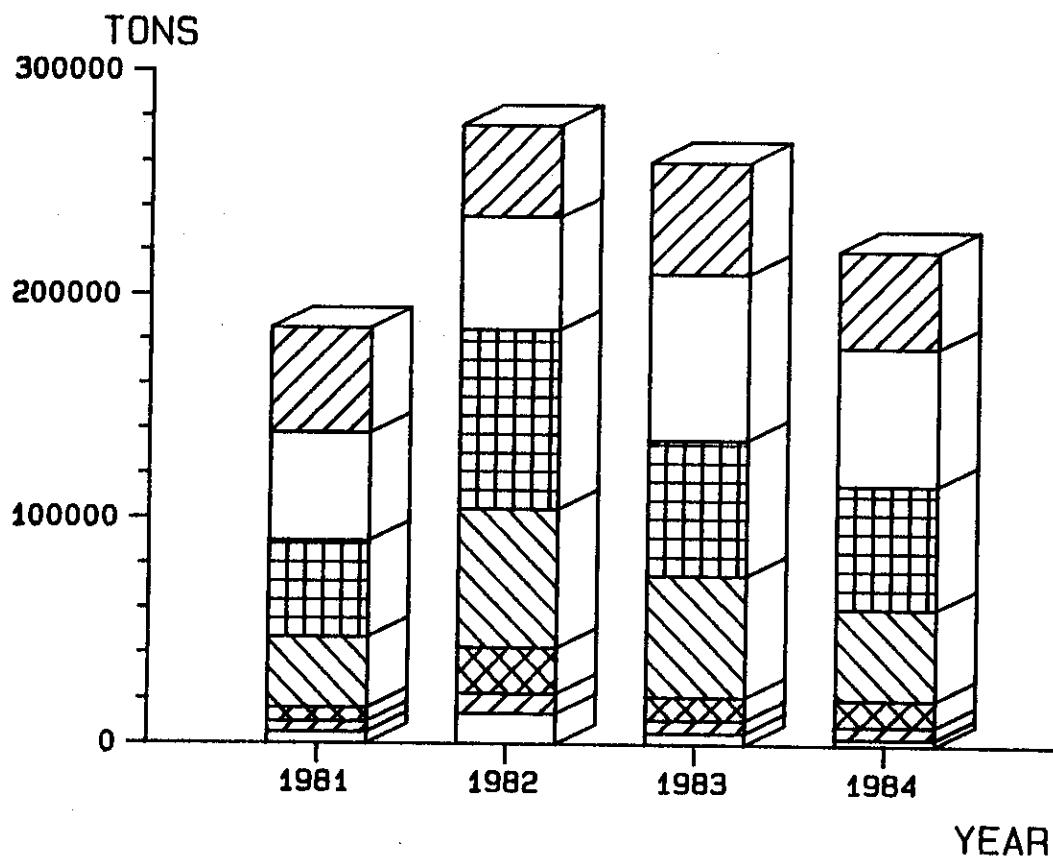


Fig. 5. Total biomass estimates in 30 minute latitude strips as given in Table 4.

