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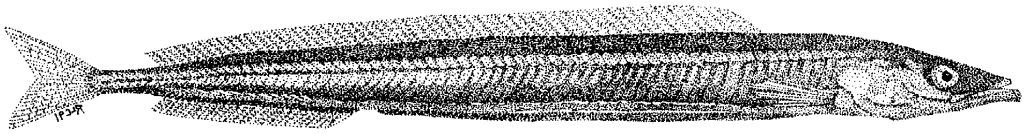

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Six species of sand lance (*Ammodytes)* in temperate and boreal regions are currently recognized. Sand lance can occupy a wide range of environmental conditions, but all appear to be dormant predominantly in winter, and one species is in summer also. They lack a swim bladder and spend much of their time buried in specific substrates. Copepods are the primary food. Spawning usually occurs in fall or winter (although some species also spawn in spring), eggs are demersal, and larvae may hatch at times of low food abundance. Sand lance usually occur in schools and are regarded as a relatively high-quality forage fish.

Sand lance constitute a major prey for at least some populations of over 100 species of consumer, including 40 species of birds, 12 species of marine mammals, 45 species of fishes, and some invertebrates. Variation in the availability of sand lance (and other forage fishes) can have major effects on the breeding success and survival of their predators. Commercial fishing and other pressures on sand lance populations potentially have ramifying effects on many species of wildlife.

The bibliography contains over 1,700 references on the family Ammodytidae, with an emphasis on the genus *Ammodytes.* Keywords are provided for each reference and have been further organized into taxonomic, geographic, subject, and predator indexes.

Keywords: Sand lance, sand eel, *Ammodytes, personatus, hexapterus, americanus, dubius, tobianus, marinus,* predator/prey relations, seabirds, marine mammals, forage fish, predatory fish, Alaska, adaptations, spawning, phenology, morphology, habitat, recruitment, ecology, bibliography.

Summary

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squid. Reproductive success of at least 10 avian species has been correlated with availability of sand lance prey: great skua, parasitic jaeger, shag, black-legged kittiwake, arctic tern, common tern, common murre, Atlantic puffin, tufted puffin, and rhinoceros auklet. Sand lance are among the more nutritious of forage fishes, with relatively high levels of certain vitamins and energy density; however, they also are capable of transmitting paralytic shellfish poisoning and other toxins to their predators.

Sand lance constitute an important element in many marine food webs. Cascading effects throughout the marine food web may occur when severe perturbations are imposed on critical parts of the web. In areas where sand lance are commercially harvested, future problems in resource exploitation may be avoided, not only by using more and better science but also by using conservative harvesting strategies.

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Biology of the Genus *Ammodytes*, The Sand Lances

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Keywords: Sand lance, sand eel, *Ammodytes, personatus, hexapterus, americanus, dubius, tobianus, marinus,* forage fish.

Taxonomy and Distribution

Phylum:	Chordata
Subphylum:	Vertebrata (Craniata)
Superclass:	Gnathostomata
Grade:	Pisces
Class:	Osteichthyes
Subclass:	Actinopterygii
Infraclass:	Neopterygii
Division:	Halecostomi
Subdivision:	Teleostei
Infradivision:	Euteleostei
Superorder:	Acanthopterygii
Order:	Perciformes
Suborder:	Ammodytoidei
Family:	Ammodytidae
Subfamily:	Ammodytinae
Genus:	*Ammodytes*
Species:	*personatus, hexapterus, americanus, dubius, marinus, tobianus*

Ammodytidae is the sole family within the suborder Ammodytoidei. Numerous papers have been written on the designations below this level of classification, for which there is considerable confusion, continuing the thought of Gill (1904) who stated:

> There are few fishes respecting whose affinities there has been so much diversity of opinion...as the sand launces or Ammodytids.

Current literature suggests that the Ammodytidae includes 7 genera including a total of 20 species (Ida and others 1994, Stevens and others 1984): *Gymnammodytes, Hyperoplus,* and *Ammodytes* usually live in temperate and boreal conditions, unlike *Protammodytes, Lepidammodytes, Bleekeria,* and *Ammodytoides*, which live in more tropical regions (Ida and others 1994, Stevens and others 1984).

Artedi (1738) derived the name for the genus *Ammodytes* from the Latin *ammos* meaning “sand” and *dytes* meaning “diver.” Species designations and names have changed often during the past 30 years. Confusion results largely from the overlapping meristic characteristics among species, which differ with environmental conditions and are therefore suggestive, rather than conclusive, for making species designations (Inoue and others 1967, Okamoto 1989). The wide latitudinal range of sand lance

compounds this problem. Recent genetic research (e.g., Donaghy and others 1995, Okamoto 1989) has started to shed a clearer light on species designations. Debate continues, however, concerning the number of species within the genus, geographic regions, and distributional ranges. Although 23 nominal species of the genus have been described, current literature consistently recognizes only six based on a combination of genetic, meristic, ecological, and biological parameters (e.g., Donaghy and others 1995, Nizinski and others 1990, Okamoto and others 1989). *Gymnammodytes semisquamatus* is often referred to in conjunction with Atlantic *Ammodytes* species. This species is found in the northeastern Atlantic and Mediterranean (Sabates and others 1990) but is genetically distinct from the genus *Ammodytes* (Donaghy and others 1995). Research is still needed to establish if (1) two genetically distinct species are present in the northern parts of the Pacific as proposed by Grigorev and Sedova (1997) and which exist in Japanese and Atlantic waters, and (2) if *A. americanus* belongs to a single trans-Atlantic species, *A. marinus* (Winters and Dalley 1988), which also may be circumpolar and synonymous with *A. hexapterus* (Nizinski and others 1990).

North Pacific Species

A. hexapterus Pallas 1814: Pacific sand lance
Distributed in the eastern North Pacific from California to the Beaufort Sea and as far west as the Sea of Okhotsk and Hokkaido (northernmost island in the Japanese archipelago; Craig 1984, Hashimoto 1984, Kitaguchi 1979, Trumble 1973).

A. personatus Girard 1857: Japanese sand lance
Distributed from Asan Bay on the Yellow Sea coast of South Korea, into the China Sea (possibly as far south as Hong Kong; Fowler 1931) and north to southern Hokkaido Island along the west and east coasts of Japan (Hashimoto 1984, Kim and others 1994).

Western North Atlantic Species

A. americanus DeKay 1842
Distributed from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, to the north of Labrador and Hudson Bay in shallow coastal waters, protected bays, and estuaries (Nizinski and others 1990, Smigielski and others 1984).

A. dubius Reinhardt 1838
Distributed in coastal and shelf waters from North Carolina to at least Coburg Island in the Canadian high arctic (pers. obs., Robards) and south along the Greenland coast. Tends to be offshore in comparison to *A. americanus* (Nizinski and others 1990).

Eastern North Atlantic Species

A. marinus Raitt 1934

Distributed from the Barents Sea along the coast of Novaya Zemlaya to Krestovaya Bay. Common in the White Sea and in the northeast Atlantic along the coasts of Norway, Scotland, Faeroes, Shetland Islands, Iceland, and into the North Sea and western part of the Baltic (Andriyashev 1954)

A. tobianus Linnaeus 1758

Distributed from the Murman Sea (Poland) to the west coast of Iceland in the north, the Baltic Sea in the east, and the Spanish coast in the south. *Ammodytes tobianus* also has been reported from the Balearic Islands within the Mediterranean (O'Connell and Fives 1995). This species has not been reported from the coasts of Greenland (Andriyashev 1954). *Ammodytes tobianus* is generally regarded as the most biologically distinct species of the *Ammodytes* (Field 1988).

Numerous common names have been attributed to this genus. Although the term "candlefish" is sometimes used in North America, this correctly refers to smelts (Osmeridae). The regional common names are summarized by Reay (1970) as:

Danish:	Tobis
Dutch:	Zandspiering, Smeelte
English:	Sandeel, Lesser Sandeel
Faerose:	Nebbasild
Finnish:	Tuulenkalat
French:	Equille
German:	Sandaal, Sandspierling, Tobias Fisch
Greenlandic:	Putorutotoq
Icelandic:	Tronusilli, Sandsili
Irish (Gaelic):	Corr
Norwegian:	Sil, Tobis
Polish:	Tobiasz, Dobijak
Portugese:	Franchao, Agulhae
Spanish:	Lanzon
Swedish:	Tobis
Former U.S.S.R:	Peschanka
North America:	Launce, Sand Launce, Sand Lance, Needle Fish

Morphology

All sand lance have a narrow, elongate, subcylindrical body; premaxilla is protractile; dorsal and anal fins are composed of soft rays only, no spines, and caudal fin is deeply forked; the lower jaw projects forward beyond the upper jaw (thought to be an adaptation for digging into substrates); and they have no swim bladder. Lack of a swim bladder results in sand lance producing weak echo returns during hydroacoustic surveys. Little target-strength research has been done for this species with the only reported values being -45 dB to -55 dB re. 1 kilogram at 38 kHz (Armstrong 1986), equivalent to a return of -68 dB for a 5-gram sand lance.

Scales are cycloid and minute; pelvic fins are usually minute or more often absent; lateral line is high, close to the base of the dorsal fin; a greater number of abdominal vertebrae are present than caudal vertebrae; and there are no teeth (Hart 1973, Nelson 1994, Pietsch and Zabetian 1990). There are fine diagonal folds (plicae) along the length of the body (Hart 1973, Nizinski and others 1990); and a fleshy ridge, one on each side near midbelly, sometimes extends the length of the body (Hart 1973, Eschmeyer and others 1983).

Larval morphology is typically elongate, with rounded snouts that become elongated with age (Matarese and others 1989), and pre-anal length is slightly more than 50 percent of body length (Stevens and others 1984). Gut length is about 60 percent of standard length, there is light pigmentation, a double row of post-anal ventral pigments exists, and dorsal and anal fins begin development opposed to each other.

Sand lance are polychromatic, at least in Japanese waters (Inoue and others 1967), varying color from their usual metallic blue (dorsal; silvery ventrally) to reddish-yellow over a period of about 20 seconds when disturbed.

Habitat

Sand lance are abundant in shallow nearshore areas ranging in depth to 100 meters (Field 1988, Reay 1970) but are most common at depths less than 50 meters (Macer 1966, Macy and others 1978) and often in as little as 6 meters (Houghton and Isakson 1989, Kusakabe and Nakajima 1995). The greatest depths reported for the genus is a single *A. dubius* specimen found at an unusually deep 400 meters over the Nova Scotian banks (Scott 1968). This shallow distribution probably results from their preference for light (Winslade 1974b) and accessibility of prey.

Species of *Ammodytes* (juveniles as well as adults) exhibit the rather unusual habit of alternating between lying buried in the substrate and swimming pelagically in well-formed schools (Dick and Warner 1982, Inoue and others 1967, Macer 1966, Meyer and others 1979, Reay 1970). Hence, they are typically associated with fine gravel and sandy substrates up to and including the intertidal zone (O'Connell and Fives 1995). Their choice of substrates appears to be highly specific (Inoue and others 1967, Pinto and others 1984). In the natural environment, substrates used by sand lance have been consistently characterized as well washed, drained, and unpacked and typically contain coarse sands with little or no mud and silt (e.g., Dick and Warner 1982, Meyer and others 1979, Yamazaki 1995). Sand lance also avoid oil-contaminated sediments (Pinto and others 1984). Although wide ranging, sand lance preference for specific shallow substrates results in a patchy distribution of populations (Macer 1966, Scott 1968). Sand lance bury themselves within the substrates during periods of low light (<0.1 lux; Winslade 1974b), during estivation and dormant periods, or occasionally in response to predators (Girsa and Danilov 1976).

Behavior

Daily

Several authors (e.g., Hobson 1986, Inoue and others 1967) have described distinct crepuscular vertical movements of adults between benthic substrates, where they bury themselves, to pelagic waters, where they school and forage. Movements typically occur during the morning and evening of each day, although it is unclear if sand lance that enter the water column at dawn are active throughout daylight hours. Laboratory experiments suggest twice daily migrations into the water column to feed rather than a single long outing (Inoue and others 1967). In either case, *Ammodytes* spp. effectively reduce predation over the diel cycle by schooling in the day while feeding and burrowing at night (Hobson 1986, Reay 1970). Isolated reports of trawl catches at night are probably attributable to ships lights (Macer 1966), to which sand lance are attracted, or to high-latitude summer conditions where there is little distinction between day and night (Inoue and others 1967, Kühlman and Karst 1967, Langham 1971, Reay 1970). In laboratory experiments, Winslade (1974) found that sand lance activity is directly related to food availability, light intensity, and temperature. Futhermore, sand lance remained buried at night even if food was available, which corroborates the above field observations. Feeding was maximal at light intensities between 100 and 1000 lux, much reduced at 10 lux, and very low at 1 lux. Activity during daylight was high at 10 and 15 °C but lower at 5 °C.

Seasonal

Most investigators have reported that sand lance are abundant in preferred habitats from spring to late summer and uncommon during the remainder of the year (Field 1988). Sand lance are rarely caught in the water column during the winter months and appear to remain inactive or in hibernation while buried in intertidal and shallow subtidal substrates (Blackburn and Jackson 1980, O'Connell and Fives 1995; pers. obs., Robards). If disturbed during winter on extreme low tides, however, they can move spontaneously and quickly. Juvenile sand lance are occasionally caught in beach seines during the winter, but normally they are found buried in substrates with adults (pers. obs., Robards).

During early summer, adult sand lance (mostly second year) are the most abundant of early winter-spawning species (Dick and Warner 1982). Later in the summer, juveniles become the most numerous age class as they migrate inshore and recruit to nearshore populations. Older fish may disappear early in summer, possibly because of reduced food requirements for growth or the need for earlier accumulation of fat (Winslade 1974c). Evidence from bird diets (Monaghan 1996) also indicates that adults are less common in late summer. Other reasons that adults may avoid the nearshore at this time are (1) body cavities in late summer are filled with turgid gonads and this may negate the value of spending time in the water column because feeding is physically difficult, and (2) adults may compete for food with the numerically dominant young-of-the-year recruits.

The Japanese sand lance begins to burrow into bottom substrates to start estivation in early May (Inoue and others 1967) when temperatures rise over 24 °C. Summer estivation may be unique to this species and may result from the peculiarly high water temperatures in this area. Although summer estivation is not reported for other species of *Ammodytes*, midsummer reductions in fishing catch are noted (Robards and others 2000).

Several reports have alluded to the possibility that sand lance migrate to deeper waters in winter (e.g., Kandler 1941). This conjecture may result from the fact that adult sand lance bury themselves in benthic substrates during winter and therefore are not caught in conventional fishing gear. Substantiating this statement, sand lance are caught during winter in modified scallop dredges (Cameron 1958), by hand from exposed sediments at extreme low tide (Robards and others 1999), or even in grab samples taken from under the winter sea-ice (Petersen 1977). Increases in abundance and reduction in mean size during late spring and summer are generally the result of juvenile sand lance recruiting nearshore. Only *A. marinus* appears to migrate; tagged *A. marinus* migrated within the North Sea, traveling 27 to 64 kilometers within a season (Gauld 1990). This species also migrates along the Murman coast, moving between deep water in winter and shallow nearshore waters in summer (Andriyashev 1954).

Physiological Adaptations

Temperature and Salinity

Sand lance are eurythermal, being found in temperatures from at least -2 °C (*A. dubius*; Scott 1968) to over 24 °C *(A. personatus*; Inoue and others 1967). Ranges for individual species span about 13 °C (Reay 1970), although they generally appear to favor cooler waters as demonstrated by their boreo-arctic distribution (except *A. personatus*). Sand lance also appear to be euryhaline, occurring in estuaries as well as the open ocean (Inoue and others 1967, Reay 1970).

Exposure

The use of shallow intertidal substrates for refuge by sand lance can leave them exposed to air at extreme low tide. Sand lance can survive for at least 5.5 hours in damp exposed sand (pers. obs., Robards). They seem to have several physiological mechanisms to deal with living in sand and being exposed during low tide. Gill cavities have a relatively high volume and large brachiostegal membranes, which are fully expanded in sand lance buried in exposed sediments (pers. obs., Robards). Interstitial water may be pumped over gills as well as held within the gill cavity, aiding oxygen transfer while the sand lance is buried in damp sand (Quinn and Schneider 1991). On hot days, it seems that a physiological threshold is reached and spontaneous surfacing ensues (Dick and Warner 1982), perhaps because metabolic rates are too high for prolonged survival in a limited oxygen environment. Sand lance also have been observed to emerge spontaneously from Alaska nearshore substrates in extremely cold conditions (-13 °C; pers. obs., Robards). As sand lance emerged, they spontaneously froze at the surface. Further research is required to ascertain if sand lance are able to use atmospheric oxygen during periods of exposure.

Summer Estivation

Japanese sand lance bury themselves in nearshore substrates each summer, when water temperatures are maximal, for up to 2.5 months without feeding. Fat deposits are accumulated during spring to allow for this estivation, during which gonads mature (Inoue and others 1967, Sekiguchi 1977). Fish caught during the estivation period have high quantities of mesenteric fat and empty stomachs (Inoue and others 1967).

Winter Hibernation

Physiological adaptations for winter conditions include reduced oxygen consumption (by 17 percent) and ability to survive at significantly lower oxygen concentrations in the water (Quinn and Schneider 1991). Sand lance can tolerate oxygen tensions as low as 2 milliliters per liter (Inoue and others 1967). During this period of winter dormancy, sand lance are rarely caught in the water column (Dick and Warner 1982, Petersen 1977, Robards and others 2000). Ciannelli (1997) also found prolonged gut evacuation times for overwintering sand lance. Food was retained in the stomach for

as long as 30 hours, with an overall digestion time of 45 to 80 hours. This may be due, however, to reduced metabolism (Quinn and Schneider 1991) rather than a direct adaptation in itself. Normal gut evacuation time is about 12 hours (Inoue and others 1967). Resistance to starvation seems to be an important characteristic of both adult and juvenile sand lance. Adult *A. personatus* were able to survive for 24 weeks in an aquarium with no food (Inoue and others 1967), and their larvae can survive from 2 to over 3 weeks depending on temperature (Yamashita and Aoyama 1986).

Schooling Behavior

Schooling behavior of sand lance is well documented from surface (Cameron 1958) and subsurface (Kühlman and Karst 1967) observations, as well as from hydroacoustic surveys (Armstrong 1986). Interspecific schooling with herring has been documented frequently (e.g., Kühlman and Karst 1967), although interspecies predation may be a partial reason (herring eating sand lance, Hopkins and others 1989; and sand lance eating herring, Rankine and Morrison 1988).

Kühlman and Karst (1967) made detailed observations of underwater schooling by *A. tobianus*. Close, inshore schools usually include hundreds or low thousands of individuals, but offshore schools usually number in the thousands. The shape of the school is horizontally flattened and blunt-linear in surface view. Other shapes were frequently observed close inshore. In a normal swimming school, interfish distance was about two-thirds of a body length and about one-third of a body length between head and tail. During threatening situations or at spawning, schools tighten considerably in formation (Robards and others 1999). Fish usually swim at about 30 to 40 centimeters per second, although short bursts of 300 to 500 centimeters per second are possible. Larger sand lance may remain within the center of the school (Meyer and others 1979). Schools swimming normally become more or less stationary when feeding, and spread out vertically and radially, sometimes filling the entire water column. Individuals with the body at an angle of 15° from horizontal search for food independently of others, seldom snapping for longer than 20 to 30 seconds in one place (Kühlmann and Karst 1967).

Feeding

Feeding occurs primarily in the water column, although epibenthic invertebrates occasionally appear in the diet (Rogers and others 1979, Simenstad and others 1979). Several researchers (e.g., Helmich and others 1982, Winslade 1974a) have shown that for sand lance vision is far more important than olfaction in feeding.

Feeding habits of sand lance change with age (Inoue and others 1967). Larvae feed on phytoplankton, diatoms, and dinoflagellates (Trumble 1973), and after juveniles reach 10 millimeters they feed on nauplii of copepods in summer and euphausiids in winter (Craig 1987). Adult fish prey on macrocopepods, chaetognatha, and fish larvae. In Japan the food of faster growing sand lance is predominantly chaetognatha. Inoue and others (1967) report that about 20,000 copepods are consumed daily by sand lance in the size range of 72 to 74 millimeters. Overall, copepods (particularly *Calanus* and *Temora*) are the predominant prey source for postlarval stages (e.g., Field 1988, O'Connell and Fives 1995, Scott 1973a).

Other prey reported from diets include crustacea, amphipoda, isopod larvae, mysids, gammarid amphipods, harpacticoid copepods, larvaceans, annelids, polychaetes, juvenile bivalves and gastropods, insect flotsam, fish larvae, and invertebrate and fish eggs (Field 1988, Macer 1966, O'Connell and Fives 1995, Rankine and Morrison

1988). Rogers and others (1979) and Richards (1982) indicate that epibenthic invertebrates become more important in the diet during autumn and winter, although total stomach contents are lower. This change in diet probably results from the seasonal decline of pelagic prey and the shift of sand lance from pelagic to predominantly benthic habitats. Although there are numerous reports of sand lance preying on herring (*Clupea harengus*) larvae and eggs (e.g., Fuiman and Gamble 1988, Rankine and Morrison 1988), it is unclear if sand lance prey on herring larvae preferentially to other fish larvae.

Cannibalism appears rare in *A. hexapterus* (only 1 in 3,000 fish collected in Cook Inlet, Alaska: a single large female consumed eight juveniles of about 60 millimeters; pers. obs., Robards). Prevalence of cannibalism among Ammodytids is unknown but is reported for *A. personatus* (Kimura and others 1992, Okamoto and others 1989) and *A. tobianus* (Bowman 1914).

Seasonal Changes in Proximate Composition

Lipid reserves in sand lance differ markedly with season (Hislop and others 1991; Sekiguchi 1977), with increases of about 31 percent between February and June for *A. hexapterus* (Robards and others, in press). Fat deposition and growth begin with the onset of vigorous feeding in February and continue until the summer dormant phase (Sekiguchi 1977, Sekiguchi and others 1976). Increases in fat content from 3 to 9 percent (juveniles) and 2 to 8 percent (adults) by late April were observed for *A. personatus*, and total lipids accounted for almost 40 percent of dry mass by May (Inoue and others 1967, Sekiguchi and others 1976). Average peak energy values of about 21 kilojoules per gram dry mass, equivalent to 5-6 kilojoules per gram wet mass are reported for various species of *Ammodytes* (Hislop and others 1991; Mårtensson and others 1996; Robards and others, in press; Van Pelt and others 1997).

Female sand lance contain greater lipid reserves than males during summer (Anthony and Roby 1997; Robards and others, in press). Energy content declines after a peak in early summer. A decline in energy density of at least 24 percent was observed in summer and autumn prior to spawning for *A. hexapterus* (Robards and others, in press). Therefore, early feeding and the accumulation of lipid reserves are probably critical for gonadal development and maintenance of metabolism throughout the rest of the year (Sekiguchi and others 1976, Winslade 1974c).

Juvenile sand lance initially favor somatic growth. At a threshold of about 80 millimeters for *A. hexapterus* (Robards and others, in press) and 45 to 50 millimeters for *A. personatus* (Sekiguchi and others 1976), rapid deposition of lipid reserves begins in preparation for winter. Juvenile *A. hexapterus* achieve high energy densities of about 20 kilojoules per gram. Initial growth therefore may be important for subsequent survival, as juveniles must reach sufficient size to establish lipid reserves for winter.

Table 1—Maximum lifespan and length for *Ammodytes* species

Species	Lifespan	Maximum size	References
	Years	*mm*	
A. personatus	3	212	Hashimoto 1984, Inoue and others 1967
A. hexapterus	7	260	Field 1988, Robards and others 1999
A. americanus	12[a]	220	Brêthes and others 1992, Leim and Scott 1966
A. dubius	10	372	Scott 1973b, Winters 1983
A. marinus	9	250	Macer 1966
A. tobianus	7	280	Reay 1970

[a] Possibly a misread otolith; Winters (1983) reported 10 years.

Age, Growth, and Life Span

Sand lance can be aged from otoliths (Macer 1966, Scott 1973b, Winters 1981). These are located immediately posterior to the skull (visible through their skin). Juveniles develop an opaque otolith, followed by a hyaline ring in their first winter. Subsequent opaque rings are deposited once per year (Brêthes and others 1992) during the spring period of rapid feeding. The period of opaque material deposition is about 3 months (O'Connell and Fives 1995). Numerous researchers (e.g., Brêthes and others 1992, Lidster and others 1994, Macer 1966) have described a linear correlation between otolith size (radius, diameter, or area) and fish length. A single equation is inadequate, however, to describe the age-otolith relation. Robards and others[1] found significant differences between juvenile (0-group) and adult (≥ 1-group) relations. Wright and Bailey (1996) use three equations to fully describe juvenile relations, and Winters (1981) uses two equations to describe adult relations.

Growth appears to be density and food dependent (Inoue and others 1967, Nagoshi and Sano 1979). Seasonal growth occurs mostly in spring and early summer (March-August) for species of *Ammodytes* (Macer 1966, Nagoshi and Sano 1979). Most growth occurs during the first 2 years (Macer 1966) with about one-half to one-third of total growth occurring in the first year (Trumble 1973). Large interannual and geographic differences in growth exist in this genus (Dick and Warner 1982, Macer 1966), but no gender differences are reported (Nagoshi and Sano 1979). In exceptionally unfavorable years, no growth may occur, as observed by Macer (1966) in the North Sea.

Estimated life spans of different *Ammodytes* species are summarized in table 1. Within most populations, age-groups 0 and 1 are the numerically dominant age classes, and numbers of older fish, particularly those over age-group 3, rarely are found in significant numbers for most species. Typical of *Ammodytes* species, estimates of maximum size for *A. hexapterus* range widely with area. Lengths as great as 270 millimeters occur in the Bering Sea; however, in the northern Gulf of Alaska and off California, length reaches only about 200 millimeters. Maximum lengths reported for other species are summarized in table 1.

[1] Robards, M.D.; Rose, G.A.; Piatt, J.F. Somatic growth and otolith development for Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) under differing oceanographic conditions. On file with: USGS Biological Resources Division, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503.

Maturation

Sand lance typically reach maturity in their second year, although a few individuals remain immature for longer periods. Maturation in the second year occurs in *A. hexapterus* (Robards and others 1999), *A. personatus* (Kitaguchi 1979), *A. americanus* (Richards 1982), and *A. tobianus* (O'Connell and Fives 1995). In contrast, *A. dubius* (Scott 1968, Winters 1983) and *A. marinus* (Reay 1970) can mature as second-year fish but usually mature at later ages.

Gonadal development is initially slow and differs between sexes (Robards and others 1999). No sexual dimorphism exists in length-to-weight ratios or length-at-age relations. Initial maturation in sand lance is quite slow (Nelson and Ross 1991, O'Connell and Fives 1995, Reay 1970, Okamoto and others 1989, Winters 1983), and females mature more slowly than males. Autumn-spawning sand lance (e.g., *A. hexapterus*) require about 3 months to mature (Robards and others 1999), in contrast to winter- and spring-spawning sand lance (e.g., *A. tobianus* and *A. marinus*), which require 5 to 7 months to reach maturity (Reay 1970).

Normal sex ratios are about 1:1 or slightly in favor of females (Inoue and others 1967, Macer 1966). All ammodytids appear to be single batch spawners with a single, normally distributed size distribution of ovarian eggs, single peak in annual gonadosomatic indices, and few eggs remaining in ovaries after spawning (Smigielski and others 1984). Males mature earlier in the season than females, but the oviparous females attain a higher gonadosomatic index of 31 percent compared to 21 percent for males (*A. hexapterus*). Fecundity of females is proportional (after $\log_{10}$ transformation) to length. Fecundities are reported to range from 1,468 to 16,081 ova per female in *A. hexapterus* (Robards and others 1999) and 1,000 to 8,000 in the smaller *A. persontaus* (Trumble 1973). Values for North Atlantic sand lance are 4,821 to 18,416 for *A. americanus*; 1,169 to 22,904 for *A. dubius* (Nelson 1990); 3,300 to 22,100 for *A. marinus* (Andriyashev 1954); and 2,900 to 42,600 for *A. tobianus* (O'Connell and Fives 1995). Although ova mature more quickly at higher temperatures, full maturation may not be reached at overly high temperatures (Inoue and others 1967).

Spawning

Most species spawn once a year (Reay 1970), although *A. tobianus* populations may contain two separate spawning components, one spawning in autumn and one in spring (O'Connell and Fives 1995). Immediately before spawning, gonads are turgid and fill the body cavity. Spawning for *A. hexapterus* occurs in late September and October on fine gravel and sandy beaches, soon after the summer water temperatures began to decline (Robards and others 1999). *Ammodytes hexapterus*, dominated in a 2:1 ratio by males, approach the intertidal zone at sites where spawning has sometimes taken place for decades. Spawning occurs in dense formations. Female sand lance burrow through the substrate while releasing eggs (McIntosh and Masterman 1897), which results in the formation of scour pits in intertidal beach sediments (Penttila 1995, Robards and others 1999). It is still unclear, however, whether sand lance are obligate intertidal spawners. *Ammodytes hexapterus* in other areas of Alaska are presumed to spawn subtidally (McGurk and Warburton 1992).

All species of *Ammodytes* spawn either inshore or on offshore shallow banks (e.g., Dogger Bank of the North Sea or the Grand Bank off Newfoundland) at depths to 100 meters (Garrison and Miller 1982, Reay 1970). For all species, spawning appears to occur within habitat that they occupy year-round, and spawning migrations have not been observed.

Eggs

Eggs are demersal and slightly adhesive. Diameters are about 1 millimeter for *A. hexapterus* (Pinto 1984, Robards and others 1999), 0.66 millimeter for *A. personatus* (Inoue and others 1964), 0.83 to 1.0 millimeter for *A. americanus* (Smigielski and others 1984, Williams and others 1964), 1.02 millimeters for *A. marinus* (Winslade 1971), and 1 millimeter for *A. dubius* (Scott 1972).

Ammodytes hexapterus eggs are deposited in the intertidal zone just below the waterline, whereas other species deposit eggs in the subtidal, particularly on offshore banks. Eggs are occasionally collected pelagically, presumably as waves and currents wash eggs up and off the substrate (Senta 1965, Williams and others 1964). Egg membranes are pitted, the perivitelline space is small, and the yolk is pale dull yellow or white. One bright amber oil globule is usually present, but sometimes 0, 2, or 3 oil globules are present (Garrison and Miller 1982, Robards and others 1999). Roe of sand lance (along with capelin, *Mallotus villosus*) has the highest total lipid content among a wide array of northwest European marine fish (Tocher and Sargent 1984).

Incubation times are highly variable and depend on ambient temperatures and oxygen levels (Winslade 1971). Incubation times of permanently immersed eggs range from as much as 62 days at 2 °C to as little as 13 days at 15.7 °C (Field 1988). Smigielski and others (1984) found increased incubation times and time-to-hatch-completion with decreasing temperatures (10 to 2 °C). Maximum hatch rate also may show a negative relation with temperature; maximal hatch rate for *A. personatus* was at 8.2 °C and was much lower at 15.7 °C (Inoue and others 1967). Winslade (1971) related increased incubation time and mortality to decreasing oxygen concentrations. No eggs hatched at oxygen concentrations of 2.1 parts-per-million, although newly hatched larvae were able to tolerate such low concentrations for about 1 week.

Sand lance eggs that are spawned intertidally (e.g., *A. hexapterus*) are subjected to periodic exposure, and in some areas (e.g., Alaska) subfreezing temperatures. Embryos in these eggs have a more protracted development, with up to 67 days needed until hatch (Robards and others 1999).

Larvae

Ammodytes larvae hatch at a size of 4.5 to 5.5 millimeters (Field 1988) before the spring plankton bloom (Haldorson and others 1993). Jaws are functional and gut is complete at hatch in *A. americanus*, and some individuals feed within hours of hatching in the laboratory (Smigielski and others 1984). *Ammodytes hexapterus* does not have functional jaws or a complete gut during the first week posthatch (Pinto 1984). All species of *Ammodytes* larvae are able to feed prior to yolk sac absorption (Yamashita and Aoyama 1985). Yolk sac absorption is usually complete within about 2 weeks of hatching (Winslade 1971). Time taken for yolk sac and subsequent oil globule absorption is positively correlated with temperature for *A. marinus* (Winslade 1971) and negatively correlated with size (Smigielski and others 1984).

Larvae of *A. americanus, A. personatus,* and *A. marinus* are able to survive for long periods without food after hatching. When kept without food, time to 50 percent mortality was about 11, 16, and 21 days after hatching at 15.5, 10.5, and 6.5 °C, respectively. Nine days and two weeks were estimated as the period of recoverable starvation for *A. personatus* (Yamashita and Aoyama 1985) and *A. americanus* (Buckley and others 1984), respectively. Larvae of *A. marinus* are able to survive longer without food at lower temperatures (Winslade 1971). Due to early feeding prior to yolk absorption, larvae of *A. americanus* had the highest survival when compared to larval haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) and mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) that were fed a wide range of prey densities (Buckley and others 1984, 1987).

Growth rate varies with temperature and food availability. Growth rate ranges from 0.2 to 0.4 millimeter per day and dry weight increases by about 2 to 6 percent per day, depending on temperature (Smigielski and others 1984, Yamashita and Aoyama 1985). Buckley (1984) determined that a minimum growth rate is required to prevent starvation of *A. americanus* larvae; 2.4, 2.5, and 3.4 percent change in protein content were required per day at 2, 4, and 7 °C, respectively.

Postyolk-absorption *Ammodytes* larvae undergo marked diel vertical migrations, moving between shallow depths (5 to 30 meters) during daylight to deeper depths (30 to 50 meters) at night (Covill 1959, Inoue and others 1967, Richards and Kendall 1973, Ryland 1964, Yamashita and others 1985). The range of these migrations increases with larval size. Movements occur during crepuscular hours and have been attributed to predator avoidance (Yamashita and others 1985) and that larvae, as adults, are light-dependent feeders. Ryland (1964) notes that *A. marinus* larvae also fed only during daylight hours. Preyolk-absorption larvae (<5 millimeters) do not undergo any vertical migrations.

Horizontal distribution, and possibly abundance of sand lance larvae, is strongly influenced by tidal currents, oceanography, and wind conditions (Inoue and others 1967, Kimura and others 1992, McGurk and Warburton 1992, Nakata 1988), although at least for some species, offshore dispersal is not pronounced (Trumble 1973). Current eddies may accumulate larvae (Altukhov 1978).

Recruitment

Metamorphosis of larval *A. americanus* is temperature dependent and occurs at 29 millimeters (131 days at 4 °C and 102 days at 7 °C; Smigielski and others 1984). Metamorphosis of *A. marinus* is at 30 to 40 days. Schooling behavior was observed before metamorphosis at 25 to 30 millimeters. Recruiting sand lance first appear nearshore after this size is reached (Cameron 1958).

Annual recruitment is highly variable (Inoue and others 1967, Sherman and others 1981). Large fluctuations in abundance are observed every few years for all species in this genus (e.g., Kimura and others 1992, Sherman and others 1981). Recruitment of *Ammodytes* larvae to the spawning stock is highly dependent on juvenile survival, as they immediately recruit to the next-year spawning adults (Kimura and others 1992). Hamada (1966c) correlated increased catches of juvenile sand lance with low water temperatures and wind direction during the spawning season.

A high negative correlation has been found between abundance of adult fish and size of age-1 *A. personatus* (Hamada 1967), as well as with growth and abundance of juveniles (Nagoshi and Sano 1979). Density-dependent factors may influence both survival and growth of juveniles and adults. A strong negative correlation (r =-0.87) between the percentage of age-1's and numbers of age-0's was observed for *A. personatus* (Hamada 1966a). In addition, the number of eggs spawned and the catch of juvenile *A. personatus* were negatively correlated (r = -0.81; Hamada 1967). First-year growth was limited in areas with large numbers of adult fish (Hamada 1967, Nagoshi and Sano 1979) or other juveniles (Nagoshi and Yuba 1988).

Mortality

Most mortality estimates are based on fished stocks and are undoubtedly subject to considerable imprecision (Bailey and others 1991). Although Reay (1970) suggested that little difference existed for mortality between fished and unfished stocks, this was before fishing pressure increased during the last three decades. Macer (1966) estimated an annual mortality of 70 to 80 percent (z=1.2). High annual variability in mortality was observed in Newfoundland waters by Winters (1983), who reports declines in z-values from over 1.0 to less than 0.5 from 1968 to 1979. Because there is no fishery for sand lance in Newfoundland, these rates must arise from natural mortality (Field 1988). Increased survival was linked to declines in cod stocks, a major sand lance predator in the northwestern Atlantic. In areas of seabird colonies, predation rates can account for 30 to 40 percent of total mortality. For the Shetland area in the eastern Atlantic, this value equates to about 49 000 tonnes of sand eels consumed annually (1981-83) and is similar in value to annual peak fishing catches (Bailey and others 1991). These results highlight the importance of incorporating consumption of seabirds and other predators in future assessments of forage fish stocks.

Larval sand lance mortality rates for *A. americanus* and *dubius* between 1974 and 1980 ranged from 0.207 to 0.363, corresponding to a daily mortality rate of 6 to 10 percent for larvae of 5 to 27 millimeters (Morse 1982). Mortality rates of older larvae (30 to 43 days) ranged from 0.20 to 0.02 and decreased with increasing food levels. Wright and Bailey (1996) suggest that the degree of coupling between hatching and the onset of spring secondary production may be an important contributory factor to year-class variability in sand lance.

Mass die-offs of sand lance have been reported in England in association with blooms of *Gonyaulax* sp. (Adams, in Reay 1970). Sand lance also have been intermediary to die-offs of common terns (*Sterna hirundo*) by passing on *Gonyaulax.* Oil pollution and subsequent detergent pollution from the Torrey Canyon cleanup (United Kingdom) also resulted in mass die-off of sand lance (Smith, in Reay 1970).

Predation

Ammodytes are a quintessential forage fish, and as a group are possibly the single most important taxon of forage fish in the Northern Hemisphere (Springer and Speckman 1997). Sand lance are preyed on by numerous species of seabird, marine mammal, and fish, as well as miscellaneous land birds and animals (see next chapter). Population fluctuations and distribution of these predators are frequently linked to sand lance abundance (e.g., Bailey 1991, Martin 1989, Monaghan 1992, Monaghan and others 1989, Sherman and others 1981). Sand lance also play an important role in the ecosystem as a consumer of zooplankton (Payne and others 1990, Sherman and others 1981).

Parasites

Relatively little information is available on parasites of sand lance. Up to 100 percent infestation (n = 54) in *A. tobianus* (Groenewold and others 1996) is reported. Scott (1973c) reports generally low incidence, never exceeding 50 percent (n= 438). Burdens can be relatively high with a mean burden of 88 parasites per host in *A. tobianus* (Groenewold and others 1996) and maximum loads of 93 individual Nematoda parasites within *A. personatus* (Inoue and others 1967) and 120 *Lecithaster gibbosus* in *A. hexapterus* (Arai 1969).

Groenewold and others (1996) found seven species of parasite associated with the lesser sand eel (*A. tobianus*) in the Wadden Sea (eastern North Sea), of which two were larval stage parasites, indicating that sand lance were intermediate or paratenic hosts in their life cycle. The digenean *Brachyphallus crenatus* was both the dominant (>96 percent of hosts) and most abundant parasite in this study. Larval anisakine nematodes were the dominant group in an Icelandic study (Hauksson 1992) in which larvae of *Contracaecum* and *Hysterothylacium* (found in the gut cavity) were the most abundant species. Neither sealworm nor whaleworm (Nematoda) appear to be common in sand lance, compared to more pelagic species (Hauksson 1992).

Diet is the primary factor influencing the parasitic fauna found within any area (Groenewold and others 1996). Sand eel play a very important role in parasite transmission to predaceous fish and seabirds (Groenewold and others 1996). The array of parasites that have been found in sand lance has not been summarized prior to this report (table 2).

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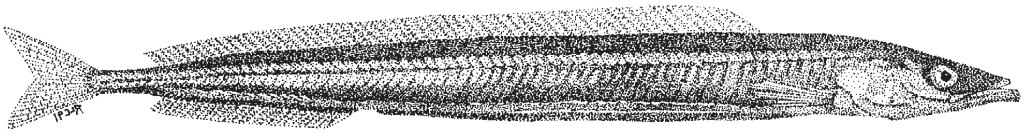
Table 2—Parasite species found in host species of *Ammodytes*

Parasite species	Host	Preferred organ	References
Digenea:			
Brachyphallus crenatus	*tobianus, dubius, marinus, americanus*	Stomach	Groenewold and others 1996, Polianskii 1955, Scott 1973c
Hemiurus communis	*tobianus*	Stomach	Groenewold and others 1996
Hemiurus luehei	*tobianus*	Stomach	Groenewold and others 1996
Derogenes varicus	*tobianus, dubius, marinus*	Stomach	Groenewold and others 1996, Polianskii 1955
Cryptocotyle lingua (cyst)	*tobianus*	Skin	Groenewold and others 1996
Galactosomum sp.	*hexapterus*	?	Arai 1969
Hemiurus appendiculatus	*tobianus*	?	Scott 1973c
Hemiurus communis	*tobianus*	?	Scott 1973c
Lecithaster gibbosus	*hexapterus, dubius*	Intestine	Arai 1969, Scott 1973c
Lepocreadium pyriforme	*americanus*	?	Scott 1973c
Opecoeloides vitellosus	*americanus*	?	Scott 1973c
Podocotyle olsoni	*americanus*	?	Scott 1973c
Stephanostomum tenue	*americanus*	?	Scott 1973c
Torticaecum fenestratum	*americanus*	?	Scott 1973c
Monogenea:			
Gyrodactyloidea	*hexapterus*	?	Arai 1969
Cestoda (larval)**:**			
Bothriocephalus scorpii	*tobianus, dubius*	?	Scott 1973c
Phyllobothrium sp.	*hexapterus*	?	Arai 1969, Sanmartin and others 1989
Tetraphyllid	*dubius*	?	Scott 1973c
Eucestoda:			
Scolex polymorphus	*marinus*	?	Polianskii 1955
Nematoda:			
Hysterothylacium sp. (larval)	*tobianus*	Body cavity	Groenewold and others 1996
Contacaecum aduncum	*marinus*	?	Polianskii 1955
Contracaecum aduncum (larval)	*dubius, marinus*	?	Scott 1973c
Contracaecum sp. (larval)	*tobianus*	Body cavity	Groenewold and others 1996
Anisakis sp. (larval)	*hexapterus, marinus*	?	Arai 1969, Polianskii 1955
Acanthocephala:			
Echinorhynchus gadi	*hexapterus, marinus*	?	Arai 1969, Polianskii 1955
Copepoda:			
Lepeophtheirus sp.	*hexapterus*	?	Arai 1969
Protozoa:			
Sinuolinea murmanika	*marinus*	?	Polianskii 1955
Aeromonas salmonicida	*lancea* (now *tobianus*)	?	Dalsgaard and Paulsen 1986
Myxosporidia (protozoa)	*tobianus*	?	Gayerskaya and Kovaleva 1984



Sand Lance as Cornerstone Prey for Predator Populations

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Abstract

Sand lance (*Ammodytes*) constitute a major prey for at least some populations of over 100 species of consumer, including 40 species of birds, 12 species of marine mammals, 45 species of fishes, and some invertebrates. Variation in the availability of sand lance (and other forage fishes) can have major effects on the breeding success and survival of their predators. Commercial fishing and other pressures on sand lance populations potentially have ramifying effects on many species of wildlife.

Keywords: Sand lance, *Ammodytes,* predator-prey, seabirds, marine mammals, forage fish, predatory fish, Alaska.

Introduction

Sand lance (*Ammodytes*) are important forage for many vertebrate predators —birds, marine mammals, other fishes—from north-temperate to arctic regions of the world. As larvae, they are probably also important prey for an array of invertebrates (Yamashita and others 1984, 1985a). Indeed, sand lance have been called the "quintessential forage fish" in the Northern Hemisphere (Springer and Speckman 1997). Their central importance as prey has been documented at least for some vertebrate predators in many parts of their ranges. This review chapter covers the nutritional value of sand lance as prey, antipredator behaviors of sand lance, the predators that are known to depend heavily on sand lance, and the relation of predator reproductive success to prey availability. We conclude with a brief review of the complex interactions between sand lance and their numerous predators. Scientific names of predators discussed here are given in the "Predator Index" to the "Annotated Bibliography."

Sand Lance as Prey

Sand lance occur in subboreal, boreal, and arctic seas in the Northern Hemisphere. Diurnal (vertical) migration patterns appear to differ among species (e.g., Richards and Kendall 1973, Senta 1965, Yamashita and others 1985b), which also probably affects the availability of sand lance to predators. At times, sand lance burrow in sand, a behavior that probably gave them their common name.

Sand lance spawn over sandy substrates (Penttila 1997, Robards and others 1999). Most sand lance are reported to spawn in fall or winter, although some populations apparently spawn in spring or summer (*A. americanus*, Winters 1989; *A. hexapterus*, McGurk and Warburton 1992a, 1992b, 1992c, Penttila 1997; *A. tobianus*, Macer 1965, Masterman 1895, O'Connell and Fives 1995, Reay 1973; *A. lancea*, Berner 1986; *A. marinus,* Gauld and Hutcheon 1990, Macer 1966, Winslade 1974c; *A. dubius*, Gilman 1994, Scott 1968, 1972a, Winters 1983, 1989; *A. americanus*, Buckley and others 1984; *A. personatus*, Hamada 1966b, Senta 1965, Yamashita 1985, Yamashita and Aoyama 1985). *Ammodytes personatus* is reported to become dormant in summer, so that presumably only young of the year are available to pelagic predators from about May or June onward through the summer (Sekiguchi and others 1976, Senta 1965).

Most sand lance grow and gain weight during a spring or summer feeding period (Blackburn and Anderson 1997; Brêthes and others 1992; Kitakata 1957; Macer 1966; Masterman 1895; Reay 1973; Robards and others, in press; Sekiguchi 1977b; Sekiguchi and others 1976; Senta 1965; Winslade 1974a) and therefore provide their maximum food value (in terms of grams of fish per capture) to predators after that season. Sand lance usually mature at age 1 to 3 years, occasionally later (Buckley and others 1984, Gilman 1994, Macer 1966, Masterman 1895, Reay 1973, Winters 1983), and are capable of living for several years as adults (Reay 1973). Different populations have different recruitment success, length distributions, and ontogenetic growth curves (Kitakata 1957, Reay 1973, Winters 1981). In *A. hexapterus*, weight increase is small while the larva depends on stored yolk but begins to increase rapidly when the young begin to feed (McGurk and Warburton 1992b); weight gain is rapid

during the spring plankton bloom (Robards and others, in press). Likewise, *A. marinus* gains little weight in relation to length when the fish is small (a few centimeters), but then relative weight gain is rapid and the proportion of fat in the body increases (Harris and Hislop 1978, Macer 1966). Rates of weight gain no doubt depend on food availability and water temperature, among other factors. Fat deposits increase during the feeding season, before spawning; they build up first in the muscles and then in the mesenteries (Reay 1973). Mesenteric fat of *A. tobianus* increased from 1 to 13 percent of the dry mass of the fish from February to May (Reay 1973), and the total fat content of *A. personatus* increased to almost 40 percent of fish dry mass (in larger individuals) by May (Sekiguchi and others 1976). Maturation of gonads depletes body reserves of lipids and slows growth (Pinto 1984; Reay 1973; Robards and others, in press; Senta 1965b; Winslade 1974a). Ripe gonads constitute about 25 percent of body mass in *A. dubius* (Gilman 1994); postspawning adult *A. hexapterus* lose about 22 percent of body mass (Robards and others, in press), and *A. americanus* and *A. personatus* lose as much as 45 percent of their body mass (Nagoshi and Sano 1979, Smigielski and others 1984, Westin and others 1979). Maximum energy content is achieved in early summer, so that sand lance appear to be a rewarding prey especially for summer-foraging predators (in contrast to capelin [*Mallotus villosus*], which have low energy value in summer; Montevecchi and Piatt 1984).

Sand lance have an elongate, cylindrical shape that makes them relatively easy to swallow, compared to a deeper bodied fish (such as adult herring). They are probably more easily swallowed, particularly by very young seabird chicks, than are some other forage fishes of similar length but greater body depth (Ainley and others 1996, Reimchen and Douglas 1984, Vermeer 1980); however, it seems unlikely that prey size commonly limits intake by larger chicks or adults: older Atlantic puffin chicks have an impressive swallowing capacity (Harris and Hislop 1978), and common murres appear to prefer smaller prey than the maximum size they are able to swallow (Swennen and Duiven 1991). The elongate shape of sand lance also facilitates the carrying of dozens at a time in the bill of a parental seabird, such as a puffin (e.g., Ainley and others 1996, Harris and Hislop 1978, Hislop and others 1991).

In general, fish appear to be more valuable foods than crustaceans, and high-lipid fish yield high energy gains. Fish can be digested more rapidly than crustaceans (Singh-Renton and Bromley 1996); moreover, some predators, including cod, that fed on high-lipid (11 percent) sand lance stored more fat than those fed on low-lipid (1 percent) prawns (Buchman and Børresen 1988). Tufted puffins and black-legged kittiwakes gained weight more rapidly and stored more fat on a diet of sand lance than on a diet of walleyed pollock; kittiwakes also exhibited lower levels of stress hormones (Kitaysky and others 1999).

It is, however, difficult to assemble from the literature an accurate picture of the food value of sand lance, because papers on the nutrient content of fishes often neglect to report the season in which their specimens were harvested, the ages and genders of the fish, and their spawning status (see, however, Montevecchi and Piatt 1984 and Robards and others, in press, for examples of data on seasonal and gender variation). Furthermore, it is very likely that there is variation among species and populations of sand lance in the energetic rewards provided to predators (e.g., Anthony and Roby 1997; Robards and others, in press). Nevertheless, we summarize here the

information we can glean; energy density (kilojoules/gram) is commonly associated primarily with fat content, but for simplicity, we deal here directly with energy density (on a wet-mass basis, because predators consume prey as wet not dry mass).

Sand lance are reported to rank lower in energy density than other forage fishes, such as unspawned eulachon (*Thaleichthyes pacificus*; Payne and others 1997) and large herring and sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*; Harris and Wanless 1985, Hislop and others 1991, Vermeer and Devito 1986); most available values for energy density of nonlarval sand lance range from about 5.0 to 7.9 kilojoules/gram (Anthony and Roby 1997; Barrett and others 1987; Harris and Hislop 1978; Harris and Wanless 1985; Robards and others, in press; Van Pelt and others 1997), juveniles generally having lower values (about 3.1-5.8 kilojoules/gram; Anthony and Roby 1997, Harris and Hislop 1978, Van Pelt and others 1997). The range of average energy densities for nonlarval sand lance overlaps that for herring (Ashwell-Erickson and Elsner 1981, Barrett and others 1987, Hislop and others 1991; depending on age of fish, Anthony and Roby 1997) and capelin (Anthony and Roby 1997, Ashwell-Erickson and Elsner 1981, Perez 1994, Van Pelt and others 1997). The energy density of sand lance markedly exceeds that of small gadoids (1.1-3.6 kilojoules/gram; Anthony and Roby 1997, Van Pelt and others 1997; see also Hislop and others 1991, Perez 1994). The total nutrient content per captured fish varies with fish size, from about 7 kilojoules for a 2-gram sand lance to about 60 to 80 kilojoules for a 15-gram individual (compared to about 12 for a 3-gram herring and 62 for a 13-gram herring; Anthony and Roby 1997). Gram for gram, then, sand lance seem to be a very rewarding prey.

Furthermore, predators may exhibit foraging preferences for specific genders of prey: Female fish tend to contain more energy than males, at least in some seasons (sand lance, Anthony and Roby 1997; Robards and others, in press; capelin, Montevecchi and Piatt 1984, Van Pelt and others 1997), and female capelin were preferred by breeding Atlantic puffins in Newfoundland (Montevecchi and Piatt 1984, Piatt 1987).

The protein content of sand lance is roughly equivalent to that of other forage fishes, so protein intake of sand-lance predators does not suffer. Protein content of sand lance is reported to be about 16 percent of fish wet mass, or 65 to 79 percent of fish dry mass—slightly higher than herring, on average, but slightly lower than gadoids (presumably because gadoids have proportionately less fat; Anthony and Roby 1997, Payne and others 1997).

The identity and quantity of various lipids in nonreproductive sand lance appear to be similar to that in herring and capelin, and seasonal variations are to be expected (Ackman and Eaton 1971, Dahlberg 1969, Hart and others 1940). A more recent analysis of lipid composition of sand lance revealed similarities with herring and other forage fishes and, in addition, noted changes in lipid composition with size, age, and location of some species (Iverson and others 1997). Clearly, a comprehensive picture of lipid variation has yet to emerge. The vitamin and mineral content of fish meal derived from sand lance differs from that of some other forage fishes, with higher levels of some of the B vitamins and iodine (Jangaard and others 1974).

On the negative side, however, sand lance are not only subject to paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP or red tide) and other such toxins (e.g., Adams and others 1968, Longbottom 1968; see Burkholder 1998 for a general review), but they also can

transmit them to at least some of their predators (Clifford and others 1993, Falandysz and others 1996, Nisbet 1983 and refs. therein, Potts and others 1980). Deaths of large numbers of common murres, shags, great cormorants, fulmars, herring gulls, loons, and terns have been associated with PSP; mortality in common terns was greatest in females of certain age classes and breeding condition (Nisbet 1983). In addition, sand lance, along with other fishes (e.g., Hunter 1998), may carry toxic pollutants and be capable of passing them on to their predators.

Antipredator Behavior

Sand lance have distinctive tactics for evading predators. One is to bury themselves in soft, wet sand in the intertidal and subtidal zones (Girsa and Danilov 1976, Pearson and others 1984, Pinto and others 1984), especially in summer (for *A. hexapterus*, Dick and Warner 1982). This behavior is not specifically induced by predatory chases (Richards 1976). As the tide recedes, some individuals remain even in sand that is dry on the surface and quite firm (the authors' observations). Ravens (*Corvus corax*), northwestern crows (*C. caurinus*), gulls (*Larus* spp.), and bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) forage on intertidal sand lance (Robinette and Ha 1997; Shepherd 1988; Willson and Armstrong 1998). Corvids and gulls often dig for sand lance with their bills, repeatedly moving sand to the side with a twist of the head; they often are successful in such efforts. Bald eagles also rapidly pat the wet sand with their feet, which disturbs buried sand lance and often brings them to the surface, where the predator seizes them. On 10 occasions in summer 1996, we sampled the abundance of sand lance in areas where these birds were digging and in randomly selected areas in the intertidal sand flats near the mouth of the Mendenhall River in Juneau, Alaska; each sample consisted of one shovelful of wet sand (N > 100 in both random and foraged areas). In eight of these cases, the abundance of sand lance was markedly higher (from about 2 to 100 times higher) in areas where birds were digging; in the remaining two cases, the number of sand lance found was very low everywhere (0 or 1 for a total effort of 400 shovelfuls). Thus, the birds appeared to be able to detect locations where sand lance were abundant and concentrate their foraging efforts there. In addition, humpback whales (*Megaptera novaengliae*) may scuff the seafloor with their jaws to disturb subtidally buried sand lance and flush them from their hiding places (Hain and others 1995). We do not know the probability of escape by sand lance in different burial sites, but it is clear that high densities can be detected and exploited by predators.

A second defensive tactic is a form of the "selfish herd" (Hamilton 1971). Sand lance normally move about in schools (Meyer and others 1979, Potts 1986), but when they are pursued by a predator, the school may condense into a ball of closely packed fish (Girsa and Danilov 1976, Grover and Olla 1983, Hunt 1995, Mahon and others 1992, Vermeer and others 1987; but see also Pitcher and Wyche 1983). Presumably, such tactics usually reduce the risk of predation to each individual, as suggested by the selfish-herd idea, but balling-up brings with it some risks as well. When the balls of fish are near the surface, some individuals jump above the water surface and become vulnerable to the attacks of gulls and other avian piscivores that are drawn to the spot (Mahon and others 1992, Perkins and others 1982, Pierotti 1988, Safina and Burger 1985). Foraging success of gulls feeding on schools of fish can be greater for birds in flocks than for single birds (e.g., Götmark and others 1986), and thus, when several gulls are drawn to a surface school, the risk of predation on forage fishes may increase. Bald eagles have been observed to forage on dense balls of sand

lance near the surface of the water, where they are able to grasp several fish simultaneously in their talons. Furthermore, baleen whales are known to herd small fishes into concentrated clusters by enclosing them in bubble nets and then engulfing a large portion of the cluster (Hain and others 1982, Weinrich and others 1992).

In addition to these behaviors, the silvery color and reflective surface of the fish can provide camouflage during calm swimming and distraction to predators during a chase (Denton and Rowe 1994, Hobson 1979).

Predators

Table 1 (page 28) summarizes the available (to us) information concerning the predators for which sand lance are known to constitute a significant fraction (>10 percent, by some measure) of the diet at some time in some place. We chose to include data based on frequency of occurrence, percentage of diet by weight, number, or volume, or various indices of dietary importance, in order to include as much information as possible, despite the obvious fact that these several measures are not equivalent (Lavigne 1996). There are numerous other predators for which the only available records show an incidental foraging on sand lance (see “Predator Index” in “Annotated Bibliography”); some of these seemingly incidental predators probably depend more heavily on sand lance at other times or places.

Although there is much annual and geographic variation, and sampling of predators has not been well distributed taxonomically, seasonally, or geographically, it is clear that sand lance constitute an important prey species for many vertebrate predators. They comprise >50 percent of the diet (at some time and place) for 31 species of birds (table 1A), 9 marine mammals (table 1B), and 27 fishes (table 1C); they comprise at least 10 to 50 percent of the diet for 9 additional bird species, 3 additional marine mammals, and about 19 additional fishes. They sometimes constitute an important prey for squid (table 1D). More thorough sampling would undoubtedly turn up many more species of predators for which sand lance are important prey.

Among birds, several families are prominent in the list of major sand-lance predators: Procellariidae (shearwaters; 3 species), Phalacrocoracidae (cormorants; 5 species), Laridae (gulls and terns; 15 species), and Alcidae (puffins, murres, auklets, etc.; 14 species). There are six species of pinnipeds (4 phocids, 2 otariids) and three cetaceans among the principal mammalian predators. Among the piscine predators, Salmonidae (salmon and char; 10 species), Gadidae (cod, etc.; 6 species), and Pleuronectidae (flounders; 7 species) stand out. The strongest documentation for the importance of sand lance in diets is, in general, for seabirds, particularly the alcids and larids (table 1), and our discussion emphasizes these predators.

Food availability is an important factor often affecting reproductive success of seabirds, either directly, by diminished food supply leading to starvation, or indirectly, by increased foraging time leading to decreased nest guarding and thence to increased predation (e.g., Ainley and others 1994; Barrett and others 1987; Bukacinska and others 1996; Coulson and Thomas 1985; Erikstad 1990; Evans and Nettleship 1985; Furness and Barrett 1985; Hamer and others 1991; Harris 1969, 1984; Martin 1989; Monaghan and others 1989; Nettleship 1972; Piatt and Anderson 1996; Vader and others 1990; and many others). Food quality also can affect reproductive success (e.g., Harris and Hislop 1978, Hunt and others 1996, Thompson and others 1996, Vermeer 1978). The effect of availability of sand lance, in particular, on reproductive

success of their predators clearly depends on the availability of suitable alternate prey—not only on the population size of other forage species but also on their distribution, in terms of their distance and depth relative to the flying and diving abilities of the predators and diurnal migrations in the water column (e.g., Anker-Nilssen and others 1997, Brown and Nettleship 1982, Harris and Riddiford 1989, Pearson 1968, Phillips and others 1997, Piatt and Nettleship 1985, Vermeer and others 1979). In some cases, predators can partially mitigate the effects of poor foraging conditions by adjusting their time budgets (e.g., Burger and Piatt 1990; Furness 1996; Monaghan and others 1994, 1996; Piatt 1987; Thompson and others 1996; Uttley 1992; Uttley and others 1994), and sometimes adjustments are made in avian fledging time (Barrett and Rikardsen 1992). The ability to adjust time and energy budgets is limited (Hamer and others 1993, Thompson and others 1996), however, not only by seasonal and behavioral constraints but also by the life history of the predator, including the costs of deferred reproduction. Furthermore, the information in Furness and Barrett (1991b) and Bailey and others (1991) shows that factors other than simple availability and accessibility must also be involved.

In some cases, sand lance seem to have a clear importance for seabird reproductive success, although most of the relevant data are, of necessity, correlative. Most studies that investigated the relation between sand lance availability and seabird nesting success have found a close association between them. Sand lance are likely to be important in many other cases, perhaps especially in the period when juveniles first become independent, which is a time of high mortality for many vertebrates. We present here the cases with the best evidence for the impact of sand lance on reproductive success: Great skuas in the United Kingdom switched to other foods as sand lance diminished, but the switch in diet necessitated a decrease in territory attendance; reproductive success then declined, because of increased predation on unguarded chicks by neighboring adults (Hamer and others 1991). Furthermore, in years of high abundance of sand lance, laying dates were earlier, clutch volumes were greater, and fledging success was higher than in years of low sand lance abundance (Ratcliffe and others 1998). Low reproductive success of parasitic jaegers was correlated with low territory attendance and slow chick growth rates in years when sand lance recruitment in the United Kingdom was poor; body condition was poor and breeding commonly was deferred (Phillips and others 1996). Breeding densities of shags plummeted when stocks of herring and sand lance crashed, and in another situation, poor breeding success was related to herring abundance and sand lance size (Aebischer 1986 and Wanless 1992). Black-legged kittiwakes in several locations, and Arctic terns and common terns in the United Kingdom, reproduced poorly when sand lance were not abundant (Beaman 1978; Furness and others 1996; Harris and Riddiford 1989; Monaghan and others 1989, 1992; Springer and others 1984). In addition, the distribution of kittiwake breeding colonies may reflect sand lance distribution and abundance (Lock 1986). Common murres had higher rates of chick feeding, higher chick weights, and higher fledging success in years when sand lance were abundant; in poor sand lance years, they increased their foraging effort, but this was insufficient to prevent high rates of chick loss in the United Kingdom, where sand lance are a primary prey (Uttley and others 1994). Likewise, in Norway, reproductive success of Atlantic puffins and other seabirds plummeted when herring and sand lance stocks crashed, except where sand lance remained sufficiently available as alternate prey (Barrett and others 1987, Lid 1981). Additional studies have shown that Atlantic puffins in the United Kingdom had low reproductive success (smaller

food loads, low chick weights, high chick mortality) when sand lance became rarer (Harris 1984, Harris and Birkhead 1985, Martin 1989). Tufted puffins also are sensitive to low abundances of sand lance at several sites in British Columbia and Alaska (Vermeer 1978, 1979, 1980; Vermeer and others 1979; Wehle 1983). The reproductive success of rhinoceros auklets seems to depend quite often on the abundance of sand lance on the coasts of British Columbia and Washington: food loads were larger, chicks grew faster, larger, and fledged sooner and more often when sand lance were readily available (Bertram and Kaiser 1993; Bertram and others 1991; Vermeer 1978, 1979, 1980; Wilson and Manuwal 1986). In northern Japan, rhinoceros auklet chick survival, growth, and fledging weight were higher in a year when food was delivered in larger loads and more frequently; sand lance (*A. personatus*) was one of two species delivered in larger loads in the more successful breeding year (Watanuki 1987).

Interestingly, there may be ramifying effects in other parts of the food web of variation in the relation between avian predators and piscine prey: sand lance are an important prey for the black-legged kittiwake in the Bering Sea, as elsewhere. When the kittiwake had poor foraging conditions and reproductive success on Round Island, Alaska, the mating system of red foxes, whose principal prey there is kittiwakes, changed from polygyny to monogamy, and reproductive success declined (Zabel and Taggert 1989). Foxes also prey opportunistically on sand lance when the substrata the latter are buried in are exposed during low tides (Nairn 1977, Shepherd 1988). On Kodiak Island, Alaska, foxes have been reported to displace crows that have located buried sand lance and excavate the fish for themselves, and conversely, crows sometimes obtain sand lance from holes dug by foxes (Shepherd 1988).

Complex Interactions of Forage Fishes, Their Predators, and Commercial Fisheries

Links between decreased abundance of suitable forage fish and marine predators' reproductive success or population size have been suggested or reported from many regions of the world, from the coasts of Peru (Idyll 1973, McCall 1984, Schaefer 1970) and South Africa (Burger and Cooper 1984, Crawford and Dyer 1995, Crawford and Shelton 1978) to the Bering (National Research Council 1996, Straty and Haight 1979) and Barents Seas (Erikstad 1990, Vader and others 1990). In most of these cases, intense commercial fisheries are believed to play at least some role, and in some cases a major role, in the depletion of prey stocks. Indeed, some authors show that any diversion of prey from avian or mammalian predators to industrial fisheries (or vice versa) probably reduces energy available to the other (e.g., Furness 1978, 1996; Schaefer 1970). We found two cases in which depletion of sand lance stocks by commercial fisheries probably contributed to decreases in seabird reproduc-tive success (in the North Sea; e.g., Barrett and others 1987, Evans and Nettleship 1985, Lid 1981, Monaghan 1992; and in some locations near Japan, Hashimoto 1991), although it is uncertain that fisheries are solely accountable (Bailey 1989a, 1991). In any case, despite the lack of systematic examination of the ecological consequences of commercial fishing (Parsons 1996), the number of accumulating correlations between prey depletion and predator population crashes sends a cautionary message that intensive harvesting of prey can cause or contribute to predator population crashes and prevent predator population recovery (even when the crash was caused initially by some other factor, such as an El Niño event).

If sand lance begin to be commercially harvested in regions where they have not previously been harvested (such as Alaska), their availability to consumers is likely to change. Some of the predator species most likely to be affected by a serious decrease

in sand lance availability in the northeastern Pacific (see table 1, A and B) include sooty shearwaters, pelagic and red-faced cormorants, glaucous-winged gulls, black-legged kittiwakes, common murres, pigeon guillemots, horned and tufted puffins, and rhinoceros auklets, as well as several species of marine mammals. Furthermore, because sand lance have the unusual behavior of burying themselves in sand and only some predators are known to be able to extract them from burial sites, it is possible that this particular source of food (and style of foraging) is ecologically important to these predators (crows, ravens, eagles, some gulls; perhaps cod [see Girsa and Danilov 1976], and humpback whales [see Hain and others 1995]).

On the other hand, intensive harvest of certain predators (or competitors) of sand lance may release sand lance populations, thereby increasing their availability to others, as is suggested for other systems (Beddington and May 1982, Fogarty and Murawski 1998, Furness 1984b, Furness and Ainley 1984). For example, in the North Sea and in the northwest Atlantic, massive harvesting of herring, mackerel, whiting, and cod was associated with an increase of sand lance (Bowman and others 1984; Fogarty and others 1991; Furness 1982; Hempel 1978a, 1978b; Payne and others 1990; Sherman and others 1981; Winters 1983). Because sand lance may compete with planktivorous whales for copepods (Payne and others 1990), industrial harvesting of such whales might increase the sand lance populations, which in turn become prey for piscivorous predators. Harvest of adult pollock in the Bering Sea may have led to an increase of sand lance and capelin in the Bering Sea (Ainley and others 1994), although it also may have reduced the availability of an important prey for Steller sea lions (Merrick and others 1997).

Although the number of prey fish taken by some predators is sometimes used as an argument for predator control to “protect” commercial and sport fisheries, a mere count (or estimate) of the numbers of fish consumed by the predator is insufficient to establish that this predator is responsible for limiting the size of the prey fish population (e.g., Furness 1984a). Even though bird and mammal predators are sometimes estimated to take large numbers of a prey-fish population (e.g., Furness 1984a, 1990; Furness and Tasker 1997; Rae and Shearer 1965; Wiens and Scott 1975), the impact of this source of mortality on the population often may be small compared to others; for instance, commercial pelagic fisheries commonly take 50 to 70 percent of their prey population, leaving little for their natural predators (Furness and Ainley 1984). One must take into account that some of the fish taken by the predator would have died anyway, of other causes. What is really needed is the entire, age-specific schedule of mortality for the prey population, by predator species, so that the effect of all predators can be put in perspective. The location of the fishery in relation to predator colonies also needs to be considered, as well as the response of both predators and fisheries to changes in prey abundance (Furness and Tasker 1997, Harwood and Croxall 1988). Still more important is the effect on predator success of changing prey availability (daily, seasonal, annual, decadal, etc.; e.g., Hofmann and Powell 1998, Lauck and others 1998, Steele 1998). To address the impact of fisheries on wildlife populations is as important as the reverse, in the context of current global concerns about the preservation of biodiversity.

Sand lance, along with eulachon, herring, capelin, and other small schooling fishes have long been recognized as a critically important resource for a multitude of predators (Ashmole 1971, Bowman 1913, Einarsson 1951, Isakson and others 1971,

Langham 1971b, May and others 1979, Norcross and others 1961, Reay 1970, Winters 1981, Wright and others 1996, and many others). The lesson of the forage fishes reaches far back into Native lore: traditional knowledge among the Tlingit tribal groups along the coast of southeast Alaska emphasizes the idea that herring supported everybody, from whales to bears to humans.[1] Forage fishes constitute an ecological cornerstone (Willson and others 1998, many others) for a widely ramifying food web that encompasses not only the pelagic zone, the nearshore, and the intertidal zone but also terrestrial areas. Corvids and eagles carry sand lance and other forage fishes to their nestlings, and corvids sometimes store prey in trees or in meadow grasses (authors' observations); both processes bring marine-derived nutrients to terrestrial systems. More dramatic is the deposition of unused prey and digested fish material around the nests of seabirds. These deposits have been exploited commercially in many parts of the world (e.g., Crawford and Shelton 1978, Hutchinson 1950, Idyll 1973), but in addition, they can alter soils and plant communities in colonies (e.g., Furness and Barrett 1985; Smith 1978, 1979), contribute nutrients to the sea near the bird colonies (e.g., Bosman and Hockey 1986, Bosman and others 1986, Wiens and Scott 1975; but see also Bédard and others 1980), and support an enriched terrestrial food web near the colonies, at least in some situations (e.g., Polis and Hurd 1996).

The abundant evidence of important ecological links between forage fishes as prey and their numerous predators, and among the predators themselves, raises the obvious issue of cascading ecological effects when one portion of the interlocking web is altered. Furthermore, it is not to be expected that responses to perturbation will necessarily be linear (e.g., Anker-Nilssen and others 1997, Piatt and Methven 1992). May and others (1979) state that multispecies systems "will often manifest complex 'catastrophic' behavior..., whereby the system is discontinuously transformed to a different equilibrium state as harvesting rates increase, or as environmental circumstances alter. This transformation will not usually be continuously reversible....Since these catastrophic changes are seldom, if ever, predictable in a quantitative sense, and since they can be expected to occur in almost any severely exploited ecosystem, the need for conservatism and contingency planning is emphasized." When such ecological thresholds may be crossed, it becomes especially important to set harvesting levels that account for uncertainty of stock abundance and biological condition (e.g., Frederick and Peterman 1995). Considering the ramifying effects of these predator-prey interactions for both aquatic and coastal terrestrial foodwebs, it is clear that any factor (from overfishing to global warming) that impacts forage-fish populations may have cascading effects in the broad foodweb.

The general procedure of harvesting natural resources, perhaps especially fish stocks, has customarily been virtually unbridled exploitation, until the resource is depleted or some watchdog notices serious ecological damage (e.g., Avery and Green 1989, Dayton 1998). Because intense harvesting almost invariably disrupts natural systems, some negative impacts can readily be predicted in anticipation of the harvesting activity, but little is done about the ecological problem until damage becomes painfully evident. Therefore, the above authors argue that the burden of

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proof would be better placed on the exploiters of the resources, to show that resource harvesting would not lead to unacceptable resource depletion, habitat destruction, and ecosystem disruption. Others have specifically suggested a very conservative upper limit on harvest levels (e.g., Roughgarden 1998), the avoidance of harvesting juvenile fish (e.g., Myers and Mertz 1998), and the establishment of new management goals and institutions (Fujita and others 1998).

As industrial fish harvesting continues, the higher trophic levels become depleted, and harvesting then shifts to lower trophic levels (Pauly and others 1998). Forage fishes are now harvested intensively in many regions of the world, but case studies indicate that "fishing down the food web" is inherently unsustainable (Pauly and others 1998). Much of the harvest of certain forage fishes is destined, moreover, for the production of fish meal for farmed fish, often in parts of the world far from the origin of the forage fishes (e.g., Fischer and others 1997, Jensen and Keller 1990, Kaushik 1986). Thus, nutrient cycling in the area of origin is disrupted by depletion, and that in the destination area is disrupted by augmentation, both of which have the potential to alter important ecological relations.

What Do We Need to Know?

Foremost among the information needs is the need for more understanding of the biology of sand lance in relation to predation and the rest of the food web (Smith 1995): variation in food value, seasonality, and vulnerability of different populations and different species in differing circumstances. For example, it seems that the seasonal pattern of *A. personatus* may differ from that of its congeners; if so, it would be interesting to know why, and how this seasonal difference affects potential predators. The food value of sand lance differs among species, populations, locations, and seasons, not to mention age and sex, but much more information is required on this variation, set in a context of such variation among other forage fishes (and hence their substitutability as prey) and energy budgets of the predators. Age-specific mortality risks are essential to understanding the impacts of predation and commercial harvesting on sand lance populations. Furthermore, the paucity of information on predator diets in the nonbreeding season, while understandable, is regrettable, because this time of year can be critical to population status and because juvenile vertebrates, newly independent of their parents, commonly forage less effectively than adults and suffer heavy mortality as a result. It is also important to learn more about the relation of sand lance and other forage fishes to predator reproductive success—information is needed on more species of predator, in more places, under more conditions.

More and better science, however, is obviously insuffient to protect any marine food web from disruption by humans. Appropriate incorporation of scientific understanding into management plans depends on economic, and hence on social and political, forces, which must be understood themselves (Lavigne 1996, Policansky 1998). Scientific understanding therefore must be available to and comprehended by the relevant decisionmaking bodies and the general public to permit informed, balanced decisions.

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Table 1A—Summary of the relative importance of sand lance in the diets of seabirds, by species and geographic region

		Proportion of sand lance in diet[b]			
Species	Location[a]	<10%	10-50%	>50%	References
Red-throated loon	BC		XC’		Reimchen and Douglas 1984
	UK			XC’	Furness and Barrett 1991
Fulmar	AK-GoA	X	X’?		Sanger 1986, 1987; Hatch 1993
	Bering	none			Fisher 1952
	UK		X’	X’ X’ X	Furness and Todd 1984, Furness and Barrett 1991, Fowler and Dye 1987, Harris and Riddiford 1989
	Barents	none			Fisher 1952
Sooty shearwater	BC			X	Sealy 1973
	CA	none			Chu 1984
	AK-GoA	X		X’	Krasnow and Sanger 1986; Krasnow and others 1979; Sanger 1986, 1987
Short-tailed shearwater	AK-GoA	XA	XA’		Krasnow and Sanger 1986; Sanger 1986, 1987
	AK-Bering		XA’		Ogi and others 1980
Gannet	UK		XC?	X’ X’	Martin 1989, Nelson 1966, Wanless 1984
	Gulf St. Lawrence		X		Cairns and others 1991
Double-crested cormorant	BC		XC		Robertson 1974
	Gulf St. Lawrence		X’	X’ X’	Cairns and others 1991, Pilon and others 1983, Rail and Chapdelaine 1998
	CA	X			Ainley and others 1990
Pelagic cormorant	BC		XC XA	XC	Robertson 1974; Sanger 1986, 1987
	AK-Aleut			X	Springer 1991
	CA	none			Ainley and others 1990
Red-faced cormorant	Bering	X XA	XA’	XC’ X	Bradstreet 1985; Hunt and others 1981a, 1981c; Schneider and Hunt 1984; Springer 1991; Springer and others 1996
Shag	UK			X XC XC	Furness and Barrett 1991; Harris and Riddiford 1989; Harris and Wanless 1991, 1993; Lunsden and Haddow 1946; Pearson 1968; Snow 1960; Wanless and others 1993
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Table 1A—Summary of the relative importance of sand lance in the diets of seabirds, by species and geographic region (continued)

Species	Location[a]	Proportion of sand lance in diet[b] <10%	10-50%	>50%	References
	Norway		X’	XC’ XA’	Barrett 1996, Barrett and Furness 1990, Barrett and others 1990
Great cormorant	UK		X	XC, XC’	Davies and Feltham 1996, Okill and others 1992, Pearson 1968
	Norway		XA		Barrett and others 1990
	Gulf St. Lawrence	X		X’	Cairns and others 1991, Pilon and others 1983
Oldsquaw	AK-GoA		X X(W)		Nettleship and others 1984; Sanger 1986; Sanger and Jones 1982b, 1984; Sanger and others 1979, 1984
	Beaufort	none			Johnson 1984
Parasitic jaeger	UK			X XC	Furness and Barrett 1991a, Phillips and others 1996
Great skua	UK	X	XA XA	XC XC’ XA’ X XC’ XC	Beaman 1978, Furness 1979, Furness and Hislop 1981, Hamer and others 1991, Klomp and Furness 1992, Phillips and others 1997
	Iceland			X	Furness 1979
Slaty-backed gull	Japan	X’			Watanuki 1988
Great black-backed gull	UK		XA’	X	Beaman 1978, Furness and Barrett 1991
Lesser black-backed gull	UK			XC	Pearson 1968
Mew gull	AK-GoA		X		Sanger 1986
Glaucous gull	Chukchi		X		Schwartz 1996
Glaucous-winged gull	AK-GoA		XA XC XC	XS XC’ XC’ XC’ XC XC	Baird 1986, 1990; Hatch and others 1978; Moe and Day 1979; Murphy and others 1984; Sanger 1986; Wehle 1978
	AK-Aleut.		XA’?		Trapp 1979
	BC		XC’		Vermeer 1982
Black-legged kittiwake	AK-GoA		X XA XS	XA’ XC’ XC’ XC, XA X XC XC	Baird 1990; Hatch and others 1978, 1993; Jones and Peterson 1979; Krasnow and Sanger 1986; Krasnow and others 1979; Nysewander 1986; Piatt and Anderson 1995; Sanger 1986, 1987
	Bering	X XA’	XA’	XA’ XA’ XC’ XC’ X	Bradstreet 1985; Hatch and others 1993; Hunt and others 1981a, 1981c; Murphy and others 1991; Schneider and Hunt 1984; Springer 1991; Springer and others 1987, 1996; Wehle 1978
	Chukchi		X’ XA	XC	Schwartz 1966, Springer and others 1984

Table 1A—Summary of the relative importance of sand lance in the diets of seabirds, by species and geographic region (continued)

Species	Location[a]	Proportion of sand lance in diet[b] <10%	10-50%	>50%	References
	Norway, Russia	X X	XC'	X'	Barrett 1996, Barrett and Krasnow 1996, Furness and Barrett 1985
	UK		XA	XC XC XC XC X' XC XC' XC'	Coulson and Thomas 1985, Furness and Barrett 1991a, Galbraith 1983, Hamer and others 1993, Harris and Riddiford 1989, Harris and Wanless 1990, Monaghan and others 1996, Pearson 1968, Wanless and Harris 1992
Aleutian tern	AK-GoA		XA XS XC'		Baird 1986, Sanger 1986,
Arctic tern	AK-GoA	XA	XS XC'		Baird 1986, Sanger 1986
	Quebec		XC'		Chapdelaine and others 1985
	UK			XC' XC XC' XC XC' XC	Ewins 1985; Furness and Barrett 1991; Monaghan and others 1989a, 1992; Pearson 1968; Suddaby and Ratcliffe 1997; Uttley and others 1989
	Germany	X			Frick and Becker 1995
Roseate tern	CT, NY, ME			XC' XC'	Richards and Schew 1998, Safina and others 1990, Shealer and Kress 1994
Common tern	NY, VA	X	XC' X?		Erwin 1977, Safina and Burger 1988, Safina and others 1990
	Quebec		XC		Chapdelaine and others 1985
	Ontario	none			Morris 1986
	UK		XC XC	XA'	Pearson 1968, Taylor 1979, Uttley and others 1989
	Germany		XC		Frick and Becker 1995
Sandwich tern	UK			XC X'	Fuchs 1977, Pearson 1968
Little tern	UK		X'?		Norman 1992
Razorbill	UK			XC XC' XC XC XC' X XA (W)	Blake 1984, in Bradstreet and Brown 1985; Furness and Barrett 1991; Harris and Wanless 1986; Harris and Riddiford 1989; Lloyd 1979
	Norway, Russia		XC'	XC XA', XC	Barrett and Furness 1990, in Bradstreet and Brown 1985; Furness and Barrett 1985
	Denmark, Sweden			XA' (W)	Blake 1983
	E. Can.	none		XC' XC	Bédard 1969, in Bradstreet and Brown 1985
	W. Grnld			XC	Chapdelaine and Brousseau 1996
Common murre	AK-GoA	XC X(W)	X'	X'	Hatch and others 1978; Krasnow and Sanger 1986; Krasnow and others 1979;

Table 1A—Summary of the relative importance of sand lance in the diets of seabirds, by species and geographic region (continued)

Species	Location[a]	Proportion of sand lance in diet[b] <10%	10-50%	>50%	References
					Peterson 1986; Piatt and Anderson 1996; Sanger 1986,1987; Sanger and others 1979
	Bering	XC XA	XC XA'	X' X' X	Bradstreet 1985; Hunt and others 1981a, 1981c; Piatt and others 1988; Springer 1991; Springer and others 1987, 1996
	Chukchi		XA X		Schwartz 1966, Springer and others 1984
	OR, CA	none	XA		Ainley and others 1996, Scott 1990
	BC		XA		Vermeer 1992
	Nfld., Labrador	X(W) XA XC XC	XC' XC'	X	Birkhead and Nettleship 1987, Bradstreet and Brown 1985, Burger and Piatt 1990, Cairns and others 1990, Tuck 1960
	Norway, Russia	XC'	XC X XC'	XC' X	Barrett and Krasnov 1996; Barrett and others 1997; Furness and Barrett 1985; Gabrielson 1996, in Tuck 1960
	Denmark, Sweden, Germany	XC	XA'(W), XA(W)		Blake 1983, Durinck and others 1991, Leopold and others 1992
	UK	XC	XC XA'(W)	XC XC, XC' XC, XC X XC' XC XC' XA' XC XC XA	Birkhead 1977; Blake 1984; Blake and others 1985; Bradstreet and Brown 1985; Furness and Barrett 1991a; Halley and others 1995; Harris and Riddiford 1989; Harris and Wanless 1985, 1986, 1988, 1995; Hatchwell 1991; Pearson 1968; Uttley and others 1994
	N. Atlantic			XC'	Bradstreet and Brown 1985
Thick-billed murre	AK-GoA	X			Sanger 1986, 1987
	Bering	XA XA' X XA'	XC' X		Bradstreet 1985; Hunt and others 1981; Pearson 1968; Piatt and others 1988; Springer 1991; Springer and others 1987, 1996
	Chukchi	X,X			Schwartz 1966, Springer and others 1984
	N. Pacific	none			Ogi 1980
	Japan			X (W)	Hashimoto 1993
	NWT	none, none XC'			Bradstreet 1980, Bradstreet and Brown 1985, Gaston and Nettleship 1981
	Nfld., Labrador	X(W) XC	X'(W)		Birkhead and Nettleship 1987, Elliot and others 1990, Tuck 1960
	Quebec	XC			Tuck and Squires 1955
	Norway, Russia	XC XA	XC'	X X XC'	Barrett and Furness 1990; Barrett and others 1997; Furness and Barrett 1985, in Tuck 1960

Table 1A—Summary of the relative importance of sand lance in the diets of seabirds, by species and geographic region (continued)

Species	Location[a]	Proportion of sand lance in diet[b] <10%	10-50%	>50%	References
Pigeon guillemot	AK-GoA	X		XC' XC' XC'	Hayes and Kuletz 1997, Krasnow and Sanger 1986, Oakley and Kuletz 1996, Sanger 1986
	BC	XC	XC'		Drent 1965; Ewins 1993, and refs. therein
Black guillemot	Quebec, Gulf St. Lawrence	XC XC XC XA X XC			Cairns 1981, 1987; Cairns and others 1991; Gaston and others 1985; Winn 1950
	NWT	none			Bradstreet 1980
	Norway		XC '	X	Barrett and Furness 1990, Furness and Barrett 1985
	UK	XA (W)	XC '	XC' XC'	Ewins 1990, Furness and Barrett 1991a, Harris and Riddiford 1989
	N. Atlantic		XC'		Bradstreet and Brown 1985
Spectacled guillemot	Japan			XC XC	Aotuka et al. 1995, Minami and others 1995
Horned puffin	AK-GoA		X XA XC XC XC' XA XS XC'	X' XC X' XC' XC XC XC' XC XC	Amaral 1977; Hatch 1984; Hatch and Sanger 1992; Hatch and others 1978; Jones and Peterson 1979; Krasnow and Sanger 1986; Manuwal and Boersma 1978; More and Day 1979; Peterson 1986; Piatt and Anderson 1996; Sanger 1986, 1987, in Vermeer and others 1979; Wehle 1983
	Bering	X XA XA, XS	X X'	XC	Bradstreet 1985; Hunt and others 1981a, 1981c; Springer and others 1996; Wehle 1983
Tufted puffin	AK-GoA	XC XA none	XC X' XS XA XS XC XC'	XC' XC' XC XC	Amaral 1977; Baird 1990; Baird and Jones 1986; Hatch 1984; Hatch and Sanger 1992; Krasnow and Sanger 1986; Manuwal and Boersma 1978; Sanger 1986; 1987; Piatt and Anderson 1996, in Vermeer and others 1979; Wehle 1978, 1983
	Bering	none	XC	X'	Hunt and others 1981a, 1981c; Springer and others 1996; Wehle 1983
	BC			XC' XC	Vermeer 1979, Vermeer and others 1979
Atlantic puffin	UK		XC'	XC' XC' XC XC' XC' XC' XC' XC' XC' XC XC' XC XC'	Barrett and Rikardsen 1992; Bradstreet and Brown 1985; Corkhill 1973; Harris 1970, 1984, 1988; Furness and Barrett 1991; Harris and Hislop 1978; Harris and Riddiford 1989; Harris and Wanless 1986; Hislop and Harris 1985; Hudson 1979; Martin 1989; Pearson 1968; Rodway and Montivecchi 1996

Table 1A—Summary of the relative importance of sand lance in the diets of seabirds, by species and geographic region (continued)

Species	Location[a]	Proportion of sand lance in diet[b] <10%	10-50%	>50%	References
	Norway, Russia	X(W)	X X'	XC? XC' XA'	Barrett 1996, Barrett and Krasnow 1996, Barrett and others 1987, Falk and others 1992, Furness and Barrett 1985, Lid 1981
	N. Atlantic			XC' X(W)	Bradstreet and Brown 1985, Falk and others 1992
	Nfld.		XC'	XC'	Bradstreet and Brown 1985, Brown and Nettleship 1982
Rhinoceros auklet	N. Pacific			XC	Vermeer 1979
	Japan		X'C		Watanuki 1987
	BC		XC'	XC' XC' XC XC' XC' XC	Bertram and Kaiser 1993; Bertram and others 1991; Burger and others 1993; Gaston and Dechesne 1996; Summers and Drent 1979; Vermeer 1979, 1980; Vermeer and Westrheim 1984
	WA			XC XC' XC	Richardson 1961, Wilson and Manuwal 1986
	AK		XC XA	XC XC	Hatch 1984; Hatch and others 1984; Sanger 1986, 1987
	CA	none			Gaston and Dechesne 1996
Cassin's auklet	BC			XA	Burger and Powell 1990
	AK-GoA	none			Sanger 1987
	CA	none			Manuwal 1974
Kittlitz murrelet	AK	X	X		Sanger 1986, 1987
Ancient murrelet	BC	none (W), XA	XS	XF	Gaston and others 1993, Sealy 1975b
	Okhotsk		X?		Gaston 1994
	AK-GoA	X			Sanger 1986
Marbled murrelet	AK-GoA	X	X X X X? X(W)		Hobson and others 1994; Krasnow and Sanger 1986; Krasnow and others 1979; Piatt and Anderson 1996; Sanger 1986, 1987; Sanger and Jones 1982a; Sanger and others 1979; Vermeer and others 1979, 1986
	BC		XA? XC? X?	XA XC XA, XF	Carter 1984, in Carter and Sealy 1990; Mahon and others 1992; Rodway and others 1992; Sealy 1975b; Vermeer 1992; Vermeer and others 1986, in Hobson and others 1994
	Okhotsk		X?		Konyukhov and Kitaysky 1995

[a] Abbreviations for locations are standard, except that AK-GoA indicates the Gulf of Alaska, Nfld. is Newfoundland, Grnld. is Greenland.
[b] Proportion in the diet is based on whatever measures were used by the authors (mass, volume, numbers, frequency, or some combination). An X shows that the stated proportion was sometimes achieved by the species in that region; the X is placed in the highest category recorded, and lower proportions (variation among years, seasons, or sites) also may have occurred (indicated by X'). Very small samples (approximately < 10 predators of that species) are omitted. A = adult, C = chick, S = subadult., F = fledglings, (W) = winter, ? = estimates.

Table 1B—Marine mammals that prey on sand lance[a]

Species	Location	Proportion of sand lance in diet <10%	10-50%	>50%	References
Grey seal	UK		X' X'	X' X' X	Hammond and Prime 1990, Hammond and others 1994, Prime and Hammond 1990, Rae 1968, Thompson and others 1996
	Iceland	X		X' X'	Hauksson 1984, Hauksson and Ólafsdóttir 1995, Hauksson and others 1995
	NS, Nfld	none X		X X	Benoit and Bowen 1990a, 1990b; Bowen and Harrison 1994; Bowen and others 1993
Harbor seal	OR		X		Brown and Mate 1983
	BC	none	X		Olesiuk and others 1990, Spalding 1964
	AK-GoA	X' none X			Imler and Sarber 1947, Pitcher 1980, Pitcher and Calkins 1979
	Bering	X none		X'	Kenyon 1965; Lowry and Frost 1981, in Lowry and others 1982
	Okhotsk	none			Wilke 1954
	MA, NH			X'	Payne and Selzer 1989
	Iceland	X		X'	Hauksson 1984, Payne and Selzer 1989
	UK	X		X' X' X'(W)	des Clers and Prime 1996; Pierce and others 1990, 1991; Thompson and others 1996; Tollit and Thompson 1996
	Norway	none		X'	Bjørge and others 1995, Olsen and Bjørge 1995
Spotted seal	Bering		X? X	X'	Bukhtiyarov and others 1984, in Lowry and others 1982
Harp seal	Nfld., Labrador		XJ' XA'	X' XJ'[b]	Beck and others 1993; Lawson and Stenson 1995, 1997
	Arctic Canada	X			Kapel 1995
	Grnld.			X' X'	Kapel 1995, Kapel and Angantyr 1989
	Barents	X' X		X'	Nilssen 1995, Nilssen and others 1995, Nordøy and others 1995
Northern fur seal	Bering	X X X none, none, none none, none	X? X	X X	Antonelis and others 1986; Fiscus and others 1964; Hacker and Antonelis 1986, in Frost and Lowry 1987; Kajimura 1984; Kenyon 1956; Livingston and Dwyer 1986, in Lowry and others 1982; Lucas 1899; Perez and Bigg 1986; Wilke and Kenyon 1957
	AK-southeast	none			Wilke and Kenyon 1952
	AK-GoA	X		X, X	Kajimura 1984, Perez and Bigg 1986, Taylor and others 1955
	CA, WA, BC	X, none, X			Kajimura 1984, Perez and Bigg 1986, Spalding 1964
	Japan	none			Taylor and others 1955

Table 1B—Marine mammals that prey on sand lance[a] (continued)

Species	Location	Proportion of sand lance in diet <10%	10-50%	>50%	References
Steller sea lion	Bering	X?	X?	X'?	Castellini 1993; Frost and Lowry 1987, in Lowry and others 1982
	AK-GoA	none none X	X X?		Fiscus and Baines 1966, Imler and Sarber 1947, Mathisen and others 1962, Pitcher 1981, Thorsteinson and Lensink 1962
	CA, BC	none, X			Pike 1958, Spalding 1964
	AK	none	X		Fiscus and Baines 1966, Imler and Sarber 1947
Humpback whale	N. Pacific			X?	Frost and Lowry 1987
	Bering	X? X?			Frost and Lowry 1981, Lowry and others 1982
	AK-southeast	X?		X'?	Baker and others 1992, in Mathews 1996
	Nfld.	none			Whitehead and Glass 1985
	MA, ME			X X' X	Overholtz and Nicolas 1979, Payne and others 1986, Weinrich and others 1992
Fin whale	MA			X	Overholtz and Nicolas 1979
	Nfld.		X		Lavigne 1996
	Bering	none, X	X?		Frost and Lowry 1987, Lowry and others 1982
Minke whale	Bering, N. Pacific	X?	X?		Frost and Lowry 1981, 1987; Nemoto 1957; Omura and Sakiura 1956, in Mathews 1996
	Yellow Sea			X	Xu and others 1983
	Okhotsk			X'	Kasamatsu and Tanaka 1992
	Grnld.		X?	X?	Jonsgård 1982, Larsen and Kapel 1993
	Norway, Russia	X	X'	X'	Haug and others 1995, Nordøy and others 1995
Beluga	E. Can.	X	X'?		Lowry and others 1982
	Grnld.	X			Lowry and others 1982
	Barents, Bering, Chukchi, Okhotsk	X, none			Lowry and others 1982, Seaman and others 1982
Atlantic white-sided dolphin	ME			X?	Gaskin 1992

[a] Footnotes as in table 1A, page 33.

