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Source Identification of Multinational Abandoned, Lost, or Discarded Fishing Gear from the Eel and Hagfish Trap Fisheries throughout the North Pacific Ocean



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Supplemental material 3. Biofouling Analyses of ETE by Dr. James Carlton, Megan McCuller and Aria Lupo.



Figure 1: *Mytilus coruscus*. Collection sample number 2 on right. Left photo from: Qian, Jin, Fujing Deng, Sandra E. Shumway, Menghong Hu, Youji Wang, 2024. The thick-shell mussel *Mytilus coruscus*: Ecology, physiology,, and aquaculture, Aquaculture, 580, Part 2, 740350, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aquaculture.2023.740350>.



Figure 2: *Dendostrea folium*. Collection sample numbers 108, 109, 110.

R rare	<10 colonies or individuals
C common	10 -100
A abundant	100+ (too numerous to count)
X	present
•	Sample saved

Note: Samples were analyzed from December 2021 to May 2022 with most done from December 28, 2021 to January 12, 2022. Three additional samples received February 2025, entered February 2026:

Process Number	Jelly-ella	Lepas < 5 mm shell length unless noted Sm smooth Sp spiny	Hydroid stolon / stalks	White crusts foraminifera colonies and bleached coral-line algal crust, sometimes nodulose	Foraminifera other than Homotrema dendritic (branching) colonies	Balanoid barnacles	Bivalves	Worm tubes Sp Spirorbid, Ser Serpulid, Sab Sabellariid All: tubes only, no bodies	Other Bryozoa / Sponges / Other Species / Comments on taxa to left
1	A	R		X	X				*1 snail from beach? 1mm *1 unknown object 1mm;
2			A			*C <i>Chthamalus proteus</i> variable morphology live, 3-7 mm	*R (2, <i>Mytilus</i>)		12 mm; 17 mm; no internal crenulations on shell: <i>Mytilus coruscus</i>
3	A	C			R				
4	A	C (Sp)		C					

5			A (heavy fuzz)	X? extensive white nodulose patches	X	*X <i>Tetra- clitella</i> dead and alive; largest live 6mm; a mis- shapen barnacle	1 dead, 2 mm juve- nile <i>Isogno- mon</i> ?	Sp R	*Vermetidae: <i>Dendro- poma</i> , dead, transverse ridges, growing on barnacle
6							R (3, <i>Isognomon</i> sp.)		*16 mm <i>Isognomon</i> removed; 2 others left (2, 3.5 mm); 4 Hawaiian species - is it possible that the larger one is Asian and the smaller ones Hawaiian?
7	C	A		C					*Strange small windy tubes / worms? Un- known
8	R			A	R	R * <i>Tetra- clitella</i> 1 dead, 10 mm; 2 live, 8 mm and *N. intertext- tus 3 live, largest 5 mm)		Sp A	
9				A	C	C <i>Tetra- clitella</i> largest 10 mm		Sp A	
10		C (Sm)		C	A		*Hipponic- ids - 4 mm <i>Antisabia foliacea</i> serpu- lids have settled on top	Sp C Ser A with distinct keel on tube	<i>Homotrema</i> R Pink; Flat- worm egg case? 1 mm; Bryozoa, multiple coastal species; *" <i>Proboscina</i> " (in bag); Sponge one 1 mm piece
11	R	R (Sp)	C	C	C				agglutinating foram? * C; smallest plastic piece by possible Bryozoa B
12			C			C <i>Tetra- clitella</i> smallest 1 mm, largest live 7mm			
13						* <i>Tetra- clitella</i> smallest live 3 mm; larg- est live 9 mm; dead and alive; and N. inter- textus (1,4mm)		Sp R	<i>Tetraclitella</i> valves in vial

