

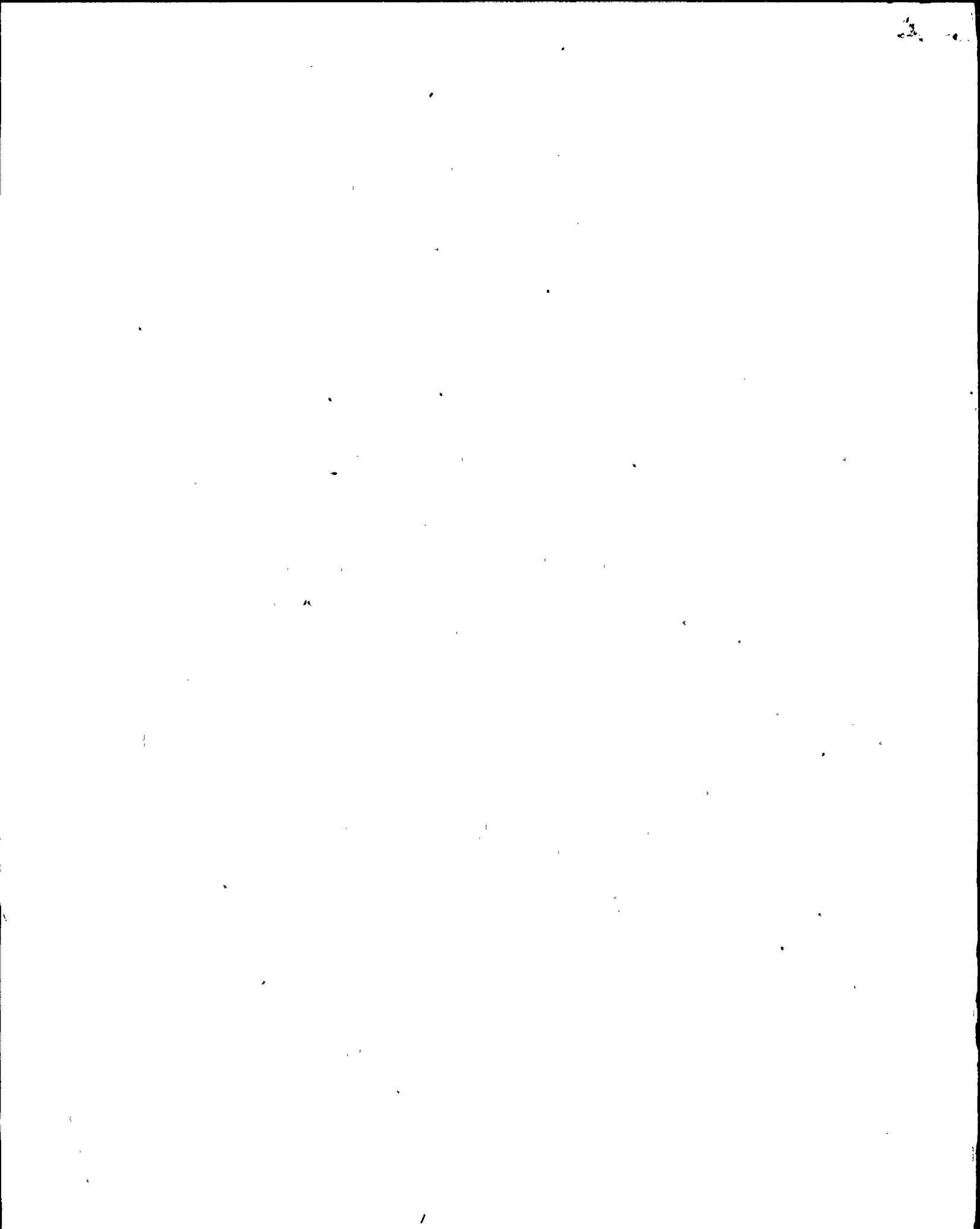
1 TESTIMONY OF JAMES R. ADAMS
2 ON BEHALF OF
3 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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6 My name is James R. Adams. I am a Senior Biologist
7 in the Department of Engineering Research, Pacific Gas and
8 Electric Company. My address is 3400 Crow Canyon Road, San
9 Ramon, California 94583.

10 I received a BS degree in Fisheries from Humboldt State
11 University in 1958, and a MS in Fisheries from the same institu-
12 tion in 1960. I received a PhD degree in Fisheries from the
13 University of Washington in June 1975.

14 I worked as a biologist for the U. S. Bureau of Sports
15 Fisheries and Wildlife in Wyoming for the summer of 1952 and for
16 the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in Alaska for different
17 periods in 1953, 1954, 1957, 1960, 1961, and 1962. I have been
18 with Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Biologist since 1962,
19 and became Senior Biologist in 1971. I am in charge of a group
20 working on the ecological effects of the Diablo Canyon Power
21 Plant on the environment.

22 I am a member of the American Association for the
23 Advancement of Science, American Fisheries Society, American
24 Institute of Fishery Research Biologists, American Society of
25 Limnology and Oceanography, Association of Power Biologists,
California Malacozoological Society, Marine Biological Association



1 of the United Kingdom, National Shellfisheries Association,
2 Pacific Fisheries Biologists, and the San Francisco Bay and
3 Estuarine Association. I was a member of the Committee on
4 Power Plant Siting, National Academy of Engineering, and was
5 also a member of the Steering Committee, Heated Water Discharge
6 Study, of the Electric Power Research Institute. I am a founding
7 member of the California Committee for Marine Ecological Survey
8 Standardization.

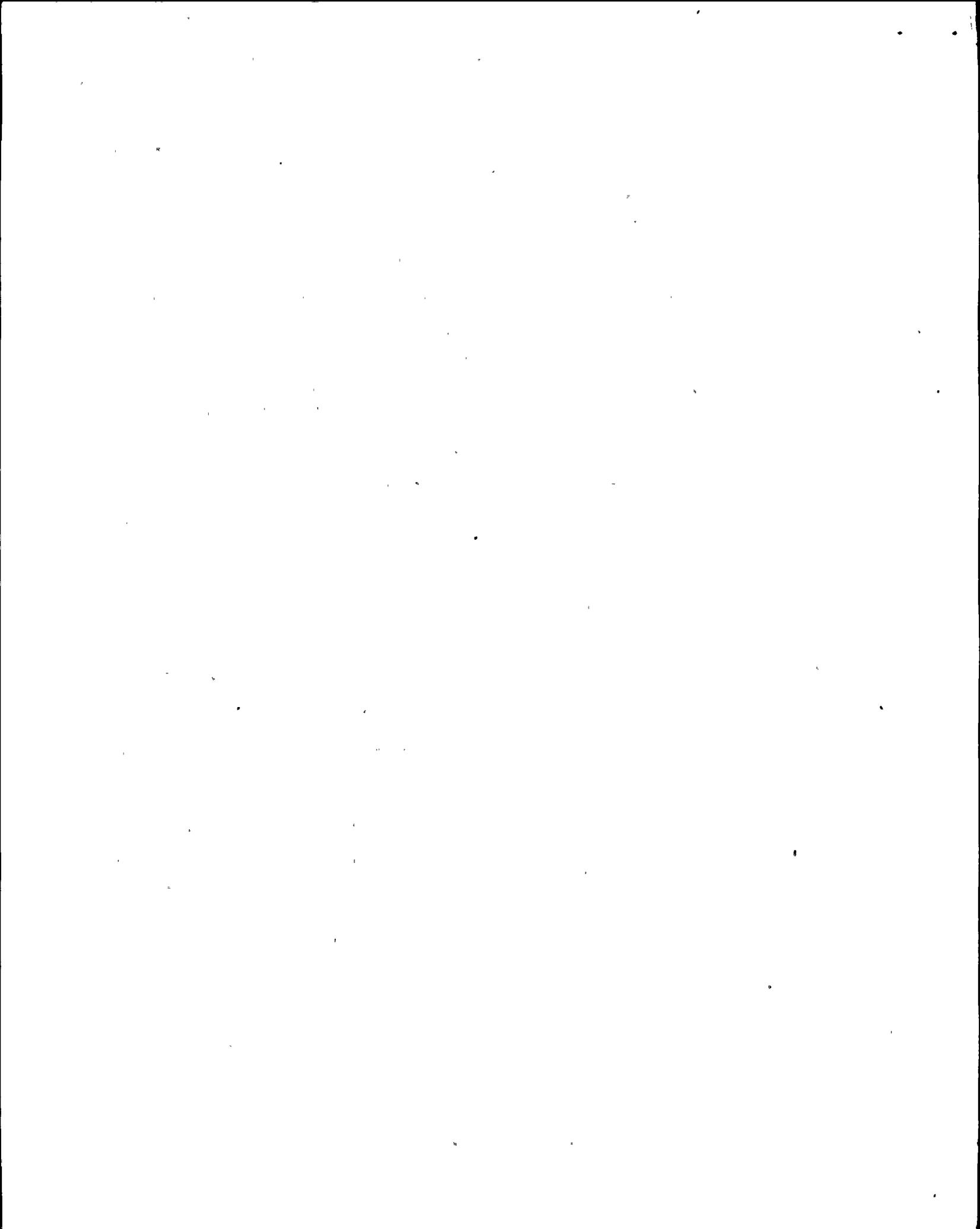
9 Between May 1966 and September 1976 I have spent 155
10 man-days in ecological observations at Diablo Canyon during 70
11 different field trips. I have logged over 150 SCUBA dives at
12 Diablo, and I have visited the site on numerous other occasions.
13 I have supervised and participated in ecological surveys at
14 operating thermal power plants at Humboldt Bay, Contra Costa,
15 Pittsburg, Oleum, Hunters Point, Petrero, Moss Landing, and
16 Morro Bay, California. These surveys have included the effects
17 of power plant operations on fish, benthic invertebrates, inter-
18 tidal plants and animals, and zooplankton. I have also conducted
19 ecological studies at nuclear power plant sites at Bodega Bay,
20 Mendocino, and Davenport. My thesis research centered on the
21 effects of thermal discharges on marine flora and fauna at the
22 Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant. I have visited and consulted
23 with ecologists conducting studies at nuclear power facilities
24 at Hanford, Washington; San Onofre, California; Connecticut
25 Yankee near East Haddam, Connecticut; Millstone Point, Connecticut;