Table 1C—Predatory fishes that feed on sand lance[a]

Species	Location	Proportion of sand lance in diet <10%	10-50%	>50%	References
Spiny dogfish	UK	X’	X		Rae 1967c, Holden 1966
	MA	X(W)			Bowman and Langton 1978
Pacific dogfish	BC	X’	X		Chatwin and Forrester 1953
Small-spotted ray	France			X?	Rousset 1987
Winter skate	MA		X (W)??		Bowman and Langton 1978
Thorny skate	NW Atlantic		X’		Templeman 1982
Herring	North Sea		X’	X’ X’	Hopkins 1989, Hopkins and others 1989, Last 1989
	NW Atlantic	X			Warzocha 1988
Capelin	Nfld., Labrador		X?		Gerasimova 1994
Rainbow smelt	Bering			X	Naumenko 1996
Coho salmon	WA, OR	X			Brodeur 1991
	BC	X none	X X’	X	Beacham 1986, Healey 1978, Manzer 1969, Pritchard and Tester 1944, Robinson and others 1982
	AK-GoA	none			Pearcy and others 1988
	AK-southeast		X X?	X’	Murphy and others 1988, Reid 1961, Wing 1977
	Bering	X?			Karpenko 1979, Morrow 1980, Wespestad 1987
Sockeye salmon	BC	X X X	X?		Beacham 1986; Healey 1978, 1991; Manzer 1969
	AK-GoA	none			Pearcy and others 1988
	Bering		X? X?	X	Karpenko 1979, Morrow 1980, Straty 1974, Wespestad 1987
	N. Pacific	none			Takeuchi 1972
Pink salmon	BC	X?	X’		Beacham 1986, Healey 1991
	AK-Aleut.	X			Simenstad and others 1977
	AK-GoA	none, none			Pearcy and others 1988, Sturdevant and others 1996
	AK-southeast	X			Murphy and others 1988
	N. Pacific	none			Takeuchi 1972
Chinook salmon	OR, WA	X			Brodeur 1991
	BC	X	X X X’		Beacham 1986, Hart 1973, Healey 1978, Pritchard and Tester 1944, Robinson and others 1982
	AK	X, none		X X’	Morrow 1980, Pearcy and others 1988, Reid 1961, Wing 1977
Masu salmon	Japan		X	X’ XJ XA X X	Asami and Hayano 1995, Fukataki 1969, Kato 1991, Kiso 1994, Kiso and Takeuchi 1994, Sasaki 1978

Table 1C—Predatory fishes that feed on sand lance[a] (continued)

Species	Location	Proportion of sand lance in diet <10%	10-50%	>50%	References
Amago salmon	Japan			X	Kato 1991
Atlantic salmon	N. Atlantic		X	X' X X	Dutil and Coutu 1988; Fraser 1987; Hislop and Webb 1992; Lear 1972, 1980, and refs. therein; Morgan and others 1986
	Norway	X			Grønvik and Klemetsen 1987
	NWT	X			Neilson and Gillis 1979
Brown trout	Norway			X'	Grønvik and Klemetsen 1987
Arctic char	Norway			X'	Grønvik and Klemetsen 1987 and refs. therein
	Baffin, Labrador, Quebec	X X	X'	X	Andrews and Lear 1956, Grainger 1953, Moore and Moore 1974
Dolly Varden	AK-GoA			X	Narver and Dahlberg 1965, Townsend 1942
	AK-southeast		X		Lagler and Wright 1962
	Bering		X		Simenstad and others 1977
	Okhotsk		X		Tokranov 1995
Pollock	UK			X'	Potts 1986
Pacific hake	BC	none	X		Outram and Haegele 1972, Rexstad and Pikitch 1986
Atlantic cod	Iceland	X?		X' X'	Brown and Cheng 1946, Pálsson 1980, Rae 1968
	Norway, Russia	none			Brown and Cheng 1946
	UK	X		X' X'	Brook 1885, Gibson and Robb 1996, Rae 1967a
	Faroes		X	X'	Du Buit 1982, Rae 1967b
	North Sea, Baltic		X?		Brown and Cheng 1946
	Quebec	none			Dunbar and Hildebrand 1952
	NS, NB, Nfld.	X X X	X?	X' X' X X X'	Brown and Cheng 1946, Corbeil 1954, Kohler and Fitzgerald 1969, Lilly 1982, Lilly and Fleming 1981, Powles 1958, Scott 1968
	MA				Bowman and Langton 1978
Greenland cod	Grnld.			X'	Jensen and Hansen 1931
Pacific cod	BC			X'	Westrheim 1977, Westrheim and Harling 1983
	Bering	X	X'		Feder and Jewett 1981, Simenstad and others 1977
	AK-GoA	X, none	X?		Albers and Anderson 1985, Feder and Jewett 1981, Jewett 1978
Haddock	Iceland	X X?			Brown and Cheng 1946, Pálsson 1980
	Faroes	X			Du Buit 1982
	Norway, Russia	none			Brown and Cheng 1946
	NB, NS	X	X' X		Homans and Needler 1944, Kohler and Fitzgerald 1969, Leim and Scott 1966, Scott 1968

Table 1C—Predatory fishes that feed on sand lance[a] (continued)

Species	Location	Proportion of sand lance in diet <10%	10-50%	>50%	References
	MA	X(W)			Bowman and Langton 1978
Whiting	UK		X’	X? X’ X’ X’ X	Casey and others 1986, in Bromley 1988; Gibson and Robb 1996; Hislop and others 1991; Jones 1954; Mergardt and Temming 1997; Patterson 1985
	Iceland		X?		Pálsson 1980
Black rockfish	AK-GoA			X X	Rosenthal 1980, Rosenthal and others 1988
Yellowtail rockfish	AK-GoA		X		Rosenthal and others 1988
Dusky rockfish	AK-GoA		X		Rosenthal and others 1988
Widow rockfish	AK-GoA		X		Rosenthal and others 1988
Yelloweye rockfish	AK-GoA			X	Rosenthal and others 1988
Quillback rockfish	AK-GoA		X		Rosenthal and others 1988
Copper rockfish	AK-GoA		X		Rosenthal and others 1988
Gray gurnard	UK			X’	Gibson and Robb 1996
Pacific sandfish	AK-GoA			X	Paul and others 1997
	AK-Aleut.		X		Simenstad and others 1977
Sand lance	Japan		X?		Okamoto and others 1989
Yellow croaker *(Nibea albiflora)*	Japan		X		Nakai and others 1987
European seabass	UK		X’?		Kelley 1987
Mackerel	NW Atlant.		X		Warzocha 1988
Spanish mackerel	Japan			X	Kishida 1986
Petrale sole	BC			X	Westrheim and Harling 1983
Rock sole	BC		X	X X’ X’	Simenstand and others 1977, Westrheim and Harling 1983
	Bering	X	X’		Feder and Jewett 1981, Smith and others 1978
	AK-GoA		X		Rosenthal 1983
Yellowtail flounder	NS, NB	X		X (eggs)	Pitt 1976; Scott 1968, 1972b
Starry flounder	Okhotsk		X		Tokranov 1995
Pacific halibut	Bering	X	X		Feder and Jewett 1981, in Simenstad and others 1977
	NE Pacif.			X	Best and St. Pierre 1986
	NW Pacif.	none			Orlov 1997
	AK-GoA	X	X		Roseneau and Byrd 1997, Rosenthal 1983
Atlantic halibut	Norway			X	Andreason and others 1989
	Iceland	none			McIntyre 1953
	Faroes		X’		McIntyre 1953
American plaice	Nfld.			X X’	Pitt 1973, Zamarro 1992
	NW Europe	X	X’ X’		Gibson and Robb 1996, Pihl 1994, Todd 1915
Turbot	Spain		X		Iglesias and Rodríguez-Ojea 1994

[a] Footnotes as in table 1A, page 33.

Table 1D—Invertebrate predators of sand lance[a]

Species	Location	Proportion of sand lance in diet <10%	10-50%	>50%	References
Veined squid	UK		X	X	Collins and Pierce 1996; Pierce and Santos 1996; Pierce and others 1994, in Collins and Pierce 1996
Short-finned squid	Nfld.			X'	Dawe and others 1997

[a] Footnotes as in table 1A, page 33.

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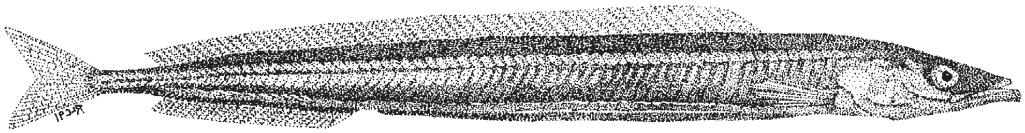

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Introduction

This bibliography contains over 1,700 published and unpublished references on the family Ammodytidae with an emphasis on the genus *Ammodytes*. The references are alphabetical by author and then by year of publication.

Abstracts and summaries are included for the references we have seen and those provided electronically by others. Abstracts written by the original authors are within quotation marks; abstracts not in quotation marks were written by the compilers of this bibliography.

For each reference, we provide keywords. For references obtained electronically, we used the keywords provided by others. References we were not able to review personally may contain information on additional subjects about sand lance not mentioned in the index.

The keywords have been further organized into taxonomic, geographic, subject, and predator indexes. For the taxonomic and predator indexes, we used the scientific or common name provided by the authors. No attempt was made to combine synonyms. For references in which no scientific name was provided, we used the most likely taxon.

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that have a body depth > 40 mm, preferring instead those fish species having a fusiliform shape (Swennen and Duiven 1991)—anchovies, herring, sand lance, capelin, and juvenile rockfish. Adults especially avoid feeding deep-bodied fish to their chicks, which have mouths too small to swallow them.

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"The causes of decline in the Bering Sea are unclear. Planktivorous auklets have increased while murres and kittiwakes have declined. Auklets may compete with juvenile pollock for euphausiids and other zooplankton, whereas murres and kittiwakes take juvenile pollock. The role of fishing in this scenario is unclear, because the adult pollock (age 2+) taken in the fishery are important predators on juvenile pollock and other seabird prey such as herring, myctophids, capelin and sand lance. An analysis requires critical information on seabird demography and trophic relationships during winter. Experience has shown us that understanding the whole system, both prey and predators, ultimately benefits man's commercial interests in the long-term perspective."

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (fish, chum salmon).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds, horned puffin).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; importance; lipid content; predators (fish, Atlantic halibut).

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“In 1975, the Iceland and Greenland waters were investigated by 1 Soviet and 2 Icelandic vessels. Water temperature data are given for the Irminger Sea, North of Iceland and East of Greenland. 1975 is classified as a very cold year. The distribution and density, and length distributions of O-group cod, haddock, redfish, capelin, sand-eel and Norway pout are given. The maximum concentrations of O-group sand-eel (an important species in food chains) were located 30-60 miles to the west of Reykjanes, west of Latrabjarg, and in major fjords of the NW peninsula as well as off the western north coast.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Greenland; age; distribution; fisheries; O-group.

Anonymous. 1977b. Report on the international O-group fish survey in the Barents Sea and adjacent waters in August-September 1975. Annals of Biology Copenhagen. 32: 199-205.

Brief notes on herring, mackerel, catfish, saithe, and O-group *Leptagonus*, *Liparis*, *Cottus*, and sand-eels, are given.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Barents Sea; age; fisheries; temperature; O-group.

Anonymous. 1978. Another big fishing year for Norway. Fishing News International. 179.

The commercial harvest of sandeel increased from 44,408 to 78,500 tons.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; commercial harvest.

Anonymous. 1979a. Japanese catch figures. Fishing News International. 184.

There were increases in catches of sardines, mackerel, and saury but sharp declines in Alaska pollock, sand eels, and albacore.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; commercial harvest.

Anonymous. 1979b. Norway catch worst for years. Landings tumble in both volume and in value. Fishing News International. 1864.

Sandeel catch increased from 78,761 to 94,000 tons.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; commercial harvest.

Anonymous. 1980. EEC-Norway quotas. Fishing News International. 192.

South of 62° N. latitude, EEC fishermen will be allowed to take 150,000 tons of sandeels.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; commercial harvest.

Anonymous. 1981. Il pulcinella di mare (*Fratercula arctica*). Quaderni del Museo di Paleontologia e Scienze Naturali di Voghyera. 436: [pages unknown].

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, puffin).

Anonymous. (1982, 1984, 1987, 1988). Reports of the working group for Norway pout, sandeel and sprat fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters. Copenhagen, Denmark: International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; commercial fishing.

Anonymous. 1993. Sandeel ships fish millionaire trawls–Danish netmaker supplies British Isles. Fishing News International. 32(2): 15.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; British Isles; fisheries.

Anonymous. 1994. Fish notes: greater sand eel *Hyperoplus lanceolatus* (les sauvage). Irish Naturalists' Journal. 24: 410-411.

Keywords: *H. lanceolatus*.

Anthony, J.A.; Roby, D.D. 1997. Variation in lipid content of forage fishes and its effect on energy provisioning rates to seabird nestlings. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems: Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Prog. Rep. 97-01. [Fairbanks, AK]; University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College: 725-729.

“Among the forage fishes collected in PWS [Prince William Sound] as part of the APEX project, juvenile herring, sand lance, and capelin had the highest energy densities, and were important prey of kittiwakes, juvenile gadids, prowfish, and juvenile salmonids had the lowest energy densities, and were important prey of puffins. Nearshore demersal fishes e.g. gunnels, pricklebacks, eelblennies, shannies, were intermediate between herring and gadids in lipid content and energy density. The lipid content of herring, sand lance, and capelin, though generally high, was variable depending on age sex, and reproductive status. We hypothesize that the productivity of kittiwakes and the nesting density of guillemots are limited by availability of high-quality, schooling forage fishes (sand lance, herring, or capelin).”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; importance; lipid content.

Antonelis, G.A., Jr.; Gearin, P.; DeLong, R.L.; Loughlin, T.R. 1986. Fur seal food habits identified from scats and colons. NWAFC Processed Rep. 86-19. [Place of publication unknown]: National Marine Fisheries Service.

Of 195 scats containing identifiable material, Pacific sand lance were found in 3 percent.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; predators (mammals, fur seal).

Aotsuka, M., Terasawa, T.; Minami, H. [and others]. 1995. Breeding ecology of the spectacled guillemot (*Cepphus carbo*) on Teuri Island. Yamashina Chorui Kenkyujo Kenkyu Hokoku. 27(1): 30-40.

“Chick growth and parental feeding behavior of the spectacled guillemot (*Cepphus carbo*) were studied on Teuri Island, Hokkaido in 1989. Increase in chick body weight was closely fitted to the von Bertalanffy equation. Chick growth rate peaked at a maximum of 22.1g/day at 15.3 days after hatching; being highest among the Alcidae. Its weight was 620g at fledging, 91.2% of the average adult weight. Lengths of wing, culmen and tail for two chicks grew to 60-79% of adult lengths at fledging, with only the tarsus attaining the full length. Chick diets in the nestling period consisted of three species of benthic fishes, *Sebastes minor, Ammodytes personatus,* and *Blennioidei* sp. Feeding frequency was 9.8 times/day for one chick brood, and 9.3 times/day for two chick broods. These figures are remarkably high compared to other Alcidae. High feeding ability of the parents may account for high growth rates and large body sizes at fledging for the chicks.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; predators (birds, spectacled guillemot).

Arai, H.P. 1969. Preliminary report on the parasites of certain marine fishes of British Columbia. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 26: 2319-2337.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; parasites.

Arefjord, M. 1979. NorSeaMink–production and the quality in 1979. Meldinger SSF. 3: 25-26.

NorSeaMink is the name of a special product intended for mink, fur animals, and fish farming. In 1979, about 21,000 tons of NorSeaMink was produced from January to October, about 4,000 tons more than the production in the whole of 1978. The raw material for the NorSeaMink production in 1979 was winter capelin, mackerel, sand eel, sprat, and blue whiting. The meal quality of different types of raw material was tabulated, and the quality of NorSeaMink produced in 1979 is shown.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fisheries.

Arkhipov, A.G. 1993. Population estimates and distribution of commercially important fishes in the Black Sea during early ontogeny. Journal of Ichthyology. 33(7): 100-114.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Black Sea; distribution; eggs; fisheries; larvae; population dynamics; seasonal variation.

Armstrong, E; Edwards, J.I. 1985. Target strength of sandeels. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea B. 20: 1-3.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; hydroacoustics.

Armstrong, F. 1986. Target strength of sandeels. Council meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; 1986 October 9; Copenhagen, Denmark. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]. 6 p.

This paper describes further measurements in a series designed to investigate the acoustic target strength of pelagic fish. In this case, the target strength of sandeels (*Ammodytes*) was measured and was found to be of the same order of magnitude as in the previous year's experiments; i.e. -45 dB to -55 dB re 1 kilogram at 38 kHz.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; hydroacoustics.

Armstrong, R.H. 1965. Some feeding habits of the anadromous Dolly Varden *Salvelinus malma* (Walbaum) in southeastern Alaska. Inf. Leafl. 51. Juneau, AK: Alaska Department of Fish and Game. 27 p.

Found salmon young to be the most common prey in the stomachs of Dolly Varden, followed by capelin, herring, and sand lance.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (fish, Dolly Varden).

Armstrong, R.H. 1996. Alaska's fish. Seattle, WA: Alaska Northwest Books.

"The Pacific sand lance is one of the most important fish in our marine waters. When the food habits of fish-eating birds, mammals, and other fish are studied, the sand lance usually shows up as the major item on the menu. Pink, coho, chinook, and sockeye salmon all eat sand lance, as do halibut, cod, Dolly Varden, and even herring, which feed on their larvae. The sand lance is also the most important fish in the diet of nesting marbled murrelets and a major food of kittiwakes, murres, puffins, and seals. Arctic terns and Bonaparte's gulls hover and plunge after sand lance. Bald eagles may swoop and snatch them from the water in their talons or stand alongside a water-filled pocket in the sand, waiting patiently for one to emerge. Crows and ravens dig for them in the sand with a sideways motion of their bills."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds, fish, mammals).

Armstrong, R.H. [In press]. The importance of fish to bald eagles in southeast Alaska, a review: Proceedings of the bald eagle conference. [dates of meeting unknown]; Juneau, AK. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown].

"Sand lance may be important in the diet of Southeast eagles. On numerous occasions I have counted between 20 and 80 bald eagles feeding on Pacific sand lance during minus tides on the Mendenhall Wetlands near Juneau. On a minus tide the sand lance's burial grounds are often exposed. I have observed bald eagles walking over these areas. This seems to panic the sand lance, which squirt out of the sand, making them easy prey for the eagles. Concentrations of bald eagles near the edge of sandy tidal flats, especially at minus tides, may be feeding on Pacific sand lance."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds, bald eagle).

Arnason, E. 1974. Ecology and feeding behaviour of the arctic skua (*Stercorarius parasiticus* Linnaeus) in Iceland. Montreal, PQ: McGill University. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Iceland; predators (birds, arctic skua).

Artedi, Petri. 1738. Bibkiotheca ichthyologica seu historia litteraria ichthyologiae. General Piscium. Ichthyologiae pars III. Malacopterygii. Ammodytes: 55-57.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; historical.

Asahara, M.; Ogushi, Y. 1995. Oni–stinger culture test (Yamaguchi Prefect.). Tokutei Kaiiki Yoshokugyo Suishin Chosa Hokokusho. Heisei 6 Nendo. Seibu Nihonkai Burokku: 149-203. In Japanese.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Pacific Ocean; fisheries.

Asami, H.; Hayano, H. 1995. Feeding ecology of juvenile masu salmon *Oncorhynchus masou* in the coasts of Hokkaido with special reference to stomach contents. Fisheries Science (Tokyo). 61(4): 590-593.

"Feeding ecology of juvenile masu salmon, *Oncorhynchus masou*, collected by commercial set nets, was studied in the coastal waters of Hokkaido between 1991 and 1993. Stomach fullness indices varied among sampling dates and two areas sampled (Japan Sea and Pacific Ocean). The stomach contents of juveniles collected along the coasts of the northern Japan Sea were composed entirely of sand lances (*Ammodytes personatus*), which were ¼-½ of the body lengths of the juvenile salmon. In contrast, stomach contents of the juveniles collected along the coast of the Pacific Ocean included a variety of organisms, and size ratios of prey to juveniles were lower than those in the northern Japan Sea. The results of comparisons of juvenile stomach contents between the Japan Sea and Pacific Ocean indicate that juvenile masu salmon occupy different ecological niches in the two areas. Production of juveniles in the northern Japan Sea may depend on the abundance of sand lance."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan Sea; Pacific Ocean; importance; predators (fish, masu salmon).

Asbirk, S. 1979. The adaptive significance of the reproductive pattern in the black guillemot *Cepphus grylle*. Videnskabelige Meddelelser fra Dansk Naturhistorisk Forening i Kobenhavn. 141: 29-80.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, black guillemot).

Ashcroft, R.E. 1977. Breeding biology and survival of puffins. Oxford, England: University of Oxford. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, puffin).

Ashmole, N.P. 1971. Seabird ecology and the marine environment. In: Farner, D.S.; King, J.R., eds. Avian biology. New York: Academic Press.

"In the boreal and low-arctic zones, where there are large areas of neritic waters (because the continental shelves are very wide) fish form a large proportion of the diet of many sea birds. The families Clupeidae (herrings and sardines), Ammodytidae (sand eels), and Gadidae (codfishes), and the capelin (*Mallotus villosus*, family Osmeridae) are of special importance. Although few cases have been investigated in detail, it is clear that the spatial and temporal variation in the abundance of these fish are major determinants of the breeding seasons, breeding places, and movements of the boreal sea birds."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; distribution; importance; predators (birds).

Auster, P.J.; Stewart, L.L. 1986. Species profiles: life histories and environmental requirements of coastal fishes and invertebrates (North Atlantic)—sand lance. Biol. Rep. 82 (11.66). TREL-82-4. [Place of publication unknown]: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 11 p.

“The systematic classification of the sand lances *Ammodytes americanus* and *Ammodytes dubius* is confusing because of overlapping meristic values. In the report, all sand lances in the North Atlantic area off the coast of the United States are treated as a combined group (*Ammodytes* spp.). Sand lances occur in estuarine, open coast, and offshore habitats. They are important prey to many commercially and recreationally valuable fish and marine mammals. Exploitation of sand lances off the Northeast coast of the United States is presently only for baitfish.”

Keywords: *A. americanus*; *A. dubius*; Atlantic (north); life history; reviews.

Avery, M. 1990a. Seabirds, fisheries and politics. RSPB Conservation Review. 4: 36-39.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Atlantic (northeast); abundance; fisheries; predators (birds).

Avery, M. 1990b. Shetland seabird update. Birds. 13(1): 40-41.

“Describes the bird populations of the Shetland Islands, giving the results of the 1989 breeding season when Arctic tern *Sterna paradisaea* failed to produce young. Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*, puffin *Fratercula arctica* and Arctic skua *Stercorarius parasiticus* numbers were also low. Results may have been due to mismanagement of fish stocks. A study is being undertaken by Glasgow University and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Scotland to examine seabird foraging; it will also monitor sandeel *Ammodytes* numbers and distribution within the feeding ranges of the seabird colonies.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; predators (birds, arctic skua, arctic tern, kittiwake, puffin, skua).

Avery, M.; Green, R. 1989a. Not enough fish in the sea. New Scientist. 123(1674): 28-29.

The relations between sand-eel fisheries around the Shetland isles and the death of young seabirds and the failure of the birds to breed are discussed.

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Shetland; commercial fishing; importance; predators (birds, arctic skua, arctic tern, fulmar, great skua, puffin, red-throated diver).

Avery, M.; Green, R. 1989b. Shetlands sand eels.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; predators (birds).

Avery, M.I. 1991. The Shetland sandeel fishery: mismanagement or misadventure? Institute of Fisheries Management Annual Study Course Proceedings. 22: 21-29.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Atlantic (northeast); abundance; fisheries; predators (birds).

Avery, M.I.; Suddaby, D.; Innes, P.M.E.; Sim, M.W. 1992. Exceptionally low body weights of arctic terns *Sterna paradisaea* on Shetland. Ibis. 134(1): 87-88.

A shortage of sandeels has led to repeated breeding failure of thousands of pairs of arctic terns on Shetland every year since 1984. The authors present evidence that the sandeel shortage also has led to low adult body weights of arctic terns.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; predators (birds, arctic tern).

Backus, R.H. 1957. The fishes of Labrador: Ammodytidae. Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History. 113(4): 307-308.

The number of vertebrae differs among species of sand lance. *Ammodytes lancea* ranges from 60 to 66, *A. marinus* from 66 to 73, and *A. dubius* from 73 to 78. *Ammodytes dubius* is a more northern form than *A. americanus.*

Keywords: *A. americanus*; *A. dubius*; *A. lancea*; *A. marinus*; Labrador; description; distribution; taxonomy.

Backus, R.H.; Bourne, D.W., eds. 1987. Georges Bank. Cambridge, MA: Massachusetts Institute of Technology Press. 593 p.

Baggot, C.M. 1992. Reproductive ecology of kittiwakes on Buldir Island, Alaska. St. Paul, MN: University of Minnesota. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds).

Bahr, K. 1935. Der kleine sandaal *Ammodytes tobianus* L. der Ostsee. Zeitschrift für Fischerei und deren Hilfswissenschaften. 33: 125-219.

Keywords: *A. tobianus.*

Bailey, A.M. 1922. Notes on the yellow-billed loon. Condor. 24: 204-205.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, yellow billed loon).

Bailey, R.S. 1982. The sandeel fishery: sandeels: risk in raising Shetland catch. Fishing News. 3611: 40-41.

“An assessment of the sandeel fishery in the North Sea and Shetland area is presented. There is no evidence that exploitation of *Ammodytes marinus* (sandeel) in the North Sea up to 1980 had a deleterious effect on the stocks. Although there is no evidence of over-exploitation of Shetland sandeels, the dependence of the fishery on young, immature fish makes it very vulnerable to changes in the level of recruitment. Therefore it would be advisable to avoid any further increase in fishing intensity for sandeels in the Shetland area.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; British Isles; North Sea; Shetland; catch; fisheries.

Bailey, R.S. 1986. Food consumption of seabirds in the North Sea in relation to the natural mortality of fish stocks. Report of the demersal fish committee: Council meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea. 1986/G:5. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown].

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (birds).

Bailey, R.S. 1989a. Interactions between fisheries, fish stocks and seabirds. Marine Pollution Bulletin. 20: 427-430.

An interesting viewpoint where the author concludes that “seabird populations may well be affected by the abundance of their food, but the abundance of that food is affected by a number of factors of which fishing is only one. The uncritical amalgamation of these two steps into an assertion that the exploitation of fish stocks is the main factor affecting seabird populations is thus unwarranted. This is not of course to claim that the fisheries have no effect, simply that a more thorough approach to the whole question is required.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; commercial fisheries; importance; predators (birds).

Bailey, R.S. 1989b. Shetlands sandeels. New Scientist. 123(1678): 64-65.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland.

Bailey, R.S. 1991. The interactions between sandeels and seabirds—a case history at Shetland: Council meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; 1991 Sept. 26-Oct. 4; La Rochelle, France. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 20 p.

“Several species of seabird at Shetland have shown reduced breeding success in the past few years and in the case of the Arctic tern, *Sterna paradisaea*, almost no young were produced in the period 1984-1990. During the breeding season, the surface feeding and smaller pursuit diving species feed their young predominantly on 0-group sandeels,

Ammodytes marinus. Seabird studies indicate that breeding failed as a result of inadequate provisioning of chicks by the parents. Virtual population analysis indicates that the abundance of 0-group sandeels increased over the period 1974 to 1982 and decreased to a very low level in 1987 and 1988. The factors affecting 0-group survival are not known, but do not appear to be related to fishing or low egg production. There is evidence of an abrupt change in distribution of the 0-group in the early 1980s. The change in distribution and survival may be related to changes in water circulation and/or predation."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; predators (birds, arctic tern).

Bailey, R.S.; Furness, R.W.; Gauld, J.A.; Kunzlik, P.A. 1991. Recent changes in the population of the sandeel (*Ammodytes marinus* Raitt) at Shetland in relation to estimates of seabird predation. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea Marine Science Symposium. 193: 209-216.

"Recent changes in the Shetland population of the lesser sandeel (*Ammodytes marinus* Raitt) have been investigated using data from commercial catches and research-vessel surveys using small-mesh midwater trawls. Both recruitment and total stock size have decreased since the early 1980's. Over the period 1981-1988 there has also been a decrease in consumption of sandeels by seabirds. On the assumption that the natural mortality rate has not changed, the predation mortality caused by seabirds (i. e. the fraction of the population taken) has not decreased significantly. These findings indicate that the switching of seabirds from sandeels to other prey is in approximate proportion to the abundance of sandeels, and that there is no evidence of a non-linear functional response. The estimates on which this analysis is based are subject to considerable uncertainty, however, and annual data on the consumption of sandeels and other prey (in terms of numbers at age) by each of the main groups of predators would be needed to refine the analysis significantly. The importance of incorporating consumption by seabirds and other predators in future assessments of this stock is stressed."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; abundance; commercial fishery; predators (birds, red-throated loon, fulmar, gannet, shag, arctic skua, great skua, herring gull, great black-backed gull, kittiwake, arctic tern, guillemot, razorbill, black guillemot, puffin).

Bailey, R.S.; Galbraith, D.; Hutcheon, J.R.; Walsh, M. 1983. Experimental fishing for Norway pout using a horizontally-divided trawl. Council Meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; 1983 October 10; Gothenburg Sweden. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]. 14 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; fisheries.

Bailey, R.S.; Gauld, J.A. 1984. Sandeels up by 10,000 tonnes...but there are warnings. Fishing News. 3680: 13.

"Landings of sandeels at Scottish ports increased from 53,000 tonnes in 1981, to 63,000 tonnes in 1982. The largest catches in 1982 (52,000 tonnes) were made in the Shetland fishery. While sandeels can live up to 8 years or more, the fisheries depend heavily on very young sandeels. A fishery so dependent on incoming recruitment, is vunerable to even a single poor year class. Landing cannot increase indefinitely without an associated increase in the likelihood of poor recruitment."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; Scotland; Shetland; catch; recruitment.

Bailey, R.S.; Hislop, J.R.G.; Mason, J. 1979. The fish and shellfish resources in seas adjacent to the Outer Hebrides. In: Morton, Boyd J. The natural environment of the Outer Hebrides: Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh Section B; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]; 77: 479-494.

"The demersal fishery in Hebridean seas is based mainly on haddock, whiting and cod, mostly from local spawning grounds, with some recruitment from the North Sea. Sandeels may also occur in commercial quantities in some areas."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; British Isles; catch; fisheries.

Baird, P.A.; Gould, P.J., eds. 1986. The breeding biology and feeding ecology of marine birds in the Gulf of Alaska. U.S. National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Assessment Program Final Report of the Principal Investigator. 45: 121-503.

This report reviews numerous earlier reports and concludes that “seabirds in the Gulf of Alaska were mainly piscivorous, with capelin and sand lance the predominant prey fed to chicks. These two species of fish comprised 48-84% of the diets of the chicks of all the seabird species.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; importance; predators (birds, red-faced cormorant, pelagic cormorant, glaucous-winged gull, black-legged kittiwake, arctic tern, Aleutian tern, common murre, thick-billed murre, horned puffin, tufted puffin).

Baird, P.A.; Hatch, M.A. 1979. Breeding biology and feeding habits of seabirds of Sitkalidak Strait, 1977-1978. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf. Annual reports of principal investigators, No. 2. Boulder, CO: National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Research Laboratory: 107-186.

“The prey base for all of the species we studied changed radically from 1977 to 1978. In 1977, capelin was by far the most important prey with respect to numbers and frequency of occurrence. In 1978 capelin was replaced by sandlance as the most important prey and was found in significantly fewer numbers and in significantly fewer of the regurgitations and bill loads of the birds than it was in 1977. This decline of capelin in 1978 may have somehow influenced the decrease in numbers of breeding birds and also their lowered reproductive success.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; Sitkalidak Strait; importance; predators (birds, tufted puffin, black-legged kittiwake, glaucous-winged gull).

Baird, P.A.; Moe, R.A. 1978. The breeding biology and feeding ecology of marine birds in Sitkalidak Strait area, Kodiak Island, 1977. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf, annual reports of principal investigators, No. 3. Boulder, CO: National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Research Laboratory: 313-524.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; predators (birds).

Baird, P.H. 1990. Influence of abiotic factors and prey distribution on diet and reproductive success of three seabird species in Alaska. Ornis Scandinavica. 21: 224-235.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds).

Baird, P.H. 1994. Black-legged kittiwake. In: Poole, A; Stennheim, P.; Gill, F., eds. The birds of North America. Philadelphia: The Academy of Natural Sciences; Washington, DC: The American Ornithologist’ Union. No. 92.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake).

Baker, C.S.; Straley, J.M.; Perry, A. 1992. Population characteristics of individually identified humpback whales in southeastern Alaska: summer and fall 1986. U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Fish Bulletin. 90: 429-437.

In Glacier Bay, small schooling fish, mainly capelin and sand lance, appear to be important prey for humpback whales, and more whales are observed in early summer than in August.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; southeastern Alaska; importance; predators (mammals, humpback whale).

Bakkala, R.G.; Smith, G.B. 1978. Demersal fish resources of the eastern Bering Sea: spring, 1976. N. W. Alaska fisheries center processed report, Seattle, WA: U.S. Department Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; distribution.

Bal, D.V. 1944. A study of fish eggs and larvae from Manx waters. II: Observations on the fish larvae. Journal of the University of Bombay. 12(5): 14-41.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; larvae.

Balykina, N.V.; Vinnikov, A.V.; Maksimenkov, V.V. 1991. Ichthyoplankton on the eastern part of the Sea of Okhotsk in May-June 1987. Journal of Ichthyology. 31(5): 31-35.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Sea of Okhotsk; distribution; larvae; recruitment.

Barraclough, W.E. 1967. Number, size, and food of larval and juvenile fish caught with an Isaacs Kidd trawl in the surface waters of the Strait of Georgia, April 25-29, 1966. Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Manuscript Report Series. 926: 1-79.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; abundance; food; juveniles; larvae.

Barraclough, W.E.; Fulton, J.D. 1968. Food of larval and juvenile fish caught with a surface trawl in Saanich Inlet during June and July 1966. Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Manuscript Report. 1003: 1-78.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; food; juveniles; larvae.

Barraclough, W.E.; Robinson, D.G.; Fulton, D.G. 1968. Number, size composition, weight and food of larval and juvenile fish caught with a two-boat surface trawl in Saanich Inlet April 23-July 21. Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Manuscript Report. 1004: 1-305.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; food; juveniles; larvae; size; weight.

Barrett, R.T. 1983. Seabird research on Hornoy, East Finnmark with notes from Nordland, Troms and West Finnmark 1980-1983. Tromsø, Norway: Tromsø Museum.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Barrett, R.T. 1996. Prey harvest, chick growth, and production of three seabird species on Bleiksoy, North Norway, during years of variable food availability. In: Montevecchi, W.A., ed. Studies of high-latitude seabirds. 4: Trophic relationships and energetics of endotherms in cold ocean systems. Canadian Wildlife Service Occasional Papers. 91: 20-26.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; predators (birds, Atlantic puffin, black-legged kittiwake, shag).

Barrett, R.T.; Anker-Nelssen, T.; Rikardsen, F. [and others]. 1987. The food, growth and fledging success of Norwegian puffin chicks *Fratercula arctica* in 1980-1983. Ornis Scandinavica. 18: 73-83.

“Of the four fish species analyzed, sandeels and large herring had the highest calorific values (6.0-7.9 kJ g -1 wet weight) while those of small capelin were lowest (3.2-3.3 kJ g-1 wet weight).

“Sandeels were important everywhere. Many Puffins carried single sandeels bent double in their beaks, possibly to reduce flight impairment and conspicuousness to kleptoparasites. A 90-95% decline in Norwegian herring stocks and the apparent dearth of alternative prey must inevitably have affected the Puffins on Rost. This study demostrates yet again how seabirds can act as indicators of marine ecological processes.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Norway; calorific value; importance; lipid content; predators (birds, puffin).

Barrett, R.T.; Asheim, M.; Bakken, V. 1997. Ecological relationships between two sympatric congeneric species, common murres and thick-billed murres, *Uria aalge* and *U. lomvia*, breeding in the Barents Sea. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 75(4): 618-631.

"Concurrent studies of the breeding ecology of Common Murres and Thick-billed Murres, *Uria aalge* and *U. lomvia*, on Hornoya, a colony in northern Norway, showed significant differences between the species in the timing of egg laying but no consistent differences in food choice, feeding frequency and rhythm, divedepth, or chick growth. Both species fed their chicks on capelin, *Mallotus villosus*, sand lance *Ammodytes* sp., and herring *Clupea harengus*. However, on Bear Island in the Barents Sea, the diet differed significantly, with Common Murre chicks being fed nearly exclusively capelin while Thick-billed Murre chicks received capelin, squid *Gonatus fabricii*, Arctic cod, *Boreogadus saida*, sculpins (Cottidae), shannies *Lumpenus* sp., and eelpouts (Zoarcidae). The lack of dietary segregation on Hornoya was in strong contrast with the results of earlier studies of sympatrically breeding murres and was probably due to a near superabundance of food around the colony."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Barents Sea; Norway; predators (birds, common murre, thick-billed murre).

Barrett, R.T.; Furness, R.W. 1990. The prey and diving depths of seabirds on Hornoy, north Norway after a decrease in the Barents Sea capelin stocks. Ornis Scandinavica. 21: 179-186.

"Following a supposed decrease in food availability during the breeding season as a result of a collapse in the Barents Sea capelin *Mallotus villosus* stock in 1986/87, it was hypothesized that there would be an increase in food competition and partitioning between the seabird species breeding in the region. A comparison of the diets collected from seven seabird species breeding on Hornoy in 1983 and 1989 showed that, despite a much lower capelin stock they actually caught a higher proportion of capelin in 1989 but fewer sandeels *Ammodytes* sp. It seems that the seabirds on Hornoy were more dependent on the sandeels than initially anticipated, and that sandeels have declined in abundance. We propose that the seabirds on Hornoy may also exploit a separate, late-spawning fjordic stock of capelin during the chick-rearing period. The median maximum diving depths attained by Common and Brunnich's Guillemots *Uria aalge* and *U. lomvia* were ca. 50 m, while Razorbills *Alca torda*, Puffins *Fratercula arctica* and Shags *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* reached 25-30 m (median). These depths reflected the distribution of prey more than the birds' diving abilities."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Barents Sea; Norway; importance; predators (birds, brunnich's guillemot, common guillemot, puffin, razorbill, shag).

Barrett, R.T.; Krasnov, Y.V. 1996. Recent responses to changes in stocks of prey species by seabirds breeding in the southern Barents Sea. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea. Journal of Marine Science. 53(4): 713-722.

"Seabirds breeding in the southern Barents Sea feed mainly on pelagic fishes–capelin *Mallotus villosus*, herring *Clupea harengus*, sand eels *Ammodytes* sp., and polar cod *Boreogadus saida*. This study shows how seabirds breeding in two colonies, one in northern Norway and one off the Kola Peninsula, Russia have responded to the recent huge changes in the capelin and herring stocks through changes in chick diet and breeding success. It seems that after recent collapses in the capelin stocks, the surface-feeding kittiwakes *Rissa tridactyla* are now having difficulty in finding enough food to maintain high breeding success and a positive population trend. While the pursuit diving common guillemots *Uria aalge* and puffins *Fratercula arctica* are faring better, there are signs that they too are having more difficulty in finding sufficient food despite the return of I-group herring to their foraging areas."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Barents Sea; Norway; Russia; predators (birds, common guillemot, kittiwake, puffin).

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"By the end of the month [July] sandlance dominated the chick diet."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; predators (birds, Atlantic puffin).

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"The diets of shags (*Phalacrocorax aristotelis*) and cormorants (*P. carbo*) were studied in Norway through analyses of regurgitated pellets. Although this method has many limitations, indications were that both species rely heavily on small gadoids (Gadidae) and sand eels (Ammodytidae) for food throughout their range, but also eat other fish species when available. There was considerable dietary overlap between species, despite a tendency for cormorants to eat larger fish and more benthic items than shags. Predation by shags and cormorants could be a factor limiting the recruitment of cod and saithe into what are now severely reduced, but commercially important stocks in the Norwegian and Barents Seas."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Barents Sea; Norway; importance; predators (birds, cormorant, shag).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Faroes; predators (birds, great skua).

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"The volume, numbers, and size of prey of sockeye, *Oncorhynchus nerka*; pink, *O. gorbuscha*; coho, *O. kisutch*; and chinook, *O. tshawytscha*, salmon were investigated for troll-caught salmon in the Strait of Juan de Fuca off southwestern Vancouver Island during 1967-68. Sockeye salmon was the least piscivorous species with only 7% of the stomach volume comprised of fish, while chinook salmon was the most piscivorous species at 56%. Sand lance, *Ammodytes hexapterus*, and euphausiids were the most important fish and invertebrate prey, respectively. As predator size increased, mean size of fish prey increased, and predators shifted to species of larger mean size. Similar

results were found for the invertebrate prey, with mean number of prey consumed per predator increasing for the larger invertebrate species as predator size increased. Rate of increase in invertebrate size with increasing predator length was not statistically significant. Although chinook and coho salmon had similar diets, they were caught at significantly different water depths. *Oncorhynchus* species with fewer, shorter, and more widely spaced gill rakers have higher proportions of fish in their diet than species with numerous, long, and narrow set gillrakers."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; Strait of Juan de Fuca; predators (fish, chinook salmon, coho salmon, pink salmon, sockeye salmon).

Beaman, M.A.S. 1978. The feeding and population ecology of the great black-backed gull in northern Scotland. Ibis. 120: 126-127.

"The great majority of Great Black-backs as well as Great Skuas, in the area are feeding almost exclusively during spring and summer on surface-shoaling sandeels *Ammodytes* spp. Sand eels are obtained from the shoals at the surface and gulls, skuas and even Fulmars collected in large groups around such shoals, bringing up sandeels by making brief plunge-dives from a sitting position on the water. Analysis of Great Black-backed Gull guts collected in Orkney and Shetland showed that sandeels were found in up to 85% of the samples, forming up to 79% of the fresh weight of material collected. Adults and unfledged young showed a higher proportion of sandeels in the diet than did immatures."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; importance; predators (birds, great black-backed gull; great skua; fulmar).

Beck, G.G.; Hammill, M.O.; Smith, T.G. 1993. Seasonal variation in the diet of harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*) from the Gulf of St. Lawrence and western Hudson Strait. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 50(7): 1363-1371.

"Harp seals obtained from the northern Gulf of St. Lawrence during their southward migration fed less intensively, and on a wider variety of both invertebrate and fish prey, notably *Parathemisto libellula*, *Pandalus* sp., sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.), and Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*). Feeding was more intensive and specialized in Hudson Strait and the St. Lawrence estuary where capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) dominated in the diet. Capelin contributed 89 and 98% of gross energy in samples from Hudson Strait (1990) and the estuary (April)."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; predators (mammals, harp seal).

Bedard, J. 1969a. Adaptive radiation in Alcidae. Ibis. 111: 189-198.

Fish-feeders include *Uria*, *Alca* and *Cepphus.* Abundant shoaling fishes, such as capelin, herring, polar cod and sand eels, make up the bulk of their diet. The puffins *Fratercula*, *Lunda*, and *Cerorhinca* are known to feed on both plankton and fish. All species bring only fish to their nestlings.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (birds).

Bedard, J. 1969b. Feeding of the least, crested, and parakeet auklets around St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 47: 1025-1050.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Saint Lawrence Island; predators (birds).

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Keywords: Ammodytes*; Barents Sea; predators (birds).*

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"At Sable Island, cod, haddock, silver hake and sand lance accounted for the majority (63.6%) of items identified from stomachs."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Canada; Sable Island; predators (mammals, gray seal).

Bent, A.C. 1921. Life histories of North American gulls and terns. U.S., National Museum, Bulletin. No. 113.

Sand lance were eaten by the following species: herring gull, Cabot's tern, common tern, arctic tern, roseate tern, and least tern. Relative to the feeding of young roseate terns, "the sand launce was the chief fish food probably because it is so soft and easily digested."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, herring gull, Cabot's tern, common tern, arctic tern, roseate tern, least tern).

Bent, A.C. 1922. Life Histories of North American petrels, pelicans, and their allies. U.S., National Museum, Bulletin. No. 121. 343 p.

The greater shearwater (*Ardenna gravis*) feeds on sand eels, with the following interesting tidbit from a Mr. Rich: "Apart from that furnished by the fishing industry, the food of the hag consists of surface-swimming young fish of various species, a large amount of squid, and the 'sand eels,' the later, no doubt, furnishing a considerable portion in the menu. At the turn of the tide when the water is slack there is great activity among the hags, the birds flying about constantly at a considerable height—for them—sometimes fifty yards in the air, apparently searching for these fish, the lancelets, which are said to school at the surface in vast numbers at this time. I have seen vast schools of these 'sand eels' with thousands of hags, an occasional shark, and even whales pursuing them".

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, greater shearwater).

Berg, L.A.; Bogdanov, A.S.; Koshen, N.I.; Rass, T.S., eds. 1949. Commercial fishes of the USSR: Ammodytidae. [Place of publication unknown], USSR: Ministry of Fish Production: 621-623. In Russian.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, black guillemot).

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“According to the method of Pauly and Gaschuetz the Bertalanffy curves of simple and, especially, seasonally oscillating growth in length were calculated and constructed after basic data of *A. marinus* (1.), *A. lancea* /spring spawners (2.), *A. lanceolata* (3.), and *A. lancea* /autumn spawners (4.). In all forms a distinctly marked oscillation with an amplitude C > 1 was stated, later on reduced to C = 1. The beginning of the phases t sub(2) and the 0.5 years later ‘winter point’ WP, respectively, are of special interest because the forms of *Ammodytes* spec. spawn in the above cited succession from December/January to August/September and because an influence of temperature and spawning time on phases seems to be probable in our regions. The comparison of WP in sandeels was supplemented by some other species of sea animals in the northern European region.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; *A. lancea*; A. *lanceolatus*; Baltic Sea; growth; seasonal variation.

Berntsen, J.; Skagen, D.W.; Svendsen, E. 1994. Modelling the transport of particles in the North Sea with reference to sandeel larvae. Fisheries Oceanography. 3(2): 81-91.

“The transport of particles representing sandeel larvae in the North Sea is simulated with a three-dimensional circulation model for the years 1976 to 1990. A great year-to-year variability in drift patterns is demonstrated. The results may explain some of the observed differences in recruitment between the main sandeel areas in the North Sea. In the northern sandeel area it seems that strong year classes are unlikely if the retention due to unfavourable currents is poor, and that a high retention in the summer may favour a good year class. In the southern sandeel area no clear coupling between year class strength and larval drift is found, possibly because the retention always seems large enough for a potentially good year class. For more quantitative use of such models in relation to sandeel recruitment, more biological knowledge is obviously needed on larval vertical distribution and timing of sandeel hatching and settling.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; larvae; transport.

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; Atlantic (northwest); natural history.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

Bertram, D.F.; Kaiser, G.W. 1993. Rhinoceros auklet (*Cerorhinca monocerata*) nestling diet may gauge Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) recruitment. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 50: 1908-1915.

“We studied (1984-86) the diet of rhinoceros auklet nestlings at three colonies on the British Columbia coast. On the Lucy Islands, Pacific sand lance dominated nestling food loads in all years. In 1985, 0+ sand lance dominated the nestling diet on all colonies. Concurrent measures of nestling growth rate, independent indexes of ocean production, and the proportion of sand lance in groundfish stomach samples were also highest in 1985. This suggests a linkage

between ocean production, 0+ sand lance abundance, and events on seabird colonies over a broad geographic range. We emphasize the importance of sand lance to temperate seabirds and contrast British Columbia with areas where sand lance are commercially exploited."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; importance; O-age; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet); recruitment.

Bertram, D.F.; Kaiser, G.W.; Ydenberg, R.C. 1991. Patterns in the provisioning and growth of nestling rhinoceros auklets. Auk. 108: 842-852.

Parents feed their chicks at night. A parent may deliver one large fish (up to 55 g) or up to 20 smaller fish carried cross-wise in its bill. In British Columbia, Pacific sandlance is the dominant prey species although herring and rockfish are also common prey. Burrow loads (fish brought to the burrow by parents each night) ranged from 0 to 116 g, the modal load was 30-35 g—indicating that the majority of burrow loads are composed of a single bill load. The loads were, by mass, >85 percent Pacific sand lance.

Discusses the 1982-83 El Niño-Southern Oscillation event (a warm-water mass moved northward along the western North American coastline) and its probable effect on prey species and birds. In most cases, changes in prey populations (primarily fish) were considered basic to seabird mortality and reproductive failure.

In British Columbia, there is no commercial fishery for sand lance, which may allow for more direct links among ocean production, prey populations, and events on seabird colonies than in systems where seabird prey are harvested commercially.

March through August encompass the developmental period of the larvae, and juvenile sand lance predominate in the nestling diet.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; importance; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (fish, Pacific halibut).

Best, E.A.; St-Pierre, G. 1986. Pacific halibut as predator and prey. Tech. Rep. 21. [Place of publication unknown]: International Pacific Halibut Commission. 27 p.

"The stomachs of over 2,700 juvenile halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) collected from across a broad expanse of the Gulf of Alaska and over 1,300 adult halibut from waters off British Columbia and Alaska were examined. Halibut were found to be opportunistic feeders. Juvenile halibut fed almost exclusively on small crustaceans. With increasing size, the diet shifted to larger crustaceans and fish, Pacific sand lance, walleye pollock, octopus, and Tanner crab made up a significant proportion of the diet. A literature search was conducted to define the role of halibut as a prey item but little definitive information was found."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; British Columbia; predators (fish, Pacific halibut).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (birds).

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"A nested design was used to analyze the variance of the proportions or percent species composition of shore-zone finfish assemblages in the vicinity of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station in eastern Long Island Sound. The relative importance of 5 selected shore-zone species [*Menida* spp., *Ammodytes* sp., *Fundulus* spp., *Brevoortia tyrannus* and *Apeltes quadracus*] was found to be significantly influenced by both station and season within a year. Also included in the nested analysis of variance (ANOVA) model were effects due to period of plant operation (no units operating, 1 unit operating and 2 units operating) and year within period. Neither of these 2 effects was found to influence the percent species composition. A nested ANOVA of percent species composition can be useful for detecting changes in assemblages of finfish species over time and space."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Long Island Sound; distribution; model.

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"Observations at a colony of common guillemots on Skomer Island, Wales during 1972-75 are reported. Details are given of chick-losses at the colony, food consumption and development of chicks. Of 1140 fish fed to chicks, all but 9 were clupeids, the rest were *Ammodytes* spp. The mean consumption of a total of 60 chicks over the daylight period was 3.23 to 1.42 fish/chick. There was some evidence of a small peak in the rate of feeding chicks soon after first light in the morning. Feeding trips by parent birds were, on average, 15 min longer in the afternoon than in the morning (mean duration for whole day 85.6 to 49.9 min). Changes in chick wing-length and chick weight in relation to age are described. Calculations of the food requirements of adult and chick indicate that if the chick was to remain at the nest site until it attained adult weight food requirements would exceed the capabilities of the parents. Therefore there is pressure to reduce the nestling period from this direction but a significant time is required for growth after hatching to ensure that the chicks can glide safely from the nest site and swim underwater when it is necessary to escape from predators."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Wales; predators (birds, common guillemot).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (birds, common guillemot).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, thick-billed murre).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Labrador; predators (birds, common murre, thick-billed murre).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Cook Inlet; abundance; distribution.

Blackburn, J.E.; Anderson, P.J. 1997. Pacific sand lance growth, seasonal availability, movements, catch variability, and food in the Kodiak-Cook Inlet area of Alaska. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems: Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems; [dates of meeting unknown]: [location unknown]. Prog. Rep. 97-01. [Fairbanks, AK]: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College: 409-426.

"A small-mesh surface tow net and beach seine were used to sample the nearshore fishes on the east side of the Kodiak archipelago and in Cook Inlet in 1976 and 1978-1979. Sampling was conducted from March through November, with lowest catches occurring in March and November and highest catches May through September. The growth of sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*), based on length frequencies, indicated an August mean size of 87 mm for age-0 and 136 mm for age 1 in the Kodiak area. Very little growth occurred between August and following May. The August mean size of age-0 fish was 57 mm in Cook Inlet (size of age-1 fish was not well documented). In Cook Inlet both growth and catch rates were lower than in the Kodiak area. During August and September sand lance abundance increased in inshore areas, and in Cook Inlet, where growth was restricted, changes in size distribution occurred in a pattern that strongly suggested movement of the age-0 fish into nearshore waters. Catches stratified by tidal stage were not significantly different but suggested real differences exist that were not detected. Catch variability among samples was extremely high, with coefficients of variation typically from 4 to 6. A few fish in spawning condition were found from August through November. Food habit data from Cook Inlet showed >90% by weight of the food was calanoid copepods during summer; more variety of items in the diet occurred at other times."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Cook Inlet; Kodiak Island; distribution; food; movements; seasonal abundance.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Cook Inlet; abundance; distribution.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Kodiak Island; predators (fish).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; British Isles; catch; fisheries; O-age; size distribution.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, Atlantic salmon).

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Keywords: *A. lancea*; *A. marinus*; British Isles; fisheries; marine pollution; predators (birds, guillemot).

Blake, B.F. 1983. A comparative study of the diet of auks killed during an oil incident in the Skagerrak in January 1981. Journal of Zoology. 201(1): 1-12.

"Stomach contents were examined from guillemots *Uria aalge* razorbills *Alca torda*, and little auks *Alle alle* killed by oil in the Skagerrak in January 1981. The range of prey species was small; the commonest fish found in the stomachs were *Gobmsculus flavescens* (Fabricius), *Crystallogobius linearis* (Dueben), *Sprattus sprattus* (L.), *Trisopterus minutus* (L.) and *Ammodytes* sp. The relative importance of these fish depended on bird species and locality. Guillemots contained gadoids more frequently and sandeels less frequently than razorbills, and the composition of guillemot samples from Oslo Fjord differed from that of samples from Sweden. The frequency of occurrence of items in the diet of guillemots from Oslo Fjord was apparently influenced by the extent of oiling suffered by the birds."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; predators (birds, guillemot, razorbill).

Blake, B.F. 1984. Diet and fish stock availability as possible factors in the mass death of auks in the North Sea. Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology. 76: 289-304.

"In Feb. 1983 more than 30,000 birds died on the North Sea coasts of England and Scotland. The birds were unoiled, and there was no immediately obvious cause of death. Stomach contents of auks killed in this incident were examined to ascertain whether they provided any indication of the causal factors. Analysis of food remains showed differences between sample sites and between guillemots, *Uria aalge* (Pont.), and razorbills, *Alca torda* L. In all areas gadoid remains comprised a higher, and sandeels [*Ammodytes* spp.] a lesser, proportion of the stomach contents in guillemots than in razorbills. The relative importance of clupeid remains varied with area. These differences, combined with current trends in the fisheries biology of major prey species, provided an ecological basis for a hypothesis explaining the incident. Starvation was probably a major factor in the death of the auks, and this may have been related to a combination of adverse weather conditions and changing patterns of abundance in North Sea sprat, *Sprattus sprattus* (L.), populations."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (birds, guillemot, razorbill).

Blake, B.F.; Dixon, T.J.; Jones, P.H.; Tasker, M.L. 1985. Seasonal changes in the feeding ecology of guillemots *Uria aalge* off north and east Scotland, United Kingdom. Estuarine Coastal and Shelf Science. 20(5): 559-568.

"Stomach contents were examined from 750 guillemots collected at several sites in the northern North Sea. The dietary composition was compared between months and between localities in order to assess seasonal and geographical trends in feeding strategy. From March-Aug. sandeels dominated the diet, in Sept. a changeover period occurred when clupeid and gadoid remains became increasingly frequent in the stomach contents. This situation

persisted over the winter period, but the importance of the 2 fish families varied with area, clupeids being more important in more southerly samples and gadoids in the north. Dietary data were considered in relation to available fisheries information and to known guillermot distribution patterns.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (birds, guillemot).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fisheries; physiology.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, puffin).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Farallon Islands; predators (birds, common murre).

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Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Murman Coast; energy density.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; food and feeding habits.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea.

Bourne, W.R.P. 1990. Scottish seabird fluctuations. Marine Pollution Bulletin. 20(1): [pages unknown].

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (birds, arctic skua, arctic tern, black guillemot, black-legged kittiwake, common murre, common tern, cormorant, gannet, great skua, puffin, razorbill, shag).

Bowen, W.D.; Harrison, G.D. 1994. Offshore diet of grey seals *Halichoerus grypus* near Sable Island, Canada. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 112(1-2): 1-11.

"Many pinnipeds forage considerable distances from mainland haul-out sites for much of the year, yet little is known about the composition of their offshore diets. This may result in an incomplete and potentially biased view of the diet of wide-ranging species such as the grey seal Halichoerus grypus. On the Scotian Shelf, offshore fish assemblages differ from those nearer the coastal mainland sites and thus we expected that grey seal diets would also differ. We studied the composition of grey seal diets at Sable Island, an offshore site 160 km east of Nova Scotia, Canada. Otoliths, squid beaks and other hard parts, representing more than 24 types of prey, were recovered from 365 of 393 grey seal faeces collected between July 1991 and January 1993. Despite the large number of taxa found, 3 prey, sand lance *Ammodytes dubius* (69.2 %), Atlantic cod *Gadus morhua* (15.5 %) and flatfishes (*Pleuronectiformes*, 10.7 %) accounted for 95.4 % of the estimated wet weight food consumed by grey seals. Despite within-year variation in the species composition of grey seal diets, sand lance was the most important food in all months sampled. Comparisons of prey species abundance in research trawl surveys to that in grey seal diets indicated that more abundant and more widely distributed species accounted for most of the prey eaten."

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Nova Scotia; importance; predators (mammals, gray seal).

Bowen, W.D.; Lawson, J.W.; Beck, B. 1993. Seasonal and geographic variation in the species composition and size of prey consumed by grey seals (*Halichoerus grypus*) on the Scotian Shelf. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 50(8): 1768-1778.

"Offshore at Sable Island, northern sand lance, silver hake, and squid (in order of importance) accounted for 86.1% of the wet weight ingested by seals during summer; sand lance and cod accounted for 96.1% of prey eaten in winter."

Keywords: *A. dubius*; predators (mammals, gray seal).

Bowman, A. 1914. The spawning areas of sandeels in the North Sea. Scientific Investigations of the Fishery Board ofr Scotland. 1913: 1-13.

"At all periods of their existence, larvae or adult, they are preyed upon. They never reach a size at which they are immune from attack; and, occurring as they do in such countless numbers, they are a permanent source of food for many species, and in particular for cod, haddock, whiting, herring. Herring are often rendered less valuable for curing purposes merely because they have fed voraciously on sand-eels, and it is no uncommon thing to find cod, haddock, and whiting gorged with sand-eels: as many as 120 adults of *A. tobianus* were on one occasion (23-1-'08) taken from the stomach of a large cod caught by the "Goldseeker," at Burghead Bay. In August, 1909, the plaice in Broad Bay (Minch) were found to be feeding almost exclusively on large *A. tobianus*. Even the stomachs of the adult sand-eels are sometimes found filled with post-larval forms.

"This communication deals with the spawning areas and the distribution of sand-eels in the northern North Sea during the first quarter of the year. It is shown that, with the exception of a comparatively few examples in the neighbourhood of the Firth of Forth, no larval sand-eels are found in the plankton in the northern portion of the North Sea in the first two months of the year. They suddenly appear in countless numbers in the month of March. This sudden appearance is explained. These early-hatched larvae are proved indirectly to belong almost exclusively to *Ammodytes tobianus*. These larvae are shown to be widely, but irregularly, distributed, and the localities where they are found in greatest numbers are indicated. Comparative figures are given proving that the area of greatest frequency is in the vicinity of the Orkney Islands and the Pentland Firth. The larvae occur with fair uniformity along the East Coast of Scotland from the Moray Firth to the Firth of Forth. Spawning areas depend on depth and bottom deposit. The frequency is low inshore and in the deeper parts of the central North Sea. The localisation of the spawning areas is a necessary preliminary to further investigations."

Keywords: *A. lanceolatus*; A. tobianus; North Sea; distribution; larvae; predators (fish, cod, haddock, herring, plaice, whiting); spawning.

Bowman, R.E.; Langton, R.W. 1978. Fish predation on oil-contaminated prey from the region of the Argo Merchant oil spill. In: In the wake of the Argo Merchant. [City unknown], RI: University of Rhode Island Center for Ocean Managerial Studies: 137-141.

"The last major prey, American sand lance, represented 21.6% of the total weight of the combined stomach contents. Nine, or 43%, of the 21 predators utilized sand lance as prey. They were found in large amounts in the stomachs of pollock (68.0%), Atlantic cod (44.4%), winter skate (36.4%), and windowpane (11.4%)."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; oil pollution; predators (fish, Atlantic cod, pollock, windowpane, winter skate).

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; Atlantic (northeast, northwest); competition; population density; predators (fish, Atlantic mackerel).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; Pribilof Islands; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake, common murre, horned puffin, red-faced cormorant, red-legged kittiwake, thick-billed murre, tufted puffin).

Bradstreet, M.S.W.; Brown, R.G.B. 1985. Feeding ecology of the Atlantic Alcidae. In: Nettleship, D.N.; Birkhead, T.R., eds. The Atlantic Alcidae. London, England: Academic Press: 263-318.

This paper reviews numerous studies on the diet of seabird chicks and ranks food items by percentage of weight in diet. Sand lance ranked number one among dietary items fed to common murre, Atlantic puffin, and razorbill chicks and number two or three for items fed to thick-billed murre and black guillemot chicks.

Keywords: *Ammodyte*s; importance; predators (birds, thick-billed murre, common murre, Atlantic puffin, razorbill, black guillemot).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Faroes; Greenland; Iceland; fisheries.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; New Brunswick; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Wadden Sea; distribution; fisheries.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, weakfish).

Brêthes, J.C.F.; Saint-Pierre, R.; Desrosiers, G. 1992. Growth and sexual maturation of the American sand lance (*Ammodytes americanus* Dekay) off the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science. 12: 41-48.

"Samples of American sand lance (*Ammodytes americanus*) were collected in June-September 1983 off the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence (Canada), at depths varying from 1 to 40 m. Length-frequency modes identified by modal analysis corresponded closely with mean lengths of fish based on otolith annuli counts, supporting the hypothesis that the number of annuli corresponds to the age of the fish. The otolith length was linearly correlated with the fish length. An opaque annulus was deposited over a short period, primarily August. The study indicated that 75-100% of the annual growth was achieved during the June-September period. Maximum life span was estimated to be 12 years. The parameters of the von Bertalanffy growth equation were: K = 0.24 year-1, L. infin. = 188.2 mm, t0 = 1.14 year. The growth of the American sand lance in the study area was slower than for the same species and for *A. dubius* in more southern areas. The length-weight relationship indicated that the growth in weight was isometric and identical for both sexes. Length-weight relationship, gonadosomatic index and the observation of maturity stages suggested that reproduction takes place shortly after September. All the fishes were matured at 20 months of age. Males mature at a smaller size (< 85 mm) than the females (90 mm)."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Gulf of St. Lawrence; gonadosomatic index; length; otolith.

Briggs, K.T.; Varoujean, D.H.; Heinemann, D.; Ford, R.G. 1989. Synthesis of information on seabirds of the eastern north Pacific, with emphasis on the Oregon and Washington OCS area. In: Brueggeman, J.J., ed. Oregon and Washington marine mammal and seabird surveys: information synthesis and hypothesis formulation. OCS Study MMS 89-1130. Los Angeles, CA: Minerals Management Service, Pacific Outer Continental Shelf Region. 374 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Oregon; Washington; predators (birds).

Briggs, K.T.; Varoujean, D.H.; Williams, W.W. [and others]. 1992. Seabirds of the Oregon and Washington OCWS, 1989-1990. In: Brueggeman, J.J., ed. Oregon and Washington marine mammal and seabird surveys. Los Angeles, CA: U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, Pacific Outer Continental Shelf Region; final report; OCS Study MMS 91-0093; contract no. 14-12-0001-30426. 162 p.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (fish, chinook salmon, coho salmon).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Gulf of Alaska; food and feeding habits.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Oregon; Washington; predators (fish, Pacific salmon).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Gulf of Alaska; migration.

Bromley, P.J. 1987. The effects of food type meal size and body weight on digestion and gastric evacuation in turbot (*Scophthalmus maximus*). Journal of Fish Biology. 30(4): 501-512.

"Experiments were conducted on a size range of turbot using whole prey organisms. Stomach contents were serially sampled at intervals after feeding on a range of meal sizes of sandeels and sprats. Gastric evacuation was essentially linear with time, though some fluctuations was observed. Control over evacuation appeared to be by regulation of the processes leading to chyme production. Close agreement between evacuation rate and the satiation feeding rate of fish in laboratory experiments was observed. Implications of these findings for techniques of estimating the feeding rates of natural fish populations are discussed."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, turbot).

Bromley, P.J. 1988. Gastric digestion and evacuation in whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*). Journal of Fish Biology. 33(2): 331-338.

"Three meal sizes of sandeels were fed to whiting in order to monitor the evacuation of food out of the stomach. The stomach contents were sampled at intervals after feeding, using a stomach pump. In such experiments, the proportion of fish with empty stomachs tends to increase with time and, since stomach contents are limited to zero or positive values, the variance of the stomach contents becomes censored at zero. This tends to produce a curved relationship between mean stomach content and time, which gives the impression that evacuation rate slows down at low levels of stomach fullness. By taking account of censoring, it was shown that the evacuation curve generated for whiting was consistent with and could be generated from a linear model in which the rate of gastric evacuation exhibited by the fish was constant and independent of meal size, level of stomach fullness and time after feeding. The parameters of the linear model were estimated by maximum likelihood and then applied in a second model to predict the observed mean stomach content. The average gastric evacuation rate of whiting of mean weight 268 g at 10 °C was 0.31 g h^{-1}."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, whiting).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, puffin).

Brown, A.C.; McLachlan, A. 1990. Ecology of sandy shores. New York: Elsevier Publications. 328 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; habitat.

Brown, E.G.; Pierce, G.J. 1997. Diet of harbour seals at Mousa, Shetland, during the third quarter of 1994. Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. 77(2): 539-555.

"Scats (N=200) of harbour seals (*Phoca vitulina*) were collected from haul-out sites on the Island of Mousa, southeast Shetland, during July, August and September 1994. A total of 5,531 fish otoliths were identified in scats and measured to reconstruct fish lengths and weight. Gadid fishes dominated the diet of harbour seals on Mousa during the study period, both in terms of weight and the frequency with which they occurred. There was evidence for the

existence of temporal trends. Over the period July-September the importance of gadids in the diet increased while that of sandeels declined. These temporal trends are probably associated with changes in prey availability. Comparisons of the size of sandeels, herring and whiting eaten by seals with trawl catches suggest that seals were probably not size-selective, but a corollary of this is that, while otolith size is reduced during passage through seal guts, application of correction factors derived from captive feeding experiments led to overestimates of fish size."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; Scotland; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

Brown, J.A. 1986. The development of feeding-behavior in the lumpfish, *Cyclopterus lumpus*. Journal of Fish Biology. 29: 171-178.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, lumpfish).

Brown, R.F.; Mate, B.R. 1983. Abundance, movements, and feeding habits of harbor seals, *Phoca vitulina*, at Netarts and Tillamook Bays, Oregon. Fishery Bulletin. 81(2): 291-301.

"Patterns of seasonal abundance of harbor seals (*P. vitulina*) at Netarts and Tillamook bays, Oregon, were documented by recording numbers of seals hauling out on tidally exposed sand flats in both bays. Harbor seal abundance at Tillamook Bay peaked during pupping (May-June) and molting (August) periods, while peak abundance at Netarts Bay coincided with the annual return (October-November) of chum salmon, *Oncorhynchus keta* to a hatchery on Whiskey Creek. Observations of seals preying on adult salmon resulted in estimated losses of 6.1, 7.2, and 1.5% of the total chum returns for 1978, 1979, and 1980, respectively, due to seal predation in the Whiskey Creek area. Other prey species of harbor seals at Netarts Bay were identified by the recovery of prey hard parts from seal feces collected on haul-out areas. The Pacific sand lance, *Ammodytes hexapterus*, was the most frequently identified prey item. Ten species of flatfish (Order Pleuronectiformes) were identified as harbor seal prey."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Oregon; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

Brown, R.G.B. 1985. The Atlantic Alcidae at sea. In: Nettleship, D.N.; Birkhead, T.R., eds. The Atlantic Alcidae. London: Academic Press: 383-426.

"For example, important prey of the Thick-billed Murre such as arctic cod and sculpins (Cottidae) are either not fished commercially at all, or are fished only in very limited areas. Others, such as capelin, sprat, sandlance, and the small clupeids marketed as 'sardines', are indeed harvested commercially.

"Sandlance and small clupeid fish are the principal foods of the Common Murres which breed in the British Isles and the movements of the birds from north British colonies coincide quite closely with the movements of suitable prey in that area."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; British Isles; commercial fisheries; predators (birds, common murre, thick-billed murre).

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At Witless Bay, Newfoundland, sand lance occurred in 12.5 percent of the food of Atlantic puffin chicks.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; predators (birds, Atlantic puffin).

Brown, W.W.; Cheng, C. 1946. Investigations into the food of cod *Gadus callarias* L. off Bear Island, and of cod and haddock *G. aeglifinus* L. off Iceland and the Murman coast. Hull Bulletins of Marine Ecology. 3(18): 35-71.

"The cod off Andanes were feeding almost entirely upon fish, especially sand-eels, which constitute no less than 75% of total fish.

“*Ammodytes* spp. play a very important role in the food of the cod off Andanes and Iceland, especially in the Faxe Bay, where the cod taken on June 12th to 19th, 1937, appeared to feed on nothing else but sand-eels.” For haddock sampled from Iceland, the only fish eaten were sand eels.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Barents Sea; Iceland; Murman Coast; predators (fish, cod, haddock).

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Keywords: *A. lancea*; *A. marinus*; Faroes; Iceland; meristic counts; taxonomy.

Buchmann, K.; Bøerresen, T. 1988. The effect of different food types and rations in the liver and muscle of cod (*Gadus morhua* L.). Acta Veterinaria Scandinavica. 29(1): 57-59.

“The liver weight of cod was significantly reduced in prawn-fed fish compared to sand-eel fed ones. The dry weight and protein content of the muscle was not significantly different. Short time energy deprivation of cod primarily affects the liver.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; composition; predators (fish, cod).

Buckley, L.J. 1984. RNA-DNA ratio an index of larval fish growth in the sea. Marine Biology (Berlin). 80(3): 291-298.

“Data on water temperature, RNA-DNA ratio and growth of 8 spp. [*Paralichthys dentatus, Pseudopleuronectes americanus, Gadus morhua, Morone saxatilis, Melanogrammus aeglefinus, Clupea harengus, Ammodytes sp., Scomber scombrus*] of temperature marine fish larvae reared in the laboratory were fit to the equation: Gpi = 0.93 T + 4.75 RNA-DNA – 18.18, where Gpi is the protein growth rate in % d–1 and T is the water temperature. Water temperature and larval RNA-DNA ratio explained 92% of the variability in growth rate of laboratory-reared larvae. The model is useful over the entire range of feeding levels (starvation to excess), temperatures (2˚-20˚ C) and fish species studied. Estimates of recent growth of larval cod, haddock and sand lance caught at sea based on water temperature and RNA-DNA ratio ranged from negative to 26% d–1. These data demonstrate the importance of food availability in larval fish mortality and suggest that short-term growth under favorable conditions may be considerably higher than expected from long-term indicators. RNA-DNA ratio analysis offers new possibilities for understanding larval growth and mortality and their relation to environmental variability.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; larvae; mortality; RNA/DNA; temperature.

Buckley, L.J.; Halavik, T.A.; Smigielski, A.S.; Laurence, G.C. 1987. Growth and survival of the larvae of three species of temperate marine fishes reared at discrete prey densities: Annual larval fish conference; 1986 May 18-23; Miami, FL. Symp. Ser. 10. Miami, FL: American Fisheries Society 2: 82-92.

“Larval haddock *Melanogrammus aeglefinus*, Atlantic mackerel *Scomber scombrus*, and sand lance (presumed to be American sand lance *Ammodytes americanus*) were reared from first feeding at plankton densities ranging from 10 to 2,000 plankters/L. Some larvae of all 3 species survived at all plankton densities tested. Survival and growth of the 3 species increased with increasing plankton density. The American sand lance, reared at 6 and 8 °C, had the highest survival at all feeding levels. Atlantic mackerel, reared at 15 °C, had the highest growth rate at all feeding levels. Survival of haddock to 1 mg dry weight at 6 °C did not exceed 10% at any of the prey levels, including the highest. Survival to 1 mg dry weight exceeded 20% for Atlantic mackerel reared at 2,000 plankters/L and exceeded 60% for American sand lance at feeding levels of 50 plankters/L and above. The wide range in growth rates and estimated age and survival to 1 mg dry weight observed at the different prey levels illustrates the importance of food availability as a factor in the mortality of larval fish whether from starvation or predation.”

Keywords: *A. americanus*; food and feeding habits; growth; larvae; rearing; survival.

Buckley, L.J.; Turner, S.I.; Halavik, T.A. [and others]. 1984. Effects of temperature and food availability on growth, survival, and RNA-DNA ratio of larval sand lance (*Ammodytes americanus*). Marine Ecology Progress Series. 15: 91-97.

Sand lance larvae were reared for up to 2 weeks with and without food. No difference in mortality was noted between the two groups, indicating that sand lance larvae may be capable of surviving periods of starvation in excess of 2 weeks. Sand lance eggs are demersal, the embryonic stage long, and hatching extremely protracted. The newly hatched larva is large, very well developed, and carries an ample supply of endogenous energy reserves in the form of both oil and yolk. The larvae initiate feeding 1 to 2 days after hatching, well before yolk or oil is exhausted. Mortality rate at low plankton densities in the absence of predation is low compared to other temperate species such as cod or haddock. Embryos develop and larvae grow and survive for extended periods of time at temperatures at least as low as 2 ˚C. Sand lance are well adapted for spawning during the winter minimum in zooplankton abundance. Larval sand lance that survive through the winter can take advantage of the spring maximum in zooplankton abundance and increasing temperatures that favor rapid growth as juveniles.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; artificial propagation; eggs; embryo; larvae.

Buckworth R. 1996. Small pelagics. Fisheries Center Research Reports. 4(1): 40-41.

Pacific sand lance are either not fished in the northeast Pacific or there are not sufficient numbers to provide the basis of a fishery.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; fisheries.

Buen, F.D. 1935. Fauna ictiologica: catalogo de los peces Ibericos: aguas dulces, pelagicos y de los abismos proximos—Primera parte. Notas Instituto esp. Oceanography. 88: 1-149.

Bukhtiyarov, Y.A.; Frost, K.J.; Lowry, L.F. 1984. New information on food of the spotted seal, *Phoca largha*, in the Bering Sea in spring. In: Fay, F.H.; Fedoseev, G.A., eds. Soviet-American cooperative research on marine mammals Vol. 1: Pinnipeds. Tech. Rep. NMFS 12. [Place of publication unknown]: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: 55-59.

“Information on foods of spotted seals was obtained by analysis of stomach contents from specimens taken in spring in Karaginskii Gulf, Anadyr Gulf, and southeastern, central, and northern Bering Sea. Pollock was the major food in southeastern Bering Sea and ranked second in northern Bering Sea. Arctic cod was the major food in Anadyr Gulf and northern Bering Sea. Sand lance was the major food in Karaginskii Gulf.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (mammals, spotted seal).

Bullock, I.D.; Gomersall, C.H. 1981. The breeding population of terns in Orkney and Shetland in 1980. Bird Study. 28: 187-200.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Orkney; Shetland; predators (birds).

Burger, A.E. 1995. Marine distribution, abundance, and habitats of marbled murrelets in British Columbia. In: Ralph, C.J.; Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Raphael, M.G.; Piatt, J.F., eds. Ecology and conservation of the marbled murrelet. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-GTR-152. Albany, CA: Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. 420 p.

Murrelet distribution was highly clumped and was associated with features such as gravel or sand substrates, where sand lance might burrow. Availability of sand lance appeared to affect both the spatial distribution and the seasonal densities of murrelets in Okeover Inlet, Desolation Sound, during the breeding season.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; importance; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Burger, A.E.; Piatt, J.F. 1990. Flexible time budgets in breeding common murres: buffers against variable prey abundance. Studies in Avian Biology. 14: 71-83.

“Adult murres compensated for periods of low capelin abundance by taking more of other fish, particularly sandlance (*Ammodytes* sp.), and by spending more time at sea. Chick survival (average 93%) did not vary significantly between years.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; importance; predators (birds, common murre).

Burger, A.E.; Powell, D.W. 1990. Diving depths and diet of Cassin’s auklet at Reef Island, British Columbia. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 68: 1572-1577.

“Diving depths of Cassin’s auklets (*Ptychoramphus aleuticus*) breeding at Reef Island, Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia, were measured with miniature gauges attached to the birds. Maximum diving depths of 22 birds averaged 28 m, with a mode of 40 m. A time-at-depth recorder showed that one auklet dived to 29 m, but spent 80% of its time underwater at 3-13 m. Food delivered in gular pouches to chicks contained mainly euphausiids (predominantly *Thysanoessa spinifera*) and juvenile fish (*Ammodytes hexapterus*), with lesser amounts of copepods, amphipods, small pandalid shrimps, Brachyura larvae, and ctenophores. Euphausiid meals were most common during spring tides. Auklets that delivered significant amounts of euphausiids appeared to have dived deeper than those that delivered fish.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds, Cassin’s auklet).

Burger, A.E.; Wilson, R.P.; Garnier, D.; Wilson, M.P.T. 1993. Diving depths, diet, and underwater foraging of rhinoceros auklets in British Columbia. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 71(12): 2528-2540.

“Epipelagic schooling fish were consistently the most common prey delivered to auklet chicks at all three localities. Pacific sand lance, Pacific herring, juvenile salmon, Pacific saury, and juvenile rockfish were important prey. Bite marks on the fish showed that 73% were attacked from below.

“Sand lance were important at all sites and in all years. They accounted for 42, 32, and 96% of the combined mass of prey from Triangle Island, Seabird Rocks and Cleland Island respectively. From a sample of 170 sand lance it was determined that 68% were caught from below. Herring sometimes foraged in mixed schools with juvenile sand lance, which may account for their co-occurrence in the auklet meals. Several of the prey species were planktivores that often foraged near the surface in twilight or at night. Crepuscular or nocturnal feeding has been reported in several studies of Rhinoceros Auklets. During our study we caught two auklets on Cleland Island more than an hour after dark (at 23:14 and 23:24 on 9 July 1988) that were carrying live, freshly caught sand lance.”

“Sand lance are known to become dormant, buried in sand, with high sea temperature (above 20 C. in *A. personatus*.... Dietary changes and reduced breeding success associated with reduced predation on sand lance might be due to the inaccessibility of the prey rather than to reduced abundance.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; importance; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

Burgess, G.H.; Link, G.W.J.; Ross, S.W. 1980. Additional marine fishes new or rare to Carolina waters. Northeast Gulf Science. 3(2): 74-87.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); North Carolina; distribution.

Burkett, E.E. 1995. Marbled murrelet food habits and prey ecology. In: Ralph, C.J; Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Raphael, M.G.; Piatt, J.F., eds. Ecology and conservation of the marbled murrelet. Gen. Tech.Rep. PSW-GTR-152. Albany, CA: Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. 420 p.

Euphausiids and mysids were dominant during winter and spring. Small schooling fishes included sand lance. The fish portion was most important in summer and coincided with the nestling and fledgling period. In their food habits summary, the authors mention that the sand lance is the most common food of the murrelet across its range.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; importance; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Burns, J.J. 1994a. Ribbon seal. Wildlife Notebook Series. [Place of publication unknown]: Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Sand lance may be an important food of the ribbon seal on occasion.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (mammals, ribbon seal).

Burns, J.J. 1994b. Spotted seal. Wildlife Notebook Series. [Place of publication unknown]: Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Sand lance is mentioned as major prey in spring to early autumn in Karaginski Bay and the Gulf of Anadyr.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (mammals, spotted seal).

Burtt, E.H., Jr. 1974. Success of 2 feeding methods of the black-legged kittiwake. Auk. 91(4): 827-829.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake).

Burykin, Y.B.; Kublik, E.A. 19**91.** Ichthyoplankton of the Bab'e More Kandalaksha Bay of the White Sea. Voprosy Ikhtiologii. 31(6): 910-916.

The developmental stages and features of the distribution of pelagic eggs and fish eggs and larvae were studied.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; *A. marinus*; Russia; White Sea; eggs; larvae.

Burykin, Y.B.; Kublik, Y.A. 1992. Icthyoplankton of the Bab'ye Sea (Gulf of Kandalaksha on the White Sea). Journal of Ichthyology (Bethesda). 32(3): 24-31.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; *A. marinus*; Russia; White Sea; larvae; temperature.

Butler, R.W. 1974. The feeding ecology of the northwestern crow on Mitlenatch Island, British Columbia. Canadian Field Naturalist. 88: 313-316.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds, northwestern crow).

Butler, R.W. 1989. Breeding ecology and population trends of the great blue heron (*Ardea herodias fannini*) in the Strait of Georgia. In: Vermeer, K.; Butler, R.W., eds. The ecology and status of marine and shoreline birds in the Strait of Georgia, British Columbia. Spec. Publ. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Wildlife Service: 112-117.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds, great blue heron).

Bye, V.J. 1990. Temperate marine teleosts. In: Munroe, D.; Scott, P.; Lam, T.J. Reproductive seasonality in teleosts: environmental influences. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, Inc.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; spawning.

Byrd, G.V.; Merrick, R.L.; Piatt, J.F.; Norcross, B.L. 1997. Seabird, marine mammal, and oceanography coordinated investigations (SMOCI) near Unimak Pass, Alaska. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems: Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems; [dates of meeting unknown]: [location

unknown]. Rep. 97-01. [Place of publication unknown]: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College: 351-364.

“Juvenile (age 0) walleye pollock were the most common fish captured in midwater trawls near Ugamak Island in mid-July 1995 (catch per unit of effort [CPUE] of 22.0 and 44.0 in two tows). Juvenile gray cod (*Gadus macro-cephalus*; 7.7 CPUE in 1 tow and 0 in the other), and sand lance *(Ammodytes hexapterus*; 0.5 CPUE in 1 tow, 0 in the other) were also captured.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Unimak Pass; abundance.

Byrd, G.V.; Murphy, E.C.; Kaiser, G.W. [and others]. 1993. Status and ecology of offshore fish-feeding alcids (murres and puffins) in the north Pacific. In: Vermeer, K.; Briggs, K.T.; Morgan, K.H.; Siegel-Causey, D., eds. The status, ecology and conservation of marine birds of the north Pacific. Spec. Publ. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada: 176-186.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; North Pacific; predators (birds).

Cadegan, E. 1971. Exploratory fishing for sand lance. [Place of publication unknown]: Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries, Research Development Division. 14 p.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; commercial fishing.

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Families are listed with comments on biology and ecology and, sometimes, color notes of representative species. Full lists of species are provided.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; distribution; ecology; taxonomy.

Cain, S.L.; Hodges, J.I.; Robinson-Wilson, E. 1988. Bird use of the Mendenhall wetlands in Juneau, Alaska. Juneau, AK: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Bald eagle numbers reached a peak of 82 birds on 21 June during anadromous fish runs (probably eulachon or Pacific sand lance) in the Mendenhall River. Eagles were seen congregating at the mouth of the river during low tides throughout the year. Numbers dropped off in autumn.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds, bald eagle).

Cairns, D. 1981. Breeding, feeding, and chick growth of the black guillemot (*Cepphus grylle*) in southern Quebec. Canadian Field-Naturalist. 95(3): 312-318.

Black guillemots delivered American sand lance to their chicks at Brandypot and St. Mary’s. Sand lance accounted for 8% of the food deliveries at both locations.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; predators (birds, black guillemot).

Cairns, D.K. 1987. The ecology and energetics of chick provisioning by black guillemots. Condor. 89: 627-635.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; predators (birds, black guillemot).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Cairns, D.K. 1992b. Population regulation of seabird colonies. In: Power, D.M., ed. Current ornithology. New York: Plenum Press. 9: 37-61.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Cairns, D.K.; Chapdelaine, G.; Montevecchi, W.A. 1991. Prey exploitation by seabirds in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. In: Gulf of St. Lawrence: small ocean or big estuary? Symposium on the oceanography and fishery of the Gulf of St. Lawrence; 1989 Mar. 14; Mont-Joli, PQ. Canadian Spec. Publ. Fisheries and Aquatic Science. Mont-Joli, PQ: [publisher unknown]: 277-291.

"A bioenergetics model is presented that estimates food consumption by seabirds in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The 400,000 pairs of seabirds breeding in the Gulf and associated non-breeders are estimated to consume 80,000 t of marine prey annually. Seabird predation is most intense in the central and northern parts of the Gulf, particularly around the Gaspe Peninsula. The major prey groups are capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) and sand lance (*Ammodytes* spp.) (ca. 30,000-45,000 t) and mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*, ca. 9,000 t). Because seabirds favour small size-classes of prey and species that are not heavily fished, they do not compete directly with commercial fisheries."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; importance; model; predators (birds).

Cairns, P.K.; Montevecchi, W.A.; Birt-Friesen, V.L.; Macko, S.A. 1990. Energy expenditures, activity budgets and prey harvest of breeding common murres. Studies in Avian Biology. 14: 84-92.

Sand lance had a higher energy density than capelin or Atlantic cod.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; energy density; predators (birds, common murre).

Calambokidis, J.; Speich, S.M.; Peard, J. [and others]. 1985. Biology of the Puget Sound marine mammals and marine birds: population health and evidence of pollution effects. Tech. Memo. NOSOMA 18. Rockville, MD: U.S. Deptartment of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Service. 159 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; Puget Sound; predators (birds, mammals).

Caldarone, E.M.; Buckley, L.J. 1991. Quantitation of DNA and RNA in crude tissue extracts by flow injection analysis. Analytical Biochemistry. 199(1): 137-141.

An automated two-dye flow injection analysis system to quantify DNA and RNA in crude extracts of tissues is described.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; RNA/ DNA .

Caldow, R.W.G. 1988. Studies on the morphology, feeding behaviour and breeding biology of skuas with reference to kleptoparasitism. [Glasgow, Scotland]: University of Glasgow. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, skua).

Caldow, R.W.G.; Furness, R.W. 1991. The relationship between kleptoparasitism and plumage polymorphism in the arctic skua S*tercorarius parasiticus*. Functional Ecology. 5(3): 331-339.

“The fledging success, territorial attendance patterns and kleptoparasitic behaviour of arctic skuas *Stercorarius parasiticus* (L.) were studied in 1978-1979 and in 1986-1987 to investigate the roles of aggressive camouflage and apostatic selection in the maintenance of the species’ plumage polymorphism. Over a period of time during which sandeel *Ammodytes marinus* (Raitt) availability around Shetland (Scotland, UK) declined, the amount of time spent foraging per day by arctic skuas with large chicks increased significantly whereas their fledging success decreased significantly. These results indicate that arctic skuas’ reproductive success is food limited in Shetland. Hence, an ecological explanation for the maintenance of the species’ plumage polymorphism is a possibility. Analyses of differences between the methods of attack and the chase success rates of light- and dark-phase birds, and of the victims’ responses to them, in 1986-1987 lend no support to either the aggressive camouflage or the apostatics election hypothesis. However, between 1978-1979 and 1986-1987 the chase success rates of light-phase birds increased by more than 40% relative to those of dark-phase birds. During this time the former decreased in abundance relative to the latter in the study population. It is suggested that these facts lend support to the hypothesis that the arctic skuas’ plumage polymorphism is maintained, at least in part, by differential chase success rates brought about through apostatic selection.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Scotland; predators (birds, arctic skua).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Gulf of Alaska; predators (mammals, Steller sea lion).

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Keywords: Ammodytidae; Isle of Man.

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Keywords: *G. semisquamatus*; juvenile; larvae.

Cardwell, R.D.; Olsen, S.J.; Carr, M.I.; Sanborn, E.W. 1980. Biotic water quality and hydrologic characteristics of Skyline Marina North Puget Sound Washington USA in 1978. Tech. Rep. 54 [Place of publication unknown]: Washington Department of Fisheries: 1-103.

“Fish, zooplankton and water quality characteristics of Skyline Marina in north Puget Sound were compared to the marina’s source water in monthly surveys conducted from March-Oct. 1978. A companion study defined the marina’s flushing properties. Fish were indexed mainly by purse seining and the food habits of 7 spp. of salmon (*Oncorhychus* spp.) and baitfish juveniles [*O. kisutch, O. tshawytscha, O. gorbuscha, O. keta, Hypomesus pretiosus, Ammodytes hexapterus* and *Clupea harengus pallasi*] in terms of ontogenic-seasonal variation. Water quality was described through measurements of general parameters (e.g., temperature, phytoplankton, nutrients), heavy metal and organic concentrations in sediments, heavy metal residues in adult Pacific oysters *(Crassostrea gigas*) and acute toxicity of ambient waters to Pacific oyster larvae. Predation on brachyurans, copepods, siphonophores and tunicates, diversity and density were examined. Heavy metal toxicities, possibly from antifouling paints, and their effects were discussed.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; Puget Sound; food; predators (fish); pollution; seasonal variation; temperature.

Carls, M.G. 1987. Effects of dietary and water-borne oil exposure on larval Pacific herring (*Clupea harengus pallasi*). Marine Environmental Research. 22(4): 253-270.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; pollution.

Carter, C.G.; Grove, D.J.; Carter, D.M. 1991. Trophic resource partitioning between two coexisting flatfish species off the north coast of Anglesey, North Wales. Netherlands Journal of Sea Research. 27(3-4): 325-335.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Wales; predators (fish, plaice).

Carter, H.R. 1984. At-sea biology of the marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) in Barkley Sound, British Columbia. Winnipeg, MB: University of Manitoba. 143 p. M.S. thesis.

In Barkley Sound on the southwest coast of Vancouver Island, 87 marbled murrelets were examined for diet from 10 May to 7 September, 18 and 19 December, and 8 June to 13 October. Breeding adults fed primarily on sand lance and Pacific herring, including larval and juvenile fish. Molting and hatching-year birds also fed primarily on herring and sand lance. Breeding murrelets consumed more sand lance (63 percent) and less herring (36 percent). Hatching-year murrelets consumed 81 percent herring and 13 percent sand lance.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; importance; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Carter, H.R.; Sealy, S.G. 1987. Fish-holding behavior of marbled murrelets. Wilson Bulletin. 99: 289-291.

“Pacific sandlance and small Pacific herring weighing 2-10 g were held crosswise by murrelets (estimated from observed lengths).”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; Barkley Sound; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Carter, H.R.; Sealy, S.G. 1990. Daily foraging behavior of marbled murrelets. In: Sealy, S.G., ed. Auks at sea. Studies in Avian Biology. 14: 93-102.

Adult murrelets fed primarily on juvenile Pacific herring and Pacific sand lance in Barkley Sound.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Castellini, M. 1993. Report of the marine mammal working group. In: Is it food?: Addressing marine mammal and seabird declines: Workshop summary; [dates of workshop unknown]; [location unknown]. Alaska Sea Grant Report 93-01. Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska Fairbanks: 4-13.