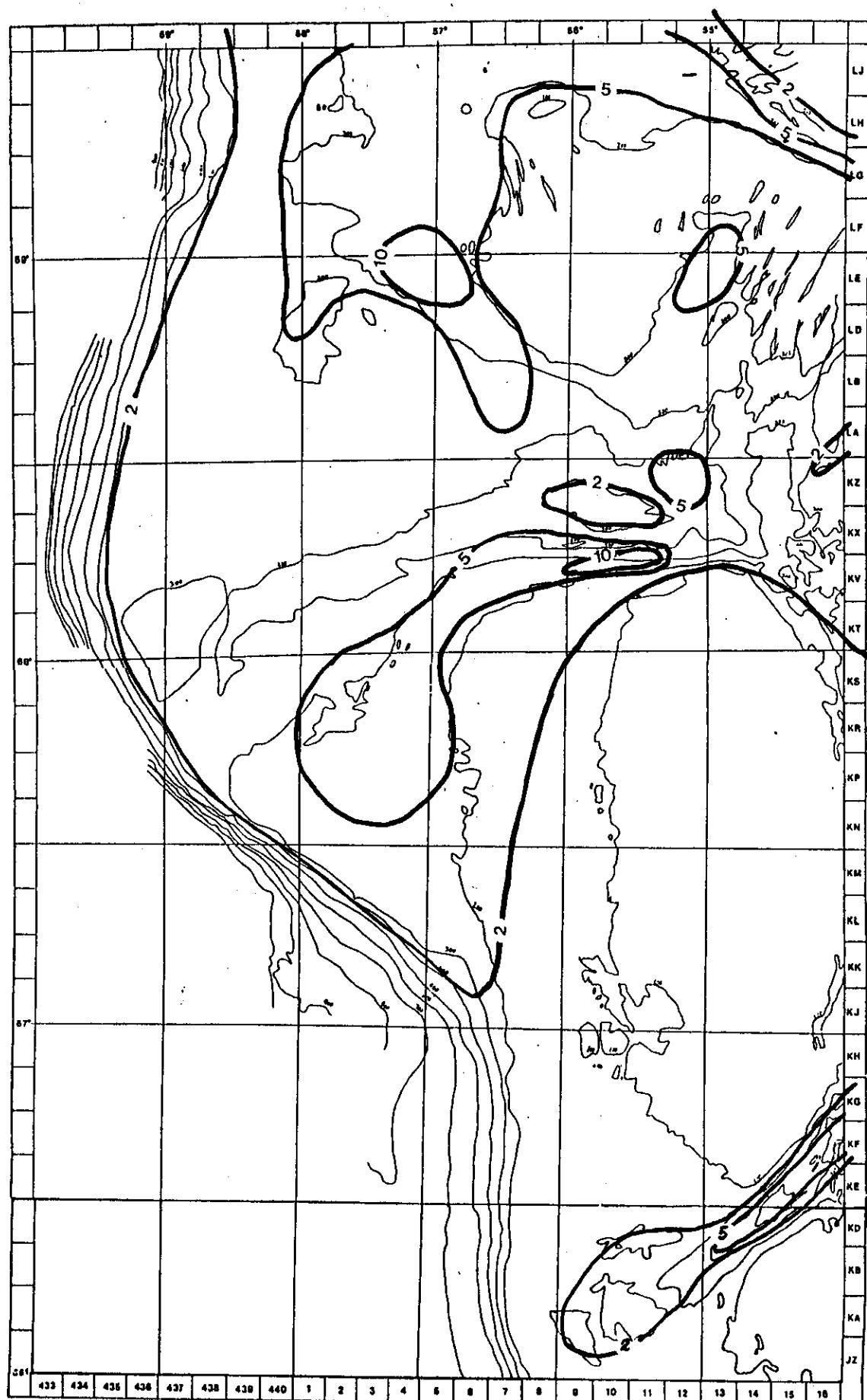


Fig. 6. Map with isolines for 2, 5 and 10 grams shrimp per squaremeter as calculated for 1981 by means of the parameters as explained in the text.