14	A	R (Sp)		A	C	<i>C Tetra-clitella</i> smallest 1 mm		Sp A	
15									Coral colony (15 x 20 mm) dead <i>Pocillopora</i> ?
16	A	A (Sm)			X				Covered with dried Hawaiian beach sand (in small bag)
17		R (Sm)		C	C	<i>Verruca cookei</i> Very fine sculpture C 1.5 - 3 mm	* Small bivalves: 1 dead, unidentified, 6 mm; 4 newly settled, 1-2 mm each, of which 3 were alive and newly settled - Anomiiidae?	Ser C	Bryozoan sp. C Fine brown scuzz A Snail from beach
18	C	R	C		A			Sp C	
19			A						Heavily coated with dried brown filamentous algae?
20	A		R	A	C		*1 unidentified bivalve no internal tooth 3 mm		Bleached <i>Homotrema</i> C *unknown brown algal film? R filamentous algae C
21	C	1 (10mm) (Sm) R			A				Bleached <i>Homotrema</i> R, unidentified forams C
22					C			*Sp C	<i>Homotrema</i> patch R Sponge, 5 colonies, one 5 cm
23			?						Dense fibrous brown mats A- hydroids?
24				A	A	<i>Tetra-clitella</i> C		Sp C	<i>Homotrema</i> R Sponge C
25									Coral colony 15 x 15 mm
26									<i>Homotrema</i> R
27	R			A					<i>Homotrema</i> A
28	R			R					Some fibrous material
29	C			C					<i>Homotrema</i> C
30				R					<i>Homotrema</i> R
31	R				A				<i>Homotrema</i> R Brown fibrous material inner flange
32				R					<i>Homotrema</i> R

33	R				R				<i>Homotrema</i> R
34	C	R (Sm)			R	R*; 6 newly settled 1.2 mm <i>Amphibi-ans retic-ulatus</i>			<i>Homotrema</i> C
35	A	R (Sp)	Abrown dense stolons	X				Ser	Newly settled Ser - very small
36	A	C (a few cyprids)		X	A				
37	A	R (sm)							<i>Homotrema</i> C, white fibrous material A
38									Small patch of white fibrous material R
39	C				A			Ser A	
40	A				A				
41	A								Brown film crust
42	R	A 1 (10 mm)	A						Pennate diatoms A; "microdot" swirly forams R
43	A			X					White plastic fibers, small patch
44	A								Tiny bit of cyclostome* from Hawaiian beach sand
45	A	C (Sm)	A		A				Micro swirly foram, A
46	A	A (Sp)							
47	A		X						
48	A	A (+ cyprid)			A				See pictures for den-drites
49	C				R				
50	A	None!			A (fused)				Pennate diatoms A
51	A	R			C				
52	A	R (Sp)	C		C				Agglutinating forams? *

53	A	R							Megan McCuller notes: some cyclostomes (<i>Proboscina?</i>) overgrowing <i>Jellyella</i> , and some <i>Jellyella</i> overgrowing cyclostomes; lovely growing colonies of <i>Proboscina?</i> seem too extensive to be Hawaiian
54	A	Cyprids			R				<i>Homotrema</i> R
55	A								<i>Homotrema</i> R
56	C	A (sm, sp)	A		R		R* 1 mm <i>Pteria?</i>		Pennate diatoms A
57	A	C (sp)							<i>Homotrema</i> R
58	A	R			C				In this case the <i>Jellyella</i> are <i>eburnea</i> *
59	C	R							
60	A								
61	A	R	C		C				
62	A	R (Sp)			x				
63	A		X dense fibrous mats	(Foram) C					
64	C	C	A		R			Ser R	<i>Homotrema</i> C
65	A		X dense fibrous mat	X	x				
66	A	R							
67	A		R		R				<i>Homotrema</i> C
68	R	R (Sp)	A	C	C	3 specimens small, smooth white < 1 mm			Barnacles: did not attempt to remove valves
69	A	C (Sp)							
70	A		A Fuzz						Foraminifera from beach
71	A	R			C				Brown chambered foraminifera about .5 mm C, " <i>Ammonia</i> -like"; from beach
72	A	R			C				
73	A				C				