Stomachs of 74 Steller sea lions from the Kodiak area were examined in 1985-86. The principal prey were pollock, octopus, flatfishes, and sand lance. For the Pribilof fur seal, sand lance was ranked tenth.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; Pribilof Islands; predators (mammals, Steller sea lion, fur seal).

Chagnon, Y. 1978. Quelques aspects de la biologie d’Ammodytes americanus du détroit de Manitounuk et du Golfe de Richmond (Nouveau-Québec). Sainte-Foy, PQ: University of Laval, Initiation a` la recherche. 23 p.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; biology.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (fish).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; larvae.

Chapdelaine G. 1995. Fourteenth census of seabird populations in the sanctuaries of the north shore of the Gulf of St Lawrence, 1993. Canadian Field Naturalist. 109(2): 220-226.

“The fourteenth census of seabirds in the sanctuaries on the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence revealed major changes in the area’s seabird community. Among the larids, a sharp decline was observed in the herring gull population, which may be related to the decreased availability of fish offal. Other larid numbers also decreased, including black-legged kittiwakes, ring-billed gulls, common terns, arctic terns and caspian terns. On the other hand, alcid populations common murres, razorbills and atlantic puffins increased. It appears that the small prey fish (sand lance and capelin) that alcids feed on are still in plentiful supply, which may partly explain these increases. The continuation of vigorous enforcement programs in sanctuaries where numerous alcids breed also contributed to their increase.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; predators (birds).

Chapdelaine, G.; Brousseau, P. 1996. Diet of razorbill *Alca torda* chicks and breeding success in the St. Mary’s Islands, Gulf of St. Lawrence, Quebec, Canada, 1990-1992. Occas. Pap. 91. [Place of publication unknown]: Canadian Wildlife Service. 27-36.

“Between 1990 and 1992, sand lance (*Ammodytes* spp.) and capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) were the two main prey of razorbill chicks. Sand lance represented 64-78%, by number, of prey delivered by adults, but only 31-46% of total intake by weight. Conversely, capelin accounted for 21-36% of delivered prey by number and 53-69% by weight. The mean number of feeds was similar in all years, between 3.1 and 3.8 feeds per chick per day. Daily intake was estimated to range from 35 g/chick (251 kJ) in 1990 and 1991 to 50 g/chick (357 kJ) in 1992. Fledging success was 88.2% in 1990, 87.2% in 1991, and 95.1% in 1992.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; predators (birds, razorbill).

Chapdelaine, G.; Brousseau, P.; Anderson, R.; Marsan, R. 1985. Breeding ecology of common and arctic terns in the Mingan Archipelago, Quebec. Colonial Waterbirds. 8(2): 166-177.

“In 1983, Common Terns began egg laying on June 10, first hatching occurred July 3 and fledging started on July 29. For Arctic Terns the same events occurred on June 6, June 27, and July 24, respectively. Clutch size was 2.50 eggs for Common Terns and fledging success was 1.24 young per pair, whereas for Arctic Terns clutch size was 1.98 and fledging success was 1.25 per pair. Mean hatching weight was 15.7 g and mean fledging weight was 122.6 g for Common Terns compared to 14.2 g and 103.8 g for Arctic Terns. Instantaneous growth rate was 7.11 g/day in Common Terns and 6.90 g/day Arctic Terns. Chicks of the two species were mainly fed with fish (sand lance and caplin) and secondarily with invertebrates (*Gammarus* sp. and *Thysanoessa* sp.). Growth rates were comparable to these found in most other studies but for Common Terns were slower than in the Farne Islands and for Arctic Terns were slower than at Shetland, possibly because of different prey composition.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Quebec; predators (birds, arctic tern, common tern).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; predators (fish, dogfish).

Chen, A. 1989. Relation between food intake and growth of immature saffron cod *Eleginus gracilis tilesius* in captivity. Bulletin of the Faculty of Fisheries, Hokkaido University. 40(4): 228-237.

“Consumption and growth rates of immature saffron cod weighing 26-117 g were measured at 2.7-14.5 °C. They were fed squid or sandlance. The net growth efficiencies and maintenance requirements with these energy sources was; R=0.589G x W0.248 + 0.008W0.823 x 100.037T g/day where R is food intake (g/day), G is growth (g/day), T is °C and W is body weight (g). Maintenance rations of saffron cod were similar to those of other immature gadid

species. Both feeding rates and growth rates increased under the higher temperature and ration conditions. The caloric value of the laboratory food was twice that of common prey type consumed in nature, thus consumption would potentially be twice the captive estimate.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; composition; energetics; predators (fish, saffron cod).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Pacific Ocean (northwest); fisheries; plankton.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, Atlantic salmon).

Christensen, V. 1983. Predation by sand eel on herring larvae: council meeting. [Place of preparation unknown]: International Council for the Exploration of the Sea: Document 27: 1-10.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; food and feeding habits.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; ecology; model; plankton; trophic interactions.

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Keywords: *A. marinus*; Denmark; abundance; larvae.

Chrzan, F. 1960. Results of investigations on the food of the salmon and sea trout of the Polish Baltic coasts: council meeting. [Place of preparation unknown]: International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, Salmon and Trout Committee: Document 70. 4 p. (Mimeographed).

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, Atlantic salmon).

Chumakov, A.K.; Podrazhanskaya, S.G. 1986. Feeding of greenland halibut *Reinhardtius hippoglossoides* in the northwest Atlantic. Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Scientific Council Studies. 10: 47-52.

“The seasonal feeding of Greenland halibut in the shelf and slope areas of the Northwest Atlantic from Davis Strait to eastern Newfoundland was studied from the field analysis of 76,700 stomachs during surveys in 1969-81. Roundnose grenadier, beaked redfish, Atlantic cod, young Greenland halibut, capelin, sand lance, squid and various crustaceans were important components of the diet of Greenland halibut. Consumption of the various food organisms seems to be closely associated with their distribution and the bathypelagic way of life of Greenland halibut. In the northern part of the survey area (Subareas 0, 1 and 2), where Greenland halibut were generally large, beaked redfish and roundnose grenadier were the major prey. In the southern part of the region off Newfoundland [Canada], where Greenland halibut were smaller in size, small food organisms (capelin, sand lance, young cod and crustaceans) were prevalent in the diet. The daily food requirements of both male and female Greenland halibut were

estimated to range from 1.2% of body weight at age 5 to 0.5% at ages 14-17 years. Quantitatively, females need more food than males of the same age. Use of minimum estimates of stock size from a bottom-trawl survey of the region implies that the population consumes more than 750,000 tons of food annually."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; predators (fish, greenland halibut).

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; sex ratio; spawning.

Ciannelli, L. 1997. Winter dormancy in the Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) in relation to gut evacuation time. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems: Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Rep. 97-01. [Fairbanks, AK]: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College Program: 95-104.

"The life style of the Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) is very interesting and in some ways unique in that their habitat is divided on a diel basis. Sand lance spend part of the day feeding in the water column, where they are more exposed to predation. During the night they burrow in the sand; however, it is unclear how much of their entire life is spent in the sand on a seasonal basis. Low catches of Pacific sand lance during winter together with many morphological adaptations for a burrowing life style, suggest that they might enter a winter dormancy phase in the sand. *Ammodytes hexapterus* has a long digestion time (45-80 hr), and has the capability to retain food in the stomach for a long time (30 hr). This might be explained as an adaptation to optimize food uptake from the gut, to build up energy reserves in order to undertake a dormant winter stage."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; Puget Sound; behavior; digestion.

Clapham, P.J. 1996. The social and reproductive biology of humpback whales–an ecological perspective. Mammal Review. 26(1): 27-49.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; predators (mammals, humpback whale).

Clapham, P.J.; Baraff, L.S.; Carlson, C.A. [and others]. 1993. Seasonal occurrence and annual return of humpback whales, *Megaptera novaeangliae*, in the southern Gulf of Maine. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 71(2): 440-443.

Variation in the occurrence of individuals appears to be related to variability in the abundance of prey and perhaps to regional preferences.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Gulf of Maine; predators (mammals, humpback whale).

Clapham, P.J.; Leatherwood, S.; Szczepaniak, I.; Brownell, R.L. 1997. Catches of humpback and other whales from shore stations at Moss Landing and Trinidad, California, 1919-1926. Marine Mammal Science. 13(3): 368-394.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (mammals, humpback whale).

Clark, J.; Smith, W.G.; Kendall, A.W., Jr.; Fahay, M.P. 1969. Studies of estuarine dependence of Atlantic coastal fishes: Data report 1: Northern section, Cape Cod to Cape Lookout, R.V. Dolphin cruises 1965-66: Zooplankton volumes, midwater trawl collections, temperatures and salinities. Tech. Pap. 28. [Place of publication unknown]: U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. 132 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic; distribution; estuaries.

Clark, R.S. 1920. The pelagic young and early bottom stages of teleosteans. Journal Marine Biology Association. 12: 159-240.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; distribution; juveniles; larvae.

Clemens, W.A.; Wilby, G.V. 1961. Fishes of the Pacific Coast of Canada. Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Bulletin. 68: [pages unknown].

The following species were mentioned as feeding on sand lance: Pacific dogfish, cutthroat trout, coho salmon, chinook salmon, walleye pollock, Pacific cod, brill, rock sole, lingcod, buffalo sculpin. Pacific sand lance was considered to be a major food of coho salmon, chinook salmon, and Pacific cod.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; importance; predators (fish, Pacific dogfish, cutthroat trout, coho salmon, chinook salmon, walleye pollock, Pacific cod, brill, rock sole, lingcod, buffalo sculpin).

Clifford, M.N.; Walker, R.; Ijomah, P. [and others]. 1993. Do saxitoxin-like substances have a role in scombrotoxicosis? Food Additions and Contaminants. 9(6): 657-667.

"Evidence is presented which establishes that mackerel fed in captivity can, by relay from contaminated shellfish via sand eels, accumulate paralytic shellfish poisons (PSP) in the edible flesh at a level (250 mu g saxitoxin equivalents per kg) similar to that in the contaminated shellfish. Data from ELISAs performed independently in two laboratories show that commercial mackerel fillets which have been associated with incidents of scombrotoxicosis contained 0.02-1.30 mu g saxitoxin equivalents per kg, concentrations some two to four orders of magnitude below that normally detectable by the mouse bioassay. The doses, expressed as saxitoxin equivalents, administered inadvertently during volunteer testing of such fillets ranged up to 0.5 ng/kg bw, at least four orders of magnitude less than the fatal oral dose for an adult. The doses associated with the rapid induction of nausea/vomiting and/or diarrhea, 0.11-1.0 ng/kg bw, could not be distinguished from the doses which failed to produce such symptoms in susceptible volunteers (up to 0.5 ng/kg bw). Factors that might explain this lack of correlation between dose (saxitoxin equivalents) and volunteer response are discussed along with previously published reports of PSP relay through the food web. It is suggested that the relay of algal toxins, particularly PSP, but possibly in combination with diarrhetic shellfish poisons, may be responsible for scombrotoxicosis."

Keywords: A*mmodytes*; aquaculture; paralytic shellfish poisoning; toxicity.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Denmark; environmental impact; fisheries.

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Marbled murrelets were seen to carry only anchovy and sand lance in their bills. The fish species may be ordered in importance: anchovy-smelt-sand lance-sea bass for the rhinoceros auklet; sand lance-anchovy-sea bass-smelt for the puffin; and smelt-anchovy-sand lance-sea bass for the murre.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet, puffin, murre).

Cohen, R.B.; Grosslein, M.D.; Sissenwine, M.P. [and others]. 1982. An energy budget for Georges Bank. Canadian Special Publication Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 59: 95-107.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Georges Bank; energy budget.

Cole, H.A.; Holden, M.J. 1973. History of the North Sea fisheries 1950-1969 In: Goldberg, E.D., ed. North Sea science: NATO North Sea science conference; 1971 Nov. 15-20; Aviemore, Scotland. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press: 337-360.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; fisheries; pollution.

Colgan, P.W.; Brown, J.A.; Orsatti, S.D. 1986. Role of diet and experience in the development of feeding behavior in largemouth bass, *Micropterus salmoides*. Journal of Fish Biology. 28(2): 161-170.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish).

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Collinge, W.E. 1925. The food of some British wild birds. York, [England]: [publisher unknown].

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; British Isles; predators (birds).

Collins, M.A.; Pierce, G.J. 1996. Size selectivity in the diet of *Loligo forbesi* (Cephalopoda: Loliginidae). Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. 76(4): 1081-1090.

"The size of fish and squid prey of Loligo forbesi was investigated using otoliths, beaks and statoliths collected from stomach contents analysis of samples obtained from Scottish and Irish waters between 1990 and 1993. *Loligo forbes*i was found to consume a large range of prey sizes, but prey size was always less than the predator size. Season was shown to significantly influence the predator size-prey size relationship for sprat and sandeel prey, but this itself could be influenced by seasonal changes in the size of prey."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Ireland; Scotland; predators (invertebrates, squid).

Conway, D.V.P.; Coombs, S.H.; Cmith, S. 1997. Vertical distribution of fish eggs and larvae in the Irish Sea and southern North Sea. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea Journal of Marine Science. 54(1): 136-147.

"Fish eggs and larvae were analysed from 63 vertically stratified plankton hauls in the Irish Sea and southern North Sea. The dominant species were sprat (*Sprattus sprattu*s), dragonet (*Callionymus* spp.), dab (*Limanda limanda*) and to a lesser extent rockling species, sandeel (*Ammodyte*s spp.), whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) and flounder (*Platichthys flesus*). There was little difference between species in the vertical distribution of either eggs or larvae. Most were concentrated in the upper 50 m of the water column, eggs in progressively increasing numbers towards the surface and larvae with a sub-surface peak at a depth of 10-15 m. The vertical distribution of eggs extended deeper in the water column than larvae, possibly due to some combination of eggs being spawned deeper and their passive susceptibility to turbulent mixing. There were no significant differences between day and night distributions and under mixed or isothermal conditions."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Irish Sea; North Sea; eggs; larvae; vertical distribution.

Cook, R.M. 1992. An assessment of the Shetland sandeel stock using a seasonally separable fishing mortality model with auxiliary data: Council meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; 1992 Sept. 2–Oct. 24; Rostock–Warnemuende, Germany. Rostock–Warnemuende Germany: [publisher unknown]: 6.

"The closure of the Shetland Islands sandeel (Ammodytes marinus) fishery has prevented an assessment of the stock using conventional analyses of commercial catch data. A model is developed which enables the estimation of present stock size and historical trends using research vessel survey data and historical catch and effort data. Diagnostics from the analysis allow the quality of the assessment to be evaluated."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; catch; fisheries; model.

Cook, R.M.; Reeves, S.A. 1993. Assessment of North Sea industrial fish stocks with incomplete catch-at-age data. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea Journal of Marine Science. 50(4): 425-434.

"The assessment of the stocks of North Sea Norway pout and sandeel has been inhibited by the absence of catch-at-age data in recent years. A statistical model for the analysis of seasonal catch-at-age, effort, and research vessel abundance data is developed in which all the model parameters can be estimated even when some data are missing. The model is used to estimate the age compositions for the year when data are missing and recent stock trends. The results compare very closely with the last conventional assessment of these stocks."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; abundance; age; fisheries; model.

Corbin, P.G. 1950a. *Ammodytes immaculatus*, a new species of sand-eel found in European seas. Nature, London. 166: 525-526.

Keywords: *A. immaculatus*; taxonomy.

Corbin, P.G. 1950b. The occurrence of the smooth sandeel, *Gymnammodytes semisquamatus* (Jourdain), in the Plymouth area, with notes on *G. cicerelus* (Rafinesque) and *G. capensis* (Barnard). Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. 29(1): 83-89.

"*Gymnammodytes semisquamatus*, the North Atlantic smooth sand-eel, has a continuous distribution from southern Norway to the southern Atlantic coast-line of Spain. its occurrence in the Irish Sea and in the Plymouth area are new records. In the latter area it is an off-shore species, apparently concentrating in shell gravel in winter for spawning. It has a mean vertebral number of slightly over 68 (Plymouth and Scottish speciments). A small sample of the Mediterranean species, *G. cicerelus*, gives a mean of just over 66, while the South African species, *G. capensis*, which is indistinguishable from *G. semisquamatus* by external non-metameric characters, has a much lower mean of 58.5."

Keywords: *G. semisquamatus; G. cicerelus; G. capensis*; Irish Sea; Plymouth; description; distribution; meristic counts; taxonomy.

Corbin, P.G.; Vati, V. 1949. The post-larval sand eels (Ammodytidae) of the Celtic Sea and Plymouth area. Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. 28(1): 287-313.

"The post-larval sand-eels (Ammodytidae) occurring in the Celtic Sea and Plymouth area are identifiable as *Ammodytes lanceolatus, A. tobianus, A. marinus* (not previously recorded from the area), and a fourth species of *Ammodytes*, the adult of which, it is concluded, is not yet known. Adult *Gymnammodytes semisquamatus* (not previously recorded from the Plymouth area), the young of which are not yet known, increases the number of species in the area to five.

"It is evident that A. lanceolatus has a long spawning period lasting from early spring until autumn (February-October) with a maximum in mid-summer. *A. marinus* spawns in winter and early spring (January-April). The comparatively few records of *A. tobianus* post-larvae point to a spawning period lasting from spring until autumn (April-October), with a maximum in August and September."

Keywords: *A. lanceolatus; A. marinus; A. tobianus; G. cicerellus; G. semisquamatus*; Celtic Sea; Plymouth; description; distribution; identification; illustration; larvae; spawning.

Corkhill, P. 1973. Food and feeding ecology of puffins. Bird Study. 20: 207-220.

"This study shows that although annual fluctuations occur in the main prey types of Skomer Puffins, food availability does not appear to limit breeding success. Some interesting observations are given on the feeding of the chick and on kleptoparasitism of adults by Jackdaws and gulls. The two most important fish species brought to the colony (based on frequency of occurrence) were sand-eels *Ammodytes marinu*s and sprats *Clupea sprattus*; togther these comprised 95.6% of the total of 1,387 individual food items examined. Small numbers of the greater sand-eel *A. lanceolatus* also occurred."

Keywords: *A. marinus; A. lanceolatus*; Wales; importance; predators (birds, herring gull, lesser black-backed gull, jackdaw, puffin); size.

Cottam, C. 1939. Food habits of North American diving ducks. Tech. Bull. 643. [Place of publication unknown]: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North America; predators (birds).

Cottam, C.; Knappen, P. 1939. Food of some uncommon North American birds. Auk. 56: 138-169.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North America; predators (birds).

Coull, K.A.; Jermyn, A.S.; Newton, A.W. [and others]. 1989. Length/weight relationships for 88 species of fish encountered in the north east Atlantic. Scottish Fisheries Research Report. 43: 1-81.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); length-weight relationship.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; predators (birds, arctic tern).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, common guillemot).

Coulson, J.C.; Thomas, C.S. 1985. Changes in the biology of the kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*: a 31-year study of a breeding colony. Journal of Animal Ecology. 54: 9-26.

“Sandeels are a major source of food in the breeding season but appear to play a minor part in the food in winter and in spring.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; England; importance; predators (birds, kittiwake).

Covill, R.W. 1959. Food and feeding habits of the larvae and post-larvae of *Ammodytes americanus*, 1952-55. Bulletin Bingham Oceanography College. 17: 125-146.

“The stomachs of 200 *Ammodytes americanus* larvae, 3.2-23.1 mm, were observed for food content and composition. Diurnal, seasonal, and annual variations, as well as effects of size and location of capture, were studied. Several aspects of the nutrition of larvae were also considered. Comparison with data from other investigations showed a much lower incidence of empty stomachs in the L.I.S. specimens. Particulate material, especially copepods and their nauplii, was apparently more important than dissolved food material in the nutrition of these larvae; phytoplankton was also an important item, especially in young larvae. Major variations in stomach contents were due to size. Minor annual and monthly variations were also noted. Obviously larvae must ingest a considerably greater quantity of food per day for growth than that indicated by an analysis of this nature.”

Keywords: *A. americanus*; food and feeding habits; larvae.

Cowan, J.H., Jr.; Birdsong, R.S. 1985. Seasonal occurrence of larval and juvenile fishes in a Virginia USA Atlantic coast estuary with emphasis on drums family sciaenidae. Estuaries. 8(1): 48-59.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; abundance; juveniles; larvae.

Craig, P.C. 1987a. Forage fishes in the shallow waters of the north Aleutian shelf. In: Forage fishes of the southeastern Bering Sea: Proceedings of a conference; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. OCS Study MMS 87-0017. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 49-54.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Aleutian Islands; abundance; distribution.

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Pacific sand lance are present in the brackish nearshore areas of the Alaskan Beaufort Sea. Probably not widespread or abundant, judging from article.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Beaufort Sea; distribution.

Craig, P.C. 1987b. Subsistence fisheries at coastal villages in the Alaskan arctic, 1970-1986. [place of publication unknown]: Tech. Rep. 129. Alaska OCS (Outer Continental Shelf) Socioeconomic Studies Program. LGL Ecological Research Associates, Inc.; OCS/MMS-87/0044. 69 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska.

Croker, R.A. 1965. Planktonic fish eggs and larvae of Sandy Hook estuary. Chesapeake Science. 6(2): 92-95.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; eggs; larvae; seasonal variations.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Rhode Island; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Strait of Juan de Fuca; distribution; predators (fish).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

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“It is sometimes suggested that larval fish at a density of similar to 1 m super(–3) are too thinly distributed, too dilute, to affect the density of their food, 100 to 1000 m super(–3). Such densities are valid for the Northern and Central North Sea and for Georges Bank. In the Southern North Sea densities of sandeel larvae are very much higher and so are those of their food organisms. Fish larvae die quickly at 5-10% d super(–1) and they might become even more dilute with age under the diffusive processes in the sea. If larvae are too dilute one mechanism of population regulation is ruled out if food has to be shared amongst more animals, growth rate is reduced and they grow through a critical period more slowly and are subject to a predatory mortality for longer. If this mechanism were discarded the only other one in larval life suggested so far is the aggregation of predators. But if larvae are dilute it is difficult to see how or why predators might aggregate.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic; North Sea; density; food; larvae.

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"The presence was investigated of various carotenoids in *A. tobianu*s by columnar and chromatography and TLC. Carotenoids were present as follows: beta-carotene, alpha–cryptoxanthin, beta–cryptoxanthin, canthaxanthin, lutein, zeaxanthin, taraxanthin, neothxanthin, tunaxanthin, astaxanthin, astaxanthin ester, alpha–doradexanthin and mutatochrome. The total carotenoid content ranged from 0.623 (muscles) to 34.097 mug/g fresh weight (eggs)."

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; carotenoid; composition.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; distribution; environmental disturbance.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; ecology.

Daan, N.; Johnson, B.; Larsen, J.R.; Sparholt, H. 1993. Analysis of the ray (*Raja* spec.) samples collected during the 1991 international stomach sampling project. Dublin [Eire]: [publisher unknown]:17.

"This report provides a first analysis of the food and feeding of four species of rays *(Raja clavata, Raja montagui, Raja naevus* and *Raja radiata*) in the North Sea based on 3732 stomach samples taken during research vessel surveys in 1991. Only for *R. radiata* a fairly consistent pattern of feeding predominantly on juvenile gadoids was apparent, whereas sandeels (*Ammodytes*) were found only infrequently."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (fish, *R. clavata, R. montagui, R. naevus, R. radiata*).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fasting; fisheries; larvae; temperature.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fasting; food; larvae.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Gulf of Mexico; distribution; food; larvae.

Daggett, R.F. 1981. Abundance of fish larvae and eggs in the nearshore area of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Washington. Northwest Science. 55(1): 1-9.

“A quantitative study was made of fish eggs and larvae in the Strait of Juan de Fuca between Angeles Point and Dungeness Spit, Washington, from March through May, 1978. Thirty-three larval taxa represented by 13 fish families were identified during the study. The family Pleuronectidae contained the largest number of distinct taxa with 11, followed by Cottidae, Stichaeidae, and Liparidae with 10, 5, and 5, respectively. Based on total larvae densities for all six sample periods, the most abundant taxa included Pacific herring, unidentified pricklebacks, rockfishes, Pacific sand lances, and unidentified gunnels, with percent relative abundances of 17, 17, 14, 12, and 7 percent, respectively. Maximum larval densities during the six sample periods occurred in late April (385 larvae/100 m^3) minimum values were found in early March or May at all stations.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Strait of Juan de Fuca; Washington; abundance; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Dall, K. 1918. Salmon and trout: a handbook. London, [England]: Salmon Trout Association. 107 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predation (fish, Atlantic salmon).

Dalley, E.L.; Winters, G.H. 1987. Early life history of sand lance *Ammodytes* with evidence for spawning of *Ammodytes dubius* in Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, Canada. U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Fishery Bulletin. 85(3): 631-642.

“Ichthyoplankton surveys in Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, indicate that sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.) larvae occur annually in Fortune Bay from February, when recently hatched yolk-sac larvae occur, until July/August when, it is assumed, the larvae have grown to the size of metamorphosis and have taken up a demersal existence. Length-frequency data indicate the spawning season to extend from December to May-June, and this extended spawning season probably accounts for the consistent polymodality in length-frequency distribution of sand lance larvae from the Newfoundland area. Meristic development is shown to be complete by the time a length of 35-40 mm is reached and analyses of meristic counts indicate that the large (> 20 mm) sand lance larvae caught in Fortune Bay belonged to the offshore species *Ammodytes dubius*. Further, analyses of pre-anal melanophore counts and oceanographic features of the area indicate that yolk-sac larvae taken in Fortune Bay in February were also *A. dubius*. This is the first record of the occurrence and spawning of *A. dubius* in coastal Newfoundland waters. This finding is significant in view of the current confusion regarding the appropriate taxonomy of sand lance populations in the Northwest Atlantic.”

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Newfoundland; development; distribution; growth; larvae; meristics; spawning.

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“*Aeromonas salmonicida* is known to attack a variety of freshwater fish. However, there have only been 2 reports of its presence in marine species, the sablefish, *Anoplopoma fimbria*, and Atlantic cod, *Gadus morhua*. This paper describes the first reported infection of sand-eels, *Ammodytes lancea*, and *Hyperoplus lanceolatus,* with *Aeromonas salmonicida*. In September 1984 approximately 500 sand-eels were caught in a pound net in the northern Kattegat. The fish were placed in partly recirculating seawater tanks. A few days after capture, some sand-eel were observed to have haemorrhages on the snout.The condition developed quickly and small haemorrhages appeared on the caudal fin with subsequent necrosis of the tail. Affected fish sometimes died within a week but often the disease progressed more slowly. At post-mortem, the main pathological features were haemorrhages in the musculature and focal haemorrhages in the liver and intestine. The mortality increased during the month after capture to a maximum of 5% per day, and then gradually declined to less than 0.5% per day. Thirty-six sand-eels were examined bacteriologically during the 10 mo following capture.”

Keywords: *A. lancea*; H. lanceolatus; diseases; parasites.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*: predators (fish).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*: Atlantic; Canada; eggs; distribution; larvae.

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“Fish otoliths were collected from stomachs of short-finned squid (*Illex illecebrosus*) at eight coastal Newfoundland localities over eight years during 1980-1990. Most otoliths were of young-of-the-year Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) and they were common at all localities after July. Adult capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) otoliths were common early in the season at a southern locality, whereas otoliths of juvenile sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.) were common later in the season at the northern localities.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; predators (invertebrates, short-finned squid).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; predators (invertebrates, short-finned squid).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Pribilof Islands; predators (birds, thick-billed murre).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Pribilof Islands; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; dredging; environmental impact; pollution.

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"The estuary supports a depauperate ichthyoplankton community, including four species of pelagic fish eggs and eight species of fish larvae [*Gadus morhua, Scomber scombrus, Hippoglossoides platessoides, Osmerus mordax, Carastomus* sp., *Nototropis* sp., *Mallotus villosus, Ammodytes* sp., *Liparis* sp., *Pseudopleuronectes americanus* and *Sebastes fasciatus*]. Species richness increased with salinity."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Quebec; abundance; distribution; larvae.

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“The reflecting units in the surfaces of silvery fish are small ‘platelets’ which have various orientations with respect to the surfaces in which they lie. In the fields of light found in the sea, these orientations are often such as to enable fish to make themselves almost invisible from most points of view. Here we show that the platelets can also be useful in signalling information about the movements that the fish are making. Such signals are clearly graded. Some, e.g. those that accompany C–starts, will be strong and visible at distances many times the length of the fish. Others, e.g. those given by a spot of silveriness on the tail, will only be visible to near neighbors. We consider the movements of fish in terms of three components, rolling, pitching and yawing and show that, by virtue of the organization of the silvery layers, a given movement will produce, to the eye of a neighbor, a characteristic changing pattern of bright and dark surfaces. The changes in brightness accompanying quite small movements are large and, to us and almost certainly to the fish, much more visible than the changes in shape or position (the detection of which must also depend on differences in brightness). Diffusely reflecting surfaces can, to some degree, serve the same purpose but they are less good at doing so. They certainly cannot give a fish the facility of passing quickly from being almost invisible to presenting striking unequivocal signals to their neighbors, as silvery surfaces do. We give an account of the reflecting surfaces of the greater sand eel *Hyperoplus lanceolatus* (Le Sauvage), in relation to this hypothesis.”

Keywords: *Hyperoplus lanceolatus*; communication; movement; schools.

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“When operating underwater TV, dead fish (*A. cataphractus, Callionymus lyra*, *Ammodytes* sp. and flatfish) were detected lying on the bottom. Possible causes for the occurrence of O_2 deficiencies are discussed, and it is concluded that eutrophication processes, in combination with adverse hydrographic and meteorological conditions, have triggered low O_2 conditions in bottom waters.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; environmental pollution; oxygen.

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“Pacific sand lance were abundant, though highly variable in local distribution, in three widely separate areas along the eastern side of the Kodiak island group in summer, 1979. Mean lengths at age from two northern localities were not significantly different, but were significantly larger than those from the southernmost locality. The maximum length recorded was 189 mm. Six age classes (0-V) were found. Age frequency distributions from beach-seined samples were similar in all areas, but were different from a sample dug from the gravel, possibly indicating age segregation between schools. Kodiak sand lance spawned intertidally during spring tide series in October, and probably first spawned at age class II or III. On extreme low tides from May through October, sand lance were found intertidally, buried in coarse and fine gravel beaches.

“Purse seiners in the Kodiak region have frequently set on what appeared from the air to be commercially harvestable quantities of herring, only to have a school of sand lance swim through the seine mesh.

“Sand lance were collected by two methods, beach seining and digging. The intertidal habitat utilized by sand lance for burrowing was beaches of predominantly coarse, black-slate sand of grain size 1-4 mm or fine slate gravel 5-15 mm, or combinations of the two, with larger pebbles or finer sand commonly present. Substrate utilized by sand lance was invariably well washed, bearing no mud, and well drained. Generally, sand lance were more commonly present in bights or coves than on small islands or exposed beaches in straits; more commonly on moderately long or sloping beaches than on very tiny or flat ones. Schools of sand lance were observed swimming along rocky intertidal.

“From at least May through October, sand lance were found in the gravel of beaches, in the lower zone exposed on extreme low tides. Usually these beaches were the site of a stream or river mouth. Densities varied; sometimes it was difficult to find a single one while at times hundreds could be easily dug.

“Sand lance remained continuously along gravel beaches between 8-10 October. They schooled at high tide, the largest schools of an estimated 2-3 tons swimming back and forth at the mouths of small freshwater streams. At low tide, the fish were scattered across the surface of the gravel, heavily preyed upon by crows and gulls. Thousands were exposed to air but at the touch became quite active. Spawning took place at the beginning of the first spring tide series in October and perhaps again at the second-spring tide series in October.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; age; behavior; distribution; habitat; length; sampling; spawning.

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“Sampling in the following 6 estuaries between 1973 and 77 revealed latitudinal differences in the composition of fish communities: Rupert’s Bay, Eastmain, La Grande, Great Whale, Little Whale, and Innuksuac. Arctic and subarctic marine species were more prominent in estuaries of Hudson Bay. Fewer species were found northwards with 35 species in lower rivers and estuaries of James Bay and only 24 in those of Hudson Bay, for a total of 38 species. Climate, postglacial dispersion, and restricted space are proposed as causes of the observed distribution of fish.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; distribution.

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“The northeast Atlantic lesser sandeels *Ammodytes marinu*s Raitt, *Ammodytes tobianus* L. and *Gymnammodytes semisquamatus* Jourdain were screened by starch gel electrophoresis for species-specific enzyme variation. Morphological separation of the genera is reliable but distinguishing the two *Ammodytes* species is problematic, particulary in smaller specimens. The analysis revealed a number of diagnostic isozymes. Two, MEP-1 and MEP-2, appear particularly suitable for discriminating the three species. These isozymes show no intraspecific variation, can be typed using muscle, are relatively stable in frozen tissue, and can be resolved using a single gel and histochemical stain. The use of these diagnositc isozymes will facilitate species discrimination in fisheries assessment work and in studies of the ecological differences among the species.”

Keywords: *A. marinus; A. tobianus; Gymnammodytes semisquamatus*; Atlantic (northeast); protein electrophoresis.

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“Information on the impact of industrial fishery on sandeel (Ammodytes) and sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*) is given. First results of experimental fishing on board RV Walther Herwig III and results of studies aboard commercial vessels within the German Economic Zone are presented.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; fisheries.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; northeast Pacific; distribution; eggs; larvae.

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“Species diversity and abundance of fish eggs in shelf waters of the western Gulf of Alaska were similar in both surface neuston net tows and subsurface bongo net tows, but a unique group of fish larvae appear to be associated with the neuston in this region. The dominance of larvae of an osmerid, several hexagrammids, cottids, bathymasterids, *Anoplopoma fimbria*, *Cryptacanthodes aleutensis*, and *Ammodytes hexapterus* in this group resembles the neustonic assemblage of fish larvae found in the California Current region along the U.S. west coast and most of these taxa are considered obligate members of the neuston. Several taxa, however, appear to be abundant in the neuston only at night suggesting a facultative association with the neuston through a diel pattern of vertical migration. The facultative association of certain species of larvae with the neuston varies with larval size. The distribution patterns observed for most taxa of fish larvae in the neuston during this study suggest that during spring, spawning and emergence of larvae into the plankton and subsequently into the neuston take place mainly around Kodiak Island (except along the seaward side) and along the Alaska Peninsula to the southwest. Analysis of multispecies spatial patterns using recurrent group analysis and numerical classification did not reveal the existence of more than one neustonic assemblage of fish larvae in the study area. Apart from perhaps *Pleurogrammus monopterygius* larvae, which are known to occur throughout the Gulf of Alaska, and to a lesser extent *A. fimbria* and *Hemilepidotus hemilepidotus*, members of this neustonic assemblage of larvae are not commonly found in the oceanic zone. The ecological significance of a neustonic existence for larvae of fish that are primarily demersal spawners in the Gulf of Alaska is considered to be trophic in nature. Neustonic fish larvae seem to be able to exploit to their advantage the unique feeding conditions which exist at the sea surface.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Gulf of Alaska; abundance; distribution; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Ireland; distribution; larvae.

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“Fish attaining small size, such as gobies, sticklebacks, bull-rout and sand-eel, should not be considered a direct fishery resource but rather a food resource for more economically valuable fish species; any increase in their uncontrolled mortality could have unexpected impact on the size of more valuable stocks.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Baltic Sea; Poland; fisheries; importance.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; St. George Island; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. tobianus*; predators (birds, pigeon guillemot).

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"La production de microalgues des glaces a la baie d'Hudson au printemps permet d'allonger la période propice a la nutrition des larves de poissons, en favorisant une production hative des copepodes dont les stades immatures représentent la principale nourriture de l'ichtyoplancton. Les larves de lancon (*Ammodytes* sp.) et de morue arctique (*Boreogadus saida*) souffrent de la famine pendant la période suivant la resorption du sac vitellin. Cette periode critique est synchronisee avec l'abondance maximale des proies, ce qui contribue a minimiser la mortalité. Les variations interannuelles du synchronisme entre l'occurrence de la période critique et la production des proies pourraient influencer le recrutement chez les poissons marins."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Hudson Bay; food; larvae; mortality.

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"In the ice-covered southeastern Hudson Bay (northern Quebec, Canada), marine fish exhibited 2 distinct reproduction strategies. Sand lance *Ammodytes* sp, and arctic cod *Boreogadus saida* produced large numbers of small larvae that hatched before the ice break-up when the abundance of prey (copepod eggs and nauplii) was low, feeding incidence was low and the larvae fed on relatively small prey. A morphometric index of condition suggested that the 2 species suffered from starvation at first feeding. This critical period was approximately synchronized with peak abundance of prey, possibly an adaptation to minimize starvation mortality, Stichaeidae and Cottidae produced small numbers of large larvae that fed efficiently on relatively large prey before yolk resorption. These larvae emerged after the ice break-up, when phytoplankton production was well under way and prey were abundant. Interannual variations in the timing between first feeding and the production of prey could influence recruitment in sand lance and arctic cod but are unlikely to affect the early survival of Stichaeidae and Cottidae."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Hudson Bay; growth; larvae; mortality; starvation.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; food and feeding habits; larvae.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

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"Springer and Roseneau (1977, 1978, 1979) recorded murres and kittiwakes flying from Cape Lisburne to the southwest, to the northwest, north and to the northeast. From Cape Thompson they observed birds flying to the west-southwest (as if to the edge of deeper water) and to the southeast. They emphasized the importance of the arrival of sand lance from the north, which was associated with an abrupt shift in the directions of flight so that the birds commuted directly to the shoals of sand lance as soon as they arrived. In the course of survey flights around Cape Thompson and Cape Lisburne in July and August 1978, we observed murres flying west and southwest from Cape Thompson and resting on the water over deeper water (40 meters). Most conspicuous however, were the flights of murres and kittiwakes commuting to shoals of sand lance southeast from Cape Thompson along the beaches almost 70 km and northeast from Cape Lisburne, almost 100 km.

"For kittiwakes: Roseneau and Springer 1978 etc, reported their eating 67% fish *Boreogadus* and *Ammodytes* and 53% invertebrates in a year (1976) which was a reproductive disaster. In Norton Sound (1975-1978), virtually all stomachs and food regurgitated by young kittiwakes contained sand lance. From the Kodiak area south of the Alaska Peninsula, Baird and Moe (1978) reported that capelin is the staple food, and sand lance is important in making the difference between ordinary reproductive performance and real success. Sand lance deserves special consideration because it becomes a major component of the food supply for all three types whenever and wherever it is available. Roseneau and Springer 1977, 78 & 79, have emphasized the movement of kittiwakes and murres along shore to areas where sand lance are caught. They report that sand lance move into the area northeast of Cape Lisburne from the north, then appear off Cape Thompson. When they arrive all species turn to feed on these, and their presence makes a major difference in the success or failure of the reproduction of all the species at Cape Lisburne and Cape Thompson. In our experience kittiwakes, puffins, and to a less extent murres, gather in melees over schools of sand lance as the fish move into Norton Sound during the summer. We have not seen feeding melees in the Bering Shelf waters; this may be due to absence of sand lance which forces the seabirds at Saint Lawrence Island (Searing 1977) to increase their use of crustacea and other, more dispersed fish. Presents tables of feeding by species of seabirds on fish by fish species and location."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds).

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"Food intake of cod, coalfish and haddock collected during spring and summer from Faeroe was estimated by analysis of stomach contents. These species are chiefly piscivorous and exert 70% of predation on *Trisopterus esmark*i, *Ammodytes* sp. and *Micromesistius poutassou*."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Denmark; predators (fish, cod, coalfish, haddock).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; north Pacific; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. dubius*; Canada; Ungava Bay; distribution; meristic counts; taxonomy.

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“On the island of Boreray, St Kilda (Western Isles), the Rock Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* is the commonest breeding passerine. During an 18-day expedition to this little-known island in July 1980 the territories of about 17 pairs were counted, although at this time most territories were breaking up. Predominantly littoral feeders, Rock Pipits are greatly dependent upon this area for foraging, but also feed in the steep gullies and wet flushes up to an altitude of about 300 m. On 15 July an adult Rock Pipit was observed carrying fish to its recently-fledged brood of three. When viewed through binoculars from a distance of about 5 m, the fish were identified easily as small Rockling (probably *Gaidrospsarus vulgari*) about 20-25 mm in length. Clearly the fish originated from Puffins *Fratercular arctica* which were bringing onshore both Rockling and Sand Eels at this time (Taylor 1981). Many of the smaller fish are dropped at burrow entrances and many more are lost on land when Puffins are harassed in flight by gulls and skuas.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, rock pipit).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; taxonomy.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (birds, guillemot).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; predators (fish, Atlantic salmon).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; eggs; larvae.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; *G. semisquamatus*; Iceland; description; distribution; importance; predators (fish); postlarval.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; dredging; environmental impact; habitat.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Newfoundland; predators (birds, thick-billed murre).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; northeast Pacific; abundance; distribution; life history.

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; Atlantic; New York; predators (birds, common tern).

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Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; predators (mammals, harbor porpoise).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; commercial fisheries; importance.

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“Growth data are presented for Arctic Tern chicks on the island of Mousa, Shetland, in 1983-84. Weight increase compared favourably with that in other parts of the range, but the average daily weight increment of chicks subsequently found dead was much lower than that of healthy chicks. Sandeels were the commonest prey in both years. Over 90% of pre-fledging mortality occurred in the first week of life and in 1983 unusually wet and windy conditions led to fatal chilling of some small chicks. In 1984 breeding success was low throughout Shetland but nestling mortality could not be attributed to adverse weather conditions causing chilling of chicks on Mousa. Most eggs and chicks were eaten by Herring Gulls and Great Skuas. As is the case of some arctic species, it is possible that a series of poor years may be offset by a few productive breeding seasons for Arctic Terns in Shetland.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; predators (birds, arctic tern).

Ewins, P.J. 1986. The ecology of black guillemots *Cepphus grylle* in Shetland. Oxford, England: Oxford University. Ph.D. dissertation.

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Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; predators (birds, black guillemot).

Ewins, P.J. 1993. Pigeon guillemot. In: Poole, A.; Stennheim, P.; Gill, F., eds. The birds of North America. No. 49. Philadelphia: The Academy of Natural Sciences; Washington, DC: The American Ornithologist’ Union.

The main fish species fed to pigeon guillemot chicks include sand lance (*Ammodytes tobianus, A. hyperboreus, A. hexapterus*).

Keywords: *A. hexapterus; A. hyperboreus; A. tobianus*; importance; predators (birds, pigeon guillemot).

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“A neuston net with mesh openings of 1.3 mm was towed in the surface waters of the N basin of the Northumberland Strait at irregular intervals from mid-June—mid-Sept. 1962. Fifteen genera of teleost larvae belonging to 11 families were collected. Of these the following 8 spp. occurred in regular abundance and were termed abundant larvae: sand

lance, *Ammodytes americanus*; radiated shanny, *Ulvaria subbifurcata*; lumpfish, *Cyclopterus lumpus*; fourbeard rockling, *Enchelyopus cimbrius*; Atlantic mackerel, *Scomber scombrus*; cunner, *Tautogolabrus adspersus*; white hake, *Urophycis tenuis*; and Atlantic herring, *Clupea harengus harengus*. Larvae were collected in variable numbers, with the sampling data suggesting they were aggregated in the water. The total abundance of all larvae was about 50 larvae/tow except for a peak in July. The regular appearance of the abundant larvae resulted in unique combinations of spawning and hatching times for each species. The larvae of spring spawners were present in June and were gradually replaced by the larvae of summer spawners."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Canada; abundance; distribution; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Greenland; distribution; taxonomy.

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"Investigations were carried out to determine residue levels of organochlorine pesticides (HCB, Sigma BHC, and Sigma DDT) and polychlorinated biphenyls in muscular tissue of fish netted in 1981 in the Polish fisheries zone in the Baltic. The residue analyses were done in 578 samples of the muscle meat of herring, sprat, cod, fourbearded rockling, whiting, belone, eel, salmon, and sand launce,and in 15 specimens of the three-spined stickleback. All fish contained in their muscles detectable levels of HCB, alfa-BHC, gamma-BHC, p,p super(4)-DDE and PCBs p,p super(4)-DDD and p,p super(4)-DDT were absent only in a few samples beta-BHC was present in trace amounts in most of the samples and delta-BHC was undetected. Generally, the residue levels found were low, i.e., below the acceptable tolerance limits in edible parts of fish."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Poland; bioaccumulation; chlorinated hydrocarbons.

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Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Baltic Sea; bioaccumulation; environmental pollution; polychlorinated naphthalenes.

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Authors present stomach contents of 36 puffins killed during January, February, and March—sand lances (*Ammodytes* spp.) were the most common fish species.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); importance; predators (birds, Atlantic puffin).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; north Pacific; predators (fish, sockeye salmon).

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Stomach contents of adult Pacific cod caught in summer months near Kodiak contained walleye pollock, Pacific sand lance, and flatfishes. Stomach contents of juvenile Pacific halibut from the southeastern Bering Sea contained, in percentage of frequency of occurrence, unidentified fishes (25 percent), sand lance (15 percent), and crabs (6 percent).

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; Kodiak; predators (fish, Pacific cod, Pacific halibut).

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“The purpose of the present study was to identify genetic traits which may be used in studies in inter- and intraspecific variation in sandeels (fam. Ammodytidae). Samples of four species of sandeels from the North Sea, Scotland and Iceland have been analysed by starch-gel electrophoresis of muscle and liver tissue. Nine enzymes were stained for, and five of those (GPI, IDHP, LDH, MDH and PGM) gave clear-cut results. The electrophoretic patterns were species-specific for most of these enzymes showing that they may be used for identification of the species. Genetic variation within species were found in at least one species for all these enzymes except LDH. The most variable species appeared to be *Ammodytes marinus* while *Gymnammodytes semisquamatus* appeared least variable. These tentative results will be used in a more extensive study on the structure between and within species of sandeels.”

Keywords: *A. americanus; Gymnammodytes semisquamatus*; North Sea; fisheries; genetics.

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“Sea lions taken on land usually have empty stomachs. To obtain sea lions with food in their stomachs, 34 Steller sea lions and 7 California sea lions were taken at sea. Stomachs of California sea lions contained squids, hake and anchovies. Stomachs of Steller sea lion taken off California and Oregon contained flatfishes and rockfishes; those taken in Alaskan waters contained capelin, sand lance, rockfishes, sculpins, and flatfishes; one had fed on salmon.”

Four Steller sea lions taken in May, June, and September had Pacific sand lance in their stomachs. They were taken at Unimak Pass in the Bering Sea and at Marmot Island and Little Koniuji Island. Number of sand lance eaten ranged from 6 to 405. In three of the sea lions, Pacific sand lance was the dominant food eaten.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (mammals, Steller sea lion).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (mammals, northern fur seal).

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Keywords: Ammodytidae; fossils; otoliths.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; predators (fish, Pacific salmon).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (fish, sockeye salmon).

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"Large-scale shifts in abundance and relative species composition have been observed in the pelagic fish community on the continental shelf off the northeastern United States. Here, we examine empirical evidence for regulation of sand lance populations (*Ammodytes* spp.) by Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) and Atlantic herring (*Clupea harengus*) populations in an exploratory analysis. Changes in the abundance of sand lance are consistent with the hypothesis of predatory control by herring and mackerel. A significant negative interaction between sand lance recruitment and an integrated measure of herring and mackerel biomass was indicated. Direct evidence for predation by herring and mackerel is available to support these results."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); importance; predators (fish, Atlantic herring, Atlantic mackerel).

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Keywords: A. hexapterus; Alaska; Bering Sea; Pribilof Islands; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. lancea; A. lanceolatus*.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Arctic Ocean; Sea of Okhotsk; larvae.

Fortier, L.; Gilbert, M.; Ponton, D. [and others]. 1996. Impact of freshwater on a subarctic coastal ecosystem under seasonal sea ice (southeastern Hudson Bay, Canada). 3: Feeding success of marine fish larvae. Journal of Marine Systems. 7(2-4): 251-265.

"We monitored the feeding success (percent feeding incidence at length and mean feeding ratio at length) of arctic cod (*Boreogadus saida*) and sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.) larvae in relation to prey density, light, temperature and potential predator density under the ice cover of southeastern hudson bay in the spring of 1988, 1989 and 1990. Both prey density and light limited larval fish feeding. The relationship between feeding success and actual food availability (nauplii density × irradiance) was adequately described by an ivlev function which explained 64 and 76% of the variance in arctic cod and sand lance feeding success respectively. By affecting both prey density and irradiance, the thickness of the great whale river plume (as defined by the depth of the 25 isohaline) was the main determinant of prey availability. Arctic cod and sand lance larvae stopped feeding when the depth of the 25 isohaline exceeded 9 m. Limitation of feeding success attributable to freshwater inputs occurred exclusively in 1988, the only time when the depth of the 25 isohaline exceeded the 9 m threshold. The close dependence of larval fish feeding success on the timing of the freshet and plume dynamics suggests a direct link between climate and survival of arctic cod and sand lance larvae. The actual impact of climate fluctuations and/or hydro-electric developments on recruitment will depend on the fraction of the larval dispersal area of the two species that is affected by river plumes."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; food; larvae; light; prey density; temperature.

Fortier, L.; Levasseur, M.; Drolet, R.; Therriault, J.C. 1991. Cross-frontal circulation, export production, and the dispersion of fish larvae and their prey in a coastal jet frontal region (northwestern Gulf of St. Lawrence). In: Council meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; 1991 Sept. 26-Oct. 4; La Rochelle, [France]. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 6.

"A permanent and well-delineated salinity front is formed between the Gaspe jet current and the cyclonic Anticosti gyre (NW Gulf of St. Lawrence). In late spring, the thermohaline stratification of nutrient-rich waters in the jet current favors the production of diatoms which trigger copepod reproduction. Copepod eggs and nauplii, the main prey of

fish larvae at first feeding, are 10 to 20 times more abundant in the surface waters of the jet current than in the adjacent Anticosti Gyre. The early larvae of capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) and American sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.) are dispersed in the productive surface waters of the current. During the summer, the distribution of larger postlarvae and that of their copepod prey extend across the front to the Anticosti gyre."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; distribution; food; larvae.

Fortier, L.; Levasseur, M.E.; Drolet, R.; Therriault, J.C. 1992. Export production and the distribution of fish larvae and their prey in a coastal jet frontal region. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 85(3): 203-218.

"Fine scale spatial sampling series and vertical cross sections were used to obtain quasi synoptic images of the distribution of fish larvae and their prey in the permanent frontal region formed by the Gaspe coastal jet current and the adjacent Anticosti gyre (NW Gulf of St. Lawrence, Canada). The accumulation of large diatoms triggered the reproduction of copepods in the Gaspe current where eggs and nauplii (the main prey of first feeding fish larvae) were 10 to 20 times more abundant than in the gyre. Estuarine circulation resulted in the coincidence of the small and abundant larvae of capelin *Mallotus villosus* and sand lance *Ammodytes* sp. with this intense production of their food in the jet current. The large and less abundant larvae of redfish *Sebastes* sp. and Arctic shanny *Stichaeus punctatus* exploited the scarcer food resources of the Anticosti gyre. We conclude that opportunistic species producing large numbers of small offspring with limited foraging skills depend on massive export production at hydrographic singularities (i.e. salient hydrographic features) for reproduction. Species producing fewer but larger and more competent larvae can colonize less productive areas of the ocean. Plankton dynamics in the dispersal area of the early larval stages appear to be a primary constraint defining the life strategy of a fish species."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; larvae.

Fortier, L.; Ponton, D.; Gilbert, M. 1995. The match-mismatch hypothesis and the feeding success of fish larvae in ice-covered southeastern Hudson Bay. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 120(1-3): 11-27.

"We studied the synchronism between the seasonal occurrence of fish larvae and their prey in ice-covered southeastern Hudson Bay, Canada, in spring 1988, 1989 and 1990. Arctic cod *Boreogadus saida* and sand lance *Ammodytes* sp. larvae hatched several weeks before ice break-up and fed primarily on copepod nauplii. The timing of 50% yolk resorption was the same every year (11 to 18 May for Arctic cod and 5 to 11 June for sand lance) but the availability of copepod nauplii varied substantially between years, both in magnitude (7-fold) and timing (4 to 6 wk). Interannual differences in the under-ice abundance of nauplii were linked to variations in the abundance of female cyclopoid copepods, and appeared unrelated to the timing of the ice-algal or phytoplankton blooms. Interannual differences (2- to 4-fold) in the feeding success of fish larvae (percent feeding incidence at length and mean feeding ratio at length) were related to the availability of copepod nauplii. Consistent with the match/mismatch hypothesis, the fixity of the spawning season in relation to a variable cycle of prey abundance accounted for the observed variations in feeding success and apparent growth (length at date) of fish larvae. Yet, in this particular ecosystem, a match or mismatch between Arctic cod or sand lance larvae and their prey may depend more on the dynamics of cyclopoid copepods during the previous winter than on the timing of the spring algal blooms."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Hudson Bay; food; growth; larvae.

Fortier, M.; Fortier, L. 1993. Ice-covered Saroma-Ko as a nursery ground for fish larvae originating from Okhotsk Sea: The 8th international symposium on Okhotsk Sea and sea ice and ISY/polar ice extent workshop—abstracts; 1993 Feb. 1-5; Mombetsu, Japan. Mombetsu, Japan: Okhotsk Sea and Cold Ocean Research Association: 385-386.

"Kitagawa and Yamashita (1986) suggested that along the coast of Northern Honshu narrow bays and lagoons, where high abundances of copepod nauplii occur, could serve as important nurseries for sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.) larvae produced in the coastal area. The development of microzooplankton suitable for larval fish feeding was monitored from 23 February to 26 March 1992 at a fixed station in the ice-covered Saroma lagoon, Northern Hokkaido. During the same period, the transport of fish larvae across one of the two inlets linking the lagoon to Okhotsk Sea was also monitored. We conclude that sand lance larvae are transported into the lagoon primarily in daytime during flood tide, most likely as a result of their occupation of the surface layer of coastal Okhotsk Sea in

daytime. Small sand lance larvae effect inverse nycthemeral migrations in the coastal water of Japan, being concentrated above 15 m in daytime and below this level at night. Thus, the net transport of young sand lance into Saroma-Ko could depend on the synchronization (or lack of synchronization) of flood tide with nighttime during the seasonal production of the larvae in coastal Okhotsk Sea."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Hokkaido; food; larvae; migration.

Fortier, M.; Fortier, L. 1997. Transport of marine fish larvae to Saroma-ko lagoon (Hokkaido, Japan) in relation to the availability of zooplankton prey under the winter ice cover. Journal of Marine Systems. 11(1-2): 221-234.

"To assess the importance of ice-covered saroma-ko lagoon as a winter nursery area for young fish spawned offshore, we monitored the recruitment of marine fish larvae from the Sea of Okhotsk to the lagoon as well as the availability of larval fish prey under the ice cover from 24 february to 23 march 1992. Sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.) And walleye pollock (*Theragra chalcogramma*) larvae recruited to the lagoon on flood tide whereas snake prickleback (*Lumpenus sagitta*) larvae were exported to the Sea of Okhotsk on ebb. Before the ice breakup, ice microalgae made up the bulk of the microalgal biomass in the lagoon. The production and release of ice algae did not trigger the maturation of the late copepodite stages of copepods, and the proportion of adult females in the copepod assemblage remained low. The production of copepod nauplii (the main prey of fish larvae) under the ice was probably insufficient to insure suitable feeding and growth of fish larvae entering the lagoon in winter. Sand lance larvae, the most abundant species to colonize the lagoon in february-march, had to survive for nearly two months at low food abundance. Based on our results, the importanceof Saroma-ko lagoon as a winter nursery area for fish larvae appears negligible."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; Sea of Okhotsk; food; larvae; sea-ice.

Foster, A.R.; Houlihan, D.F.; Hall, S.J.; Burren, L.J. 1992. The effects of temperature acclimation on protein synthesis rates and nucleic acid content of juvenile cod *Gadus morhua*. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 70(12): 2095-2102.

"Juvenile cod were acclimated to cold and warm water temperatures and fed sandeels for at least 40 days. After this acclimation period, there were no significant differences in either weight-specific growth rate or weight-specific tissue protein synthesis rates (ventricle, gill, stomach, and intestine) between the cold- and warm-acclimated fish."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance.

Fourmanoir, P. 1976. Formes post-larvaires et juveniles de poissons côtiers pris au chalut pelagique dans le sud-ouest pacifique. Cahiers du Pacifique. 19: 47-88.

Pelagic postlarvae of 86 species are listed; some are illustrated. Localities and, for most species, basic counts are provided.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; distribution; postlarvae; taxonomy.

Fowler, H.W. 1931. Studies of Hong Kong fishes no. 2. Hong Kong Naturalist. 11(4): 287-317.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Hong Kong; distribution; taxonomy.

Fowler, J.A.; Dye, A.P. 1987. Sandeels *Ammodytes marinus* in the diet of the fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis* in Shetland, Scotland. Seabird. 10: 71-74.

"This paper describes the size distribution of Sandeels, calculated from measurements of otoliths recovered from Fulmar regurgitates on Yell, Shetland, and compares it with the size distribution of Sandeels obtained from commercial fishermen in Shetland and with the results of the studies above."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; distribution; predators (birds, fulmar); size.

Fraser, P.J. 1987. Atlantic salmon *Salmo salar* feed in Scottish coastal waters. Aquaculture and Fisheries Management. 18(3): 243-248.

“The stomach contents of 256 Atlantic salmon, *Salmo sala*r L., of fork lengths 53-66 cm, caught in bag nets on the Scottish west coast near Ullapool, were examined between June 1983 and July 1986. A total of 61 fish contained fish in the stomach or had faecal pellets containing fish bones in the gut. All recognizable whole fish were sandeels, *Ammodytes marinus* Raitt, ranging in size from 4.5 to 15 cm. No evidence for crustacean or other non-fish prey items was found. Results indicate that feeding salmon were caught up to a certain cut-off point in June or early July, after which all salmon sampled were not feeding. It is suggested that either there is a local feeding stock of salmon or that fish feed during migration from the Faroe Isles or other possible distant water origins.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Scotland; predators (fish, Atlantic salmon).

French, R.; Bilton, H.; Osako, M.; Hartt, A. 1976. Distribution and origin of sockeye salmon (Oncorhynchus nerka) in offshore waters of the north Pacific Ocean. International North Pacific Fishery Commercial Bulletin. 34. 113 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; north Pacific; predators (fish, sockeye salmon).

Fresh, K.L. 1979. Distribution and abundance of fishes occurring in the nearshore surface waters of northern Puget Sound, Washington. Seattle: University of Washington. 120 p. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; Puget Sound; abundance; distribution.

Frick, S.; Becker, P.H. 1995. Different feeding strategies of common and arctic tern (*Sterna hirundo* and *S. paradisaea*) in the German Wadden Sea. Journal für Ornithologie. 136(1): 47-63.

“In 1991 and 1992 the feeding ecology of common and Arctic terns was studied on the Wadden Sea island of Minsener Oldeoog. Both species preyed on the same food species. Common and Arctic terns differed clearly in their feeding strategies: the Arctic tern fed more crustaceans to the chicks, the common tern more fish like clupeids or sandeels *Ammodytes*. In 1992 the higher percentage of larger prey, especially clupeids, sandeels and Syngnathidae, increased the mean prey-size and reduced the feeding rates. During high water in both species the amount of crustaceans decreased in favour of clupeids, sandeels and larvae, linked with decreasing feeding rates. The Arctic tern covered the energy requirements of chicks by increasing feeding rates of small food items, while the common tern chose the strategy of feeding on large, energy-rich fish.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Germany; Wadden Sea; predators (birds, arctic tern, common tern).

Friogeirsson, E. 1979. Notes on capelin and sandeel larvae collected in Icelandic waters 1976-1979. In: ICES Council Meeting 1979 collected papers. Charlottenlund (Denmark). [publisher unknown].

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Iceland; larvae.

Friogeirsson, E. 1980. On sand eel in O-group surveys in Icelandic and adjacent waters 1970-1979. In: Council meeting, 1980, of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; [dates of meeting unknown]; Copenhagen, [Denmark]. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 19.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Iceland; distribution; 0-age.

Fritz, L.W.; Wespestad, V.G.; Collie, J.S. 1993. Distribution and abundance trends of forage fishes in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. In: Is it food?: addressing marine mammal and seabird declines: Workshop summary; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Alaska Sea Grant Rep. 93-01. Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska, Fairbanks: 30-44.

“Little is known of their distribution and abundance: they are rarely caught by trawls. In the Bering Sea, sand lance are common prey of salmon, northern fur seals, and many species of marine birds. Thus, they may be abundant in Bristol Bay, along the Aleutian Islands and Alaska Peninsula. In the gulf of Alaska, sand lance are prey of harbor

seals, northern fur seals, and marine birds, especially in the Kodiak area and along the southern Alaska Peninsula. Given the sand lance's short life span and the large number of species that prey on it, mortality, fecundity, and growth rates of Pacific sand lance are probably high."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds, fish, mammals, harbor seal, northern fur seal).

Fritzsche, R.A. 1978. Development of fishes of the mid-Atlantic bight: an atlas of egg, larval and juvenile stages. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/OBS-78/12: 283-287.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; description; egg; juvenile; larvae.

Frost, B.W.; Bollens, S.M. 1992. Variability of diel vertical migration in the marine planktonic copepod *Pseudocalanus newmani* in relation to its predators. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 49(6): 1137-1141.

"We report results of a 3-yr field study of the vertical distributions and diel vertical migration (DVM) of *Pseudocalanus newmani* in the central basin of Dabob Bay, Washington, USA. Our results include two novel findings. First, a statistically significant relationship exists between strength of DVM in *P. newmani* and the potential predation impact of its planktonic invertebrate predators. Second, a strong 'normal' DVM (up at night, down during the day), unique for *P. newmani* in 5 yr of sampling at this locale, occurred at a time when the zooplanktivorous fish *Ammodytes hexapterus* was unusually abundant and preying on the copepod; this DVM may have been induced by the fish. DVM behavior of *P. newmani* was highly variable, with changes in behavior commonly occurring on a time scale of weeks; in one case the copepod switched from a normal migration pattern to a reverse migration pattern (down at night, up during the day) in less than 5 wk. These observations, combined with those of previous research, indicate that *P. newmani* has an exceptionally diverse repertoire of migration behavior, any particular expression of which is most likely manifested by individual copepods exercising phenotypic behavioral plasticity in response to potential predation."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; food and feeding habits.

Frost, K.J.; Lowry, L.F. 1981. Foods and trophic relationships of cetaceans in the Bering Sea. In: Hood, D.W.; Calder, J.A., eds. The eastern Bering Sea shelf: oceanography and resources. Seattle, WA: University of Washington Press; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Marine Pollution Assessment. 2: 825-836.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (mammals).

Frost, K.; Lowry, L. 1987. Marine mammals and forage fishes in the southeastern Bering Sea. In: Proceedings of the 1987 forage fishes of the southeastern Bering Sea conference; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Outer Continental Shelf Study MMS 87-0017. [Place of publicaton unknown]: Minerals Management Service: 11-17.

This paper reviews a number of other papers on the food habits of marine mammals in the Bering Sea. Most mammals feed on Pacific sand lance.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (mammals, northern fur seal, Steller sea lion, harbor seal, spotted seal, ribbon seal, ringed seal, belukha whale, harbor porpoise, Dall's porpoise, minke whale, sei whale, humpback whale).

Frost, N. 1938. Some fishes of Newfoundland waters (with notes on the distribution of eggs and larvae). Newfoundland Government Research Bulletin. 4: 1-16.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Fry, M.D. 1995. Pollution and fishing threats to marbled murrelets. In: Ralph, C.J.; Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Raphael, M.G.; Piatt, J.F., eds. Ecology and conservation of the marbled murrelet. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-GTR-152. Albany, CA: Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. 420 p.

Whitehead and others (1991) found the highest levels of dioxins in western grebes, which have a prey base similar to that of murrelets. The oil spill may have impacted forage fish. Prey species for murrelets include Pacific sand lance. Seabird diet studies in Prince William Sound indicated that sand lance were less available in 1989 and 1990 than in prespill years. Many prey species are intertidal spawners and are more susceptible to oil pollution than are pelagic spawners.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; oil pollution.

Fuchs, E. 1977. Kleptoparasitism of sandwich terns Sterna sandvicensis by black-headed gulls *Larus ridibundus*. Ibis. 119(2): 183-190.

“The parasitic behavior of black-headed gulls in a mixed colony of terns and gulls at the Sands of Forvie on the NE coast of Scotland is described in some detail. Food-stealing occurred with varying frequency throughout the breeding season. Less than 6% of the terns were attacked during incubation and when their chicks were a few days old, but up to 29% were attacked thereafter. At the same time the percentage of successful attacks rose from 1% or less to 6.5%. Food items brought back to the ternery were predominantly sand eels, clupeids and gadoids. Only a small proportion of terns carrying fish shorter than 7 cm were attacked whether they were sand eels, clupeids or gadoids. Robbing success was higher with clupeids and gadoids than with sand eels. The effect of the black-headed gulls’ kleptoparasitism on the sandwich terns’ breeding success was probably negligible during incubation and early chick-life, but might have influenced fledging weight and ultimately post-fledging survival.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (birds, black-headed gull, sandwich tern).

Fuiman, L.A.; Gamble, J.C. 1988. Predation by Atlantic herring, sprat, and sandeels on herring larvae in large enclosures. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 44(1): 1-6.

“A predation experiment was conducted in 15.5 m^3 in situ enclosures to estimate the predation potential of various juvenile and adult fishes on larval Atlantic herring *Clupea harengus*. Predators were herring, sprat *Sprattus sprattus*, and sandeels *Hyperoplus lanceolatus* and *Ammodytes tobianus*. Herring consumed significantly fewer larvae in 24 h with less variability in the results than the other predators. Mean instantaneous daily mortality rate for herring was 0.001 (0.1% d^{-1}) whereas it was 0.392 (32% d^{-1}) for all the other predators. These values are 2.3 to 3.5 times those obtained in previous studies for jellyfish predators in enclosures. They are also greater than field estimates of natural mortality for herring larvae of comparable size, suggesting that encounters between herring larvae and larger fishes are rarer in the sea than in our experiment.”

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; *H. lanceolatus*, food and feeding habits.

Fujii, Y.; Fujisawa, K.; Hayashi, H. 1992. Occurrence and distribution of fish eggs and larvae in Bisan-Seto, Seto Inland Sea in fiscal year 1991. Okayama-Ken Suisan Shikenjo Hokoku. 7: 94-98.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Fujii, Y.; Fujisawa, K.; Hayashi, H. 1993. Occurrence and distribution of fish eggs and larvae in Bisan-Seto of the Seto-Inland Sea, in fiscal year 1992. Okayama-Ken Suisan Shikenjo Hokoku. 8: 42-46.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Fujiwara, T. 1993. Comparisions between the power of the sea and that of mankind. Setonaikai Kagaku. 5(1): 21-26.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; environmental disturbance.

Fujiwara, T.; Higo, T. 1986. Wind-induced current and mass transport in the Seto Inland Sea. Bulletin of Coastal Oceanography. 23: 109-119.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; distribution; larvae.

Fujiwara, T.; Nakada, H. 1992. Fluctuations in the stock of sand eel in the eastern Seto Inland Sea relationships with the climate and sea conditions. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Fish and Oceanography. 56(2): 199-200.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; abundance; larvae; spawning.

Fujiwara, T.; Nakata, H.; Tanda, M.; Karakawa, J. 1990. Biological and physical parameters of the population dynamics of sand eel larvae in the eastern Seto Inland Sea. Nippon Suisan Gakkaishi (Buletin of Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries). 56(7): 1029-1037.

"An analytical method for estimating the biological and physical parameters of larvae population from field-observed body length distribution was developed and applied to the sand eel (*Ammodytes personatus*) population in the eastern Seto Inland Sea. The total number of hatched larvae was 2.76 x 10^{12} (1.79 x 10^{12} in Bisan Strait and 0.97 x 10^{12} near Akashi Strait), and 86% of the larvae hatched in the Bisan Strait are transported into the Harima-Osaka area within one month after hatching. The eastward transportation of the larvae from the Bisan Strait is well explained by the current driven by westerly monsoon wind."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; hatching; larvae; length; migration; population dynamics.

Fukataki, H. 1969. Stomach contents of the masu salmon *Oncorhynchus masou* in the Japan Sea. Bulletin of the Japan Sea Regional Fisheries Research Laboratory. 21: 17-34.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Japan Sea; predators (fish, masu salmon).

Fukuhara, O. 1986. Morphological and functional development of Japanese flounder in early life stage. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 52(1): 81-91.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; aquaculture.

Fukuhara, O. 1987. Larval development and behavior in early life stages of black sea bream reared in the laboratory. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 53(3): 371-379.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; aquaculture.

Fullarton, J.H. 1894. On the oviposition and growth of the lesser sandeels. Report of the Fishery Board of Scotland. 12(3): 313-321.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; growth; spawning.

Funakoshi, S.; Mukai, R.; Asada, E. 1990. Test for study of whitebait fishery management: Study on development of optimization system of advanced control of coastal zone fisheries. Aichi–Ken Suisan Shikenjo Gyomu Hokoku. 1989: 123-128.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; fisheries; larvae.

Funakoshi, S.; Nakamura, M. 1995. Mathematical aspects of the fisheries of the fisheries resources management system for fluctuate populations: Reproduction mechanisms of Japanese sandeel supporting resources management system in Ikanago fisheries in and around Ise Bay. Suisan Kaiyo Kenkyu. 59(1): 73-76.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Ise Bay; eggs; growth; larvae.

Funakoshi, S.; Nakamura, M.; Yanagibashi, S.; Tomiyama, M. 1997. Studies on the reproduction mechanisms of Japanese sandeel for the basis of the resource management system for Ikanago fisheries in and around Ise Bay. Aichiken Suisan Shikenjo Kenkyu Hokoku (Bulletin of the Aichi Fisheries Research Institute). 4: 11-22.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; reproduction.

Furevik, D.M.; Valdemarsen, J.W. 1995. The importance of the Odin oil field as a fishing area. Fisken og Havet. 6: 28.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; distribution; environmental disturbance; fisheries.

Furness, R. 1993. Skuas in Shetland. Natural Environment Research Council News. 27: 6-7.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; predators (birds, skua).

Furness, R.W. 1977. Studies on the breeding biology and population dynamics of the great skua *Catharacta skua* Brunnich. [Place of publication unknown]: University of Durham. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, great skua).

Furness, R.W. 1978. Energy requirements of seabird communities: a bio-energetics model. Journal of Animal Ecology. 47: 39-53.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W. 1979. Foods of great skuas (Catharacta skua) at North Atlantic breeding colonies. Ibis. 121(1): 86-92.

"Direct observations of great skuas (*Catharacta skua*) feeding around Foula, Shetland, gave the most reliable results, but examination of pellets yielded the greatest variety of food items. Pellets were collected and examined daily. Dissection of pellets, allowed identification of food to species level in almost every case. The resulting list of food items from this and previous studies are given in a table. From the results it can be seen that the great skua is very catholic in its diet and feeding habits. It is quick to take advantage of novel opportunities. In all areas studied great skuas feed largely on fish, particularly sand eels. Differences between diets in the areas studied could be a result of prey availability."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; importance; predators (birds, great skua).

Furness, R.W. 1981. Sea bird populations of Foula Scotland. Scottish Birds. 11(8): 237-253.

"A census of Foula seabird populations in 1976 showed that the colonies of shags and great skuas are the largest in the British Isles. Fulmar, Arctic skua and guillemot colonies rank 2nd largest; Arctic tern, razorbil and puffin probably 3rd largest. Foula is one of the most diverse seabird communities in the British Isles, with red-throated diver, eider and 18 spp. of seabird, including one of Britain's 5 known Leach's petrel colonies. Numbers of breeding gulls are small; herring gull and lesser black-backed gull populations are declining. Gannets recently colonized and red-throated diver, fulmar, great skua, Arctic skua common gull, great black-backed gull, kittiwake, Arctic tern and guillemot numbers have increased during this century although several increases have now stopped, in some cases perhaps due to lack of further suitable nesting habitat. Threats of oil, whitefish and sandeel fisheries and increasing human access are discussed."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Foula; human disturbance; importance; oil; predators (birds, arctic skua, arctic tern, common gull, fulmar, gannet, great black-backed gull, great skua, guillemot, herring gull, puffin, razorbill, red-throated diver, Leach's petrel).

Furness, R.W. 1982. Competition between fisheries and seabird communities. Advances in Marine Biology. 20: 225-307.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W. 1983. The birds of Foula. Ambleside, [Scotland]: Brathay Hall Trust.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Foula; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W. 1984a. Modeling relationships among fisheries, seabirds, and marine mammals. In: Nettleship, D.N.; Sanger, G.A; Springer, P.F., eds. Marine birds: their feeding ecology and commercial fisheries relationships. Spec. Publ. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Wildlife Service, Minister of Supply and Services: 117-126.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (birds, mammals).

Furness, R.W. 1984b. Seabird-fisheries relationships in the northeast Atlantic and North Sea. In: Nettleship, D.N.; Sanger, G.A.; Springer, P.F., eds. Marine birds: their feeding ecology and commercial fisheries relationships. Proceedings of the Pacific seabird group symposium, Seattle, Washington, January 1982. Ministry of Supply and Services, Canada: 162-169.

"Bionergetics modelling indicated that seabirds consume 29% of pelagic fish production with a 45-km radius of one Shetland colony. Assuming this is typical, it implies that seabirds, predatory fish, and industrial fisheries are in direct competition. Overfishing of whitefish stocks in the North Sea began in the 1880s and, coupled with more recent reductions of herring (*Clupea harengus*) and mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) stocks, led to an increase in populations of small food-fish, particularly sandlance (*Ammodytes marinus*). Most seabird species have increased in numbers in Scotland since 1900, probably in response to the increased availability of food resulting from these ecosystem changes. Rates of increase have been higher in areas where sandlance have become most abundant. Seabirds breeding in Shetland feed mainly on sandlance. Large scavenging species in Shetland, are dependent on refuse from whitefish boats. Current trends to reduce volumes of whitefish discarding and increase industrial fishing for sandlance are likely to reduce food availability to seabirds."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Scotland; Shetland; North Sea; bioenergetics; importance; population dynamics; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W. 1987. Seabirds as monitors of the marine environment. Tech. Publ. 6. [Place of publication unknown]: International Council for Bird Preservation: 217-230.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W. 1989. Changes in the diet and breeding ecology of seabirds on Foula, 1971-88. In: Heubeck, M., ed. Proceedings of the seminar on seabirds and sandeels: 1988 Oct. 15-16; Lerwick, United Kingdom. Lerwick, United Kingdom: Shetland Bird Club.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Foula; importance; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W. 1990. A preliminary assessment of the quantities of Shetland sandeels taken by seabirds, seals, predatory fish and the industrial fishery in 1981-83. Ibis. 132: 205-217.

"Shetland holds a very high concentration of seabirds that feed to a large extent on sandeels *Ammodytes marinus*. The available data allow an assessment of the quantity of sandeels consumed by seabirds each year 1981-83, and sensitivity analysis suggests that this figure is accurate to about ± 30%. Only very approximate estimates of sandeel consumption by seals and by predatory fish can be made.

"From 1981 to 1983 the Shetland fishery catch averaged 45,000 tonnes of sandeels, with an estimated natural consumption of 47,000 tonnes by seabirds (predominantly Guillemots *Uria aalge* and Fulmars *Fulmarus glacialis*). Based on sensible guesses and the little data available, consumption may have been about 25,000 tonnes by predatory fish and 9,000 tonnes by seals. The figures suggest that natural mortality of the Shetland sandeel stock in 1981-83 was considerably in excess of the figure used in VPA stock assessments. Further information is required for key variables in order to permit better estimates of sandeel stock dynamics. In particular, we need better data on

numbers and diets of seals in Shetland, numbers and diets of predatory fish, diets and foraging distributions of Fulmars, especially outwith the chick-rearing period. In future, sandeel biomass assessments for Shetland should incorporate estimates of predation by seabirds as this is clearly an important part of total mortality for the stock."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; commercial fishery; predators (birds, guillemot, fulmar, puffin, gannet, shag, kittiwake, razorbill, great black-backed gull, great skua, black guillemot, arctic tern, herring gull, arctic skua; fish; mammals, grey seal, common seal).

Furness, R.W. 1996. A review of seabird responses to natural or fisheries-induced changes in food supply. In: Greenstreet, S.P.R.; Tasker, M.L., eds. Aquatic predators and their prey; Royal Society of Edinburgh conference; 1994 Aug.; Edinburgh, Scotland. Oxford, England; Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Scientific Publications: 166-173. Chap. 21.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; ecology; fisheries; importance; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W.; Ainley, D.G. 1984. Threats to seabird populations presented by commercial fisheries. Tech. Publ. 2. [Place of publication unknown]: International Council for Bird Preservation: 701-708.

"Field studies and bioenergetics models suggest that seabirds can consume an important proportion of pelagic fish production. Established commercial pelagic fisheries generally crop 50-70 percent of fish production so that rather little is left to be shared by all natural predators. Influences of high fishery exploitation rates on food availability to seabirds depend on the type of fishery, its management, and the feeding ecology of the seabirds. We outline several case studies where these influences are documented or can be inferred."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; commercial fishery; importance; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W.; Barrett, R.T. 1985. The food requirements and ecological relationships of a seabird community in north Norway. Ornis Scandinavica. 16: 305-313.

"Most species feed mainly on capelin, but sandeels are important for Brunnich's Guillemots, Razorbills and Shags. Puffins and Razorbills fed largely on immature fish while other species took mostly two year old fish. Seabirds appear to select capelin of high lipid content since they fed predominantly on ripe two year old fish during chick-rearing, when spent fish were of poorer nutritional value."

Presents the percentage of sand eels in the diet of each seabird species on Hornoy sampled between 29 June and 19 July 1983.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Norway; importance; predators (birds, herring gull, kittiwake, common guillemot, black guillemot, Brunnich's guillemot, razorbill, shag, puffin, fish, cod *Gadus morhua*, haddock, mammals, beluga whale).

Furness, R.W.; Barrett, R.T. 1991a. Ecological responses of seabirds to reductions in fish stocks in north Norway and Shetland. In: Furness, R.W.; Nettleship, D.N., eds. Proceedings of the symposium on seabirds as monitors of changing marine environments; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. International Ornithological Congress. 20: 2241-2245.

"In Shetland, seabirds, especially dietary specialists that cannot reach the seabed, showed extensive changes in breeding ecology as sandeel *Ammodytes* stock declined." Species of birds that depend on sand eels and cannot reach the seabed are Arctic tern (*Sterna paradisaea*), puffin (*Fratercula arctica*), Arctic skua (*Stercorarius parasiticus*), kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*), and razorbill. Common Guillemots and Shags *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* have shown no reduction in breeding success despite feeding chicks almost exclusively on sandeels, but breeding numbers of both species have fallen."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Norway; Shetland; abundance; importance; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W.; Barrett, R.T. 1991b. Seabirds and fish declines. National Geographic Research and Exploration. 7(1): 82-95.

“Major decreases in the stock of capelin in the Barents Sea and sandeels off Shetland have allowed us to examine the ecological responses of seabirds at colonies that were studied before and after the changes in fish stocks. The changes in seabird numbers, breeding success, diets, and behavior are complex and indicate that it will be difficult to use seabirds as monitors of changes in fish stock unless the detailed relationship between fish stock abundance and behavior and the ecological responses of sensitive seabird species is known. Nevertheless, seabirds do indicate changes in marine ecosystems and may elucidate aspects of fish stock ecology.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; importance; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W.; Barrett, R.T. 1991c. Seabirds’ responses to catastrophic declines in fish stocks Shetland and Barents Sea. Research Exploration. 7(1): 82, 84-95.

“Major decreases in the stock of capelin in the Barents Sea and sandeels off Shetland [Scotland] have allowed us to examine the ecological responses of seabirds at colonies that were studied before and after the changes in fish stocks. The changes in seabird numbers, breeding success, diets, and behavior are complex and indicate that it will be difficult to use seabirds as monitors of changes in fish stock unless the detailed relationship between fish stock abundance and behavior and the ecological responses of sensitive seabird species is known. Nevertheless, seabirds do indicate changes in marine ecosystems and may elucidate aspects of fish stock ecology.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Shetland; importance; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W.; Cooper, J. 1982. Interactions between breeding seabirds and pelagic fish populations in the southern Benguela region. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 8: 243-250.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W.; Greenstreet, S.P.R.; Walsh, P.M. 1996. Spatial and temporal variability in the breeding success of seabirds around the British Isles: evidence for distinct sandeel stocks? International Council for the Exploration of the Sea Cooperative Research Report. 216: 63-65. (“Seabird/fish interactions, with particular reference to seabirds in the North Sea”; Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Furness, R.W., eds.).

The authors describe the relation of sand eel stocks around the British Isles to the distribution and breeding success of the kittiwake and other seabird species.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; British Isles; importance; fisheries; predators (birds, kittiwake).

Furness, R.W.; Hislop, J.R.G. 1981. Diets and feeding ecology of great skuas Catharacta skua during the breeding season in Shetland. Journal of Zoology, London. 195: 1-23.

“Great skuas feed their young largely on sandeels. Breeders take more sandeels than nonbreeders. The remainder of the diet is largely discard whitefish. Seasonal and annual variations in diet are discussed in relation to food availability. Sandeels, caught by plunging to surface, appear to be the preferred food. Discard whitefish provide a consistently available secondary supply and allow adults to spend a large part of the day on the territory. Increased sandeel stocks and discard volumes have probably allowed the increase of the British Great skua population.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; importance; predators (birds, great skua).

Furness, R.W.; Monaghan, P. 1987. Seabird ecology. London: Blackie and Son Ltd. 164 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W.; Nettleship, D.N., eds. 1991. Proceedings of the symposium on seabirds as monitors of changing marine environments; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. International Ornithological Congress. 20: 2237-2279.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W.; Nettleship, D.N.; Sanger, G.A.; Springer, P.F. 1984. Seabird-fisheries relationships in the northeast Atlantic and North Sea. In: Marine birds: their feeding ecology and commercial fisheries relationships; 1982 Jan. 6-8; Seattle, WA. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Wildlife Service: 162-169.

"Bionergetics modelling indicated that seabirds consume 29% of pelagic fish production with a 45-km radius of one Shetland colony. Assuming this is typical, it implies that seabirds, predatory fish, and industrial fisheries are in direct competition. Overfishing of whitefish stocks in the North Sea began in the 1880s and, coupled with more recent reductions of herring (*Clupea harengus*) and mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) stocks, led to an increase in populations of small food-fish, particularly sandlance (*Ammodytes marinus*). Most seabird species have increased in numbers in Scotland since 1900, probably in response to the increased availability of food resulting from these ecosystem changes. Rates of increase have been higher in areas where sandlance have become most abundant. Seabirds breeding in Shetland feed mainly on sandlance. Large scavenging species in Shetland, are dependent on refuse from whitefish boats. Current trends to reduce volumes of whitefish discarding and increase industrial fishing for sandlance are likely to reduce food availability to seabirds."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; North Sea; bioenergetics; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W.; Tasker, M.L. 1997. Seabird consumption in sand lance MSVPA models for the North Sea, and the impact of Industrial fishing on seabird population dynamics. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems; Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems: [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Rep. 97-01. [Fairbanks, AK]: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College Program: 147-169.

"The industrial fishery for sand lance is the largest single-species fishery in the North Sea, with about 1 million mt harvested each year. Assessment of interactions among seabirds, sand lance stocks, and the industrial fishery in the North Sea has been a major recent concern of an ICES working group. Detailed seabird breeding population census data from the 1980's for the coasts of the North Sea and the European Seabirds-at-Sea database permit the assessment of energy requirements of seabirds by regions. From dietary data the quantities of sand lance consumed by seabirds can be estimated by seasons and regions. Seabirds consume an estimated 200,000 mt of sand lance, predominantly in summer, with consumption greatest in the northwestern North Sea. These data permit refinement of sand lance multispecies virtual population analyses (MSVPA), and indicate that exploitation of sand lance by seabirds and the fishery is spatially segregated due to constraints imposed by the distributions of seabird breeding sites and by sandy substrates for fishing.

"Consumption of sand lance by seabirds can be high in the vicinity of major seabird colonies, such as around Shetland and Orkney, but is low in central regions of the North Sea and averages overall only about 4% of the North Sea sand lance stock. Thus the potential for the fishery to affect seabirds is much greater than the converse. The extent to which seabirds may suffer reductions in food supply as a consequence of the sand lance fishery depends especially on whether recruitment varies in relation to prevailing levels of spawning stock biomass, but also depends on the age classes of fish selected by birds. Recent major changes in sand lance abundance at Shetland permit us to analyze the shape of functional responses of breeding seabirds to variations in food supply over the period 1974-1995. This case study indicates the critical importance of a minimum abundance of lipid-rich fish for breeding seabirds, but also the complexity of seabird-fish interactions, with different seabird species at the same colony responding in different ways to changes in food supply."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; importance; predators (birds).

Furness, R.W.; Todd, C.M. 1984. Diets and feeding of fulmars *Fulmarus glacialis* during the breeding season: a comparison between St. Kilda and Shetland colonies. Ibis. 126: 379-387.

“Diets and nest attendance of fulmars at Foula, Shetland and St. Kilda, Outer Hebrides [Scotland] were examined during the breeding season. At Foula, sandeels formed the bulk of the diet, with fish offal and pelagic zooplankton of minor importance. At St. Kilda, 71% of regurgitates consisted of pelagic zooplankton, probably captured at night. Dietary overlap between the 2 colonies was 14% by species composition. Foraging trips from Foula shortly after chick hatching generally lasted for less than 10 h: trips from St. Kilda late in chick rearing often lasted more than 24 h. The diurnal pattern of feeding suggested mainly nocturnal foraging from St. Kilda but both diurnal and nocturnal foraging from Foula.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Foula; Shetland; St. Kilda; Outer Hebrides; predators (birds, fulmar).

Furnestin, J. 1939. Observations diverses sur la ponte de la plie *Pleuronectes platessa* L. de l’Equille *Ammodytes tobianus* L. au “Sandettie” et sur la presence de la sardine *Clupea pilchardus* Walbaum et l’extension de son aire de ponte en Mer du Nord et en Manche. Rapports et Procès-Verbaux des Reunions Conseil International pour l’Exploration de la Mer. 3: 41-54.

Keywords: *A. tobianus*.

Furukawa, A.; Unezu, T.; Tsukahara, H. [and others]. 1966. Studies on fish feed for fish. V: Results of the small floating net culture test to establish the artificial diet as complete yellow tail food. (1964). Bulletin of the Naikai Regional Fisheries Research Laboratory. 23: 45-56.

“Three diets were: 1. frozen sand eel, 2. mixed diet and 3. synthetic diet. First diet used 10% corn oil as lipid source. Mixed diet also had corn oil added. Neither diet 2. nor 3. were acceptable for growth of fish.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; aquaculture.

Gabrielsen, G.W. 1996. Energy expenditure of breeding common murres. Occas. Pap. 91. [Place of publication unknown]: Canadian Wildlife Service: 49-58.

“The doubly labelled water method was used to measure carbon dioxide (CO_2) production and food consumption in Uria aalge throughout the chick-rearing period on Hornoya in N Norway. The field metabolic rate (FMR) of foraging birds averaged 3.34 mL CO_2 g^{-1} h^{-1}, or a daily energy expenditure of 2200 kJ d^{-1}. This is 3.8 times the resting metabolic rate (RMR). There was a significant positive correlation between FMR and the time at sea. The high and variable FMR is probably associated with a high cost of flying and diving in common murres. The mean daily change in body mass of each bird studied was 38 plus or minus 21 g. Assuming that body fat is the main energy resource (minimum 17 g and maximum 59 g) and based on a minimum FMR of 959 kJ d^{-1}, breeding common murres may rely on these resources for an average of 1.5 days without feeding. The average rate of food consumption by adult common murres, calculated on the basis of the chemical composition and digestibility of capelin *Mallotus villosus* and sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.), was 440 g fresh matter per bird every day. The population of 1,400 pairs of common murres on Hornoya is estimated to consume a total of 27,580 kg of prey during 20 days of chick rearing.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; importance; predators (birds, common murre).

Gadomski, D.M.; Petersen, J.H. 1988. Effects of food deprivation on the larvae of 2 flatfishes. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 44(2): 103-111.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish).

Gaemers, P.A. 1984. Fish otoliths from the Bassevelde Sand (Late Tongrian) of Ruisbroek, Belgium, and the stratigraphy of the early Oligocene of Belgium. Afzettingen Werkgroep Voor Tertiaire En Kwartair Geologie. 21(1): 13-57.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Belgium; fossils.

Gaemers, P.A. 1987. Aanvullend otolietenmateriaal afkomstig uit de Noordzee, 20 kilometer westelijk van Scheveningen. Het Zeepaard. 39(3): 59-62.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; distribution; fossils; taxonomy.

Gaemers, P.A.; Schwarzhans, W. 1973. Fisch otolithen aus dem pliozan von Antwerpen (Belgien) und Ouwerkerk (Niederlande) und aus dem plio-pleistozan der Westerschelde (Niederlande). Leidse Geologische Mededelingen. 49(2): 207-257.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Belgium; Netherlands; fossils.

Galbraith, H. 1983. The diet and feeding ecology of breeding kittiwakes *Rissa tridactyla*. Bird Study. 30:109-120.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Isle of May; predators (birds, kittiwake).

Garrison, K.J.; Miller, B.S. 1982. Review of the early life history of Puget Sound fishes. [Place of publication unknown]: Fisheries Research Institute, School of Fisheries, University of Washington; report to National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; contract 80-ABA-3680: 331-337.

Keywords: *A hexapterus*; Washington; Puget Sound; larvae; life history.

Garthe, S.; Camphuysen, K.C.J.; Furness, R.W. 1996. Amounts of discard by commercial fisheries and their significance as food for seabirds in the North Sea. Marine Ecology Progress Series (Amelinghausen). 136(1-3): 1-11.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; environmental pollution; fisheries; predators (birds).

Gaskin, D.E. 1992. Status of the Atlantic white-sided dolphin, *Lagenorhynchus acutus*, in Canada. Canadian Field Naturalist. 106(1): 64-72.

“The region of maximum abundance off the northeast [U]nited [S]tates and southeast Canada seems to be the gulf of [M]aine, where the main item of food is assumed to be sand lance.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (mammals, Atlantic white-sided dolphin).

Gaston, A.J. 1992. The ancient murrelet: a natural history in the Queen Charlotte Islands. London: T & AD Poyser. 249 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; Queen Charlotte Islands; predators (birds, ancient murrelet).

Gaston, A.J. 1994. Ancient murrelet. In: Poole, A.; Stennheim, P.; Gill, F., eds. The birds of North America. No. 132. Philadelphia: The Academy of Natural Sciences; Washington DC: The American Ornithologist’ Union.

This review mentions that ancient murrelet chicks are not fed at the nest. Pacific sand lance are an important food, especially for prebreeding birds.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds, ancient murrelet).

Gaston, A.J.; Cairns, D.K.; Elliot, R.D.; Noble, D.G. 1985. A natural history of Digges Sound. Rep. Ser. 46(0-660-11785). Ottawa, ON: Canadian Wildlife Service: 63 p.

“The murres take a wide variety of marine life, including small fish, of which the most important are arctic cod, snailfish, sandlance and capelin, and invertebrates, particularly amphipod and mysid crustacea.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; distribution; predators (birds, murre).

Gaston, A.J.; Cairns, D.; Noble, D.; Purdy, M. 1981. Seabird investigations in Hudson Strait: report on research in 1981. Canadian Wildlife Service “Studies on Northern Seabirds” Manuscript Report. 130: 1-60.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; predators (birds).

Gaston, A.J.; Dechesne, S.B.C. 1996. Rhinoceros auklet. In: Poole, A.; Stennheim, P.; Gill, F., eds. The birds of North America. Philadelphia: The Academy of Natural Sciences; Washington DC: The American Ornithologist’ Union. 212 p.

Rhinoceros anklets are frequently seen to surface around sand lance “balls” as though corralling them, with other common participants being glaucous-winged gulls, Heermann’s gulls, and sometimes common murres. May use bubbles, emitted from the mouth, to herd sand lance and herring close to sea surface and prevent the schools from breaking up. During such feeding bouts, fish are usually snatched from underside of ball.