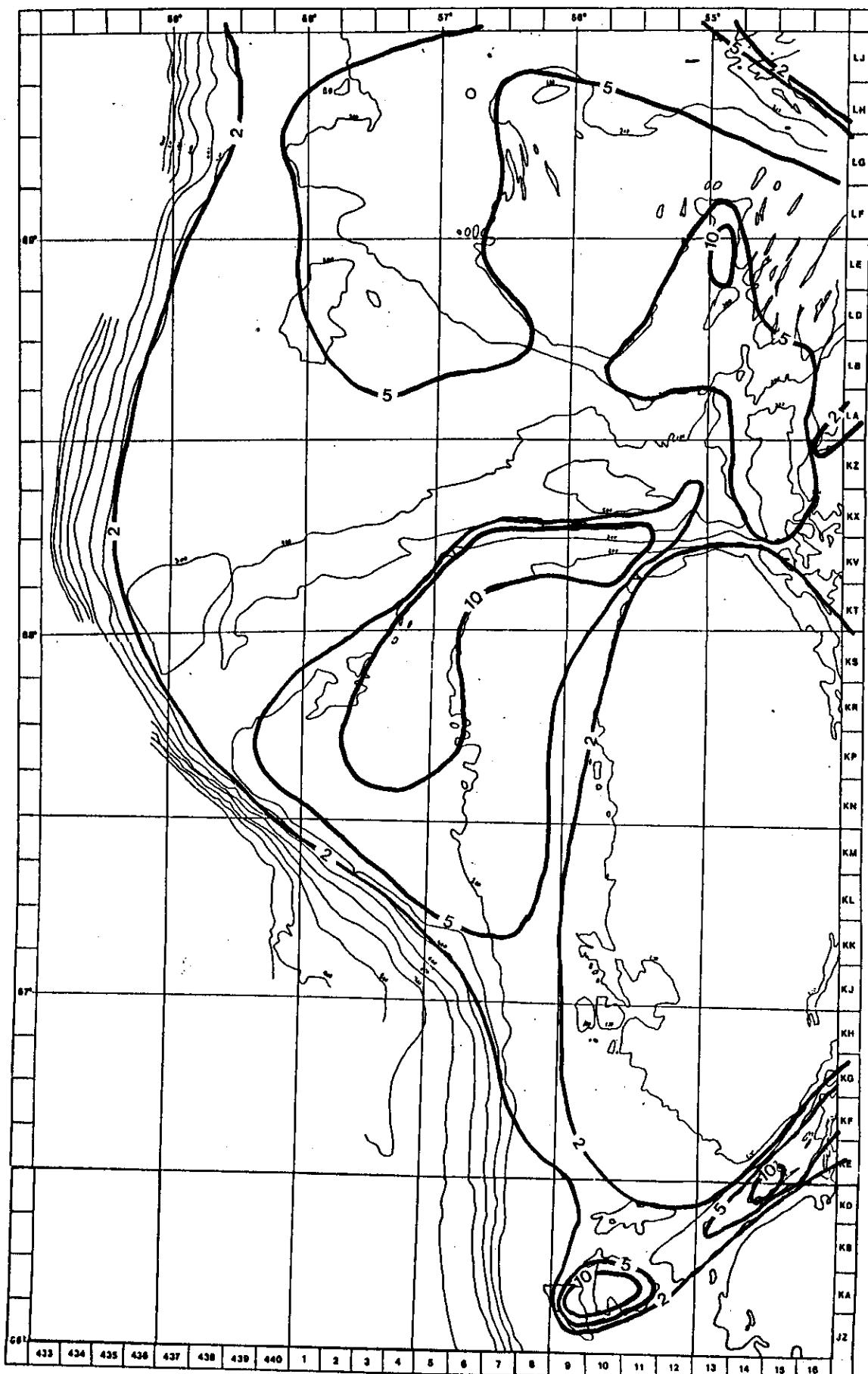


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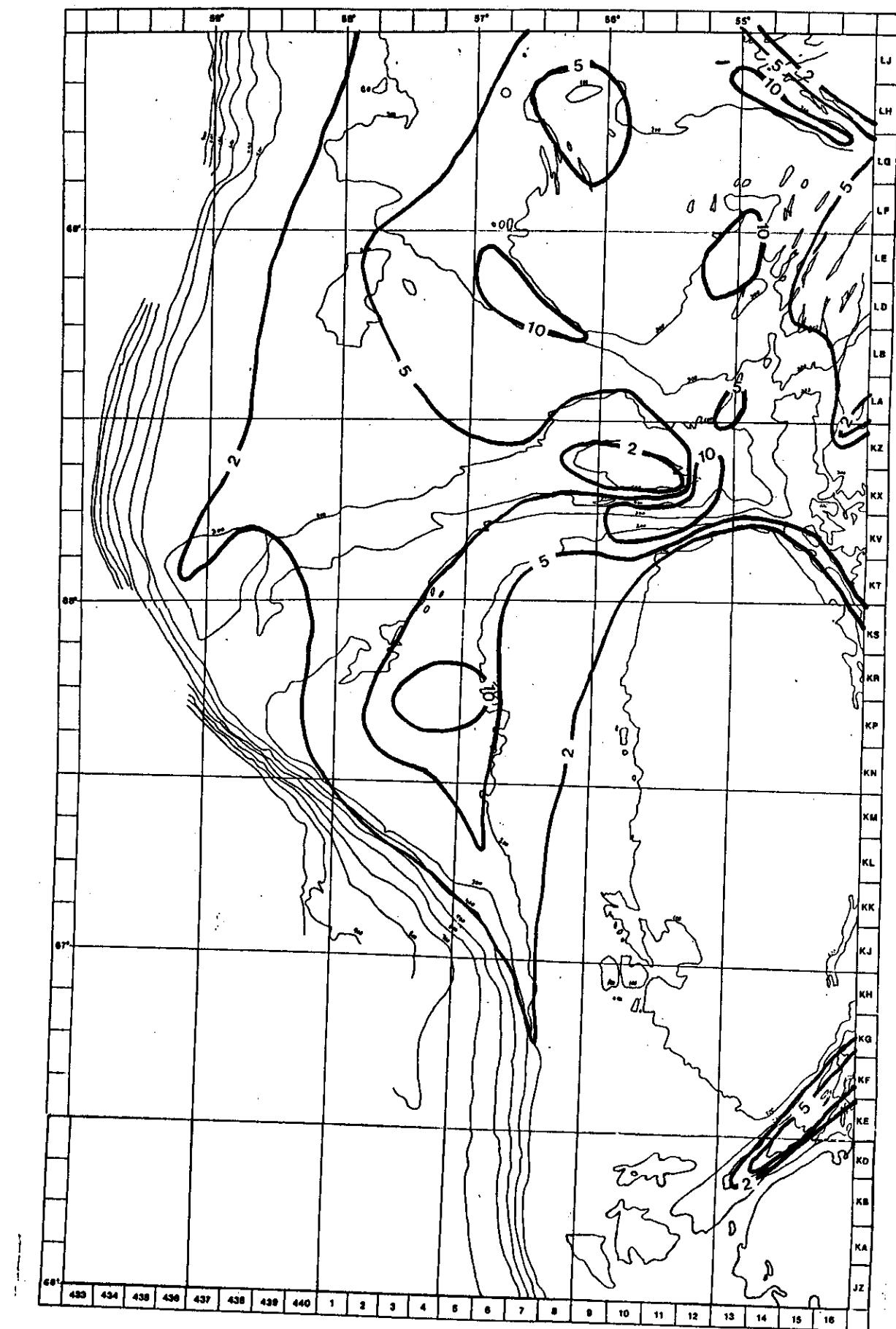