1 and Windscale, United Kingdom; in addition to numerous fossil-
2 fueled power plants.

3 The Intervenors have cited a number of issues at Diablo
4 which they contend have not been covered adequately by our studies
5 or by the FES Addendum. The particular contentions I intend to
6 cover in my testimony are 1D., 1F., 1G., 1J., and 3. from the
7 list of stipulated contentions.

8 First, I would like to call attention to Dr. John
9 Wells' Figure 1 for a description of the various sampling loca-
10 tions used in connection with the ecological monitoring programs
11 now in effect at Diablo Canyon. The majority of these stations
12 are inside the 10 fathom (60 ft. or 18 m) line, because we know
13 that the major potential impact of the discharge on benthic
14 organisms will be in shallow water. The smaller white dots
15 represent stations sampled by Dr. Wheeler J. North since 1966,
16 and described by him in the 1973 NEPA hearings. Yellow represents
17 the 16 fixed stations of the California Department of Fish and
18 Game (CDF&G), occupied seasonally since 1970. Purple dots
19 represent the PGandE water quality stations occupied during
20 the NPDES monitoring program, and described in reports to the
21 Regional Water Quality Control Board contained in Supplement No. 6
22 to the Environmental Report (ER-6). The orange station just off
23 Diablo Cove is a station occupied for fixed current measurements
24 since 1967 (ER-2, 4, and 5) while the large white dots are 6 of
25 the 24 oceanographic stations occupied seasonally in the area
26 extending from Morro Bay to south of Avila (ER-4 and 5).

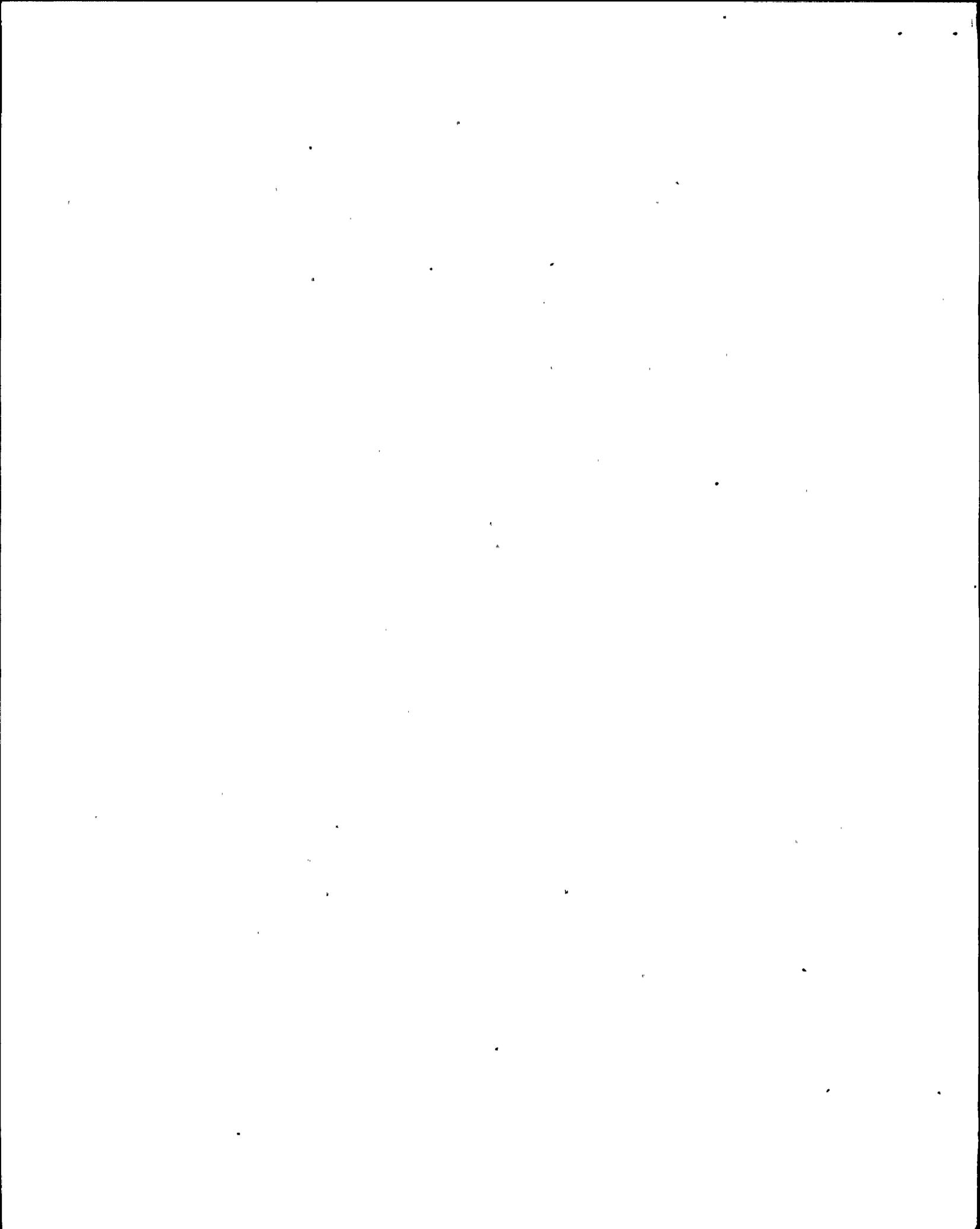


1 The 316(a) demonstration study locations are represented by 21
2 blue intertidal stations, 14 red 10 ft. subtidal, and 18 green
3 15 ft. and deeper subtidal stations. This represents a total
4 of 111 permanent monitoring stations in the waters around Diablo,
5 including 40 stations within the confines of Diablo Cove itself.

6 In early 1975, we established a seawater laboratory at
7 Diablo. We now have 3 biologists, a technician and several
8 temporary assistants in residence at that laboratory. The
9 CDF&G also has 2 biologists in residence in their laboratory
10 at Diablo. The 316(a) program, conducted by consultants, has
11 a professional staff of 22 in facilities on site. All of these
12 groups are supplemented by additional people when required. In
13 summary, we have a very substantial program to document the
14 baseline conditions and the potential effects of the discharge
15 on the aquatic environment.