Good information is given on nestling diet, but only fragmentary information on adult diet. At Middleton Island, AK, diet consists of 59 percent first-year sand lance, 36 percent second-year sand lance (n=68). At Semidi Island, AK, 75 percent sand lance, 22 percent capelin (n=82) (Hatch 1984). At Protection Island, WA, sand lance 71 and 64 percent of diet by weight in 2 years (Wilson 1977, Wilson and Manuwal 1986). At Destruction Island, WA, sand lance 6 and 32 percent (Leschner 1976). At Cleland Island, BC, two-thirds of food items delivered were sand lance (Summers and Drent 1979) and most sand lance were 70-110 mm. Sand lance are important in breeding season, except in California. Good table to review in appendix 2; it lists all studies and gives primary and secondary prey.

Keywords: A*. hexapterus*; Alaska; British Columbia; Washington; importance; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

Gaston, A.J.; Nettleship, D.N. 1981. The thick-billed murres of Prince Leopold Island—a study of the breeding ecology of a colonial high Arctic sea bird. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Wildlife Service Monograph Series. 6. 350 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; predators (birds, thick-billed murre).

Gaston, A.J.; Noble, D.G. 1985. The diet of thick-billed murres (*Uria lomvia*) in west Hudson Strait and northeast Hudson Bay. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 63: 1148-1160.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; predators (birds, thick-billed murre).

Gauld, J.A. 1990. Movements of lesser sandeels *Ammodytes marinus* Raitt tagged in the northwestern North Sea. Journal du Conseil, Conseil International Pour l’Exploration de la Mer. 46(3): 229-231.

“Numbers of the lesser sandeel (*Ammodytes marinus* Raitt 1934) were tagged and released at sites outwith the normal sandeel fishing grounds in the northwestern North Sea. The location of tag recoveries indicates that *A. marinus* is capable of travelling distances of at least 64 km.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; North Sea; migration.

Gauld, J.A.; Hutcheon, J.R. 1990. Spawning and fecundity in the lesser sandeel *Ammodytes marinus* Rait in the northwestern North Sea. Journal of Fish Biology. 36(4): 611-614.

“Both immature and mature *A. marinus* were present at all sampling sites. The spawning period, identified from the presence of mature and spent gonads (maturity stages 4 and 5), ranged from early December to late January. This is similar to the period given by Macer (1966) for the southern North Sea.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; North Sea; fecundity; length-weight relationship; spawning.

Gayerskaya, A.V.; Kovaleva, A.A. 1984. Addition to the Myxosporidia fauna (Protozoa: Myxosporidia) of fishes of the north east Atlantic. Gidrobiologicheskii Zhurnal. 20(3): 49-53.

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Atlantic (northeast); parasites.

Gerasimova, O.V. 1994. Peculiarities of spring feeding by capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) on the Grand Bank in 1987-90. Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science. 17: 59-67.

Poor feeding on euphausiids by prespawning capelin was partly compensated for by increased predation on juvenile capelin and sand eel.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); Grand Bank; predators (fish, capelin).

Gerasimova, O.V.; Kiseleva, V.M. 1996. Interannual variations in feeding intensity and structure of trophic links of prespawning cod (*Gadus morhua*) on the Newfoundland Shelf (Div. 3L). 12.

“Results from Russian bottom trawl surveys in 1978-1991 indicated that mature cod (*Gadus morhua*) on the Newfoundland Shelf fed rather actively before spawning, and intensity of their feeding showed little or no reduction with gonad maturation. Sand lance were of marked importance in the feeding of prespawning cod until 1985.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; predators (fish, cod).

Gibson, R.N.; Robb, L. 1996. Piscine predation on juvenile fishes on a Scottish sandy beach. Journal of Fish Biology. 49(1): 120-138.

“Predation by larger fishes is a major cause of mortality for the populations of juvenile fishes on a sandy beach on the west coast of Scotland. Predation was concentrated on the most numerous species (0-group *Pleuronectes platessa*) in June but with the decline in numbers and growth in size of this species, the fish predators had changed their diet in August to feed principally on small sandeels (Ammodytidae).”

Keywords: *Ammodytidae*; Scotland; predators (fish, cod).

Gibson, R.N.; Robb, L.; Burrows, M.T.; Ansell, A.D. 1996. Tidal, diel and longer term changes in the distribution of fishes on a Scottish sandy beach. Marine Ecology Progress Series (Amelinghausen). 130(1-3): 1-17.

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Scotland; abundance; diel migration; distribution; predators (fish).

Gilbert, M. 1992. Distribution and nutrition of larval fish in southeast Hudson Bay: influence of ice cover on the availability of light and prey. [Place of publication unknown]: University of Laval. 85 p. M.S. thesis. Available from: Masters Abstracts International. 30(3): 605. 1992. Order No. MAMM63049. FR 38(1).

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Hudson Bay; larvae; seasonal abundance.

Gilbert, M.; Fortier, L.; Ponton, D.; Drolet, R. 1992. Feeding ecology of marine fish larvae across the Great Whale River plume in seasonally ice-covered southeastern Hudson Bay. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 84(1): 19-30.

“In ice-covered southeastern Hudson Bay (northern Quebec, Canada), the foraging of first-feeding Arctic cod *Boreogadus saida* and sand lance *Ammodytes* sp. was adversely affected by the plume of the Great Whale River. Before the freshet, marine fish larvae and their potential prey were marginally more abundant offshore where porous sea ice supported the development of ice algae than inshore where freshwater ice prevented algal growth. Larval fish foraging under the ice appeared limited by prey availability in the diluted (S < 5.permill.), 5 m thick, surface layer and by light availability in the underlying marine waters. Arctic cod larvae which avoided the freshwater surface layer

did not feed. The more euryhaline sand lance were present in the surface layer and fed to some limited extent until the freshet when further light attenuation by the turbid waters of the expanding plume completely halted their foraging activity. Feeding resumed in sand lance and started in Arctic cod at the ice break-up when the fragmentation of the ice cover and the vertical mixing of the plume allowed light to penetrate at depth. An anthropogenic reduction of the Great Whale River discharge in spring would generally improve local feeding conditions for marine fish larvae that occur under the ice. The impacts of such a reduction on the productivity of the coastal zone in summer remain to be assessed."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Hudson Bay; food and feeding habits; larvae.

Gill, T.N. 1904. On the systematic relations of the ammodytoid fishes. Proceedings of the U.S. National Museum. 28(1388): 159-163.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; taxonomy.

Gilman, L.J. 1994. An energy budget for northern sand lance, Ammodytes dubius, on Georges Bank, 1977-1986. Fishery Bulletin. 92: 647-654.

"For an individual adult northern sand lance on Georges Bank, total production is 10.53 kcal.yr-1 (growth+reproduction), and total consumption is 52.62 kcal.yr-1; therefore, ecological efficiency is 20.0%. Northern sand lance consumed 0.79-19.24% of the annual zooplankton production from 1977 to 1986. The trophic efficiency of the northern sand lance is 20%, according to the present energy budget model.

"By converting population energetic consumption on Georges Bank to consumption per square meter, sand lance consumed from 8.5 to 203.5 kcal.m-2.y-1 from 1977 to 1986. This represents nearly all the consumption attributed to the 'other finfish' at low northern sand lance abundances and over 20 times the total 'other finfish' consumption at high northern sand lance abundances."

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Atlantic; Georges Bank; abundance; energy budget.

Giovanardi, O. 1981. Marine fin-fish culture in Japan. Rivista Italiana Piscic. Ittiopatol. 16(3): 70-76.

The most representative is yellowtail culture. Easy to handle, fast growing (1-1.5 kg. in 7 to 8 months), greatly demanded, and highly priced, the yellowtail does not create many problems to obtain seed and feed. More than half the budget is spent on food stuff: frozen and minced sand eels, horse-mackerels, sardines, and anchovies are used.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; aquaculture.

Girsa, I.I. 1975. The diurnal rhythm in the feeding of under yearlings of some white sea fish at different photoperiods. Journal of Ichthyology. 15(1): 102-110. (English translation of Voprosy Ikhtiologii).

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; USSR; White Sea; feeding; larvae; seasonal variation.

Girsa, I.I.; Danilov, A.N. 1976. The defensive behavior of the White Sea sand lance *Ammodytes hexapterus*. Journal of Icthyology. 16: 862-865.

"During the hours of daylight, the sand lance use schooling maneuvers for defense, disappearing into the bottom only in extreme situations when the school does not ensure safety. The fish constituting the school periodically enter the bottom in order to rest. When artificial darkness is created the sand lance buries itself in the bottom. It probably spends the polar night buried in the sand. The sand lance does not perceive seine fishing gear as a danger. The solitary cod feeds on sand lance, pulling them out of the bottom at the spot at which they dug themselves in or seizing them at dusk as the school begins to desperse. At a time of oxygen deficit, the sand lance, entering the bottom,

evidently reduces the metabolic level considerably. The complicated form of behavior probably supplements or replaces the internal mechanism of adaptation to unfavorable environmental contitions (high temperature and oxygen deficiency), providing the organism with essential amount of physiological activity."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; behavior; predators (fish, cod).

Gislason, A.; Asthorsson, O.S. 1991. Distribution of zooplankton across the coastal current southwest of Iceland in relation to hydrography and primary production. In: Council Meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea: La Rochelle [France]: [publisher unknown]: 23:

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Iceland; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Gislason, H. 1993. Effect of changes in recruitment levels on multispecies long-term predictions. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 50(11): 2315-2322.

"A multispecies model (MSFOR) is used to predict the relative change in equilibrium yield and spawning stock biomass (SSB) of commercially important fish stocks in the North Sea resulting from a reduction in the fishing mortality generated by the roundfish fishery. However, for haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*), sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*), and sandeel (*Ammodytes marinus*) the relative change in SSB is found to be either positive or negative depending on the level of recruitment."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; North Sea; fisheries; mortality; recruitment; stock.

Gjosaeter H. 1987. Capelin, sand eel and herring in northern Norwegian waters. Var Fuglefauna. 10(3): 148-151.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; model; predators (birds).

Go, Y.B.; Go, G.M.; Kim, J.M. 1992. Occurrence of fish larvae at Hamduck coastal area, northern part of Cheju Island. Contribution of the Korea Institute of Ocean Science, National Fisheries, University of Pusan. 24: 145-156.

"Fish larvae were collected monthly from coastal water around Hamduck, northern part of Cheju Island from April 1989 to March 1990. During the study period, a total of 64 species, representing 35 genera and 27 families, were observed. Of these 4 species appeared to be major groups which comprised about 66% of total fish larvae abundance, including *Ammodytes personatus* (February-March), *Scomber japonicus* (September-March), *Enneapterygius etheostomus* (June-September), and *Engraulis japonica* (August-November)."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Korea; distribution; larvae; seasonal variation.

Goda, T.; Nakata, H.; Kimura, S. [and others]. 1991. Environmental constraints on the sand lance population in the eastern Seto Inland Sea. Marine Pollution Bulletin. 23: 195-199.

"In this paper, focusing on the recruitment processes, we synthesize the results of our recent analytical and numerical studies on the population ecology of the Japanese sand lance (*Ammodytes personatus*) in the eastern part of the Seto Inland Sea. Among physical processes, the wind-induced current has a significant effect on the transport and distribution of the larvae. Prey-predator interactions, competition for the specific habitats, and other ecological processes could affect the recruitment. In addition to the year to year variability of the larval hatching and apparent survival rates, some recent trends of the variation in the larval population are also discussed."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; annual variation; anthropogenic impacts; competition; habitat selection; larvae; predation; population dynamics.

Goodlad, J. 1989. Industrial fishing in Shetland waters. In: Heubeck, M., ed. Seabirds and sand eels: Lerwick, [Country unknown]: Shetland Bird Club: 50-59.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; commercial fishing.

Gordeeva, K.T. 1954. Pitanie Paltusov v Beringovom More=Food of halibut in the Bering Sea. Izvestiya Tinro. 39.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (fish, Pacific halibut).

Gordon, D.K.; Leavings, C.D. 1984. Seasonal changes of inshore fish populations on Sturgeon and Roberts Bank, Fraser River estuary, British Columbia. Canadian Technical Report of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 1240: 1-81.

"Results of a beach seine sampling program at 3 low tide refuges on Sturgeon and Roberts Banks, Fraser River estuary, are presented. At Roberts Bank herring, sandlance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*), shiner perch, staghorn sculpin and tubesnout (*Aulorhynchus flavidus*) were the most abundant species. Seasonal trends in catches on Sturgeon Bank appeared to be closely related to seasonal variation in temperature but at Roberts Bank there was greater variability implying that other factors were involved. Dissolved O_2 was consistently lower at Iona and may have affected the distribution of some species. Rapid changes in species composition and abundance during the summer at all 3 sites was related to influxes of juveniles of various species. The inter-tidal habitats, both vegetated and non-vegetated, have a substantial capacity for fish rearing and as such deserve further investigation and continuing protection from disruption."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; distribution; seasonal variation.

Gorelova, T.A.; Krasil'nikova, N.A. 1990. Feeding of *Maurolicus muelleri* in the areas of the submarine rises Discovery and Nazca and near Africana Mountain, Pacific, Atlantic, Indian Oceans respectively. Voprosy Ikhtiologii. 30(2): 238-245.

Some similarities were found between the feeding of *M. muelleri* and the plankton-eating fish, such as herring, sand lance, and capelin, from northern seas.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; food; seasonal variation.

Gotshall, D.W. 1989. Pacific coast inshore fishes. 3d ed., rev. Monterey, CA: Sea Challengers.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*.

Gould, P.J.; Zabloudil, A.E. 1981. Breeding biology of the seabirds at Middleton Island, June 1981. 14 p. Unpublished Administrative Report. On file with: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage, AK.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Middleton Island; predators (birds).

Goulden, C.E.; Henry, L.; Berrigan, D. 1987. Egg size, postembryonic yolk, and survival ability. Oecologia. 72(1): 28-31.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; eggs; larvae; mortality; starvation; survival.

Govoni, J.J.; Boehlert, G.W.; Watanabe, Y. 1986. The physiology of digestion in fish larvae. Environmental Biology of Fishes. 16(1-3): 59-77.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; feeding; larvae; physiology.

Govoni, J.J.; Ortner, P.B.; Alyamani, F.; Hill, L.C. 1986. Selective feeding of spot, *Leiostomus xanthurus*, and Atlantic croaker, *Micropogonias undulatus*, larvae in the northern Gulf of Mexico. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 28(1-2): 175-183.

Keywords: Ammodytidae; Gulf of Mexico; predators (fish).

Graham, J.J. 1956. A mortality of the sand lance, *Ammodytes americanus*. Copeia. 1956(3): 192-194.

“Although the cause of the mortality was not determined, an analysis was made of its effect on the population of sand launce in the area. A comparison of head length relative to body length was undertaken between the ‘dead’ and ‘live’ samples. The data suggested that the smaller-headed fish were selected out by the mortality, probably leaving a more resistant population of sand launce.”

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Rhode Island; Narragansett Bay; mortality.

Graham, M. 1923. The annual cycle in the life of the mature cod in the North Sea. London Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Fisheries Investigation, Series II. 6 (6).

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North sea; predators (fish, cod).

Grainger, E.H. 1953. On the age, growth, migration, reproductive potential and feeding habits of the arctic char (*Salvelinus alpinus*) of Frobisher Bay, Baffin Island. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 10: 326-370.

The stomachs from 13 arctic char collected at George River, southeastern Ungava Bay, contained 57 percent sand lance.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; predators (fish, arctic char).

Grandy, M. 1987. The availability of raw material for surimi processing in Atlantic Canada. In: Roache, J.F., ed. Atlantic fisheries development; Atlantic Canada Surimi workshop; [date of meeting unknown]; Clarenville, NF. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 34-58.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); fisheries.

Grauman, G.B.; Lisheva, K.M. 1990. Fish spawning in the Lithuanian coastal zone of the Baltic Sea. Fisheries Investigations of GDR and USSR in the Baltic. 28(2): 44-46.

“Reproduction of Baltic herring (*Clupea harengus*), sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*), goby (*Gobius*), and of sand eel (*Ammodytes marinus*) is considered for the Lithuanian coastal zone which is under a high anthropogenic impact. Seasonal species and abundance dynamics of eggs and larvae have been investigated. Fish spawning terms and eggs and larvae growth conditions are given for different depth zones. The areas of high eggs and larvae concentrations have been established. Considerable changes in the spring-spawning herring larvae have been noted. At present their abundance has decreased for an order as compared to the 1950-ties and may be attributed to the reduction of spawning areas within the region.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Baltic Sea; Lithuania; anthropogenic impacts; eggs; embryos; larvae; pollution.

Grauman, G.B.; Lisivnenko, L.N.; Sidrevits, L.L. 1989. Some aspects of Baltic fish larvae feeding. Fischerei-Forschung. 27(2): 7-13.

“Comparisons have been made between the food compositions and feeding peculiarities of larval sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*), cod (*Gadus morhua*), flounder (*Platichthys flesus*), hake (*Merluccius merluccius*), sand eel (Ammodytidae) and sand goby (*Gobius*) of a length of 4 to 22 mm in spring and summer. According to the body shape, structure of alimentary tract, size of mouth opening, and feeding and movement patterns, the larvae fall into 2 groups: the I group larvae (sprat, sand eel) differ from those of the II group by a stretched body, narrow alimentary tract, small mouth opening, and they are less mobile. The II group larvae are smaller when they begin to feed upon large food items, and percentage of feeding individuals in this group is higher than in the I. Food diversity of sprat is low, and this species is highly sensitive to the food deficiency. Feeding intensity differs between the seasons. The food spectrum of fishes is wider in July than in May and June. The food-selective indices have been calculated for larval fish.”

Keywords: Ammodytidae; Baltic Sea; distribution; food; larvae; size distribution.

Greenwood, J.J.D. 1992. Understanding bird distributions. In: Trends in ecology and evolution. London, England: [Publisher unknown]; 7: 252-253.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, dunlin, guillemot).

Greer, G.L.; Levings, C.D.; Harbo, R. [and others]. 1980. Distribution of fish species on Roberts and Sturgeon Banks recorded in seine and trawl surveys. Canadian Manuscript Report Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 1596.

"Approximately 80% of the total seine catch was comprised of *Clupea harengus pallasi, L. armatus, P. stellatus, Cymatogaster aggregata, Ammodytes hexapterus*}), and *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*}. The highest CPUE's for seine-caught fish were in areas of the Banks having topographic depressions which remain flooded at low tides."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; catch; distribution; fisheries.

Grigorev, S.S.; Sedova, N.A. 1997. Variability in sand lance larvae (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) from the northwest Pacific. In: Baxter, B.R., ed. Proceedings of the symposium on the role of forage fishes in the marine ecosystem; [dates of meeting unknown]; [Anchorage, AK]. Rep. AK-SG-97-01. [Fairbanks, AK]: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College Program: 427-430.

"Levels of development of Pacific sand lance larvae were approximately equal in all considered regions of the northwestern Pacific, but in the more southern regions the warmer water causes larvae to grow faster. Therefore larvae of the same level of development were smaller in more northern regions.

"Larvae of sand lance were different in body ratios and pigmentation. Relatively fast development of larvae from northern regions (with approximately equal sizes of larvae) was observed, which was expressed in earlier development of pigmentation, relatively longer head, and deeper body. Based on distinct larval features it is possible to consider the existence of two groups of sand lance: near the Kamchatka Peninsula, including the area of the southwestern Bering Sea, and in the northwestern Bering Sea."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; East Kamchatka; Bering Sea; description; distribution; growth; larvae.

Grimes, C.B.; Kingsford, M.J. 1996. How do riverine plumes of different sizes influence fish larvae: Do they enhance recruitment? In: Grant, A., ed. Marine and freshwater research (East Melbourne): International larval fish conference: 1995 [dates unknown]; Sydney, Australia. In: [Journal unknown]; 47(2): 191-208.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; distribution; larvae.

Grimm, S.K.; Herra, T. 1984. Spawning cycles of southern Baltic fishes based on surveys of eggs and larvae. In: Council meeting, 1984, of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; [dates of meeting unknown]. Copenhagen, [Denmark]. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 18.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Baltic Sea; eggs; larvae; spawning.

Gritsenko, O.F.; Churikov, A.A. 1977. The biology of chars (genus *Salvelinus*) and their place in the ichthyocenoses of bays in northeastern Sakhalin. Part 2: Feeding. Journal of Ichthyology. 17(4): 591-599. (English translation of Voprosy Ikhtiologii).

"The feeding behavior of *Salvelinus alpinus krascheninnikovi* and *S. leucomaenis* from the Bogataya River estuary and the Nisky Bay in the Sakhalin Oblast [Russian SFSR, USSR] was discussed. Diets consisted mainly of sandhoppers, Mysidacea, crustaceans, larvae of caddisflies, stoneflies and beetles, salmon roe, *Osmerus mordax dentex, Pungitius pungitius, Zoarces viviparus elongatus, Ammodytes hexapterus hexapterus* and *Pholis* sp. Age and

seasonal feeding characteristics were analyzed. Mathematical equations were presented for the qualitative evaluation of predator-prey relationships, daily feeding, growth and weight characteristics. Caloric food values of prey were given. Observations showed feeding behavior in char to discontinue upon entering rivers from the open sea and vise versa."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; USSR; predators (fish, arctic char).

Groenewold, S.; Berghahn, R.; Zander, C.D. 1996. Parasite communities of four fish species in the Wadden Sea and the role of fish discarded by the shrimp fisheries in parasite transmission. Helgolaender Meeresuntersuchungen. 50(1): 69-85.

"Parasites were observed in medium- and small-sized fish taken from the discards of a commercial shrimper during seven different cruises in the tidal channels of the North Frisian Wadden Sea (Suderaue, North Sea) from April to September 1991. In total, 442 fish comprising four species (*Sprattus sprattus, Hyperoplus lanceolatus, Ammodytes tobianus, Pomatoschistus minutus*) were investigated. The parasite fauna consisted of 22 species. The parasite community structure of the 4 hosts was compared. The diet of the hosts seemed to be the main factor determining the structure of the parasite community. Other factors could not be assessed. Eight species of parasites occurred as larval stages. This indicated that fish were intermediate or paratenic hosts in their life cycle. The nematode *Hysterothylacium* sp. (Anisakidae) and the digenean *Cryptocotyle lingua* (Heterophyidea) were the dominant parasites, reaching their highest prevalence and density in sprat and sand eel. Sprat and sand eel play a very important role in parasite transmission to predacious fish and seabirds."

Keywords: *A. tobianus; H. lanceolatus*; Wadden Sea; parasites.

Gronvik, S.; Klemetsen, A. 1987. Marine food and diet overlap of co-occurring arctic charr *Salvelinus alpinus* brown trout *Salmo trutta* and Atlantic salmon *Salmo salar* off Senja northern Norway. Polar Biology. 7(3): 173-178.

"Stomach contents analyses and other biological information of Arctic charr (*Salvelinus alpinus* (L.)), brown trout (*Salmo trutta* L.) and small Atlantic salmon (S. salar L.) caught 1982-85 close to the .ANG. elv estuary (69˚ N) on the island of Senja, N. Norway are presented, and extracts of a 1975-85 fishing log given. This appears to be the first case study of the feeding habits of all three European anadromous salmonids in marine sympatry, and also one of very few reports on the marine food of the Arctic charr from Europe. The general feeding habits of the charr were similar to that found in N. Canada. Pelagic fish (herring, sand eel) seem to be preferred. Plankton (crab megalopae, krill) and hyperbenthos (amphipods, mysids) are also taken, especially when suitable fish are scarce. In 1985 high herring densities provided superabundant food, and diet overlap between charr, trout and salmon was high. Salmonid nursery rivers are abundant in N. Norway and during summer the three species coexist in a near-shore, surface-oriented pelagic guild of fishes. The salmon seems to be a relatively specialized piscivore, while the trout takes a wider range of fish and also invertebrate prey. The charr probably is the most euryphagous of the three, being able to exploit the more marginal parts of the prey resources of their common habitat."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; predators (fish, arctic char).

Grosslein, M.D.; Langton, R.W.; Sissenwine, M.P. 1980. Recent fluctuations in pelagic fish stocks of the northwest Atlantic, Georges Bank region, in relationship to species interactions. Rapports et Procés-Verbaux des Reunions Conseil International pour l'Exploration de la Mer. 177: 377-404.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Georges Bank; abundance; distribution.

Grover, J.J. 1983. Comparative feeding ecology of five inshore, marine fishes off Long Island, New York. Dissertation Abstracts International Part B—Science and Engineering. Dissertation Ph.D Order No. FAD DA8305746. 43(10). 209 p.

"The food habits of *Meni menidia, M. beryllina, Ammodytes* sp., and young of the year of *Tautoga onitis* and *Tautogolobrus adspersus* were examined from March through December of 1978 in Fire Island Invet, New York. Diet was compared to the composition of the plankton. Copepods were the most commonly ingested prey item for this

assemblage of fishes, and dominated the plankton for most of the year, as well. *Menidia menidia* and *Ammodytes* sp. principally ingested large copepods, while *T. onitis* and *T. adspersus* ingested small copepods. The utilization of non-copepod food resources differentiated the diets of several of the species, which prey selection reflecting seasonal availability rather than absolute abundance in the plankton. To understand the limits morphology may have imposed on the feeding habits of each species, a comparison of head and mouth morphology was made."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; New York; Long Island; food and feeding habits; morphology.

Grover, J.J.; Olla, B.L. 1983. The role of the rhinoceros auklet (*Cerorhinca monocerata*) in mixed-species feeding assemblages of seabirds in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Washington. Auk. 100: 979-982.

During the day, sand lance swim in schools and forage principally on copepods. They possess two basic strategies to avoid predation. They may bury themselves in the sand, much as they do at night, or they may use their schooling as a defense mechanism, in which case they form tight, cohesive balls or pods. It has been suggested that the tight ball confuses the predator and minimizes the surface area of the school. This balling-up behavior of sand lance in response to a swimming predator effectively moves a dense concentration of prey to the surface, where it can be exploited opportunistically by surface-feeding seabirds. Cod, fin whales, and humpback whales have been observed to induce balling-up behavior in sand lance. This article provides evidence that rhinoceros auklets also may cause a balling.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; behavior; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet; fish, cod; mammals, fin whale, humpback whale).

Grygiel, W.J. 1981. Growth, feeding and economic importance of the greater sand-eel (A. lanceolatus Le Sauvage 1824) in the southern Baltic. In: International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; Woods Hole, MA (USA): 15.

Keywords: *A. lanceolatus*; Baltic Sea; age; fisheries; food and feeding habits; growth.

Guiguet, C.J. 1972. The birds of British Columbia. 9: Diving birds and tube-nosed swimmers. Handb. 29. [Victoria, BC]: British Columbia Provincial Museum.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (birds).

Gulland, J.A. 1970. Food chain studies and some problems in world fisheries. In: Steele, J.H., ed. Marien food chains. Edinburgh, [Scotland]: Oliver and Boyd: 296-315.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fisheries; food chain.

Gunther, A. 1892. Catalogue of the Acanthopterygian fishes in the collection of the British Museum. Family 4: Ophidiidae. Fourth Group Ammodytina. 4: 384-388.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; distribution; taxonomy.

Hain, J.H.W.; Carter, G.R.; Kraus, S.D. [and others]. 1982. Feeding behavior of the humpback whale *Megaptera novaeangliae* in the western North Atlantic. U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Fishery Bulletin. 80(2): 259-268.

"Observations on the feeding behavior of the humpback whale, *M. novaeangliae*, were made from aerial and surface platforms from 1977 to 1980 in the continental shelf waters of the northeastern USA. The resulting catalog of behaviors includes 2 principal categories: swimming/lunging behaviors and bubbling behaviors. A behavior from a given category may be used independently or in association with others, and by individual or groups of humpbacks. The 1st category includes surface lunging, circular swimming/thrashing, and the inside loop behavior. In the 2nd category, a wide variety of feeding-associated bubbling behaviors are described, some for the first time. The structures formed by underwater exhalations are of 2 major types: bubble cloud, a single, relatively large (4-7 m diameter), dome-shaped cloud formed of small, uniformly sized bubbles; and bubble column, a smaller (1-1.5 m diameter) structure composed of larger, randomly sized bubbles, used in series or multiples. Both basic structures are employed in a

variety of ways. Many of these behaviors are believed to be utilized to maintain naturally occurring concentrations of prey, which have been identified as the American sand lance, Ammodytes americanus and occasionally as herring, *Clupea harengus*."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Atlantic (northwestern); predators (mammals, humpback whale).

Hain, J.H.W.; Ellis, S.L.; Kenney, R.D. [and others]. 1995. Apparent bottom feeding by humpback whales on Stellwagen Bank. Marine Mammal Science. 11(4): 464-479.

"Humpback whales, *Megaptera novaeangliae*, on Stellwagen Bank off eastern Massachusetts, U.S.A., apparently bottom feed on northern sand lance, *Ammodytes dubius*. The feeding behavior is characterized by the whales brushing the bottom in depths of less than 40 m, causing sand lance burrowed in the bottom to be flushed up into the water column. The greatest densities of sand lance were in beds of shells and shell debris, termed 'shell hash.' The brushing against or along the bottom, particularly in these shell hash areas, caused the humpbacks to acquire abrasions and wounding, sometimes rather extensive, of the lateral lower jaw, and lateral and dorso-lateral upper jaw, here termed 'jaw scuffing.' Scuffing of the dorsal fin and fluke edges was also common and may be at least partially related to this feeding behavior. Both mature and immature, and male and female, humpbacks exhibited jaw scuffing. The bottom-feeding behavior was not exclusive, as jaw-scuffed individuals were also observed to use other feeding behaviors. In recent years (1991-1993), however, bottom feeding appears to have become relatively more common, particularly among young animals. Overall, in the Stellwagen Bank area between 1979 and 1993, a majority of the population engaged in, or had engaged in, bottom feeding and the associated prey flushing."

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Massachusetts; predators (mammals, humpback whale).

Haldorson, L.; Pritchett, M.; Sterritt, D.; Watts, J. 1993. Abundance patterns of marine fish larvae during spring in a southeastern Alaskan bay. U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Fishery Bulletin. 91(1): 36-44.

"Ichthyoplankton were sampled weekly in Auke Bay, southeastern Alaska, from March or early April through June, 1986-89. The spring primary production bloom occurred in April, and was found in May by the annual maximum in herbivorous copepods. Each year, the five most-abundant fish larvae were osmerids, Pacific sandlance *Ammodytes hexapterus*, walleye pollock *Theragra chalcogramma* flathead sole *Hippoglossoides elassodon*, and rock sole *Pleuronectes bilineatus*. Each species tended to occur at the same time every year, and could be categorized either as synchronous species that were present at the time copepod abundance was maximized, or early species that were most abundant before the spring phytoplankton bloom. Pacific sandlance and rock sole larvae always reached maximum abundance prior to the spring bloom, whereas larvae of walleye pollock, flathead sole, and osmerids were most abundant at the time of the copepod maximum. Physical and biotic conditions experienced by early and synchronous larvae differ markedly, suggesting that survival through early life history is determined by different processes in the two groups."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; southeastern Alaska; abundance; food and feeding habits; larvae.

Haley, D. ed. 1984. Seabirds of eastern north Pacific and arctic waters. Seattle, WA: Pacific Search Press.

Accounts mostly just mention fish as part of the birds diet. The following was gleaned: arctic tern, Aleutian tern, common tern, and thick-billed murre feed on sand lance. The ancient murrelet later feeds almost entirely on sand launces and sea perch. In Alaska, the most important food of the tufted puffin is capelins and sand launces; farther south, sand launces remain the primary food. Horned puffin chicks consume two species of fish: capelins and sand launces.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, arctic tern, Aleutian tern, common tern, thick-billed murre; ancient murrelet; tufted puffin; horned puffin).

Halley, D.J.; Harrison, N.; Webb, A.; Thompson, D.R. 1995. Seasonal and geographical variations in the diet of common guillemots *Uria aalge* off western Scotland. Seabird. 17(12-20): [pages unknown].

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Scotland; North Sea; age; predators (birds, common guillemot).

Hamada, T. 1966a. Studies on fluctuation in the abundance of larval sand-lance in the Harima-Nada and Osaka Bay. I: Relation between the projeny-abundance and the age compostion of parent fish. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 32(5): 393-398.

“The habitats of the parent fish in Harima-nada and Osaka Bay are sandy bottom areas around Awazi Island and occurpy about 1107.6 km^2. Shikano-se and Murotsuno-se are two major spawning grounds. The parent group consists of 1- to 3-age fish. The percentage of 1-age fish varies from year to year, the range and the average being 20~77 and 54.7 respectively.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; abundance; age; larvae.

Hamada, T. 1966b. Studies on fluctuation in the abundance of larval sand-lance in the Harima-Nada and Osaka Bay. II: The distribution and its seasonal change of larval fish. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 32(5): 399-405.

“The results of the observation are as follows. 1) In the Harima-nada and Osaka-Bay, the larvae of the sand-lance appear at the end of December when the season is early, or at the middle of January when the season is late. At this time, distribution of the larvae is restricted to the spawning grounds. 2) The material was obtained using a 45 cm, ring net with silk netting GG-50. The net was towed horizontally at the surface (0~5 m.). The body length of the larvae varied from 3.1 mm. to 24.2 mm. Specimens having body length of over 20 mm. were few in number. 3) The pattern of larval distribution varied according to time and duration of spawning season and diffusion of eggs and larvae. The pattern observed from the beginning to the middle of February, every year, is generally thought to indicate the distribution after completion of the diffusion. 4) The waters around Shikano-se in the Harima-nada and Bisanseto seem to be the centers of distribution of the larval sand-lance found in the eastern part of the Seto Inland Sea.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; abundance; larvae.

Hamada, T. 1966c. Studies on the fluctuation in the abundance of larval sand-lance in the Harima-Nada and Osaka Bay. III: Relationship to weather and sea conditions during the breeding season. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 32(7): 579-584.

“Many factors affecting the fluctuation of the abundance of larval sand-lance in Harimanada and Osaka Bay have been considered. The author showed the relationships between fluctuation of abundance and 1) composition of age-class of adults (paper I), and b) distribution of larval forms (paper II). In this paper, the author considers the influence of weather and sea conditions during the breeding season, on the fluctuation of larval occurrence. The following results were obtained. 1) When the water temperature during the breeding season is lower than in average years, especially when it drops suddenly from December through January, catch of the 0-age class tends to be large.... 2) There is a relation r = +0.74 between landing of 0-age class and number of days (within 20 days after peak of spawning) the seasonal west wind blows. In years when fishing is abundant, it is a characteristic feature for the west wind to have blown continuously after the peak of spawning.... 3) Occurrence of larval forms in Harima-nada is influenced by the extent of water mass flowing from the west with chlorinity above 18.00%, which is observed during the period January to March....”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; abundance; larvae.

Hamada, T. 1967. Studies on the fluctuation in the abundance of larval sand-lance in the Harima-Nada and Osaka Bay. IV: Relation between the number of eggs and the catch of 0-age fish. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 33(5): 410-416.

“The present paper deals with the relation between the number of eggs spawned and the fluctuation of the abundance of larval sand-lance in Harima-nada and Osaka Bay, using the data obtained between 1956 and 1966. 1-age fish = 81.6 + or - 8.1 mm in total length. 2 and 3 age fish = 118.9 + or - 5.8 mm in total length. In years when catch of adult was large the body length of 1-age fish was small. The sex ratio of adult fish was considered to be 1:1. The catch in weight was transformed into number of individuals by using the age-compostion and the mean body weight of each age-group; and then the relative number of eggs spawned was estimated using the sex ratio and fecundity of females in each agroup, based on the assumption that the fishing rate is constant every year. The number of eggs spawned by 2 and 3 age fish occupies 63-95% average 76% of total number of eggs spawned. A negative correlation between the above mentioned number of eggs spawned and 0-age individuals in catch was obtained, viz. r=-0.811. This is expressed by the formula, Y = 2.459-0.608 X. (Where Y is log. of 0-age individuals in catch, and X is number of eggs spawned.)”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; abundance; age; distribution; eggs; fecundity; O-age; sex ratio.

Hamada, T. 1985. Fishery biology of the sand lance (Ammodytes personatus Girard) in Japan. Suisan Kenkyu Sosho. 36: 86.

“Most sand-lance caught in Japan belong to *Ammodytes personatus*, and a small amount of *A. hexapterus* is caught in the northern part of Hokkaido, together with *A. personatus*. The average sand-lance annual catch in Japan in recent years (1974-1983) amounts to approximately 18,000 tons. The year-to-year fluctuation of the catch varies to a great extent by sea areas because the catch consists mainly of 0-age fish. While sand-lances have been eaten by the Japanese as an important protein food, there has been increasing demand for them as piscicultural feed since 1960. Sand-lance are biologically important species as food for the piscivorous fish among marine fauna which inhabit the area. Their ecology and fishery resources are outlined.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus; A. personatus*; Japan; catch; fisheries; biology.

Hamer, K.C.; Furness, R.W.; Caldow, W.G. 1991. The effects of changes in food availability on the breeding ecology of great skuas *Catharacta skua* in Shetland. Journal of Zoology (London). 223: 175-188.

“Great skuas on Foula, Shetland have responded to a decline in the availability of sandeels since the late 1970s by increasing the proportion of other items in their diets. This change is correlated with the annual recruitment of sandeels in Shetland waters. Since 1983 there has been a 10-fold increase in predation by great skuas upon other seabirds, as Furness & Hislop (1981) suggested might occur in response to a low availability of sandeels. Changes in diet have been accompanied by a 50% reduction in adult territorial attendance as adults increased their foraging effort.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; importance; predators (birds, great skua); recruitment.

Hamer, K.C.; Monaghan, P.; Uttley, J.D. [and others]. 1993. The influence of food supply on the breeding ecology of kittiwakes *Rissa tridactyla* in Shetland. Ibis. 135(3): 255-263.

“We measured the breeding performance, body condition, time budgets and foraging ranges of Kittiwakes *Rissa tridactyla* at Sumburgh Head, Shetland [Scotland, UK] in two years of contrasting food availability. Kittiwakes in Shetland generally feed their young almost entirely on sandeels, and fisheries data indicated that stocks of sandeels in Shetland waters were at least ten times higher in 1991 than in 1990. Fledging success of Kittiwakes was nil in 1990 and 68% of eggs laid in 1991, although clutch-size and hatching success were no different between years. Post-hatching foraging trips in 1991 were of comparable duration of those recorded at other colonies in conditions of

good food supply (2-3 h), while trips recorded during incubation or post-hatching in 1990 were approximately three times longer on average than at corresponding stages of the breeding season in 1991. Radio-tracking data indicated that adults generally stayed within 5 km of the colony in 1991 but flew more than 40 km from the colony on each trip in 1990. Eggs were apparently not left unattended in either year, despite the fact that this required adults to incubate for periods in excess of 44 h in 1990. The extent to which adults were able to increase trip durations, foraging ranges and incubation shift lengths between years, while maintaining hatching success, indicates the degree to which Kittiwakes are normally buffered against adverse feeding conditions during incubation. Reduced nest attendance and lower body-condition of adults post-hatching in 1990, in conjunction with complete post-hatching breeding failure, indicate that adults were beyond the limits of their buffering capacity during chick-rearing in 1990."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; predators (birds, kittiwake).

Hammond, P.S.; Hall, A.J.; Prime, J.H. 1994. The diet of grey seals around Orkney and other island and mainland sites in north-eastern Scotland. Journal of Applied Ecology. 31(2): 340-350.

Almost 1,000 feces were collected in February, June, August, and November 1985 to quantify the diet of grey seals around Orkney; 82 percent of these contained fish otoliths. Diet composition, by weight, was assessed by identifying and measuring otoliths from the fecal material and correcting for reduction in otolith size as a result of digestion by using experimentally derived species-specific digestion coefficients. Sand eels accounted for almost half of the fish consumed, by weight. The rest of the diet was composed mostly of gadids (particularly cod), flatfish (particularly plaice), and sculpins. Sand eels were more prevalent in February and the summer than in November. They were found least often in the eastern area. No significant regional or seasonal differences were found in the number of cod, haddock, or saithe consumed. Whiting featured strongly to the south in November. Ling occurred most frequently in the west. Of the flatfish, plaice were consumed more in February than in November and more in the east than in the north and west. The largest sand eels and plaice were found when these species were also most prevalent in the diet, suggesting that seals may switch to these prey when and where the fish are larger. This was not found for other species. Some flatfish and sculpins were important in the diet locally, perhaps reflecting their restricted habitat requirements and feeding by seals on locally abundant prey. Mature fish of a number of species were more prominent In the diet in areas and at times of the year when spawning occurs, suggesting that grey seals take advantage of energy-rich prey when these are available.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (mammals, grey seal).

Hammond, P.S.; Hall, A.J.; Prime, J.H. 1994. The diet of grey seals in the inner and Outer Hebrides. Journal of Applied Ecology. 31(4): 737-746.

"Faecal material collected in January, June, August and November 1985 was used to investigate seasonal and regional variation in grey seal diet around the Western Isles of Scotland. A total of 511 individual faex was obtained from the Outer and 238 from the Minch/Inner Hebrides; 79% and 67%, respectively, contained fish otoliths and/or cephalopod beaks. The contribution of sandeels to the diet in the Hebrides was less than that found in other areas of Britain (Orkney and the east coast). The significant variation in sandeel occurrence by area (many more sandeels taken off the Outer than the Minch/Inner Hebrides) can be explained by the distribution of the sandeel's preferred sea bed type (smooth area of gravelly sand) in the region."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (mammals, grey seal).

Hammond, P.S.; Prime, J.H. 1990. The diet of British grey seals, *Halichoerus grypus*. In: Bowen, W.D., ed. Population biology of sealsworm (*Pseudoterranova decipiens*) in relation to its intermediate and seal hosts. Canadian Bulletin of Fisheries and Aquatic Science. 222: 243-254.

"The diet of British grey seals was investigated by analyses of otoliths from faecal samples collected at haulout sites. Over 1,400 samples from the Hebrides, Orkney, Isle of May, Farne Islands and Donna Nook, Lincolnshire contained 60,000 sandeel (Ammodytidae) otoliths and over 6,000 otoliths from other species."

Keywords: Ammodytidae; British Isles; predators (mammals, grey seal).

Hancock, M.J. 1975. A survey of the fish fauna in the shallow marine waters of clam lagoon, Adak, Alaska. [Place of publication unknown]: Florida Atlantic University. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Adak; abundance; distribution.

Handa, H.; Moriwaki, N.; Okamoto, S. 1989. A survey on important fisheries environment of Setonaikai Sea. 3: Survey on distribution of fry of sand lance, *Ammodytes personatus*. Hyogo Kenritsu Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokoku. 1988: 39-45.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; abundance; distribution; larvae.

Hansen, P.M. 1965. Report on recaptures in Greenland waters of salmon tagged in rivers in America and Europe. [Place of publication unknown]: International Commission Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Redbook: 194-201. Part 3.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Greenland; predators (fish, Atlantic salmon).

Hansen, P.; Jensen, J. 1982. Bulk handling and chilling of large catches of small fish. Part 1: Quality and storage life. Infofish Mark. Dig. 6: 26-28.

"The main small species taken by trawlers in the North Sea are at present sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*), sandeel (*Ammodytes species*), and Norway pout (*Trisopterus esmarkii*), whereas purse seiners take capelin (*Mallotus villosus*), anchovy (*Engraulis* sp.), sprat (*S. sprattus*), herring (*Clupea harengus*) and sardines (*Sardinops* sp.). Bulk storage of industrial fish in summertime and handling of small food fish are discussed. The effects of chilling at different times after capture on the quality and storage life of small fish are considered."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; fisheries.

Harding, D.; Nichols, J.H.; Tungate, D.S. 1978. The spawning of plaice (*Pleuronectes platessa* L.) in the southern North Sea and English Channel. Rapports et Procès-Verbaux des Reunions Conseil International pour l'Exploration de la Mer. 172: 102-113.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (fish, plaice).

Harris, C.K.; Hartt, A.C. 1977. Assessment of pelagic and nearshore fish in three bays on the east and south coasts of Kodiak Island, Alaska. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf, Quarterly Reports of Principal Investigators: April-June. [Place of publication unknown]: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; OCSEAP final report RV0485. Vol. 1.

The prey spectrum of 86 juvenile and adult sand lance caught in the intertidal zone are shown. Primarily pelagic organisms such as calanoids (contributing about 75 percent of the biomass), zoea, larvaceans, and nauplii were the principal food items, which is surprising considering where the samples were taken.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; food.

Harris, M.P. 1970. Differences in the diet of British auks. Ibis. 112: 540-541.

“The bulk of the food items brought ashore are sand-eels and small clupeids which are evidently caught near to the colonies because the fish are sometimes still alive when presented to the young auks. In 1962 and 1963 Puffins fed their young almost entirely on sand-eels.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); predators (birds, guillemot, puffin, razorbill).

Harris, M.P. 1977. Puffins on the Isle of May. Scottish Birds. 9: 285-290.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Isle of May; predators (birds, puffins).

Harris, M.P. 1978a. Seabirds and fisheries. Ibis. 120(1): 135.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; fisheries; predators (birds).

Harris, M.P. 1978b. Supplementary feeding of young puffins. Journal of Animal Ecology. 47: 15-23.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, puffin).

Harris, M.P. 1978c. Variations within British puffin populations. Ibis. 120(1): 129.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); predators (birds, puffin).

Harris, M.P. 1980. Breeding performance of puffins *Fratercula arctica* in relation to nest density, laying date and year. Ibis. 122: 193-209.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, puffin).

Harris, M.P. 1984. The puffin. Calton, [United Kingdom]: Poyser.

“The commonest and most widespread fish is the sandeel, an elongated silvery eel-like fish with long dorsal and anal fins, a forked tail and a protruding lower jaw. Sandeels do spend time buried in sand but they also occur in vast shoals in mid-water, or near the surface, where they are eaten in vast numbers by fish and birds. Equally vast numbers of sandeels are now caught by trawlers and processed into fishmeal for animal food and fertilizer. The impact of this ‘industrial’ fishery on other fish and seabirds has yet to be demonstrated but might well be severe as the catch of sandeels in Shetland and elsewhere is doubling each year. Five species of sandeels occur in the north-eastern Atlantic but all species collected from Puffins have been identified as *Ammodytes marinus*. Most sandeels eaten by seabirds are in the first year of life (the 0-group of fisheries biologists) when they grow from transparent larvae into recognizable fish. They reach a length of 80-90 mm at six months and 110 mm when one year old. Larger sandeels (up to 130 mm) are probably in their second year of life. Puffins can handle the latter but nothing larger. Shags and other larger seabirds eat these and older sandeels up to the maximum length of 320 mm. Sometimes Puffins are seen holding large numbers of minute transparent fish—these are usually larval sandeels.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; abundance; calorific value; commercial fisheries; importance; predators (birds, guillemot, gulls, puffin, razorbill, shag, skua).

Harris, M.P. 1985. Morphology and breeding of puffins at Isle of May and St. Kilda, Scotland. Biological Conservation. 32: 81-97.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Isle of May; St. Kilda; predators (birds, puffin).

Harris, M.P. 1992. Isle of May seabird studies in 1992. JNCC report. 127: 1-39.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Isle of May; predators (birds).

Harris, M.P.; Birkhead, T.R. 1985. Breeding ecology of the Atlantic alcidae. In: Nettleship, D.N.; Birkhead, T.R., eds. The Atlantic Alcidae. London: Academic Press: 156-204.

"The amount of food received is presumably related to the availability of fish. However, growth is also influenced by the species of fish delivered to the chicks; the young grow better and fledge at higher weights when fed on oil-rich fish such as sandlance (*Ammodytes* spp.) and sprats (*Sprattus sprattus*) than when fed other fish such as whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*)."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (birds, Atlantic puffin).

Harris, M.P.; Heubeck, M.; Suddaby, D. 1991. Results of an examination of puffins *Fratercula arctica* washed ashore in Shetland in winter 1990-91. Seabird. 13: 62-66.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; predators (birds, puffin).

Harris, M.P.; Hislop, J.R.G. 1978. The food of young puffins *Fratercula arctica*. Journal of Zoology, London. 185: 213-236.

"Sandeels and Sprats were by far the most important prey species brought to young Puffins. Information is presented on the percentages by number, weight and calorific value and lengths of sandeels brought to Puffin chicks at 11 colonies. Only when feeding on larval, almost transparent Sandeels, did Puffins bring back more than 10-12 fish at a time and normally the number was 5-10. The maximum number of Sandeels brought to Puffin chicks in a single load was 61."

Keywords: *A. marinus*, Ireland, Scotland, calorific value, importance, length, predators, weight, weight-length relationships.

Harris, M.P.; Murray, S. 1977. Puffins on St. Kilda. British Birds. 70: 50-65.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; St. Kilda; predators (birds, puffin).

Harris, M.P.; Riddiford, N.J. 1989. The food of some young seabirds on Fair Isle in 1986-88. Scottish Birds. 15: 119-125.

Fulmar: sand eels were important only in 1987. Shag: all the regurgitations contained sand eels. Kittiwake: all but one regurgitation consisted entirely of sand eels. Guillemot: sand eels made up 98 percent of the 166 fish identified. Razorbill: all fish carried to chicks were sand eels with two exceptions. Puffin: sand eels were by far the commonest prey and made up 75 to 100 percent of the fish fed to chicks. Sand eels were also fed to the chicks of black guillemot. Other bird species found feeding on sand eels included common tern, arctic skua, great black-backed gull, and herring gull.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; importance; predators (birds, fulmar, shag, kittiwake, guillemot, razorbill, puffin, black guillemot, common tern, great skua, great black-backed gull).

Harris, M.P.; Wanless, S. 1985. Fish fed to young guillemots *Uria aalge* and used in display on the Isle of May, Scotland. Journal of Zoology, Series A. 207(3): 441-458.

"Guillemots on the Isle of May fed their young on sandeels and sprats, the proportion of the latter being highest late in the day and the season. There was a peak of feeding after dawn when many large sandeels were brought. Weather had no effect on feeding rate but this did increase with the chick's age. Food appeared to be abundant.

A large sprat was the most efficient return for effort and guillemots may select the most energy-rich prey. Display fish (mainly small sandeels) were brought throughout the season, mostly by females which often ate them later. The significance of the fish-carrying display is obscure."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Isle of May; predators (birds, guillemot).

Harris, M.P.; Wanless, S. 1986. The food of young razorbills on the Isle of May and a comparison with that of young guillemots and puffins. Ornis Scandinavica. 17: 41-46.

"Sand eels were the staple food of young razorbills which were fed, on average, 2.9 times per day. The calculated mean feed weights (and calorific values) for 1982, 1983 and 1984 were 8.5 g (61kJ), 7.2 g (52 kJ) and 6.3 g (43 kJ), respectively. Young aged 3-11 d received the most feeds. Puffin chicks received 4-5 feeds per day of a number of smaller sand eels, herring and a range of other species, while young guillemots received 3-4 feeds of a single large sandeel or sprat. There was virtually complete overlap of the chick rearing periods and a marked similarity in the diets of chicks in the three species. The greatest dietary overlap was between razorbill and puffin. Razorbill chicks received far less food than other young and the species had a relatively low breeding success. Food and breeding performance should be monitored carefully."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Isle of May; importance; predators (birds, razorbill, guillemot, puffin).

Harris, M.P.; Wanless, S. 1988. The breeding biology of guillemots *Uria aalge* over a six year period. Ibis. 130: 172-192.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, guillemot).

Harris, M.P.; Wanless, S. 1990. Breeding success of British kittiwakes *Rissa tridactyla* in 1986-88: evidence for changing conditions in the northern North Sea. Journal of Applied Ecology. 27: 172-187.

"Data on breeding success from 35 British and one Irish kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* colony were collected between 1986 and 1988. At each colony the mean number of young fledged per completed nest was similar in 1986 and 1987, but at North Sea colonies success was significantly poorer in 1988. Colonies in the northern North Sea showed a negative relationship between breeding success and latitude in 1986 and 1987, whilst in 1988 there was a significant north-south trend in success over the whole length of eastern Britain with colonies in the south being more successful than those in the north. There was no similar pattern amongst west coast colonies. In North Sea colonies most breeding failures occurred at the chick stage, but on the west coast some birds did not lay whilst others failed during incubation or soon after hatching. It seemed likely that food shortage during chick rearing was responsible for the low breeding success; a series of poor recruiting year classes had caused a decline recently in the Shetland stock of sandeels *Ammodytes* spp."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; abundance; predators (birds, kittiwake); recruitment.

Harris, M.P.; Wanless, S. 1991a. Population studies and conservation of puffins Fratercula arctica. In: Perrins, C.M.; Lebreton, J.D.; Hirons, G., eds. Bird population studies: relevance to conservation and management. Oxford, England: Oxford University Press: 230-248.

Keywords: Ammodytes; predators (birds, puffin).

Harris, M.P.; Wanless, S. 1991b. The importance of the lesser sand eel *Ammodytes marinus* in the diet of the shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*. Ornis Scandinavica. 22(4): 375-382.

"Regurgitated food and pellets were collected from shags on the Isle of May, Scotland [UK]. Young shags were fed almost exclusively lesser sandeels. The relative contributions of 0-groups and older sandeels varied markedly between years. Fish were the predominant prey of full grown birds which consumed a wider spectrum of fish than were fed to chicks. Otoliths from at least 4 species were identified but sandeels dominated the diet and were presented in 93% of all pellets and accounted for 97% of otoliths. There was no evidence that clupeids were ever an

important prey. Although most published data suggest that lesser sandeels spend most of the winter buried in the sand they were obviously still available to shags during this time and their otoliths occurred in > 90% of pellets and accounted for > 90% of otoliths. The availability of sandeels, specifically when the fish emerge from the sand in spring is probably a major determinant of the timing of breeding of shags on the Isle of May."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Scotland; Isle of May; importance; otoliths; predators (birds, shag); seasonal distribution.

Harris, M.P.; Wanless, S. 1993. The diet of shags *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* during the chick-rearing period assessed by three methods. Bird Study. 40(2): 135-139.

"This paper describes a study of the diet of shags using regurgitations by chicks, stomach contents and pellets collected concurrently. Sandeels predominated in all collections. Non- and failed breeders took a wider food spectrum than did chicks. Although adults fed their chicks almost entirely on sandeels, they themselves ate some fish from other fish families and probably digested these before they returned to the colony. Pellets are easy to collect and are useful to detect gross changes in diet of full-grown, but possibly non-breeding. Shags between years or colonies. Otoliths recovered from pellets cannot be used for age determination or back-calculations of size of sandeels eaten by shags. Regurgitations can be used to describe the diet of chicks. There is no easy way to determine the diet of adults feeding chicks."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); predators (birds, shag).

Harris, M.P.; Wanless, S. 1994. Population studies and conservation of puffins *Fratercula arctica*. In: Perrins, C.M.; Lebreton, J.D.; Hirons, G.J.M., eds. Bird population studies: relevance to conservation and management: Collected papers of the first international symposium; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Arles, France: Station Biologique in La Sambuc: 230-248.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Atlantic (northeast); predators (birds, puffin).

Harris, M.P.; Wanless, S. 1995. The food consumption of young common murres (*Uria aalge*) in the wild. Colonial Waterbirds. 18(2): 209-213.

"We measured the food intake and weights of known-aged common murre (*Uria aalge*) chicks over a 10-year period. The bulk of the food was sandlance and the mean calculated mass of a feed was 7.7 g. The average feeding frequency was 4.1 fish per day. There was significant change in the size of fish delivered by parents nor in the frequency of feeding as chicks became older. Chicks received, on average, about 30 g of fish per day during the time they were at the colony. This compared to intakes of up to 130 g per day by captive voting originating from a nearby colony. Therefore, we caution against rising maintenance requirements of captive murre chicks uncritically."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Isle of May; energetics; predators (birds, common murre).

Harrison, N. 1994. Marine life campaign: overfishing. Birds (London). 15(4): 42-44.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic; catch; fisheries.

Hart, J.L. 1973. Pacific fishes of Canada. Bull. 180. [Place of publication unknown]: Fisheries Research Board of Canada.

Principal foods of spiny dogfish include herring, hake, sand lance, smelts, and euphausiids. Pacific herring eat sand lance. Sand lance is important for both young and adult coho salmon. Young sockeye salmon eat sand lance larvae. Young chinook eat sand lance larvae and older chinook eat mainly fishes such as herring and sand lance. Steelhead and Pacific cod eat sand lance. The food of Pacific hake off the British Columbia coast consists primarily of euphausiids and sand lance, and to a lesser extent herring, etc. Walleye pollock food in British Columbia is recorded as shrimps, sand lance, and herring. Threespine stickleback eat young sand lance. Sand lance are frequently taken as food by chinook and coho salmon, lingcod, halibut, fur seals, and many marine vertebrates. Chub

mackerel eat sand lance. Lingcod are voracious feeders on fishes including herring and sand lance when available. Buffalo sculpin eat sand lance. Petrale sole, euphausiids, sand lance, herring, and shrimps are the most important foods off British Columbia. Rock sole eat sand lance.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (fish, spiny dogfish, Pacific herring, coho salmon, sockeye salmon, chinook salmon, steelhead, Pacific cod, Pacific hake, walleye pollock, threespine stickleback, lingcod, Pacific halibut, chub mackerel, buffalo sculpin, petrale sole, rock sole; mammals, fur seal).

Hart, P.J.B. 1974. The distribution and long-term changes in abundance of larval *Ammodytes marinus* in the North Sea. In: Blaxter, J.H.S., ed. The early life history of fish. Oban, Scotland: Dunstaffnage Marine Research Laboratory of the Scottish Marine Biological Association; New York: Springer-Verlag: 171-182.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; North Sea; abundance; fisheries; larvae.

Hart, T.F.; Werner, R.G. 1987. Effects of prey density on growth and survival of white sucker, *Catostomus commersoni*, and pumpkinseed, *Lepomis gibbosus*, larvae. Environmental Biology of Fishes. 18(1): 41-50.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; abundance; predators (fish).

Hartley, C.H.; Fisher, J. 1936. The marine food of birds in an inland fjord region of West Spitzbergen. Journal of Animal Ecology. 5: 370-389.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; West Spitzbergen; predators (birds).

Hartt, A.C.; Dell, M.B. 1986. Early oceanic migrations and growth of juvenile Pacific salmon and steelhead trout. International North Pacific Fisheries Commission Bulletin. 46: 1-105.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Gulf of Alaska; predators (fish, Pacific salmon).

Harwood, J.; Croxall, J.P. 1988. The assessment of competition between seals and commercial fisheries in the North Sea and the Antarctic. Marine Mammal Science. 4: 13-33.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; fisheries; predators (mammals, grey seal).

Hashimoto, A.; Arai, K. 1978. The effects of pH and temperature on the stability of myofibrillar Ca-ATPase from some fish species. Nihon Suisan-Gakkai Shi. 44(12): 1389-1393.

“The effects of pH and temperature on the stability of myofibrils from the following fish species were studied in terms of the first order rate constant (KD) for inactivation of Ca-ATPase: sardine (*Sardinops melanosticta*), chub mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), mackerel pike (*Cololabis saira*), sand lance (*Ammodytes personatus*), carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), ray (*Raja pulchra*), and Atka mackerel (*Pleurogrammus azonus*). The myofibrils were incubated at various pH values while maintaining the temperature constant, although the temperature applied for incubation was different for each fish species. Myofibrillar Ca-ATPase was more resistant to thermal inactivation in the neutral range of pH 7.0-8.5. The inactivation rates of myofibrillar Ca-ATPases at acidic pH J6.9 and at alkaline pH K8.6 were faster than those observed at neutral pH-2-7 times faster depending upon pH values. The rate constants (KD) were plotted semilogarithmically against the reciprocal of absolute temperature for incubation. Linear Arrhenius plots in the temperature range of 20-35 °C were identifiable for sardine myofibrils at pH 5.8 and Atka mackerel myofibrils at 7.6. The rate of inactivation of the Ca-ATPase of sardine myofibrils at pH 5.8 and 5 °C was comparable with that of Ca-ATPase at 7.6 and 26 °C. The significance of these results is discussed in relation to the rapid deterioration of sardine muscle during storage under various environmental conditions.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; muscle; physiology.

Hashimoto, H. 1983. Two subpopulations of sandeel found off Tottori Prefecture Japan. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 49(4): 597-600.

“Two subpopulations of young sandeel *Ammodytes personatus* were found off Tottori Prefecture by examining a combination of the vertebral count and gill raker number. These 2 subpopulations revealed differences also in size and stomach contents. Coexistence of 2 subpopulations in this area seems to be closely related to the oceanographical conditions: eastward Tsushima Warm Current encountering southward Japan Sea Central Water in spring.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; food and feeding habits; meristics; taxonomy.

Hashimoto, H. 1984a. Population structure of the sandeel around Japan. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 50 (8): 1357-1365.

Two species of sand eel, *Ammodytes hexapterus* and *A. personatus*, are distributed around Japan. The former’s range is the northern seas including the Sea of Okhotsk; the latter inhabits the more southern waters. They coexist in the coastal waters off northern Hokkaido.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; taxonomy.

Hashimoto, H. 1984b. Two subpopulations of sand-eel found off Torttori Prefecture. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 50: 1089-1095.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; *A. personatus*; Japan; distribution; fecundity; meristics.

Hashimoto, H. 1989. Fisheries and resources of sandeel (*Ammodytes personatus*) in Sendai Bay. Journal of the Faculty of Applied Biology and Science, Hiroshima University. 28(1-2): 93-101.

“Sandeel *Ammodytes personatus* fisheries in Japan have developed in consequence of the expansion of fish culture. Recently the catch has been declining. This seemed to be the result of overfishing, but the sandeel production in Sendai Bay has only been on the increase since 1977 with the entry of boat seines and trawlers. Pressure on the sandeel resource has therefore been increased greatly, and sandeel fisheries tend toward overfishing. Through the sandeel resource in Sendai Bay has had such a reproductive system as a repeating 3-year cycle of abundance, the system has been changing. The dominant year-class burst on non-cyclic dominant years. It is desirable to establish a management program to identify the optimum level of fishing effort and exploitation of the sandeel resource.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; fisheries; overfishing.

Hashimoto, H. 1991. Population ecology of Japanese sandeel. Journal of the Faculty of Applied Biological Science, Hiroshima University. 30(2): 135-192.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus; A. personatus*; Japan; catch; fisheries; genetics; morphology; population structure.

Hashimoto, H. 1992. Analysis of fluctuations in fisheries catch in Seto Inland Sea until recent times. Journal of the Faculty of Applied Biological Science, Hiroshima University. 31(2): 143-154.

“Although annual catch in fishery in the Seto Inland Sea [Japan] had been increasing ordinarily with eutriphication until 1985 after World War II, since 1986 it decreased from a high level of about 400,000 tonnes to a level of 300,000 tonnes. In this paper analysis of fluctuations in annual catch was carried out on fishery in the Inland Sea. From the fluctuations in catch by fish species it was made clear that a high level catch during 1975-’85 depended on catch in a large amount of sardine which migrated into the Inland sea, and that the reduction in catch after 1986 was caused by decrease in catch of sardine, anchovy, sandeel and shell fishes which had been caught in abundance before that. Moreover, any annual CPUE by type of fisheries, such as small trawl net, purse seine and boat

seiners, changed decreasingly, so it seemed that each resources by fish species also declined. Judging from decreasing in proper type species, such as flat fishes, shrimps, sea cucumbers and shell fishes, in recent times, it is regarded that the bottom environment is becoming worse."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; eutrophication; fisheries.

Hashimoto, H. 1993. Winter feeding of thick-billed murres in coastal waters off the Shakotan Peninsula, Hokkaido. Journal of the Yamashina Institute for Ornithology. 25(2): 166-173.

"Thick-billed murres, *Uria lomvia*, were obtained as an incidental catch during commercial gillnetting for Japan Sea greenling (*Pleurogrammus azonus*) off the Shakotan Peninsula, Hokkaido, in winter. Stomach content analysis revealed only Japanese sandlance, *Ammodytes personatus* (Pisces). In winter Japanese sandlance migrate to waters off the Shakotan Peninsula for spawning, where they are preyed upon by species such as Japan Sea greenling, masu salmon (*Oncorhynchus masou*) and walleye pollock (*Theragra chalcogramma*). It is apparent that the thick-billed murres compete with the above predatory fishes for the Japanese sandlance resource."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; predators (birds, thick-billed murre; fish, Japan Sea greenling, masu salmon, walleye pollock).

Hashimoto, H.; Kawasaki, T. 1981. Population studies of the sandeel, *Ammodytes personatus* (Girard), in Sendai Bay and its neighborhood. Tohoku Journal of Agricultural Research. 31(4): 173-197.

"Two subpopulations of sandeel, *A. personatus*, cohabiting in Sendai Bay and its neighborhood, were examined from several aspects, i.e., morphology, ecology and genetics to clarify their features of life history and the adaptive significance of their cohabitation."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; ecology; genetics; life history.

Hashimoto, H.; Shibuno, T.; Ishikawa, S.; Gushima, K. 1995. Fluctuations in fish catch of middle-sized pelagic fish in the Seto Inland Sea, Japan. In: Bas, C. [and others]. International symposium on middle-sized pelagic fish; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Scientia Marina (Barcelona). [Barcelona]: Universidad del Las Palmas de Gran Carnaria; 59: 499-506.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; catch; fisheries; migration; spawning.

Hatanaka, M.; Okamoto, R. 1950. Studies on populations of the Japanese sand lance (*Ammodytes personatus* Girard). Tohoku Journal of Agricultural Research. 1(1): 57-67.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan.

Hatch, S.A. 1984. Nestling diet and feeding rates of rhinoceros auklets in Alaska. In: Nettleship, D.N.; Sanger, G.A.; Springer, P.F., eds. Marine birds: their feeding ecology and commercial fisheries relationships: Proceedings of the Pacific Seabird Group symposium, 1982; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Spec. Publ. Ottawa: Canadian Wildlife Service.

"Food brought to nestling rhinoceros auklets (*Cerorhinca monocerata*) was sampled by applying tape or cloth muzzles to the chicks and collecting the uningested food from the burrow daily. Limited data were also gathered for tufted and horned puffins (*Fratercula cirrhata* and *F. corniculata*). Auklet chicks received an average of 34.1 g of food per night at Middleton Island in 1978, and 32.8 per night at the Semidi Islands in 1979. Pacific sandlance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) made up the bulk of the diet at both locations, and large, second-year or older fish predominated in the samples. In contrast, horned and tufted puffins took mostly small, first-year fish during the same seasons."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds, horned puffin, rhinoceros auklet, tufted puffin).

Hatch, S.A. 1987. Did the 1982-1983 El Niño-Southern Oscillation affect seabirds in Alaska? Wilson Bulletin. 99: 468-474.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska.

Hatch, S.A. 1993. Ecology and population status of northern fulmars *Fulmarus glacialis* of the north Pacific. In: Vermeer, K.; Briggs, K.T.; Morgan, K.H.; Siegel-Causey, D., eds. The status, ecology, and conservation of marine birds of the north Pacific. Spec. Publ. [Ottawa, ON]: Canadian Wildlife Service: 82-92.

"Fishes commonly identified in fulmar stomachs from Alaska include Pacific sand lance *Ammodytes hexapterus*, capelin *Mallotus villosus*, walleye pollock *Theragra chalcogramma*, and lanternfishes Myctophidae."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds, northern fulmar).

Hatch, S.A.; Hatch, M.A. 1990. Breeding seasons of oceanic birds in a subarctic colony. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 68: 1664-1679.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Hatch, S.A.; Sanger, D.A. 1992. Puffins as samplers of juvenile pollock and other forage fish in the Gulf of Alaska. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 80(1): 1-14.

"We sampled the nestling diets of tufted puffins *Fratercula cirrhata* and horned puffins *F. corniculata* in 3 years at colonies from the north-central Gulf of Alaska to the eastern Aleutian Islands, Alaska, USA. Overall, tufted puffins consumed (by weight) 41% sandlance *Ammodytes hexapterus*, 22% capelin *Mallotus villosus*, 19% walleye pollock *Theragra chalcogramma*, 13% other fish, and 5% invertebrates, whereas horned puffins took 85% sandlance, 4% capelin, 2% pollock, 8% other fish, and < 1% invertebrates. All of the pollock consumed were young of the year, whereas 4 year-classes of capelin were present, from young of the year through spawning adults. Puffins took mostly first-year sandlance, but fish in their second year or older were also common at colonies near Kodiak, Alaska. The importance of juvenile pollock in the diet of tufted puffins varied geographically from little or no use in the north-central Gulf and Kodiak areas to moderate use (5 to 20%) in the Semidi and Shumagin Islands to heavy use (25 to 75%) in the Sandman Reefs and eastern Aleutians."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds, horned puffin, tufted puffin).

Hatch, S.A.; Byrd, G.V.; Irons, D.B.; Hunt, G.L. Jr. 1993. Status and ecology of kittiwakes (*Rissa tridactyla* and *R. brevirostris*) in the north Pacific. In: Vermeer, K.; Briggs, K.T.; Morgan, K.H.; Siegel-Causey, D., eds. The status ecology, and conservation of marine birds of the north Pacific. Spec. Publ. Ottawa: Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada: 140-153.

"Sand lance are important prey of black-legged kittiwakes at many colonies in the Gulf of Alaska and also at Bluff and St. Lawrence Island, Cape Peirce and Agattu Island."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake).

Hatch, S.; Nettleship, D.N.; Sanger, G.A.; Springer, P.F. 1984. Nestling diet and feeding rates of rhinoceros auklets in Alaska. In: Marine birds: their feeding ecology and commercial fisheries relationships; 1982; 6-8 Jan.; Seattle, WA. Ottawa: Canadian Wildlife Service: 106-115.

"Food brought to nestling rhinoceros auklets (*Cerorhinca monocerata*) was sampled by applying tape or cloth muzzles to the chicks and collecting the uningested food from the burrow daily. Limited data were also gathered for tufted and horned puffins (*Fratercula cirrhata* and *F. corniculata*). Auklet chicks received an average of 34.1 g

of food per night at Middleton Island in 1978, and 32.8 per night at the Semidi Islands in 1979. Pacific sandlance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) made up the bulk of the diet at both locations, and large, second-year or older fish predominated in the samples. In contrast, horned and tufted puffins took mostly small, first-year fish during the same seasons."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds, horned puffin, rhinoceros auklet, tufted puffin).

Hatch, S.A.; Nysewander, D.R.; DeGange, A.R. [and others]. 1978. Population dynamics and trophic relationships of marine birds in the Gulf of Alaska and southern Bering Sea. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf: annual reports of principal investigators for the year ending March 1978. [Place of publication unknown]: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Vol. 3.

No detailed observations were made of prey items taken by cormorants, but incidental notes and observations indicate that capelin and sand lance are probably two of the most important prey species.

Glaucous-winged gulls are catholic in their choices of food. At Sitkalidak Strait, fish comprised the bulk of the diet, with capelin occuring in 78 percent and sand lance in 23 percent of regurgitation samples from chicks. Adults also ate sand lance.

Capelin and sand lance were the predominant prey items for black-legged kittiwake found at all study sites. At Ugaiushak Island, sand lance was the most frequently observed food item during the first half of the nestling period, and walleye pollock and capelin became more important in the latter part of the nestling period. Differences were found at Kodiak Island between the diets of kittiwakes collected offshore and those at colonies, the latter including both adults and chicks. The percentages of capelin were similar, 60 and 61.2 percent by volume, but sand lance were more frequent prey items at colonies: 43.1 percent compared to 8.5 percent.

Seventy-four percent of the diet of arctic terns at Sitkalidak was composed of capelin and sand lance.

Both capelin and Pacific sand lance were identified in the diet of murre chicks at Barren Islands. Stomach contents of 27 adult common murres in the Kodiak region from late May to mid-September contained 11 percent by volume of Pacific sand lance.

Horned puffins depend on a limited number of prey species as food for chicks. At the Barren Islands, capelin, and to a lesser extent sand lance, were the most important fish species brought to young. On Ugaiushak Island, sand lance was the principal prey species.

Food of nestling tufted puffins at Ugaiushak Island, Barren Islands, Chiniak Bay, and Sitkalidak Strait was primarily capelin and Pacific sand lance.

"Recommendations: Studies should focus on variations that are caused by changes in availability of food or those caused by large scale climatic or oceanographic phenomena, which may also relate to food supply, as such factors appear to be of primary long-term importance to establishment of reproductive rates and patterns. Because of the apparent importance of food in determining overall productivity of birds within a region, studies on colonies should be integrated to the greatest extent possible with other studies, in particular those of trophic dynamics, and of distribution patterns of birds at sea, as the latter are almost certainly related to variation in the distribution and abundance of food. We consider the value of trophic studies, regardless of the care or detail with which they are planned and conducted, to be relatively limited, unless the results of such studies ultimately contribute to a better understanding of reproduction, growth, and survival of species which are of primary public concern—commercial fishes, marine mammals, and marine birds."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; Gulf of Alaska; importance; predators (birds, cormorants, glaucous-winged gull, black-legged kittiwake, arctic tern, common murre, horned puffin, tufted puffin).

Hatch, S.A.; Pearson, T.W.; Gould, P.J. 1979. Reproductive ecology of seabirds at Middleton Island, Alaska. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf: annual reports of principal investigators. Boulder, CO: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Research: 233-308. Vol. 2.

For black-legged kittiwake, 40 regurgitations were collected from chicks of various ages. Fish, mostly Pacific sand lance, constitued nearly 80 percent of the diet by weight. The diet of rhinoceros auklet chicks consisted almost entirely of Pacific sand lance. Sand lance constituted 81.3 percent of the food samples from tufted puffin chicks.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Middleton Island; importance; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake, rhinoceros auklet, tufted puffin).

Hatchwell, B.J. 1991. The feeding ecology of young guillemots *Uria aalge* on Skomer Island, Wales. Ibis. 133: 153-161.

“Chick diet, provisioning rates, foraging trip duration and chick growth of an increasing population of guillemots *Uria aalge* were studied on Skomer Island, Wales, in 1985-87. Chicks were fed a higher proportion of sandeels *Ammodytes tobianus* (21%) than in 1973-75 (< 1%). There was a seasonal increase in the proportion of sprats *Sprattus sprattus* and the size of prey fed to young, but this was probably a consequence of selection of prey according to chick age rather than an effect of date per se. There was also a diurnal increase in the proportion of sprats fed to chicks and a peak of chick feeding in the early morning. Feeding rates varied with chick age, 6-8-day-old chicks being fed at the highest rate of 4.6 feeds/chick/day, with an estimated daily calorific intake of about 370 kJ. The mean calorific value of prey did not differ from 1973 to 1975 but provisioning rates were significantly higher than in 1973-75 and foraging trips were significantly shorter, suggesting an increase in food availability.”

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Wales; energetics; predators (birds, guillemot).

Haug, T.; Gjoesaeter, H.; Lindstroem, U.; Nilssen, K.T. 1993. Studies of minke whale *Balanoptera acutorostrata* ecology in the northeast Atlantic: preliminary results from studies of diet and food availability during summer 1992. Dublin (Eire). 32.

“Stomach content samples from 92 minke whales *Balaenoptera acutorostrata*, caught during scientific whaling operations in July-August 1992, were collected in five selected areas in Norwegian and adjacent waters. Preliminary results from the stomach analyses indicate a diet almost completely dominated by fish, although there was consi derable heterogeneity in species composition between the areas. Capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) dominated the minke whale diets in the two northernmost study areas (Spitsbergen and Bear Island). Further south, in coastal areas of North Norway and Russia, herring (*Clupea harengus*) was the most important food item, but was accompanied by significant amounts of sand eel (*Ammodytes*), cod (*Gadus morhua*), haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) and saithe (*Pollachius virens*). A survey aimed to locate and classify fish and plankton resources was conducted simultaneously with the scientific whaling program. The northern areas were particularly dominated by 0-group cod (which was not found in whale stomachs), while capelin abundance was recorded only sporadically.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; predators (mammals, minke whale).

Haug, T.; Gjosaeter, H.; Lindstrom, U.; Nilssen, K.T. 1995. Diet and food availability for north-east Atlantic minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), during the summer of 1992. ICES Journal of Marine Science. 52(1): 77-86.

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whale stomachs), while capelin abundance was recorded only sporadically. Along the coast of northern Norway and Russia, there appeared to be a greater similarity between prey abundance and minke whale diet. Herring was very abundant both in the resource surveys and in the whale stomachs. The similarity in distribution was particularly evident for 0-group herring."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; predators (mammals, Atlantic minke whale).

Haug, T.; Gjosaeter, H.; Lindstrom, U. [and others]. 1995. Spatial and temporal variations in northeast Atlantic minke whale *Balaenoptera acutorostrata* feeding habits. In: Blix, A.S.; Walloe, L; Ulltang, O., eds. Whales, seals, fish and man: Proceedings of the international symposium on the biology of marine mammals in the north east Atlantic; 1994 Nov. 29-Dec. 1; Tromsø, Norway. [Place of publication unknown]: [Publisher unknown]: 225-239.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Barents Sea; predators (mammals, Atlantic minke whale).

Hauksson, E. 1984. Food of the common seal (*Phoca vitulina* L.) and grey seal (*Halichoerus grypus* Fabr.) in Icelandic waters. Hafrannsoknir. 30: 27-65.

"In the period 1979-82 the content of the alimentary canal of 193 common seals and 97 grey seals was investigated for remains of food. Remains of cod (*Gadus morhua* L.) and sandeel (*Ammodytes* spp.), were by far the most common, occuring over 40% of the samples of each seal species. In percent by weight of food, the most important food species of common seal is saithe (33.4%), then cod (23.9%), sandeel (9.9%) and whiting (*Merlangius merlangus merlangus* L.), catfish, dab, capelin, all over 2.5% in importance. The most important food species of grey seal by weight are: cod (22.0%), sea scorpions (12.6%), lumpsucker (11.9%) and catfish (11.1%). Then halibut (*Hippoglossus hippoglossus* L.), saithe, herring (*Clupea harengus harengus* L.) and sandeel with over 5% in importance."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Iceland; predators (mammals, common seal, grey seal).

Hauksson, E. 1992. Larval anisakine nematodes in various fish species from the coast of iceland. Hafrannsoknir. (43): 107-123.

"In flatfishes and sand eels, larvae of Contracaecum and Hysterothylacium are most abundant."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Iceland; parasites.

Hauksson, E.; Olafsdottir, D.; Blix, A.S. [and others]. 1995. Grey seal (*Halichoerus grypus* Fabr.), population biology, food and feeding habits, and importance as a final host for the life-cycle of sealworm (*Pseudoterranova decipiens* Krabbe) in Icelandic waters. In: Blix, A.S.; Walloe, L.; Ulltang, O., eds. Whales, seals, fish and man: Proceedings of the international symposium on the biology of marine mammals in the north east Atlantic; 1994 Nov. 29-Dec. 1; Tromsø, Norway. [Place of publication unknown]; [Publisher unknown]: 4.

Seals from the south coast of Iceland feed largely on sand eels in all seasons.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); predators (mammals, grey seal).

Hawkins, A.D. 1996. Sandeels, salmon smolts, seabirds, seals and sea fisheries. Salmon Net. 27: 33-40.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Scotland; distribution.

Hay, D.E.; Healey, M.C.; Richards, L.J.; Marliave, J.B. 1989. Distribution, abundance, and habitat of prey fishes in the Strait of Georgia. In: Vermeer, K.; Butler, R.W., eds. The ecology and status of marine and shoreline birds in the Strait of Georgia, British Columbia. Spec. Publ. [Place of publication unknown]: Canadian Wildlife Service: 37-49.

“The Pacific sandlance does not fit easily into any category. It is often a shallow-water species, but frequently it inhabits deeper water. We know very little about this species in local waters. Bases on examination of gut contents of avian and fish predators, sandlance frequently are present and are a major component of diets. Sandlance spawns during late winter and early spring, and its larvae are common in nearshore waters in March, April, and May, at which time they provide a substantial source of food to seabirds.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; Strait of Georgia; distribution; importance; predators (birds).

Haycock, K.A.; Threlfall, W. 1975. The breeding ecology of the herring gull in Newfoundland. Auk. 92: 678-697.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Newfoundland; predators (birds, herring gull).

Hayes, D.L.; Kuletz, K.J. 1997. Decline of pigeon guillemot populations in Prince William Sound, Alaska, and apparent changes in distribution and abundance of their prey. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems: Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Rep. 97-01. [Fairbanks, AK]: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College Program: 699-702.

“Pigeon guillemots are cavity-nesting, pursuit-diving seabirds that forage in the nearshore environment on both demersal and schooling fish. Since the late 1970’s and early 1980’s, there has been a dramatic change in the diet of pigeon guillemot chicks on Naked Island in Prince William Sound. In the years 1979-1981 Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) were the single largest component (42%) of the diet, while in the four years 1989-1990 and 1994-1995, sand lance accounted for a much smaller fraction (12%) of the diet. The increase in the proportion of gadids has been equally dramatic, from 4% to 23% for these same periods. Demersal fish such as gunnels (Pholidae), pricklebacks (Stichaeidae), and sculpins (Cottidae) have always been an important component of the diet, although their relative contribution has increased. Other schooling fish in the chick diet include herring and capelin, but their relative contributions have varied widely from year to year. The overall population of guillemots at Naked Island has decreased from about 2,200 in 1979 to about 1,300 today. The percent of breeding birds among these also appears to have decreased. The decline of guillemot populations in Prince William Sound, and their failure to recover, may be related to this apparent decline in sand lance. In fact, the presence of schooling forage fish, especially sand lance or herring, may be essential for maintaining large, productive cononies of pigeon guillemots in Alaska.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; importance; predators (birds, pigeon guillemot).

Hays, H. 1973. Common tern, arctic tern, roseate tern, and sandwich tern carrying multiple fish. Wilson Bulletin. 85(2): 233-236.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; predators (birds, arctic tern, common tern, roseate tern, sandwich tern).

Healey, M.C. 1978. The distribution, abundance, and feeding habits of juvenile Pacific salmon in Georgia Strait, British Columbia. Tech. Rep. 788. [Place of publication unknown]: Fisheries Marine Service. 49 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (fish, chinook salmon, coho salmon).

Healey, M.C. 1980. The ecology of juvenile salmon in Georgia Strait, British Columbia. In: McNeil, W.J.; Himsworth, D.C., eds. Salmonid ecosystems of the north Pacific. Corvalis, OR: Oregon State University Press: 203-229.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (fish, Pacific salmon).

Healey, M.C. 1991. Life history of chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*). In: Groot, C.; Margolis, L., eds. Pacific salmon life histories. Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia Press.

In general the importance of herring and sand lance increases from south to north; i.e., sand lance are more important north of Washington.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; importance; predators (fish, chinook salmon).

Hedgren, S. 1976. Om sillgrisslans *Uria aalge* foda vid Stora Karlso. Var Fagelvarld. 35: 287-290.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, guillemot).

Heese, T. 1996. Investigation of the fish fauna in the Parseta and Leba Estuary of the Polish coastal zone. In: Proceedings of the international symposium on usage of the database of selected species; [dates of meeting unknown]; Vilnius, [Lithuania]. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 25-26.

"In the Leba Estuary (Poland) the existences of only 13 species were confirmed, and the following species were caught: sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*), herring (*Clupea harengus*), small sandeel (*Ammodytes tobianus*), greater sandeel (*Hyperoplus lanceolatus*), garfish (*Belone belone*), flounder (*Platichthys flesus*), turbot (*Psetta maxima*), sea trout (*Salmo trutta*), smelt (*Osmerus eperlanus*), bream (*Abramis brama*), roach (*Rutilus rutilus*), perch (*Perca fluviatilis*) and pikeperch (*Stizostedion lucioperca*). The area near the Perseta mouth is depending on the Pomeranian Bay water (the Odra river estuary) and for that reason the quantitative difference for the species number between the Perseta and Leba estuary is observed. The area near the Leba mouth depends on the open sea water. The greatest fish biomass estimated in the Parseta mouth is formed by sand eels fishes (*Ammodytidae*), and near the Ueba by flatfish-flounder (*Platichthys flesus*) and turbot *(Psetta maxima*)."

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; *H. lanceolatus*; Poland; abundance; distribution; estuaries.

Hellberg, H.; Moksness, E.; Hoie, S. 1996. Infection with atypical *Aeromonas salmonicida* in farmed common wolffish, *Anarhichas lupus* L. Journal of Fish Disease. 19(4): 329-332.

"Atypical *Aeromonas salmonicida* is associated with disease in several marine species such as sablefish, *Anoplopoma fimbria*, Atlantic cod, *Gadus morhua* L., sand-eels, *Ammodytes lancea* (Cuvier) and *Hyperoplus lanceolatus* (Lesauvege), turbot, *Scophthalmus maximus* L., shotted halibut, *Eopsetta grigorjewi* (Hevzenstein), flounder, *Platichthys flesus* L., and common wolffish, *Anarhichas lupus* L. Ulcers are frequently demonstrated during infections with atypical *A. salmonicida*. However, other lesions such as intestinal hyperaemia and furuncules have been seen in sand-eels. Laboratory experiments with common and spotted wolffish, *Anarhichas minor* (Olafsen), have been performed a[t] Flodevigen Marine Research Station since 1987. The expected mortality in established laboratory systems is about 0.5% per month. In an experiment comprising 10 spawning stock groups of common wolffish, increased mortality was recorded in five groups from July to October 1993."

Keywords: *A. lancea*; *H. lanceolatus*; disease.

Helmich, J.F.; Cahn, P.H.; Siler, W. 1982. Behavioral studies on a zooplankton feeding forage fish *Ammodytes americanus* the American sand lance. In: Annual meeting of the American Society of Zoologists, American Microscopical Society, Animal Behavior Society, Crustacean Society, International Association of Astacology, and the Society of Systematic Zoology; [dates of meeting unknown]; Louisville, KY. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 852.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; behavior; food and feeding habits; olfaction; vision.

Hemmings, C.C. 1973. Direct observation of the behavior of fish in relation to fishing gear. Helgolaender Wissenschaftliche Meeresuntersuchungen. 24(1-4): 348-360.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fisheries; net avoidance.

Hempel, G. 1978a. Fish eats fish: food chains and catches in the North Sea. Umschau. 78(9): 271-276.

“Total landings of North Sea fisheries have drastically increased in the 1960s and early 1970s. The structure of the fishery has changed by the development of the industrial fishery exploiting hitherto unwanted fish species like sprat, sand-eel and Norway pout. Presently more North Sea fish is used for fish meal than for human consumption. At the same time the productivity of the traditionally exploited stocks has changed. While herring has declined most other fish stocks became more productive by faster growth rate of the young fish and by improved recruitment. The paper discusses the position of fish in the complex food web of the North Sea and the possible effects of climate on food supply for fish larvae and older fish. Eutrophication and pollution seem of minor importance so far. Predator-prey relationships between species and age groups of fish have been upset by the decrease in herring and mackerel stocks. Those indirect effects of fisheries on marine ecosystems should be taken into account in future management of multispecies fisheries.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; catch; ecology; fisheries; food chain; pollution; spawning.

Hempel, G. 1978b. North Sea fisheries and fish stocks—a review of recent changes. Rapports et Procès-Verbaux des Reunions Conseil International pour l’Exploration de la Mer. 164: 57-68.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; fisheries.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Baltic Sea; larvae.

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"To test hypotheses made in fish stock assessment that natural mortality of fish is approximately equals 10%-20%/yrs, diminishes with fish age and size, and that a major cause is predation, extensive international investigations were instigated to determine numbers of commercially important species eaten by North Sea cod, haddock, whiting, saithe and mackerel. Preliminary analysis of whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) stomachs sampled by the Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen, in 1981 indicated that the whiting population ate at least 500,000 tonnes of fish annually, mostly small and young ones of commercially important species (particularly cod, herring, whiting, Norway pout, sprats, herring, sandeels). Age composition and numbers of predators and prey must be estimated and co-ordinated with results from other sampled species. Because of annual food variation a follow-up sampling is planned for 1985. It is suggested that North Sea fish stocks might be profitably managed as a group of species forming a complex ecosystem."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; fisheries; importance; mortality; predators (fish, whiting).

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"During the period 1971-76 sandeels and sprats were by far the most important food of young British Puffins. Each year sandeels, sprats and herring together accounted for at least 85% by number, and 90% by weight, of the total food collected. In numerical terms sandeels were more important than sprats and herring in all years except 1975 but the latter two species made the greater contribution in terms of weight during the period 1974-78."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Isle of May; importance; predators (birds, puffin).

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“Compares wet and dry calorific values (energy densities) and total energy content of lesser sandeel *A. marinus* to sprat, Atlantic herring, whiting, saithe and cod. The calorific values and body weights of sandeels larger than 10 cm showed marked seasonal trends and in consequence the total energy content of a sandeel of given length in summer is approximately double the spring value. Sandeel have maximum calorific values intermediate between those of gadoids and clupeoids.

“Juvenile sandeels (<10 cm) which have low body weights and a high water content, would seem, on purely energetic grounds, to be low quality food, even though they are usually, or can often be, the commonest prey brought to young puffins, razorbills, kittiwakes, Arctic terns, common terns, sandwich terns and fulmars, species which feed at or within a few tens of metres of the surface. Puffins can carry more than 60 small fish in their beak so that when forced to feed on small sandeels they can still bring back several grams of fish from each feeding trip. There is, however, a significant negative relationship between the weight of the load and the size of the fish comprising the load and puffins feeding their young on small fish, and on low quality gadoids, tend to have low breeding success. Seabirds which can dive deeper guillemot and shag usually feed their young on larger sandeels, of higher energy value, though these also on occasions bring back numbers of small individuals.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; calorific value; energy density; importance; predators (birds).

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“The stomachs of more than 19000 North Sea whiting were examined in 1981. Almost 50% were either empty or were judged to have lost all or part of their contents through regurgitation. The contents of the remaining stomachs (approximately 9800) were analysed. The bulk of the fish prey consisted of seven species (cod, haddock, whiting, Norway pout, sprat, herring, and sandeels), each of which is of considerable economic importance. Although whiting feed on fish representing the entire range of age classes of the smaller fish species (Norway pout, sprat, and sandeels) they eat mainly the youngest (0+ and 1+) age classes of herring, cod, haddock, and whiting. Quantifying the food requirments of fish species is notoriously difficult, but attempts have been made to estimate the annual food consumption by whiting in the North Sea. It is concluded that whiting may be one of the most important piscivorous fish in the North Sea.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (fish, whiting).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (fish, Atlantic salmon).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; behavior; predators.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Canada; predators (birds); stable isotopes; trophic relationships.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. marinus*; North Sea; Norway; predators (fish, cod).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Britain; predators (fish, spurdog).

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"Larvae found in the stomachs were mainly of *Ammodytes* sp., with some unidentified cluepeids."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (fish, herring).

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"The incidence of fish eggs and larvae in *Clupea harengus* stomachs was recorded in the North Sea in April/May 1987 and 1988. Larvae found in the stomachs were mainly of *Ammodytes* sp., with some unidentified clupeids. Predation on the larvae appeared to be very localized geographically. In areas of high incidence, large numbers were also commonly found in a single stomach. The condition of the larvae and their location within the stomachs suggested that there has been a recent opportunistic switch in feeding from copepods to larvae. The results indicate that predation on larvae is sporadic and might be intense when patches are encountered."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; eggs; larvae; predators (fish, herring).

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; annual variation; catch; development; larvae; temperature.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; fisheries; recruitment; temperature.

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"The biological knowledge on, advice for and management of some important fishery resources in Greenland waters are considered. Sand eel (*Ammodytes lancea*) and capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) are considered as a group, since both species are potential resources for industrial fisheries but so far have been very lightly exploited, and both are important prey for commercially important fish species and for marine mammals."

Keywords: *A. lancea*; Greenland; fisheries; stock assessment.

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; energetics; growth; larvae; mortality; temperature.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; abundance; distribution; habitat.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; abundance; distribution; habitat.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; predators (birds).

Hudson, P.J. 1979. The parent-chick fledging relationship of the puffin, *Fratercula arctica*. Journal of Animal Ecology. 48: 889-898.

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Keywords: *A. marinus*; importance; predators (birds, puffin).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Pribilof Islands; predators (birds).

Hunt, G.L., Jr. 1995. Monospecific and mixed species foraging associations of marbled murrelets. In: Ralph, C.J.; Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Raphael, M.G.; Piatt, J.F., eds. Ecology and conservation of the marbled murrelet. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-GTR-152. Albany, CA: Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. 420 p.

"In each case, the flocks began after marbled murrelets drove a school of sand lance *Ammodytes hexapterus* to the surface, where the fish 'thrashed briefly in a tightly packed boil.' Gulls and, if the boil of small fish jumping from the water's surface lasted sufficient time, other birds were then attracted to this food resource. The feeding flocks observed by Mahon and others had an average 7.7 murrelets and 5.9 glaucous-winged gulls, with a positive correlation between the numbers of murrelets and gulls in the flocks. Flock duration varied between 1 and 79 minutes and was also positively correlated with the number of murrelets present. Clearly the gulls benefit from the acitivites of the murrelets in driving fish to the surface and holding them there. Alternatively, the presence of surface foraging gulls may aid the murrelets by driving fish from their protective balls where they may be less vulverable to underwater predators."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; behavior; predators (birds, glaucous-winged gull, marbled murrelet).