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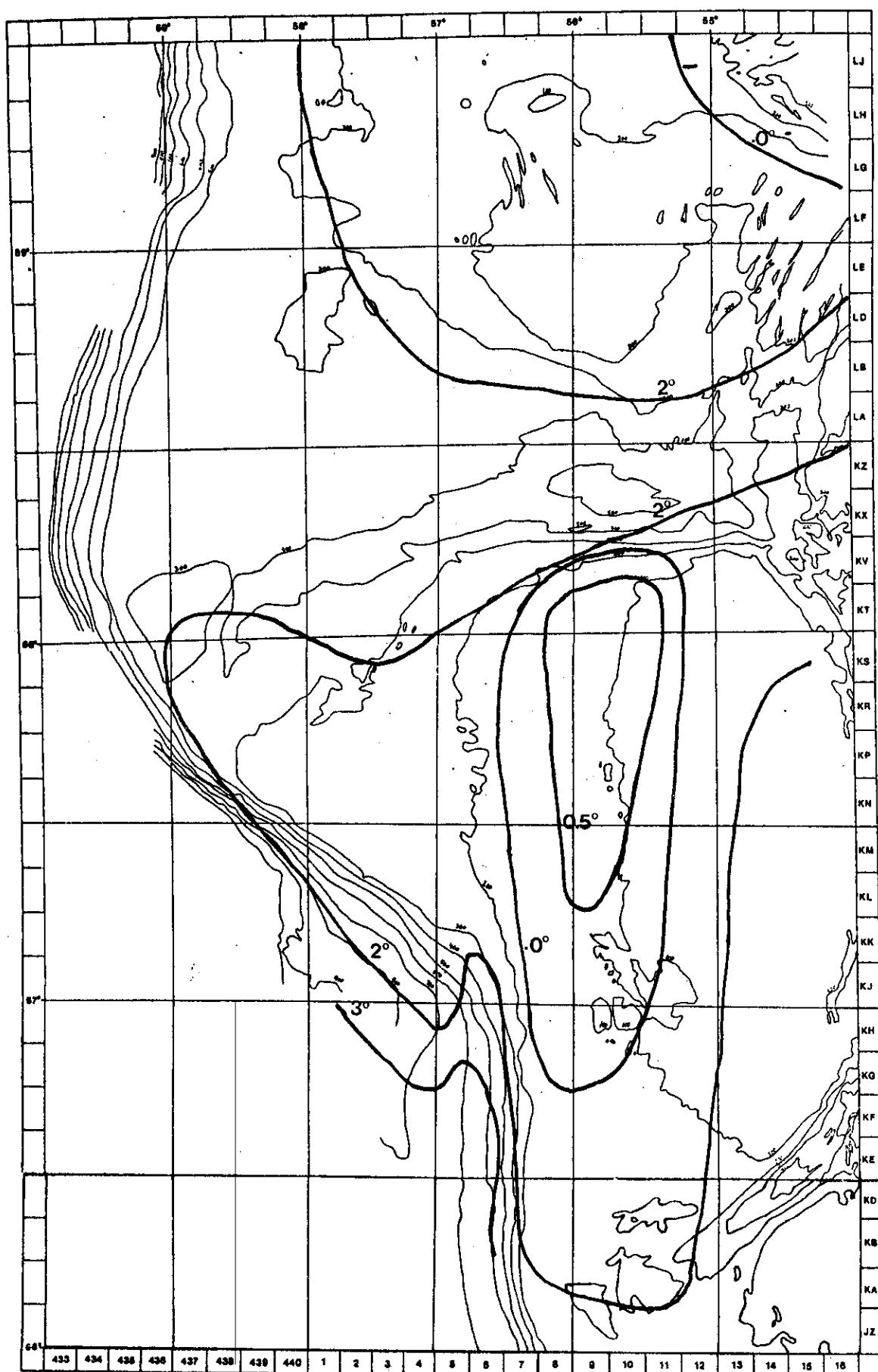


Fig. 10. Bottom temperatures (isotherms) for July 1984 in the area included in the analysis.