16 Contention 1D. - Sublethal Thermal Effects

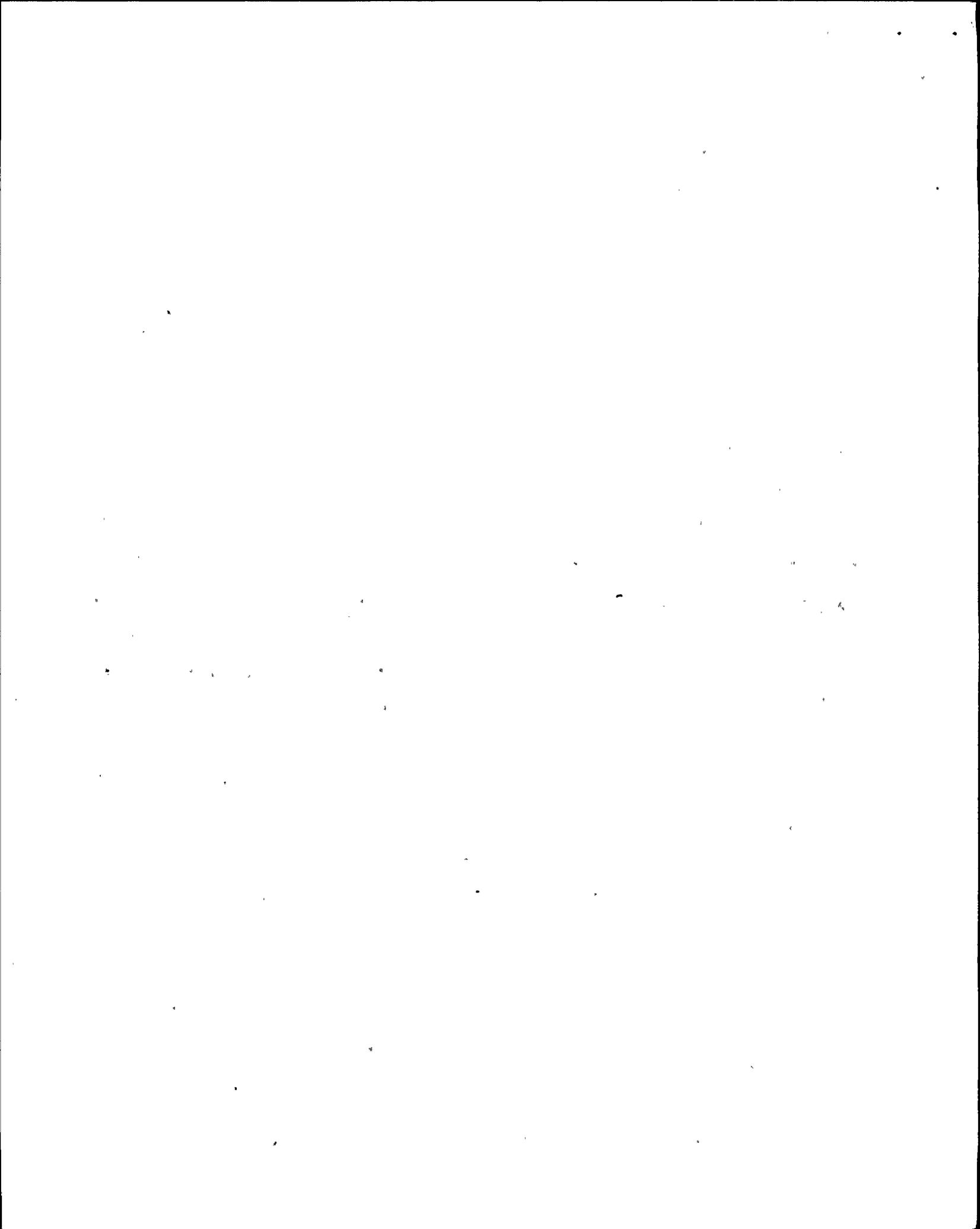
17 The Intervenors have contended that quantitative data
18 on sublethal thermal effects has not been provided. The FES
19 Addendum contains sufficient information on thermal effects
20 drawn from our ER Supplements to evaluate the impact on important
21 organisms such as abalone, bull kelp, and zooplankton. These
22 ER Supplements treat sublethal as well as lethal effects. In
23 the adult abalone thermal tolerance tests, both the sublethal
24 effect of detachment from the substrate and the lethal death
25 point were quantified (ER-4, pp. 364-368; pp. 373-378; ER-5,



1 pp. 273-285; pp. 318-322). When an abalone detaches from its
2 substrate, death may not occur directly from the thermal stress,
3 but the animal may become more susceptible to predators. In the
4 1973 NEPA hearings, I used the temperature of 21.1°C (70°F) as a
5 critical temperature for abalones, although detachment did not
6 occur in any tests until 22°C (71.6°F), and the LD50 point
7 occurred at 23°C (73.4°F) (Adams p. 11 following Tr. 600). The
8 CDF&G also looked at sublethal effects in larval abalone. They
9 noted aberrant embryo development, exhibition of feeble ciliary
10 movement, and behaviorial traits such as remaining at the bottom
11 of culture bowls, in addition to the actual lethal death point
12 in their studies (ER-4, pp. 364-368).

13 Zooplankton cross-condenser mortality tests at operating
14 plants were used to predict zooplankton mortality at Diablo Canyon
15 (ER-4, pp. 142-153). These tests included the sublethal effect
16 of the impaired swimming ability as well as the lethal death point.
17 All zooplankton which had impaired swimming ability were classi-
18 fied as dead, which made the computed mortality figures higher
19 than those which would have been computed for dead zooplankton
20 only. The assessments are described more fully in the reference
21 reports cited in that Supplement.

22 In related research at other PGandE power plants, CDF&G
23 tested for the delayed effects of rapid temperature rise on repro-
24 duction. Gravid female opossum shrimp, Neomysis awatschensis,
25 were subjected to different temperature increases, and held for



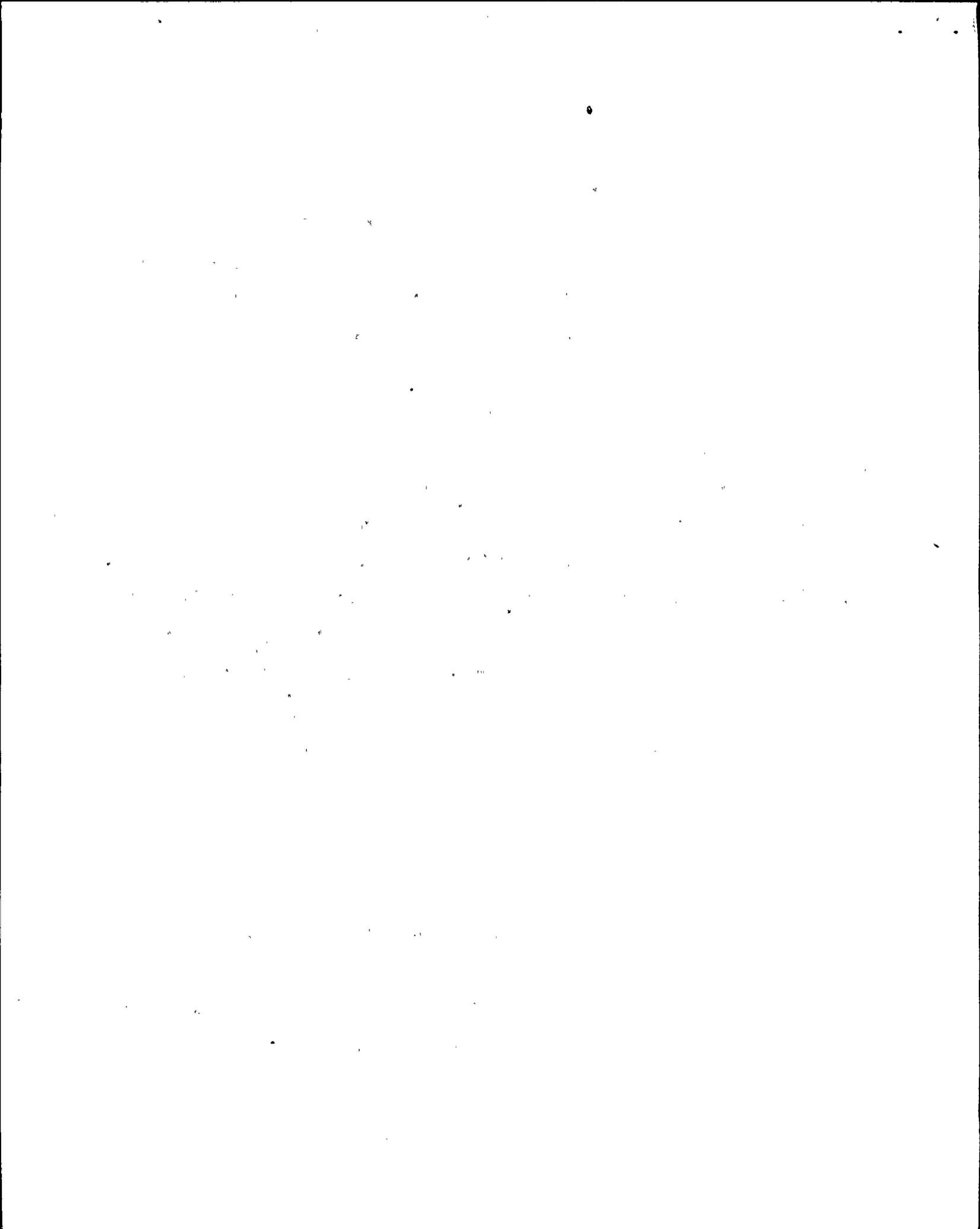
1 5 days until the eggs carried within their body hatched out. The
2 number of viable eggs was compared in the experimental groups
3 and in the control group. The tests were inconclusive in that
4 the number of eggs produced by the controls were between the
5 egg numbers produced by two experimental groups, and the
6 mortalities in the control group were intermediate compared to
7 the experimental group.^{1/}