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"In August, prey fed to black-legged kittiwake chicks were small (3-5 cm) sand lance. The availability of abundant shoals of these fish may be critical to kittiwake reproductive success in the northern Bering Sea."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; importance; predators (birds, red-faced cormorant, black-legged kittiwake, red-legged kittiwake, common murre, thick-billed murre, tufted puffin).

Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Decker, M.B.; Kitaysky, A. 1996. Fluctuations in the Bering Sea ecosystem as reflected in the reproductive ecology and diets of kittiwakes on the Pribilof Islands, 1975 to 1991. In: Greenstreet, S.P.R.; Tasker, M.L., eds. Aquatic predators and their prey: Royal Society of Edinburgh conference: 1994 Aug.; Edinburgh, Scotland, Oxford, England; Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Scientific Publications: 142-153. Vol. 19.

"In the SE Bering Sea, sea surface temperatures increased from the late 1970s to the mid-1980s, then decreased. Over the same period, there were inter-annual variations in the water masses surrounding the Pribilof Islands. Subsequent to the mid-1970s, there were changes in the abundance of capelin *Mallotus villosus* and 1-group walleye pollock *Theragra chalcogramma*. Use of capelin by both black-legged kittiwakes *Rissa tridactyla* and red-legged kittiwakes *R. brevirostris* decreased at the Pribilof Islands subsequent to 1978, as did the use of 1-group pollock in the late 1970s. Availability of fatty fishes such as myctophids, capelin and sand lance decreased after the late

1970s. Beginning in the late 1970s, there was a decrease in the number of chicks produced per nest for both black-legged and red-legged kittiwakes nesting on the Pribilof Islands. Inter-annual variation in the availability of fatty fish was at least in part responsible for variations in the production of chicks by red-legged and possibly by black-legged kittiwakes."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; Pribilof Islands; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake, red-legged kittiwake).

Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Eppley, Z.; Burgeson, B.; Squibb, R. 1981. Reproductive ecology, foods, and foraging areas of seabirds nesting in the Pribilof Islands, 1975-1979. [Place of publication unknown]: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; OCSEAP final report; vol. 12: 1-258.

Pacific sand lance were eaten by most fish-eating seabirds on the Pribilof Islands, but they did not seem to be an important percentage of the diet, with the possible exception of the horned puffin.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Pribilof Islands; importance; predators (birds, red-faced cormorant, black-legged kittiwake, red-legged kittiwake, common murre, thick-billed murre, horned puffin).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fisheries; importance; predators (birds).

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"Garolim Bay (Korea) is an important fishing ground and a proposed area for a tidal power plant. The construction and operation of this plant will change the ecosystem of the bay so the present fisheries stocks need studying. Based on monthly distribution of eggs and larvae, the inner bay was an important nursing ground for larvae spawned outside the bay in winter, e.g., *Ammodytes personatus*, and *Enedrias* sp. After construction of the tidal power plant, the migratory species (larvae of *Enedrias* and *Ammodytes personatus, Mugil cephalus, Konosirus punctatus*) will be damaged by interuption of migration route."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Korea; anthropogenic impacts; fisheries; larvae.

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“Fish eggs and larvae in the western waters of Korea are surveyed during the periods from February to August in 1982. Six species of eggs and 42 species of larvae are occurred in the survey area. The dominant species occurred during the study periods are *Ammodytes personatus*, *Enedrias* sp., *Engraulis japonica*, *Callionymus* sp., Gobiidae, etc. Major spawning month and ground of each species are estimated from the data, i.e., occurrence month and abundance of eggs and larvae by survey month and area, as well as the optimum water temperature and salinity for spawning.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Korea; distribution; eggs; larvae; salinity; temperature.

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Keywords: Ammodytidae; *Embolichthys mitsukurii*; taxonomy.

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“An ammodytid fish, *Ammodytoides kimurai*, is described from six specimens collected in 15 m in the Ogasawara Islands. It is distinctive in having 48-49 dorsal fin rays, 23-24 anal fin rays, 14-15 pectoral fin rays. 104-110 lateral-line scales, no small scales dorsally on opercle, 6 + 21-23 gill rakers, 59-61 vertebrae, the suborbital sensory canal interrupted, and dark pigment centrally on the caudal fin.”

Keywords: *Ammodytoides kimurai*; Japan; meristics; taxonomy.

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“The generic characters of the fishes of the family Ammodytidae are discussed and two new genera and two new species are described. The new genus *Protammodytes* (type species: *Protammodytes brachistos*) is characterized by the presence of pelvic fins and a symmetric squamation, fewer vertebrate, and a complete series of infraorbitals. These characters are believed to be least derived state among the family Ammodytidae. Another new genus *Lepidammodytes* (type species: *Lepidammodytes macrophthalmus)* is characterized by having strongly ctenoid scales, larger eyes, perforated lacrymals, and a moderate number of vertebrae. The combination of general and derived characters is unique among the family. The fishes placed in the genus *Bleekeria* Gunther are divided into two genera, *Bleekeria* and *Ammodytoides.* The genus *Bleekeria* includes *B. kallolepis, B. mitsukurii,* and *B. viridian-guilla*. The genus *Ammodytoides* is comprised of *A. gilli, A. vagus, A. renniei, A. lucasanus, A. kimurai,* and *A. pylei. Embolichthys* is moved to subgeneric level under the genus *Bleekeria.* The seven genera of the family are grouped into two subfamilies, Bleekeriinae and Ammodytinae. The subfamily Bleekeriinae consists of *Protammodytes, Bleekeria, Lepidammodytes,* and *Ammodytoides,* the subfamily Ammodytinae consists of *Gymammodytes, Ammodytes*, and *Hyperoplus.* The Bleekeriinae share many general features. Ammodytinae is characterized by many derived features. Genera characters of *Ammodytoides* and *Gymnammodytes* fill the gap between the generalized and specialized subfamilies.”

Keywords: *Ammodytoides gilli; A. kimurai; A. lucasanus; A. pylei; A. renniei; A. vagus; Embolichthys; Lepidammodytes macrophthalmus; Protammodytes brachistos;* taxonomy.

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"Three thousand reared turbot, *Scophthalmus maximus* L., juveniles with an initial wet weight of 158 g were externally tagged using T-anchor tags and released in six areas of the Ria de Vigo (NW Spain). Although these fish had been cultured, the natural food of all those recaptured consisted basically of fishes (96%), with a remarkable presence of sand eel, *Ammodytes tobianus* (L.) (78%), in the gut contents."

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; predators (fish, turbot).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; egg; fisheries; temperature.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (mammals, harbor seal, Steller sea lion).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (fish, Pacific halibut).

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"The sand-lance, *Ammodytes personatus* (Girard), is one of commercially important fishes in Japan, mainly distribut[ed] along the coastal waters of Hokkaido, in Northern or Middle Pacific, the Seto Inland Sea and East China Sea Region. Its yearly catches range from 40,000 to 110,000 tons approximately during the past 11 years (1953-'63). The forecast of its fishing conditions has been strongly expected for a long time by the fishermen concerned, because the annual catches of this fish had distinctly fluctuated. In this paper, the authors deal with the sand-lance with emphasis on its populations, habit, growth, migration and the environment."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; biology; ecology; fisheries; growth; behavior; habitat; migration.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, glaucous-winged gull).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Aleutian Islands; predators (birds, glaucous-winged gull).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

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"An analysis is conducted for nine environmental monitoring variables; including the incidence of skeletal anomalies in *Ammodytes.* The direction of change is that expected under the assumption of decreasing environmental quality. Problems in handling and acquiring encountered data are discussed and methods for calculating the appropriate variance estimate and determining the appropriate data transformation are presented."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; environmental monitoring; environmental pollution; morphology.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; abundance; distribution; fisheries; predators (birds, guillemot, puffin, razorbill).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; eggs; fisheries; larvae; oxygen.

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"Esbjerg Fiskeindustri is the world's largest single producer of quality fish meal and fish oil and handles half the total Danish production of fish meal and oil. The raw material consists of small fish normally not used for human consumption, such as sand eel (*Ammodytes*), Norway pout (*Trisopterus esmarki*) and sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*). Environmental problems caused by nitrogen and phosphorus from fish farming will in the future put demands to the fish farmers and feed producers to minimize this pollution. At that time there will be a need for a highly digestible fish meal with a low phosphorus content. In Denmark there are two types of feed for minks: wet feed, based on fish offal and whole fresh industrial fish; and dry pellets based on fish meal. The wet feed also contains up to 6% fish meal, while the dry pellets contain up to 50% fish meal. The composition of the dry pellets is 30%-45% protein, 15%-25% fat, and 3,000-3,850 kilocalories per kilogram metabolizable energy."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; aquaculture.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; distribution; larvae.

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“Each day Shags were fed known numbers of either sandeel, sprat, herring or cod and the contents of the pellets which the birds regurgitated were examined. Normally, each bird produced a single pellet each day which contained otoliths from the fish eaten during the previous 24 hr. The proportion of recovered otoliths varied greatly both from day to day and according to the species of fish. Otoliths from cod had the highest recovery rate, those of herring and sprat were recovered less often and the recovery rate of sandeel otoliths was intermediate. Measurements of otoliths from the pellets gave a very misleading estimate of the size of fish eaten. Fundamental questions need to be answered before pellets can be used in general dietary studies of seabirds.”

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; commercial fisheries; importance; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (fish, haddock, whiting).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; Georges Bank; food web.

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"Adult kittiwakes fed their chicks almost exclusively fish, with only a trace of crustacea identified in the regurgitation samples. Pacific sand lance is by far the single most common fish fed to chicks as expressed in both aggregate percent volume and percent frequency of occurrence. Similarly adult kittiwakes collected in 1971 ate predominantly sand lance.

"The single most important food item brought to horned puffin chicks as expressed in occurrence (100%) was the Pacific sand lance. Of the hundreds of fish observed in the bills of adults and found at burrows, all were sand lance.

"We regard the success of the horned puffins in capturing *A. hexapterus* as evidence of their presence near Tuxedni Wilderness in at least fair abundance. We do not know how far the puffins go to find them, but we found sand lance buried in the sandy substrate of an extensive tide flat that begins four miles north of the colony and continues several miles farther north. This tide flat is occupied by a very large stock of razor clams which indicates the existence of large lower trophic level food resources in the water column. We regard the absence of knowledge concering the behavior of this fish a major failure in the effort to understand the ecology of lower Cook Inlet. Indeed, this may be said of all OCS areas in Alaska."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Cook Inlet; Tuxedni Wilderness; importance; predators (birds, horned puffin, black-legged kittiwake).

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(*Gadus morhua*), haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*), coal-fish (*Pollachius virens*), herring (*Clupea harengus*), capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) and sand-eel (*Ammodytes* sp.). Pelagic crustraceans only (Euphausiids and *Calanus finmarchicus*) were recorded in 74 stomachs (31.2%). It is concluded that economically important species [of] fish and also euphausiids are the basic food sources for minke whales in northern North Atlantic waters, and that large quantities of fish are consumed."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Greenland; Norway; predators (mammals, minke whale).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Iceland; abundance; distribution; larvae.

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Ammodytes hexapterus is a principal forage species used by fur seals in the Gulf of Alaska, western Alaska, and eastern Bering Sea. It is especially important in May and June in western Alaska, when up to 50 percent by volume of stomach contents was sand lance, and in May, June, and July in the Gulf of Alaska, where roughly 25 to 75 percent by volume was sand lance.

Keywords: A. hexapterus; Alaska; Bering Sea; Gulf of Alaska; importance; predators (mammals, northern fur seal).

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group are the killer whale; shortfinned pilot whale, *Globicephala macrorhynchus*; Dall's porpoise; Pacific white-sided dolphin, *Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*; northern right whale dolphin, *Lissodelphis borealis*; northern sea lion; and California sea lion, *Zalophus californianus*."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Pacific (eastern); predators (mammals).

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; annual variation; distribution; eggs; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; annual variation; distribution; eggs; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; annual variation; distribution; eggs; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; catch; growth.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; morphology; pigment.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; morphology; pigment.

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"Analyses of the stomach contents of harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*) collected between 1990 and 1993 confirm previous information that the dominant prey of harp seals feeding in coastal waters of Southwest Greenland in early summer is capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) and pelagic crustaceans (euphausids). The seals feeding in offshore areas later in the summer take mainly sandeel (*Ammodytes*) and pelagic crustaceans (Parathemisto and euphausids)."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Greenland; predators (mammals, harp seal).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); predators (mammals, harp seal).

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"The stomach contents of 661 harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*) caught in West Greenland 1985-1988 were identified, and the food composition expressed as per cent volume, and as calculated per cent weight of consumed food. In offshore areas the harp seals appear to feed heavily on sandeels (*Ammodytes* sp.) in summer, possibly taking a more varied diet in the fall, but further studies are needed on this issue, and on the year to year variation."

Keywords: A*mmodytes*; Greenland; predators (mammals, harp seal).

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“Results of stomach contents analyses of material collected in West Greenland waters in the period 1986-1993 are reviewed, and compared with published data and circumstantial information from local hunters. The diet of harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*) feeding in this region is variable but consists mainly of pelagic crustaceans (euphausids and amphipods) and small fish species such as capelin, sandeel, polar cod and Arctic cod.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Baffin Bay; predators (mammals, harp seal).

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; distribution; eggs; fisheries; larvae; recruitment.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; distribution; fisheries; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; fisheries; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; fisheries; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; distribution; fisheries; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; distribution; fisheries; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (fish, chum salmon, pink salmon).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Okhotsk Sea; predators (fish, pink salmon).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; predators (mammals, minke whale).

Kato, F. 1991. Life histories of masu and amago salmon (*Oncorhynchus masou* and *Oncorhynchus rhodurus*) In: Groot, C.; Margolis, L., eds. Pacific salmon life histories. Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia Press.

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For amago salmon from mid-March to mid-May, sand lance, anchovy, and sardines are the most abundant food items.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; *Hypotychus dybowskii*; Japan; importance; predators (fish, masu salmon, amago salmon).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (north); predators (mammals).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; aquaculture; composition; fisheries.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; fisheries; life history.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; predators (fish, snailfish).

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Keywords: *Ammodytidae*; British Isles; predators (fish, European sea-bass).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); distribution.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; distribution.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; distribution; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; Nova Scotia.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Atlantic; predators (mammals, right whales).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (mammals, right whale).

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Keywords: *A. marinus; A. tobianus; Gymnammodytes semisquamatus; Hyperoplus maculatus; Hyperoplus lanceolatus*; France; distribution; fisheries; growth; life history; spawning; taxonomy.

Khudya, V.N. 1990. Sand eel population in La Perouse Strait and Aniv Gulf. Rybnoe Khozyaistvo (Kiev). 1990(11): 27-29.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Russia; distribution; population dynamics; temperature.

Khudya, V.N.; Fedotova, N.A.; Mukhametov, I.N. 1996. Food habits of the sand lance *Ammodytes hexapterus* in coastal Sakhalin waters. Sbornik Nauchnykh Trudov Sakhniro. Fishery Investigations in the Sakhalin-Kuril Region and Adjacent Areas. 1: 45-50.

"Analysis of material collected in 1986-1994 shows that though a variety of food organisms were recorded in the stomachs of the sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) the main food constituents are copepods and euphausiids in the fish from southeastern Sakhalin, and euphausiids and cumaceans in zhose [sic] from northeastern Sakhalin. Larval decapods and chaetognaths play a minor role. The daily ration of the fish amounts to 9.62% of the body mass."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Russia; food and feeding habits.

Kieckbusch, J.J. 1993. Observations on food-selection by cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*) at the sanctuary "Oehe-Schleimuende." Seevoegel. 14(2): 19-22.

"Between the 14, 8, and 6, 9, 1991, 1768 dives of cormorants were observed at the sanctuary 'Oehe-Schleimuende' (Baltic Coast, Northeast Schleswig-Holstein). Most of the fish species could [be] identified by telescope, because larger prey-items were brought to surface before swallowing. The main prey were eel-pouts (*Zoarces viviparus*) whereas eels (*Anguilla anguilla*), sand-eel (*Ammodytes tobianus*) and flatfish (*Pleuronectes* sp.) were caught only at a low number."

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Germany; predators (birds, cormorant).

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Korea; distribution; larvae.

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"The distribution of fish larvae in the western water of Korea was investigated during spring in 1980 and 1981. Larvae were classified into 16 species, 17 genera and 16 families. *Enedrias* spp. was the most abundant, dominant species were *Engraulis japonica, Ammodytes personatus, Liparis tanakai* and *Astroconger myriaster*. It was observed that the location of water area, in which larvae of *Enedrias* spp., *A. personatus* and *L. tanakai* were distributed, were moved northerly as they grew. In general, three horizontal distribution patterns were demonstrated as such the nearshore group with *Enedrias* spp. and *L. tanakai* the offshore group with *E. japonica, Sebastes inermis* and omnipresence group, nearshore to offshore, with *A. personatus, Astroconger myriaster,* and *Sardinops melanosticta*."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Korea; distribution; larvae.

Kim, Y.H.; Kang, Y.J. 1991. Food habits of sand eel *Ammodytes personatus*. Bulletin of the Korean Fisheries Society. 24(2): 89-98.

"Food habits of sand eel, *Ammodytes personatus*, in the coastal waters, Shinsudo, Samchunpo, was studied from March to May 1988. Main food item was *Calanus sinicus.* Although food diversity increased with age, evenness decreased with age. Importance indices of food items of *Paracalanus parvus* and *Corycaeus latus* were high in younger age. But that of *Sagitta crassa* and Gammaridae were high in older age. As while, that of *Ca. sinicus* was very high in every age. Food items of *A. personatus* were equal to all groups except 0.5 month group because it had the complete digestive tract after 1.5 month group."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; food and feeding habits.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Korea; abundance; distribution; eggs; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; population dynamics.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; larvae; model; population dynamics.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; distribution; food and feeding habits; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; environmental impact; fisheries; larvae; model.

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“On the basis of the existing physiological and ecological information, a biomass-based ecosystem model of sand lance (*Ammodytes personatus*) in Seto Inland Sea, Japan, was developed for studying the important biological parameters for stock fluctuation and the role of harvest of sand lance. The model shows that the natural mortality rate of the young sand lance, the biomass of zooplankton, and/or aestivation of sand lance play important roles in the stock fluctuation. These results are supported by sensitivity analysis.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; aestivation; food; model; mortality; larvae; physiology.

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“Food and feeding habits of Spanish mackerel, *Scomberomorus niphonius* from the Seto Inland Sea, were investigated based on the examination of stomach content of 714 specimens collected from May 1981 to June 1984. The stomach contents consisted almost entirely of pelagic and mesopelagic fishes including squids, viz. Japanese

anchovy *Engraulis japonica*, sardine *Sardinops melanostictus*, sand lance *Ammodytes personatus*, Atlantic cutlass-fish *Trichiurus lepturus* and Japanese common squid *Todarodes pacificus*."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; predators (fish, Spanish mackerel).

Kiso, K. 1994. Feeding habits of adult masu salmon, *Oncorhynchus masou* in coastal waters near Oshika Peninsula, Honshu, Japan. Suisan Zoshoku. 42(4): 521-528.

"Adult masu salmon were collected with set nets or purchased in fish markets near Oshika peninsula (the Pacific coast of northern Honshu) from 1993 to 1989. Their stomach contents were observed and the food composition was analyzed using 3 different indices (number, weight, frequency of occurrence of each kind of prey). The Index of Relative Importance(IRI) was also used to compare the accuracy of the 3 indices. Results were analyzed in relation to the month of catch size classes of masu salmon. Sand lance, *Ammodytes personatus*, anchovy *Eugraulis japonica*, juvenile of Alaska pollack, *Theragra chalcogramma*, sardine, *Sardinops melanostictus* among others constituted the main food independently of season and size but masu salmon also preyed on large-sized plankton such as *Themisto japonica* and *Euphausia japonica*. Overall, sand lance was a major contributor to food in weight and occurrence between March and June whereas *T. japonica* was the major contributor to food in number in April and May. Large-sized masu salmon depended more heavily on fish as food than small-sized masu salmon. Furthermore, the size and composition of prey differed between adult and juvenile masu salmon. Adult masu salmon took 1-age sand lance, large-sized *T. japonica*, and *E. japonica*, and pelagic fish such as sardine. Juvenile masu salmon took 0-age sand lances, small-sized *T. japonica*, *Thysanoessa longipes* (Euphausiasia), and brackish water fishes such as ice goby, *Leucopsarion petersi*. These results indicate that masu salmon change habitat and food-size selectivity as they grow."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; predators (fish, masu salmon).

Kiso, K.; Takeuchi, I. 1994. Feeding habits of young masu salmon, *Oncorhynchus masou* in coastal waters near Oshika Peninsula, Honshu, Japan. Suisan Zoshoku. 42(2): 351-361.

"Young masu salmon were collected with set nets or from fish markets near Oshika Peninsula to observe their stomach contents during the period from 1981 to 1986. Food composition was analyzed with 4 different indices, that is, number of individual, weight, frequency of occurrence and IRI (index of relative importance), every month, size class, year and area. The most important food of masu salmon was found to be juvenile fish of sand lances, *Ammodytes personatus* and other species independently of season and size. Larger plankton as *Themisto japonica* and *Thysanoessa longipes* were also major contributors to food in April and May. The higher dependence as food on *T. japonica* was recognized in the fish of larger size or those caught in the open bay or around islands as the water of open sea. Our results suggested that the masu salmon running into the sea grow up in estuary by feeding mainly juvenile fish to migrate northward, shifting their main food to large plankton."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; predators (fish, masu salmon).

Kitagawa, D.; Yamashita, Y. 1986. Occurrence and distribution of the Japanese sand eel, *Ammodytes personatus*, larvae in the coastal waters of Iwate Prefecture. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Fisheries and Oceanography. 50(3): 205-213.

"Spawning ground, occurrence and distribution of the Japanese sand eel (*Ammodytes personatus*) larvae with reference to temperature and the abundance of food organisms were studied in the coastal waters of Sanriku, northeastern Japan, from 1981 to 1985. Pre-larvae occurred mainly from late January to late February. Their distribution suggests that the main spawning grounds are located in bays with a high degree of opening. Larvae are transported to the south by the dominant southward coastal current while partially transported offshore by the dominant eastward wind. From the relationship between temperature and larval distribution, it is suggested that larval survival decreases at temperatures lower than 4 or 5 °C."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; distribution; food; larvae; spawning; temperature.

Kitaguchi, T. 1979. A taxonomic study of sand lances (genus *Ammodytes*) in the waters of northern coast of Hokkaido, Japan. Scientific Reports of Hokkaido Fisheries Experimental Station. 21: 17-30.

“Sand lances (genus *Ammodytes*) were caught by Japanese commercial vessels in the waters of Cape Soya, Hokkaido. North Pacific *Ammodytes* are divided into 2 spp., *A. hexapterus* Pallas and *A. personatus* Girard, on the basis of meristic characters. From the analysis and comparison of vertebral, dorsal fin ray and anal fin ray counts made on *Ammodytes* specimens collected from various localities along the northern coast of Hokkaido, it was concluded that 2 spp., *A. personatus* and *A. hexapterus* were distributed in the adjacent waters of Cape Soya. Evidence for this conclusion is based on differences in mean vertebral and mean anal fin ray counts. Each of 2 *Ammodytes* species populations was characterized by the mode of vertebral counts and that of anal fin ray counts. In the *A. personatus* population, the modes of vertebral and anal fin ray counts were 65 or 66, and 31, respectively; in *A. hexapterus*, 68, and 29 or 30, respectively.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus; A. personatus*; Japan; distribution; meristics; taxonomy.

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“The author has studied on the age and growth of Sand-lance by the observation of the otolith. The materials were collected from the Japan Sea coast of Hokkaido during the period April 1955 to May 1956. The main results obtained in connection with age are as follows: 1. Border between transparent and opaque band is very distinct. 2. There is a remarkable correlation between the body length and the radius of the otolith. 3. The radius of each transparent band is nearly constant. 4. It has seemed that the transparent band is formed during the period autumn to winter. 5. Modes of the body length frequencies of all specimens fairly well coincided with each mode of the length frequencies classified by number of bands. 6. It has been presumed that one-ring-group is the one year old group, hatched in spring of the previous year.

“Therefore it is concluded that the otolith is fairly favourable material for the age determination of this fish and that the number of transparent bands in it corresponds with the age.

“Furthermore on the growth observations were made: 1. The growth of the Sand-lance in the Japan Sea takes place in spring, while it stagnates after summer. 2. Sand-lance in the northern waters has a higher growth rate than those in the southern waters.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Hokkaido; age; growth; length; otolith.

Klomp, N.I.; Furness, R.W. 1992. Non-breeders as a buffer against environmental stress declines in numbers of great skuas on Foula Shetland and prediction of future recruitment. Journal of Applied Ecology. 29(2): 341-348.

“A decrease in the availability of the preferred food, sandeels *Ammodytes marinus*, has been accompanied by a slight fall in AOTs, a considerable increase in foraging effort of breeding adults and a 75% fall in breeding success, indicating that food shortage has put the population under stress.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; predators (birds, great skua).

Knuzlik, P.A. 1989. Small fish around Shetland. In: Heubeck, M., ed. In: Proceedings of a seminar on seabirds and sandeels: 1988 October 15-16; Lerwick, Scotland. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: [pages unknown].

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland.

Kobayashi, K. 1961. Larvae and young of the sand-lance, *Ammodytes hexapterus* Pallus from the north Pacific. Bulletin of the Faculty of Fisheries, Hokkaido University. 12: 111-120.

Describes sand lance larvae and young from the northwestern north Pacific including the Okhotsk Sea and the Bering Sea.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; Japan; Okhotsk Sea; description; larvae.

Kobayashi, N.; Nagashima, H.; Kodama, J. [and others]. 1995. Study on the ecology and resource of the sandeel, *Ammodytes personatus* Girard, in Sendai Bay. Miyagi-Ken Suisan Kenkyu Kaihatsu Senta Kenkyu Hokoku. 14: 37-49.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; ecology; food and feeding habits; habitat; schools.

Kodama, J. 1995. Abundance of sand lance spawner related to the juvenile. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Fisheries Oceanography. 59(3): 314-317.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; abundance; competition; larvae.

Koelink, A.F. 1972. Bioenergetics of growth in the pigeon guillemot *Cepphus columba*. Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, pigeon guillemot).

Kohler, A.C.; Fitzgerald, D.N. 1969. Comparisons of food of cod and haddock in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and on the Nova Scotia banks. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 26: 1273-1287.

Sand launce (*Ammodytes americanus*) were the most frequently consumed fish by cod and haddock above 30 centimeter in length. By volume, 47, 76, and 75 percent were consumed by different length groups of cod, and up to 21 percent were consumed by haddock. They were much more common in the stomachs of fish from shoal than from deep water.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; Nova Scotia; predators (fish, cod, haddock).

Kohler, A.C.; Fitzgerald, D.N.; Halliday, R.G. [and others]. 1969. Length-weight relationships of marine fishes of the Canadian Atlantic region. Tech. Rep. 164. [Place of publication unknown]: Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 17 p.

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Atlantic; length-weight relationship.

Kolbe, U. 1980. The little gull *Larus minutus* as a food parasite. Beitraege zur Vogelkunde. 26(6): 365-366.

Keywords: *A. lanceolatus*; *A. tobianus*; predators (birds, little gull).

Konyukhov, N.B.; Kitaysky, A.S. 1995. The Asian race of the marbled murrelet. In: Ralph, C.J.; Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Raphael, M.G.; Piatt, J.F., eds. Ecology and conservation of the marbled murrelet. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-GTR-152. Albany, CA: Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. 420 p.

“We have observed birds feeding on both capelin and sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) in the northern Sea of Okhotsk.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Japan; Sea of Okhotsk; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Kopp, J. 1976. Étude des structures demographiques des captures d'Ammodytidae (lancons) de la côte est du Cotentin. Science et Pêche. 295: 1-18.

Keywords: *G. semisquamatus*; *A. tobianus*; France; abundance; competition; fisheries; reproduction; sex ratio; spawning.

Kosaka, M. 1966. Feeding habits of angler-fish *Lophius litul* on *Ammodytes personatus*, squid octopus. Journal of the Faculty of Oceanography Tokai University. 1: 51-70.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; predators (fish, angler-fish).

Kotthaus, A.; Krefft, G. 1967. Observations on the distribution of demersal fish on the Iceland-Faroe Ridge in relation to bottom temperatures and depths. Rapports et Procès-Verbaux des Reunions Conseil International Pour l'Exploration Scientifique de la Mer Mediterranean Monaco. 157: 238-267.

Keywords: *A. lancea*; *A. marinus*; Iceland; distribution.

Krasnow, L.D.; Sanger, G.A. 1986. Feeding ecology of marine birds in the nearshore waters of Kodiak Island. [Place of publication unknown]: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Minerals Management Service; U.S. Department of the Interior, Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Assessment Program; final reports of principal investigator. 45: 505-630.

"For most seabird species in the Kodiak area, distinct seasonal trends were apparent from spring through late summer 1978. Sooty shearwaters, black-legged kittiwakes, marbled murrelets, and tufted puffins exploited a similar suite of prey: sand lance and euphausiids during spring, capelin during early summer, and sand lance during late summer.

"All life stages of sand lance are common in the pelagic and mesopelagic zones of the bays and in the intertidal throughout the summer. Spawning of sand lance has been observed only on beaches along the western shoreline of Afognak Island during the high tide series in October. They disappear from the nearshore zone in fall and may bury themselves in the substrate in deeper water during winter.

"When the feeding habits of black-legged kittiwakes and tufted puffins were compared between summers, capelin decreased and sand lance increased in importance in 1978. The increased use of sand lance appeared to be linked to a change in the abundance of capelin in the epipelagic zone; juveniles were abundant in the surface waters during June-September 1976, but during 1978, most were found along the bottoms of the troughs. Conversely juvenile sand lance increased in abundance in the surface waters during 1978.

"Historically, there could be an increase in numbers of sand lance during periods when capelin are scarce, but in 1978, neither capelin nor sand lance were available to kittiwakes in sufficient quantities to meet reproductive needs.

"In light of interest in the development of commercial fisheries for capelin and sand lance and the importance of these fish in the diets of marine birds, these species deserve further study."

Authors collected 34 marbled murrelets in Chiniak Bay between December 1976 and April 1977 and February 1978; no sand lance were eaten during this winter period. Breeding season samples from Izhut Bay and Northern Sitkalidak Strait of marbled murrelets, tufted puffins, sooty shearwaters, and black-legged kittiwakes showed sand lance and euphausiids were taken during spring, capelin during early summer, and sand lance during late summer.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; distribution; importance; length frequencies; predators (birds, sooty shearwater, short-tailed shearwater, oldsquaw, black-legged kittiwake, common murre, pigeon guillemot, marbled murrelet, tufted puffin).

Krasnow, L.D.; Sanger, G.A.; Wiswar, D.W. 1979. Nearshore feeding ecology of marine birds in the Kodiak area, 1978. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf: annual reports of principal investigators for the year ending March 1979. Volume II: Receptors—birds. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 348-394.

During a winter study of common murre food habits, Pacific sand lance were preyed upon in small amounts. In summer, Pacific sand lance were important in the diet of black-legged kittiwakes, common murres, sooty shearwaters, and marbled murrelets.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; importance; predators (birds, common murre, marbled murrelet, sooty shearwater).

Krebs, J.R. 1974. Colonial nesting and social feeding as strategies for exploiting food resources in the great blue heron (*Ardea herodius*). Behaviour. 51: 99-134.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, great blue heron).

Kristiansen, A. 1984. Report of the 0-group surveys in Faroese waters 1981-1984: Council meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; [dates of meeting unknown]; Copenhagen, Denmark. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 13 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); age; fisheries; larvae.

Kuhl, H.; Luhmann, M. 1965. Über Sandspierlinge und Sanspierlingsfischerei in der südlichen Nordsee. Archiv für Fischereiwissenschaft. 16: 182-197.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea.

Kühlmann, D.H.H.; Karst, H. 1967. Freiwasserbeobachtungen zum Verhalten vos Tobias Fisch-schwarmen (Ammodytidae) in der westlichen Ostsee. Zeitschrift für Tierpsychologie. 24: 282-297.

Keywords: Ammodytidae.

Kuletz, K.J. 1981. Feeding ecology of the pigeon guillemot (*Cepphus columba*) at Naked Island, Prince William Sound, Alaska and surveys of the Naked Island complex. Spec. Stud. Anchorage, AK: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 23 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; predators (birds, pigeon guillemot).

Kuletz, K.J. 1983. Mechanisms and consequences of foraging behaviour in a population of breeding pigeon guillemots. Irvine, CA: University of California. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, pigeon guillemot).

Kuletz, K.J. 1996. Marbled murrelet abundance and breeding activity at Naked Island, Prince William Sound, and Kachemak Bay Alaska, before and after the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. American Fisheries Society Symposium. 18: 770-784.

“Long-term impacts might result from reduced prey abundance or from consumption of contaminated prey. Murrelets typically forage <2 km from shore and feed primarily on midwater and surface schooling fish, such as Pacific sand lance, capelin, juvenile Pacific herring, and cods. Most of the prey species used by murrelets spawn intertidally and thus are highly susceptible to oil pollution. It is of primary importance to determine if there are long-term effects on the prey species on which murrelets depend.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; importance; oil pollution; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Kuletz, K.J.; Irons, D.B.; Agler, B.A. [and others]. 1996. Long-term changes in diets and populations of piscivorous birds and mammals in Prince William Sound, Alaska. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems: Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Prog. Rep. 97-01. [Fairbanks, AK}: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College: 703-706.

“Populations of some species of marine birds and mammals have declined in Prince William Sound, Alaska, since the early 1970s, while others have remained stable. Declining species, which include marbled murrelets, pigeon guillemots, tufted puffins, arctic terns, harbor seals, and minke whales, feed on schooling forage fish. Stable species, which include harlequin ducks, goldeneyes, and sea otters, prey on benthic invertebrates. Results of a comparison of piscivorous bird diets from 1972-1981 and 1989-1995 demonstrate a major shift in prey from Pacific sand lance to gadids over this period, suggesting that the relative abundance of forage fish species changed in Prince William Sound. We hypothesize that this shift from sand lance, an energy-rich prey species, to gadids, an energy-poor prey species, is related to the decline in piscivorous marine bird populations. A comparison with Kachemak Bay in Cook Inlet lends support to this hypothesis. Piscivorous marine bird populations have remained stable or increased in Kachemak Bay, where sand lance have remained abundant for the past 20 years.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; importance; predators.

Kunzlik, P. 1991. Studying Shetland’s sandeel stocks. Fishing News. 4022: 6-7.

“There are 5 species of sandeel living in British waters. The industrial sandeel fishery is based on just one species, the lesser sandeel, *Ammodytes marinus*; not only at Shetland but also off north west Scotland, and in the much larger North Sea fishery. The other sandeel species make up only a small part of the total sandeel catch. The fishery at Shetland started in 1974 and peaked in the early 1980s; now it is in decline. This article also discusses the relationship between low stocks of sandeels and the failure of certain seabird species on the islands to fledge their young. These fledgling failures were due to starvation owing to the non-availability of young sandeels to feed the chicks.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; catch; fisheries; predators (birds); taxonomy.

Kunzlik, P.A. 1989. Small fish around Shetland. In: Heubeck, M., ed. Seabirds and sandeels: Proceedings of a seminar; 1988 Oct. 15-16; Lerwick, [Scotland]. Lerwick, [Scotland]: Shetland Bird Club: 38-49.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland.

Kunzlik, P.A.; Gauld, J.A.; Hutcheon, J.R. 1986. Preliminary results of the Scottish sandeel tagging project: Council meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; [dates of meeting unknown]; Copenhagen, Denmark. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]. 15 p.

“A sandeel tagging experiment is currently being carried out at Shetland to estimate the survival and exploitation rates of the lesser sandeel *Ammodytes marinus*. Jolly-Seber type estimates of mortality rates have been made for each of six fishing grounds using tag recapture data from releases made at the start of the 1984 and 1985 sandeel fisheries.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Scotland; catch; migration; mortality; tagging.

Kusakabe, T. 1997. Integrated measures project for the promotion of resource-controlling fishery: wide area migration resources and natural resources investigations (sandeel). Osaka Furitsu Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokoku. 1995: 80-84.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; fisheries.

Kusakabe, T.; Abe, T. 1995. Research on wide area migratory resources and natural resources (sand lances). Osaka Furitsu Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokoku. 1993: 71-74.

“The above research for operation of boat trawling fishery was started jointly with a Hyogo prefecture organization, to make a management model adaptable for sand lances fishery in Osaka Bay and the east area in the Inland Sea, and to collect parameters needed for fishing simulation based on the above model. ‘Catch quantity and cost model program,’ ‘catch quantity calculation result printing program’ as a peripheral program and ‘past stock biomass estimation model’ were prepared in fiscal 1993.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; fisheries; model.

Kusakabe, T.; Nakajima, M. 1995. Ecological research on sand lance as natural resources. Osaka Furitsu Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokoku. 1993: 109-116.

“To contribute to fishing forecast and to collect knowledge of proper resource management, through clarification and grasp of ecological conditions of sand lance, which was placed as one of important aquatic resources by the Osaka prefectural government, horizontal and vertical distribution survey was conducted at 12 points in the Osaka Bay, for three times during the term from January to February. In 1993, young fish appeared early unusually, in larger quantities compared with the previous year. It was also known that sand lance ranged mainly in water area of 5-10 m in depth.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; distribution; habitat; fisheries; larvae.

Kusakabe, T.; Nakajima, M. 1996. Sandeel resource ecological research. Osaka Furitsu Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokoku. 1994: 130-134.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; distribution; habitat; fisheries; larvae.

Laakso, P.; Christie, W.W.; Pettersen, J. 1990. Analysis of North Atlantic and Baltic North Atlantic ocean fish oil triacylglycerols by high-performance liquid chromatography with a silver ion column. Lipids. 25(5): 284-291.

“Triacylglycerols from Atlantic herring (*Clupea harengus*), sandeel (*Ammodytes* sp.) and Baltic herring (*Clupea harengus membras*) have been fractionated by silver ion high-performance liquid chromatography. An ion exchange column loaded with silver ions was the stationary phase, and a gradient in the mobile phase from 1,2—dichloroethane/dichloromethane (1:1, v/v) to acetone and then to acetone/acetonitrile 2:1, v/v) was used to effect the separation with light-scattering (i.e., mass) detection. Fractions were collected via a stream-splitter, and fatty acid methyl esters were prepared by transesterification in the presence of an internal standard for identification and quantification by gas liquid chromatography. Triacylglycerols were separated according to the number of double bonds in the fatty acyl residues. Resolution was excellent at first, when the least unsaturated molecules eluted (trisaturated to dimono-ene-monodiene fractions). Base-line resolution could no longer be achieved when molecules containing trienoic or more highly-unsaturated fatty acids began to elute because of overlapping components. Nonetheless, some valuable separations of species containing two saturated and/or monoenoic fatty acids and one polyenoic fatty acid were achieved. Double bond indices (average number of double bonds in each triacylglycerol molecule) were calculated to estimate the separations possible. Fractions containing at least 11-14 double bonds per molecule were obtained.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; composition; oil; tryglycerol.

Labetskij, A.S. 1981. *Ammodytes hexapterus* in the northern part of the Sea of Okhotsk. Rybnoe Khozyaistvo. 1981(4): 40.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Japan; abundance; density; distrbution; sex ratio.

Ladle, M. 1985. Fish**.** Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society Proceedings. 107: 197.

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; English Channel; annual variation.

Lagardere, F.; Chaumillon, G. 1988. Effects of delayed initial feeding on the growth of sole, *Solea vulgaris* larvae, and on the incremental pattern of their otoliths. C R Academy of Science III. 306(20): 601-607.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; larvae; starvation.

Lagler, K.F.; Wright, A.T. 1962. Predation of the Dolly Varden, *Salvelinus malma*, on young salmon *Oncorhynchus* spp., in an estuary of southeastern Alaska. Transactions of the American Fisheries Society. 91: 90-93.

It was found in one southeastern Alaskan estuary that Dolly Varden char fed mostly on capelin, sand lance, and herring.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (fish, Dolly Varden).

Lahn-Johannessen, J.; Jakupsstovu, S.H.; Thomassen, T. 1978. Changes in the Norwegian mixed fisheries in the North Sea. In: Symposium on North Sea fish stocks–recent changes and their causes; [dates of meeting unknown]; Århus, Denmark. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]. 172: 31-38.

“The resources exploited by the Norwegian mixed trawl fisheries in the North Sea, including the Skagerrak, may be divided into 4 categories: deep-water prawn, herring, Norway pout, and sand-eel. This paper describes the development of the mixed fisheries and discusses the main changes in number and size of fishing vessels and in quantities landed, as well as fishing power, fishing effort and catch per unit effort. It further deals with the species composition in industrial landings of Norway pout and shows how new year classes of Norway pout and blue whiting have entered the fishery in recent years.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; annual variation; catch; fisheries.

Lamb, A.; Edgell, P. 1986. Coastal fishes of the Pacific Northwest. [City unknown], BC: Harbour Publishing.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*.

Lambert, T.C. 1987. Duration and intensity of spawning in herring *Clupea harengus* as related to the age structure of the mature population. Marine Ecology–Progress Series. 39(3): 209-220.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; spawning.

Langham, N.P.E. 1968. The comparative biology of terns, *Sterna* spp. Durham, [Country unknown]: University of Durham. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Langham, N.P.E. 1971a. The distribution and abundance of larval sand-eels (Ammodytidae) in Scottish waters. Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. 51: 697-707.

Keywords: *A. lanceolatus; A. marinus; Gymnammodytes immaculatus; Gymnammodytes lancea; Gymnammodytes semisquamatus*; Scotland; abundance; distribution; larvae; spawning.

Langham, N.P.E. 1971b. Sandeels. Scottish Fisheries Bulletin. 35: 29-31.

“Sandeels or ‘sile’ are amongst the most abundant fish in the seas around Britain, yet their life history is not very well known. Until the 1950’s, sandeels were looked upon as suitable bait for angling and line fishing, or as a rather obscure continental dish for less conservative palates that the British. Yet, the advent of industrial fishing by various

European countries, notably Denmark, Norway and Germany has dramatically changed the importance of sandeels. In recent years, landings of sandeels, taken mostly by Danish boats over a two to three months season, have exceeded 200,000 tons annually.

“The various species of sandeel have distinctive spawning times, with *Ammodytes marinus* spawning in February and *Gymnammodytes semisquamatus*, the smooth sandeel, in May to July; the inshore species *A. lancea*, has two spawning season, one in spring and one in the autumn; and of the greater sandeels, *A. immaculatus* spawns mainly in May and *A. lanceolatus* in July. It appears that the eggs of all five species are attached to sand grains since they are rarely caught in plankton nets. When the eggs hatch, the young larvae move up into the plankton before their yolk sac is used up. In march, the larvae of *A. marinus* are the dominant fish larvae in the plankton, often with several hundred per cubic metre. The young larvae consitute an important food item for various pelagic species, especially the herring.

“After metamorphosis, the young sandeels assume a diurnal feeding and migration pattern feeding during the daylight and spending the night burrowed into the sea bed, safe from predation. However, in the northern North Sea, during June and July, the period of darkness is very short, so that young sandeels are, on occasion, caught in midwater even at midnight.

“Adult sandeels are an important link in many marine food chains. Most of the important fish caught by Scottish fishermen for human consumption feed on sandeels at some stage of their life history and they often form a major item in their diet.”

Keywords: *A. immaculatus; A. lancea; A. lanceolatus; A. marinus; Gymnammodytes semisquamatus*; Britain; commercial fishery; behavior; illustration; importance; predators (fish, cod, haddock, herring, whiting, saithe, plaice); spawning.

Lapin, Y.E. 1978. Ecology of the White Sea fishes. Nauka; Moskva (USSR). 199: [pages unknown].

“The monograph deals with theoretical and methodological problems of the study of the population structure and dynamics of herring, sand lance, gobies, stickleback and whitefish during ontogenesis. Adaptations of these species to the widely fluctuating hydrological conditions of the White Sea are shown, and the fish producing capacity of this arcto-boreal basin is discussed.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; USSR; White Sea; distribution; ecology.

Larimer, S. 1992. Aspects of the bioenergetics and ecology of sand lance of Georges Bank. [City unknown], Rhode Island: University of Rhode Island. 300 p. Ph.D. dissertation.

“The sand lance, *Ammodytes dubius*, occupies the critical niche of planktivore off the northeast United States. Recent fluctuations of their population size raise the question of what the bioenergetic impact of these changes might be in a highly productive ecosystem like Georges Bank. An energy budget of the adult sand lance was developed to address this question. The individual energy budget was extrapolated to Georges Bank sand lance population levels from 1977 through 1986. Sand lance consumed 0.79 to 19.24% of the production of the major copepod species on Georges Bank during this period. There was a significant inverse relationship between sand lance and copepod population abundances. Sand lance have an ecological efficiency of 20%, considerably higher than the herring and mackerel populations they were thought to replace on Georges Bank.”

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Georges Bank; bioenergetics; ecology.

Larsen, F.; Kapel, F.O. 1983. Further biological studies of the West Greenland minke whale, Brighton, (UK), 19 July 1982. Report of the International Whaling Commission. 33: 329-332.

“Examination of stomach contents confirms that the sand eel (*Ammodytes* sp.) is an important food item for minke whales in the offshore waters of West Greenland.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Greenland; importance; predators (mammals, minke whale).

Larson, K.W.; Moehl, C.E. 1990. Entrainment of anadromous fish by hopper dredge at the mouth of the Columbia River. In: Effects of dredging on anadromous Pacific fishes. Seattle, WA: [publisher unknown]: report Washington Sea Grant; Simenstad, C.A.: 102-112.

“Studies were conducted at the mouth of the Columbia River, USA, to determine the number and types of estuarine organisms entrained by hopper dredging. As part of the study, information was obtained on the number and types of fish species entrained. Fourteen species or species groups of fish were collected during the four study [sic]. Number of individuals entrained were low for all species except Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*), which were collected in moderate numbers throughout the study. None of the species collected showed any seasonality except Pacific sand lance, which were slightly more abundant in the late summer.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; anthropogenic impacts; dredging.

Last, J.M. 1989. The food of herring *Clupea harengus* in the North Sea 1983-1986. Journal of Fish Biology. 34(4): 489-501.

“The stomach contents of 5762 herring caught during North Sea trawl surveys in February 1983, February 1984 and February, May and August 1986 were analysed. The principal prey organisms were the copepods *Calanus finmarchicus* and *Temora longicaudata*, but Euphausiacea and the post-larval stages of *Ammodytes* spp. and clupeoids contributed a large percentage of the weight. Fish eggs were eaten, chiefly those of plaice, *Pleuronectes platessa*, but not in large numbers.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; importance; predators (fish, herring).

Laur, D.; Haldorson, L. 1996. Coastal habitat studies: the effect of the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill on shallow subtidal fishes in Prince William Sound. American Fisheries Society Symposium. 18: 659-670.

“The bull kelp community is rare in Prince William Sound, and its fishes were dominated by occasional large schools of pelagic fishes (Pacific herring, Pacific sand lance, young walleye pollock), resulting in extremely high variances in abundance estimates. Other fishes were quite rare.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; distribution; habitat.

Lawson, J.W.; Stenson, G.B. 1995. Historic variation in the diet of harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*) in the northwest Atlantic. In: Blix, A.S.; Walloe, L.; Ulltang, O., eds. Whales, seals, fish and man: Proceedings of the international symposium on the biology of marine mammals in the north east Atlantic; 1994 Nov. 29-Dec. 1; Tromsø, Norway. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown].

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Atlantic (northwest); importance (mammals, harp seal).

Lawson, J.W.; Stenson, G.B. 1997. Diet of northwest Atlantic harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*) in offshore areas. Journal of Zoology. 75: 2095-2106.

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Atlantic (northwest); importance (mammals, harp seal).

Lear, W.H. 1972. Food and feeding of Atlantic salmon in coastal waters and over oceanic depths. ICNAF Research Bulletin. 9: 27-39.

The main food items were found to be capelin, launce, and herring.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; West Greenland; importance; predation (fish, Atlantic salmon).

Lear, W.H. 1980. Food of Atlantic salmon in the West Greenland—Labrador Sea area. Rapports et Procès-Verbaux des Reunions Conseil International pour l’Exploration de la Mer. 176: 55-59.

Launce comprised 50 to 80 percent of the diet of Atlantic salmon sampled during autumn in the West Greenland area.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Greenland; predators (fish, Atlantic salmon).

LeBrasseur, R.J. 1959. Marine ecology of Pacific salmon. A: A description of the food. Nanaimo, BC: Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Biology Station.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (fish, Pacific salmon).

LeBrasseur, R.J.; Barraclough, W.E.; Kennedy, O.D.; Parsons, T.R. 1969. Production studies in the Strait of Georgia. Part III: Observations on the food of larval and juvenile fish in the Fraser River plume, February to May, 1967. Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology. 3: 51-61.

Presents information on food of *Ammodytes hexapterus*. Individuals less than 20 millimeters in length, were taking prey of less than 500 micons in diameter (copepod eggs and nauplii), and fish greater than 40 millimeters were feeding mainly on zooplankton between 500 and 1000 microns. Some indication is given that the concentration of small zooplankton species may restrict the survival of larval fish.

Keywords: A*. hexapterus*; food and feeding habits.

Lehnhausen, W.A. 1980. Nesting habitat relationships of four species of alcids at Fish Island, Alaska. Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds).

Lehtonen, L. 1970. Biology of the black-throated diver G*avia arctica*. Annales Zoologica Fennica. 7: 25-60. English summary.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, black-throated diver).

Leim, A.H.; Scott, W.B. 1966. Fishes of the Atlantic Coast of Canada. Bull. 155. [Place of publication unknown]: Fisheries Research Board of Canada.

“American sand lance *Ammodytes americanus* DeKay 1842. Other common names: sand launce, sand eel, lance, lant, equille. Northern sand lance *Ammodytes dubius* Reinhardt 1838. Other common names: Greenland launce, arctic sand lance. Report contains descriptions of these two species. American sand lance are eaten by many fishes, but cod, haddock, and hake feed on them so extensively that their indirect value to the commercial fisheries is considerable. Over half of the food of haddock on the Sable Island Bank consists of sand lance. They are also an important food for some whales and porpoises. The northern sand lance has only been found in depths up to 17 fathoms, but within these limits where both occur in the salme locality, it tends to be farther offshore than the American sand lance, suggesting a preference for colder water.”

Keywords: *A. americanus*; *A. dubius*; description; predators (fish, cod, haddock, hake, mammals).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Germany; predators (birds).

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“The guillemot colony on Helgoland, Germany, was visited from June 5th to 21st 1990. The presence of adults and food delivery to chicks was studied on a ledge holding abut 50 breeding pairs. Attendance varied through the day with most birds present at mid-day. Food consisted only of fish, 94.6% Clupeidae (herring and sprat) and 5.4% sand-eel. On average, a chick received 2.72 fish per day. After a marked early morning peak of feeding, the number of feeds per hour levelled off to a constant rate during the rest of the day until dusk. At sea, high numbers of guillemots were present in front of the colony, with densities dropping steeply with stance. The birds are thought to forage at distances of more than 5 km away from the colony.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Germany; predators (birds, guillemot).

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Keywords: Ammodytidae; taxonomy.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Semidi Islands; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; distribution; estuaries; larvae; recruitment.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; mortality; predators (birds, herring gull); poisoning; red tide; toxins.

Licciardello, J.J.; Ravesi, E.M.; Allsup, M.G. 1985. Keeping quality of fresh and frozen sand lance, *Ammodytes* sp. Marine Fisheries Review. 47(1): 78-82.

“In 1978, the New England Fishery Development Program sponsored a study to determine the feasibility of catching sand lance off southern New England (Stellwagen Bank) and the results were reported by Smith and Testaverde. The NMFS Northeast Fisheries Center’s Gloucester Laboratory participated in that study by comparing methods of holding the sand lance on board the fishing vessel, and also by determining the species’ fresh and frozen storage characteristics with regard to its potential as a human food. This paper reports the results of that investigation.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; New England; fisheries.

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“The high chick mortality has been caused by food shortage but the reason why the adult Puffins cannot find food for the chicks has not been established. It is suggested that it may be due to man’s over-fishing of Herring and Sandeels.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (birds, puffin).

Lidster, W.W.; Lilly, G.R.; Dawe, E.G. 1994. Otoliths of Arctic cod (*Boreogadus saida*), small Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*), and three other fish species from Newfoundland waters: description and relationship of body length to otolith length. Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science. 16: 33-40.

Descriptions are also provided for otoliths of northern sand lance, Atlantic herring, and capelin, three other locally and seasonally abundant fish species at Newfoundland. Regressions of body length on otolith length are presented for each of these fish species to aid in the estimation of the sizes of prey consumed by major fish predators, such as short-finned squid, in coastal Newfoundland waters.

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Newfoundland; age; morphology; otoliths.

Lie, K. 1979. Fish catches in 1978 for reduction to fishmeal and oil. Meld. SSF. 2: 17-21.

“The article gives an account of the industrial fish catches in Norway in 1978. 1.8 mill. tons of pelagic fish were landed for reduction to fishmeal and oil. This is 30% less than the catch record from 1977, and is due both to increasing regulations both national and international, and to a sharp drop in the capelin stock. Even so, capelin represents 74% of the landings, the rest are Norway pout, blue whiting, sandeel, sprat and mackerel, 250 purse seiners and 150 trawlers participated in the different fisheries, and 47 fishmeal factories produced 318,000 tons of fishmeal and 156,000 tons of fishoil.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; catch; fisheries.

Lie, K. 1980. Fish catches in 1979 for reduction to fishmeal and oil. Meld. SSF. 1: 8-12.

“The article gives an account of the industrial fish catches in Norway 1979. 1.85 mill tons of pelagic fish were landed for reduction to fishmeal and oil. This is a slight increase compared with last year’s catch. Capelin represents 67% of the landings, the rest are Norway pout, blue whiting, sandeel, sprat and mackerel. 250 purse seiners and 140 trawlers participated in the different fisheries, and 44 fishmeal factories produced 322,000 tons of fishmeal and 185,000 tons of fishoil.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; catch; fisheries.

Lilly, G.R. 1982. Influence of the Labrador current on predation by cod on capelin and sand lance off eastern Newfoundland. Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Scientific Council Studies. 3: 77-82.

“Catches of Atlantic cod, *Gadus morhua*, capelin, and sand lance, during bottom-trawl research surveys of eastern Grand Bank were examined with respect to depth and temperature. Capelin and sand lance appeared to be associated with the cold core (<0 °C) of the Labrador Current, whereas cod were most abundant in the underlying warmer, more saline water. It is postulated that cod can prey on sand lance throughout the year by migrating into the cold water. A similar vertical stratification of cod and capelin appears to exist on the northern slope of Grand Bank, particularly in winter, and along the coastal shelves of northeastern Newfoundland and southern Larador in summer and autumn. The apparent association of capelin and sand lance with the Labrador Current has implications for the seasonal feeding behavior and growth of cod and other piscivores in the region.”

In 1968, stomachs were collected from 52 cod caught at 148, 185, and 223 meters. Although no sand lance were retained by the trawl at these depths, they were the major prey of cod, occurring in 27 percent of the stomachs and constituting 64 percent of the total stomach contents by weight. Furthermore, 32 percent of the food was unidentified fish, and much of this may have been sand lance, as no other fish was identified in the stomach contents.

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Newfoundland; distribution; importance; predators (fish, Atlantic cod).

Lilly, G.R.; Fleming, A.M. 1981. Size relationships in predation by Atlantic cod, *Gadus morhua*, on capelin, *Mallotus villosus*, and sand lance, *Ammodytes dubius*, in the Newfoundland area. Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Scientific Council Studies. 1: 41-45.

"The minimum length of cod which can prey on adult capelin and sand lance is about 35 cm, but cod as small as 20 cm in length can prey on juveniles of both species. The length range of cod which prey intensively on adult capelin and sand lance is approximately 40-70 cm, the upper limit being imprecise. Intensity of predation is highly variable."

Keywords: *A. dubius*; predators (fish, Atlantic cod).

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; distribution; ecology.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; meristics; taxonomy.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, ancient murrelet).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Bering Sea; predators (fish).

Lloyd, C.S. 1976. The breeding biology and survival of the razorbill *Alca torda* L. Oxford, England: Oxford University. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, razorbill).

Lloyd, C.S. 1979. Factors affecting breeding of razorbills *Alca torda* on Skokholm. Ibis. 12(2): 165-176.

“The small amount of information available on the razorbills’ main food species *Ammodytes* (Cameron 1959) suggests that the start of laying on Skokholm coincided with an increase in the abundance of both larvae and adults in the surface waters of the south Irish Sea.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Irish Sea; importance; predators (birds, razorbill).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Nova Scotia; predators (birds).

Lock A.R. 1986. Changes In distributions of black-legged kittiwakes and Arctic terns which reflect recent increases in the abundance of *Ammodytes* sp. in the western North Atlantic Ocean. Pacific Seabird Group Bulletin. 13(2): 106.

“Shortly before 1970, notable increases in the abundance of *Ammodytes* sp occurred in Europe and in North America. Contemporaneous changes in distributions of black-legged kittiwakes and Arctic terns in North America are attributed to this change in food abundance. Kittiwakes were first found breeding in Nova Scotia, south of their traditional breeding range; in 1971 and since that time the number of kittiwake colonies has increased to five, and the number of breeding pairs has increased at a mean rate of 16 percent per annum. At the same time, immature Arctic terns, which usually summer south of the breeding range, began appearing at colonies in increasing numbers. These immatures, which had previously made up less than 1 percent of birds at colonies, now often constitute one-third of the birds present.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (north); abundance; predators (birds, arctic tern, black-legged kittiwake).

Lock, A.R. 1987. Recent increases in the breeding population of black-legged kittiwakes, *Rissa tridactyla*, in Nova Scotia. Canadian Field-Naturalist. 101(3): 331-334.

“Black-legged kittiwakes (*Rissa tridactyla*) began breeding in Nova Scotia around 1970. Since that time they have increased at a mean rate of 16% per annum to a 1983 population of 570 pairs. Their increase in Nova Scotia is related to a contemporaneous increase in the abundance of the sandlance (*Ammodytes* sp.).”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Nova Scotia; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake).

Locke, A.; Courtenay, S.C. 1995. Effects of environmental factors on ichthyoplankton communities in the Miramichi Estuary, Gulf of St. Lawrence. Journal of Plankton Research. 17(2): 333-349.

“Ichthyoplankton in 20 taxa (17 identified to species, three to genus) representing 14 families were collected in 10 surveys of the Miramichi estuary between May and September 1992. The taxonomic composition was typical of other estuaries in the Gulf of St Lawrence and Gulf of Maine. The species composition of the lower estuary (Miramichi Bay) was dominated by typically marine forms and probably serves as a nursery ground for winter flounder (*Pleuronectes americanus*), smooth flounder (*Pleuronectes putnami*), sculpin (*Myoxocephalus* sp.) and sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp). Of the environmental factors investigated, salinity was the most useful predictor of larval distribution in the estuary.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; abundance; larvae; salinity; temperature.

Lockley, R.M. 1934. On the breeding habits of the puffin: with special reference to the incubation and fledging period. British Birds. 27: 214-223.

“In the first weeks it is fed with small sand-eels and the minute freshly-hatched fry of fishes (including at least that of herring and pollock) which swarm close inshore in June and July.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, puffin).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); fisheries.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska.

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Keywords: *A. marinus*; mortality; plankton bloom; toxicity.

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Keywords: *A. tobianus*; description.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; eggs.

Loughlin, T.R.; Livingston, P.A. 1986. Summary of joint research on the diets of northern fur seals and fish in the Bering Sea during 1985. [Place of publication unknown]: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service. Proc. Rep.; contract 86-19. 92 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (fish; mammals, northern fur seal).

Love, R.M. 1970. The chemical biology of fishes. London: Academic Press.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; composition.

Love, R.M. 1991. Probably more than you want to know about the fishes of the Pacific coast. Santa Barbara, CA: Really Big Press.

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Love’s account of the Pacific sand lance: “A very wide ranging, schooling species, this sand lance inhabits waters from the Sea of Japan to the Bering Sea and southward to Balboa, southern California. They are common from Tomales Bay, northern California, northwards. Pacific sand lances have been reported from the intertidal zone to

depths of at least 330 feet and probably down to 908 feet. While primarily a marine species, they are also found near freshwater inputs. Most live in waters less than 300 feet deep, over sand or sand-gravel bottoms. These fish spend much of their time burrowed in the substrate; underwater observations imply that this species buries itself throughout the night. While they are commonly encountered in spring and summer they seem to disappear in fall and winter; probably, the little dears are dug in during this time of cold water.

“How big do they get? Oh, about 10.5 inches. And they live to at least 8 years. Based on studies off Japan, this species matures at 1-3 years and at lengths greater than 5 inches. Female Pacific sand lances are oviparous and probably spawn once per year. Sand lance spawning season may be variable and depend on location, ranging from as early as October to as late as May, perhaps peaking from January to March. Around Kodiak Island, Alaska, sand lances spawn on October high tides in the intertidal zone. Sand lance eggs are adhesive, sticking to the bottom, and take about 3-4 weeks to hatch. Larvae are generally found in shallow surface waters (less than about 90 feet), descending at night into slightly deeper waters (to about 260 feet). In a study off Auke Bay, Alaska, sandlance larvae were most abundant just before the spring phytoplankton bloom. Larvae metamorphose into juveniles in anywhere from 100 to 131 days. Juveniles are often found with adults, particularly in shallow waters; they may also school with other fishes, such as Pacific herring. Zooplankton are always on the menu for both juveniles and adults, particularly calanoid copepods, but also including such items as mysid shrimps, crustacean larvae, gammarid amphipods and chaetognaths. Everyone and their dog eats this species; they are chewed by just about everthing that swims or flies in the vicinity. Much of the predation occurs in the late afternoon, when the fish begin to seek out sediment for their evening slumber. Among the eager eaters are various fishes (such as Pacific cod, Pacific halibut, Pacific whiting, various soles, rockfishes, salmons), seabirds (pigeon guillemots, puffins, auklets, murres, kittiwakes, cormorants) and marine mammals (fur seals, harbor seals, Steller sea lions, spotted seals, minke whales, sei whales, humpback whales).

“FISHERY: There is no recreational fishery for these skinnies, though rumor has it that they are yummy. And, except for a small bait fishery in Washington and British Columbia, there is no commercial fishery either, at least on this side of the Pacific. The Japanese fishery takes about 100,000 tons per year, using a variety of nets.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; behavior; commercial fishery; distribution; habitat; predators (fish; birds; mammals).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (mammals).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Chukchi Sea; predators (mammals, bearded seal, ringed seal).

Lowry, L.F.; Frost, K.J.; Burns, J.J. 1986. Assessment of marine mammal-fishery interactions in the western Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea: consumption of commercially important fishes by Bering Sea pinnipeds. Juneau, AK: Alaska Department of Fish and Game; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service; final report; contract NA-85-ABH-00029. 26 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (mammals).

Lowry, L.F.; Frost, K.J.; Galkins, D.G. [and others]. 1982. Feeding habits, food requirements, and status of Bering Sea marine mammals. Doc. 19. Anchorage, AK: North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (mammals, bearded seal, belukha whale, Dall's porpoise, harbor seal, humpback whale, minke whale, northern fur seal, ribbon seal, ringed seal, spotted seal, Steller sea lion).

Lucas, M.C.; Johnstone, A.D.F. 1990. Observations on the retention of intragastric transmitters, and their effects on food consumption, in cod, *Gadus morhua* L. Journal of Fish Biology. 37(4): 647-649.

"A group of 20 tank-adapted cod (*Gadus morhua*) maintained on a diet of sandeels were starved for 3 days and randomly divided into equal numbers of control and experimental fish. A dummy transmitter of the size used in many acoustic tracking studies (length, 56 mm; diameter, 16 mm; weight in water, 5 g) was inserted via the oesophagus into the stomach of each experimental fish. Fish were first fed at 09.00 hours, 2 days after tagging, and subsequently every other weekday. The experiment was ended when only one fish retained its transmitter. This period was 35 days, the approximate life for acoustic transmitters of the size described. The presence of transmitters did not appear to affect food intake."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, cod).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; composition; fat; fisheries; spawning.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (birds, shag).

Lyndon, A.R.; Houlihan, D.F.; Hall, S.J. 1992. The effect of short-term fasting and a single meal on protein synthesis and oxygen consumption in cod *Gadus morhua*. Journal of Comparative Physiology [B]. 162(3): 209-215.

"Rates of protein synthesis and oxygen consumption (.ovrhdot.MO2) in cod were compared in both fasted and refed animals. During a 14-day fast both protein synthesis and respiration rates fell to stable values after 6 days. When a meal of whole sandeel at 6% body weight was fed to fish fasted for 6 days, protein synthesis and .ovrhdot.MO2 increased to a maximum at between 12 and 18 h after feeding. Peak .ovrhdot.MO2 was about twice the pre-feeding values, while whole animal protein synthesis increased four-fold. There were differences between tissues in the timing of maximum protein synthesis; the liver and stomach responded faster than the remainder of the body. Maximum protein synthesis rates in the liver and stomach occurred at 6 h after feeding, at which time their calculated contribution to total .ovrhdot.MO2 was 11%. Similar calculations suggested that the integrated increment in whole animal protein synthesis contributed between 23% and 44% of the post-prandial increase in .ovrhdot.MO2. It was concluded that protein synthesis is an important contributor to increased .ovrhdot.MO2 after feeding in cod."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, cod).

Macaulay, M.C.; Wishner, K.F.; Daly, K.L. 1995. Acoustic scattering from zooplankton and micronekton in relation to a whale feeding site near Georges Bank and Cape Cod. Continental Shelf Research. 15(4/5): 509-537.

“Euphausiids (predominantly *Meganyctiphanes* sp.) were found in a layer above the bottom, and a mid-water layer may have been due to sand lance (*Ammodytes americanus*).”

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Atlantic (northwest); distribution; hydroacoustics.

MacDonald, K.B. 1979. Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental shelf, Kodiak interim synthesis report. Boulder, CO: Science Applications, Inc. 215 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska.

MacDonald, P.R.N.; Austin-Smith, P.J. 1989. Bald eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, nest distribution on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Canadian Field-Naturalist. 103 (2): 293-296.

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“The distributions of four species of larval Ammodytidae in the Southern North Sea are described. Two separate broods of *Ammodytes lancea* larvae were found, in spring and autumn. The spring larvae occurred in the areas of the Thames and Wash, and autumn type mainly off the French and Dutch coasts. A description of these larvae is given. Larvae of *Gymnammodytes semisquamatus* were found in the Southern Bight area and in several areas off the Humber. Few larvae of *Ammodytes lanceolatus* were taken: they occurred in the Southern Bight and Downsing areas. *A. marinus* larvae were found in two areas off the Humber and in the Southern Bight. There is evidence for a spawning area some distance to the west of the Dover Strait.

“A brief review of previous identifications is given and the larval distributions are discussed in relation to those of the adults.”

Keywords: *A. lancea; A. lanceolatus; A. marinus; Gymnammodytes semisquamatus*; North Sea; description; distribution; larvae.

Macer, C.T. 1966. Sand eels (Ammodytidae) in the south-western North Sea; their biology and fishery. Fishery Investigations, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (Great Britain) Series 2. 24(6): 1-55.

“Five species of sand eels have been recorded from the North Sea—*Ammodytes marinus* Raitt, *A. lanceolatus* Lesauvage, *Gymnammodytes semisquamatus* Jourdain, *A. lancea* Cuvier and *A. immaculatus* Corbin. The first three species are common offshore and, in the area investigated, they were concentrated on the south-western edge of the Dogger Bank and, except for *G. semisquamatus*, on the tops of the Norfolk Banks. *A. marinus* comprised 94.5% of all sand eels caught and it is on the large concentrations of this species that the fishery depends.

“On the Dogger Bank growth rate of sand eels is higher than on the Norfolk Banks and Dowsing areas. Marked variations in annual growth and year-class strength were found to occur, expecially in *A. marinus*. The fish are short-lived, the oldest found being IX group, *A. marinus*; VIII-group, *A. lanceolatus*; and VII-group, *G. semisquamatus*.

“Data on maturity confirm previous findings that *A. marinus* is a winter spawner, and *A. lanceolatus* and *G. semi-squamatus* summer spawners. First maturity is reached at one or two years of age, depending on the species. Spawning areas of all three species were found in the Southern Bight and Downsing areas. A feature of sex ratio analyses was the preponderance of males, at spawning time only, in *A. marinus*. Fecundity estimates were made for the latter species only and number of eggs was found to be proportional to a power (3.055) of the length of the fish. Egg measurements showed that *A. marinus* has a short spawning period, and *A. lanceolatus* and *G. semisquamatus* prolonged ones.

“Stomach content analyses show that *A. marinus, A. lancea* and *G. semisquamatus* are plankton feeders (taking chiefly copepods), whilst *A. lanceolatus* and probably *A. immaculatus* are, except for the juveniles, predators on other fish, often sand eels, though not their own species.

“The industrial fishery for sand eels started in 1953. Denmark, Germany, Norway and the Netherlands have taken part and they fish along their own coasts and also in the south-west Dogger area.

“Annual landings have been about 100,000 tons or more, though in 1962 and 1963, sharp increases led to a figure of 183,863 tons. Over 80% of the total is usually taken by Denmark. The fishery is seasonal (March-August). The fish cannot be caught at night in a bottom trawl. Mortality estimates indicate a value of between 70 and 80% annually. The possible effects of the fishery on stocks of sand eels and other fish are discussed.”

Keywords: *A. immaculatus; A. lancea; A. lanceolatus; A. marinus; G. semisquamatus*; North Sea; abundance; age and growth; commercial fisheries; distribution; food and feeding habits; life history; predators (fish); sex ratio; spawning; weight/length relationship.

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Keywords: Ammodytidae; larvae; taxonomy.

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unlikely to feed at maximal rates in the sea; (2) larvae feeding rates are most sensitive to changes in food abundance across the range of food densities that are most likely to occur in nature. However, in situ ingestion rates estimates for 8 species of marine fish larvae indicate that these larvae fed at rates independent of the food density and near-maximally, despite relatively low food densities. We conclude that this difference between in situ and laboratory estimates of ingestion rates as a function of prey density result primarily from the failure of most integrated census estimates of prey density to adequately represent the real contact rate of larvae with their prey and the failure of most lab expt designs to incorporate relivant variables known to influence prey encounter rates and selection."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; food; ingestion; larvae.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; disease.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; catch; fisheries; predators (birds, arctic tern, great skua, guillemot, kittiwake, puffin, red-throated diver).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (fish, whiting).

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“In an experiment with 384 White Lohmann LSL layers the effect of fish oil upon rate of lay, egg weight, albumen height, shell weight, yolk weight, yolk colour, fat content, fatty acid composition, and sensory quality were analysed. The diets were composed as a control diet – A – with 3% animal fat +1.15 mg/kg canthaxanthin, diet B with 1.5% animal fat +1.5% fish oil with a natural content of astaxanthin of 34.8 mg/kg oil, diet C with 3% fish oil with 34.8 mg/kg oil of astaxanthin, and diet D with 3% fish oil containing 6.6 mg astaxanthin/kg oil. The fish oil type was two different lots of sand eel oil (*Ammodytes* spp.) and the astaxanthin originates from Crustacea, being the main feed of sand eel. The experiment lasted 16 weeks from 29 to 45 weeks of age. The diets were iso-energetic and fulfilled the NRC (1984) requirements. A significant effect of fish oil on egg weight, shell weight, yolk weight, and yolk colour was found. A content of 3% fish oil resulted in lower egg weight, shell weight, and yolk weight compared to the diet without fish oil. The yolk colour measured by the Roche Yolk Colour Fan, 15-grade, was significantly higher in diet A compared to diets B and D, but did not differ from diet C. A linear correlation between ppm pigment in the diet and the yolk colour was obtained with r–2 = 0.938. There was a significant increase of n–3 fatty acids in the yolks, especially eicosapentanoic acid (EPA) which is characteristic of fish oil. The fat content expressed as g fat per 60 g egg decreased significantly with increasing fish oil content. The composition changed from 0% to 3% fish oil by a relative increase in saturated fatty acids, decrease in monounsaturated fatty acids, and an increase in polyunsaturated fatty acids. The sensory evaluation of taste of yolk and general impression differed with lower grades for eggs from diets with fish oil, although still above the acceptability limit.”

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; *A. dubius*; Atlantic (northwest); parasites.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; abundance; distribution; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; distribution; larvae; model.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; anthropogenic impacts; environmental impact; growth; larvae; migration; mortality; population dynamics.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; advection; early life history; growth; habitat; larvae; mortality; spawning.

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as starving 45% of first-feeding (less than 7 mm long) sand lance larvae. However, starvation could not have been caused by low concentrations of prey because microzooplankton prey concentrations were high enough (16 to 84 prey/L) to support relatively high rates of growth. Therefore, starving larvae were either abnormal or they were still learning to forage."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; food and feeding habits; larvae; RNA-DNA ratios.

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pungitius, of the inner coastal waters of the GDR with regard to the morphology of the spine are described and presented. Regressions between length of vertebra and fish length have been determined for 6 species in order to enable a backcalculation of prey length. The results can also be helpful during food analysis of birds and mammals."

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"The authors reviewed the literature on the American sand lance (*Ammodytes americanus*). Several aspects concerning the biology and the exploitation of *A. americanus* are discussed. An annotated bibliography is also presented."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; bibliography; biology; exploitation.

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"The daily periodicity of the food intake of North Sea whiting feeding on sandeels was investigated by means of analysing the weight of partly digested prey particles found in the stomachs. The digestion times corresponding to the weights of partly digested sandeels were estimated from the assumed weight at ingestion as derived from the length-weight relationship of the prey and a gastric evacuation model that was based on experimental data with whiting fed on sandeels . The results indicated a single feeding peak with a maximum feeding between 2200 and 2400 h and minimal food intake between 0800 and 1000 h. Additional simulation exercises were performed to investigate the precision of the back-calculation method. These simulations revealed that the scatter of individual weights around the mean weight at a given length is transformed into a corresponding scatter in the estimated times of food intake. The main conclusion from the analysis that whiting appear to feed during the night hours was found to be robust against changes of the actual parameters of the particle decay function within the range of the most likely values."

A local population of adult whiting was found to feed almost exclusively on sandeels.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; importance; predators (fish, whiting).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Chukchi Sea; distribution.

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Substrates of mud, mud and silt, medium to coarse gravel, and rock and boulder were avoided. This preference for loose porous substrate facilitates entry and exit and may relate to a sufficient supple of dissolved oxygen within at least the first few centimeters of interstitial water. Oxygen is continually replenished by tidal currents of 32 to 47 centimeters per second measured at 1 meter above the bottom on Stellwagen Bank.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; northwest Atlantic; abundance; behavior; food and feeding habits; swimming speed.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Germany; fisheries.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Germany; fisheries.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; catch; fisheries; length frequency.

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Keywords: *A. lancea; A. marinus*; North Sea; catch; fisheries; length frequency.

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Keywords: *A. dubius*; Labrador; Newfoundland; distribution.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fisheries; larvae; recruitment.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, puffin).

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"Chick growth and parental feeding behavior of the spectacled guillemot (*Cepphus carbo*) were studied on Teuri Island, Hokkaido in 1989. Increase in chick body weight was closely fitted to the von Bertalanffy equation. Chick growth rate peaked at a maximum of 22.1 g/day at 15.3 days after hatching; being highest among the Alcidae. Its weight was 620 g at fledging, 91.2% of the average adult weight. Lengths of wing, culmen and tail for two chicks grew to 60-79% of adult lengths at fledging, with only the tarsus attaining the full length. Chick diets in the nestling period consisted of three species of benthic fishes, *Sebastes minor, Ammodytes personatus,* and *Blennioidei* sp. Feeding frequency was 9.8 times/day for one chick brood, and 9.3 times/day for two chick broods. These figures are remarkably high compared to other Alcidae. High feeding ability of the parents may account for high growth rates and large body sizes at fledging for the chicks."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; predators (birds, spectacled guillemot).

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; aestivation; biological rhythm; dormancy; lipids; maturation; metabolism.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; predators (birds, tufted puffin).

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"Pacific sand lance were frequently found in the bill loads brought to horned puffin chicks at the Koniuji Strait colony in 1976. Sand lance occurred by weight in 70.3% and by frequency of occurrence in 68.8% of the bill loads brought to horned puffin chicks. Pacific sand lance occurred in the diet of tufted puffins collected in the Yukon Harbor area, 1976. Sand lance occurred in 12.5% of food items in regurgitations of glaucous-winged gull chicks on Hall Island, 1976."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Shumagin Islands; importance; predators (birds, horned puffin, tufted puffin, glaucous-winged gull).

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"Sandeels, especially *Ammodytes marinus* are a major component of the diet of many predatory fish, seabirds and seals. The industrial fishery for sandeels is now the largest of the North Sea fisheries. A sandeel fishery in the Shetland area began in 1974 but has recently declined. This change was accompanied by dramatic declines in the breeding success of certain seabirds, particularly Arctic terns and kittiwakes. Current information on seabirds and sandeels in the Shetland area is reviewed and areas where further research is needed, highlighted. The Shetland problem illustrates the difficulities of reconciling conservation and exploitation when fundamental ecological and behavioral knowledge is lacking, and also the need to obtain further information on the ecological impact of industrial fisheries."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; commercial fishery; importance; predators (birds, fish, mammals).

Monaghan, P. 1996. Relevance of the behaviour of seabirds to the conservation of marine environments. Oikos. 77: 227-237.

"Catastrophic declines in prey populations are often accompanied by pronounced seabird breeding failures, as recently occurred for example with lesser sandeels *Ammodytes marinus* in the Shetland area of the North Sea.

"Seabirds in Shetland feed almost entirely on lesser sandeels. Sandeels spawn in January, and the fish of the year (0-group) are first caught by the fishery in late June/early July. By this time they have also reached a large enough size to be taken by seabirds. The industrial fishery for sandeels is now the largest of the North Sea fisheries, approaching 109 kg per year. A sandeel fishery started in Shetland in 1974; landings peaked in 1982 and then declined rapidly, as did the breeding success of several species of seabird. Shetland contained over 33 thousand breeding pairs of Arctic terns *Sterna paradisaea* in 1980, 40% of the British and Irish breeding population, yet the shetland population produced no young between 1984 and 1990. Productivity of kittiwakes *Rissa tridactyla* was similarly very poor from 1985 to 1990. It was established that the poor breeding success of the Arctic tern resulted from a shortage of sandeels, but considerable controversy arose over the extent to which stocks had actually declined, and the extent to which overfishing was involved. It was noted that, whole surface feeding seabirds were badly affected, diving species such as shags *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* and guillemots (also dependent on sandeels) continued to breed reasonably successfully."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; importance; predators (birds, arctic tern, kittiwake, shag, guillemot).

Monaghan, P.; Uttley, J.D.; Burns, M. [and others]. 1989. The relationship between food supply, reproductive effort, and breeding success in arctic terns *Sterna paradisea*. Journal of Animal Ecology. 58: 261-274.

"This study compares the foraging performance, adult body condition and breeding success of Arctic terns (*Sterna paradisaea* Pontoppidan) in a successful (Coquet Island) and an unsuccessful (Shetland) breeding colony. During courtship feeding, males in Shetland brought larger fish to their mates than did the birds on Coquet. However, the latter brought more energy-rich fish, made more foraging trips per hour and their rate of energy transfer to their mates was higher. There was no difference between the two colonies in clutch or eggs size, or in hatching success. During chick-rearing, birds in both areas concentrated on sandeels as prey. In contrast to Coquet, the Shetland birds brought their young a very high proportion of small fish, and lost a high proportion of their large prey to conspecific kleptoparasites; they also foraged at a higher rate and brought less energy per chick per hour. The chicks in the Shetland colony grew at a slower rate than those on Coquet and the majority died in the first week of life. Breeding success on Coquet was good. In both areas, adults lost weight during the breeding period. The birds on Shetland were lighter than those on Coquet, but their subsequent rate of weight loss was less. During the chick-rearing period on Coquet, birds fledging two young remained heavier than those where one young died of starvation in the first

week after hatching. The data suggest that the birds in Shetland had difficulty in finding sandeels of the 4-8 cm size-class to feed their young, and that the adults themselves were in poor condition prior to the chicks hatching. Adult arctic terns appear to adjust their breeding effort in response to body condition. These findings are discussed in relation to the life-history strategy of arctic terns and factors influencing their food availability."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Coquet Island; Shetland; importance; predators (birds, arctic tern).

Monaghan, P.; Uttley, J.D.; Burns, M.D. 1991. The influences of changes in prey availability on the breeding ecology of terns. International Ornithology Congress. 20: 2257-2262.

In the Shetland area, the lesser sand eel is the main prey of arctic terns. Very few young terns were produced for 7 successive years. The sand eel fishery is near the main seabird colonies, and the fishery may have caused the collapse of the sand eel stock. Arctic terns use 1 age group sandeels in courtship and 0 age group sand eels when feeding young. In Shetland, there is a very good correlation between the production of 0 age group sand eels and the number of young terns ringed each year.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; fisheries; importance; 0 age; predator (birds, arctic tern).

Monaghan, P.; Uttley, J.D.; Burns, M.D. 1992. Effects of changes in food availability on reproductive effort in arctic terns *Sterna paradisea*. Ardea. 80: 71-81.

"The breeding effort of Arctic terns *Sterna paradisaea* in two conditions of low food availability in Shetland (A: poor food supply during courtship and very poor during chick rearing, B: very poor during courtship and poor during chick rearing) was compared with that of Arctic terns breeding in two areas of good food supply elsewhere. In Shetland situation B courtship prey were small and males provisioned females at a comparatively high rate. Neither the onset of laying nor egg size appeared to be affected; clutch size was slightly reduced in Shetland B, and a significantly higher proportion of birds deserted during incubation. Sandeels (*Ammodytes marinus*) were the main chick prey and feeding rates were highest when prey were small. No young fledged in the Shetland situations. Adults at the good food supply sites were heavier than those in Shetland and there was a significant positive relationship between adult weight at the time of hatching and the time to nest failure. These data are discussed in relation to the proximate role of food supply in influencing reproductive decisions and a model is proposed suggesting that individual Arctic terns have a critical threshold body weight below which they abandon breeding."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; importance; predators (birds, arctic tern).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (birds).

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The main prey of the common murre is the lesser sand eel.

"These data demonstrate that breeding guillemots have the capacity to adjust their foraging behaviour and time budgets in response to changes in food abundance, but this flexibility was not sufficient to compensate fully for the very low food abundance experienced by birds in this study."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; importance; predators (birds, common murre).

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“Breeding parameters of black-legged kittiwakes *Rissa tridactyla* and common murres *Uria aalge* breeding in Shetland in 1990 and 1991 were examined in conjunction with studies on the distribtuion, abundance, and age composition of sand lance (*Ammodytes* spp.), their main prey in the area. There was a 40-fold difference in sand lance density between years, and the distribution and age composition of the fish also differed markedly. Although the diet compostion of the birds did not differ between years, differences were found in the breeding success, colony attendance, foraging trip durations, and overall activity budgets. These findings are discussed in relation to the differing foraging strategies of the two seabird species and the use of seabirds as indicators of changes in marine fish populations.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; age; abundance; distribution; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake, common murre).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Monaghan, P.A.; Uttley, J.; Burns, M.D. 1988. The relationship between food supply, reproductive effort and breeding success in arctic terns. In: Tasker, M.L., ed. Seabird food and feeding ecology: Proceedings of the International Conference of the Seabird Group. 3: 35-36.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (birds, arctic tern).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; food and feeding habits; larvae.

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“Other dominant larvae were winter flounder (*Pleuronectes americanus*) and American sand lance (*Ammodytes americanus*). Their combined density reached 8 m-3 and accounted for the winter peak in larvae. The seasonality of abundance of larval fish was strongly correlated with reported densities of copepod nauplii prey.”

Keywords: *A. americanus*; New York; abundance; eggs; larvae; seasonal variation.

Monteleone, D.M.; Peterson, W.T. 1986. Feeding ecology of American sand lance *Ammodytes americanus* larvae from Long Island Sound. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 30(2-3): 133-143.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Long Island Sound; food and feeding habits.

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; Long Island Sound; annual variation; environmental effects.

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“Enumeration data from over 2,300 ichthyoplankton samples collected during 17 yr, spanning a 32-yr interval (1951-1983), were compiled to determine interannual variations in density of sand lance larvae. Years of relatively high densities were noted during the winters of 1965-1966 and 1978-1979 and low densities in 1971-1974. A regular increase in numbers during the late 1970’s and the peak in 1978-1979 coincided with increases in population size found throughout the coastal northwest Atlantic Ocean. Densities in Long Island Sound began to decline in 1980 and

this continued through 1983. In contrast, densities throughout coastal Atlantic areas during the 1980's remained at least as high as they were 1976-1978. Interannual fluctuations in density of sand lance larvae could be partially explained by water temperatures in December. Warm Decembers were associated with low larval densities."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Long Island Sound; abundance; annual variation; larvae; temperature.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; energy value; predators (birds, northern gannet); organic composition.

Morgan, R.; Greenstreet, S.P.R.; Thorpe, J.E. 1986. First observations on distribution, food and fish predators of post-smolt Atlantic salmon, *Salmo salar*, in the outer Firth of Clyde: Council meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; [dates of meeting unknown]; Copenhagen, Denmark. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]. 12 p.

"Post-smolt salmon, *Salmo salar* L., (16.7-20.0 cm) were caught by pair trawling at night in the surface 10 m off the Kintyre peninsula, Scotland, during Jun. 1986, very shortly after their emigration from the rivers. They were feeding chiefly on 2-6 cm sandeels, *Ammodytes* sp. Demersal trawl surveys in late May had revealed the dogfishes *Squalus acanthias* and *Scyliorhinus caniculus* as the only fish species present in the area which were potential predators on juvenile salmon."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (fish, Atlantic salmon).

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"In order to clarify the role and function of a semi-closed sea area in the production of fish, a series of research was carried out in Yuya Bay, in the Japan Sea. The bay is geographically sheltered from the open sea by a peninsula, and is under the influence of the warm Tsushima current and has a variety of environmental elements. Quantitative sampling of study materials were made regularly in the bay from April 1975 to November 1977. A small-scale trawl with a beam of 8 m in length was used to catch demersal fish, a pair of boat seine were used to catch pelagic fish and pelagic juveniles of both pelagic and demersal fish. Ichthyoplanktons were collected with step-oblique tows of a plankton net having a mouth diameter of 113 cm. 3. About 91 species and species-groups of larvae were collected by the plankton net tows. The dominant species or species groups in order were as follows: Gobiids, *Aqogon lineatus,* Callionimids*, Rudarius ercodes, Sebastes inermis, Sebastiscus marmoratus, Engraulis japonicus, Enedrias nebulosus, Sillago japonica, Ammodytes personatus* and *Chromis notatus.*"

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; distribution; growth; larvae; migration; seasonal variation; spawning.

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Keywords: *A. dubius; A. hexapterus*; Hudson Bay; abundance; distribution.

Morse, W. 1982. Spawning stock biomass estimates of sand lance, *Ammodytes* sp., off northeastern United States, determined from MARMAP plankton surveys, 1974-1980: Council meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, G; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]. 59 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); abundance; spawning.

Morse, W.W. 1989. Catchability, growth, and mortality of larval fishes. Fishery Bulletin. 87: 417-446.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fisheries; growth; larvae; mortality.

Motoda, S.; Iizuka, A.; Kurohagi, T. 1950. Ecological investigations on the young sand-eel around the coast of Hokkaido. I: Water temperature at fishing season, plankton at fishering ground, burrowing behaviour, body-length composition, and growth rate. Bulletin of the Hokkaido Regional Fisheries Research Laboratory. 7: 46-55.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; behavior; ecology; growth.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; ecology; food and feeding habits.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; ecology; habitat; larvae.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fisheries; growth; larvae; mortality.

Munk, P.; Nielsen, T.G. 1994. Trophodynamics of the plankton community at Dogger Bank: predatory impact by larval fish. Journal of Plankton Research. 16(9): 1225-1245.

“The trophodynamics of a coastal plankton community were studied, focusing on fish larvae and their copepod prey. The major objectives were to describe distributional overlap and evaluate the predatory impact by larval fish. The study was carried out across Dogger Bank in the North Sea, August-September 1991.”

Keywords: *A. lancea*; North Sea; competition; food and feeding habits; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (birds, red-breasted merganser).

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Keywords: *A. americanus; A. dubius*; Atlantic Ocean; distribution; environmental effects; fisheries; seasonal variation; temperature.

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; New Jersey; abundance; eggs; estuary; larvae; spawning.

Murphy, E.C.; Cooper, B.A.; Martin, P.D. [and others]. 1987. The population status of seabirds on St. Matthew and Hall Islands 1985 and 1986. [Place of publication unknown]: Minerals Management Service; OCS Study MMS 87-0043.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds).

Murphy, E.C.; Day, R.H.; Oakley, K.L.; Hoover, A.A. 1984. Dietary changes and poor reproductive performance in glaucous-winged gulls. The Auk. 101: 532-541.

“In 1979, fishes including sand lance, became prevalent in the diet only when hatching began. When mussels were prominent in the diet they had poor reproductive performance but a predominance of fishes coincided with high survivorship and rapid growth of chicks. Mussels are of low caloric value compared with other intertidal prey and are avoided by GW gulls foraging in intertidal zones. Mussels must be crushed in the gizzard and represent a high cost of digestion to gulls compared with other intertidal prey. Mussels in Alaska may be more difficult to digest because of higher shell thickness.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds, glaucous-winged gull).

Murphy, E.C.; Springer, A.M.; Roseneau, D.G. 1989. Recent climatic anomalies and the troubled reproduction of kittiwakes at the Alaskan colonies in the Bering and Chukchi Seas. In: Proceedings of the Arctic Science Conference, 40; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]. 27 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; abundance; environmental effects; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake).

Murphy, E.C.; Springer, A.M.; Roseneau, D.G. 1991. High annual variability in reproductive success of kittiwakes (*Rissa tridactyla* L.) at a colony in western Alaska. Journal of Animal Ecology. 60: 515-534.

Spring air temperatures were highly correlated with break-up of sea ice, and these factors probably influenced seasonal warming trends in the sea water and the consequent availability of prey such as sandeels (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) near the colony.

Results are presented of a 15-year study at a colony in western Alaska where kittiwakes prey primarily on sand eels (*A. hexapterus*). Sand eels appear to be the primary prey of kittiwakes at Bluff. At Bluff and at colonies in the eastern Chukchi Sea, sand eels were less prevalent in kittiwake diets and size-at-age was smaller in midsummer following cold springs. At Bluff, sand eels comprised a lower percentage of the adult diet in 1976-77 than in 1979-82 and also were uncommon in the diets of chicks in 1983. Sand eels are not commercially harvested in this region, and no stock assessments have been made, but these observations suggest that availability of sand eels has differed considerably among years and was higher throughout the chick period in good reproductive years.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; Chukchi Sea; importance; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake).

Murphy, M.A. 1995. Occurrence and group characteristics of minke whales, *Balaenoptera acutorostrata*, in Massachusetts Bay and Cape Cod Bay. Fishery Bulletin. 93(3): 577-585.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Cape Cod Bay; Massachusetts Bay; predators (mammals, minke whale).

Murphy, M.L.; Thedinga, J.F.; Koski, K.V. 1988. Size and diet of juvenile Pacific salmon during seaward migration through a small estuary in southeastern Alaska. Fishery Bulletin. 86(2): 213-222.

“To assess competition and predation among juvenile Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.) migrating, through the estuary of Porcupine Creek, a small stream in southeastern Alaska, their size and diet were determined in 1979 and 1981. Mean fork length (FL) during May and June increased from 32 to 73 mm (1.5 mm/day) for pink salmon, *O. gorbuscha*; from 39 to 51 mm (0.4 mm/day) for chum salmon, *O. keta*; and during June and July, from 99 to 165 mm

(1.6 mm/day) for coho salmon, *O. kisutch*. Prey, in order of importance, included larval fish (mostly Gadidae), larval molluscs (Mesogastropoda), and calanoid copepods for pink salmon; larval molluscs, larvaceans, and hyperiid amphipods for chum salmon; and fish (*Clupea harengus* pallasi, *Ammodytes hexapterus*, and Gadidae), insects, and larval decapods (Brachyrhyncha) for coho salmon. No pink or chum salmon were found in the coho salmon stomachs. Prey size for pink and chum salmon was similar (median, 0.4 mm long for both species), and much smaller than that of coho salmon (median, 2.3 mm). Diet overlap was greater between pink and chum salmon than between either species and coho salmon. Pink salmon, however, ate almost exclusively (95%) pelagic prey, whereas chum salmon ate both pelagic (74%) and epibenthic (26%) prey. Rapid early growth and differences in diet probably help minimize predation and competition among salmon during seaward migration."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (fish, coho salmon).