74	A very decayed	A (Sp) tiny -5 mm a few cyprids	R						
75	C	C	C	C	C		Unidentified juvenile bivalve	Sp (smooth, no keel) C	Bivalve may be beach acquisition
76									White microfibers A, trapping sand debris
77	A				C				<i>Homotrema</i> R; picture taken of hexagonal <i>Jellyella</i>
78	A						1, 1 mm nepionic attached		Lots of fine brown fibrous material
79	C		C						Encrusted with sand! Dried slime?
80								Sp C	White fibrous material C
81	R			R	R				½ bivalve cemented to inner flange; a 1mm zooid colony; <i>Homotrema</i> A
82	A	C			<i>Planorbulina acervalis?</i> growing on trap 2mm				
83	C								Light brown fuzz
84	R			X degraded					Dried beach debris? -brown mats - no structure
85	C		R		R				
86	R								<i>Padina?</i> - and crustose coralline
87	R								Dried clumps of calcareous stuff covered in fibrous mats, possibly degraded <i>Jellyella</i> C
88	A	R			One cluster of about a dozen <i>Planorbulina</i> C				Lots of brown film
89	C			R	C covering degraded <i>Jellyella</i>				<i>Homotrema</i> C
90	A	R (Sp)		X					

91	R				C				
92	C			C	A				
93	A							Sp A	
94	A								<i>Homotrema</i> C, white microdots C
95							R (5)		Unknown tiny white objects maybe egg cases (see #96)
96				A	C		R about 9	Sp C	Unknown small objects – egg cases? like #95 same crystalline-type struc- ture. But yellow, with center hole and slightly larger 1 mm,
97				C	C	<i>Tetra- clitella</i> 5 mm R, <i>Nesoch- thamalus</i> 4mm R			
98			A	R	A	<i>Verruca</i> R	R 2 dead 12 mm and 8 mm, <i>Crassos- rea</i> ?	Ser R; Sp C	<i>Homotrema</i> C; pennate diatoms C; degraded sponge R; cyclostomes? C; with erect tubes; coral, tiny R; smooth brown vermetid tube, dead, R
99						<i>Nesoch- thamalus</i> , live: 5 speci- mens, largest 9 mm		Sp R	
100						<i>Tetra- clitella</i> C			Vermetid snail R with ridges (<i>Dendropoma</i>)
101						<i>Tetra- clitella</i> R 6mm largest; <i>Verruca</i> R 3 mm		Sp A; Ser A	<i>Homotrema</i> R
102				A	C	<i>Tetra- clitella</i> C + 4 tiny barnacles about 1 mm, live and dead			
103					R	<i>Verruca</i> R (3 mm); <i>Tetra- clitella</i> , largest 10 mm C		Sp A; Ser A; 2 <i>Sabella- riidae</i>	Sponge A large yellow colony C; Sponge B paler dendritic C; cyclostome bryozoan R; tiny sponge piece
104	C		A	R		<i>Chthama- lus</i> C	Old oyster valve frag- ments; 1 <i>Isognomon</i> , 12 mm, no tissue but whole, paired		“Sponge B” (see 103) R See photos of <i>Isognomon</i> ; probably <i>I. californicus</i> from Hawaii despite name. has similarities to <i>I. acutirostris</i> from Japan

105	C	A Sp	A		C			
106						<i>Ch-thamalus proteus</i> , 5 mm; live	<i>Isognomon californicum</i> , 10 mm (Hawaiian); <i>Isognomon</i> sp., 5 and 8 mm	microporous crust, unknown
107							<i>Isognomon californicum</i> , 10 mm (Hawaiian)	
108	C						<i>Dendostrea folium</i> , 86x59 and 84x59, lower valves only; Pectinidae (18 mm, paired valves)	<i>Lichenopora</i> sp. 3 mm; dried gammarid amphipod; dried asellote isopod
109	C					1 empty barnacle	<i>Dendostrea folium</i> , 30x19, lower valve	
110	C	Sm	stolons/ stalks	white crusts			<i>Dendostrea folium</i> , 76x84; 44.6x18.2	<i>Scruparia ambigua</i>



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