8 We have also studied sublethal effects in copepods
9 which survived passage through the cooling water system of
10 the Morro Bay Power Plant. We found that no delayed mortality
11 due to latent entrainment effects occurred during the five-day
12 test period.^{2/} In our bull kelp temperature tolerance tests,
13 several sublethal effects were quantified. These effects in-
14 cluded blade tip bleaching, stipe and pneumatocyst bleaching,
15 stipe and pneumatocyst detachment, as well as ultimate lethal
16 degeneration of the kelp plant (Figures 4, 5, 8-12).^{3/}

17 These data indicate that sublethal effects have been
18 fully considered in determining the survival of important
19 organisms at Diablo.

20 Contention 1F. - Impingement and Entrainment

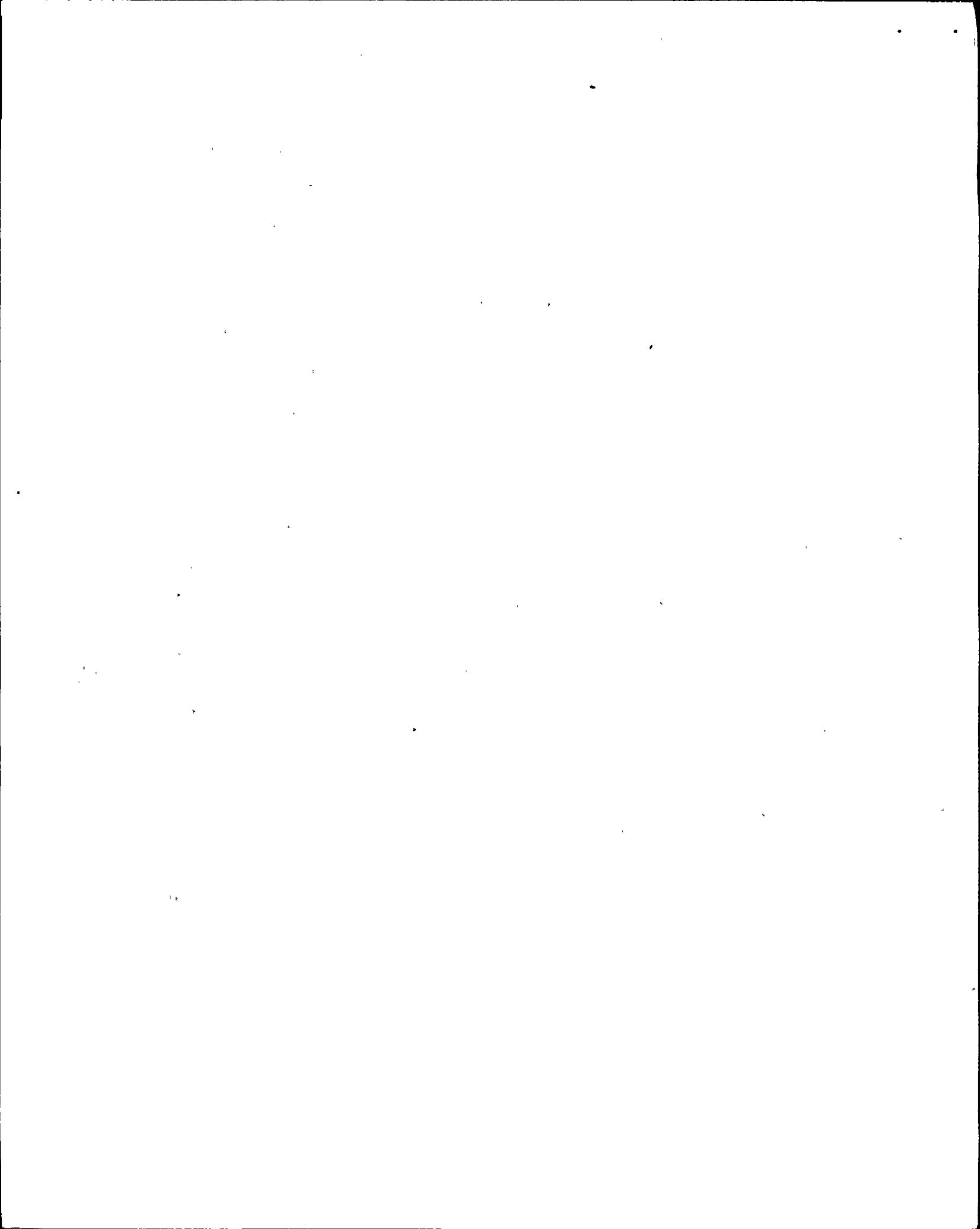
21 The response of Scenic Shoreline Preservation Conference,
22 Inc. to NRC Interrogatory No. 6 (pp. 7, 8) contends that the FES
23 Addendum statement concerning insignificant mortality of abalone
24 eggs should be supported by data. The FES Addendum describes
25 abalone eggs and larvae in Section 2.7.2 (pp. 2-14, 2-15, 2-16).



1 ER-4 and ER-5 treat abalone mortality in detail. Simulated
2 entrainment tests were conducted on the morula stage (6-7 hrs.),
3 the trochophore stage (20 hrs.) and different veliger stages
4 (40 hrs., 56 hrs., 60 hrs., and 125 hrs.), and mortality observa-
5 tions were continued at intervals up to 48 hours after testing
6 began (ER-4, pp. 364-368, pp. 373-378; ER-5, pp. 273-285). The
7 morula stage is an embryo stage, while trochophores and veligers
8 are larval stages. Scenic cites a paper by Carpenter et al to
9 support the contention that the abalone organisms that survived
10 "impingement"* were held for insufficient time to analyze delayed
11 mortality or sublethal damage. The paper by Carpenter et al,
12 however, dealt not with abalone but with an entirely different
13 class of organisms (copepods). In addition, neither we nor any
14 other investigator has found delayed mortality in zooplankton
15 (including copepods) from thermal entrainment.