Murray, J.; Burt, J.R. 1969. The composition of fish. Torry Advisory Note 38. H.M.S.O.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; composition.

Myers, K.W. 1979. Comparative analysis of stomach contents of cultured and wild juvenile salmonids in Yaquina Bay, Oregon. In: Lipovsky, S.J.; Simenstad, C.A., eds. Gutshop 78: fish food habits studies: Proceedings of the 2d Pacific Northwest technical workshop; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Publ. WSG-WO-79-1. [Place of publication unknown]: Washington Sea Grant: 155-162.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Oregon; predators (fish).

Myers, K.W.W. 1980. An investigation of the utilization of four study areas in Yaquina Bay, Oregon, by hatchery and wild juvenile salmonids. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University. 233 p. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Oregon; abundance; distribution.

Myrberget, S. 1962. Undersokelser over forplantnings biologien til lunde [*Fratercula arctica* (L.)]: egg, ruging og under. Meddelelser fra Statens Viltundersokelser. 2(11): 1-51. English summary.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, puffin).

Nagashima, H.; Kobayashi, N.; Izumi, Y.; Kodama, J. 1995. Simulation on resource management of the sandeel, *Ammodytes personatus* Girard, in Sendai Bay. Miyagi–Ken Suisan Kenkyu Kaihatsu Senta Kenkyu Hokoku. 14: 51-53.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Sendai Bay; fisheries; models; recruitment.

Nagoshi, M.; Kanda, T. 1979. Population studies of sand eel, *Ammodytes personatu*s, in Ise Bay. 2: Estimation of population size and fishing mortality. Bulletin of the Faculty of Fisheries Mie University. 6: 65-726.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Ise Bay; abundance; fisheries.

Nagoshi, M.; Sano, M. 1979. Population studies of sand eel, *Ammodytes personatus*, in Ise Bay. I: Growth and its relation to population desnsity. Japan Journal of Ecology. 29: 1-10.

"The annual fluctuation of growth of sand eel collected from 1968 to 1977 was studied in relation to the population density in Ise Bay. There was no apparent sex difference in the growth in the first and second years of life. The population was divided into two groups, age 0 and I groups, based on the distribution of body length. Biweekly mean body length and mean body weight for each year-class remarkably fluctuated every year. A considerable yearly variation occurring in the growth was in close connection with the fluctuation of population density of age 0 group. A highly significant negative correlation existed between the growth in weight and the population density."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Ise Bay; age; growth, length, weight.

Nagoshi, M.; Yuba, K. 1988. Variation of individual fish size in relation to population density of sand eel *Ammodytes personatus* in Ise Bay. Nippon Suisan Gakkaishi; Bulletin of the Japan Society of Scientific Fisheries. 54(6): 913-917.

“The chief factors affecting body length-variations of a sand eel *Ammodytes personatus* were studied in Ise Bay, Japan. Mean body size and growth rate of first year sand eel in fourteen year-classes varied considerably among the year-classes. The relative variation in individual fish size, coefficient of variation (CV), in each year-class was inversely related to population density and was thus density-dependent. The causes of density-dependent fluctuation of the variation are discussed.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Ise Bay; abundance; growth; length; weight.

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Keywords: *A. tobianus*; predators (mammals, red fox).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (invertebrates, squid).

Nakai, K.; Kakuda, S.; Gushima, K. 1987. On the food habits of *Nibea albiflora* in the Seto Inland Sea Japan. Journal of the Faculty of Applied Biological Science, Hiroshima University. 26(1-2): 89-98.

“The food habits of *Nibea albiflora*, which is one of the most important fishing resources in Bisan–seto of the Seto Inland Sea, were studied through the qualitative and quantitative analysis of their stomach contents. Stomachs of 323 fish collected in the central regions of the Sea during the period from March ‘77 to June ‘79 were examined, although 120 of them were found to be empty. The stomachs of the remaining 203 fish with a standard length ranging from 49 mm to 435 mm were analyzed individually. The most important species of fish consumed was the sand eel (*Ammodytes personatus*). Fishes were the most important prey item in the > 200 mm size group, and sand eel was dominant in the stomachs of N. albiflora greater than 260 mm length. The total length of fish prey in the stomachs was 1/5-1/3 of the standard length of the predator.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; importance; predators (fish, *Nibea albiflora*).

Nakamura, Y.; Nishikawa, T.; Miyahara, K. [and others]. 1995. Seto Inland Sea important aquatic life environment survey: sand lance fry distribution study. Hyogo Kenritsu Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokoku. 1993: 40-44.

Keywords: *A. personatus; Japan*; Seto Inland Sea; catch; distribution; eggs; habitat; larvae; length.

Nakanishi, N. 1976. Feeding, fat deposits, and growth of sand-eels in Ise Bay, central Japan. Nihon Suisan-Gakkai Shi. 42(8): 831-835.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Ise Bay; energetics; food and feeding habits; growth.

Nakashima, B.S. 1990. Escapement from a Diamond IX midwater trawl during acoustic surveys for capelin *Mallotus villosus* in the northwest Atlantic. Journal du Conseil, Conseil International pour l’Exploration de la Mer. 47(1): 76-82.

“Escapement from different parts of the Diamond IX midwater trawl was measured using experimental bags made of 6.43–mm–square mesh nylon attached to the outside of the trawl. The objective was to quantify the amount of escapment and to determine its effect on estimating the species composition and length frequency of capelin populations encountered during capelin acoustic surveys. Escapement was restricted primarily to the third and fourth bellies near the cod end. Escapement was not related to the catch weight in the cod end. Differences were observed in length frequencies between the experimental bags and cod end catches of capelin. Length frequencies were skewed to the left towards the smaller lengths for experimental bag catches compared with the cod end regardless

of the size of capelin encountered. In some instances, there were differences in species composition between the cod end and the experimental bags, especially when sand lance and Arctic cod were present. Escapement was greatest from the top of the trawl compared with the bottom and side in the vicinty of the fourth wedge and belly. A bias in the length frequency of the capelin catch or in the catch composition due to escapement is of concern when biomass estimates of capelin are calculated from acoustic airways."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); fishing methods; length frequency.

Nakata, H. 1983. Physical processes of the transport of fish eggs and larvae. In: Symposium on review and problem of observation method of environment in the fishing ground Tokyo (Japan). Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Fisheries and Oceanography. 44: 100-104.

"On the basis of investigations in Japanese waters, the transport of fish eggs and larvae is discussed: (1) the differential distribution of eggs and larvae in the Seto Inland Sea corresponds well to the pattern of prevailing winds and, hence, their transport and dispersion from the spawning grounds are mostly subject to the change in the wind stress (2) a temperature front is lying between the Sagami Bay coastal water and off-shore water. The change in this front and an associated inflow of off-shore water strongly influence the coastward recruitment of eggs and larvae and (3) access to the vertical profiles of flows as well as the flow of the surface water on finer tempo-spatial scales is desirable for understanding the transport processes of these small animals."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; eggs; larvae; spawning.

Nakata, H. 1988. Wind effects on the transport of Japanese sand eel larvae in the eastern part of the Seto Inland Sea. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 54(9): 1553-1561.

"The effects of the wind-induced surface drift on the larval transport of the Japanese sand eel *Ammodytes personatus* in the eastern part of the Seto Inland Sea are discussed on the basis of the results of a drift-card experiment and an analysis of the historical data on the distribution of the larval fish. The wind-induced changes in the recovery distribution of the drift-cards released from Shikano-se, one of the main spawning grounds located in the Sea of Harima, suggest that the prevailing wind, particularly its westerly component, affects the drift pattern of the sand eel larvae originating from this spawning ground. The strong westerly wind after the hatching of the larvae also contributed to the eastward transport of the larvae from spawning ground in the Bisan-Seto to the Sea of Harima."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; larvae; population dynamics; recruitment; stock assessment.

Nakata, H. 1995. How does the westerly wind in the winter affect sand lance recruitment? Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Fisheries Oceanography. 59(3): 322-324.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; environmental effects; larvae; recruitment.

Nakata, H.; Kimura, S.; Kishi, M.J.; Fujiwara, T. 1991. Environmental constraints on the sand lance population in the eastern Seto Inland Sea. Marine Pollution Bulletin. 23: 195-199.

"The Japanese sand lance is one of the commercially important fish in the coastal waters of Japan. The catch varies considerably due to the recruitment success or failure of the 0-age fish. The main spawning period is in winter (early December-early January). The eggs adhere to bottom sand for about 25 days, then hatch out and spend about 2 month pelagic period. The 0-age fish become a target of the fishery from late March to late June. After this they estivate in the bottom sand until early December, when they are matured and start to spawn."

Environmental contraints include wind-induced currents, water temperature and salinity, competition for prey, available habitat (i.e., sand banks), and adult predation on the larvae.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Seto Inland Sea; environmental constraints; aestivation; fishery; larvae; spawning.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; eggs; growth; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Chignik; predators (fish, Dolly Varden).

Nash, R.D.M. 1986. Diel fluctuations of a shallow water fish community in the inner Oslofjord Norway. Marine Ecology (Pubbl. Stn. Zool. Napoli I). 7(3): 219-232.

"A shallow water fish community in the inner Oslofjord, Norway, was sampled with a beach seine at 4 h intervals over two 36 h periods (25-26th May and 28-29th September, 1982). Night length varied from 1 h in May to 11 h in September. Differences in the community composition were observed between May and September. The diversity of the fish community changed between the two months although the interpretation of the change was dependent on the method used to analyse the community. The three dominant species (*Gasterosteus aculeatus, Sprattus sprattus, and Ammodytes tobianus*) showed diel variations in catch rate which were out of phase with each other. The percentage of overlap in abundance of the dominant species was low. The summation of the individual periodicities resulted in a periodicity at the community level. There were fluctuations, over a diel cycle, in all the community parameters (number of indiviudals, number of species, species diversity [H'], species richness [D] and evenness [J']) which affect measures of resource partitioning in fish communities and which should therefore be considered in ecological studies. Diel fluctuations in abundance of some individual shallow water species varied between seasons causing problems in population estimates."

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Norway; distribution; seasonal variation.

Natural Environment Research Council. 1985. The impact of grey and common seals on North Sea resources. [Place of publication unknown]: Natural Environment Research Council, Sea Mammal Research Unit; final report; contract no. ENV 665 UK(H) to the EEC.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (mammals, grey seal, common seal).

Naumenko, E.A. 1997. The role of fish predators in pelagic ichthyocenosis of the western Bering Sea. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems: Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Prog. Rep. 97-01. [Fairbanks, AK]: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College: [pages unknown].

"In the western Bering Sea shelf the common facultative fish predators are pollock, Pacific cod, Pacific halibut, Greenland turbot, Kamchatka flounder, rainbow smelt, some species of sculpins, and others. The frequency of occurrence of fish prey in their stomachs averages 5% to 80%. The most frequent prey species are capelin; sand lance; and juvenile pollock, herring, saffron cod, and flatfishes."

Pollock and Pacific cod feed rarely on sand lance. Rainbow smelt stomachs are often filled with either larvae or alevins of sand lance. From May to October, smelt consume up to 12 billion fish larvae and alevins (sand lance, capelin, pollock, or herring).

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; predators (fish, rainbow smelt).

Neilson, J.D.; Gillis, D.J. 1979. A note on the stomach contents of adult Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar* Linnaeus) from Port Burwell, Northwest Territories. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 57(7): 1502-1503.

"Stomach content analyses on 28 Atlantic salmon captured in late Aug. 1977, indicate that invertebrate prey items were the most important by volume. *Parathemisto libellula* dominated the invertebrate prey group, and *Ammodytes* sp. was the most important fish in the diet of the salmon analyzed. A range extension for *Notoscopelus elongtus kroeyeri* was recorded."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Northwest Territories; importance; predators (fish, Atlantic salmon).

Nelson, B. 1966. The breeding biology of the gannet (*Sula bassana*) on the Bass Rock, Scotland. Ibis. 108: 584-626.

"Four of the principal food fishes of the gannet are probably herring, mackerel, saithe and sand-eels. The latter is not commercially significant and there is therefore little evidence available of any change in its abundance."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (birds, gannet).

Nelson, G.A. 1990. Population biology and dynamics of northern sand lance (*Ammodytes dubius*) from the Gulf of Maine to the middle Atlantic bight region. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts. 210 p. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Atlantic (northwest); life history.

Nelson, G.A.; Ross, M.R. 1991. Biology and population changes of northern sand lance *Ammodytes dubius* from the Gulf of Maine to the middle Atlantic bight. Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science. 11: 11-28.

"Trends in temporal and spatial abundance, and population size structure of the sand lance, *Ammodytes dubius*, were examined based on trawl survey data from 1963 to 1988. Reproduction, age structure and growth were evaluated in 1986-88 from the Gulf of Maine to Middle Atlantic Bight region off eastern USA. Relative abundance indices which were near zero prior to 1976, increased dramatically (5-10 fold) from 1976 to 1981 in all regions studied. Subsequently, abundance dropped from 1982 to 1987. Gonadal recrudescence of *A. dubius* begins in late July and males appeared to mature earlier in a reproductive season than females. Estimates of fecundity ranged from 1,169 to 22,904 ova per female for sand lance 137 to 213 mm total length. Maximum age estimated for otoliths and vertebrae was 5 years. Age at 50% maturity was age II for all regions in spring. Comparison of Von Bertalanffy growth curves derived for *A. dubius* from the study regions to published values from Newfoundland and Nova Scotia suggests a decline in length and age with declining latitude."

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Atlantic (northwest); age; fecundity; growth; maturation; meristics; otoliths; reproduction; seasonal variation.

Nelson, G.A.; Ross, M.R. 1992. Estimates of gastric evacuation and consumption rates in little skate (*Raja erinacea*): Council meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; [dates of meeting unknown]; Rostock-Warnemuende, Germany. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]. 15 p.

"Estimates of prey consumption by fishes are important for understanding predator-prey interactions in multispecies fish communities. Laboratory studies of gastric evacuation and twenty-four hour diel samples of stomachs were used to estimate daily consumption of benthic prey by little skate (*Raja erinacea*) on Georges Bank. Gastric evacuation was determined at 10 °C using polychaetes (*Glycera* spp.), krill (*Meganictiphanes norvegica*), clams (*Spisula solidissima* and *Placopecten magellanicus*) and sand lance (*Ammodytes dubius*), and at 16 °C using polychaetes (*Nereis* spp.) and shrimp (*Palaemonetes* spp. and *Crangon septimspinosus*) as prey. Evacuation data for polychaetes, krill, clams and sand lance at 10 °C are modelled best by linear and square root equations. At 16 °C, exponential and logistic models described the evacuation data for polychaetes and shrimp best. Estimates of seasonal daily ration (expressed as a percentage of body weight (BW)) ranged from 0.47% to 1.74% BW for little skates 10-19 cm in length to 0.08% to 0.77% BW for skates 50-59 cm in length. Annual consumption ranged from 0.085 kg fish^{-1} yr^{-1} for 10-19 cm little skates to 0.860 kg fish^{-1} yr^{-1} for 50-59 cm little skates."

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Atlantic (northwest); predators (fish, little skate).

Nelson, G.A.; Ross, M.R. 1995. Gastric evacuation in little skate. Journal of Fish Biology. 46(6): 977-986.

“The effects of prey type and prey preparation on the mathematical forms and rates describing gastric evacuation in little skate *Raja erinacea* were examined. Linear and square-root models best described the gastric evacuation of whole, thin-shelled krill *Meganyctiphanes norvegica*, clam feet/muscle *Spisula solidissima/Placopecten magellanicus*, polychaetes *Glycera* spp. and sand lance *Ammodytes dubius*. Evacuation of krill and clams was faster than polychaetes and sand lance. A logistic model best described the evacuation data of thick-shelled benthic shrimp *Crangon septemspinosa/Palaemonetes* spp. Cut polychaetes *Nereis* spp. were digested at an exponential rate and were evacuated faster than would be predicted based upon comparison with live polychaetes and previously published evacuation-temperature relationships. The results of this study suggest that a single equationd [sic] evacuation process for all prey, and that whole prey should be used if laboratory-derived rates of gastric evacuation are to reflect what might occur in wild fishes.”

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Atlantic (northwest); predators (fish, little skate).

Nelson, J.S. 1994. Fishes of the world. 3d ed. New York: John Wiley and Sons.

Sand lances are found in marine waters, both cold and tropical. They occur in the Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans.

“Body elongate; premaxilla protractile (except in *Hyperoplus*); caudal fin forked; dorsal and anal fin spines absent; lower jaw projecting forward beyond upper jaw with symphysial process; scales cycloid, minute, arranged in oblique rows; pelvic fins usually absent (jugular and with one spine and four or five soft rays in *Embolichthys*); lateral line high, close to dorsal fin; no teeth; single long dorsal fin usually with 40-69 soft rays; anal fin rays 14-36; seven branchiostegal rays; gill membranes separate; no swim bladder; vertebrae 52-78. Length up to 30 cm.

“The ammodytids have been added to the trachinoids as a possible sister group to Trachinidae plus Uranoscopidae.

“Five genera, *Ammodytes, Bleekeria* (perhaps = *Ammodytoides*), *Embolichthys, Gymnammodytes*, and *Hyperoplus*, with about 18 species.”

Keywords: *Ammodytidae*; classification; description; distribution.

Nelson, K.S.; Hamer, T.E. 1995. Nesting biology and behavior of the marbled murrelet. In: Ralph, C.J.; Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Raphael, M.G.; Piatt, J. F., eds. Ecology and conservation of the marbled murrelet. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-GTR-152. Albany, CA: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station: 57-67.

Chicks are usually fed at least once a day for the 27 to 40 days they are in the nest, although the frequency is variable and sometimes decreases prior to fledging. Feedings occur from 90 minutes before to 71 minutes after sunset. To provide chicks with fish at dawn, adults probably forage at night, perhaps taking advantage of fish that forage near the water surface during darkness. Fish species fed to chicks at nests include Pacific sand lance.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (mammals, humpback whale, little piked whale).

Nemoto, T. 1959. Food of baleen whales with reference to whale movements. Whales Research Institute Scientific Report. 14: 149-290.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (mammals, baleen whales).

Nemoto, T. 1993. Reproduction study of the important coastal fish species: sandeel. Ibaraki–Ken Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokoku. 1992: 82-88, 90-113.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; growth; larvae; maturation.

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Keywords: Ammodytidae; predators (mammals, gray whale).

Nettleship, D.N. 1970. Breeding success of the common puffin (*Fratercula arctica*) on different habitats on Great Island, Newfoundland. [Place or publication unknown]: McGill University. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; predators (birds, Atlantic puffin).

Nettleship, D.N. 1991. The diet of Atlantic puffin chicks in Newfoundland before and after the initiation of an international capelin fishery, 1967-1984. In: Furness, R.W.; Nettleship, D.N., eds. Proceedings of the symposium on seabirds as monitors of changing marine environments. In: International Ornithological Congress; 20: 2263-2271.

Presents the percentage of sand lance delivered to puffin chicks at Great Island, Newfoundland, 1967-84.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; predators (Atlantic puffin).

Nettleship, D.N.; Sanger, G.A.; Springer, P.F. 1984. Winter feeding ecology and trophic relationships of oldsquaws and white-winged scoters on Kachemak Bay, Alaska. In: Sanger G.A.; Jones, R.D., Jr. Marine birds: their feeding ecology and commercial fisheries relationships. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Wildlife Service; Seattle, WA: [publisher unknown]: 20-28.

"The feeding ecology of Oldsquaws (*Clangula hyemalis*) and White-winged Scoters (*Melanitta fusca*) was studied on Kachemak Bay from November 1977 through April 1978. Oldsquaws were extreme generalists, eating at least 61 prey species. The most important were the Pacific sandlance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*), Stimpson's surf clam (*Spisula polynyma*), and blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*). Scoters were generalists on molluscs, mostly bivalves. They ate at least 22 prey species; the most important were the common Pacific littleneck clam (*Protothaca staminea*), blue mussel, and puppet margarite snail (*Margarites pupillus*). There was little overlap in kinds of prey between the two ducks, and when it occurred the scoters ate significantly larger prey."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kachemak Bay; predators (birds, oldsquaw).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*, Greenland.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; environmental impacts; meristics; morphology; water quality.

Nichols, J.T.; Murphy, R.C. 1944. A collection of fishes from the Panama bight, Pacific Ocean. Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History (New York). 83(4): 221-260.

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Keywords: Ammodytidae; distribution; taxonomy.

Nikiforov, M.I. 1958. Sand lance fishing in the North Sea. Rybnoe kh-vo. 9: [pages unknown].

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; fisheries.

Nilssen, K.T. 1995. Seasonal distribution, condition and feeding habits of Barents Sea harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*). In: Blix, A.S.; Walloe, L; Ulltang, O., eds. Whales, seals, fish and man: Proceedings of the international symposium on the biology of marine mammals in the north east Atlantic; 1994 Nov. 29-Dec. 1; Tromsø, Norway. [Place of publicaton unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 241-254.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; White Sea; predators (mammals, harp seal).

Nilssen, K.T.; Haug, T.; Potelov, V. [and others]. 1995. Food habits of harp seals (*Phoca groenlandia*) during lactation and moult in March-May in the southern Barents Sea and White Sea. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea Journal of Marine Science. 52(1): 33-41.

“In the White Sea in April-May, moulting harp seals had been feeding mainly on crustaceans, sandeels (*Ammodytes* spp.), capelin and White Sea herring (*Clupea harengus marisalbi*). Feeding of moulting seals in the East Ice and in the White Sea area appeared to have been less intensive than further west.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; White Sea; predators (mammals, harp seal).

Nisbet, I.C.T. 1973. Courtship-feeding, egg size and feeding success in common terns. Nature. 241: 141-142.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, common tern).

Nisbet, I.C.T. 1977. Courtship-feeding and clutch size in common terns *Sterna hirundo*. In: Stonehous, B.; Perrins, C., eds. Evolutionary ecology. London: Macmillan Press: 101-109.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, common tern).

Nisbet, I.C.T. 1981. Biological characteristics of the roseate terns *Sterna dougallii*. Newton Corner. MA: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Endangered Species. 112 p. [Purchase order 50181-1840-9].

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, roseate tern).

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; Massachusetts; paralytic shellfish poisoning; predators (birds, arctic tern, common tern, roseate tern).

Nisbet, I.C.T. 1989. Status and biology of the northeastern population of the roseate tern. Newton Corner, MA: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 74 p. [Purchase order 50181-88-81085].

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, roseate tern).

Nisbet, I.C.T.; Drury, W.H. 1972. Measuring breeding success in common and roseate terns. Bird-Banding. 43: 97-106.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, common tern, roseate tern).

Nishiyama, T. 1974. Energy requirements of Bristol Bay sockeye salmon in the central Bering Sea and Bristol Bay. In: Hood, D.W.; Kelly, E.J., eds. Oceanography of the Bering Sea with emphasis on renewable resources. Occas. Publ. 2. Fairbanks,AK: University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Institute of Marine Science: 321-343.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; predators (fish, sockeye salmon).

Nizinski, M.S.; Collette, B.B.; Washington, B.B. 1990. Seperation of two species of sand lances, *Ammodytes americanus* and *A. dubiu*s, in the western North Atlantic. U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Fishery Bulletin. 88(2): 241-255.

"Two species of sand lances are recognized in the western North Atlantic, the inshore *Ammodytes americanus* DeKay 1842 and the offshore *A. dubius* Reinhardt 1838. The best separation of the two species is achieved by using the number of plicae (oblique folds of skin on the lateral body surface) singly or in combination with the number of vertebrae. *Ammodytes americanus* has fewer meristic structures than *A. dubius*: number of lateral plicae 106-126, .hivin.x 117.4 vs. 124-147, 132.1; total vertebrae 62-70, .hivin.x 66.4 vs. 68-76, 70.8; dorsal fin rays 52-61, .hivin.x 57.4 vs 56-67, 61.8; anal fin rays 26-33, .hivin.x 29.4 vs. 28-35, 31.1; pectoral fin rays 11-15, .hivin.x 13.2 vs. 12-16, 14.0; gill rakers on first arch 21-28, .hivin.x 24.3 vs. 23-31, 26.6. Meristic differences between species were summarized with principle component analysis. In addition to considerable variation within samples, there is geographic variation in numbers of vertebrae, plicae, and dorsal and anal fin rays, particularly in the offshore *A. dubius*. Specimens from the Scotian Shelf north have higher counts than do specimens from more southern populations. Based on specimens examined, *A. americanus* occurs from southern Delaware north to Labrador in shallow coastal waters as well as in protected bays and estuaries. *Ammodytes dubius* is found in deeper, open waters from North Carolina to Greenland."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; *A. dubius*; meristics; morphology; taxonomy.

Nolf, D. 1978. Les otolithes des teleosteens du plio–pleistocene belge. Geobios. 11(4): 517-559.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fossils; otoliths.

Nolf, D.; Lapierre, H. 1976. Otoliths of teleosts of the shell sands of bois-gouet eocene of Brittany France. Biologisch Jaarboek. 44: 256-268.

"A total of 1622 teleost otoliths were obtained by washing about 1500 kg sediment of the Sables du Bois-Gouet. The presence of 22 spp. was revealed. Among them, 2 are new: *Atherina margereli* and *Ammodytes vasseur*i. The assemblage is indicative of a tropical to subtropical very shallow marine environment, and is rich in Pomadasyidae. The fauna seems to indicate a stratigraphic position nearthe Lutetian-Bartonian limit for the Sables du Bois-Gouet."

Keywords: *A. vasseuri*; fossils; otoliths.

Norcross, B.L.; Frandsen, M. 1996. Distribution and abundance of larval fishes in Prince William Sound, Alaska, during 1989 after the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. In: Rice, S.D.; Spies, R.B.; Wolfe, D.A.; Wright, B.A., eds. Proceedings of the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill symposium. In: American Fisheries Society Symposium; 18: 463-486.

Of interest is that Pacific sand lance was one of the least abundant larval fishes recovered after the oil spill. The authors cite other studies in Alaska where sand lance are among the most abundant. Also, numerous studies point to sand lance being a major food of birds in Prince William Sound. The authors do not discuss sand lance but make the statement, “Unfortunately, it is biased as a baseline because it represents the ecosystem following an oil spill.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; abundance.

Norcross, J.J.; Massmann, W.H.; Joseph, E.B. 1961. Investigations of inner continental shelf waters off lower Chesapeake Bay. Part II: Sand lance larvae, *Ammodytes americanus*. Chesapeake Science. 2(1/2): 46-59.

“Plankton samples were collected monthly from 22 stations in the Atlantic Ocean and 3 in Chesapeake Bay. Numerous larvae of sand lance, *Ammodytes americanus*, were taken from January through April, 1960. Larvae were widely distributed over the survey area but were most abundant beyond 25 miles from shore. Statistical analysis of sample mean lengths indicated movement offshore and a tendency for a group hatched together to remain together. Rate of larval development was approximated at 11.7 mm per month for the first four months. It is believed that spawning occurred at 5-12 fathoms in the study area. Hatching began in late November, reached a peak sometime after mid-December, and continued until mid-March. Few larvae were collected in waters with salinities less than 30%.

“In the summer during high tide, sand lances often swarm onto sandy beaches above the low-water mark where they burrow into the sand and reappear with the next high tide. Sand lances play an important role in the economy of northern seas by providing food for such fishes as cod, halibut, haddock, silver hake, salmon, mackerel, striped bass, bluefish and white marlin. Einarsson (1951) pointed out that areas where these fishes are abundant are extremely fertile fishing grounds and owe their fertility in a high degree to the presence of shoals of these fishes. Flounders *Paralichthys dentatus* also feed on sand lances and trawlers observing traces of sand lance on their echo sounders would trawl almost always catching flounders.”

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Atlantic; Chesapeake Bay; abundance; distribution; larvae; importance; predators (fish); seasonal variation.

Nordoy, E.S.; Folkow, L.P.; Martensson, P.-E.; Blix, A.S. 1995. Food requirements of northeast Atlantic minke whales. In: Blix, A.S.; Walloe, L.; Ulltang, O., eds. Whales, seals, fish and man: Proceedings of the international symposium on the biology of marine mammals in the north east Atlantic; 1994 Nov. 29-Dec. 1; Tromsø, Norway. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 307-317.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); predators (mammals, minke whale).

Nordoy, E.S.; Martensson, P-.E.; Lager, A.R. [and others]. 1995. Food consumption of the northeast Atlantic stock of harp seals. In: Blix, A.S.; Walloe, L; Ulltang, O., eds. Whales, seals, fish and man: Proceedings of the international symposium on the biology of marine mammals in the north east Atlantic; 1994 Nov. 29-Dec. 1; Tromsø, Norway. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 255-260.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Barent’s Sea; predators (mammals, harp seal).

Norman, D. 1992. The growth rate of little tern *Sterna albifrons* chicks. Ringing and Migration. 13(2): 98-102.

“One hundred and six Little Tern chicks have been weighed and had their wing length measured in the colony at Gronant, Clwyd, Wales [UK], in two different years. Forty of them were re-measured on dates at least six days later and growth rates calculated. There were big differences in the weather in the two years of this study but no difference in growth rate. Chicks put on weight quickly and reached close to their full weight at an age of about 10 days. After an initial period of two or three days with little growth, wing length increased approximately linearly at a rate

between 6.5 and 7.5 mm/day, with a mean of 6.8 +/- 0.2 mm/day. Chick could just fly at 14 or 15 days of age, with wing length of about 100 mm, some 70 mm shorter than the mean wing lengths of fully-grown juveniles. They were fed on small fish, mainly sandeels and 'Whitebait', and satiated chicks were frequently seen to refuse food. The growth rate measured here is probably close to the maximum achievable in this habitat and possibily limited only by the birds' metabolism."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Wales; predators (birds, little tern).

Nozawa, K. 1997. Sandeel caught in the south of Iwate Prefecture in spring, 1996. Tohoku Sokouo Kenkyu. 17: 3-8.

Keywords: *A. personatus.*

Oakley, K.L. 1981. Determinants of population size of pigeon guillemots on Naked Island, Prince William Sound, Alaska. Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; predators (birds, pigeon guillemot).

Oakley, K.L. 1990. Assessment of injury to waterbirds from the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill: effects on the population and reproductive success of pigeon guillemots in Prince William Sound. Unpublished report. On file with: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage, AK.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; predators (birds, pigeon guillemot).

Oakley, K.L.; Kuletz, K.J. 1996. Population, reproduction and foraging ecology of pigeon guillemots at Naked Island, Prince William Sound, Alaska, before and after the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. American Fisheries Society Symposium. 18: 759-769.

Pacific sand lance were the most observed fish being brought to pigeon guillemot chicks at Naked Island before the oil spill. Chick feeding observations suggested changes in the availability of cods, Pacific herring, and Pacific sand lance, prespill to postspill. Cods were used more frequently after the spill, and Pacific sand lance were used less frequently. Whether changes in the apparent availability of these species were caused by the oil spill is unknown.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; oil pollution; predators (birds, pigeon guillemot).

O'Clair, R.M.; Armstrong, R.H.; Carstensen, R. 1992. The nature of southeast Alaska. Seattle, WA: Alaska Northwest Books. 254 p.

Presents an observation of Pacific sand lance behavior and predators on the Mendenhall wetlands in Juneau. Up to 85 bald eagles have been observed at one time feeding on sand lance. Northwestern crows have been observed excavating hiding sand lances from 4-inch-deep pits.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; southeast; behavior; predators (birds, bald eagle, northwestern crow).

O'Connell, M.; Fives, J.M. 1995. The biology of the lesser sand-eel *Ammodytes tobianus* l. In the Galway Bay area. Biology and Environment. 95b(2): 87-98.

"Two separate spawning components of a population of *Ammodytes tobianus* (Pisces, Ammodytidae) were recorded off the west coast of Ireland. The two groups were distinguished principally by differences in the size of the opaque centre of the otoliths. There was also a significant difference between the mean vertebral number of the spring, and autumn-spawned fish. A sample of 219 spring-spawned and 574 autumn-spawned fish were examined during the period November 1987 to August 1989. The spring spawning period was December to February and the first influx of spring-spawned juveniles occurred in June. The autumn spawning period was in August and September and

autumn-spawned juveniles were captured in January. The most recent year-classes dominated the age structure of the population. Peak feeding intensity for both soups coincided with a peak growing period in April. All guts were empty from mid-December to early March. Copepods, mainly planktonic, formed the major food items but mysids were more important in July and August."

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Ireland; age; food and feeding habits; otoliths; spawning.

O'Connell, M.; Fives, J.M. 1996. Sandeel species recorded in the Inishmore area, co Galway. Irish Naturalists' Journal. 25(6): 207-209.

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Ireland; distribution; habitat; meristics.

Ogi, H.; Kudobera, T.; Nakamura, K. 1980. The pelagic feeding ecology of the short-tailed shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris* in the subarctic Pacific region. Journal Yamashima Institute Ornithology. 12: 157-182.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, short-tailed shearwater).

Ogi, H.; Tanaka, H.; Tsujita, T. 1985. The distribution and feeding ecology of murres in the northwestern Bering Sea. Journal Yamashina Institute Ornithology. 17: 44-56.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (birds, common murre).

Ogi, H.; Tsujita, T. 1973. Preliminary examination of stomach contents of murres *Uria*-spp from the eastern Bering Sea and Bristol Bay Alaska USA June-August 1970 and 1971. Japanese Journal of Ecology. 23(5): 201-209.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; predators (birds, common murre).

Ohshima, Y. 1950. (*Ammodytes personatus* Girard.) Biological notes on the sand-eel *Ammodytes personatus* Girard. Bulletin of the Japanese Society Scientific Fisheries. 16(3): 99-107.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; biology.

Okaichi, T. 1974. Significance of amino-acid composition of phyto plankton and suspensoid in marine biological production. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 40(5): 471-478.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; composition; food and feeding habits.

Okamoto, H. 1989. A genetic comparison of sympatric populations of sand lance genus *Ammodytes* from the region east of Cape Soya Japan. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 46(11): 1945-1951.

"Sand lance (Genus *Ammodytes*) collected from four stations off Japan and one station at Kodiak, Alaska [USA], were genetically characterized at 17 protein coding loci using starch-gel electrophoresis. Sand lance in Wakkanai (Cape Soya, Japan) consist of two genetically distinct groups. They are fixed for different alleles at four loci (Ldh–2,–3, G3pdh–2, and Mdhp–2). The genetic structure of one of the groups (Wakkanai–a group, W–a) is similar to that of *A. personatus* around Japan. The other group (Wakkanai–b group, W–b) has different genetic structure from either *A. personatus* or the Alaskan collection, which is presumed to belong to *A. hexapterus*. It is not presently possible to identify the affiliation of the W–b group; however, despite its sympatry with the W–a group, it is reproductively isolated and therefore is probably a distinct species occurring northeast of Hokkaido."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus; A. personatus*; Alaska; Kodiak; Japan; genetics.

Okamoto, H.; Sato, H.; Shimazaki, K. 1989. Comparison of reproductive cycle between two genetically distinctive groups of sand lance (genus *Ammodytes*) from northern Hokkaido. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 55(11): 1935-1940.

“Two genetically distinct groups of sand lance *Ammodytes* are distributed sympatrically at the region east of Cape Soya (Japan). Monthly changes of gonosomatic indices and histological characteristics were investigated to understand their reproductive cycles. The spawning period was found to be late November to January in one group and late March to early May in the other group. The difference in their spawning period plays an important role as a mechanism for reproductive isolation between them.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; distribution; genetics; spawning.

Okamoto, H.; Yamazaki, F.; Mishima, S. 1988. Genetic divergence among sand-lance *Ammodytes personatus* populations in Japan. Nippon Suisan Gakkaishi. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 54(8): 1297-1304.

“Genotypes at 10 enzyme loci were analyzed by horizontal starch gel electrophoresis for each of 11 populations of sand-lance *Ammodytes personatus* in Japan. Allele frequencies at each locus were calculated for each population. There were clear differences of allele frequencies at three loci (alpha –Gpdh, Me–2, Sod) between populations north of Iwate Prefecture and those south of Miyagi Prefecture. A cluster analysis based on genetic similarities calculated from allele frequencies at all 10 loci observed suggests that sand-lance along the Pacific coast of Japan are composed of two population groups northern and southern groups. The boundary exists between Iwate and Miyagi Prefecture.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; genetics; stocks.

Okamoto, S.; Tanda, M.; Moriwaki, H. 1989. Predation of larvae of the sand eel *Ammodytes personatus* by parent fish in Harima–Nada (short paper). Hyogo Kenritsu Suisan Shikenjo Kenkyu Hokoku. 26: 65-67.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; cannibalism; distribution; habitat; larvae.

Okata, A. 1995. Role of sand lance as prey in the community. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Fisheries Oceanography. 59(3): 324-326.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; ecology; predation.

Okawa, M.; Tamura, W. 1992. Study of resources and ecology of sandeel. Aomori–Ken Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokoku. 1990: 116-126.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; distribution; habitat; larvae.

Okill, J.D.; Fowler, J.A.; Ellis, P.M.; Petrie, G.W. 1992. The diet of cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* chicks in Shetland in 1989. Seabird. 14: 21-26.

“Samples of food regurgitated by cormorant chicks (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) in four Shetland colonies comprised thirteen species of fish of a wide range of sizes and a single edible crab. There was considerable variation in diet between colonies, probably reflecting the local availability of the different prey species. It is thought that the catholic diet of the cormorant has enabled it to maintain its breeding success when a number of smaller seabird species in Shetland have had poor breeding success due to a reduction in the availability of sandeels.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; importance; predators (birds, cormorant).

Olesiuk, P.F.; Bigg, M.A.; Ellis, G.M. [and others]. 1990. An assessment of the feeding habits of harbour seals (*Phoca vitulina*) in the Strait of Georgia, British Columbia, based on scat analysis. Canadian Technical Report of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 1730: 1-135.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; Strait of Georgia; predators (mammals, harbour seal).

Olsen, M.; Bjorge, A. 1995. Seasonal and regional variations in the diet of harbour seal in Norwegian waters. In: Blix, A.S.; Walloe, L.; Ulltang, O., eds. Whales, seals, fish and man: Proceedings of the international symposium on the biology of marine mammals in the north east Atlantic; 1994 Nov. 29-Dec. 1; Tromsø, Norway. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 271-285.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Norway; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

Olson, S.L.; Swift, C.C.; Mokhiber, C. 1979. An attempt to determine the prey of the great auk *Pinguinus impennis.* Auk. 96: 790-792.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, great auk).

Olsthoorn, H. 1987. Jackdaws stealing food from breeding guillemots. British Birds. 80(3): 117-118.

"On several occasions during 1982-84 at the Bullers of Bachun seabird colonies north of Aberdeen, Grampian, the author saw jackdaws *Corvus monedula* stealing fish, mainly sand-eels *Ammodytes,* from chick-tending guillemots *Uria aalge*. Although the jackdaws concentrated mainly on fish which had been dropped on to the breeding ledges and at the base of the cliffs, they also looked for guillemots carrying fish. Usually, a jackdaw walked up to an adult guillemot and snatched the fish."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Britain; predators (birds, guillemot, jackdaw).

Omori, A.; Sakurai, S. 1987. Characteristics of the sand eel, *Ammodytes personatus*, as raw materials for food processing. Seasonal variation of ingredients of sand eel meat. Ibaraki–Ken Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokokusho. 1986: 198-202.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; composition; fisheries; lipid content.

Ono, K.; Nakamura, Y. 1993. The biology of nesting Japanese murrelets on Biroto Island (Kadokawa-cho, Miyazaki pref.). In: Ono, K., ed. Symposium on the Japanese murrelet: its status and conservation; annual meeting of Japanese Ornithological Society; 1993 Oct. 11: [location unknown]. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown].

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; predators (birds, Japanese murrelet).

Ono, K.; Nakamura, Y. 1994. Current status and breeding ecology of Japanese murrelets (abstract). Pacific Seabirds. 21(1): 47.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; predators (birds, Japanese murrelet).

Orlova, E.L.; Chumakov, A.K. 1993. Comparative study of the intensity of feeding of cod (*Gadus morhua*) off Newfoundland and of the southern Barents Sea. In: Amaratunga, T., ed. Changes in abundance and biology of cod stocks and and their possible cause symposium; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. In: Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Scientific Council Studies; 18: 91-92.

"Food consumption investigations formed the basis for the construction of multi-type models in this study. The Arcto-Norwegian cod distribution is close to that of the Newfoundland cod, and hence similarities in rate of growth and sexual maturing, and also hydrological conditions and food composition, with the exception of sand eel (*Ammodytes* sp.), are known (Popova, 1962//Turuk, 1973, 1976//Lilly, 1987). This permitted the comparison of the intensity of feeding of cod of both stocks. A comparative analysis of the results of calculations of daily rations of the Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) is presented in this paper."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; Barents Sea; predators (fish, Atlantic cod).

Orsi, J.A.; Landingham, J.H. 1985. Numbers, species, and maturity stages of fish captured with beach seines during spring 1981 and 1982 in some nearshore marine waters of southeastern Alaska. Tech. Memo. F/NWC-86. [Place of publication unknown]: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service..

Ninety-five percent of the catch were pink salmon, chum salmon, Pacific sand lance, Dolly Varden, and coho salmon. Findings emphasize the importance of the nearshore marine habitat during the early life history of these fishes. Over 212,000 fish were captured.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; southeastern Alaska; abundance; distribution.

Oshima, Y. 1950. Biological notes on the sand-eel, *Ammodytes personatus* Girard. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 16(3): 99-107.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; biology.

Ostrand, W.D.; Coyle, K.O.; Drew, G.S. 1998. Selection of forage-fish schools by murrelets and tufted puffins in Prince William Sound, Alaska. The Condor. 100: 286-297.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; predators (birds, marbled murrelet, tufted puffin).

Ouellet, P.; Allard, J.P.; St–Pierre, J.F. 1994. The distribution of larvae of invertebrate decapods (Pandalidae, Majidae) and of eggs and larvae of fish species in the northern Gulf of St. Lawrence from May and June of 1985 to 1987 and 1991-1992. Canadian Technical Report Fisheries and Aquatic Science. 2019: 68.

“From 1985 to 1987, and in 1991 and 1992, seven plankton surveys were conducted, between the end of April and early July in the northern gulf of St. Lawrence. These missions provide informations on the species composition and the distribution of larvae of invertebrate decapods and of the eggs and larvae of fish species. A total of 28 species from 13 families (2 families of decapods and 11 families of fishes) were enumerated from these surveys.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Outram, D.N.; Haegele, C. 1972. Food of Pacific hake *Merluccius productus* on an offshore bank southwest of Vancouver Island British Columbia. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 29(12): 1792-1795.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (fish, Pacific hake).

Overholtz, W.J.; Murawski, S.M.; Foster, K.L. 1991. Impact of predatory fish, marine mammals, and sea birds on the pelagic fish ecosystem of the northeastern United States. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea Marine Science Symposium. 193: 198-208.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); ecology; predators (birds, fish, mammals).

Overholtz, W.J.; Nicholas, J.R. 1979. Apparent feeding of the fin whale, *Balaenoptera physalus*, and humpback whale, *Megaptera novaeanglia* [sic], on the American sand lance. *Ammodytes americanus*, in the northwest Atlantic. Fishery Bulletin. 77(1): 285-287.

“The feeding observations which we made imply that the rorqual whales off New England, particularly fin and humpback whales may be utilizing the high standing stock of American sand lance that is currently available. Additionally noteworthy is that the Atlantic herring, *Clupea h. harengus*, a commonly mentioned rorqual whale food is in low abundance at this time.”

Keywords: *A. americanus*; New England; predators (birds, great black-back gull, herring gull, fish, Atlantic cod, mammals, fin whale, humpback whale).

Oynes, P. 1972. Composition of fish species in purse seine catches obtained by use of artificial light in fjords of western Norway. Fisken og Havet. 3: 52-61.

Keywords: *A. lancea*; Norway; catch; fisheries.

Palenichko, Z.G. 1958. Ammodytidae. In: Ryby Belogo morya=Fishes of the White Sea. Petrozavodsk, USSR: Karelian ASSR.

Keywords: Ammodytidae; White Sea; distribution.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; distribution.

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“The diet of whiting consists mainly of fish (sandeel, capelin) and to some extent of euphausiids and pandalids, benthic animals are of no importance. The dial periodicity in most cases shows periods of intensive feeding, one in the day and the other at night. Durations and feeding intensity of these periods vary considerably. The growth of the gadoids is regulated by seasonal changes. Parameters of trophodynamics, daily coefficient and conversion efficiency vary considerably.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Iceland; predators (fish, whiting).

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Keywords: *A. lanceolatus; A. marinus*; English Channel; predators (birds, guillemot).

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“We presented three groups of naive hatchery-produced, pellet-reared coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) with live, natural prey and observed their foraging behavior. Of 26 individuals examined, 20 captured one or more Crangon (sand shrimp) within 1 h of their first exposure to these prey. Six older (< 210 mm TL) accelerated smolts (underyearlings) displayed improved foraging performances with experience, capturing their first Crangon sooner during their second, compared with their first, exposure. Four of five of these fish successfully captured sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) within 1 h of their first presentation. Two groups of 10 recently smolted fingerlings (< 190 mm TL), one accelerated and one conventionally reared (yearlings), were used in choice experiments and simultaneously offered equal masses of Crangon and pellets. Six of the accelerated and seven of the conventionally reared

fish ate larger amounts of Crangon than pellets, with all 20 fish striking more at Crangon than at pellets. Our results suggest that a majority of hatchery-produced coho salmon smolts readily recognize, capture, and ingest natural prey and seem capable of foraging successfully upon release into the marine environment."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (fish, coho salmon).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds).

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"Whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) were trawled from a muddy sand trawling ground in the Irish Sea during 1981 and 1982. They had been feeding mainly on Norway pout (*Trisopterus esmarkii*), sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*), sandeels (*Ammodytes marinus*), herring (*Clupea harengus*), and cuttlefish (*Sepiola atlantica*). There was considerable seasonal variation in both the quantity and the type of food eaten. Yearly mean food intake rate was estimated at 1.42, 3.35, and 7.25 grams fresh weight per day for one-, two-, and three-year-old fish, respectively. Gross conversion efficiency during the second, third, and fourth years of life was calculated to be 0.14. Comparison with laboratory data suggests that whiting may use between 10 and 45% of available metabolites for locomotion. Predation on herring seemed to be important, and may have accounted for 45% of the variability in the numbers of recruits to the local stock."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Irish Sea; predators (fish, whiting).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; distribution; food; larvae.

Paul, J.M.; Paul, A.J.; Vogeler, T.J; Doyle, J.P. 1997. Biological investigations on Pacific sandfish in the northern Gulf of Alaska. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems; Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems: [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Rep. 97-01. [Fairbanks, AK]: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College Program: 87-94.

"This project was a preliminary examination of the size-weight relationships, length and age, stomach contents, and fecundity of Pacific sandfish, *Trichodon trichodon*. Most of the fish over 150 mm FL were females. Qualitatively, the most common prey items were sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.), several types of shrimps, crab larvae, cumaceans, and polychaetes. Based on the break and burn method, fish with one annulus on the otolith averaged 71 mm FL and by age two they were 104 mm FL."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; predators (fish, Pacific sandfish).

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"In the Gulf of Maine, south of Newfoundland, humpback whale distribution was correlated (r=0.81, df = 13) with sand lance (*Ammodytes americanus*) density as measured in tow samples. However, no such trend was observed over Georges Bank, where sand lance densities reached comparable levels as those observed in the Gulf of Maine."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Gulf of Maine; predators (mammals, humpback whale).

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"The American sandlance *Ammodytes americanus* was the single dominant prey item of harbor seals in waters adjacent to Cape Cod based on the modified frequency of occurrence of each prey species in scat samples collected from three haulout sites on Cape Cod between 1984-1987. During January and February sandlance was the near exclusive prey item at Monomoy (99%, n = 80). During March and April, the frequency of Atlantic herring *Clupea harengus* increased in the scat samples at this site. Regional differences in the diet of seals reflect distinct prey communities throughout the study area. Since 1986, the percent occurrence and importance of sandlance in the diet of seals has decreased, reflecting an overall decrease in abundance of this prey species in waters adjacent to Cape Cod. In spite of fluctuations in abundance, and regional differences in the diet of seals throughout the study area, sandlance still comprised a minimum 55% of the total prey species of harbor seals throughout the study area."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Cape Cod; importance; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

Payne, P.M.; Wiley, D.N.; Young, S.B. [and others]. 1990. Recent fluctuations in the abundance of baleen whales in the southern Gulf of Maine in relation to changes in selected prey. Fishery Bulletin. 88(4): 687-696.

"Significant changes in the biomass of sandlance *Ammodytes* spp. and in the abundance of the copepod *Calanus finmarchicus* in the southern Gulf of Maine co-occurred with a shift in the occurrence and abundance of four species of baleen whales in the region. During the years 1982-88 the abundance of sandlance was negatively correlated to the abundance of C. *finmarchicus* (rs =– 0.883, P < 0.05). Peak years of abundance for *C. finmarchicus* during 1982-88 in the study area were the lowest years of abundance for sandlance. The abundance of *C. finmarchicus* and sandlance was at a regional maximum during 1986 and 1988, respectively. The abundance of humpback and fin whales were marginally correlated to each other (rs = 0.3338, P < 0.08). The abundance of humpbacks was negatively correlated with right whales (rs = – 0.7753, P < 0.001) and sei whales (rs = –0.5507, P < 0.01). The patterns of occurrence for right and sei whales were significantly related to each other (rs = 0.6842, P < 0.001). Right and sei whales were common in the region only during 1986, when copepod abundance reached a regional maximum and sandlance abundance a regional minimum. These patterns of whale occurrence reflect known prey preferences, and are therefore expected between the pisciverous humpback and fin whales and the highly planktiverous right and sei whales. We hypothesize that the spatial distribution and abundance of baleen whales in the Gulf of Maine can be characterized as a series of ecological responses to human-induced changes in the abundance of planktiverous finfish."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Gulf of Maine; abundance; importance; predators (mammals, fin whale, humpback whale).

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; northwest Atlantic; larvae; size.

Pearson, T.H. 1968. The feeding biology of seabird species breeding on the Farne Islands, Northumberland. Journal of Animal Ecology. 37: 521-552.

“Ammodytidae were found in the stomachs of the following species: 1st percentage = percentages of total number of prey taken, 2nd percentage = percentage of total weight of prey taken. Arctic tern (65 and 22), common tern (44 and 10), sandwich tern (74 and 61), kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* (81 and 56), lesser black-backed gull *Larus fuscus* (55 and 14), puffin *Fratercula arctica* (85 and 80), guillemot *Uria aalge* (49 and 57), shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* (81 and 44), cormorant *P. carbo* (26 and 1).

“All age groups of developing Ammodytidae tend to spend the winter and early spring in mid-water offshore, but migrate to the surface and move inshore in late April and May. The hatching of seabird chicks coincides with the arrival at the surface, and inshore around the islands, of the shoals of juvenile Ammodytidae. Subsequent checks made on fish brought in to the island by terns returning from these fishing flocks showed them to be Ammodytidae (*A. tobianus* or *A. marinus*). The larger *A. lanceolatus* were only rarely positively identified in the diet of the tern and gull species, but were frequently recorded in that of the auks. Thus the birds on the Farne Islands are ensured of an abundant source of food throughout the summer, the Ammodytidae present during the early summer being supplemented by an influx of clupeoides in July.

“Feeding range of seabirds—It is immediately obvious from these values that all of the tern species have a very limited feeding area. This is partly because these species take small fish and do not normally carry more than one fish at a time. The shag has a feeding range comparable to that of the terns but is capable of carrying a much greater amount of fish than the latter group. The kittiwake and puffin have a feeding range three to four times greater than that of the terns and it is clear that these species are potentially able to feed over an area about ten times greater than that utilized by terns breeding in the same locality. The inshore migrations of young Ammodytidae and clupeoids may have differential effects on the various sea-bird species. Since the feeding ranges of the various species differ considerably, those species with the shorter range, i.e. the terns, may be suffering from a scarcity of Ammodytidae and Clupeidae, should the shoals of these fish fail to move into the inshore surface waters for some reason, when the kittiwakes and auks are able to exploit populations in the offshore areas which are beyond the range of the other species.The kittiwakes, lesser black-backed gulls and shags feed their young by regurgitation, and generally feed the whole of the brood after a feeding journey.

“Between October and March there is evidence that the large shoals of juvenile Ammodytidae disappear offshore into deeper waters moreover the calanoid copepods which appear to form their main food supply migrate to deeper water from the surface levels they inhabit during the summer months.

“For the seabirds studied all feed almost exclusively on fish, only the lesser black-backed gull taking more than 10% of any other type of food. Moreover, of the types of fish taken, Ammodytidae composed the greater part of the diet of all but the cormorants, and to a lesser extent the shags, and even in these species they were an important element in the diet.”

Keywords: *A. lanceolatus; A. marinus; A. tobianus*; importance; predators (birds, arctic tern, common tern, sandwich tern, kittiwake, lesser black-backed gull, puffin, guillemot, shag, cormorant).

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“Whilst foraging in the water column for zooplankton, sand lance, *Ammodytes hexapterus*, are under heavy predation from marine birds and fish. To avoid predation, sand lance bury in the sand when not foraging and during overwintering. We did two experiments to determine whether oil contamination of the sand would reduce the amount of time that sand lance spent buried. In the first experiment sand lance significantly decreased by 20% the time spent

buried in oiled sand (306 ppm). In the second experiment sand lance did not decrease time spent buried in oiled sand at 28 and 256 ppm but did at 3384 ppm. The higher condition index of the 1981 fish suggested that nutritional state may have influenced how sand lance used the sediment as a refuge and how they responded to contamination of that refuge."

When food is not available and the choice is between burial in contaminated sand or remaining in the water column, sand lance can be expected to have substantial exposure to oil and to suffer the consequences of such exposure.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; oil pollution.

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; Massachusetts; biology.

Pemberton, R. 1976. Sea trout in north Argyll Sea lochs Scotland. Part 2: Diet. Journal of Fish Biology. 9(3): 195-208.

"The diet of sea trout in some of the sea lochs of the West coast of Scotland [United Kingdom] was investigated. The contents of 986 sea trout stomachs from the Loch Etive area (1970-1973) and 291 stomachs from the Loch Eil area (1964-1973) were examined and the composition of the diet, seasonal changes and the effect of trout size were analyzed using frequency of occurrence, dry weight and number of organisms methods. Benthic feeding (crustacea and annelids) was more important in winter while midwater and surface organisms (young fish and insects) were preferred in summer. Young fish (mainly clupeids and sand eels) featured more in the diet of larger trout (≤ 21 cm) than in the smaller size range (≥ 21 cm). Surveys of 24 h completed in June and Sept. 1972 indicated that availability of food was the main factor influencing the presence or absence of trout. Bottom feeding was greatest during the day while the amount of midwater and surface feeding tended to increase between sunset and sunrise."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (fish, sea trout).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; Sea of Japan; predators (mammals, fur seal).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; Puget Sound; habitat; spawning.

Penttila, D.E. 1997. Investigations of intertidal spawning habitats of the surf smelt and the Pacific sand lance in Puget Sound, Washington. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems; Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems: [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Rep. 97-01. [Fairbanks, AK]: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College Program: 395-407.

“The intertidal beach spawning habitats of Pacific sand lance are common and widespread throughout the Puget Sound basin. This paper will summarize current investigations of their spawning habitats and ecology, with observations that may be relevant elsewhere within their ranges around the north Pacific Ocean, undertaken by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Intertidal spawn deposition/incubation by the Pacific sand lance was discovered in Puget Sound by WDFW in 1989. With the employment of new survey techniques that no longer rely on detection of the visually cryptic eggs in the field, 120 miles (193 km) of sand lance spawning habitat have been mapped on the shores of Puget Sound as of May 1996. Previously unknown details of sand lance spawning ecology can now be characterized.

“An estimated 20% of the shoreline of Puget Sound may be used by surf smelt and/or sand lance as spawning habitat. In spite of their apparent abundance and wide distribution these species appear not to be amenable to sampling by the standard hydroacoustic/trawl survey techniques used routinely by WDFW to assess co-occurring Pacific herring stocks in Puget Sound.

“Surf smelt and sand lance spawn deposition/incubation now appears to be a widespread and important ecological function of upper intertidal sand-gravel beaches in Puget Sound, and possibly elsewhere in the North Pacific basin as well, where these and other shore-spawning forage fishes occur. The occurrence and seasonal usage of these habitats may be poorly known in many regions, and a thorough inventory of them cound be essential to gain a complete picture of regional forage fish populations. A complete knowledge of the distribution and spawning ecology of these lesser-known forage species allows for more effective monitoring and management of their stocks, fisheries, and habitats considered critical for maintenance of local populations.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; Puget Sound; habitat; spawning.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); age; fisheries; growth; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; condition factor; larvae; length-weight relationship.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (mammals, northern fur seal).

Perez, M.A.; Bigg, M.A. 1986. Diet of northern fur seals *Callorhinus ursinus* off western North America. U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Fishery Bulletin. 84(4): 957-972.

“Data recorded from the stomach contents of 18,404 northern fur seals, *Callorhinus ursinus*, mostly females aged 3 years collected off western North America during 1958-74, were analyzed to determine the relative importance of each prey species by region, subregion, and month. When weighted for energy content, the primary food species were small schooling fishes. Between western Alaska and California from December to August the most significant prey species were northern anchovy, *Engraulis mordax* (20%); Pacific herring, *Clupea harengus pallasi* (19%); capelin, *Mallotus villosus* (8%), Pacific sand lance, *Ammodytes hexapterus* (8%); Pacific whiting, *Merluccius productus* (7%); salmon, *Oncorhynchus* spp. (6%); Pacific saury, *Cololabis saira* (4%); and rockfishes, *Sebastes* spp. (4%). Other food species eaten in this area consisted of a wide variety of squids (17%) and other fishes (7%). In the eastern Bering Sea the main prey species from June to October were juvenile walleye pollock, *Theragra chalcogramma*

(35%); capelin (16%); Pacific herring (11%); and squids, *Berryteuthis magister* and *Gonatopsis borealis*, which comprise most (30%) of the remaining diet of northern fur seals in this region. In all areas off western North America, fishes were the main food species of these pinnipeds in neritic waters, while squids were the most important prey in oceantic waters. Typically three prey species comprised 80% of their diet in any one area, although the composition of the diet varied in type and importance by region and month."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (mammals, northern fur seal).

Perkins, J.S.; Bryant, P.J.; Nichols, G.; Patten, D.R. 1982. Humpback whales *Megaptera novaeangliae* off the west coast of Greenland. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 60(11): 2921-2930.

"Distribution was unrelated to zooplankton densities, but was positively correlated with large flocks of greater shear-waters. These findings, together with 2 observations of lunge feeding, confirmed that the humpbacks were eating small fish, probably *Ammodytes* sp. The possibility of a discrete feeding stock of humpbacks, probably numbering < 200 whales, off west Greenland which, like other feeding stocks in the northwest Atlantic, breed and calve on Silver and Navidad banks in winter is indicated."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Greenland; predators (mammals, humpback whale).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Atlantic; biology; habitat.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, black guillemot).

Petersen, G.H. 1977. The occurrence of the sand eel (*Ammodytes dubius*) in 0.1 M2 van veen grab samples taken during winter in Godhavn Havn, Disko Bugt. Journal du Conseil, Conseil International pour l"Exploration de la Mer. 37(3): 309-110.

"An investigation of the marine benthos yielded 11 specimens of the sand eel *A. dubius* Reinhardt, 1838. Sand eels apparently hibernate, buried in the sediment at shallow depths, from late Nov.-May. The temperature at the bottom during this period is about –1.7 °C and there is practically no light. The polar night starts in the 1st wk of Dec. and a layer of sea ice approximately 1 m thick covers the area until late May. The density of sand eels is about 3-6/m^2 in the shallow sand bottom. The material seems to consist of 2 size groups: one of 60-96 mm and another of 123-143 mm. The large unexploited stock of sand eels found in Disko Bugt in Dec. may be suitable for fishery during Nov."

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Atlantic Ocean; aestivation; behavior; burrowing; habitat.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; aquaculture; predators (fish, lingcod).

Phillips, A.C.; Mason, J.C. 1986. A towed self-adjusting sled sampler for demersal fish eggs and larvae. Fisheries Research (Amsterdam). 4(3-4): 235-242.

"We describe a sled sampler designed to collect adhesive eggs or non-adhesive eggs of high specific gravity in inner-shelf areas of heterogenous substrate type. A self-adjusting grating controls off-bottom height of entry ramps leading to the sampler and allows sampling over previously inaccessible topographical irregularities. The sampler

was tested in field trials that located and mapped a previously unknown spawning ground of English sole (*Parophrys vetulus*). On a known spawning ground of English sole, the sampler also collected demersal and adhesive eggs of Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*) and of sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*). Eggs of the cod have not been collected previously with substrate-sampling gear. The semi-quantitative catches are sufficient for location and mapping of spawning grounds."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; habitat; fishing methods; spawning.

Phillips, R.A.; Caldow, R.W.G.; Furness, R.W. 1996. The influence of food availability on the breeding effort and reproductive success of arctic skuas *Stercorarius parasiticus*. Ibis. 138(3): 410-419.

"Territorial attendance, chick growth rate and breeding success of Arctic skuas *Stercorarius parasiticus* in Shetland were lowest in the late 1980s when recruitment of sandeels *Ammodytes marinus* in the surrounding waters was poor. The relationships between both fisheries-based and avian indices of food availability and annual variation in Arctic skua chick growth and breeding success between 1976 and 1994 were better described by a threshold effect rather than linear functions. Arctic skuas conform to the model proposed by Cairns, which predicts the responses of seabirds to changes in prey availability. Skua clutch size, egg volume, hatching success and hatching date were not reliable indices of sandeel availability. However, annual fluctuations in Arctic skua breeding numbers may be a useful indicator of changes in prey abundance."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; predators (birds, arctic skua).

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"Sustained population growth of great skuas *Catharacta skua* during the current century has been attributed largely to a high abundance of sandeels, principally *Ammodytes marinus*, and a plentiful supply of discards from whitefish trawlers in the vicinity of breeding colonies. A new colony of great skuas was established at St. Kilda, outer hebrides, in 1963 and has since grown rapidly despite an apparent lack of sandeels in the waters surrounding the archipelago and the presence of only a small whitefish fishery. This paper presents an analysis of diet and breeding ecology of great skuas at Hirta, St. Kilda, over 3 seasons, 1994 to 1996, with comparative data from Foula, Shetland, the largest and one of the oldest of the British colonies. At St. Kilda, breeding adults, nonbreeders and chicks all fed extensively upon other seabirds (44 to 65% of pellets over the 3 yr), and to a lesser extent on goose barnacles *Lepas* sp. (18 to 30% of pellets) and fish (16 to 30% of pellets), with sandeel virtually absent from the diet (0.2 to 0.3% of pellets). In contrast, at Foula only 4 to 12% of pellets were of other seabirds, with sandeels and discarded fish together constituting the vast majority (4 to 36% and 55 to 88% of pellets, respectively). Despite the low availability of sandeels and discards at St. Kilda, egg volumes, chick body condition and annual productivity were at least as high as at Foula, and territorial attendance of breeding adults was much higher, indicating considerably lower foraging effort during chick-rearing. Great skuas at St. Kilda are therefore able to make effective use of other seabirds as a food resource during the breeding season, in sharp contrast to Foula where adult mortality increased and chick growth rates and breeding success plummeted during the marked decline in sandeel abundance in the late 1980s."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; importance; predators (birds, great skua).

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Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; Scotland; importance; predators (birds, arctic skua).

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Keywords: *A. dubius*; predators (birds, Atlantic puffin; common murre).

Piatt, J.F. 1997. Seabird and forage fish interactions in the Gulf of Alaska. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems: Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Prog. Rep. 97-01. [Fairbanks, AK]: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College: [pages unknown].

"For more than a decade, seabirds in the Gulf of Alaska have shown signs of food stress—population declines, decreased productivity, changes in diet, and large-scale-die-offs. Small-mesh trawls (ca. 12,000) conducted during the past 40 years reveal that a major shift in community composition occurred in the late 1970s—some forage species (e.g. capelin, shrimp) virtually disappeared, while predatory fish populations (e.g. gadids, flatfish) increased dramatically. These changes correlate with long-term cycles in seawater temperature. In 1995 and 1996, productivity, diets, and foraging behavior of 6 seabird species (murre, puffin, guillemot, gull, kittiwake, cormorant) were studied at 3 colonies in lower Cook Inlet. Oceanographic measurements, seabird and hydroacoustic surveys, trawls, and seines were conducted in waters around each colony. Pelagic waters were dominated by juvenile (0+, 1+) pollock and capelin, important prey for puffins and murres. Nearshore waters were dominated by sand lance, which were consumed by all seabirds in proportion to their local abundance. Forage fish school densities ranged from 10s fish/m^3 (pollock) to 100s and 1000s fish/m^3 (sand lance). Correspondingly, seabird productivity ranged from low to moderate to high in areas with low, moderate, and high forage fish densities. Capelin and sand lance had much higher energy loads than gadids, and where they were observed in high densities, seabirds consumed large quantities and had the highest breeding success."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska, Gulf of Alaska; abundance; importance; predators (birds).

Piatt, J.F.; Anderson, P. 1996. Response of common murres to the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill and long-term changes in the Gulf of Alaska marine ecosystem. American Fisheries Society Symposium. 18: 720-737.

Sand lance in 1988-91 was the most frequently injested item in kittiwake and common murre and important in the diet of marbled murrelet, horned puffin, and tufted puffin. Capelin were the dominant prey of seabirds in the late 1970s but were absent or much reduced in seabird diets in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Capelin were replaced by Pacific sand lance and pollock.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; importance; predators (birds).

Piatt, J.F.; Hatch, S.A.; Roberts, B.D. [and others]. 1988. Populations, productivity, and feeding habits of seabirds on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. Anchorage, AK: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Pacific sand lance occurred, but were not common, in the diets of murres around Saint Lawrence Island. This contrasts with obervations of arctic cod, saffron cod, and sand lance, which dominated murre diets at Cape Thompson and Cape Lisburne to the north, and saffron cod and sand lance diets at Bluff, Norton Sound, to the east.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; predators (birds, common murre, thick-billed murre).

Piatt, J.F.; Naslund, N.L. 1995. Abundance, distribution and population status of the marbled murrelet in Alaska. In: Ralph, C.J.; Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Raphael, M.G.; Piatt, J.F., eds. Ecology and conservation of the marbled murrelet. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-GTR-152. Albany, CA: Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Piatt, J.F.; Wells, J.L.; MacCharles, A.; Fadely, B.S. 1991. The distribution of seabirds and fish in relation to ocean currents in the southeastern Chukchi Sea. In: Montevecchi, W.A.; Gaston, A.J., eds. Studies of high-latitude seabirds. 1: Behavioural, energetic, and oceanographic aspects of seabird feeding ecology. Canadian Wildlife Service Occasional Papers. (68): 21-31.

“Sandy substrates maintained nearshore by the Alaska coastal current provide habitat for sand lance *Ammodytes hexapterus*, and the warm nearshore waters stimulate growth and production of sand sand lance and other coastal fishes.

“There are no published estimates for sand lance target strengths, but because they have ‘open’ swimbladders (physostomes), it is likely that target strength are about 5-10 dB lower than those of cod and capelin. This would lead to an underestimate of fish densities where sand lance were recorded (only nearshore).”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Chukchi Sea; distribution; predators (birds, thick-billed murre, common murre, black-legged kittiwake, glaucous-winged gull).

Pierce, G.J.; Boyle, P.R.; Diack, J.S.W.; Clark, I. 1990. Sandeels in the diets of seals. Application of novel and conventional methods of analysis to feces from seals in the Moray Firth area of Scotland UK. Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. 70(4): 829-840.

“Serological methods for prey identification have been applied to detection of residues of sandeel (Ammodytidae) protein in faeces of common seals (*Phoca vitulina*) and grey seals (*Halichoerus grypus*) from the Moray Firth, north-east Scotland. Antisera raised to muscle protein from *Ammodytes marinus* were evaluated by testing their reactions with protein extracts made from a range of North Sea fish species and protein residues in in vitro digestates, seal digestive tracts and seal faeces. It was concluded that, using fused rocket immuno-electrophoresis, linkage of precipitin peaks from unknown samples with peaks from standard sandeel extract was a reliable indicator of the presence of sandeel in the unknown sample. Seasonal variation in the incidence of sandeels in common seal diet in the Moray Firth was examined by identifying otoliths, bones, and proteins, and all three methods indicated that sandeels occurred in the majority of samples tested in the summer, but were less important during the winter. Proteins were detected in fewer samples than otoliths, particularly in February and March. Possible reasons for this difference are discussed. Serological identification of sandeel proteins is potentially applicable to dietary studies on all marine predators.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Scotland; otoliths; predators (mammals, common seal, grey seal); proteins.

Pierce, G.J.; Boyle, P.R.; Hastie, L.C.; Santos, M.B. 1994. Diets of squid *Loligo forbes*i and *Loligo vulgaris* in the northeast Atlantic. Fisheries Research (Amsterdam). 21(1-2): 149-163.

“Diets of the loliginid squid *Loligo forbes*i and *Loligo vulgari*s were investigated by stomach contents sampling during 1990-1993. Monthly samples of *Loligo forbesi* were collected at Aberdeen and additional samples were obtained from the Irish Sea, Faroe, the English Channel, Vigo, Lisbon and the Azores. Samples of *Loligo vulgaris* were obtained from Vigo, Barcelona, Lisbon and Faro. *Loligo forbesi* feeds primarily on fishes, crustaceans and cephalopods. In Scottish waters, Gadidae (mainly *Merlangius merlangus* and *Trisopterus* sp.), Ammodytidae and Clupeidae were the most frequently identified prey. The relative importance of fish was slightly higher, and that of crustaceans lower, in the diet of larger squid. Gadidae and Clupeidae were more prominent in the winter diet, with sandeels being taken more frequently in the summer. The same prey taxa were important in the diet of *Loligo forbesi* across all areas. Fishes occurred in more than 80% of non-empty stomachs except for the Lisbon sample, in which crustaceans were the most frequently identified prey taxon. The species composition of the diet varied between areas. Thus, scad *Trachurus picturatus* was the most important prey in the Azores. The broad composition of the diet in *Loligo vulgaris* was similar, although crustaceans were apparently less important, but there were differences in species eaten between areas, and between the two *Loligo* species. Samples of the ommastrephid squid *Todaropsis eblanae* taken at Aberdeen indicated that this species was also primarily piscivorous, taking Gadidae and Clupeidae.”

Keywords: Ammodytidae; predators (invertebrates, *Loligo forbesi*).

Pierce, G.J.; Diack, J.S.W.; Boyle, P.R. 1989. Digestive tract contents of seals in the Moray Firth area of Scotland. Journal of Fish Biology. 35(Supplement A): 341-343.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; otoliths; predators (mammals, common seal, grey seal).

Pierce, G.J.; Santos, M.B. 1996. Trophic interactions of squid *Loligo forbesi* in Scottish waters. In: Greenstreet, S.P.R.; Tasker, M.L., eds. Aquatic predators and their prey; Royal Society of Edinburgh conference: 1994 Aug.; Edinburgh, Scotland. Oxford, England; Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Scientific Publications: 9: 58-64.

"*Loligo forbesi* is primarily piscivorous, although the diet also includes crustaceans and there is some cannibalism. In 1990/91, depending on assumptions about natural mortality, the Scottish population of *Loligo forbesi* may have eaten between 9000 and 16000 tonnes of food, including 1700-3000 tonnes of sandeels (Ammodytidae), a similar amount of *Trisopterus* spp. and 1000-1700 tonnes of whiting *Merlangius merlangus*."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (invertebrates, veined squid).

Pierce, G.J.; Thompson, P.M.; Miller, A. [and others]. 1991. Seasonal variation in the diet of common seals (*Phoca vitulina*) in the Moray Firth area of Scotland. Journal of Zoology, London. 223(4): 641-652.

"Seasonal variation in the diet of common seals (*Phoca vitulina*) in the Moray Firth, north-east Scotland, was determined from analysis of faecal samples collected at haul-out sites during each month of 1988. Data on diet of common seals in 1987 are also presented. Limitations of the methods available for quantification of diet are discussed. Although some of the observed variation in diet from month to month may reflect changes in the sampling regime, a clear seasonal pattern was apparent, with clupeids predominating in the winter and sandeels in the summer. The trends observed are consistent with opportunistic feeding on the most abundant prey."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (mammals, common seal).

Pierotti, R. 1979. The reproductive behavior and ecology of the herring gull in Newfoundland. Halifax, NS: Dalhousie University. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; predators (birds, herring gull).

Pierotti, R. 1982. Habitat selection and its consequences to fitness in the herring gull. Ecology. 63: 854-868.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, herring gull).

Pierotti, R. 1988. Associations between marine birds and mammals in the northwest Atlantic Ocean. In: Burger, J., ed. Seabirds and other marine vertebrates: competition, predation, and other interactions. New York. Columbia University Press: 31-58. Chapter 2.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic Ocean (northwest); abundance; distribution; importance; predators (birds, mammals).

Pietsch, T.W.; Zabetian, C.P. 1990. Osteology and interrelationships of the sand lances teleostei Ammodytidae. Copeia. 1990(1): 78-100.

"*Embolichthys mitsukurii* (Jordan and Evermann), thought to be the least derived member of the teleost family Ammodytidae, is compared anatomically with other ammodytids, and with an assemblage of outgroup taxa (Cheimarrichthyidae, Pinguipedidae, Percophidae, Trichonotidae, Creediidae, Champsodontidae, Chiasmodontidae, Leptoscopidae, Trachinidae, and Uranoscopidae) shown previously by the senior author to represent the core of, but not necessarily to delimit, the perciform suborde-Trachinoidei. Evidence is provided to show that ammodytids are trachinoids and that the family represents the sister group of the Trachinidae plus Uranoscopidae. Although there is considerable homoplasy, a large number of unique (among the groups examined) derived features, including osteological, myological, and soft-tissue characters (as well as perhaps physiological and behavioral adaptations), serve to support a hypothesis of monophyly for these three families."

Keywords: Ammodytidae; *Embolichthys mitsukurii*; taxonomy.

Pihl, L. 1994. Changes in the diet of demersal fish due to eutrophication-induced hypoxia in the Kattegat, Sweden. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (Ottawa). 51(2): 321-336.

Keywords: *A. lancea*; distribution; environmental impacts; predators (fish, whiting); pollution.

Pilon, C.; Burton, J.; McNeil, R. 1983. Summer food of the great and double-crested cormorants on the Magdalen Islands, Quebec. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 61(12): 2733-2739.

"*Phalacrocorax carbo* and *P. auritus* generally ate flatfishes (especially winter flounder, *Pseudopleuronectes americanus*), American sand lances *Ammodytes americanus* and cunners *Tautogolabrus adspersus*. Relatively more great cormorants than double-crested cormorants ate flatfishes and cunners during both summers, while relatively more double-crested cormorants fed on American sand lances during the summer of 1977. These fishes and other prey taken in lesser extent were mostly bottom-associated species; however, both cormorants, especially double-crested cormorant, take advantage of capelin *Mallotus villosus* and Atlantic herring *Clupea harengus* schools which come spawning close to the seashore. Great and double-crested cormorants appear to be opportunistic feeders since their diet varies with the availability of prey."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Canada; Quebec; predators (birds, double-crested cormorant, great cormorant).

Pimm, S.L. 1984. The complexity and stability of ecosystems. Nature. 307: 321-326.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; ecosytem.

Pinto, J.M. 1984. Laboratory spawning of *Ammodytes hexapterus* from the Pacific coast of North America with a description of its eggs and early larvae. Copeia. 1: 242-244.

"When put in an outdoor holding tank with sand the fish immediately buried in the sand and showed no activity until the spring when they emerged to spawn. The mechanism causing the fish to enter the overwintering stage is still unclear but is suggested to be related to the level of fat content in the fish and to local environmental factors such as zooplankton standing, stock, water temperature and day length. Spawning occurred in the holding tank on 14-15 March 1982. The eggs were deposited on the surface of the sand and were spread evenly over the tank's area. They were coated with sand grains and looked like sand pellets. None of these eggs hatched, mainly due to nematode predation. After spawning, the fish remained buried in the sand but were seen moving actively through it."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; behavior; eggs; spawning.

Pinto, J.M.; Pearson, W.H.; Anderson, J.W. 1984. Sediment preferences and oil contamination in the Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*). Marine Biology. 83: 193-204.

"Sand lance *A. hexapterus* Pallas, forage for zooplankton in the water column and are under heavy predation from fish, marine birds and marine mammals. To avoid predation, these fish bury themselves in soft bottom sediments when not foraging and during overwintering. Sand lance were collected in Sequim Bay, Washington State, USA, in 1982. In 3 experiments the fish were presented with: 4 different sediment types (fine sand, coarse sand, gravel, silt) to determine their sediment preferences; clean and oil-contaminated preferred sediment to determine whether the fish would avoid the contamination; and clean unpreferred and oil-contaminated preferred sediment to determine whether the contamination would alter their sediment preferences. In the 1st experiment, sand lance preferred to bury in fine and coarse sands and avoided gravel and silt. In the 2nd experiment, sand lance avoided sand contaminated with Prudhoe Bay crude oil (116 and 1050 ppm). In the 3rd experiment, sand lance avoided the oiled sand (131 and 1041 ppm) and buried in clean gravel, and also avoided both oiled sand (113 and 1004 ppm) and clean silt, and chose to remain in the water column. The sediment particle size and the way it affects water flow through the sediment seemed to be responsible for the preferences. The sediment type, the sediment distribution, the nutritional state of the fish, and the predation pressure probably influence how sand lance use the sediment as a refuge and how they respond to contamination of that refuge."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; behavior; burrowing; habitat; oil; sediments.

Pitcher, K.W. 1980. Food of the harbor seal, *Phoca vitulina richardsi*, in the Gulf of Alaska. U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Fishery Bulletin. 78: 544-549.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

Pitcher, K.W. 1981. Prey of the Steller sea lion, *Eumetopias jubatus*, in the Gulf of Alaska. U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Fishery Bulletin. 79: 467-472.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; predators (mammals, Steller sea lion).

Pitcher, K.W. 1990. Major decline in number of harbor seals *Phoca vitulina richardsi*, on Tugidak Island, Gulf of Alaska. Marine Mammal Science. 6: 121-134.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

Pitcher, K.W.; Calkins, D.G. 1979. Biology of the harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina richardsii*) in the Gulf of Alaska. [Place of publication unknown]: Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Assessment Program Research Unit 229; final report; contract number 03-5-002-69: 231-309.

Sand lance was the highest in percentage of occurrence during fall among stomachs examined from harbor seals in the Kodiak Island area.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

Pitcher, K.W.; Calkins, D.G. 1983. Biology of the harbor seal *Phoca vitulina richardsoni* in the Gulf of Alaska. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan continental shelf. Final reports of the principal investigators 19. Juneau, AK: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Service: 23-310.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

Pitcher, T.J.; Wyche, C.J. 1983. Predator-avoidance behaviours of sand-eel schools: why schools seldom split. In: Noakes, D.L.G. [and others], eds. Predators and prey in fishes. Developments in Environmental Biology of Fishes. The Hague, Netherlands: Dr. W. Junk Publishers; 2: 193-204.

“In a large outdoor tank 250 sand-eels (*Ammodytes* sp.) cruised as a single school performing consistent behaviours when close encounters with faster swimming mackerel occurred. Sand-eels near fishing gear in the wild showed similar behaviours. Cruise and Avoid were the most frequent behaviours, followed by Herd, Mill, Split and Join. Flash Expansion, Hourglass and Vacuole were occasional, whereas Ball was rare. Cruise and Mill were apparently unconnected with predation. School manoeuvres can be generated by combinations of four behavioural mechanisms of individual fish: (1) schooling tendency, (2) startle response, (3) nearest neighbour distance, and (4) minimum approach distance allowed intruders. The minimum approach distance, bringing about behaviours like Herd and Vacuole, may represent an optimization of the relative swimming performance of sand-eels and their predators with the need to monitor predator behaviour. Paradoxically, minimum approach distance may come about simply through sand-eels schooling with intruders. Rapid reformation of the school after Flash Expansion, high polarity, and integrity of the school maintained in the thin ‘neck’ of Hourglass all testify to the high degree of schooling tendency evolved by sand-eels. Schools were difficult to split as a consequence. When two schools join, the new swimming direction is the resultant vector of the two original directions. Leading fish join by swinging smoothly onto the new track, but fish downstream of the initial join are progressively more likely to continue in their original course, producing interdigitation. At the far side of the school, interdigitated peripheral fish take up a new course only after large ill-coordinated turns; this creates a ‘Confusion Zone’. The Confusion Zone, reported here for the first time, may result invevitably from ‘good schooling’. Such a potential danger zone created on joining may explain the evolution of reluctance to split.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; behavior; predators; schooling.

Pitt, T.K. 1973. Food of American plaice *Hippoglossoides platessoides* from the Grand Bank, Newfoundland Canada. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 30(9): 1261-1273.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; Grand Bank; energetics; predators (fish, American plaice); seasonal variation.

Pitt, T.K. 1976. Food of yellowtail flounder on the Grand Bank and a comparison with American plaice. International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Research Bulletin. 12: 23-27.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; Grand Bank; predators (fish, American plaice, yellowtail flounder).

Podrazhanskaya, S.G.; Chumakov, A.K. 1989. Food habits, diets and demand for food in Greenland halibut of the northwest Atlantic: diurnal rhythms and diets of commercial fishes of the world ocean: 123-140.

"The paper describes the results of analysis of Greenland halibut stomach contents made by the Polar Fisheries Research Institute. Fish aged 2 to 10 years were sampled in NWA in 1969-1981. The basic food items of the mature part of halibut population found in the north of the area are beaked redfish, roundnose grenadier. In the south the prey are capelin, sandeel, crustaceans, juvenile cod and halibut. The major feeding season is July to November. The maximum feeding intensity occurs at 600-700 m. The natural daily ration varies between 1.2% and 0.4% of the body weight in males aged 5-16, and from 1.2% to 0.8% in females aged 5-20."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, Greenland halibut).

Polianskii, Y.I. 1955. Parasites of the fish of the Barents Sea. Moskva: Akademy of Sciences USSR. 168 p. (Translated as IPST Cat. No; 1655 in 1966).

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Barents Sea; parasites.

Ponoamrenko, V.P. 1992. Interesting findings of the greater sand eel *Hyperoplus lanceolatus* and cod *Gadus morhua.* Voprosy Ikhtiologii. 32(1): 170-171.

"A specimen of the greater sand eel (*Hyperoplus lanceolatus*) was taken on 28 September 1973 at a point with coordinates of 75° 50' N, 20° 44' E at a depth of 30 m and at a water temperature, at the bottom, of 3.6 °C and, at the surface, of 3.5 °C. The back of the sand eel was blue-green; the sides and abdomen–silvery. The captured specimen was a 22-cm-SL male with sex products at maturity stage II. The stomach was empty. On the vomer were present two weak, toothlike processes. The lower jaw is pointed and projected anteriorly. The upper jaw is not protrusile. D 55; A 30; P 12. The length of the pectoral fin was 78 percent of the length of the lower jaw and 34 percent of the head length; its posterior tip did not reach a vertical from the beginning of the dorsal fin. This was the second capture of a greater sand eel north of Bear Island Medvezhiy Island. In 1963, a specimen 21.5 cm long was taken along the coast of West Spitzbergen at a depth of 65 m at a water temperature, at the bottom, of 3 °C. The capture of the sand eel described in this report was interesting in that it occurred in the Zyuydkapskiy Channel, which is located between shoals surrounding Bear Island and Spitzbergen. In the area, warm water of the South Spitzbergen Current converges with cold waters of the Strait of Stur-fjord, the islands of Edzh-Nadezhda, and the Spitzbergen Bank. The southeastern slope of the Zyuydkapskiy Channel, where the greater sand eel was taken, is most intensively influenced by the warm waters."

Keywords: *Hyperoplus lanceolatus*; maturity; migration; temperature.

Ponton, D.; Fortier, L. 1992. Vertical distribution and foraging of marine fish larvae under the ice cover of southeastern Hudson Bay. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 81(3): 215-227.

"In ice-covered southestern Hudson Bay (northern Quebec, Canada), the production of suitable zooplankton prey for marine fish larvae was similar within and outside the area covered by the Great Whale River plume. Within the plume however, light attenuation by the turbid surface layer reduced the foraging efficiency of first-feeding Arctic cod

Boreogadus saida and sand lance *Ammodytes* sp. larvae. In daytime, first-feeding larvae accumulated at the pycnocline where food availability (i.e. light × prey density) was maximum. Below the pycnocline, the average number of prey ingested by individual larvae (foraging gain) declined with depth. At night, fish larvae and their prey redistributed more uniformly over the water column, suggesting a similar passive response to the turbulence field in the absence of a light gradient. The observed ideal free distributions (IFDs) were better explained by unequal foraging abilities of the larvae than by density-dependent interactions among the assemblage of planktonic predators."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Hudson Bay; distribution; habitat; ice cover; larvae; turbidity.

Ponton, D.; Gagne, J.A.; Fortier, L. 1993. Production and dispersion of freshwater, anadromous, and marine fish larvae in and around a river plume in subarctic Hudson Bay, Canada. Polar Biology. 13(5): 321-331.

"From 1988 to 1990, fish larvae were sampled before, during, and after ice breakup within and outside the plume of the Great Whale River off Kuujjuarapik, southeastern Hudson Bay, Canada. Arctic cod (*Boreogadus saida*) and sand lance (*Ammodytes* spp.) were the most abundant larvae. Half of the larval fish taxa emerged before the ice broke up in the bay. The highest densities of arctic cod, sand lance, slender eelblenny, and gelatinous snailfish larvae were in salinities exceeding 25 practical salinity units (p.s.u.). Arctic shanny, sculpins, and capelin larvae were more abundant at salinities between 1 and 25 p.s.u.. Burbot and coregonid larvae were clearly associated with fresh or brackish waters even when caught in the bay. The timing and extent of the Great Whale River freshet influenced the distribution of marine fish larvae in southeastern Hudson Bay and determined the moment when the larvae of anadromous and freshwater species entered the bay."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Hudson Bay; abundance; distribution; larvae.

Popova, O.A. 1962. Some data on the feeding of cod in the Newfoundland area of the northwest Atlantic. In: Marti, Y.Y., ed. Soviet fisheries investigations in the northwest Atlantic. VINRO—PINRO, Moskow: 228-248.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; predators (fish, cod).

Popp Madsen, K. 1957. A Danish fishery for sand-eel (Ammodytidae). Annals Biologiques, Copenhagen. 12: 101.

Keywords: Ammodytidae; Denmark; fisheries.

Porter, J.M.; Sealy, S.G. 1981. Dynamics of seabird multispecies feeding flocks: chronology of flocking in Barkley Sound, British Columbia in 1979. Colonial Waterbirds. 4: 104-113.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds).

Porter, J. M.; Sealy, S.G. 1982. Dynamics of seabird multispecies feeding flocks: age-related feeding behaviour. Behaviour. 81: 91-109.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Potter, D.C.; Lough, R.G. 1987. Vertical distribution and sampling variability of larval and juvenile sand lance *Ammodytes* sp. on Nantucket shoals and Georges Bank Atlantic Ocean. Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science. 7(2): 107-116.

"Verticle distribution and movement of sand lance larvae and juveniles (<81 mm SL) are summarized from four cruises during winter and spring seasons in 1978, 1981 and 1983. Opening-closing nets (1-m^2 and 10-m^2 MOCNESS) were used to sample discrete strata for day and night vertical profiles and to make serial double-oblique transects for spatial variability. In December-January, recently-hatched larvae (5 mm SL) were found throughout the water column in well-mixed shelf water, with highest density usually in the 10-20 m depth range. In February-March, the larger larvae (>10 mm SL) were found throughout the water column during both day and night, but these appeared to be

in transition to adult behavior, with many of them living near the bottom during the day and moving up in the water column at night. In April, premetamorphic young (20-30 mm SL) were caught mostly at night, and their abundance increased with depth. In May, postmetamorphic juveniles (50-81 mm SL) were caught mostly at night. Presumably, they were near the bottom or burrowed in the substrate during the day. Avoidance of the samplers by large larvae (>10 mm) and juveniles prevent firm conclusions on their verticle distribution and movement."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Georges Bank; Nantucket Shoals; diurnal variation; growth; juveniles; larvae; seasonal variation.

Potts, G.W. 1986. Predator-prey interactions between pollock and sand eels. Progress in Underwater Science. 11: 69-79.

Keywords: *A. lanceolatus*; predators (fish, pollock).

Poulsen, E.M. 1931. Biological investigations upon the cod in Danish waters. Meddelelser Komm. fra Danmarks Fiskeri- og Havundersogelser, Ser. Fiskeri. 10(1): 1-148.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Denmark; predators (fish, cod).

Powers, K.; Backus, R. 1987. Energy transfer to seabirds. In: Backus, R., ed. Georges Bank. [Place of publication unknown]: MIT Press: 372-374.

"Sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.) was found in the stomachs of greater, sooty, and Cory's shearwaters and black-legged kittiwakes. We observed gannets and great black-backed and herring gulls (the large gulls) feeding on sand lance. These sand lance were often driven to the surface by feeding humpback and fin whales. Most of the sand lance and most of the occurrences of sand lance in stomachs were in the GBnw region in waters less than 100 m deep to the east of Cape Cod and in the Great South Channel."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Georges Bank; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake, Cory's shearwater, gannet, great black-backed gull, greater shearwater, herring gull, sooty shearwater; mammals, fin whale, humpback whale)

Powles, P.M. 1958. Studies of reproduction and feeding of Atlantic cod (*Gadus callarias* L.) in the southwestern Gulf of St. Lawrence. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 15: 1383-1402.

"The quantity of fish taken in the diet increased in the 21-30 cm. size group. Young capelin *(Mallotus villosus*) and sand launce (*Ammodytes americanus*) were the most common fish ingested at this stage."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; predators (fish, Atlantic cod).

Poxton, M.G. 1987. Fishery studies in the estuary and Firth of Forth Scotland UK. In: Symposium on the natural environment of the estuary and Firth of Forth; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. In: Proceeding of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Section B (Biol. Sci.); 93: 495-508.

"A total of fifty species of fish have been recorded of which thirty-six occurred in the estuary and thirty-nine in the firth. Others are however known to occur. Of the twenty-eight species entrained into the intakes of local power stations, the sprat, herring, whiting and sand goby were most numerous, while other common species were sandeels, eelpout and pogge. Sand gobies, whiting, common dabs and sprats were the most numerous species taken by Agassiz trawling with herring, cod, eelpout, butterfish, pogge, flounders and plaice also commonly taken. Only herring, sprat, whiting, cod and fatherlasher were recorded using a midwater trawl and only the clupeoids occurred in all the catches. The catches of the 2 m beam trawl used in sandy bays in the firth were dominated by plaice, common dabs, sand gobies and sandeels. The ichthyoplankton surveys undertaken in 1986 have caught twenty-three species as eggs and twelve species as larvae. The majority of the eggs were those of the common dab, whiting, flounder, rockling and sprat, while the majority of larvae were sandeels and clupeoids."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; abundance; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Prakash, A. 1962. Seasonal changes in feeding of coho and chinook (spring) salmon in southern British Columbia waters. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 19: 851-866.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (fish, chinook salmon, coho salmon).

Prakhova, N.V.; Kulikov, M.Y.; Ul'yanov, M.Y. 1980. Food composition of the south Kuril pink salmon in the southern part of the feeding area and off Iturup Island. Biological Resources of the Kuroshio and Adjacent Waters, Shuntov, V.P. 104: 113-115.

"The main food items found in the stomachs of the South Kuril pink salmon from June to September were euphausiids, amphipods, copepods and larval sand lance and greenling. The food composition is more homogenous in fishes caught in areas rich in plankton (about 500 mg/m^3) than in those from areas poor in plankton (less than 200 mg/m^3). Differences in the food composition of pink salmons from oceanic and coastal feeding areas are accounted for by different distribution patterns and composition of food organisms in these areas."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; predators (fish, pink salmon).

Preston, W.C. 1968. Breeding ecology and social behavior of the black guillemot, *Cepphus grylle*. Ann Arbor: MI: University of Michigan. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, black guillemot).

