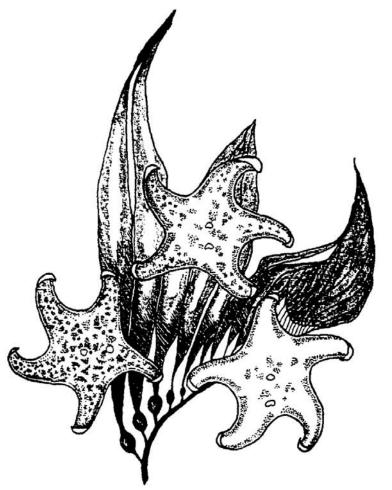
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Program Manager's Report

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This constitutes the quarterly report for the first quarter of Program Year 15 of the Southern California Educational Initiative, a cooperative research agreement between the Minerals Management Service, the state of California and the University of California.

As of this quarter, 1 project currently is being conducted under the aegis of the Southern California Educational Initiative.

Actions Pending MMS Approval:

• We are waiting for MMS comments on the Draft Final Report for the project *Species-level Identification of Infaunal Samples and the Relationship Between Taxonomic Aggregation and the Before-After/Control-Impact Paired Series Assessment Design*, Holbrook et al, PIs.

Major programmatic progress and actions during the quarter are summarized below for the period of July 1 – September 30, 2003.

- The Draft Final Report, Species-level Identification of Infaunal Samples and the Relationship Between Taxonomic Aggregation and the Before-After/Control-Impact Paired Series Assessment Design, was completed and submitted to MMS for review. The Final report will be formatted and submitted to MMS next quarter in hard copy and PDF formats.
- A Draft Final Report for the project, *Early Development of Fouling Communities on Offshore Oil Platforms*, will be submitted to MMS for review next quarter.

Early Development of Fouling Communities on Offshore Oil Platforms

Principal Investigators: H. Mark Page, Jenifer Dugan, and **Jason Bram**, Marine Science Institute, University of California, Santa Barbara, California 93106-6150

Major Accomplishments, July 1, 2003 – September 30, 2003

A master's thesis and a manuscript on the results from this study are in preparation.

Upcoming work

A master's thesis and manuscript for publication based on the results will be written before December 1st, 2003. A Draft Final Report will be submitted to MMS next quarter.

Problems Encountered: None

MMS Action Required: None

Estimated Percentage of Budget Expended:

Project Year 1 100% Project Year 2 100% Project Year 3 98%