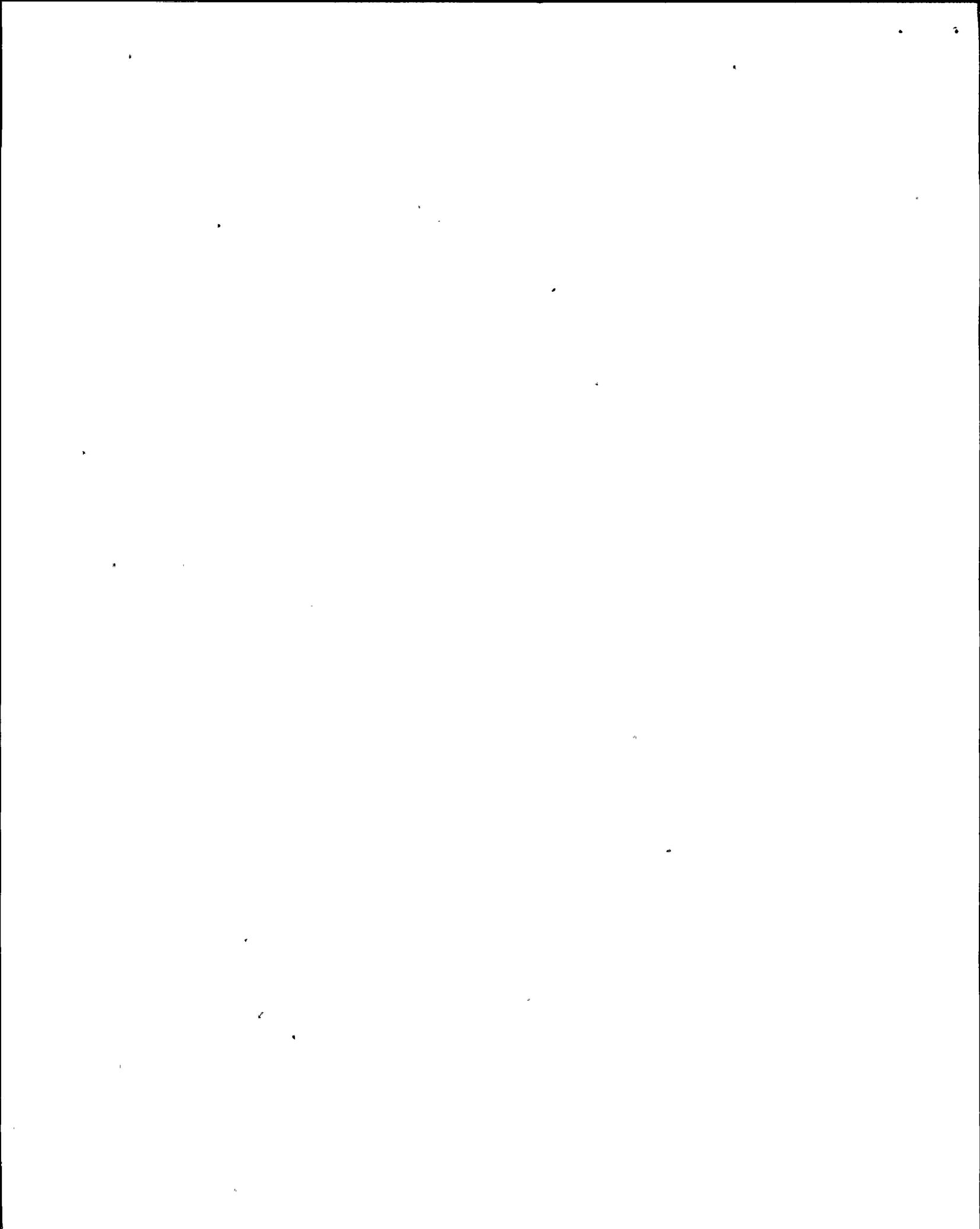
16 In the work at our Morro Bay Power Plant cited earlier,
17 we did not find delayed mortality over a five-day period. The
18 study by Hair cited earlier did not find any delayed mortality
19 in opossum shrimp over a seven-day period. Kelly^{4/}, who studied
20 the mortality of opossum shrimp entrained in the Pittsburg Power
21 Plant, did not find any delayed mortality over a 36-hour period.

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23 *"Impingement" refers to those organisms which are too large
24 to pass through the screens of a power plant, and are held
25 against the screen by force of the incoming water. Since
the screens at Diablo are 3/8-inch mesh, any larval abalone
would be too small for impingement (ER-8).



1 Davis^{5/} did not find any delayed mortalities in two different
2 species of copepods entrained at an East Coast power plant. The
3 Institute of Environmental Medicine^{6/} did not find delayed
4 mortality in several different zooplankters entrained at a
5 power plant in the Hudson River.

6 Preliminary information on the numbers and kinds of
7 fish impinged in the period December 3, 1975 to January 23, 1976
8 has been supplied (ER-8). Additional data will be obtained when
9 the circulating water pumps are turned on again and is expected
10 to be required by Environmental Technical Specifications. We
11 now have impingement data for the period December 3, 1975 to
12 February 27, 1976, a 3-month period. The impingement rate,
13 using data for 47 days in this period, was 1.51 fish per day,
14 averaging 113 g. (4 oz.) per day. We recovered a total of 71
15 fish representing 30 species in this time period. The circulating
16 water system has not been operated since that time. Scenic claims
17 that we have not done relevant studies to determine the species
18 which might be impinged or entrained (Scenic response to NRC
19 Interrogatories 6B and 6C). Extensive information has been
20 supplied in the ER Supplements for the evaluations made in the
21 FES Addendum. Zooplankton species and abundance information at
22 Diablo Canyon was compiled weekly for 38 taxonomic categories
23 for a one-year period (FES Addendum, Section 2.7.2, pp. 2-11,
24 2-14; ER-4, pp. 135-153). Comprehensive larval fish species
25 and abundance data have been provided for a 15-month period^{7/}.

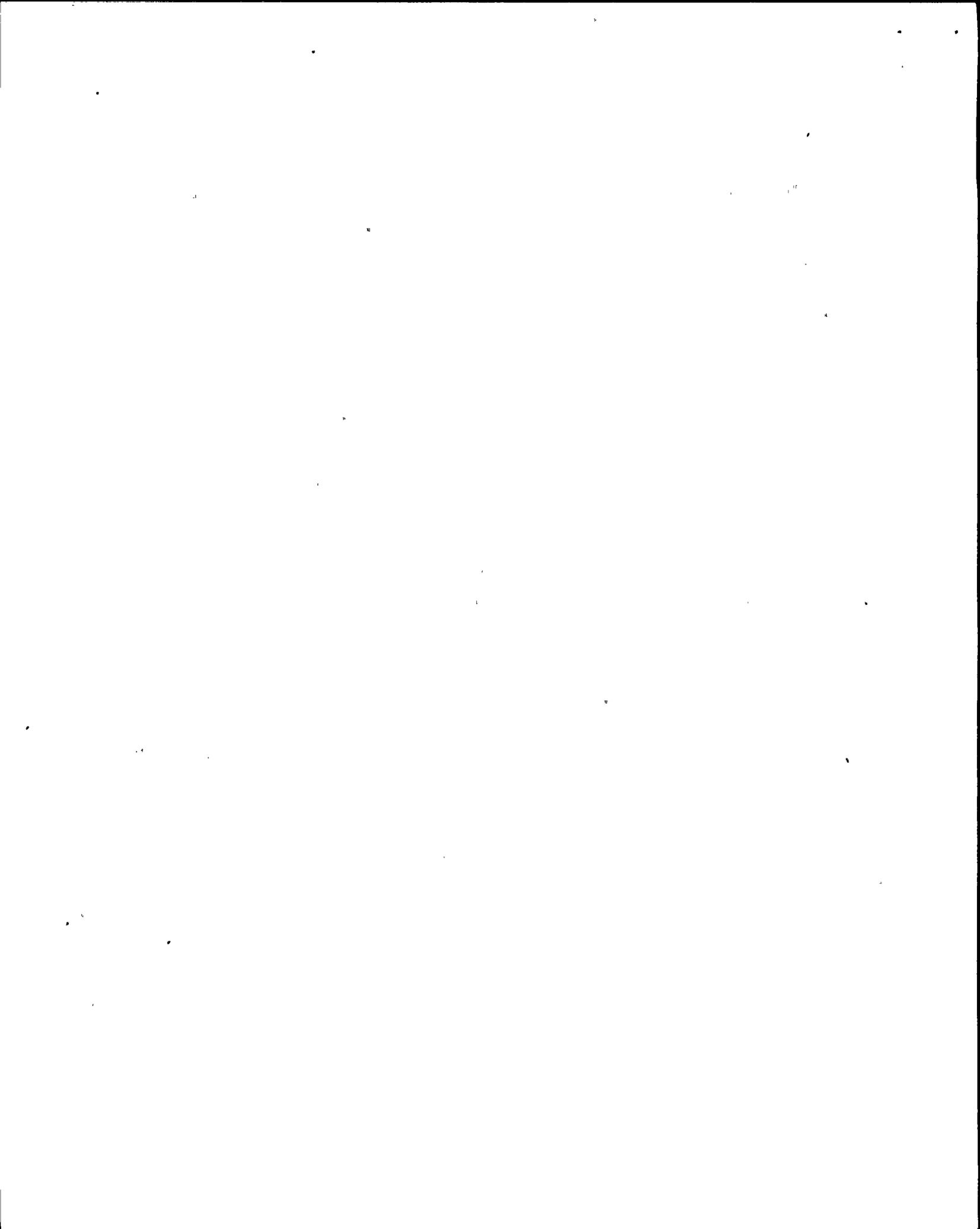


1 During this study replicate samples were obtained biweekly at
2 inshore and offshore stations. A total of 5,651 fish larvae
3 and 10,705 fish eggs were collected, and 17 families including
4 55 larval fish were identified. As stated in the FES Addendum
5 (p. 5-5), the new larval fish information indicates that the
6 average density of fish present ($0.359/m^3$) is only one-third
7 that used to estimate potential impact in the original FES,
8 which used a figure of $1.11/m^3$.

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10 Contention 1G. - Species Loss and Regeneration of Significant
11 Marine Breeding Areas Including Larval Abalone

12 The significant marine breeding areas in this conten-
13 tion have not been identified by Intervenors. William P.
14 Cornwell, in his responses to Applicant and NRC Staff interroga-
15 tories dated June 16 and 21, 1976, respectively, expresses con-
16 cern about the potential loss of significant areas of kelp beds
17 and the subsequent effect on abalone populations. Cornwell
18 states that there is little or no existing information on the
19 effects of a slight increase in surface temperature on bull kelp
20 sexuality and on the release of mature sori from blades of bull
21 kelp. He also states that no verification of this thermal effect
22 has been made by us.