Prime, J.H.; Hammond, P.S. 1990. The diet of grey seals from the south-western North Sea assessed from analyses of hard parts found in feces. Journal of Applied Ecology. 27(2): 435-447.

"(1) To assess variation in the diet of grey seals (*Halichoerus grypus* Fab.) in the southwestern North Sea, feces were collected from Donna Nook, Lincolnshire in each month of 1985. (2) Otoliths from the fecal samples were identified and measured to estimate the size of the fish ingested. (3) Reduction in size of otoliths as a result of passing through the seals' gut was accounted for by applying species-specific digestion coefficients calculated from feeding experiments on captive animals. (4) For the whole year, the three species (sandeels (Ammodytidae), cod (*Gadus morhua* L.) and Dover sole (*Solea solea* L.)) accounted for 56.2% of the diet by weight. Other flatfish (dab *Limanda limanda* L.), flounder (*Platichthys flesus* L.) and plaice (*Pleuronectes platessa* (L.)) contributed a further 21.6% by weight. (5) Cod, sandeels and other roundfish dominated the diet at the beginning of the year. Flatfish took over in the spring to be succeeded by sandeels during the summer. Cod returned to the diet in October and the year ended with the diet divided between flatfish and roundfish, excluding sandeels. (6) Sandeel otoliths could not be identified to species but length-frequency distributions showed that more than one species was consumed throughout the year. Dover sole dominated the diet in May; the time of peak spawning in the Humber/Wash area. Cod was most prevalent in October, the time of its southward migration into the area. (7) The results suggested that the seals were regularly feeding offshore; the estimated distance within which prey contributing to the feces could have been taken included the areas where sandeels are most abundant in the south-western North Sea. (8) Shrimp remains were present in the samples only at the beginning of the year, the time when pups are being weaned and starting to feed for themselves. Other crustacean remains, found throughout the year, were probably from the stomachs of larger fish consumed. (9) Fecal analysis cannot account for prey items with no hard parts or whose hard parts are not consumed. However, calculation of digestive efficiency suggested that no major component of the diet had been missed."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; otoliths; predators (mammals, grey seal).

Prince, P.A.; Harris, M.P. 1988. Food and feeding ecology of breeding Atlantic alcids and penguins. Proceedings of the International Ornithology Congress. 19: 1195-1204.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Pritchard, A.L.; Tester, A.L. 1943. Notes on the food of coho salmon in British Columbia. Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Progress Reports of the Pacific Coast Stations. 55: 10-11.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (fish, coho salmon).

Pritchard, A.L.; Tester, A.L. 1944. Food of the spring and coho salmon in British Columbia. Bulletin of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 66: 1-23.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (fish, chinook salmon, coho salmon).

Pruter, J. 1989. Phanologie und Ernährungsokologie der Dreizehenmowen (*Rissa tridactyla*)–Brutpopulation auf Helgoland. Oekologie der Voegel. 11(2): 189-200.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Germany; North Sea; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake).

Quinn, T.; Schneider, D.E. 1991. Respiration of the teleost fish *Ammodytes hexapterus* in relation to its burrowing behavior. Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology [Part] A. 98(1): 71-76.

“Oxygen consumpton rates of the Pacific Sandlance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) determined under conditions of declining oxygen tension were oxygen independent to a significantly lower tension in winter (Pc = 16 Torr) than in summer (Pc = 30 Torr). Under normoxic conditions at both 5 and 12 °C, winter acclimatized fish showed a 17% reduction in the rate of oxygen consumption when compared to summer acclimatized fish, indicating an inverse compensatory shift in seasonal metabolic rate.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; behavior; metabolism; respiration.

Rabin, D.; Rogers, D.E. 1978. Seasonal composition and food web relationships of marine organisms in the nearshore zone of Kodiak Island–including ichthyoplankton, meroplankton, forage fishes, marine birds and marine mammals. Part A: A report on the ichthyoplankton component of the study. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf; quarterly reports of principal investigators for April-June 1978. Boulder, CO: U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Research Laboratories.

“Fish larvae from late March and early April samples have been identified or typed for future identification. Larvae from families Ammodytidae (sandlance), Cottidae (sculpins), Hexagrammidae (greenlings), and Stichaeidae (prickle-backs) were relatively abundant. Larvae from families Agonidae (poachers), Bathymasteridae (ronquils), Cyclopteridae (snailfishes), Gadidae (codfishes), Osmeridae (smelts), Pholidae (gunnels), and Pleuronectidae (righteye flounders) have also been identified. The laboratory findings indicate: larval stages of forage fishes, such as sand lance and snake prickleback, were present in the early spring period and occurrence of greenling larvae in surface (neuston) samples was relatively high.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; abundance; distribution; larvae; seasonal variation.

Rachlin, J.W. 1990. Ecology of nearshore marine fishes. In: Molloy, D.P., ed. The New York natural history conference. N.Y. State Museum Circular. 54: 44.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Atlantic (northwest); behavior; ecology; models.

Rae, B.B. 1967a. The food of cod in the North Sea and on the west of Scotland grounds. Marine Research. 1967(1). 68 p.

“It is evident that sand eels are the outstanding item in the food in certain localities. Sand eels are eaten at all times of the year in the Scottish area but these fish are predominantly a summer food of the cod, reaching remarkable proportions on the grounds adjacent to the north coast of Scotland.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; Scotland; predators (fish, cod).

Rae, B.B. 1967b. The food of cod on Faroese Grounds. Marine Research. 1967(6). 23 p.

Sand eels were usually the most common fish eaten by cod.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Faroese; predators (fish, cod).

Rae, B.B. 1967c. The food of the dogfish *Squalus acanthias* L. Marine Research. 1967(4): 6-15.

"The food consists primarily of pelagic fish. The herring is the outstanding single species and along with sand eels and mackerel, and semi-pelagic types such as whiting and *Gadus esmarkii*, forms the bulk of the food."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; Scotland; predators (fish, dogfish).

Rae, B.B. 1968a. The food of cod in Icelandic waters. Marine Research. 1968 (6): 19.

"Of the individual fish types in the food of Icelandic cod, sand eels and capelin were of outstanding importance throughout the period of sampling, March to September."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Iceland; predators (fish, cod).

Rae, B.B. 1968b. The food of seals in Scottish waters. Marine Research. 1968(2): 1-28.

"The food of seals in Scottish waters was studied by the examination of the stomach contents of 368 grey seals and 175 common seals. Sand eels were found in 0.6% of the grey seals sampled on the Scottish mainland and 22% of the ones sampled in Shetland. Sand eels occurred in 4.7% of the common seals sampled."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (mammals, grey seal, common seal).

Raitt, D.S. 1934. A preliminary account of the sandeels of Scottish waters. Journal du Conseil. 9(3): 365-372.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; distribution.

Raitt, D.S. 1935. The occurrence of four species of sand eels, of economic importance, in Scottish waters, one of which is new to science. Scotland Nature. (211): 61-62.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; distribution.

Ralph, C.J.; Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Raphael, M.G.; Piatt, J.F. 1995. Ecology and conservation of the marbled murrelet in North America: an overview. In: Ralph, C.J.; Hunt, G.L., Jr.; Raphael, M.G.; Piatt, J.F., eds. Ecology and conservation of the marbled murrelet. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-GTR-152. Albany, CA: Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture: 3-22.

"Murrelets have also been associated with particular marine habitats that are favored by prey, such as sand lance. Murrelets aggregate in shallow bays of fjords, in estuaries, and off beaches because these locations are where prey such as sand lance might be common. Carter (1984) found murrelets in waters over sand and gravel bottom, possibly because of the concentration of sand lance.

"We do not know if the availability of fish species important to murrelets has declined, because the relationship of the abundance and distribution of the several species taken by the bird and the interplay of the behavior and distribution of foraging birds is unknown."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; importance; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Randall, J.E.; Ida, H.; Earle, J.L. 1994. *Ammodytoides pylei*, a new species of sand lance (Ammodytidae) from the Hawaiian Islands. Pacific Science. 48(1): 80-89.

“A new sand lance, *Ammodytoides pylei*, is described from 17 specimens collected on sand substratum in the depth range of 7 to 120 m from Molokai to the Ladd Seamount in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. It is characterized by 48-52 dorsal rays, 22-25 anal rays, 15-17 pectoral rays, 109-116 lateral-line scales, 29-33 gill rakers, 59-60 vertebrae, an elongate body (depth 8.5-10 in standard length (SL)), and a series of small blackish spots at the margin of the dorsal fin. The spawning behavior is described.”

Keywords: *Ammodytoides pylei*; Hawaii; meristics; spawning; taxonomy.

Rankine, P.W.; Morrison, J.A. 1988. Predation on herring larvae and eggs by sand-eels *Ammodytes marinus* (Rait) and *Hyperoplus lanceolatus* (Lesauvage). Journal of the Marine Biology Association. 69(2): 493-498.

“This note describes sand-eel predation on herring eggs and larvae made during a survey of a spawning ground 85,000 m^2 in area, on Ballantrae Bank in the Firth of Clyde, Scotland, [UK] in April 1987. Sand-eels were observed living in the coarse gravel sediments used by the spawning herring. Individual sand-eels were dissected and found to contain up to 400 eggs and larvae in their stomachs. Large populations of sand-eels occur around the coast of Scotland in contiguous distribution with known herring spawning areas. These observations suggest that sand-eels may be important egg and larval predators.”

Keywords: *A. lanceolatus; A. marinus*; Scotland; food and feeding habits.

Rasmussen, E.V. 1985. The occurrence of the sooty shearwater *Puffinus griseus* in Denmark. Dansk Ornithologisk Forenings Tidsskrift. 79(1-2): 1-9.

“It is here suggested that the observations reflect a real increase of Sooties in the North Sea, and that recent changes in the stocks of various fish species in the area are responsible for this increase, at least in part. From what is known of the food choice of the Sooty Shearwater it appears likely that the increased stocks of sand-eels in particular have benefitted the Sooties in the area. The sand-eel itself is believed to have gained by the decrease, due to over-fishing, of herring and mackerel.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (birds, sooty shearwater).

Rass, T.S. 1949. Composition of the ichthyofauna of the Barents Sea and the systematic indicators of the eggs and larval fish of its reserves. Trudy Vsesoyuznogo Nauchno–Issledovatel’Skogo Instituta Morskogo Rybnogo Khozyaistva i Okeanografii. 17: 7-65.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus; A. marinus*; Barents Sea; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Ray, G.C. 1988. Ecological diversity in coastal zones and oceans. In: Wilson, E.O.; Peter, F.M., eds. Biodiversity. Washington, DC: National Academy Press: 36-49.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; ecology.

Reay, P.J. 1970. Synopsis of biological data on North Atlantic sandeels of the genus *Ammodites* (*A. tobianus, A. dubius, A. americanus* and *A. marinus*). FAO Fisheries Synopsis. 82: 48 p.

Keywords: *A. americanus, A. dubius, A. marinus, A. tobianus*; fisheries; general; growth; maturation.

Reay, P.J. 1972. The seasonal pattern of otolith growth and its application to back-calculation studies in *Ammodytes tobianus* L. Journal du Conseil, Conseil International pour l’Exploration de la Mer. 34: 485-504.

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; growth; otoliths.

Reay, P.J. 1973. Some aspects of the biology of the sand eel, *Ammodytes tobianus* L., in Langstone Harbour, Hampshire. Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. 53: 325-346.

“Samples of *Ammodytes tobianus* from Langstone Harbour were obtained by beach-seine between 1968 and 1971. Separate spring- and autumn-spawning groups were distinguished on the basis of otolith structure, vertebral number, gonad development, and the arrival time and size of the juvenile fish. The spring-spawners were about four times as abundant as the autumn-spawners.

“The maximum observed length of the spring-spawners was 173 mm, and the maximum age VII-group. An average annual instantaneous mortality coefficient of 1.29 was calculated from the age-composition data. The sex-ratio was 1:1. Maturity was usually reached at two years but occurred in some fish at one year of age.

“Growth parameters calculated for the spring-spawning groups were as follows: L = 160 mm, KL = 0.77, W = 13.0 g, KW = 0.86. Calculated annual growth-rates as instantaneous annual coeficients were always lower than the annual mortality-rates, and showed that, at least from the age of one year, the total biomass of a year-class decreased. Variation in the growth increments of the same age-groups in different years occurred.

“An examination of the seasonal pattern of growth in the young fish revealed a growth extending from March to August (to October in 0-group spring-spawners). In I-group spring-spawners, for which most data were available, May was the month of peak growth with a monthly growth-rate (as average daily instantaneous rate) up to 0.77% for length, and 2.59% for weight. There was a chacteristic period of no or slow growth in June, and some evidence for a slight secondary peak after this, but the rates from June to August were lower than those in both April and May. The period of rapid growth in May coincided with rapid increase in water temperature, and mean monthly values of 11-13 °C, but there was no evidence to suggest a direct influence of temperature on the seasonal growth pattern.

“Ponderal index values for I-group spring-spawners showed a rapid increase in early spring and peak values were reached in May, after which they fluctuated in an irregular way. It was concluded that some of the decreases in ponderal index arose from growth in length proceeding at a faster rate than growth in weight, and others from weight loss. The latter 5, presumably reflecting unfavourable environmental conditions, were associated with weight loss in the mesenteric fat deposits. In 1971 this fat was dissected out and weighed. It was found to be the main constituent of the body cavity, and formed up to 13.5% of the total dried weight of the fish. The mean dry weight of the mesenteric fat deposits increased from 0.003 g in February to 0.225 g in late May.

“Comparison of the results of the Langstone Harbour study with data from other areas revealed differences in spawning-group composition, spawning season, and size and growth.”

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Hampshire; age and growth; biology; maturity; spawning.

Reay, P.J. 1986. Ammodytidae. In: Whitehead, P.J.P.; Bauchot, M.L.; Hureau, J.C. [and others], eds. Fishes of the north-eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Paris: Unesco; 517-1007. Vol. 2.

Keywords: Ammodytidae; distribution; general; taxonomy.

Reid, G. 1961. Stomach content analysis of troll-caught king and coho salmon, southeastern Alaska, 1957-1958. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Scientific Report—Fisheries. 376: 1-8.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (fish, chinook salmon, coho salmon).

Reimchen, T.E.; Douglas, S. 1984. Feeding schedule and daily food consumption in red-throated loons (*Gavia stellata*) over the prefledgling period. Auk. 101: 593-599.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, red-throated loon).

Repecka, R.; Ziliukas, V.; Stankus, S. 1996. The abundance of the fish larvae and fry in the coastal zone of the Baltic Sea and Kursiu Lagoon. Fishery and Aquaculture in Lithuania. Zuvininkyste Lietuvoje: 95-108.

"The fish larvae and fry investigations were made using ichthyoplankton net and beach-seine in coastal zone of the Baltic Sea and Kursiu Lagoon. Fourteen fish species were registered in catches by beach-seine in coastal zone in 1995. The fry of marine (sprat, herring, turbot, flounder, lesser sandeel) and migratory (smelt, vimba, whitefish) fish species were the most abundant, however but the number of some freshwater fish species as pike-perch, bleak was comparatively high in coastal zone."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Lithuania; Baltic Sea; abundance; larvae.

Reynolds, W.W.; Casterlin, M.E. 1985. Vagile macrofauna and the hydrographic environment of the Saco River estuary and adjacent waters of the Gulf of Maine. Hydrobiologia. 128(3): 207-216.

"We also examined the stomach contents of specimens of two common fish species to determine their local feeding habits. Yearling *Pollachius virens* fed primarily on *Ammodytes americanus*."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Gulf of Maine; anthropogenic impacts; habitat; predators (fish, pollock).

Rice, J.A.; Crowder, L.B.; Binkowski, F.P. 1987. Evaluating potential sources of mortality for larval bloater (*Coregonus hoyi*)–starvation and vulnerability to predation. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 44(2): 467-472.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fisheries; predators (fish).

Rice, S.D.; Karinen, J.F. 1976. Acute and chronic toxicity, uptake and depuration, and sublethal metabolic response of Alaskan marine organisms to petroleum hydrocarbons. Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf: Principal investigators reports for the year ending March 1976. 8: 25-47.

"This study was designed to determine the acute and chronic toxicity of crude oil and its component fractions on physiological and behavioral mechanisms of selected arctic and subarctic organisms and to determine recovery rates of selected organisms in laboratory and field studies. It involved physiological bioassay tests of applied research on species indigenous to the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea, and Beaufort Sea. Specific Objectives and Studies: (1) Determine acute toxicity of previously untested species such as amphipods, mysids, sandlances, and others. (2) Determine acute toxicity at different temperatures with several species such as scallops, pink salmon, and shrimp. (3) Determine the chronic toxicity to shrimp and herring eggs and the effects of oil on newly extruded eggs of crabs. (4) Determine the uptake and depuration of oil components for previously untested species. (5) Determine the effect of temperature on oil component uptake and depuration. (6) Determine the effect of oil on metabolic rate of fish and invertebrates. (7) Determine the effect of oil on scallop growth and behavior. (8) Determine the effect of oil on crab autotomy response. (9) Determine histopathology effects of oil using routine histology, enzyme histochemistry, and electron microscopy."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; anthropogenic impacts; disease; growth; oil; pollution; temperature; toxicity.

Richards, S.W. 1959. Pelagic fish eggs and larvae of Long Island Sound. In: Oceanography of Long Island Sound. Bulletin Bingham Oceangraphic College. 17(1): 95-124.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Long Island Sound; abundance; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Richards, S.W. 1963. The demersal fish population of Long Island Sound. Bulletin Bingham Oceanographic College. 18(2). 101 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Long Island Sound; abundance; distribution.

Richards, S.W. 1965. Description of the postlarvae of the sand lance (*Ammodytes*) from the east coast of North America. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 22(5): 1313-1317.

Apparently, among North American sand lance larvae, environmental factors have induced differences that previously were used as criteria for species separation. Two such factors, temperature and salinity, are discussed in Richards et al. 1963 (see entry below). Evidently the cold water of higher salinity offshore and to the north slows development and produces thin larvae with high counts compared with larvae that develop in the slightly warmer and perhaps less saline waters near bays and estuaries.

Basically, North American sand lances are winter and spring spawners; larvae occur from December to April south of Cape Cod, from February to May north of Cape Cod, and during spring and early summer in the far north. Fry from each area occur correspondingly later. No larvae have ever been recorded from September to November along this coast.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic; description; postlarvae.

Richards, S.W. 1976. Mixed species schools of postlarvae of *Ammodytes hexapterus* and *Clupea harengus harengus.* Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 33: 843-844.

“Small schools of post-larval *Ammodytes hexapterus* and *Clupea harengus harengus* were observed and captured at Margaree Harbor entrance in the Gulf of St. Lawrence on July 20, 1974 and captured at Goldsmith Inlet beach in Long Island Sound on April 18, 1975. These species appeared similar, yet *A. hexapterus* averaged 14 mm longer than *C. harengus harengus* at Margaree, but 9 mm shorter than herring at Goldsmith Inlet beach. In both areas sand lances were narrower than herring.

“Post-larval *A. hexapterus* do not bury in the sand, and they will school together with post-larval *C. harengus harengus* regardless of the differences in sizes between the two species.”

When the schools of sand lance and herring were chased, they swam away or hid behind the tentacles of a red jellyfish. The sand lance made no attempt to escape by burying in the sand.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Atlantic; behavior; length; postlarvae.

Richards, S.W. 1982. Aspects of the biology of *Ammodytes americanus* from the St. Lawrence River to Chesapeake Bay, 1972-75, including a comparison of the Long Island Sound postlarvae with *Ammodytes dubius*. Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science. 3(2): 93-104.

“During the autumn, sand lance from Georges Bank and Long Island Sound concentrated on copepods and mysids. Small snails were common + lots of bottom organisms. Winslade (1994) reported that *A. marinus* in European waters fed only during daylight, however *A. americanus* in this study apparently feeds during day and night. Eggs [sic] counts for eight females from Long Island Sound (89-141 mm) varied from 1,855 to 5196, with a mean of 3,475. *A. americanus,* which is primarily a pelagic plankton feeder, was found to feed on benthic invertebrates, presumably during times of low zooplankton abundance. Recently-consumed food was found in the stomachs of many specimens throughout the 24-hr day. Fecundity of age-groups 2 and 3 of the closely related *A. marinus* = 10,000-15,000 eggs, Macer, 1966.”

Keywords: *A. americanus; A. dubius; A. marinus*; Atlantic; Georges Bank; Long Island Sound; fecundity; food and feeding habits.

Richards, S.W.; Kendall, A.W., Jr. 1973. Distribution of sand lance *Ammodytes* sp., larvae on the continental shelf from Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras from RV Dolphin surveys in 1966. Fishery Bulletin. 71(2): 371-386.

“Postlarvae of one species of sand lance, which resembled *Ammodytes marinus* exactly, were collected along the east coast of the United States between Martha’s Vineyard, Mass., and Cape Hatteras, N.C. (lat 41 to 35 N) in January-February, April, May, and December 1966. They were more abundant in tows taken at night than in tows

taken during the day. Recently hatched specimens (4-8 mm) were more abundant in shallow water. Diurnal migrations are probably related to feeding in all larger size groups."

Evidence indicated that complicated movements occurred during development of larval sand lances. After hatching from demersal eggs, larvae eventually were dispersed throughout the water column, where they drifted generally offshore and slightly south. Within this general drift, they tended to move toward the surface during the day for feeding purposes and back into deeper water at night. Their availability to the Gulf V sampler apparently decreased after they reached 25 millimeters. During May, larvae and juveniles disappeared from the water column. General migration back to the coast or to the bottom on offshore banks was indicated.

The long spawning season, causing hatching to take place from late November through mid-April, was evidenced by the patchy distribution of small specimens and the multimodal character of length frequencies. Interspersion of groups prevented accurate analysis of growth during the hatching season.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; abundance; distribution; larvae; postlarvae.

Richards, S.W.; Perlmutter, A.; McAneny, D.C. 1963. A taxonomic study of the genus *Ammodytes* from the east coast of North America (Teleostei: *Ammodytes*). Copeia. (2): 358-377.

"Two species, *Ammodytes hexapterus* Pallas, 1931 and *Ammodytes dubius* Reinhardt, 1838, are recognized from collections from Hudson Bay—western Greenland to Virginia along the east coast of North America. *A. hexapterus*, which ranges inshore from 41-60 degrees N, is a deep-bodied fish with meristic-character counts of V = 61-73; D = 51-62; A = 23-33. It may be partially divided into a group of fish of small size with low meristic counts from semi-enclosed bays and a group of fish of larger size with a wide range of meristic counts from along exposed coastal areas. *A. dubius*, a northern and offshore form, ranges from 37-69 degrees N, usually in waters of salinities higher than 30 0/00. It is a slender sand lance with meristic-character counts of V = 64-75 (78); D = 55-67; A = 26-35, which show a marked latitudinal cline. A discussion of the nomenclatural confusion concerning this genus is included."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus; A. dubius*; taxonomy.

Richards, S.W.; Schew, W.A. 1989. Species composition of food brought to roseate tern chicks on Falkner Island, Connecticut in summer 1984. Connecticut Warbler. 9(1): 1-5.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Connecticut; predators (birds, roseate tern).

Richardson, F. 1961. Breeding biology of the rhinoceros auklet on Protection Island, Washington. Condor. 63: 456-473.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

Ricklefs, R.E. 1984. Some considerations on the reproductive energetics of pelagic seabirds. Studies in Avian Biology. 8: 84-94.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Riddiford, N. 1993. Recent changes in Fair Isle seabird populations. Seabird. 15: 60-67.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; predators (birds).

Riehl, R. 1978. The fish fauna of Ibiza (Baleares): Pisces. Senckenbergiana Biologica 59(3-4): 173-182.

"A number of marine fish were caught on the north coast of Ibiza Island (Baleares). The collection includes 34 species. *Ammodytes tobianus* and *Pleuronectes platessa* were found in the Mediterranean Sea for the first time."

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Mediterranean; distribution; taxonomy

Rigaut, J.P.; Chalumeau, M.T. 1984. Pyruvate kinase ec–2.7.1.40 isozyme patterns of fish. Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology [Part] B. 77(3): 451-458.

“A complex system of pyruvate kinase (PK) isozymes was demonstrated by electrophoresis in the tissues of 22 different species of fish [*Scyliorhinus caniculus, Raja radiata, Raja clavata, Clupea harengus, Salmo gairdneri, Puntius–Barbus tetrazona, Cyprinus carpio, Rutilus rutilus, Silurus glanis, Anguilla anguilla, Gadus merlangus, Spinachia spinachia, Entelurus* species, *Lebistes reticulatus, Mugil auratus, Pterophyllum scalare, Ammodytes tobianus, Scomber scombrus, Trichogaster leeri, Gobius paganellus, Trigla cuculus* and *Limanda limanda*]. The most slowly anodal isozyme could correspond to the K4 homotetramer observed in all the other vertebrates studied so far. In at least 18 out of 19 different of teleosts exists a major fast anodal isozyme, which was named ‘PK–E’. A slightly less anodal additional band exists in 14 of these species (‘PK–E’). In 9 teleosts another isozyme (‘PK–L’) is present, in liver and red blood cells only. Several K–E, E–E (and possibly K–L) sets of tetramer hybrids are often noted. K2 E2 is the predominant PK in the heart muscles of 9 teleosts. The major isozyme of skeletal muscle is K4 in 15 teleosts, E4 in 3 others and K2 E2 in a last one. This may explain some of the differences, noted by others, between kinetic parameters of muscle PK in various species of fish. In all the organs of 3 chondrichthyans studied, PK–K is the only isozyme present (with the exception of 2 miner [sic] bands in the heart muscle of *Scyliorhinus*).”

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; physiology; proteins.

Ritchie, A. 1932. The food and feeding habits of the haddock. Rapports et Procès-Verbaux des Reunions Conseil International pour l’Exploration de la Mer. 80(3): 16.

“Fish do not form a regular diet of the haddock although at certain places and times they may contribute a most important part of the food supply. The sand-eels (*Ammodytes*)—both postlarval and adolescent—are the most important in this respect, and, on the grounds to the north and west of Scotland the abundance and distribution of these play a most important role in the movements of the haddock shoals during the feeding period.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, haddock).

Ritchie, W. 1993. Environmental impacts of the Braer oil spill and development of a strategy for the monitoring of change and recovery. Marine Policy. Shetland, Scotland (UK); 17(5): 434-440.

“The environmental impact of the Braer oil spill (85000 tonnes) in south Shetland was unique. Severe wind and wave conditions produced extremely turbulent sea conditions for the entire period. An oil slick did not form. The adjacent coastline consisted of cliffs with strong dissipative and reflective properties. The oil (Gulfaks) was very light. Winter conditions prevailed with rain and sleet. Some oil was carried on to the land by spray. Visible coastal and intertidal impact was negligible. A large fraction of oil was dispersed into the water and taken by currents to basins of fine sedimentation in deep water, considerable distances from the spill. The monitoring programme has laid emphasis on the marine environment, notably the seabed, both chemically and biologically. Sea birds, otters, seals and the important sand eel populations will be monitored. Terrestrial and coastal habitats will receive less attention. Fish and salmon farms will also bestudied over time. The Ecological Steering Group for the Oil Spill in Shetland (ESGOSS) and its four task groups on terrestrial and ornithological impacts, intertidal and sublittoral ecosystems, physical and chemical processes, and wider applications are described.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; anthropogenic impacts; environmental impact; oil; pollution.

Robards, M.D.; Anthony, J.; Piatt, J.F. [and others]. [In press]. Changes in proximate composition and somatic energy content for Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) from Kachemak Bay, Alaska, relative to maturity and season. Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology.

Mean dry-weight energy values of adult Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) peaked in spring and early summer and then declined by about 25 percent during late summer and fall. Late summer declines in energy density paralleled gonadal development. Gender differences were apparent only from August to October.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Cook Inlet; condition index; energetics; proximate composition; seasonal variation; spatial variation.

Robards, M.D.; Piatt, J.F.; Kettle, A.B.; Abookir, A.A. 2000. Temporal and geographic variation in fish communities of Lower Cook Inlet, Alaska. Fishery Bulletin. 98: [page nos. unknown].

“The nearshore and shelf fish communities of Lower Cook Inlet, Alaska were studied at 3 locations (Kachemak Bay, Chisik Island, and the Barren Islands). The Barren Island waters are largely oceanic, Kachemak Bay receives largely oceanic water but has a significant freshwater runoff component, and Chisik Island waters are predominantly estuarine in nature. Beach seines and mid-water trawls were the primary capture methods at all sites. Kachemak Bay was sampled over the course of two years (1995 & 1996), whereas Chisik Island and the Barren Islands were only sampled in the summer of 1996.

“The study areas support a diverse nearshore fish community of at least 52 species. Of these species, 50 were caught in Kachemak Bay, 24 at Chisik Island, and 12 at the Barren Islands. Pacific sand lance was clearly the dominant nearshore species at the Barren Islands and Kachemak Bay comprising 99% and 71% of the total individuals respectively.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Cook Inlet; abundance, distribution; seasonal variations.

Robards, M.D.; Piatt, J.F.; Rose, G.A. 1999. Maturation, fecundity, and intertidal spawning of Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) in the northern Gulf of Alaska. Journal of Fish Biology 54: 1050-1068.

We investigated seasonal maturation and spawning of Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) in Kachemak Bay, Alaska, between May 1996 and October 1997. Most sand lance reached maturity in their second year. Sand lance spawned intertidally in late Sptember and October on fine gravel or sandy beaches soon after the seasonal peak in water temperatures.

Robb, A.P. 1990. Gastric evacuation in the whiting (*Meriangus merlangus* L.). In: Council Meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea; Copenhagen (Denmark): 9.

“This paper describes the effect of fish size, meal size, temperature and prey type on gastric evacuation in whiting (*Merlangus merlangus*). A linear evacuation model gave a good description of the data. Larger fish eliminated meals of a given size at a faster rate than smaller fish. When fish of similar size were given meals of different sizes, the larger meals were eliminated at a faster rate when expressed as g/h, but actually took longer to disappear by virtue of their size. Increase in temperature was accompanied by an increase in evacuation rates. No difference was found between the rates at which sandeel and clupeoid prey were evacuated.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, whiting).

Robertson, G. 1989. Scotland’s over-exploited waters. ECOS: a Review of Conservation. 10(3): 25-28.

“A review of exploitation which portrays an ironic picture of economic success and environmental problems, notably in the areas of: oil production; fish farming; offshore mineral prospecting; and fishing for sandeels. One of the problems is the wide range of responsibilities placed upon the Department of the Environment, and so it is suggested that the environmental protection duties of the Department are split off from its other functions.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; anthropogenic impacts.

Robertson, I. 1974. The food of nesting double-crested and pelagic cormorants at Mandarte Island, British Columbia, with notes on feeding ecology. Condor. 76: 346-348.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (birds).

Robinette, R.L.; Ha, J.C. 1997. The significance of fishing by northwestern crows. Wilson Bulletin. 109: 748-749.

“On two occasions large groups of Northwestern Crows were observed fishing systematically for Pacific sand lances buried in sandy areas at very low tides. They found the sand lance by flipping sand to each side with their beaks while digging a 5-8 cm hole in the sand. The crows swallowed the fish whole. Crows could find and handle a fish in

less than five minutes. The authors concluded that the average crow needs only 3.4 sand lances/day to satisy their daily energy requirements, whereas they needed 961.2 average sized worms."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; predators (birds, northwestern crow).

Robins, C.R.; Bohlke, J.E. 1970. The 1st Atlantic species of the Ammodytid fish genus *Embolichthys.* Notulae Natural of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. 430: 1-11.

Keywords: *Embolichthys*; taxonomy.

Robins, C.R. [and others] 1991. Common and scientific names of fishes from the United States and Canada. 5th ed. Spec. Publ. 20. [Place of publication unknown]: American Fisheries Society.

Lists species and names for three members of the family Ammodytidae—sand lances: *Ammodytes americanus* DeKay, 1842, American sand lance, found in the Atlantic; *A. dubius* Reinhardt, 1837, northern sand lance, found in the Atlantic; and *A. hexapterus* Pallas, 1814, Pacific sand lance, found in the Pacific.

Populations of *A. hexapterus* from the eastern Arctic, previously identified with *hexapterus*, were assigned to *americanus* by Richards (see Richards 1982 item, above).

Keywords: *A. americanus; A. dubius; A. hexapterus*; distribution; taxonomy.

Robinson, C.K.; Lapi, L.A.; Carter, E.W. 1982. Stomach contents of spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*) caught near the Qualicum and Fraser Rivers, April-May, 1980-1981. Canadian Manuscript Report of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 1656: 21 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (fish, spiny dogfish).

Robinson, D.G. 1969a. Number, size composition, weight and food of larval and juvenile fish caught with a two-boat surface trawl in the Strait of Georgia April 24-25, 1968. Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Manuscript Report. 1067: 63 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; Strait of Georgia; abundance; distribution; food and feeding habits; juveniles; larvae.

Robinson, D.G. 1969b. Number, size composition, weight and food of larval and juvenile fish caught with a two-boat surface trawl in the Strait of Georgia July 4-6, 1967. Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Manuscript Report. 1012: 71 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; Strait of Georgia; abundance; distribution; food and feeding habits; juveniles; larvae.

Robinson, D.G.; Barraclough, W.E.; Fulton, J.D. 1968a. Data record: number, size composition, weight and food of larval and juvenile fish caught with a two-boat surface trawl in the Strait of Georgia May 1-4, 1967. Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Manuscript Report Series. 964: 105 p.

"*A. hexapterus* stomach contents larvae + postlarvae =1 percent copepods."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; Strait of Georgia; food and feeding habits; larvae; postlarvae.

Robinson, D.G.; Barraclough, W.E.; Fulton, J.D. 1968b. Number, size composition, weight and food of larval and juvenile fish caught with a two-boat surface trawl in the Strait of Georgia June 5-9, 1967. Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Manuscript Report. 972: 109 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; Strait of Georgia; abundance; distribution; food and feeding habits; juveniles; larvae.

Rodway, M.S.; Carter, H.R.; Sealy, S.G.; Campbell, R.W. 1992. Status of the marbled murrelet in British Columbia. Proceedings of the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology. 5(1): 17-41.

“The marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) is widespread in nearshore habitats throughout coastal British Columbia. Populations have been censused reliably only in Barkley and Clayoquot sounds on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The provincial population may approach 45,000 breeding birds. Local studies and casual observations suggest a movement from exposed inshore waters into sheltered nearshore Georgia by a portion of the population. No nests have been found in British Columbia, but evidence indicates that nesting occurs in old-growth forests within 101 km of the ocean. Adult diet during the breeding season is mostly fish, primarily Pacific sandlance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) and Pacific herring (*Clupea harengus*). Euphausiids are important in the spring at Langara Island in the Queen Charlotte Islands. Sandlance are the prey most frequently fed to nestlings. Data on winter diet are scant. The most serious threat to marbled murrelets in British Columbia is the rapid removal of old-growth forest nesting habitat. Only a small portion of this habitat is currently protected within established parks and government reserves. Information on the amount of suitable old-growth habitat remaining in British Columbia is urgently needed to identify critical areas and focus conservation efforts. Marbled murrelets also suffer substantial mortality at sea in gill nets and from oil pollution.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Rodway, M.S.; Montevecchi, W.A. 1996. Sampling methods for assessing the diets of Atlantic puffin chicks. Marine Ecology Progress Series. 144(1-3): 41-55.

“Three methods for sampling the diets of Atlantic puffin *Fratercula arctica* chicks were compared and evaluated. Prey-carrying puffins were captured in mist-nets, or observed with a telescope or with unaided eyes. Prey samples collected in mist-nets yielded higher proportions of gravid capelin *Mallotus villosus* than did samples obtained visually. Telescopic samples produced higher estimates of the numbers of larval fish landed by puffins (larval fishes are often lost when food-laden birds are caught in mist-nets), and yielded underestimates of the lengths of male capelin. Slight correction factors made the 3 prey sampling methods comparable. Visual sampling procedures had the advantages of creating less disturbance and allowing puffins to deliver food to chicks. Use of telescopic sampling is, however, dependent on colony topography. Forage fishes, heavily dominated by 2-yr-old capelin, made up 88% and 98% of the frequency and mass, respectively, of the prey delivered to puffin chicks. Small prey (larval capelin and sandlance *Ammodytes* spp., hake *Urophycis tenuis*, crustaceans) were most commonly fed to young chicks. Gravid and male capelin tended to be more commonly fed to chicks midway through the nestling period, a time of rapid growth. Spent female and immature capelin were fed more commonly to older chicks. The lengths of gravid capelin tended to increase through the nestling period. Gravid and spent female and male capelin and sandlance fed to puffin chicks were shorter in 1992 than in 1993 or 1994. Successful puffin chicks on Great Island, Newfoundland, Canada, were fed an average of 1105 (SD = 435) prey items weighing 2812 g (SD = 579) equivalent to 12506 kJ (SD = 2391). Extrapolation of these findings suggests that the population of Atlantic puffins in Newfoundland consumes about 8000+ t of forage fishes, mostly 2-yr-old female capelin during a breeding season. Data on age-class and gender status of prey harvests by marine birds will provide needed input in energetics and trophic models.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); predators (birds, Atlantic puffin).

Roessingh, M. 1957. Problems arising from the expansion of the industrial fishery for the sandeel, *Ammodytes marinus* Raitt, towards the Dutch coastal area. ICES C.M. 1957, Near Northern Seas Comm. 3 p. [Mimeo].

Keywords: *A. marinus*; fishery.

Rogers, B.J.; Wangerin, M.E.; Garrison, K.J.; Rogers, D.E. 1981. Epipelagic meroplankton, juvenile fish, and forage fish: distribution and relative abundance in coastal waters near Yakutat. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf. Final Reports of Principal Investigators. 12: 603-708.

“The shelf off Yakutat represents only a small portion of Alaska’s Continental Shelf; however, it supports several fish and shellfish taxa of commercial and ecological importance. While adult distributions and abundances for many taxa are known from commercial trawl catches, relatively little is known about epipelgic larval and egg stages of these

taxa or about forage fish which also frequent the epipelagic zone. Pacific sand lance, sablefish, halibut, Pacific cod, and arrowtooth flounder spawn in the winter whereas herring, capelin, walleye pollock, Pacific ocean perch, butter sole, starry flounder, razor clams, weathervane scallops, tanner crab, and Dungeness crab reproduce in the spring or summer. Juvenile salmon and adult forage fish will probably be most abundant in the spring and summer. Herring and capelin spawn in bays or on beaches and initially, their larvae will be inshore. Halibut, arrowtooth flounder, and sablefish spawn in deep water offshore. The other species of fish spawn at a variety of depths, hence their larvae will be widely dispersed. Salmon spawn in nearly every stream in the Yakutat area, but the most important spawning areas are the southeast shore of Yakutat Bay (pink salmon) and coastal rivers to the southeast of the bay."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; abundance; distribution; spawning.

Rogers, D.E.; Rabin, B.J.; Garrison, K.; Wangerin, M. 1983. Seasonal composition and food web relations of marine organisms in the nearshore zone of Kodiak Island—including ichthyoplankton, zooplankton, and fish. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaska Continental Shelf. Final reports of the principal investigators. 17: 541-658.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; abundance; distribution; ecology; food web.

Rogers, D.E.; Rabin, D.J.; Rogers, B.J. [and others]. 1979. Seasonal composition and food web relationships of marine organisms in the nearshore zone of Kodiak Island including icthyoplankton, meroplankton (shellfish), zooplankton, and fish. [Seattle, WA]: University of Washington, Fisheries Research Institute, final report FRI-UW-7925: 291 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; abundance; distribution; ecology; food web.

Romano, M.D.; Roby, D.D.; Piatt, J.F. 1998. Effect of prey type on the growth of piscivorous seabirds: captive feeding trials. Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Project Annual Rep. (Project 96163N). Corvallis, OR: Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; calorific value; energy density; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake, tufted puffin).

Roseneau, D.G.; Byrd, G.V. 1997. Using Pacific halibut to sample the availability of forage fishes to seabirds. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems: Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Report 97-01. Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College Program: 231-241.

Authors examined 586 stomachs from sport-caught halibut and recorded prey delivered to chicks of black-legged kittiwakes, common murres, and tufted puffins. Sand lance were more common than capelin in June, but thereafter, few sand lance were recorded and capelin were the dominant prey.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake, common murre, tufted puffin; fish, Pacific halibut).

Roseneau, D.G.; Springer, M.I.; Murphy, E.C.; Springer, A.M. 1985. Population and trophic studies of seabirds in the northern Bering and eastern Chukchi seas, 1981. [Place of publication unknown]: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Assessment Program; final report 30: 1-58.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; predators (birds).

Rosenthal, R.J. 1978. Preliminary observations on the distribution, abundance and food habits of some nearshore fishes in the northeastern Gulf of Alaska. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]; Prepared for National Oceanic and Atrmospheric Administration, Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Assessment Program. 71 p. Available from: [unknown].

Keywords: A. hexapterus; Alaska; predators (fish).

Rosenthal, R.J. 1983. Shallow water fish assemblages in the northeastern Gulf of Alaska: habitat evaluation, species composition, abundance, spatial distribution and trophic interaction. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf. Final Reports of Principal Investigators, [Place of publication unknown]: Biological Studies. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 17 p.

The stomach contents of 486 specimens from 26 species were examined for food items. Pacific sand lance were found in the stomachs of kelp greenling *(Hexagrammos decagrammus*), lingcod (*Ophiodon elongatus*), Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*), black rockfish (*Sebastes melanops*), whitespotted greenling (*Hexagrammos stelleri*), Pacific tomcod (*Microgadus proximus*), and rock sole (*Lepidopsetta bilineata*). For the black rockfish, the Pacific sand lance was the most frequent prey and ranked first in the prey index. For Pacific halibut, sand lance was high and ranked second in identifiable contents. For all other species listed, the sand lance appeared to be a minor part of their diet. The major forage species, in frequency of occurrence, was the Pacific sand lance. Hundreds to even thousands of sand lance have been observed in individual schools along the shores of Prince William Sound. Some of the aggregations were located just under the sea surface, and others were near the bottom at depths of 25 to 30 m. This species exhibited more versatility in terms of habitat utilization than any other fish in the region. Besides forming large pelagic schools, sand lance use the benthos by burying themselves in the sand and gravel. They also occupy the littoral zone by digging into the softer beach sediments.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Prince William Sound; abundance; importance; predators (fish, kelp greenling, lingcod, Pacific halibut, black rockfish, whitespotted greenling, Pacific tomcod, rock sole).

Rosenthal, R.J.; Field, L.J.; Myer, D. 1981. Survey of nearshore bottomfish in the outside waters of southeastern Alaska. Juneau, AK: Alaska Department of Fish and Game; final report. 85 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; southeastern Alaska; abundance; distribution.

Rosenthal, R.J.; Haldorson, L.; Field, L.J. [and others]. 1982. Inshore and shallow bottomfish resources in the southeastern Gulf of Alaska (1981-1982). Juneau, AK: Alaska Department of Fish and Game; final report. RVO542. 166 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; abundance; distribution.

Rosenthal, R.J.; Lees, D.C. 1979. A preliminary assessment of compostion and food webs for demersal fish assemblages in several shallow subtidal habitats in lower Cook Inlet, Alaska. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]; report for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Commercial Fisheries Division. 58 p. Available from: [unknown].

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Cook Inlet; abundance; distribution; food web.

Rosenthal, R.J.; Moran–O'connell, V.; Murphy, M.C. 1988. Feeding ecology of ten species of rockfishes scorpaenidae from the Gulf of Alaska USA. California Fish and Game. 74(1): 16-37.

"Summer diets of ten species of rockfish [*Sebastes melanops, S. flavidus, S. ciliatus, S. entomelas, S. emphaeus, S. nebulosus, S. ruberrimus, S. maliger, S. caurinus* and *S. nigrocinctus*] collected in the inshore waters of southeastern Alaska during 1980-82 are presented and compared with studies of rockfish food habits from other regions of the Pacific coast. All species utilized a variety of food and usually capitalized on the most accessible prey types. The bottom-dwelling species were most dependent on detrital based food sources, whereas schooling or pelagic rockfish consumed substantial quantites of zooplankton and fish. A number of common food items (e.g., crabs,

shrimps, brittle stars, and fish) were shared by the bottom-dwellers. Pacific sand lance, a key component in the inshore forage base, was the dominant food of the more pelagic black, yellowtail and widow rockfishes. Two other pelagic schoolers, the Puget Sound and dusky rockfishes ate significant amounts of pelagic crustacea and gelatinu-ous [sic] zooplankton. Dietary overlaps for these common pelagic and demersal rockfish species were strong during the three summers of observation. Geographic variations in diet suggested that rockfish were capable of substituting prey as long as these foods are of the same general size and type."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; southeastern Alaska; importance; predators (fish, black rockfish, china rockfish, copper rockfish, dusky rockfish, yelloweye rockfish, yellowtail rockfish, quillback rockfish, widow rockfish).

Rothschild, B.J.; Osborn, T.R. 1988. Small-scale turbulence and plankton contact rates. Journal of Plankton Research. 10(3): 465-474.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; distribution; larvae.

Rounet, J. 1987. Feeding of the ray *Raja microocellata* (Montagu, 1818) in Bertheaume Bight (Brittany). Cahiers de Biologie Marine. 28(2): 199-206.

"Examination of the stomach contents of the ray *Raja microocellata* (Montagu, 1818) revealed that this species fed upon fast exclusively Teleosts. The most frequent prey is *Ammodytes tobianus* (L. 1758). Among the three other species of fished rays, *Raja brachyura* (Lafont, 1873) showed the nearest feeding habits of *Raja microocellata*."

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; predators (ray *Raja microocellata*).

Rountree, R.A. 1994. Broad-scale distribution patterns of summer flounder and their prey based on bottom trawl surveys collected from 1973-92 between Cape Hatteras and the Scotian shelf. American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting Abstract. 124: 18.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); predators (fish, summer flounder).

Rowe, D.M.; Denton, E.J. 1994. Reflections of light and fast pulses of sound as methods of signalling between fish. In: Williamson, R., ed. Orientation and migration in the sea symposium; University of Plymouth (England). Journal of Marine Biological Association U.K. 74: 719.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; pigmentation; schooling behavior.

Runge, J.A.; Therriault, J.C.; Legendre, L. [and others]. 1991. Coupling between ice microalgal productivity and the pelagic metazoan food web in southeastern Hudson Bay a synthesis of results. Polar Research. 10(2): 325-338.

"A multidisciplinary study of the ice algal production cycle in southweastern Hudson Bay in spring, 1986, provided an exceptional opportunity to observe trophic interaction between the ice algae and metazoan zooplankton. Larvae of Arctic cod and sand lance, the yolk-sac stages of which were found in samples immediately after the onset of ice melt, were in a good position to feed on the resulting high concentrations of copepod nauplii in mid-June. These results therefore suggest a strong coupling between the ice algal production cycle and production cycles in the pelagic food web in this region."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada; Hudson Bay; food; larvae.

Russell, F.S. 1973. A summary of the observations on the occurrence of planktonic stages of fish off Plymouth 1924-1972. Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. 53(2): 347-355.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); distribution; larvae.

Russell, F.S. 1980. Distribution of post larval fish in the Bristol Channel UK. Bulletin of Marine Ecology. 8(4): 283-290.

“To give a preliminary list of the species in the Bristol Channel with some indication of their relative abundance and distribution, results were extracted from the data for research vessel cruises in 1974 when there was good coverage from April-Aug. and from July, 1973, when there was also good coverage. The samples were taken with a Lowestoft 20-inch plankton sampler, using a nylon mesh of 280 µm, towed obliquely on a grid of stations in the area between 3° and 5° W. The seasonal distribution of each species and their relative abundance in the seven cruises in 1974 are given. The pattern of seasonal distribution is that which would be normally expected for the area. Only a few species occurred in sufficient numbers in the catches to enable their spatial distribution to be studied. The most numerous species was *Sprattus sprattus*. Next in abundance were S*ardina pilchardus, Merlangius merlangus, Trisopterus minutus*, gobies, rockling, *Pollachius pollachiu*s, sand-eels, *Limanda limanda* and *Callionymus* spp.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); abundance; distribution; larvae; seasonal variation.

Russell, F.S.; Demir, N. 1971. On the seasonal abundance of young fish. XII: The years 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970. Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the Unitied Kingdom. 51: 127-131.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); abundance; annual variation; larvae.

Ryder, R.A. 1957. Avian-pinniped feeding associations. Condor. 59: 68-69.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, mammals).

Ryland, J.S. 1964. The feeding of plaice and sand-eel larvae in the southern North Sea. Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the Unitied Kingdom. 44: 343-364.

“Larvae of the sand-eel, *Ammodytes marinus*, appear in large numbers in the Southern Bight during March. The principal food in sand-eel guts were copepod nauplii and appendicularians.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; North Sea; abundance; food and feeding habits; larvae.

Sabates, A.; Demestre, M.; Sanchez, P. 1990. Revision of the family Ammodytidae Perciformes in the Mediterranean with the first record of *Gymnammodytes semisquamatus*. Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. 70(3): 493-504.

“The study of the morphological and meristic characters of larval and adult sandeels (*Gymnammodytes* spp.) collected off the Catalan coast (NW Mediterranean) has revealed the co-occurrence of *G. cicerelus* and *G. semisquamatus* in the Mediterranean. The geographical distribution of *G. semisquamatus* had hitherto been thought to be limited to the European Atlantic coasts. The comparative analysis of specimens of *G. semisquamatus* from the Mediterranean and from the North Atlantic has demonstrated a marked latitudinal cline in the meristic counts. An exhaustive overview is presented of the bibliography referring to the Ammodytidae family in the Mediterranean, and the validity of the numerous references is discussed. Finally, it has been shown that the accepted description of *G. cicerelus* included the two species: *G. cicerelus* and *G. semisquamatus*. In the present paper an up-to-date diagnosis of both species is presented.”

Keywords: *Gymnammodytes cicerelus; Gymnammodytes semisquamatus*; Mediterranean; taxonomy.

Safina, C. 1988. Ecological interactions among prey fish, bluefish, and common terns in a coastal Atlantic system. Dissertation Abstracts International [Section] B: The Sciences and Engineering. 49(1): 1-232.

“These studies were designed to investigate factors which affect prey availability to common terns (*Sterna hirundo*), the community dynamics prey and predatory fishes, and the ways in which terns respond to changing food availability during their late spring and summer breeding season. One predatory fish, the bluefish (*Pomatomus saltatrix*), appeared to cause sharp declines in prey numbers and cause prey to remain near to the surface. Despite the shift

toward the surface, prey availability to terns declined during summer. Sandeels (Ammodytes) and anchovies (Anchoa) were the major prey of terns and bluefish in the study area. The author suggests that the temporal and spatial partitioning of habitat by these fishes more likely results from predation pressure acting on different predator avoidance strategies in the two species, rather than from competition."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic Ocean; predators (birds, common tern; fish, bluefish).

Safina, C.; Burger, J. 1985. Common tern foraging: seasonal trends in prey fish densities and competition with bluefish. Ecology. 66(5): 1457-1463.

"Terns feeding in the study area caught sandeels (*Ammodytes americanus*) and bay anchovies (*Anchoa mitchilli*) almost exclusively, with *Ammodytes* by far the more important."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; New York; importance; predators (birds, common tern).

Safina, C.; Burger, J. 1988. Prey dynamics and the breeding phenology of common terns (*Sterna hirundo*). Auk. 105(4): 720-726.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; New York; importance; predators (birds, common tern).

Safina, C.; Burger, J. 1989. Population interactions among free-living bluefish and prey fish in an ocean environment. Oecologia (Berlin). 79(1): 91-95.

"We used sonar to measure relative abundance, location, and depth of prey fish schools (primarily *Anchoa* and *Ammodytes*) in the ocean near Fire Island Inlet, New York [USA] from May to August for 4 years to examine predator-prey interactions. Prey fish numbers built through May, peaked in June, and thereafter declined coincident with the arrival of predatory bluefish. Bluefish abundance and feeding behavior correlated inversely with prey fish abundance and depth. Bluefish may drive seasonal patterns of prey abundance and distribution in this area through direct predation and by causing prey to flee."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); abundance; predators (fish, bluefish); sonar.

Safina, C.; Burger, J.; Gochfield, M.; Wagner, R.H. 1988. Evidence for prey limitation of common and roseate tern reproduction. Condor. 90: 852-859.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; New York; importance; predators (birds, common tern, roseate tern).

Safina, C.; Wagner, R.H.; Witting, D.A.; Smith, K.J. 1990. Prey delivered to roseate and common tern chicks; composition and temporal variability. Journal of Field Ornithology. 61(3): 331-338.

Studies done at Cedar Beach, New York, showed that roseate terns were highly specialized and fed their chicks mostly sand eels (*Ammodytes americanus*). For both roseate and common terns, the American sand eel was the most common prey delivered to chicks. Common tern had 780 deliveries of sand eels or 35.5 percent of all deliveries. Roseate tern had 751 deliveries of sandeels or 72 percent of all deliveries. Roseates appeared better able to exploit sand eels than are common terns because roseates seem able to dive more deeply and sand eels tend to remain near the bottom unless pursued by predatory fish.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Atlantic; New York; importance; predators (birds, roseate tern, common tern).

Saint-Pierre, R.; Brêthes, J.C.; Desroslers, G. [and others]. 1984. Premières observations biologiques sur le lançon d'Amérique (*Ammodytes americanus*) habitant les elots de rejet de dragage dans la lagune de Grande-Entrée (lles-de-la-Madeleine), Province de Québec. 37 p. Available from: Dir. Rech. Pêches, Min. Pêches et Océans, Ste-Flavie, PQ.

Keywords: *A. americanus*.

Sakaguchi, M.; Hishikawa, K. 1963. On the fishery of sand-eel, *Ammodytes personatus* Girard. Bulletin of the Isewan Regional Fisheries Research Laboratory, Supplement. 1: 1-12.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; fisheries.

Sakamoto, W.; Tanaka, Y. 1986. Relations between environmental structure of front and the change of concentration of fish larvae and eggs. 1: Water temperature patterns and distributions of fish eggs and larvae in the vicinity of shallow sea front. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 52(5): 767-776.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; eggs; environmental effects; larvae; temperature.

Salomonsen, F. 1955. The food production in the sea and the annual cycle of Faeroese marine birds. Oikos. 6: 92-100.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Sameoto, D.D. 1971. The distribution of herring (*Clupea harengus* L.) larvae along the southern coast of Nova Scotia with some observations on the ecology of herring larvae and the biomass of macrozooplankton on the Scotian Shelf. Fisheries Research Board of Canada Technical Report. 252: 1-72.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Nova Scotia; distribution; ecology.

Sameoto, D.D.; Lewis, M.K. 1980. Zooplankton and micronekton associated with acoustic scattering layers on the Nova Scotia shelf and slope during June 1978. Canadian Technical Report Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 936: 1-32.

"Zooplankton, macrozooplankton, and micronekton communities were sampled during the night on the slope of the Nova Scotia shelf during June 1978. The numbers of copepods and biomass of zooplankton were highest off the shelf in an area about 12 nautical miles south of the edge of the shelf (the 180 m contour). The fish and fish larvae collected were dominated by *Ammodytes tobianus* on the inner stations and by myctophids, primarily *Benthosema graciale,* on the stations farther offshore. Intense acoustic scattering layers were found on the stations off the shelf. The biological samples provided evidence as to the animals responsible for the acoustic scattering. Over 100 species of zooplankton and nekton species were identified and enumerated."

Keywords: *A. tobianus*; Nova Scotia; abundance; distribution; larvae.

Sandine, P.H. 1984. Zooplankton (Barnegat Bay). In: Ecology of Barnegat Bay, [City unknown], NJ: [Publisher unknown]: 95-134.

"Microplankton reach peak abundances during March/April following the spring phytoplankton bloom, and again in summer. During January-April, larval winter flounder *Pseudopleuronectes americanus* and sand lance *Ammodytes* predominate. In June-September, eggs and larvae of bay anchovy *Anchoa mitchilli* and larvae of gobies Gobiidae are characteristic."

Keywords: *A. americanus*; New Jersey; abundance; distribution.

Sanger, G.; Hironaka, V.F.; Fukuyama, A.K. 1978. The feeding ecology and trophic relationships of key species of marine birds in the Kodiak Island area: May-September 1977. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf, annual reports of principal investigators. Boulder, CO: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Research Laboratories: 3: 773-848.

"Sandlance and pollock were far less important in terms of biomass, but sandlance were fairly persistent (20%-40% of the cruises in all species except the sooty shearwater), and pollock showed up in all three of the Alaskan breeders on 60% to 80% of the cruises. Moreover, since Baird and Moe (1978) report a higher frequency and volume of sandlance and pollock in food samples from black-legged kittiwakes and tufted puffins in Sitkalidak Strait than we

report here, the overall importance of these two prey species to birds is probably greater than this preliminary assessment suggests."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake, common murre, tufted puffin).

Sanger, G.A. 1972. Fishery potentials and estimated biological productivity of the subarctic Pacific region. In: Takenouti, A.Y., ed. Biological oceanography of the northern north Pacific Ocean dedicated to Sigeru Motoda. Tokyo, Japan: Idemitsu Shoten: 561-574.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; north Pacific Ocean; abundance; distribution.

Sanger, G.A. 1986. Diets and food web relationships of seabirds in the Gulf of Alaska and adjacent marine regions. In: Outer Continental Shelf environmental assessment program. final reports of principal investigators. [Place of publication unknown]: U.S. Department of Commerce; U.S. Department of the Interior. 45: 631-771.

"Pacific sand lance, capelin, the euphausiid *Thysanoessa inermis*, and unidentified squids were generally the most important prey to pelagic birds in the Gulf of Alaska. In general, seabirds appear to utilize commercially-important species of prey in the Gulf of Alaska to only a small degree, but possible future fisheries for capelin and Pacific sand lance could have serious consequences to breeding seabirds if other suitable prey were not available.

"Future studies of seabird feeding ecology in the gulf of Alaska should focus on the relationship between reproductive success and the distribution and availability of prey, and on defining annual, seasonal and geographic variations in diets and the trophic relationships between primary producers, seabirds, fishes, and other apex predators."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; Gulf of Alaska; importance; predators (birds, sooty shearwater, short-tailed shearwater, pelagic cormorant, red-faced cormorant, oldsquaw, white-winged scoter, glaucous-winged gull, mew gull, black-legged kittiwake, arctic tern, Aleutian tern, common murre, thick-billed murre, marbled murrelet, Kittlitz's murrelet, rhinoceros auklet, horned puffin, tufted puffin).

Sanger, G.A. 1987a. Trophic interactions between forage fish and seabirds in the southeastern Bering Sea. In: Forage fishes of the southeastern Bering Sea: conference proceedings; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. OCS Study, MMS 87-0017. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 19-28.

"Studies conducted during the Alaska Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Assessment Program (OCSEAP) in the late 1970s documented that seabirds in the southern Bering Sea feed heavily on juvenile walleye pollock, while in the northern Gulf of Alaska Pacific sand lance and capelin are the main prey.

"Alaskan waters are the only major geographic region within the world ranges of sand lance and capelin with no major fishery for these species at present. Recent interest by Japan and Iceland in a capelin fishery in Alaskan waters could be a harbinger of greater fishing efforts and greater fishing efforts are likely to affect seabird populations.

"The importance of Pacific sand lance in seabird diets in the Gulf of Alaska from southeast Alaska to Buldir Island in the Aleutian Islands suggest that this species is abundant in most coastal waters, although they appear to have a highly clumped distribution. Pacific sand lance are also apparently abundant in Bristol Bay, Norton Sound, and the eastern Chukchi Sea. The distribution of sand lance in seabird food samples from OCSEAF studies corroborate this general distribution pattern."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; distribution; importance; predators (birds, tufted puffin).

Sanger, G.A. 1987b. Trophic levels and trophic relationships of seabirds in the Gulf of Alaska. In: Croxall, J.P., ed. Seabirds: feeding ecology and role in marine ecosystems. Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press: 229-257.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; food and feeding habits; importance; predators (birds, sooty shearwater, pelagic cormorant; glaucous-winged gull; black-legged kittiwake, common murre, marbled murrelet; Kittlitz's murrelet, rhinoceros auklet, horned puffin, tufted puffin).

Sanger, G.A. 1987c. Winter diets of common murres and marbled murrelets in Kachemak Bay, Alaska. Condor. 89: 426-430.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kachemak Bay; predators (birds, common murre, marbled murrelet).

Sanger, G.A. Baird, P.A. 1977. Population dynamics and trophic relationships of marine birds in the Gulf of Alaska and southern Bering Sea. Part 14: The trophic relationships of marine birds in the Gulf of Alaska and the southern Bering Sea. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf: receptors—birds. Boulder, CO: U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Research Laboratories. 4: 694-757.

"An evaluation of the impact of petroleum development on the ecosystem requires an understanding of the structure (food web pathway) and dynamics (energy flow through the food web) of that ecosystem. About 740 bird specimens for feeding studies, or other marine bird food samples were collected in 1976 at colony study sites, or at sea. The frequency of ocurrence of fish, squid, and nektonic Crustacea in the stomachs of 14 species of birds was determined on samples pooled from all areas and seasons. Fish predominated in sooty shearwaters, common murres, horned puffins and black-legged kittiwakes. Squid predominated in thick-billed murres, and crustaceans predominated in crested and Cassin's auklets and ancient murrelets. All three prey categories were well represented in a few species, including northern fulmars, short-tailed shearwater, thick-billed murres and tufted puffins. Preliminary data from prey samples identified to species suggest that capelin, sand lance, juvenile walleye pollock, *Thysanoessa* spp. euphausiids and the large hyperiid amphipod *Parathemisto libellula* are important in the diets of several species of marine birds."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; Gulf of Alaska; predators (birds); trophic levels.

Sanger, G.A.; Hatch, S.A. 1987. Diets of nestling tufted puffins (*Fratercula cirrhata*) in the Gulf of Alaska and eastern Aleutian Islands in 1986, with special reference to "forage fish." Anchorage, AK: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Aleutian Islands; Gulf of Alaska; predators (birds, tufted puffin).

Sanger, G.A.; Jones, R.D., Jr. 1982. The winter feeding ecology and trophic relationships of marine birds in Kachemak Bay, Alaska. OCSEAP Final Report. Anchorage, AK: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. 16: 161-294.

"Despite the plethora of prey species in the overall diet of the oldsquaw, the Pacific sand lance was considerably more important than any other, based on overall IRI values." Sand lance were important in the diet of marbled murrelets with a IRI of about 400.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kachemak Bay; importance; predators (birds, oldsquaw, marbled murrelet).

Sanger, G.A.; Jones, R.D., Jr. 1984. Winter feeding ecology and trophic relationships of oldsquaws and white-winged scoters on Kachemak Bay, Alaska. In: Nettleship, D.N.; Sanger, G.A.; Springer, P.F., eds. Marine birds: their feeding ecology and commercial fisheries relationships: Proceedings of the Pacific seabird group symposium; 1982 Jan. 6-8; Seattle, WA. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 20-28.

"The feeding ecology of oldsquaws (*Clangula hyemalis*) and white-winged scoters (*Melanitta deglandi*) was studied on Kachemak Bay from November 1977 through April 1978. These species form the bulk of a large wintering waterfowl population. Oldsquaws were extreme generalists, eating at least 61 prey species. The most important were the

Pacific sandlance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*). On the basis of birds observed and collected and the known habitats of their prey species, both sea ducks presumably foraged in water less than 20 m deep. Oldsquaws mostly over substrates of sand and mud, and scoters mostly over bottoms of shell debris and cobbles." They assumed that oldsquaws captured sandlance when the latter were buried in the sand.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kachemak Bay; importance; predators (birds, oldsquaw).

Sanger, G.A.; Jones, R.D., Jr; Wiswar, D.W. 1979. The winter feeding habits of selected species of marine birds in Kachemak Bay, Alaska. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf, annual reports of principal investigators. Boulder, CO: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Research Laboratory: 309-347.

Pacific sand lance occurred in the diet of oldsquaws during February. Sand lance occurred in the diet of common murres during winter.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kachemak Bay; predators (birds, oldsquaw, common murre).

Sanmartin, D.M.L.; Quinteiro, A.P.; Rodriguez, A.; Fernandez, J.A. 1989. Some Spanish cestode fish parasites. Journal of Fish Biology. 34(6): 977-978.

Keywords: *A. lanceolatus*; parasites.

Sasaki, R. 1978. The results of recovery of tagged fish and several biological informations of masu salmon, *Oncorhynchus masou* (Brevoort), migrating to the Shakotan waters. In: Materials of the research council for masu salmon in the Sea of Japan. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]. In Japanese.

Stomach contents of 395 masu caught near Shakotan Peninsula from late December through February consisted predominantly of sand lance, the most important food item in this region. As in spring, two or three sand lance were found in the stomachs of individual masu, indicating that masu were actively feeding in winter in this area. Sand lance migrate for spawning from mid and late January along the coastal areas near the Shakotan Peninsula.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; importance; predators (fish, masu salmon).

Satina, C.J.; Burger, M.; Gochfield, M.; Wagner, R.H. 1988. Evidence for prey limitation of common and roseate tern reproduction. Condor. 90: 852-859.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, common tern, roseate tern).

Sato, H. 1990. Study and research of ecology of resource of regional bottom fishies. 2: Sand lance, *Ammodytes personatus.* Hokkaido–Ritsu Wakkanai Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokokusho. 1989: 23-28.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; ecology; fisheries; habitat.

Sato, H.; Imai, Y. 1993. Survey and research on fish resources. 1: Resources ecological research of regional bottom fishes; 2: Sandeel. Hokkaido–Ritsu Wakkanai Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokokusho. 1991: 18-24.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; ecology; fisheries.

Sato, H.; Maruyama, H. 1991. Study and research on the ecology of the regionality bottom fish resources. 2: Sandeels. Hokkaido–Ritsu Wakkanai Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokokusho. 1990: 20-26.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; ecology; fisheries.

Schaefer, M.B. 1970. Men, birds and anchovies in the Peru current-dynamic interactions. Transactions of the American Fisheries Society. 99: 461-467.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (birds).

Scherer, M.D. 1984. The ichthyoplankton of Cape Cod Bay Massachusetts. In: Davis, J.D., ed. Lecture notes on coastal and estuarine studies: observations on the ecology and biology of western Cape Cod Bay, Massachusetts. Berlin, West Germany; New York: Springer-Verlag: 11: 151-190.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Massachusetts; ecology; estuary .

Schneider, D.C.; Hunt, G.L., Jr. 1984. A comparison of seabird diets and foraging distribution around the Pribilof Islands, Alaska. In: Nettleship, D.N.; Sanger, G.A.; Springer, P.F., eds. Marine birds: their feeding ecology and commercial fisheries relationships: Proceedings of the Pacific seabird group symposium; 1982 Jan. 6-8; Seattle, WA. Special Publication. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Wildlife Service, Ministry Supply Service: 86-95.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Pribilof Islands; importance; predators (birds, red-faced cormorant, black-legged kittiwake).

Schorger, A.W. 1947. The deep diving of the loon and old-squaw and its mechanism. Wilson Bulletin. 59: 151-59.

Keywords: *Ammodyte*s; predators (birds).

Scofield, N.B. 1899. The fur seals and fur-seal islands of the north Pacific Ocean. Part 3: Special papers relating to the fur seal and to the natural history of the Pribilof Islands—list of fishes obtained in the waters of arctic Alaska: *Ammodytes personatus*. U.S. Treasury Department of Commerce Fur-seal Industry (1896-1897). 16: 498-499.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Alaska; distribution.

Scott, J.M. 1973. Resource allocation in four syntopic species of marine diving birds. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Scott, J.M. 1990. Offshore distributional patterns, feeding habits, and adult-chick interactions of the common murre in Oregon. Studies in Avian Biology. 14: 103-108.

Sand lance were fed to murre chicks at sea but were considered to be of low importance.

Keywords: *A. hexapteru*s; Oregon; predators (birds, common murre).

Scott, J.S. 1968. Morphometrics, distribution, growth, and maturity of offshore sand launce (*Ammodytes dubius*) on the Nova Scotia banks. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 25(9): 1775-1785.

“A population of *Ammodytes dubius* occurs on the Nova Scotia banks, the fish being much larger than those reported previously for the species. The ranges of vertebral and anal fin ray numbers for *A. dubius* are extended. Research records of the launce, from catches and from stomach contents of predators, indicate that it is widely distributed over the banks throughout the year, but is concentrated in depths of 20-50 fath. Maturity data show that it is a winter spawner. A tentative growth curve, based on age-length determinations using otoliths, indicates that the growth pattern is similar to that of *A. lanceolatus*. The launce is shown to be an important item in the diet of cod and a constituent, in the egg or the adult stage, in the diets of many other commercially exploited fishes of the Nova Scotia banks.”

Large numbers of sand lance eggs, in late stages of development, were found in the stomach contents of yellowtail flounders (*Limanda ferruginea*) on Western Bank on January 23, 1967, and February 12, 1968. A table shows 16 species of fish as feeding on sand lance (Atlantic cod, haddock, white hake, pollock, redfish, Atlantic halibut, American plaice, witch flounder, yellowtail flounder, Atlantic wolfish, Atlantic herring, throny skate, smooth skate, winter skate, spiny dogfish, and longhorn sculpin). Of interest is year-round feeding by some. The percentage by volume of sand lance in the diet of Atlantic cod ranges up to 50 percent in large cod. These figures do not reflect the importance of the larvae and eggs of the sand lance in the diet of many of the fishes of the area. The eggs and larvae are vital factors in sustaining the stocks of many of the Nova Scotia fishes at their present levels.

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Nova Scotia; distribution; growth; importance; spawning; morphometrics; predators (fish, Atlantic cod, haddock, white hake, pollock, redfish, Atlantic halibut, American plaice, witch flounder, yellowtail flounder, Atlantic wolfish, Atlantic herring, thorny skate, smooth skate, winter skate, spiny dogfish, longhorn sculpin).

Scott, J.S. 1972a. Eggs and larvae of northern sand lance (*Ammodytes dubius*) from the Scotian Shelf. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 29: 1667-1671.

“Eggs from stomachs of yellowtail flounder (*Limanda ferruginea*) from Emerald Bank, south of Nova Scotia, were identified as those of northern sand lance, *Ammodytes dubius*. They were larger than those of other *Ammodytes* species, with a mean diameter of 1.05 mm. Ovarian eggs from ripe *A. dubius* were smaller (mean diameter 0.7 mm) with a unimodal distribution of egg diameters, indicating a single spawning each season.

“Larvae were widespread and abundant on the Scotian Shelf from February to April. They hatched at about 4-mm length and grew to about 25-mm length between February and May on Emerald Bank. Growth rates decreased to the north. Numbers and distribution of melanophores changed with larval length, but showed no differences in number at given length between geographical areas. Change in numbers of anal, caudal, and dorsal fin rays followed a pattern similar to that of corresponding melanophores.”

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Nova Scotia; eggs; larvae; predators (fish, yellowtail flounder).

Scott, J.S. 1972b. Morphological and meristic variation in northwest Atlantic sand lances (*Ammodytes*). Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 29: 1673-1678.

“Although morphometrics and meristics have provided an indication of taxonomic status of different *Ammodytes* groups, these criteria are not sufficient in themselves. Genetic (electrophoretic) and cultural (interbreeding, larval rearing) techniques might be more rewarding in a fish showing such variability of characters.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic; meristics; morphometrics; taxonomy.

Scott, J.S. 1973a. Food and inferred feeding behavior of northern sand lance (*Ammodytes dubius*). Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 30: 451-454.

Keywords: *A. dubius*; food and feeding habits.

Scott, J.S. 1973b. Intestinal helminth parasites of northern sand lance *Ammodytes dubius*. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 30(2): 291-292.

Keywords: *A. americanus; A. dubius; A. marinus*; parasites.

Scott, J.S. 1973c. Otolith structure and growth in northern sand lance, *Ammodytes dubius*, from the Scotian Shelf. International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fistheries Research Bulletin. 10: 107-115.

Keywords: A*. dubius*; Scotland; growth; otolith.

Scott, J.S. 1980. Occurrence of pollock, *Pollachius virens*, and sand lance, *Ammodytes* sp., larvae in the Bay of Fundy. Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science. 1: 45-48.

“A plankton survey of the bay of Fundy in March 1979 revealed for the first time the occurrence of pollock and sand lance larvae. Distributions of numbers per tow and length composition of catches indicated that the pollock larvae originated outside the Bay and dispersed from the south toward the inner part of the Bay. Similar data for sand lance indicated two spawning areas, one near Cape Chignecto from which the larvae dispersed toward the mouth of the Bay, and the other near Long Island, western Nova Scotia, with apparent mixing at the mouth of the Bay of larvae from both spawning sites.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Nova Scotia; abundance; distribution; larvae; spawning.

Scott, J.S. 1982. Selection of bottom type by groundfishes of the Scotian shelf. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Science. 39: 943-947.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Nova Scotia; habitat.

Scott, T. 1903. Some further observations on the food of fishes, with a note on the food observed in the stomach of a common porpoise. In: Twenty-first annual report (1902) Fisheries Board of Scotland. Part III: Scientific investigations. [Place of publication unknown]: [Publisher unknown]: 218-227.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; otoliths; predators (mammals).

Scott, W.B.; Scott, M.G. 1988. Atlantic fishes of Canada. Canadian Bulletin of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 219. 731 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Canada.

Sealy, S.G. 1972. Adaptive differences in breeding biology in the marine bird family Alcidae. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Sealy, S.G. 1973. Interspecific feeding assemblages of marine birds off British Columbia. Auk. 90: 796-802.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds).

Sealy, S.G. 1975a. Aspects of the breeding biology of the marbled murrelet in British Columbia. Bird-Banding. 46: 141-154.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Sealy, S.G. 1975b. Feeding ecology of the ancient and marbled murrelets near Langara Island, British Columbia. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 53: 418-433.

Sand lance made up 67 percent of the food items in the diet of adult and subadult marbled murrelets (sample of 75 individuals). Author thought the breeding season was possibly controlled by the cycles of abundance of fishes near shore, especially the sand lance, which were taken by the murrelet in great quantities in the study area.

Also, fishes such as *Cymatogaster* and *Ammodytes* tend to spend the winter and early spring in midwater offshore but migrate to the surface and move inshore in late spring, thus possibly becoming available to murrelets only at this time.

The Pacific sand lance ranks third in importance in the diet of adult ancient murrelets during the terrestrial phase of its life cycle but ranks first in the marbled murrelet's diet. Subadult ancient murrelets take *Thysanoessa* and *Ammodytes* equally by volume during their short period of attendance at the colonies. The juveniles of both species took mainly Pacific sand lance.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; importance; predators (birds, marbled murrelet, ancient murrelet).

Sealy, S.G. 1990. Auks at sea: prospects for future research. In: Sealy, S.G., ed. Auks at sea. Studies in Avian Biology. 14: 1-6.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Sekiguchi, H. 1977a. Further observation on the feeding habits of planktivorous fish sand-eel in Ise Bay. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 43: 417-422.

"The feeding habits of sand-eels (*Ammodytes personatus*), was [sic] studied by examining the digestive tract of the specimens obtained in March-June 1974 in Ise Bay, Japan. The planktonic organisms eaten were mainly crustaceans, the most dominant in number and in bulk being *Acartia clausi* and *Paracalanus parvus* (Copepoda), which were abundantly found in the environment during the period of sand-eel fisheries. The discrepancy of population density of the 2 spp. was not marked in the environment, although *Acartia* occurred dominantly in March to May and *Paracalanus* in June. Sand-eels fed exclusively on Acartia in March to May, while *Paracalanus* was preyed on in June. Sand-eels would prey exclusively on the more dominant of the 2 spp."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; Ise Bay; food and feeding habits.

Sekiguchi, H. 1977b. On fat deposit of the spawners of sand-eels in Ise Bay, central Japan. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 43(2): 123-127.

"Fat deposit of the spawners of sand-eels [*Ammodytes personatus*] was examined in relation to their maturity and population breeding on the basis of samples collected at Toshi Island from Dec. 5, 1974 to Feb. 17, 1975. Maximal gonad weight was about 21% of body weight in mean during spawning season in Dec. 1974. Then, abrupt decreases of gonad index and population maturity was found in late Dec. 1974-Jan. 1975. Decreases of weight and fat deposit without viscera were observed in Dec.-Jan. Rapid deposition of fat and growth increment began in accordance with vigorous feeding in Feb. Fluctuation of the fat deposit and body weight in relation to their maturity and reproduction was more marked in the fish of the 2 yr class than in those of the 1 yr class."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Ise Bay; gonad index; fat; growth; maturity; spawning.

Sekiguchi, H. 1978. *Acartia clausi* (Copepoda: Calanoida) in the guts of plaktivorous sandeels. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 44(6): 695.

"A source of mortality such as predation by planktivorous fishes is relatively concentrated in the older states of *Acartia* species. However, in the copepod populations such as *Diaptomus,* most of the mortality occurs during egg to naupliar 4 stages and seconarily in naupliar 6 stage, mortality in adults being of little consequence since minimal predation occurs at that stage. This consideration suggests that *Acartia* adults evolve to survive and to lay eggs for only a very brief period. Any shortening of the posterior stages relative to the earlier ones will be promoted in *Acartia* species which have been known to complete isochronal development. There are several ways in which isochronal development could be selectively advantageous."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; food and feeding habits.

Sekiguchi, H. 1982. Food habits of the sandeel spawners from Ise Bay, central Japan. Bulletin of the Faculty of Fisheries Mie University. 7: 1-7.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Ise Bay; food and feeding habits.

Sekiguchi, H.; Nagoshi, M.; Horiuchi, K.; Nakanishi, N. 1976. Feeding fat deposits and growth of sand-eels in Ise Bay central Japan. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 42(8): 831-835.

“Feeding, fat deposits and growth of sand-eels (*Ammodytes personatus*) were examined by taking samples from the Tsu fish market from Feb. 25-May 29, 1974. Rapid growth and accumulation of fat was observed shortly before the sand-eels entered the dormant state they pass through in summer. Sand-eels in this state depend on the nutritional accumulation gained beforehand. The nutritional condition in May, shortly before the sand-eels pass into a dormant state, probably has a great influence on their survival and on the resource potential of Ise Bay.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Ise Bay; aestivation; food and feeding habits; growth; fat.

Sekiguchi, H.; Nagoshi, M.; Mori, Y.; Kato, Y. 1974. The feeding habits of larvae and juveniles of sand-eel, *Ammodytes personatus* (Girard), and anchovy, *Engraulis japonica* Houttuyn, in Ise Bay. Bulletin of the Faculty of Fisheries Mie University. 1(1): 33-41.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Ise Bay; food and feeding habits; juveniles; larvae.

Senta, T. 1965a. Nocturnal behavior of sand-eels, *Ammodytes personatus* Girard. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 31: 506-510.

“Though many works have been made on the habit of sand-eels, there are few studies on the nocturnal behavior of the fish. The present author found following facts in regard to the subject through the survey with the fish larval net (71.5 cm. in diameter) in the Seto Inland Sea.

“During the period from January to May, sand-eels rise to the sea surface by night, and especially abundantly in January and February (Table 1). These fishes caught in the period up to early in April were all 1-age fish, and those caught thereafter were all 0-age fish.... These fishes, especially in January, were thin after spawning, and the indicator of body length-body weight relation continued to increase in its value during the period....

“From the stomach condition, it was affirmed that they keep on feeding even by night. Adult sand-eels seemed to feed seldom on larvae of the same family, at least by night, on account of the fact that they are swimming in the separate layers of the sea....”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; behavior; food and feeding habits.

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Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; Seto Inland Sea; distribution; eggs.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); abundance; distribution; eggs; larvae.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Shealer, D.A.; Kress, S.W. 1994. Post-breeding movements and prey selection of roseate terns at Stratton Island, Maine. Journal of Field Ornithology. 65(3): 349-362.

“Roseate terns (*Sterna dougallii*) from at least eight breeding colonies in the northeastern United States disperse to southern Maine each August before migrating to their wintering quarters. Peak numbers of terns are recorded in mid-August, and during this time daily counts may exceed 200 adults and 100 juveniles on Stratton Island. Roseate terns use the island as a loafing and roosting site and feed in the surrounding waters of Saco Bay during the day. From 1989 to 1992, 193 individual adults and 31 fledglings were identified by observing color-band combinations and reading numbers on leg bands. Length of stay varied among individual terns and years and ranged from 1 to 26 d. Using appropriate Jolly-Seber sighting-resighting models it was estimated that 5-10% of all breeding adult Roseate Terns in the northeastern U.S. disperse to Stratton Island each August. During this post-breeding period, juvenile terns practice fishing for themselves but are still dependent on their parents for food. In 2 yr of study, adults fed fledglings sand lance (*Ammodytes* sp.) exclusively. It is suggested that roseate terns disperse to Stratton Island each August because of the availability of sand lance in Saco Bay.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); predators (birds, roseate tern).

Shelton, P.A. 1992. Detecting and incorporating multispecies effects into fisheries management in the north-west and south-east Atlantic. In: Payne, A.I.L.; Brink, K.H.; Mann, K.H.; Hilborn, R., eds. Conference on Benguela trophic functioning; [dates of meeting unknown]; Cape Town, South Africa. In: South African Journal of Marine Science (Rogge Bay); 12: 723-737.

Keywords: *A. dubius*; ecology; fisheries; trophic interactions.

Shepherd, B.G.; Hartman, G.F.; Wilson, W.J. 1986. Relationships between stream and intragravel temperatures in coastal drainages, and some implications for fisheries workers. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 43(9): 1818-1822.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; temperature; substrate.

Shepherd, D.A. 1988. Foraging interactions among black-billed magpies, northwestern crows, and red foxes on Kodiak Island, Alaska. Murrelet. 69: 68-69.

“Crows sought sand lance by picking into the substrate while walking over the interidal zone; however, the birds were frequently displaced by foxes before successfully securing prey. Foxes would then excavate each site and remove one or more fish. Foxes also captured sand lance independently of crows. Crows and magpies were seen to frequently obtain food from holes dug by foxes.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; predation (birds, black-billed magpie, northwestern crow; mammals, red fox).

Sherman, K.; Jones, C.; Sullivan, L. [and others]. 1981. Congruent shifts in sand eel abundance in western and eastern North Atlantic ecosystems. Nature. 291(5815): 486-489.

“It has been suggested, on the basis of model simulations and slowly accumulating empirical data, that changes in the structure of marine ecosystems may be caused as much by changes in the trophic levels as by environmental factors. Support for this is found in recently observed shifts in species abundance of North Sea fish stocks, where large catches in the 1970s of small, fast-growing, opportunistic plankton-feeding fishes–sprat, sand eel and Norway pout–have been accounted for as the result of the replacement by these species of depleted herring and mackerel stocks. In support of replacement, the authors describe evidence from the north-west Atlantic which indicates that population explosions of small, fast-growing sand eel (*Ammodytes*) can coincide with depletions of larger tertiary predators, including herring and mackerel in a continental shelf ecosystem.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; competition; larvae; trophic interactions.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; recruitment.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Georges Bank; fisheries.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; spawning.

Shirota, A. 1970. Studies on the mouth size of fish larvae. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 36(4): 353-368.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; larvae; morphology.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (fish, chinook salmon, coho salmon).

Sibly, R.M.; McCleery, R.H. 1983. The distribution between feeding sites of herring gulls breeding at Walney Island, U.K. Journal of Animal Ecology. 52: 51-68.

"We occasionally found the remains of the sand eel (*Ammodytes* sp.) in the colony, and saw a few gulls paddling for these at the bottom of sandy beaches. The technique used was similar to that used for *Macoma*."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; British Isles; predators (birds, herring gull).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; food; predators (fish).

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The Pacific sand lance appears to be a significant importer of offshore-derived zooplankton biomass into the inshore fish communities. An intermediate-depth (110 to 146 m) group of Pacific sand lance and tadpole snailfish is also designated. The stomach contents of top carnivores, such as the Pacific halibut, indicated that pelagic schools of Pacific sand lance also were common members of this demersal community. Juvenile Pacific halibut and Pacific sand lance were observed regularly in nearshore waters year round. Food web figures show sand lance important in intertidal, inshore sand-gravel and epipelagic communities. In the inshore sand-gravel community is a two-compartment food web, one oriented to the neritic fishes, the salmonids, Atka mackerel, and Pacific sand lance. The prey organisms in the neritic compartment are adult and larval Pacific sand lance, among others. The Pacific halibut is a higher order consumer that feeds principally on rock sole and Pacific sand lance. Rock sole in the southeastern Bering Sea depend on polychaetes and mollusks as their major food items, with crustaceans, Pacific sand lance, and echinoderms of secondary importance. The diet compostion of offshore halibut was similar to that in the western, northwestern, and central Bering Sea, where fishes fish, etc., such as Pacific sand lance are the primary prey.

If one considers the Pacific sand lance to be the western Aleutian ecological equivalent of smelt and herring, the diets of halibut throughout the Bering Sea are very similar. Sand lance were found in *Gadus macrocephalus, Oncorynchus gorbuscha, Salvelinus malma, Gadus macrocephalus, Trichodon trichodon, Pleurogrammus monoptergius, Gymnocanthus galeatus, Hippoglossus stenolepsis, Sebastes ciliatus, Hemilepidotus hemilepidotus, Myoxocephalus polyacanthacephalus,* and *Liparis callyodon*. Sand lance contained only Gammarid, caprellid, and hyperiid amphipods and calanoid and harpacticoid copepods. Pacific cod offshore feed exclusively on red Irish lord and Pacific sand lance. The maturing migrating sockeye and chum salmon of the epipelagic community are primarily piscivorous, preying on the two forage fish resident in that community: Pacific sand lance and planktivorous northern lampfish.

The pelagic trophic equivalent of the amphipod is the Pacific sand lance, and although this fish constitues an unpredictable rapid-swimming resource, it contributes to the diets of 8 of the 10 species studied from the inshore sand-gravel community. Its larval and prejuvenile forms are also in the diets of three fishes of the inshore rock-algae community. This forage fish is the system's main means of energy transfer between zooplankton and the piscivorous fishes of the community. No predator can afford to prey selectivelly on sand lance because its occurrence is apparently not certain enough to guarantee a reliable food resource. When it occurs, however, it appears to be the selected preferred prey. Stomachs of predators were unusually distended with sand lance whenever their schools were in the inshore waters. Even the rock greenling was observed to capture sand lance to distension during a large inshore influx of schools of sand lance in August 1973. Studies of the avian predators of Amchitka inshore fish also have shown the occurrence of sand lance in the diets of many species. Offshore the sand lance appears to suffer little predation pressure from epipelagic piscivores.

As a major prey organism of nearshore fishes, the Pacific sand lance was second only to amphipods in the number of identified food-web links to inshore predators. Although we were unable to evaluate fully the abundance of the Pacific sand lance, we consider that the role of this planktivorous fish in importing biomass from offshore waters into the inshore ecosytem is an important feature of the inshore portion of the marine food web.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Amchitka Island; distribution; habitat; importance; predators (birds, fish).

Simenstad, C.A.; Mayer, R.M.; Nakatani, R.E. 1978. Nearshore fish and macroinvertebrate communtities of Attu Island, Alaska. FRI-UW-7807. [Seattle, WA]: University of Washington, Fisheries Research Institute.

Keywords: A*. hexapterus*; Alaska; Attu Island; abundance; distribution.

Simenstad, C.A.; Miller, B.S.; Nyblade, C.F. [and others]. 1979. Food web relationships of northern Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca: a sysnthesis of available knowledge. FRI-UW-7914. [Seattle, WA]: University of Washington, Fisheries Research Institute.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; food web.

Simenstad, C.A.; Salo, E.O. 1982. Foraging success as a determinant of estuarine and nearshore carrying capacity of juvenile chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*) in Hood Canal, Washington. In: Melteff, B.R.; Neve, R.A., eds. Proceedings of the north Pacific aquaculture symposium; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. In: Alaska Sea Grant Report; 82-2: 21-37.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Simpson, A.C. 1949b. Notes on the occurrence of fish eggs and larvae in the southern bight of the North Sea during the winter of 1947-48. Annals of Biology, Copenhagen. 5: 90-97.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; distribution; eggs; larvae.

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“Gastric lavage was used to investigate the effects of temperature, prey type and prey size on gastric evacuation in small cod *Gadus morhua* and whiting *Merlangius merlangus*, The fish were fed to satiation and subsequently the stomach contents were sampled to determine the rate at which food was evacuated. Satiation meal size was positively related to temperature and differed between prey types. The gastric evacuation rate (GER) also tended to increase with temperature and varied with prey type. GER at temperatures of 11.3-12.7 °C averaged 1.5-1.7 times higher than at 6-9.5 °C. There was no significant difference ($P > 0.05$) in the evacuation of lugworm *Arenicola marina*, sandeel *Ammodytes* spp., and herring *Clupea harengus*, but the GER of brown shrimp *Crangon vulgaris* was much slower ($P < 0.05$). No significant changes in GER were observed when fish were fed on three different size groups of either herring or brown shrimp. In whiting, there was no significant difference in the GER of individual herring or brown shrimp when they were fed as single species meals or incorporated in meals containing a mixture of prey species.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Georges Bank; ecology.

Slater, P.J.B. 1980. Factors affecting the numbers of guillemots *Uria aalge* present on cliffs. Ornis Scandinavica. 11: 155-163.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, guillemot).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; otoliths; predators (mammals, white-beaked dolphin).

Smidt, E. 1971. Summary report of the ICNAF norwestlant [sic] surveys, 1963. International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Redbook Part III. [Vol. unknown]: 275-295.

Keywords: *Ammodyte*s; distribution.

Smigielski, A.S.; Halavik, T.A.; Buckley, L.J. [and others]. 1984. Spawning, embryo development and growth of the American sand lance *Ammodytes americanus* in the laboratory. Marine Ecology—Progress Series. 14: 287-292.

“*Ammodytes americanus* adults were captured and transported to the laboratory and spawned. Eggs and larvae were successfully incubated at 2, 4, 7 and 10 C. Specific growth rates in dry wt per day were 2.4% at 2 C, 3.23% at 4 C, 4.75% at 7 C and 5.62 at 10 C. This was the first successful attempt to spawn sand lance in the laboratory and to rear the larvae through metamorphosis. The early life history of this fish can be completed under controlled laboratory conditions.”

Keywords: *A. americanus*; eggs; larvae; spawning.

Smith, H.M.; Pope, T.E.B. 1906. List of fishes collected in Japan in 1903, with descriptions of new genera and species. Proceedings of the United States National Museum. 31(1489): 459-499.

Synonymy: Satsuma = Malakichthys; Lysodermus = Minous; Insidiator = Sugyrundus Lambdopsetta = Laeops. Apogonids are listed with size and locality; some with a brief color description.

Keywords: Japan; distribution; taxonomy.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Resurrection Bay; abundance; distribution; larvae.

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Keywords: A. *hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; Gulf of Alaska; predators (fish).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; spawning.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); eggs; larvae; spawning.

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Snarski, D. 1970. Kittiwake ecology, Tuxedni National Wildlife Refuge. Alaska Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Quarterly Report. July-September; 22(1): 10-13.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake).

Snarski, D. 1971. Kittiwake ecology, Tuxedni National Wildlife Refuge. Alaska Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Quarterly Report. July-September; 23(1): 6-8.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; British Isles; importance; predators (birds, shag).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

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Keywords: *A. lancea*.

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Keywords: *A. cicerellus; A. tobianus*; Adriatic; distribution.

Somerton, D.; Murray, C. 1976. Field guide to the fish of Puget Sound and the Northwest coast. Seattle, WA: University of Washington Press. 70 p.

“The fish most commonly encountered in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca at depths J150 ft, and several species common along the open coast from Oregon through British Columbia, are listed and described. These include salmon, trout, char, rockfish, sculpins, greenlings, seaperch, snailfish, lumpfish, clingfish, herring, smelt, sand lance, tube-snouts, sticklebacks, pipefish, gobies, cod, poachers, pricklebacks, gunnels, wolffishes, flounders, sanddabs, cartilagenous fish, and miscellaneous fish with long continuous dorsal fins. Commonly seen families are situated near the front or the back of the book to facilitate searching. Species within a family are arranged according to their morphological similarity. Most of the species descriptions are accompanied by an illustration which is labeled with features that are the most helpful for distinguishing between fish of similar appearance and are most easily recognized under a variety of viewing conditions. The guide is printed on water-resistant material so it can be handled with wet hands or taken under water.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; Puget Sound; distribution.

Sorita, J.; Okamoto, S. 1992. Fluctuations in the stock of sand eel in the eastern Seto Inland Sea an ecological study. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Fisheries and Oceanography. 56(2): 201-205.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; aestivation; catch; life history; spawning; substrate; temperature; maturity.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Netherlands; predators (birds, herring gull).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (mammals, fur seal, sea lion).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; abundance; fisheries; stock assessment.