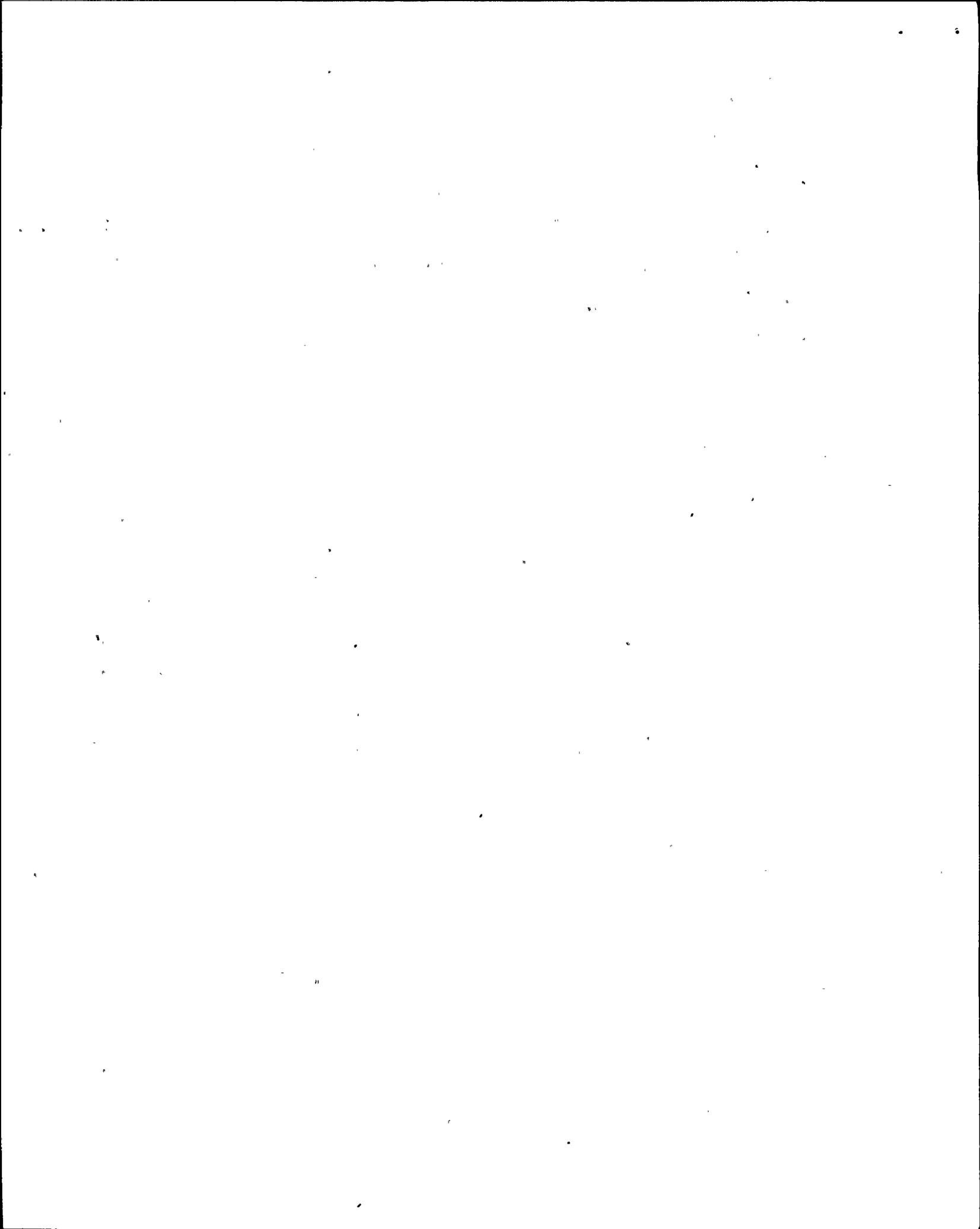
23 The questions of species loss and regeneration of
24 significant marine breeding areas are treated extensively in
25 FES Addendum (Section 2.7.2 and 5.3.2). The NRC Staff concluded



1 that the loss of as much as 10 to 20 acres of bull kelp in
2 Diablo Cove will not adversely affect the regional marine life
3 that is dependent on kelp. Because the populations of abalone
4 and sea urchins within Diablo Cove have been reduced to a small
5 fraction of their former abundance primarily due to factors
6 unrelated to the plant, the additional impact of the thermal
7 plume will be small. (FES Addendum, p. ii, Item 4b (6) & (7)
8 in Summary and Conclusions). According to the California
9 Department of Fish and Game, abalone are no longer a major
10 component of the Diablo Cove subtidal community. If otter
11 foraging were absent and abalone could acclimate to the higher
12 temperature in the Cove, CDF&G predicts a harvestable red
13 abalone population in 5 to 10 years (FES Addendum, p. 5-6).

14 In addition to describing the basic life history of
15 bull kelp (ER-4, pp. 77-79), and investigating the thermal
16 response of juvenile sporophytes of bull kelp in the study by
17 Warrick cited earlier, we have cited an extensive literature
18 on seasonal changes and on the effect of temperature increases
19 on bull kelp sexuality.

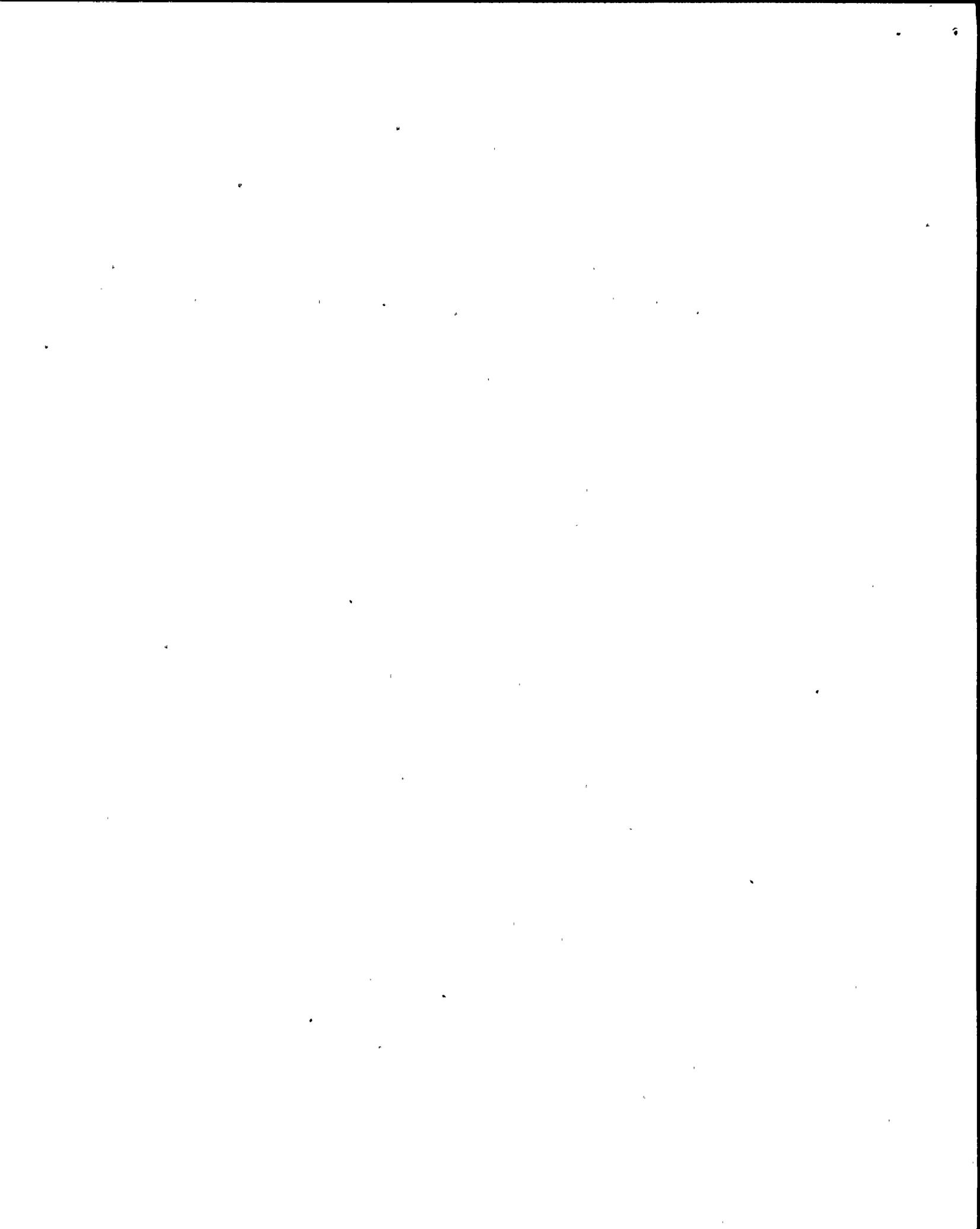
20 In situ work by McLean (1962)^{8/}, Ebert (1973)^{9/}, and
21 Foreman (1970)^{10/} on the ecology of bull kelp has shown that the
22 sporophyte generation in northern and central California is first
23 observed between March and April, coinciding with the upwelling
24 period and the lowest annual water temperatures. At Diablo
25 Canyon, surface and bottom temperatures ranging between 7.8-9.5°C



1 (45-49°F) are not uncommon during upwelling. Vegetative
2 sporophyte growth continues throughout the spring and summer
3 months with peak surface canopy development and zoosporangial
4 sori maturation typically occurring in September, coinciding
5 with the year's warmest ambient seawater temperatures and widest
6 diel temperature fluctuations (Ebert, 1973; ER-4, pp. 89-90;
7 and ER-5, pp. 113-147). Zoospore release and settlement like-
8 wise occur during this period of highest annual ambient tempera-
9 tures when daily readings in Diablo Cove have reached as high as
10 17.2°C (63°F), at a depth of 10 m. Mean monthly benthic and
11 surface temperatures, however, have generally ranged between
12 12.8-15.5°C (54-60.4°F) during this Fall period.

13 Harge (1928)^{11/} was successful in inducing zoospore
14 release from sections of zoosporangial tissue, growing fertile
15 female and male gametophytes, and raising juvenile sporophytes
16 to a length of 1.5 cm in water temperatures averaging 16°C
17 (60.8°F) and ranging as high as 18°C (64.4°F). Vadas (1972)^{12/}
18 was successful in obtaining gametophyte growth at 20°C (68°F),
19 although pigment bleaching and abnormal development were noted.
20 He concluded that the effective reproductive limits for bull
21 kelp were between 2°C (35.6°F) and 18°C (64.4°F).

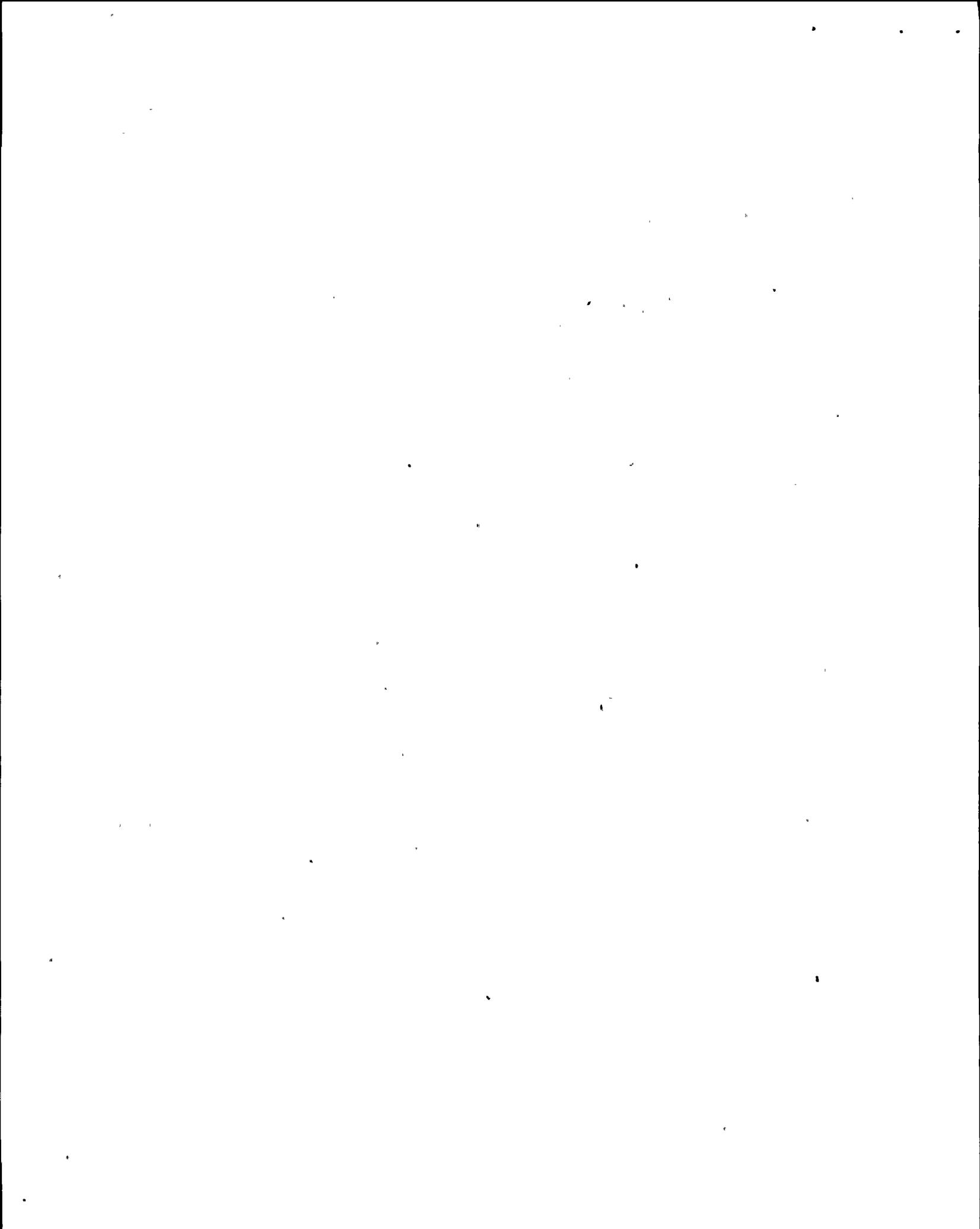
22 The temperature response of bull kelp described in
23 the existing literature and in our studies indicates that tissue
24 bleaching and degeneration can be expected to occur when seawater
25 temperatures range near 17.8°C (64°F) for several consecutive



1 hours each day for several days.

2 In Diablo Cove during the spring months (April and
3 May), sporophytes could be exposed to these temperature regimes
4 if located directly in the path of the high velocity discharge
5 plume and in peripheral shallow subtidal areas where the cross-
6 sectional influence of the warm water at lower velocity could
7 extend throughout the water column, thus contacting the bottom.
8 During the later summer and early fall, the size of the areas
9 affected by temperatures above 17.8°C (64°F) would be increased
10 as power plant delta-T's remained fairly constant and ambient
11 temperatures reached annual maxima. Assuming that zoospore
12 release could occur, Vadas' (1972) work indicates that gameto-
13 genesis and sexual reproduction would probably be inhibited in
14 these areas of the Cove. Beyond the point in the Cove where
15 the plume lifts off the bottom and in the deeper peripheral
16 areas below the layer of warm water, sporophytes could also
17 develop if fertile zoosporangial tissue was introduced through
18 the cooling water system or by currents from other areas. Ebert
19 (1968) reported observing detached sori accumulated on the sea
20 floor with swarms of zoospores being released.