Sparholt, H. 1990b. Improved estimates of the natural mortality rates of nine commercially important fish species included in the North Sea: multispecies VPA model. Journal du Conseil, Conseil International Pour l'Exploration de la Mer. 46(2): 211-223.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; fisheries; mortality.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

Springer, A.M. 1991. Seabird relationships to food webs and the environment: examples from the north Pacific. In: Montevecchi, W.A.; Gaston, A.J., eds. Studies of high-latiitude seabirds. 1: Behavioral, energetic and oceanographic aspects of seabird feeding ecology. Occas. Pap. 68. [Place of publication unknown]: Canadian Wildlife Service: 39-48.

"Most piscivorous seabirds in Alaska feed on only a few taxa of common forage fishes, particularly cods, sand lance, and capelin. The distribution of prey corresponds to the distribution of several species of seabirds: for example, common murres greatly outnumber thick-billed murres at all colonies in Alaska where the major prey is capelin or sand lance."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; north Pacific Ocean; importance; predators (birds, common murre, pigeon guillemot, black-legged kittiwake).

Springer, A.M. 1992. A review: walleye pollock in the north Pacific—How much difference do they really make? Fisheries Oceanography. 1: 80-96.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (fish, walleye pollock).

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"Murres and kittiwakes on St. Lawrence I. feed on a variety of fishes, including primarily arctic cod and sand lance. Murres and kittiwakes at Bluff depend on saffron cod and sand lance for the bulk of their diets, and the abundance of these fishes is greater in warm years than in cold years. Auklets compete for zooplankton with fishes, including particularly juvenile pollock, as well as arctic cod, sand lance, and capelin. See Figure 2 on page 15 showing principal prey of murres and kittiwakes in Alaska. Kittiwakes apparently feed primarily on sand lance at Cape Peirce, while

common murres feed on sand lance, saffron cod, and pollock. On Buldir, thick-billed murres and both species kittiwake feed some on sand sand lance, while on Agattu, common murres and black-legged kittiwakes feed almost entirely on sand lance. Sand lance also is important to seabirds at other islands in the central Aleutians.

“Sand lance is an essential prey species of piscivorous seabirds throughout most of the Bering Sea. The rather infrequent occurrence of sand lance at Buldir Island has been attributed to the lack of shallow water surrounding it compared to other islands in the Aleutian chain, such as the neighboring Near Islands, which have relatively expansive shallows and where sand lance is by far the most important prey of seabirds. Judging from the small number of sand lance in seabird diets on the Pribilofs and St. Matthew Island, they are uncommon in both places in spite of an extent of shallow water around them similar to that around many of the Aleutian Islands where sand lance are common. One important difference between the Aleutian Islands and the Pribilofs and St. Matthew Island, though, is the abundance of pollock, which is insignificant in the Aleutians compared to the shelf around the Pribilofs and St. Matthew Island. The paucity of sand lance might be related to the surfeit of pollock.

“Overall, sand lance appears to be the most important summer prey of murres, kittiwakes, and other piscivorous seabirds in the Gulf of Alaska.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Aleutian Islands; Bering Sea; importance; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake, common murre, thick-billed murre).

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“We propose that ocean conditions of the Near Islands in the western Aleutian Arc mimic those of the shallow continental shelf of the eastern Bering Sea to the extent that the marine community, including assemblages of forage fishes and their avian predators, has distinctly coastal characteristics. In contrast, marine avifauna and their prey at neighbouring Buldir Island are distinctly oceanic. For example, at the Near Islands, the ratio of thick-billed to common murres, *Uria lomvia* and *U. aalge*, is low and black-legged kittiwakes, *Rissa tridactyla*, but not red-legged kittiwakes, *R. brevirostris*, nest there. Diets of murres and kittiwakes are dominated by sand lance, *Ammodytes hexapterus*, an abundant coastal species. At Buldir Island, thick-billed murres greatly outnumbered common murres, red-legged kittiwakes and black-legged kittiwakes are both abundant, and diets of the birds consist primarily of oceanic squid and

lantern fish (Myctophidae). This mesoscale difference in food webs is apparently a consequence of the local physiography. A broad escarpment on the Near physiographic block creates a comparatively expansive, shallow, shelf-like habitat around the Near Islands, where a pelagic community typical of coastal regions flourishes. Buldir Island is the only emergent feature of the Buldir physiographic block, with little shallow water surrounding it and, apparently, little opportunity for other than oceanic species to exist. Patterns in the distribution of fishes, and thus of sea birds, throughout the Aleutian Islands might be largely explained by the presence or absence of shelf-like habitat and the relationship between physical environments and food webs. In the larger context of fisheries oceanography, this model for the Aleutian Islands improves our ability to interpret physical and biological heterogeneity in the ocean and its relationship to regional community dynamics and trends in the abundance and productivity of individual species at higher trophic levels."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; Near Islands; importance; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake, common murre, horned puffin, thick-billed murre, tufted puffin).

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"Food habits of thick-billed murres (*Uria lomvia*), common murres (*U. aalge*), and black-legged kittiwakes (*Rissa tridactyla*) were examined at two breeding colonies in the eastern Chukchi Sea between 1976 and 1980. Cods (Gadidae), sculpins (Cottidae), sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*), and capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) were the dominant (biomass) prey of thick-billed murres. Cods, sand lance, and capelin were the dominant prey of common murres and kittiwakes. Annual changes in the consumption of fishes by murres and kittiwakes suggest that available fish biomass in the eastern Chukchi Sea was low in 1976 and 1977, but increased each year through 1979 and 1980. The average size of several taxa of fishes eaten by the birds increased also between most years. Invertebrates were less important than fishes in all years, were eaten most frequently by thick-billed murres, and were eaten more frequently in 1976-77 than in 1978-79. A pattern of climatic cooling in the early 1970's followed by warming in the second half of the decade caused annual differences in the extent and duration of sea ice, and apparently in the spacial and temporal development of Alaskan Coastal Water, a major oceanographic feature of the Bering-Chukchi shelf. Fluctuations in the physical environment could have led to changes in fish populations through direct physiological and behavioral effects, or indirectly by altering the abundance of important zooplankton prey populations. Variability in the reproductive success of murres and kittiwakes in the northern Bering Sea and eastern Chukchi Sea corresponded with the apparent changes in fish stocks: reproductive success was very low in 1976 but improved in successive years. Short-term responses of seabirds to environmental fluctuation and its proposed effect on supporting food webs suggest that the stability of regional seabed populations could also be affected by long-term changes in weather and climate."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; Chukchi Sea; predators (birds, black-legged kittiwake, common murre, thick-billed murre).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; importance.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; environmental pollution; larvae; oil.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); predators (fish, swordfish).

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The murrelet forages by pursuit-diving in relatively shallow waters, usually between 20 and 80 meters deep. Some foraging occurs at night. Adults holding fish are probably about to fly inland to feed a young. Murrelet prey species include small inshore fish such as sand lance. Murrelets forage mostly in pairs throughout the year. In Alaska, pairs made up 45 percent of the population. In British Columbia, 11 of 13 pairs collected in late April were composed of an adult male and adult female. The reason for pairs is explained on the basis of pair bond maintenance and that an advantage to feeding need not be involved.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; Bristol Bay; importance; predators (fish, sockeye salmon).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Oregon; predators (birds, marbled murrelet).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Chukchi Sea; importance; predators (birds, common murre, thick-billed murre; black-legged kittiwake; glaucous gull; horned puffin; pelagic cormorant).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northwest); predators (fish, thorny skate).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; predators (mammals, grey seal, harbour seal).

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“A report is given on the fluctuations in the composition of the by-catch of thirteen non-commercial fish species and of two crab species in the German shrimp fishery during the years from 1954 to 1973. These species are: *Pomatoschistus* sp, *Osmerus eperlaus, Agonus cataphractus, Syngnathus* sp, *Liparis* sp, *Ammodytes* sp, *Zoarces viviparus, Myoxocephalus scorpius, Gasterosteus aculeatus, Callionymus lyra, Pholis gunellus, Ciliata mustela, Trigla* sp, *Portunus holsatus*, and *Carcinus maenas*. It is not possible to explain the mechanisms behind these changes.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; fisheries.

Tiews, K. 1978b. The German industrial fisheries in the North Sea and their by-catches. In: Symposium on North Sea fish stock–recent changes and their causes; [dates unknowwn]; Århus, Denmark. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 172: 230-238.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Germany; catch; fisheries; larvae.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; White Sea; food and feeding habits; predators (fish, navaga).

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“Lipid class analyses and fatty acid analyses of neutral and polar lipids were carried out on ripe roes of herring [*Clupea harengus*], cod [*Gadus morhua*], haddock [*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*], whiting [*Merlangus merlangus*], saithe [*Pollachius virens*], sand eel [*Ammodytes lancea*] and capelin [*Mallotus villosus*]. Total lipid 10-26% of roe dry wt. The species with the highest total lipid, sand eel and capelin, also had the highest percentage of neutral lipid in total lipid, 77 and 49%, respectively. In the other species, phospholipids accounted for 62-77% of roe total lipid. Both the neutral lipids and especially the phospholipids, of all species were very unsaturated because of high concentrations of (n-3) polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA), frequently amounting to 50% of the total egglipid. Phosphatidylcholine

(PC) and phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) had similar fatty acid compositions in all species, with an average ratio (n-3)/(n-6) of @ 20:1. Phosphatidylinositol (PI) consistently had high concentrations of 18:0 and 20:4 (n-6) with an average ratio of (n-3)/(n-6) of 1.8:1. Requirements for high levels of (n-3) PUFA in the embryonic and early larval development stages of marine fish are suggested as is a special role for the 20:4 (n-6) in PI."

Keywords: *A. lancea*; eggs; fatty acids; lipid.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (fish, plaice).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, oystercatcher).

Tokranov, A.M.; Maksimenkov, V.V. 1995a. Features of the nutrition of ichthyophagous fishes in the estuary of the Bolshaya River (western Kamchatka). Voprosy Ikhtiologii. 35(5): 651-658.

"Features of the feeding of the Arctic smelt *Osmerus mordax dentex*, Sakhalin char *Salvelinus leucomaenis*, belligerent sculpin *Megalocottus platycephalus*, malma *S. malma*, and starry flounder *Platichthys stellatus* were studied in the Bolshaya River estuary. It was shown that capelin, threespine stickleback, bivalve mollusks, and fish waste predominated (97%) in the diet of *M. platycephalus*; fish (mostly capelin and sand lance), mysids, bivalve mollusks, and fish waste were found in the food spectrum of *P. stellatus*. For *S. leucomaenis* and *S. malma*, more than 99% of their diet consisted of capelin, sand lance, pink salmon fry, and mysids; capelin comprised more than 99% of the diet of *O. mordax dentex*. Age-related changes of the food composition of these ichthyophagous fishes were considered as were their trophic relationships. The role of these species in the trophic system of the Bolshaya River estuary was established (*O. mordax dentex* was found to be an obligate fish-eating predator, *S. leucomaenis*, *S. malma* and *M. platycephalus*–facultative fish-eating predators, and *P. stellatus*–a benthos-and fish-eating species). Trophic links building up the biomass of the fishes studied were identified."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Russia; predators (fish, belligerent sculpin, Dolly Varden, Sakhalin char, starry flounder).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; USSR; predators (fish, Dolly Varden, starry flounder).

Tollit, D.J.; Steward, M.J.; Thompson, P.M. [and others]. 1997. Species and size differences in the digestion of otoliths and beaks: implications for estimates of pinniped diet composition. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 54(1): 105-119.

"We examined the digestion of hard remains of between one and four different size ranges of nine key North Sea prey taxa fed to seven captive harbour seals (*Phoca vitulina*). Percentage length reduction (mean 27.5%) and recovery rates (mean 42%) of experimental otoliths varied between species and were positively correlated to fish size and otolith robustness (mass/length). Mean length reduction of egested otoliths increased systematically with increasing size of ingested whiting and sandeel otoliths ($p < 0.00\ 1$), indicating that the size of larger fish may be underestimated. Intraspecific variation in otolith digestion was high (CV = 0.48-1.30), and to control for the artificial conditions of a captive study, external morphological features of otoliths were used to grade the degree of digestion and provide

grade-specific correction factors. Bootstrap simulations were used to estimate 95% confidence intervals around correction factors and when partitioned indicated that calculation errors were in general less important than resampling errors. The application of species-, size-, and grade-specific correction factors progressively improved reconstructed estimates of prey biomass fed. As a consequence, estimates of prey size and diet composition require otoliths from faeces to be graded and more complex correction factors applied."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; otoliths; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

Tollit, D.J.; Thompson, P.M. 1996. Seasonal and between-year variations in the diet of harbour seals in the Moray Firth, Scotland. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 74(6): 1110-1121.

"Predictions concerning the effect of seals upon prey stocks require an understanding of temporal variations in diet composition. This study examined the extent of between-year and seasonal variations in the diet of harbour seals (*Phoca vitulina*) from the Moray Firth, Scotland, between 1989 and 1992. Analyses of fish otoliths and cephalopod beaks collected from 1129 faecal samples were used to derive estimates of the contribution made by each of 35 prey species, based on the number and mass consumed. The key prey, by mass, were sand eels (Ammodytidae) (47%), lesser octopus (*Eledone cirrhosa*) (27%), whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) (6%), flounder (*Platichthys flesus*) (5%), and cod (*Gadus morhua*) (4%). Between-year and seasonal fluctuations in the contributions of these species were observed. Sand eels contributed 86-20% in summer and 91-49% in winter. Lesser octopus contributed 0-62% in summer and lt 5% in winter, whilst whiting and cod contributed 2-34% in winter and 1-4% in summer. In contrast to 1988, clupeids were unimportant in winter. Differences in diet composition appeared to reflect local changes in the availability of food, especially over-wintering clupeids. Results indicate that dietary information obtained from short-term studies can be a poor indicator of subsequent diet composition and should be treated with caution when used to predict the effect of seals on prey populations."

Keywords: Ammodytidae; Scotland; importance; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Aleutian Islands; predators (fish, Dolly Varden).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Aleutian Islands; predators (birds, glaucous-winged gull).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; growth; larvae; otoliths.

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"A study was made of the use of 252 floating algae (*Fucus* and *Ascophyllum* spp.) by various fishes in the White Sea. *Cyclopterus lumpus* was most frequently found in the vicinity of the algae (90%). Other fishes (10%) were identified as herring, ninespine stickleback, gunnel (*Pholis gunnelus*), shorthorn sculpin (*Myoxocephalus scorpius*), armed bullhead (*Agonus cataphractus*), *Liparis liparis*, sand lance (*Ammodytes*), and cod. The food composition of the lumpfish was studied, and was found to contain Amphipoda, Isopoda, Calanoida, Harpacticoida, Decapoda, Cladocera, Mysidacea, Hydroidea, Polychaeta, Bivalvia, Diptera, and Cottidae. The relationship of the cod and floating macrophytes may be of practical importance in the development of floating reefs."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; White Sea; distribution; ecology; habitat.

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Keywords: *A. americanus; A. tobianus*; importance; predators (birds, common murre, thick-billed murre).

Tuck, L.M.; Squires, H.J. 1955. Food and feeding habits of Brunnich's murre (*Uria lomvia lomvia*) on Akpatok Island. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 12: 781-792.

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; Canada; Akpatok Island; predators (birds, thick-billed murre).

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Keywords: *A. marinus*; Ireland; circadian rhythms; distribution; larvae; seasonal variation.

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Keywords: *A. americanus*; Atlantic (northwest); food and feeding habits; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. marinus*; North Sea; environmental factors; recruitment.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Labrador; Newfoundland; predators (fish, cod).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; fisheries.

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"Most Alaskan waters do not have commercial forage fisheries, with the exception of pollock, so Alaska is one of the few places where seabirds have a relatively intact food chain. In the Alaska Peninsula Unit walleye pollock, Pacific cod, sablefish, sand lance and herring are important marine fishes of this unit. Primary marine fishes occurring in the Gulf of Alaska Unit include walleye pollock, capelin, sand lance, herring, sablefish, halibut, salmon, and Pacific cod."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1992. Alaska seabird management plan. Anchorage, AK: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 102 p. Unpublished report. On file with: [unknown].

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

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"Lesser sandeels *Ammodytes marinus* are the main prey of arctic terns in both Shetland and Orkney."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Orkney; Shetland; importance; predators (birds, arctic tern).

Uttley, J. 1993. Seabirds and sandeels: a summary of research by Glasgow University since 1990. Shetland Bird Report. 1992: 93-95.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Uttley, J.; Monaghan, P.; White, S. 1989. Differential effects of reduced sandeel availability on two sympatrically breeding species of tern. Ornis Scandinavica. 20: 273-277.

“Changes in the availability of sandeels *Ammodytes marinus* have been shown to be the cause of recent widespread breeding failure of some surface feeding seabirds in Shetland (Scotland, UK). In this paper we compare the breeding performance and chick diet of common and Arctic terns in Shetland in 1988 with a previous study of these species in north-east England, when prey availability and breeding success were good. In Shetland young saithe comprised 80% of the diet of common tern chicks in the first week of life. Chicks on this diet grew as well as those in north-east England. However, heavy predation of common tern young by avain predators appears to have occurred, and possible reasons for this are discussed. Arctic terns concentrated on sandeels; growth of their young was poor, and the majority died in the first week after hatching. We discuss potential explanations for the apparent inability of Arctic terns to exploit saithe, which may relate to the energetics of chick growth and foraging economics.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Scotland; Shetland; energetics; predators (birds, arctic tern, common tern).

Uttley, J.D.; Walton, P.; Monaghan, P.; Austin, G. 1994. The effects of food abundance on breeding performance and adult time budgets of guillemots *Uria aalge*. Ibis. 136: 205-213.

“In waters around the Shetland Island, to the northeast of the Scottish mainland, lesser sandeels *Ammodytes marinus* are the only high-energy prey available to most seabirds. Between the early and late 1980s, the total stock biomass and recruitment of sandeels in Shetland waters, as assessed by standard fisheries-based methods, declined to approximately one-third and one-fourth, respecitively, of their peak values. The effects of this change on breeding seabirds were manifested in reduced breeding success and prey switching to defferent extents in different species. It was initially thought that diving species such as the guillemot and shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* were less severely affected than surface-feeding species such as the Arctic tern, kittiwake and great skua *Catharacta skua*. In 1990, a detailed study of sandeels in the area between the southernmost point of mainland Shetland and Air Isle was initiated: this showed that in 1990 sandeel abundance in that area was the lowest on record but, in comparison, increased 40-fold in 1991, and the fish were much more widely distributed around the study area.

“Guillemots nearly always carry fish by holding them lengthwise in the bill, with the head down the bird’s throat. Thus most fish could be easily identified as sandeel or gadoid and their size was estimated. small = 100 mm, medium = 130 mm and large = 160 mm.

“Sandeels were the dominant prey item in each year, comprising 82% of identified prey items in 1990 and 80% in 1991. Most fish were small or medium.

“Lesser sandeels are the only high-quality prey available to most seabirds; adult herring are present during the breeding season, but these are too large for most seabirds to prey upon, and sprat have been absent from the northern North Sea since the late 1970s.”

Keywords: *A. marinus;* Scotland; importance; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Barents Sea; predators (birds, common murre, thick-billed murre).

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Keywords: *A. lancea*.

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“Mature pelagic forage fish species (capelin, sand lance, squid) had greater lipid concentrations than juvenile age-classes of large demersal and pelagic fish species (walleye pollock, Pacific cod, Atka mackerel, greenling, prowfish, rockfish, sablefish). Myctophids preyed on by puffins have at least twice as much lipid per gram compared to mature capelin, sand lance and squid, and an order of magnitude greater lipid concentrations than juvenile forage fish. Energy density of forage fishes was positively correlated with lipid content, and negatively correlated with water, ash-free lean dry mass (mostly protein), and ash contents.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; north Pacific; energetics; lipid content; proximate composition.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds).

Veit, R.R.; Braun, B.M.; Nikula, B. 1987. The influence of population growth of sand lance upon wintering seabirds in southeastern New England. Pacific Seabird Group Bulletin. 14(1): 38.

“The data we have presented illustrate a close correspondence between increases in sand lance stock size and increases in numbers of seabirds, especially herring gulls and black-legged kittiwakes wintering in southeastern New England.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; New England; importance; predators (birds, herring gull, black-legged kittiwake).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds, glaucous-winged gull).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds, glaucous-winged gull).

Vermeer, K. 1978. Extensive reproductive failure of rhinoceros auklets and tufted puffins. Ibis. 120: 112.

“The heavy rhinoceros auklet chick mortality in 1976 may be partly or wholly related to an unsuitable diet. Sauries may have been too large a prey, causing digestive difficulties. The pelagic sauries may not constitute the usual diet for rhinoceros auklet chicks. During other investigations in the northwest Pacific, rhinoceros auklets have been mostly observed to feed on sandlance *Ammodytes hexapterus*, anchovies, smelt and herring.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; importance; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

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“The nesting preferences, food habits of the young, and breeding populations of rhinoceros auklets and tufted puffins were determined at Triangle Island, British Columbia [Canada] in 1975 and 1976. Rhinoceros auklets and tufted puffins showed latitudinal differences in principal food items along the eastern Pacific, except for sandlance which

was important for both species at all localities. Rhinoceros auklet and tufted puffin principal prey on Triangle Island consisted of sandlance, Pacific sauries and rockfishes. Bluethroat argentines occurred in the diet of both birds only in 1978. Rhinoceros auklets fed more on Pacific sauries and tufted puffins on sandlance . Possible factors determing differences in rhinoceros auklet and tufted puffin breeding distributions were discussed. In the northeastern Pacific, tufted puffins were most numerous in Alaska [USA], but rhinoceros auklets breed mainly from southeastern Alaska to Washington. In British Columbia, tufted puffins occur mostly offshore, but rhinoceros auklets are numerous inshore and offshore. Distribution differences between the species can be explained by differences in nocturnal and diurnal behavior, different predation pressures and nesting flexibilities."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet, tufted puffin).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; Vancouver Island; predators (birds, glaucous-winged gull).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; importance; predators (birds, glaucous-winged gull, marbled murrelet, Cassin's auklet, rhinoceros auklet, tufted puffin, pigeon guillemot, common murre).

Vermeer, K.; Cullen, L. 1979. Growth of rhinoceros auklets and tufted puffins. Triangle Island. British Columbia. Ardea. 67: 22-27.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet, tufted puffin).

Vermeer, K.; Cullen, L. 1982. Growth comparison of a plankton- and a fish-feeding alcid. Murrelet. 63: 34-39.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

Vermeer K.; Cullen L.; Porter, M. 1979. A provisional explanation of the reproductive failure of tufted puffins *Lunda cirrhata* on Triangle Island, British Columbia. Ibis. 121(3): 348-354.

"Data for reproductive success, growth, and feeding activity in the tufted puffin colony of Triangle Island from 1975-1977 were used to investigate the near-total breeding failure in the 1976 season. This could not be ascribed to bad weather, for rhinoceros auklets *Cerorhinca monocerata* bred successfully during the same year. However, the latter species was observed to switch its main food species from sandlance to sauries, which tufted puffins appear unable to do. It is suggested that the breeding failure was due to a failure of the sandlance population, which also brought about a decline of murrelets, *Synthliboramphus antiquus*. The failure of sandlance may in turn be traced to abnormally low oceanic temperatures."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; importance; predators (birds, ancient murrelet, tufted puffin).

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"The relationship between size, caloric content, and association of prey fishes in meals that adult rhinoceros auklets (*Cerorhinca monocerata*) carry to their nestlings was studied on Pine and Triangle islands, British Columbia from 1977 to 1979. Rhinoceros auklets carried wide fishes widthwise in their bills and slender fishes by their height or

width. The number of fish carried per trip was inversely related to their size. The longest fishes made up the largest meals in biomass and provided most energy to the nestlings. Four large species, Pacific saury (*Cololabis saira*), second-year Pacific herring (*Clupea harengus*), second-year Pacific sandlance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*), and bluethroat argentine (*Nansenia candida*), were negatively associated with other prey fishes."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; energetics; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds, bald eagle).

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"Alcids eat mostly fishes and/or zooplankton. Large and intermediate-sized alcids such as murres, puffins, guillemots and small *Brachyramphus* murrelets prey mostly on fish. Small alcids, with wide beaks and broad fleshy tongues such as least, crested, whiskered and Cassin's auklets in the North Pacific and the dovekie in the North Atlantic, prey mostly on zooplankton. Some small alcids such as the ancient murrelet and parakeet auklet forage on both fishes and zooplankton.

"Rhinoceros auklets have been observed to herd sand lance by diving beneath a school, apparently causing it to form a tight cohesive ball and then driving this to the surface. Rhinoceros auklets and tufted puffins catch a fish by either the tail or head but, as in murres, they always swallow fish head first. In the Gulf of Alaska Pacific sand lance made up 21% of their diet.

"Marbled murrelet: At Langara Island, the most important foods present in 75 adult and sub-adult murrelets were Pacific sand lance and *Thysanoessa spinifera* in April and May, and Pacific sand lance in June and July. In Barkley Sound, 43 breeding adults and 26 molting birds from late summer and fall, fed primarily on Pacific herring and Pacific sand lance In Kachemak Bay in April and May capelin, Pacific sand lance and euphausiids were important, while from June to August, Pacific sand lance predominated. In the Gulf of Alaska from various locations Pacific sand lance were most important and made up 28% by volume followed by capelin at 27%.

"Carter (1984) observed 144 fish in the bills of marbled murrelets during the breeding season in Barkley Sound, which may have been carried to nestlings. Of those fish, 49% were Pacific sand lance. In summary the diet of adult marbled murrelets consisted mostly of capelin and Pacific sand lance in Alaska, and of Pacific sand lance and Pacific herring in British Columbia.

"The food of 16 Kittlitz's murrelets from the Bering Sea in spring and the Kodiak Island area in summer, consisted (by volume) of fish (70%) mostly unidentified but included capelin, Pacific sand lance and Pacific herring.

“Ancient murrelet: Sealy 1975, analysed the diets of 46 adults and 22 sub-adults near Langara Island during nesting and found that they had fed mainly on *Euphausia pacifica* and *Thysanoessa spinifera* from early April to late May, but mostly Pacific sand lance thereafter.

“Size of Pacific sand lance in mm (fork length) sample size in parenthesis= rhinoceros auklet: Pacific sand lance in 1st year 81 (4692), 35 to 105; 2nd yr and older 130 (1353) 105-185. Tufted puffin: 1st year 85 (80), 65-105; 2nd yr and older 135 (32), 105-175. Cassin’s auklet: Pacific sand lance 1st yr = 40.0 (5). 35.0-45.0.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; British Columbia; importance; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet, tufted puffin, marbled murrelet, Kittlitz’s murrelet, ancient murrelet, Cassin’s auklet).

Vermeer, K.; Westrheim, S.J. 1984. Fish changes in diets of nestling rhinoceros auklets and their implications. In: Nettleship, D.N.; Sanger, G.A.; Springer, P.F. eds. Marine birds: their feeding ecology and commercial fisheries relationships. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Wildlife Service: 96-105.

“The diet of nestling rhinoceros auklets (*Cerorhinca monocerata*) was investigated on offshore Triangle Island (1976-79) and on inshore Pine Island (1977-80) and Lucy Island (1979-80), British Columbia. Variations in the diet occurred between years and within each summer. The annual variations include the early predominance of Pacific sauries (*Cololabis saira*) in 1976, fluctuations in abundance of age groups of Pacific sandlance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) and Pacific herring (*Clupea harengus*), a change in rockfish (*Sebastes*) species, and the appearance of bathypelagic bluethroat argentines (*Nansenia candida*) in 1978. In a given summer sandlance and rockfish predominated in July, and herring and seuries in August. Changes in age and size of sandlance species, composition of rockfish, and occurrence of sauries and bluethroat argentines at Triangle and Pine Islands were synchronized over the years.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; Strait of Georgia; importance; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Gulf of Saint Lawrence; food and feeding habits.

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Keywords: *A. cicerellus*; Mediterranean Sea; genetics; karyotype.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Hudson Bay; abundance; distribution.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds, Kittlitz’s murrelet).

Wada, K.; Hamanaka, T.; Nakaoka, T.; Tanahashi, K. 1992. Food and feeding habits of Kuril and Largha seals in southeastern Hokkaido. Mammalia. 56(4): 555-566.

"Stomach contents of Kuril and Largha seals netted in the autumn salmon trapnet fishery along the Nemuro Peninsula [Japan] during September and December were examined. Six food items were common in both seal species. Kuril seals mainly took inshore, benthic and rocky reef-living fishes such as Cottidae, Stichaenidae and *Sebastes* sp., and the cephalopod *Paractopus hongkongensis*. Largha seals fed on various types of fishes from pelagic fish such as *Cololabis sai*ra, and *Sardinopus melanosticus* to benthic fish such as *Ammodytes personatus*, *Hypomesus pretiosus japonicus* and *Osmerus eperlaus mordax*. Body length and age of the prey species *Eleginus gracilis* were estimated from measurement of otolith found in the seal stomachs. Both species of seals took 1-year-old and 2-year-old fishes by different degrees. Both seals took octopus principally less than 2-year-old as determined by prey body weight measurement. From these observations it is concluded that Kuril seals are not so euryphagous as Largha seals and there is a difference of foraging habitat preference between the two species."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; predators (mammals, Largha seal).

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; distribution; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; trophic interactions.

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Wanless, S. 1984. The growth and food of young gannets (*Sula bassana*) on Ailsa Craig. Seabird. 7: 62-70.

"The growth and food of young gannets (*Sula bassana*) was studied on Ailsa Craig between 1974 and 1976. Additional data on food are available for 1979-83. Young gannets had a mean weight of 193 g on Day 4-6 and their increase in weight was linear until Day 56. They reached adult weight c. Day 40 and maximum weight between 67 and 75. Mean weight at leaving (of captive young) was 3850 g. Artificial twins survived less well spent longer in the nest and showed retarded weight increase compared to single young, but pairs with twins still reared more young than normal pairs. Mackerel formed the bulk of the diet in 1975, 1976 and 1979-82 but in 1983 sandeels were the dominant species. The growth rate between Day 37 to 59 of a captive young receiving limited food was similar to that of the chick on an unlimited diet. The latter apparently did not utilise all the food it consumed. Wild gannets received an average of 1.2 feeds/day and a maximum daily intake of 60 g which contained 2.2 KJ to 5.7 KJ of energy depending on whether pollock or mackerel was fed."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); predators (birds, gannet).

Wanless, S. 1987. A survey of the numbers and breeding distribution of the North Atlantic gannet *Sula bassana* and an assessment of the changes which have occurred since Operation Seafarer 1969/70. Research and Survey in Nature Conservation 4. Peterborough, [Country unknown]: Nature Conservancy Council.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, gannet).

Wanless, S.; Corfield, T.; Harris, M.P. [and others]. 1993. Diving behaviour of the shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* (Aves: Pelecaniformes) in relation to water depth and prey size. Journal of Zoology. 231: 11-25.

"The durations of more than 4000 dives and recovery periods on the surface of 31 shags, *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*, were recorded using radio-telemetry, during three breeding seasons. Data were also collected on the depth of water where the birds were diving and the size of lesser sandeels, *Ammodytes marinus*, fed to young each year. On average, shags foraged in water 30 m deep; mean dive and recovery times were 62.0 ± 1.92 sec and 84.4 ± 5.02 sec, respectively. These times were much longer than those recorded in previous studies and also longer than those predicted from allometric relationships for dive and recovery times derived for cormorants. A large proportion (> 50%) of dives appeared to involve anaerobic metabolism. Dive and recovery times were examined in relation to water depth, time of day and position within the diving sequence (dive number). In each year, dive time was positively correlated with water depth; in 1987 dive number also had a negative effect. The relationship between recovery time and dive time was positively accelerated, suggesting that birds were diving anaerobically on longer dives. The percentage of the dive cycle spent underwater therefore decreased significantly as dive time and water depth increased. Average vertical rates of ascent and descent of shags were calculated to be between 1.46-1.87 m sec^{-1}. Estimated prey capture rates were significantly higher in 1989 (average 6.8 fish $dive^{-1}$) when adults were feeding their young on small, low energy value sandeels than the two previous years (averages 14 and 1.9 fish $dive^{-1}$, respectively) when birds were feeding on larger, higher quality fish. We calculated that, on average, birds spent 8-10 sec (36-48%) longer on the bottom at any given depth in 1989, which suggested that the higher prey capture rates were associated with an increase in duration of the bottom phase of the dive."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; predators (birds, shag).

Wanless, S.; Harris, M.P. 1989. Kittiwake attendance patterns during chick rearing on the Isle of May. Scottish Birds. 15: 156-161.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Isle of May; predators (birds, kittiwake).

Wanless, S.; Harris, M.P. 1992. Activity budgets, diets, and breeding success of kittiwakes *Rissa tridactyla* on the Isle of May. Bird Study. 39: 145-154.

"We collected data on activity patterns (brood attendance, durations of feeding trips and feeding rates) of parent kittiwakes *Rissa tridactyla* and the food fed to chicks in 2 breeding seasons at the same colony. In 1989, trip duration increased markedly towards the end of the nestling period. Pairs attempted to increase the feeding rate of their young by both adults foraging simultaneously rather than alternately. This response was more pronounced in pairs with two chicks (b/2s), i.e. those with greater food requirements. Estimates of the energy value of food delivered by the pair to the brood suggested that, particularly for b/2s at the end of the season, amounts were insufficient to meet the chicks' requirements. However, despite this shortfall most chicks survived to fledging. In 1990, kittiwakes fed their young on smaller sandeels *Ammodytes* spp. which had a lower energy density than those in 1989. Feeding rates were also low. We estimated that for most of the chick rearing period energy intakes for the young were below those required. Breeding success was only 0.17 chicks fledged/completed nest, the lowest value for at least 10 years."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; energetics; predators (birds, kittiwakes).

Wanless, S.; Harris, M.P.; Morris, J.A. 1991. Foraging range and feeding locations of shags *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* during chick rearing. Ibis. 133: 30-36.

"Presumably these year-to-year changes reflect differences in the availability of sandeels *Ammodytes* spp. which were the predominant prey item recorded in regurgitations from chicks prior to and during the study.

"Shags were highly selective in their feeding habitat, using <11% of the area potentially available to them. Feeding sites were mainly in water between 21 and 40 m deep, where the seabed was composed of sand, gravel or rock with a thin patchy sediment cover. These preferences accorded well with the habitat requirements of sandeels."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Scotland; Isle of May; importance; predators (birds, shag).

Wanless, S.; Harris, M.P.; Russell, A.F. 1993. Factors influencing food-load sizes brought in by shags *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* during chick rearing. Ibis. 135(1): 19-24.

"Weights of food loads brought back to the colony by 26 shags *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* rearing chicks were determined using the water-offloading procedure. Loads consisted almost entirely of lesser sandeels *Ammodytes marinus*. Load size was extremely variable, ranging from 8 to 208 g with a mean load weight of 106 g. Data on foraging behavior collected concurrently demonstrated that shags brought back heavier loads when they were feeding farther away from the colony and when brood biomass was larger. These two variables together explained 70.3% of the variation in load size. We postulate that adults had already digested their own food requirements by the time they arrived back at the nest, and the contents of the loads were therefore primarily for the young. On 67% of trips, shags caught, on average, more than one fish per dive. This estimate ignores the food requirements of the adult, and therefore true prey-capture rates must have been higher."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Scotland; Isle of May; importance; predators (birds, shag).

Wanless, S.; Monaghan, P.; Uttley, J.D. [and others]. 1992. A radio-tracking study of kittiwakes (*Rissa tridactyla*) foraging under sub-optimal conditions. In: Priede, G.; Swift, M., eds. Wildlife telemetry. Ellis Harwood. UK: 581-590. [City unknown], United Kingdom: Ellis Harwood: 581-590.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, kittiwake).

Warburton, K. 1982. Sandeels—the elusive species. Scottish Fisheries Bulletin. 47: 22-27.

"The rapidly expanding Shetland fishery for the lesser sandeel (*Ammodytes marinus*) should expand further in relation to fish plant processing capacity at Bressay. To assist fishery management, statistics on catch, fishing effort and population age composition are necessary. Biology of the species renders accurate stock assessment difficult: exploitation and knowledge are restricted through the sandeel's burrowing and apparently static habits, through the presence of interspersed rocky bottoms, and through non-sampling of populations outside the exploited areas. Currents and sea bottom conditions affect the sandeel's oxygen supply, geographical distribution, food availability and growth rate. There is a 3-4 month time-lag between spawning and hatching. Shetland sandeels have a slower growth rate than the rest of the North Sea."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; age; catch; fisheries; length-weight relationships.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds, glaucous-winged gull).

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"Other presentations showed that interannual variations in water transport were probably important in controlling year-class strength in the Japanese sardine, Pacific and Atlantic cod, and Japanese sand lance. 'Top-down' processes, which act by modifying significant changes in predator-prey relationships (including the role of piscivorous fish, squid, and jellyfish), were also seen to be important in affecting the survival of many species."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; fisheries; population dynamics.

Warner, I.M. 1981. Forage fish spawning surveys–southern Bering Sea. Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf: final reports of the principal investigators. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown]; 10: 1-64.

"Forage fish research in the Bering Sea was initiated in fiscal year 1976 and field work which began in May and continued until October consisted of aerial and ground truth investigations. In the spring of 1977 the present study was funded for the purpose of complementing the large bank of forage fish data accrued in 1976. This study considered

forage fish to be herring and sand lance or any form of the smelt family. The original purpose of the research was to study the nearshore spawning stocks of forage fish along the east coast of the Bering Sea in respect to relative abundance, spatial distribution, and basic life history facts concerning age and sexual maturity. It is known that surface borne pollutants are toxic to some species of forage fish. Although it is not presently known how certain crude oils would affect forage fishes in the Bering Sea, it is important to have an understanding of the temporal and spatial distribution and abundance of forage fish."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; abundance; distribution.

Warner, I.M.; Dick, M.H. 1981. A survey for spawning forage fish on the east side of the Kodiak archipelago by air and boat during spring and summer 1979. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf, annual reports of principal investigators. Boulder, CO: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Research Laboratory.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Kodiak Island; abundance; distribution; spawning.

Warner, I.M.; Shafford, P. 1979. Forage fish spawning surveys—southern Bering Sea. Kodiak, AK: Alaska Department of Fish and Game; Project completion report; Alaska marine environmental assessment project. 33 p.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; abundance; distribution; spawning.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); distribution.

Warzocha, J. 1988. Feeding of mackerel *Scomber scombrus* and herring *Clupea harengus* on the shelf of the northwest Atlantic. Biuletyn Morskieji Instytutu Ryback. 19: 12-18.

"The findings are presented of a study conducted in 1984 investigating the feeding behaviour of mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) and herring (*Clupea harengus*) in the northwest Atlantic. The stomach contents of some 349 mackerels and 270 herrings were analyzed[;] the food compositions of various length groups are shown. Results indicate a predominance of planktonic organisms in the diets of these 2 fish species, and emphasise the importance of the sand lance (*Ammodytes*)."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (fish, herring, mackerel).

Watanuki, Y. 1987. Breeding biology and foods of rhinoceros auklets on Teuri Island, Japan. In: Proceedings of 9th symposium on polar biology; 1986 Dec. 3-5; Tokyo. National Institute of Polar Research, Tokyo; (1): 175-183.

"Major food items brought to chicks by parents consisted of small pelagic fishes such as Japan Sea greenling, *Pleurogrammus aqonus*, sandlance, *Ammodytes personatus*, sardine, *Sardinops melanosticta*, Pacific saury, *Cololabis saira*, and Pacific herring, *Clupea pallasi*."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

Watanuki, Y. 1988. Regional difference in the diet of slaty-backed gulls breeding around Hokkaido, Japan. Journal of the Yamashina Institute for Ornithology. 20(2): 71-81.

"Regional difference in the diet of slaty-backed gulls, *Larus schistisagus* was studied at the colonies around Hokkaido, Japan. They fed their chicks with sardines *Sardinops melanosticta*, rock fish *Sebastes* spp., and seabird chicks on Teuri Island, sardines on Daikoku Island and sardines and sandlances *Ammodytes* sp. on Yururi Island.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Japan; predators (birds, slaty-backed gull).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; larvae; morphology.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; ecosystem; fisheries.

Wehle, D.H.S. 1976. Summer foods and fledgling ecology of horned and tufted puffins on Buldir Island, Alaska—1975. Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (horned puffin, tufted puffin).

Wehle, D.H.S. 1978. Studies of marine birds on Ugaiushak Island. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf, annual reports of principal investigators for the year ending March 1978: Receptors—birds. [Place of publication unknown]: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. 3.

"Glaucous-winged gull—numerous regurgitated samples of food brought by adults to the young were examined from 8 July to 28 August. The predominant food item was Pacific sand lance which typically measured 5-10 cm in length. A single load of these fish brought in to young was typically composed of 20-40 individual fish. Adult birds continued to feed chicks fish of similar size throughout the nestling period. Although other fish species were occasionally observed, there was do doubt that Pacific sand lance were the most important source of food for gull chicks throughout the nestling period. Large schools of sand lance were observed in close proximity (within 3 km) to Ugaiushak Island during the month of August, and it was assumed that glaucous-winged gull adults confined their feeding effort to the waters immediately surrounding the island.

"Black-legged kittiwakes—feeding flocks of kittiwakes ranging from 50 to several hundred birds were observed within 3 km of Ugaiushak Island throughout the field season. During April, May, and June foraging flocks were concentrated at a greater distance from the island than during July and August. Large surface schools of *Ammodytes* and *Mallotus* were abundant in July and August within several hundred meters of the shore. During the first half of the nestling period, *Ammodytes* remained the most frequently observed food item. It appeared that the diet of small chicks was limited to *Ammodytes.* As chicks grew and were able to ingest larger fish, *Theragra* and *Mallotus* became more important parts of their diet.

"Horned puffin—No quantitative data on the food brought to nestlings by adults was obtained. However, Pacific sand lance was the most commonly noted prey species. Typical specimens measured 6-10 cm in length. Tufted puffin—of 350 individual food items brought to chicks sand lance comprised 287. Sand lance were present in 41 of 64 loads and were the only species represented in 33 samples in which an average of 8.0 fish were carried per load.... Of 124 sand lance measured from bill loads they ranged in length from 6.0 cm to 11.7 cm and averaged 7.9 cm. They weighed (n=27) an average of 1.6 grams."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds, glaucous-winged gull, black-legged kittiwake, horned puffin, tufted puffin).

Wehle, D.H.S. 1980. The breeding biology of the puffins: tufted puffin (*Lunda cirrhata*), horned puffin (*Fratercula corniculata*), common puffin (*F. arctica*), and rhinoceros auklet (*Cerorhinca monocerata*). Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (horned puffin, tufted puffin, puffin, rhinoceros auklet).

Wehle, D.H.S. 1982. Food of adult and subadult tufted and horned puffins. Murrelet. 63: 51-58.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (horned puffin, tufted puffin).

Wehle, D.H.S. 1983. The food, feeding, and development of young tufted and horned puffins in Alaska. Condor. 85: 426-442.

Puffins capture prey by pursuit diving and feed whole prey to their semiprecocial young for 6 to 7 weeks. In food loads of tufted puffins on Ugaiushak in 1976 and 1977, sand lance comprised over 80 percent of all prey items. In food loads of horned puffins on Ugaiushak, sand lance appeared to be the most numerous prey in both years. Most sand lance in puffin bill loads were probably age classes 0 and 1 fish, with few fish in age class 2. Most had a median length of 61 to 82 millimeters.

Coupled with the need for a similar study in Alaska is the need for greater knowledge of the life histories of puffin prey species in Alaska waters. With the exception of the commercially exploited gadids, life history parameters of puffin prey are poorly understood.

Concluded that Pacific sand lance and capelin are the most important prey species for nestling tufted and horned puffins in Alaska. More information is needed on the life histories of these fish in Alaska waters and on the relations among certain aspects of their life histories; i.e., age, size, seasonal movements, and predation by puffins and other seabirds. A table summarizes data for feeding ecology of nestling tufted and horned puffins.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance; predators (birds, tufted puffin, horned puffin).

Wei, S.; Weimin, J. 1992. Study on food web of fishes in the Yellow Sea. Oceanol. Limnol. Sin. 23(2): 182-192.

“Organisms such as *Engraulis japonica*, *Crangon affinis*, *Ammodytes personatus*, *Euphausia pacifica* etc. are almost exploited by all the carnivorous fishes. They are the key link for the middle and high carnivorous fishes with plankton playing a very important role in food web of fishes.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Yellow Sea; ecosytem; predators (fish); trophic relationships.

Weinrich, M.T.; Schilling, M.R.; Belt, C.R. 1992. Evidence for acquisition of a novel feeding behaviour lobtail feeding in humpback whales *Megaptera novaeangliae*. Animal Behaviour. 44(6): 1059-1072.

“The spread of an apparently normal surface feeding behavior (bubble feeding), which is proceeded by a tail slap, or lobtail (called lobtail feeding), was observed in individually identified humpback whales, *Megaptera novaeangliae*, feeding on sand lance, *Ammodytes americanus*, in New England waters during 1980-1989. The proportion of feeding events classified as lobtail feeding was consistent for each individual throughout the entire period that each whale was observed. Ninety-five of the 250 whales observed surface feeding used lobtail feeding. The percentage of animals lobtail feeding increased regularly from 0.0% in 1980 to 50.6% in 1989. Over 50% of whales first seen as calves, and later documented surface feeding, displayed lobtail feeding, although few of their mothers ever employed this behavior. Among animals that were first photographed before 1982 only 12.5% were ever seen lobtail feeding. In contrast, 56.2% of animals first photographed after 1982 used the behavior. No animal was seen to use lobtail feeding before it was 2 years old, although individuals are weaned and separated from their mothers at 1 year. Rudimentary lobtail feeding was witnessed several times among young post-weaning animals. No difference was seen in the frequency of lobtail feeding between sexes. It is hypothesized that this behavior was initiated as whales switched from feeding on herring to sand lance, and has spread through cultural transmission.”

Keywords: *A. americanus*; New England; predators (mammals, humpback whale).

Weins, J.S.; Heinemann, D.; Hoffman, W. 1978. Community structure, distribution and inter-relationships of marine birds in the Gulf of Alaska. In: Final reports of principal investigators. Boulder, CO: National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. 3.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Gulf of Alaska; predators (birds).

Wespestad, V.G. 1987. Population dynamics of Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*), capelin (*Mallotus villosus*), and other coastal pelagic fishes in the eastern Bering Sea. In: Forage fishes of the southeastern Bering Sea: Conference proceedings, OCS study; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. [Place of publication unknown]: Mineral Management Service: 55-60.

"In the eastern Bering Sea the principal small pelagic species are walleye pollock, Pacific herring, capelin, Pacific sand lance, and rainbow smelt. Pacific sand lance are not exploited in the Bering Sea, but they are fished in other areas. Pacific sand lance in the Bering Sea have been found to occur in depths from shore to 100 m, but their greatest abundance is at depths inside of 50 m. They may be abundant along the Alaska Peninsula since they have been found to comprise 5 to 39% of the food of juvenile sockeye salmon and coho salmon leaving Bristol Bay. Pacific sand lance has also been found to be a major food of northern fur seals in the Unimak Pass area."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*, Bering Sea, distribution, importance, predators.

Westin, D.T.; Abernethy, K.J.; Meller, L.E.; Rogers, B.A. 1979. Some aspects of biology of the American sand lance, *Ammodytes americanus*. Transactions of the American Fisheries Society. 108: 328-331.

The length-weight relation for *Ammodytes americanus*, sampled from the New England coast, was determined and compared to the relations for five other sand lance species avialable from the literature. Postspawning *A. americanus* females weighed up to 45 percent less than prespawning females of the same length. Ovarian egg diameters were unimodal, which suggests once-a-year spawning for this species.

There are seven North Atlantic species of sand lance: *Ammodytes tobianus, A. dubius, A. marinus, A. americanus, Hyperoplus lanceolatus, H. immaculatus,* and *Gymnammodytes semisquamatus*. The latter three are restricted to European waters.

The data presented here for *Ammodytes americanus* are similar to those reported for its congeners. Age at first maturity appears to be 1 to 2 years, as is reported elsewhere for *A. marinus*. Spawning occurs once a year for *A. americanus*, probably at some time between December and March. *Ammodytes marinus* and *A. dubius* have been reported to be once-a-year spawners (winter-spring), and *A. tobianus* spawns during both autumn and spring. Some *A. tobianus* that spawned in autumn reached sexual maturity within the first year of life.

Keywords: *A. americanus*; Atlantic; New England; fecundity; length-weight; spawning.

Westrheim, S.J. 1977. Length-weight and length-girth relationships, maturity, spawning season and diet of Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*) collected in British Columbia waters during April 1975-February 1976. Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Manuscript Report Series. (1420): 1-70.

"Based on percentage incidence, principal invertebrate types were euphausids, pink shrimp, (*Pandalus*), brown shrimp (*Crangon*), and crab (*Emerita*) and principal fish types were sandlance (*Ammodytes*), and herring (*Clupea*). Relationship of stomach-content weight to fork length varied with fork length, area, and season. Stomachs of large (old) cod were mostly empty during February."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; British Columbia; importance; predators (fish, Pacific cod).

Westrheim, S.J.; Harling, W.R. 1983. Principal prey species and periodicity of their incidence in stomachs of trawl-caught Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*), rock sole (*Lepidopsetta bilineata*), and petrale sole (*Eopsetta jordani*) landed in British Columbia 1950-1980. Canadian Manuscript Report, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 1691: 1-38.

"Prey incidence was compiled from port liaison officers' notes recorded while collecting length-frequency samples of Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*), rock sole (*Lepidopsetta bilineata*), and petrale sole (*Eopsetta jordani*) in trawl landings originating from three major offshore regions of British Columbia during 1950-80. Principal prey species were sandlance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*), herring (*Clupea harengus pallasi*), "shrimp" (assorted Crustacea) and

sablefish (*Anoplopoma fimbria*), the latter only in Pacific cod stomachs. Sandlance was an important prey species for all three predator species and in all three offshore regions. Incidence periodicity was demonstrated for sandlance ... herring off the west coast of Vancouver Island... and sablefish in Hecate Strait....”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Canada; British Columbia; importance; predators (fish, Pacific cod, petrale sole, rock sole).

Wharfe, J.R.; Wilson, S.R.; Dines, R.A. 1984. Observations on the fish populations of an east coast estuary. Marine Pollution Bulletin. 15(4): 133-136.

Keywords: *A. lanceolatus*; Atlantic (northeast); abundance; distribution.

Wheatland, S.B. 1956. Oceanography of Long Island Sound, 1952-1954. VII: Pelagic fish eggs and larvae. Bulletin of the Bingham Oceanographic Collection. 15: 234-314.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Long Island Sound; abundance; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Wheeler, A. 1985. The Linnaean fish collection in the Linnaean Society of London. Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society. 84(1): 1-76.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; taxonomy.

Wheeler, A. 1994. Field key to the shore fishes of the British Isles. Field Studies. 8(3): 481-521.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; British Isles; taxonomy.

Wheeler, A.C. 1969. The fishes of the British Isles and north west Europe. London: Macmillan. 613 p.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; British Isles.

White, A.W. 1981. Sensitivity of marine fishes to toxins from the red tide dinoflagellate *Gonyaulax excavata* and implications for fish kills. Marine Biology (Berlin). 65(3): 255-260.

“Marine fishes (Atlantic herring, American pollock, winter flounder, Atlantic salmon, and cod) were dosed orally and i.p. with paralytic shellfish toxins extracted from Bay of Fundy *G. excavata* (*G. tamarensis*) cells. The toxins are lethal to these fishes in low oral doses, and in extremely low i.p. doses. Symptoms are the same among these fishes, both for oral and i.p. administration including loss of equilibrium within 5-15 min, followed by immobilization and shallow arrhythmic breathing. Death generally occurs within 20-60 min of toxin administration. Dose responses are also similar among these fishes. Oral LD50 values are 400-750 µg saxitoxin (STX) equivalent kg^{-1} body weight. Intraperitoneal LD50 values are 4-12 µg STX equivalent kg^{-1} body weight. Intraperitoneal LD50 values are 4-12 µg STX equivalent kg^{-1}. Toxins are undetectable in fish muscle tissue following lethal oral doses. The similarity of symptoms and dose responses suggests that fish as a group are sensitive to *G. excavata* toxins. Results in combination with reports implicating these toxins in herring, sand lance and menhaden kills, show that the nearly worldwide blooms and red tides of *G. excavata* and its relatives may cause kills of a variety of fishes.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; mortality; plankton bloom; toxicity.

White, C.M.; Emison, W.B.; Williamson, F.S.L. 1973. DDE in a resident Aleutian island peregrine population. Condor. 75: 306-311.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Aleutian islands; predators (birds, peregrine falcon).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Atlantic (northeast); food and feeding habits.

Wiens, J.A. 1984. Modeling the energy requirements of seabird populations. In: Whittow, G.C.; Rahn, H., eds. Seabird energetics. New York: Plenum: 255-284.

Keywords: *Ammodyte*s; predators (birds).

Wiens, J.A.; Hoffman, W.; Heinemann, D. 1977. Community structure, distribution, and interrelationships of marine birds in the Gulf of Alaska. In: Environmental assessment of the Alaskan Continental Shelf: receptors—birds. Boulder, CO. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Research Laboratories. 2: 383-401.

"Maps provide preliminary analyses of the distribution of the principal pelagic species of the Northeastern Gulf of Alaska study area. It is shown that feeding flocks occur wherever schools of forage fishes or invertebrates (usually euphausids) appear on the surface in the presence of the appropriate bird species. These flocks are nearly always located in shallow nearshore areas. In the Gulf of Alaska and eastern Aleutians the fish species most frequently involved are sandlance, herring, and capelin and other smelt. The flocks are commonest in protected areas such as bays inlets and fjords, and in areas of bathymetric turbulence. Bird flocks form over the fish schools, and while the fish schools are deeper below the surface, the birds frequently rest on the water in the convergence areas. Certain rip areas may apparently be used daily by the birds for periods of several months. The convergences are also characterized by collection and concentration of floating debris. Thus they are potentially areas of concentration for floating oil, and may form major hazards to the birds and their prey by concentrating the oil in favoured feeding spots."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Gulf of Alaska; predators (birds).

Wilimovsky, N.J. 1964. Inshore fish fauna of the Aleutian archipelago. In: Proceedings of the 14th Alaska science conference; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. [Place of publicatin unknown]: [publisher unknown]: 172-190.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Aleutian islands.

Wilimovsky, N.J. 1974. Fishes of the Bering Sea: the state of existing knowledge and requirements for future effective effort. In: Hood, D.W.; Kelley, E.J., eds. Oceanography of the Bering Sea. Occas. Publ. 2. Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska, Institute of Marine Science: 143-156.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea.

Wilimovsky, N.J.; Incze, L.S.; Westrheim, S.J. 1988. Species synopses: life histories of selected fish and shellfish of the northeast Pacific and Bering Sea. Seattle: University of Washington, Washington Sea Grant Program and Fisheries Research Institute: 1-111.

"This collection of seven papers covers the life histories of northern pink shrimp, Pacific sand lance, Pacific herring, walleye pollock, market squid and Pacific halibut in the Gulf of Alaska, the North Pacific and the Bering Sea, including literature surveys and bibliographies." [Also see Field 1988.]

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; life history.

Wilke, F. 1957. Food of sea otters and harbor seals at Amchitka Island. Journal of Wildlife Managment. 21: 241-142.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Amchitka Island; predators (mammals, harbor seal).

Wilke, F.; Kenyon, K.W. 1952. Notes on the food of fur seal, sea lion and harbor porpoise. Journal of Wildlife Managment. 16: 396-397.

One sand lance (*Ammodytes tobianus personatus*) was found in the stomachs of each of 114 mammals that had food in those stomachs.

Keywords: *A. tobianus personatus*; predators (mammals, fur seal).

Wilke, F.; Kenyon, K.W. 1957. The food of fur seals in the eastern Bering Sea. Journal of Wildlife Management. 21(2): 237-238.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (mammals, fur seal).

Wilke, F.; Niggol, K.; Fiscus, C.H. 1958. Pelagic fur seal investigations—California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Seattle, WA: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammal Research. 96 p. Unpublished report. On file with: National Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (mammals, fur seal).

Willette, M.; Sturdevant, M.; Jewett, S. 1997. Prey resource partitioning among several species of forage fishes in Prince William Sound, Alaska. In: Forage fishes in marine ecosystems; Proceedings of the international symposium on the role of forage fishes in marine ecosystems: [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Rep. 97-01. [Fairbanks, AK]: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College Program: 11-29.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Prince William Sound; food; resource partitioning.

Williams, G.C.; Richards, S.W.; Farnworth, E.G. 1964. Eggs of *Ammodytes hexapterus* from Long Island, New York. Copeia. (1): 242-243.

The sand lance eggs are not quite spherical and are slightly adhesive, with occasional sand grains still attached. They range in diameter (40 specimens) from 0.67 to 0.91 millimeter, with a mean of 0.825. The embryo at hatching is about 4 millimeters long. Eggs of *A. hexapterus* and *A. prolarva* are easily identified. Drawings of both are included.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Atlantic; New York; eggs; embryo.

Willson, M.F.; Armstrong, R.H. 1998. Intertidal foraging for Pacific sand-lance, *Ammodytes hexapterus*, by birds. Canadian Field-Naturalist. 112(4): 715-716.

“Bald eagles, northwestern crows, common ravens, and glaucous-winged gulls forage for buried Pacific sand-lance in the intertidal zone near Juneau, Alaska, by digging or disturbing the sand so that the concealed fish emerged.”

Keyword: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; predators (birds, bald eagle, northwestern crow, common raven, glaucous-winged gull).

Wilson, J.A.; Kleban, P.; McKay, S.R.; Townsend, R.E. 1991. Management of multispecies fisheries with chaotic population dynamics. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, Marine Science Symposium. 193: 287-300.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fisheries; population dynamics.

Wilson, U.W. 1977. A study of the biology of the rhinoceros auklet on Protection Island, Washington. Seattle, WA: University of Washington. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

Wilson, U.W.; Manuwal, D.A. 1986. Breeding biology of the rhinoceros auklet in Washington. Condor. 88: 143-155.

On the inshore islands, the two most important prey species were Pacific sand lance and Pacific herring, which comprised 89.4 to 96.6 percent of the total weight of fish delivered to chicks during the period 1974 to 1983. Pacific sand lance was always the predominant prey item, its relative frequency ranging from 63.8 to 90.7 percent.

In contrast, on the offshore island the single most important prey species was the northern anchovy. Rockfish, sand lance, herring night smelt, and Pacific saury also were major prey species. Sand lance and night smelt were the predominant species in 1975.

The three species of puffins in Alaska rely heavily on capelin as the primary prey and on sand lance as the secondary prey species. Capelin has not been found in auklet diets south of southeastern Alaska. Overall, the sand lance is the predominant species in nestling diets of the three puffins from Alaska to Washington. A more complete understanding of the biology of these puffins is possible with future detailed studies on behavior and on availability, distribution, and natural history of major prey species.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Washington; importance; predators (birds, rhinoceros auklet).

Wing, B.L. 1977. Salmon food observations. In: Southeast Alaska troll log book program: 1976 scientific report. Alaska Sea Grant Report. 77-11: 20-27.

“For the whole season and area, sandlance, herring, and crustaceans ranked 1, 2, and 3 respectively in importance but did not differ greatly from each other.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; southeastern Alaska; importance; predators (fish, Pacific salmon).

Winslade, P.R. 1971. Behavioral and embryological investigations of the lesser sandeel, *Ammodytes marinus* Raitt. Norwich, England: University of East Anglia. Ph.D. dissertation.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; behavior; embryology.

Winslade, P.R. 1974a. Behavioural studies on the lesser sandeel *Ammodytes marinus* (Raitt). I: The effect of food availability on activity and the role of olfaction in food detection. Journal of Fish Biology. 6: 565-576.

“The behaviour of the lesser sandeel, *Ammodytes marinus* (Raitt), has been investigated using a photographic method of recording activity. Three main states of activity were recognized: (1) swimming, (2) partially emerged from the sand, or (3) completely buried in the sand. When food was present there was a basic diurnal rhythm of activity: during the dark period most of the fish remained buried in the sand and in the light period they emerged to swim and feed. In the absence of food the level of swimming activity during the light period was extremely low, while the level of partial emergence activity increased. The fish appear to be visual feeders and those which were buried in the sand did not appear to be able to detect the presence of food in the water by means of olfaction. There was usually a low level of partial emergence activity during the dark period, which tended to increase in the few hours before the lights were switched on. The timing of this increase was thought to be related to an internal clock. The basic diurnal rhythm of activity shown in the laboratory experiments is discussed in relation to the marked diurnal variation in the catch of sandeels in the fishery. It is concluded that the failure to catch sandeels at night is due to their remaining buried in the sand.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; behavior.

Winslade, P.R. 1974b. Behavioural studies on the lesser sandeel, Ammodytes marinus Raitt. II: The effect of light intensity on activity. Journal of Fish Biology. 6: 577-586.

“The behaviour of the lesser sandeel, *Ammodytes marinus* (Raitt), has been investigated at light intensities of 1, 10, 100 and 1000 lux, using a photographic method of recording activity. The level of swimming activity was high at 1000 and 100 lux, declining to a very low level at 1 lux. It was concluded that this was due to the limiting effect of

light on feeding. The threshold light intensity for swimming activity in the tank was estimated as being approximately 20 lux but it was considered that in the area of the sandeel fishing grounds the threshold might be higher than this, in the region of 100 lux. The number of hours light per day above 20 and 100 lux at a depth of 15 m in the area of the Outer Dowsing sandbank was estimated for the various months of the year. It was shown that during the winter the light intensity does not normally reach 100 lux and only exceeds 20 lux for a few hours each day. It is suggested that this could limit swimming activity and accessiblity at this time of year. Measurements were made of the penetration of light into sand and it was concluded that fish which are buried might be able to detect light, possibly via the pineal gland."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; behavior.

Winslade, P.R. 1974c. Behavioural studies on the lesser sandeel, *Ammodytes marinus* Raitt. III: The effect of temperature on activity and environmental control of the annual cycle of activity. Journal of Fish Biology. 6: 587-599.

"The behaviour of the lesser sandeel, *Ammodytes marinus* (Raitt), has been investigated at 5, 10 and 15 C, using a photographic method of recording activity. The activity patterns at 10 and 15 C were very similar, there being a high level of swimming activity during the light period, which fell to a low level at 5 C. It was also lower at 10 C at the end of the experiment than at the beginning and it is suggested that this might have been due to an increase in the fat contents of the fish. The feeding rate of the fish was measured and showed a Q_{10} of 2.08 for the temperature range 5-15 C. The annual cycle of activity of *A. marinus* is discussed in relation to seasonal changes in food availability, light and temperature, and in the fat content of the fish. It is concluded that after spawning in the December-January period the fish remain buried in the sand until April, because of the limiting effect on swimming and feeding activity of the environmental factors in the intervening period. The proportion of fish available for capture at the start of the fishery in April is related mainly to temperature, but food (as measured by numbers of copepods) light intensity and photoperiod are by then increasing rapidly. After July the fishery ceases and it is thought that this is because the fish have entered an overwintering stage, during which they remain buried in the sand. This phase is also thought to be associated with the maturation of the gonads in readiness for the winter spawning. The factors causing the fish to enter this stage are as yet undetermined but may be related to the attainment of a certain level of fat content."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; behavior.

Winters, G.H. 1970. Meristics and morphometrics of sand launce in the Newfoundland area. Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. 27: 2104-2108.

"Analyses of meristic and morphometric data of sand launce in the Newfoundland area revealed that the Grand Bank and St. Pierre Bank specimens were slender with relatively short heads and high meristic counts whereas those from Trinity Bay and St. Mary's Bay were deep-bodied with relatively longer heads and low meristic counts. Consequently, offshore launce were provisionally assigned to *Ammodytes dubius* and inshore specimens as *Ammodytes hexapterus*. Differences in body form and meristics were also evident within the two groups."

Keywords: *A. dubius; A. hexapterus*; Newfoundland; meristics; morphometrics.

Winters, G.H. 1981. Growth patterns in sand lance, *Ammodytes dubius*, from the Grand Bank. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 38: 841-846.

"Growth patterns in sand lance (*Ammodytes dubius*) from the Grand Bank were examined using back-calculated lengths from otolith measurements. Lee's phenomenon of apparent change in growth rate with age is clearly demonstrated as is the phenomenon of growth compensation. Lee's phenomenon is explained by discriminatory mortality of the faster growing sand lance whereas growth compensation is attributed to the differing ages of maturity of the initial faster-growing and slower-growing fish. The significant reduction in the standard deviation and the increasing degree of left skewness in length frequencies of older sand lance is explained by a combination of Lee's phenomenon and growth compensation acting together throughout the growth history of individual sand lance."

In the Grand Bank area, their role as an important prey species probably has been greatly enhanced in most recent years as a result of a substantial reduction in the abundance of capelin, which has traditionally been the major prey species in that area.

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Newfoundland; age and growth.

Winters, G.H. 1983. Analysis of the biological and demographic parameters of the northern sand lance. *Ammodytes dubius*, from the Newfoundland Grand Bank. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. 40: 409-419.

"Biological characteristics and population dynamics of northern sand lance (*Ammodytes dubius*) population on the Grand Banks were investigated in the period 1968-79. Sand lance were distributed mainly in the shallower areas of the Grand Banks, particularly in the northeast and southeast areas. Through an examination of reproduction parameters I conclude that spawning occurs principally during the period November-January. Growth rates of Grand Bank sand lance are within the range of those described for the Scotian Shelf and are well correlated with temperature variations. Abundance indices, derived from groudfish surveys, indicate a substantial increase in abundance since the 1960s, and this increase is attributable to increased recruitment and reduced natural mortality. From correlation analyses I suggest that the decline in the Grand Bank population of Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) may be responsible for the reduced mortality rates and increased abundance of Grand Bank sand lance during the 1970s."

Sand lance shape and size render them ideal food items for most predators. *Ammodytes dubius* is the single most important prey species of American plaice (*Hippoglossoides platessoides*), comprising nearly 80 percent of the food spectrum of that species in the southern Grand Banks area. Sand lance also contribute to the diet of yellowtail flounder (*Limanda ferruginea*) on the Grand Bank, although not to such a substantial degree as in American plaice. In addition, sand lance form the dominant prey species of cod in the southern Grand Bank area and are important in the diet of cod in the northern Grand Bank area.

Sand lance are an important prey species in other areas of the northwest Atlantic. In the west Greenland area as well as around coastal Newfoundland waters, Atlantic salmon feed extensively on sand lance. On the Nova Scotian Shelf, Atlantic cod, (*Gadus morhua*) American plaice, silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*), and haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) feed extensively on sand lance, and a similar predator-prey interaction occurs on the American continental shelf area. In addition such large marine mammals as fin (*Galaenoptera physalus*) and humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) whales feed heavily on sand lance.

Given the sustantial attrition in the biomass of cod and flounder on the Grand Bank during the 1970s and the recent substantial reduction in capelin abundance, the role of sand lance in the ecology of the Grand Bank has probably been greatly altered. Main spawning season of sand lance on the Grand Bank occurs from November through January. However, the presence of spent fish in April and May indicates that minor peaks in spawning may occur in late winter.

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Newfoundland; abundance; distribution; importance; predators (fish, Atlantic cod).

Winters, G.H. 1988. Meristic composition of sand lance (*Ammodytes* spp.) from the coastal waters of eastern Newfoundland. Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science. 9: 5-11.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Newfoundland; meristics.

Winters G.H. 1989. Life history parameters of sand lances *Ammodytes* spp. from the coastal waters of eastern Newfoundland Canada. Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science. 9(1): 5-12.

"Estimates of various life history parameters of sympatric populations of *Ammodytes dubius* and *A. americanus* from coastal waters of Newfoundland are presented for the first time. Significant differences between the two species of sand lances were evident for length-weight and age-weight relationships. In addition, *A. americanus* tended to have a slightly earlier spawning season, and matured at a slightly earlier age than *A. dubius*. Similarities in these vital rates were noted between *A. americanus* populations in Newfoundland coastal waters and those in New England

waters. Likewise, populations of *A. dubius* from coastal Newfoundland water had similar vital rates as those published for *A. dubius* populations on the Grand Banks."

Keywords: *A. americanus; A. dubius*; age; growth; life history; spawning.

Winters, G.H.; Dalley, E.L. 1988. Meristic composition of sand lance (*Ammodytes* spp.) in Newfoundland waters with a review of species designations in the northwest Atlantic. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Science. 45(3): 516-529.

"Examination of new meristic data on sand lance (*Ammodytes* spp.) populations in Newfoundland coastal waters using a combination of discriminant function and modal analyses demonstrates for the first time that co-occurrence is a common feature of the distribution of the two species (*A. dubius* and *A. americanus*) provisionally considered to exist in the Northwest Atlantic. In addition, the consistency in the meristic counts of *A. dubius* between the offshore and inshore samples and the postulated spawning of *A. dubius* in Newfoundland coastal waters provides good evidence that *A. dubius* is reproductively isolated from *A. americanus*. Reanalysis of published data on the vertebral composition of sand lance in the Northwest Atlantic confirms the co-occurrence of *A. americanus* and *A. dubius* in inshore areas from West Greenland southwards to the Gulf of Maine. These new analyses taken together with a review of the major distinguishing characteristics of sand lance species in the North Atlantic waters lead us to conclude that the heterogeneous assemblage of sand lance found inshore from West Greenland southwards and offshore from Georges Bank southwards and which has traditionally been classified as *A. americanus* belongs to a single trans-Atlantic species, *A. marinus*."

Keywords: *A. americanus; A. dubius; A. marinus*; Newfoundland; Atlantic (northwest); meristic counts; taxonomy.

Wobus, U. 1964. Der Rothalstaucher (*Podiceps grisgena* Boddaeert). Neue Brehm-Bucheri 330. Wittenburg Lutherstadt: A. Ziemsen.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*.

Wolfe, D.A.; Kjerfve, B. 1986. Estuarine variability: an overview. In: Wolfe, D.A., ed. Estuarine variability. New York: Academic Press: 3-15.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; estuaries.

Wooller, R.D.; Bradley, J.S.; Croxall, J.P. 1992. Long-term population studies of seabirds. Trends in Ecology and Evolution. 7: 111-114.

Changes in the breeding success of arctic terns (*Sterna paradisaea*) appear connected to sandeel stocks.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; importance; predators (birds, arctic tern).

Wooster, W.S. 1993. Is it food? An overview. In: Is it food?: Addressing marine mammal and seabird declines: Workshop summary; [dates of meeting unknown]; [location unknown]. Alaska Sea Grant Rep. 93-01. Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska, Fairbanks: [pages unknown].

Important prey species, such as capelin and sand lance, are not subject to commercial exploitation in Alaska, so their populations are not well estimated. The agenda for investigating the causes of pinniped and seabird declines should include studies not only of their feeding areas, food requirements, and food availability in those areas but also of all the major causes of variability in the food supply.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; importance.

Wosnitza, C. 1975. The food of fish larvae in the western Baltic. Berichte der Deutschen Wissenschaftlichen Kommission für Meeresforschung. 24(1): 79-92.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Baltic Sea; food and feeding habits; larvae.

Wray, T. 1989. Danish firm sparkles with diamond trawl. Fishing News International (London). 28(5): 10-12.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; fisheries; fishing methods.

Wright, P.; Barrett, R.T.; Greenstreet, S.P.R. [and others]. 1996. Effect of fisheries for small fish on seabirds in the eastern Atantic. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea Cooperative Research Report. 216: 44-45.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Atlantic (northeast); anthropogenic impacts; fisheries; predators (birds).

Wright, P.; Tasker, M.L. 1996. Analysis of fish consumption by seabirds by age class of prey fish. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea Cooperative Research Report. 216: 42-44.

Keywords: *A. marinus*; predators (birds, fulmar, guillemot, kittiwake, puffin, razorbill, shag).

Wright, P.J. 1993. Otolith microstructure of the lesser sandeel, *Ammodytes marinus*. Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. 73(1): 245-248.

"Daily increments were demonstrated in the sagittae of the lesser sandeel, *Ammodytes marinus*, maintained in outdoor enclosures. Daily increment formation was also inferred for wild sandeels from an analysis of changes in age composition within a series of field samples. A comparison between sagitta microstructure and morphological development of larval and juvenile sandeels indicated that the first sagitta increment was formed around the time of hatching. Yolk-sac absorption and larval metamorphosis were accompanied by changes in otolith microstructure."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; age; morphology; otoliths.

Wright, P.J. 1996. Is there a conflict between sandeel fisheries and seabirds? A case study at Shetland. In: Greenstreet, S.P.R.; Tasker, M.L., eds. Aquatic predators and their prey: Royal Society of Edinburgh conference; 1994 Aug.; Edinburgh, Scotland. Oxford, England, United Kingdom; Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Scientific Publications: 20: 154-164.

"There has been concern that fishing may affect the availability of sandeels to seabirds, either through effects on the total stock, stock recovery or through local depletions near seabird colonies. This problem has been addressed through a study of changes in sandeel availability around Shetland."

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; distribution; importance; predators (birds); recruitment.

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Keywords: *A. marinus*; growth; larvae; starvation.

Wright, P.J.; Bailey, M.C. 1996. Timing of hatching in *Ammodytes marinus* from Shetland waters and its significance to early growth and survivorship. Marine Biology (Berlin). 126(1): 143-152.

“The significance of hatch date for the growth and survival of the sandeel, *Ammodytes marinus*, was investigated using otolith microstructure. Hatch dates of 2 to 6 mo-old juvenile *A. marinus* caught near Shetland were compared between 1990 and 1992, during which period year-class strength varied by more than an order of magnitude. The hatch-date distribution of juveniles in the 1992 year-class was compared with that estimated directly from the abundance of newly emerged larvae on the spawning grounds. The extent of larval hatching periods in 1990 and 1991 was also estimated from continuous plankton-recorder data. There were significant differences in hatching periods between all three years, hatching in 1990 and 1992 being markedly earlier than the long-term meanpeak in hatching indicated from archival data. Most individuals from the 1991 year-class attained a larger size by July than those in other year-classes, despite hatching later. Variation in individual growth rates both within and between year-classes indicated that there was a seasonal cycle of growth opportunity in all years investigated. The study suggests that the degree of coupling between hatching and the onset of spring secondary production may be an important contributory factor to year-class variability in this species.”

Keywords: *A. marinus*; Shetland; eggs; hatching; mortality; otoliths; seasonal variation.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Shetland; impacts; oil spill; predators (birds).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; food and feeding habits; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. marinus;* North Sea; food and feeding habits; larvae.

Xu, H.; Jia, S.; Li, Z.; Huang, W. 1983. Studies on the minke whale from the northern Yellow Sea. Acta Zoologica Sinica. 29(1): 86-92.

“The minke whale from the northern Yellow Sea feeds on *Ammodytes personatus* and *Euphausia pacifica* mostly. Feeding is usually at 500-1000 h and 1400-1800 h. The whale in general does not feed at night.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Yellow Sea; predators (mammals, minke whale).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; food and feeding habits; larvae.

Yamashita, Y. 1985. The early life history of marine fish. 9: The early life history of the Japanese sand eel, *Ammodytes personatu*s with special reference to the mortality. Aquabiology. 7(2): 94-99.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; diel migration; food and feeding habits; larvae; mortality.

Yamashita, Y.; Aoyama, T. 1985. Hatching time, yolk sac absorption, onset of feeding, and early growth of the Japanese sand eel *Ammodytes personatus*. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 51(11): 1777-1780.

“The characteristics of incubation time, yolk absorption, onset of feeding, and early larval growth of the Japanese sand eel *Ammodytes personatus* was [sic] examined. Incubation time to the beginning of hatching and to the time of 50% hatching was respectively, 14 days and 20 days at 15.5 C, 18 days and 25 days at 10.5 C and 33 days and 51 days at 6.5 C. Eggs showed a markedly extended period of hatching, 12, 29, and 59 days at each of the above respective temperatures. Using the relationship between incubation time and temperature, the spawning season was estimated to be from mid-December to the end of January with a peak at the end of December. Newly hatched larvae commenced feeding at an age of 2 days and all larvae completed yolk sac absorption by 12 days at 6.5 C, indicating a long overlapping period of endogenous and exogenous nutrition. The average size of newly hatched larvae is 4.72 mm in standard length and 33.9 µg in dry weight. The specific growth of larvae up to 24 days old fed with field-collected microplankton and rotifier in the ration 2: 8 at 6.5 C was 4.2% per day in dry weight.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; eggs; food and feeding habits; larvae.

Yamashita, Y.; Aoyama, T. 1986. Starvation resistance of larvae of the Japanese sand eel *Ammodytes personatus*. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 52(4): 635-639.

“The starved larvae were all dead by day 14 at 15.5C, by day 20 at 10.5C, and by day 24 at 6.5C. A clear point of no return was not found and a long duration of recoverable starvation, about 9 days, was estimated. Even some of the larvae that were fed from day 17 ingested food and grew. These results show that the tolerance of starvation of the sand eel larvae has a wide range and that some of the larvae have high resistance to starvation. *A. personatus* is a commercially and ecologically important fish in the coastal waters of Japan, with 100,000 t-300,000 t caught a year. Compares tolerance to starvation of sand lance to other marine fish and concludes the Japanese sand eel is among the species more tolerant of starvation. Larvae of the sandlance *A. americanus* in the northwest Atlantic is also known to be highly resistant to starvation (Buckley et al. 1984). *Personatus* and *americanus* share the characteristics of laying demersal or adhesive eggs, or of having larger sized newly hatched larvae, or of hatching at low temperature. The adhesive nature of sand-eel eggs is thought to be an adaptation to story [sic] winter weather conditions. Fewer predators in winter.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; larvae; starvation.

Yamashita, Y.; Aoyama, T.; Kitagawa, D. 1984. Laboratory studies of predation by hyperiid amphipod *Parathemisto japonica* on larvae of the Japanese sand-eel *Ammodytes personatus*. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 50(7): 1089-1093.

“Predation, together with starvation, is one of the major causes of mortality in fish larvae. A variety of animals: pelagic fishes, hyperiid amphipods, euphausiid, copepods, squid, chaetognaths, jellyfishes etc., are reported to be predators of fish eggs and larvae. Up to 27.4 sand-eel larvae were consumed per 12 h under light condition by the hyperiid amphipod *Parathemisto japonica*.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; eggs; larvae; predators (invertebrates, amphipods).

Yamashita, Y.; Kitagawa, D.; Aoyama, T. 1985a. A field study of predation of the hyperiid amphipod *Parathemisto japonica* on larvae of the Japanese sand eel *Ammodytes personatus*. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 51(10): 1599-1607.

“A field study was carried out from January to April in 1981 and 1982 to estimate the effects of predation of the hyperiid amphipod *Parathemisto japonica* on larvae of the Japanese sand eel *Ammodytes personatus* in waters off the northeastern coast of the main island of Japan. The degree of vertical co-occurrence was similar during the day and at night and *P. japonica* fed on the larvae throughout the day. Overlap of the horizontal distributions of the two species increased from January to April. The proportion of sand eel larvae in the total stomach contents of *P. japonica* varied monthly in the range of 0-8.2% on a dry weight basis. The density of sand eel larvae decreased more

markedly in the area where *P. japonica* occurred in greater abundance. Preliminary estimates of the rate of daily loss of sand eel larvae caused by the predation yielded figures of 0.1% for January, 3.3% for February, 2.8% for March, and 45.2% for April, closely associaed with changes in the size and degree of overlap of distribution of the two organisms."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; larvae; predators (invertebrates, hyperiid amphipod *Parathemisto japonica*).

Yamashita, Y.; Kitagawa, D.; Aoyama, T. 1985b. Diel vertical migration and feeding rhythm of the larvae of the Japanese sand-eel *Ammodytes personatus*. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 51(1): 1-5.

"The diel vertical movement and feeding rhythm of the larvae of the Japanese sand-eel *Ammodytes personatus* were examined from the data of 7-8 series of MTD net tows taken through one day-night cycle on 3 cruises in February and March 1981 and March 1982.

"MTD net samples demonstrated a size-related diel change in the vertical distribution of sand-eel larvae. Larvae less than 5 mm in standard length didn't demonstrate diel vertical migration, but migration became evident in larvae 5-6 mm in SL. They exhibited a pattern of vertical migration that was inverse to that commonly observed in other fish. Larvae were remarkably concentrated in 5- and 15-m tows during the day and were mainly caught in 30- and 50-m tows at night. Ascent and descent occurred at dawn and dusk, respectively. The range of diel migration increased with the size of the larvae. The diel changes in fullness of gut in both field-collected and reared larvae and the time to empty the gut in the laboratory indicated diurnal feeding activity. The advantage of this unusual pattern of migration is discussed from the point of view of feeding and predator avoidance."

In this area, the sand eels spawn in December and January, and larvae occur from mid January to early June. Juveniles 25 to 100 millimeters in standard length are commercially caught from late March to June with blanket nets and by using fish-luring lamps. The diel vertical migration pattern in Japanese sand eel larvae seems to be common in the genus *Ammodytes* because a similar pattern has been reported for *A. marinus* in the North Sea and for *Ammodytes* sp. off the northeastern coast of the United States. Termination of swimming followed by sinking of the larvae at night may reduce predation pressure for two reasons. First, inactivity is an effective way of avoiding attack by piscivorous predators such as carnivorous copepods and chaetognaths, which detect the vibration of their prey and attack mainly at night. Second, though the sinking movement is dangerous, they can leave the upper layer where predation pressure becomes higher at night due to the upward migration of carnivorous animals.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; behavior; larvae; migration.

Yamazaki, Y. 1995a. Coastal important fish species reproduction study: on sand lance. Ibaraki-Ken Suisan Shikenjo Jigyo Hokoku. 1993: 67-86.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; aestivation; biological rhythm; catch; distribution; dormancy; spawning.

Yamazaki, Y. 1995b. Distribution of the Japanese sand eel during estivating period in the coastal waters of Ibaraki Prefecture. Ibaraki-Ken Suisan Shikenjo Kenkyu Hokoku. 33: 59-66.

"Distribution of the Japanese sand eel, *Ammodytes personatus*, during estivating period, were studied in the coastal waters of Ibaraki Prefecture using the Korobashi-sampling gear. This gear was [more] efficient for gathering estivating fish than the beam trawl net used in former surveys. Sand eels were captured only where the grain size of the ground was from about 0.5mm to 2.0mm all around the coast, except the central region. However, most part of dis-

tribution was considered to be in the southern region, since both number of captured fish and the size of the estivating ground were dominant in this region. The size of the estivating ground in Ibaraki is estimated to be 249 km2, and that is 18% of all of them from Ibaraki to Miyagi Prefecture where the same subpopulation group lives."

Keywords: A. *personatus*; aestivation; biological rhythm; distribution; dormancy; fisheries; habitat.

Yamazaki, Y. 1995c. Transportation of juvenile sand lance from Sendai Bay to the coastal region of Ibaraki Prefecture. Suisan Kaiyo Kenkyu. 59(3): 310-312.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; catch; distribution; eggs; growth; habitat; larvae; juvenile; transport.

Yamazaki, Y.; Nihira, A. 1994. Regression analysis for the relationship between water temperature deviation from average and amount of catch of main fishes in Kashima-nada. Ibaraki-Ken Suisan Shikenjo Kenkyu Hokoku. 32: 101-109.

"This report examines the relationships between water temperature deviation from average at the coast of Nakaminato and amount of catch of eleven species in Kashima-nada. Increase of water temperature deviation produces the increase of catch of shirasu, bluefin tuna and yellow tail and the decrease of *Euphausia pacifica*, sand lance, japanese common mackerel, red sea bream, crimson sea bream and sea bass was not recognized."

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Japan; catch; temperature.

Yanagibashi, S.; Funakoshi, S.; Mukai, R.; Nakamura, M. 1997. Mechanisms of the maturation and spawning of Japanese sandeel *Ammodytes personatus* Girard in and around Ise Bay with special reference to their survival during the estivation period. Bulletin of the Aichi Fisheries Research Institute. 4: 23-31.

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Japan; aestivation; spawning; survival.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; abundance.

Yang, J.; Zhou, M.; Li, J. 1995. Experiments on energy flow of a simple food chain. Marine Science, Haiyang Kexue. 1: 67-88.

"This study used 4 commercial value species, distributing in the coastal area of the Yellow Sea, to form an artificial food chain: *Isochrysis galbana-Artemia salina-Ammodytes personatus-Sebastodes fuscescens*. Aquarium experiments were respectively carried out for certain periods. Analysis of the data obtained during the run of the three conversion artificial food chain show that consumption of 235.2 kg fresh (148.3 kg dry weight) Isochrysis galbana produced 1 kg fresh weight (1 kg dry weight) *Sebastodes fuscescens*. Concentration of 1 J energy by *Sebastodes fuscescens* requires *Isochrysis galbana* containing 110.7 J energy. Since the alimentary canal of *Artemia salina* was not totally evacuated of food residues at the end of experiment their measured body weight increment would be slightly higher than the actual value."

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Yellow Sea; food chain; model.

Yang, M.S. 1987. Food habits and daily ration of Greenland halibut *Reinhardtius hippoglossoides* in the eastern Bering Sea. Seattle, WA: University of Washington. 57 p. M.S. thesis.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Bering Sea; predators (fish, Greenland halibut).

Yaragina, N.A. 1985. Diurnal feeding rhythmicity and daily diet of cod consuming euphausiids. In: Feeding and food availability as related to fish abundance, growth and concentration formation. Tarverdieva, MI: [publisher unknown]: 19-28.

"The analysis of stomach contents of 449 individuals of *Gadus morhua* taken at 3 diurnal stations in July of 1978, 1979 and 1980 indicated that cod fed mainly on *Thysanoessa raschii* and consumed also sand lance, young capelin and redfish, shrimps, hyperiids and polychaetes. The daily diet of cod of the average weight of 0.7 kg made up 8.7% of the body weight in 1978 and it constituted 2.6-3.9% of the body weight in individuals weighing 1.1-1.5 kg in 1979-80."

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, cod).

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; historical.

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Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (birds).

Ydenberg, R.C.; Forbes, L.S. 1988. Diving and foraging in the western grebe. Ornis Scandinavica. 19: 129-133.

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; predators (birds, western grebe).

Yen, J. 1987. Predation by a carnivorous marine copepod, *Euchaeta norvegica* boeck, on eggs and larvae of the North-Atlantic cod *Gadus morhua*. Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology. 112(3): 283-296.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; eggs; predators (invertebrates, marine copepod *Euchaeta norvegica boeck*).

Yin, M.C.; Blaxter, J.H.S. 1986. Morphological changes during growth and starvation of larval cod (*Gadus morhua*) and flounder (*Platichthys flesus*). Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology. 104(1-3): 215-228.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, cod).

Yin, M.C.; Blaxter, J.H.S. 1987a. Escape speeds of marine fish larvae during early development and starvation. Marine Biology. 96(4): 459-468.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; larvae; starvation; swimming speed.

Yin, M.C.; Blaxter, J.H.S. 1987b. Feeding ability and survival during starvation of marine fish larvae reared in the laboratory. Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology. 105(1): 73-83.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; food and feeding habits; larvae; starvation.

Yin, M.C.; Blaxter, J.H.S. 1987c. Temperature, salinity tolerance, and buoyancy during early development and starvation of Clyde and North Sea herring, cod, and flounder larvae. Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology. 107(3): 279-290.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; North Sea; predators (fish).

Yoklavich, M M.; Stevenson, M.; Cailliet, G.M. 1992. Seasonal and spatial patterns of ichthyoplankton abundance in Elkhorn Slough, California. Estuarine Coastal and Shelf Science. 34(2): 109-126.

“While more speciose, a winter and early-spring group comprised of larval *L. armatus, H. pretiosus*-osmerid, Atherinidae and *Ammodytes hexapterus* was not as abundant as the summer-fall assemblage. Egg densities were overwhelmingly high in summer, due almost entirely to *E. mordax*. Similarity in species composition was greatest between collections from the most inland stations; larval assemblages from near-ocean stations were least similar to the inland slough assemblages. These distribution are attributed to reproductive specializations (egg type and spawning origin of adults) and hydrographic conditions.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; California; abundance; distribution; eggs; larvae.

Yoo, J.M.; Cha, S.S. 1988. Variation of abundances of ichthyoplankton in Kwangyang Bay South Korea. Ocean Research (Seoul). 10(1): 79-84.

“To study the variation of ichthyoplankton in Kwangyang Bay, ichthyoplankton were sampled biomonthly at 7 stations from February, 1983 to April, 1985. *Engraulis japonica* eggs accounted for 75.4% of the total eggs. Among 32 taxa of larvae Gobiidae larvae accounted for 67.3% of the total larvae; *Engraulis japonica* larvae, 14.9%; and *Leiognathus* sp. larvae, 6.0%. The abundances of pelagic eggs in 1984 increased as compared with those in 1983, but this phenomenon occurred only in *Engraulis japonica* eggs at certain stations. Those of other taxa decreased in numbers. The abundances of larvae in 1984 decreased to 10% of those in 1983. Larval abundances of the most taxa decreased, while the larval abundances of *Clupanodon punctatus*, Apogon sp., and *Ammodytes personatus* increased. Thus it was appeared that abundances of ichthyoplankton in Kwangyang Bay decreased continuously during this study period.”

Keywords: *A. personatus*; Korea; abundance; eggs; larvae.

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Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Pribilof Islands; predators (mammals, northern fur seal).

Yoshida, H.; Sakurai, Y. 1984. Relationship between food consumption and growth of adult walleye pollock *Theragra chalcogramma* in captivity. Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Scientific Fisheries. 50(5): 763-770.

“Food consumption rate and growth rate of the adult walleye pollock were measured at different temperatures (2°–7°, 4°–10° and 9°–15° C), body sizes (33-35, 35-39 and 39-45 cm) and foods (juvenile walleye pollock, squid and sandlance). The amount of daily intake indicated peaks at intervals of 5 days. The efficiency of assimilation was almost constant for range of temperature and body size, and for each food item adapted in these experiments. The efficiency of dissimilation increased with the increase in temperature. An empirical linear equation was established on the relationshp between daily feeding rate (R) and daily growth rate (G) at 2°–7°. C: G = 0.370R–0.225. Body weight and condition factor increased linearly with increase of ration, but body length increased asymptotically. Estimated food requirements of adult walleye pollock was 1.1% of body wt per day.”

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; predators (fish, walleye pollock).

Yoshida, K.; Minamisako, Y.; Morita, T. [and others]. 1995. Radioactivity survey of the marine organisms in the adjacent sea. Radioactivity survey of the marine organisms in the offshore areas of Sakhalin and Kamchatka. Norin Suisan–Sho Kankei Hoshano Chosa Kenkyu Nenpo. 1994: 35-36.

Keywords: *Ammodytes*; Russia; anthropogenic impacts; cesium; environmental pollution; radiation.

Zamarro, J. 1992. Feeding behaviour of the American plaice (*Hippoglossoides platessoides*) on the southern Grand Bank of Newfoundland. Netherlands Journal of Sea Research. 29(1-3): 229-238.

“Diet of American plaice 40-55 cm long mainly consists of *Ammodytes dubiu*s and brittlestars; the third most important prey is capelin *Mallotus villosus*. Daily feeding intensity measured using a mean weight fullness index, the percentage of empty stomachs and the daily ration, shows maxima related to the kind of prey consumed. *A. dubius* is consumed in larger amounts late in the day, between 18.00-24.00 h; *M. villosus* and brittlestars are preyed upon more intensely between 12.00-18.00 h. Maximum feeding activity is in April, with a summer period of relativley high values.”

Keywords: *A. dubius*; Newfoundland; predators (fish, American plaice).

Zolotov, O.G.; Balykin, N.P.; Naumenko, N.I. [and others]. 1997. Interannual fluctuations in some forage fish abundance in the western Bering Sea and waters off Kamchatka Peninsula. In: International symposium on the forage fishes in marine ecosystems: 14th Lowell Wakefield fisheries symposium; [dates of meeting unknown]; Anchorage, AK. [Place of publication unknown]: [publisher unknown].

“Among the most abundant fishes in the western Bering Sea and waters around Kamchatka Peninsula are such relatively small semipelagic schooling species as walleye pollock, Pacific herring, capelin, Pacific sand lance (*Ammodytes hexapterus*) and Atka mackerel. Some are of economic significance to the fishery, others are not commercially exploited; but they all have a substantial place in marine ecosystems as food for consumers of higher trophic levels. Very little data is available on sand lance ecology and stock abundance. This species is, undoubtedly, very important as food for piscivorous fish.”

Keywords: *A. hexapterus*; Alaska; Bering Sea; abundance; importance.

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