21 Recent results of physical model tests conducted by
22 the University of California, Berkeley, indicate that the
23 operation of the shoreline discharge causes large volumes of
24 water to be drawn into Diablo Cove along the bottom between
25 Diablo Rock and the north tip of the Cove. Providing this

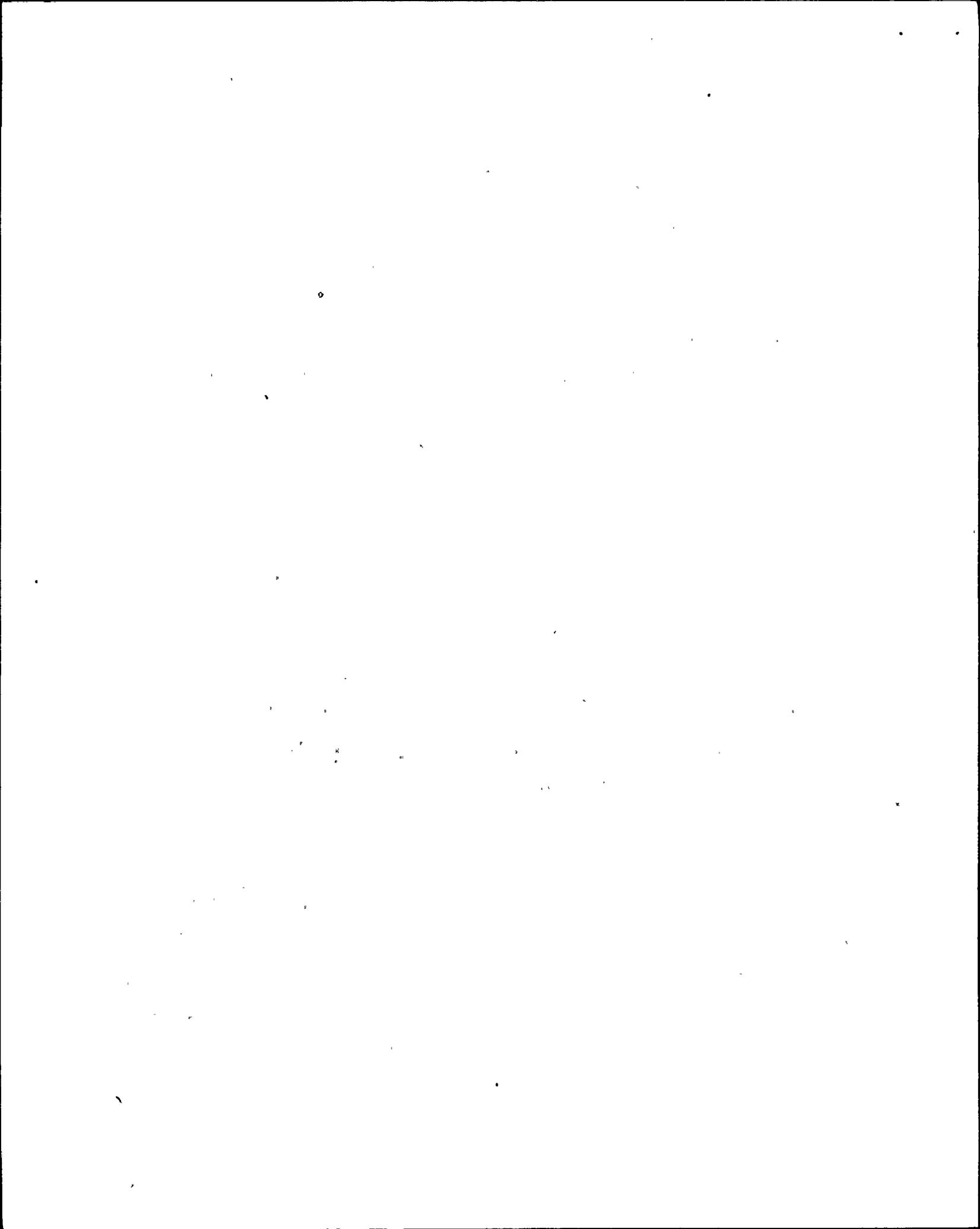


1 entrainment occurs, detached sori from mature bull kelp plants
2 north of Diablo Cove should introduce zoospores into the Cove.
3 These zoospores could develop into bull kelp stands in areas
4 of suitable temperature and light. In addition, results of
5 physical model tests indicate that plume influence is not
6 expected to extend into the northern portion of the Cove,
7 where a substantial bed of bull kelp presently exists.

8 In summary, the studies and review performed by
9 PGandE support and reaffirm the conclusions in the FES Addendum
10 that the effect on bull kelp and on abalone will be confined to
11 a limited area. Any potential effect of this bull kelp reduction
12 on abalone would be confined to the larger abalone (greater than
13 1 to 2 inches or 2.5 to 5 cm), since smaller abalone do not feed
14 on bull kelp (FES Appendix A2-6.1). The direct effects of the
15 temperature increase on both larval abalone and on the adults
16 has been summarized in the FES Addendum (p. 2-14 and pp. 5-4 to
17 5-5), and in the ER Supplements (ER-4, pp. 155-174, pp. 175-179,
18 pp. 364-368, pp. 373-378; ER-5, pp. 273-285, pp. 318-322).

19 Contention 1J. - Growth and Concentration of Bull Kelp, as
20 Affected by Heat, Chlorine, and Foam Emitted
21 From the Diablo Canyon Discharge Structures,
22 and its Effect on Abalone Which Feed on it

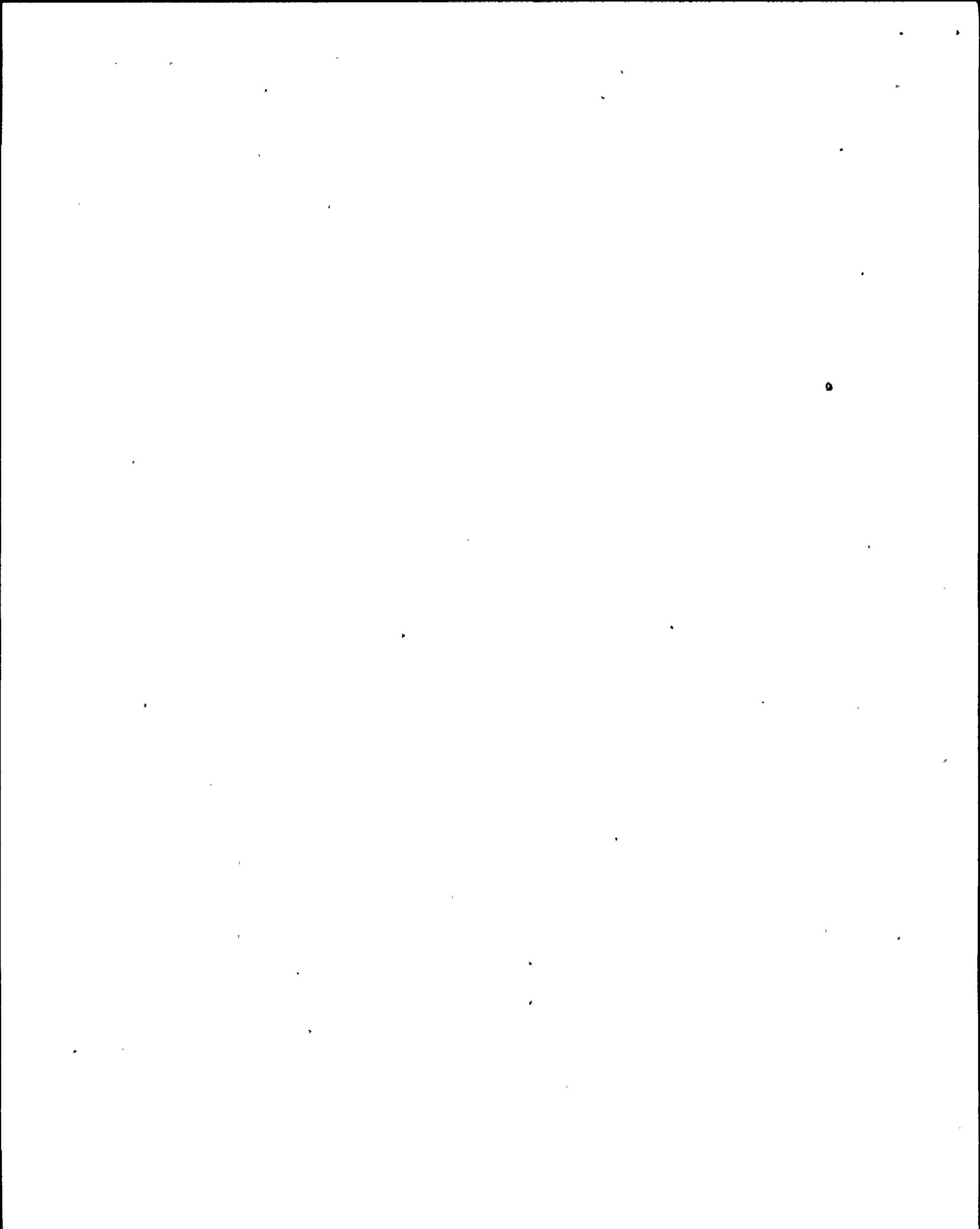
23 William P. Cornwell, in his response to PGandE and
24 Staff interrogatories dated June 16 and 21, 1976, respectively,
25 asked questions in these general areas, all of which have been



1 addressed in the FES Addendum. The question of heat effects on
2 bull kelp and the subsequent effects on abalone have already
3 been discussed by me. Other information available in the
4 literature and from our recent studies is set forth below.

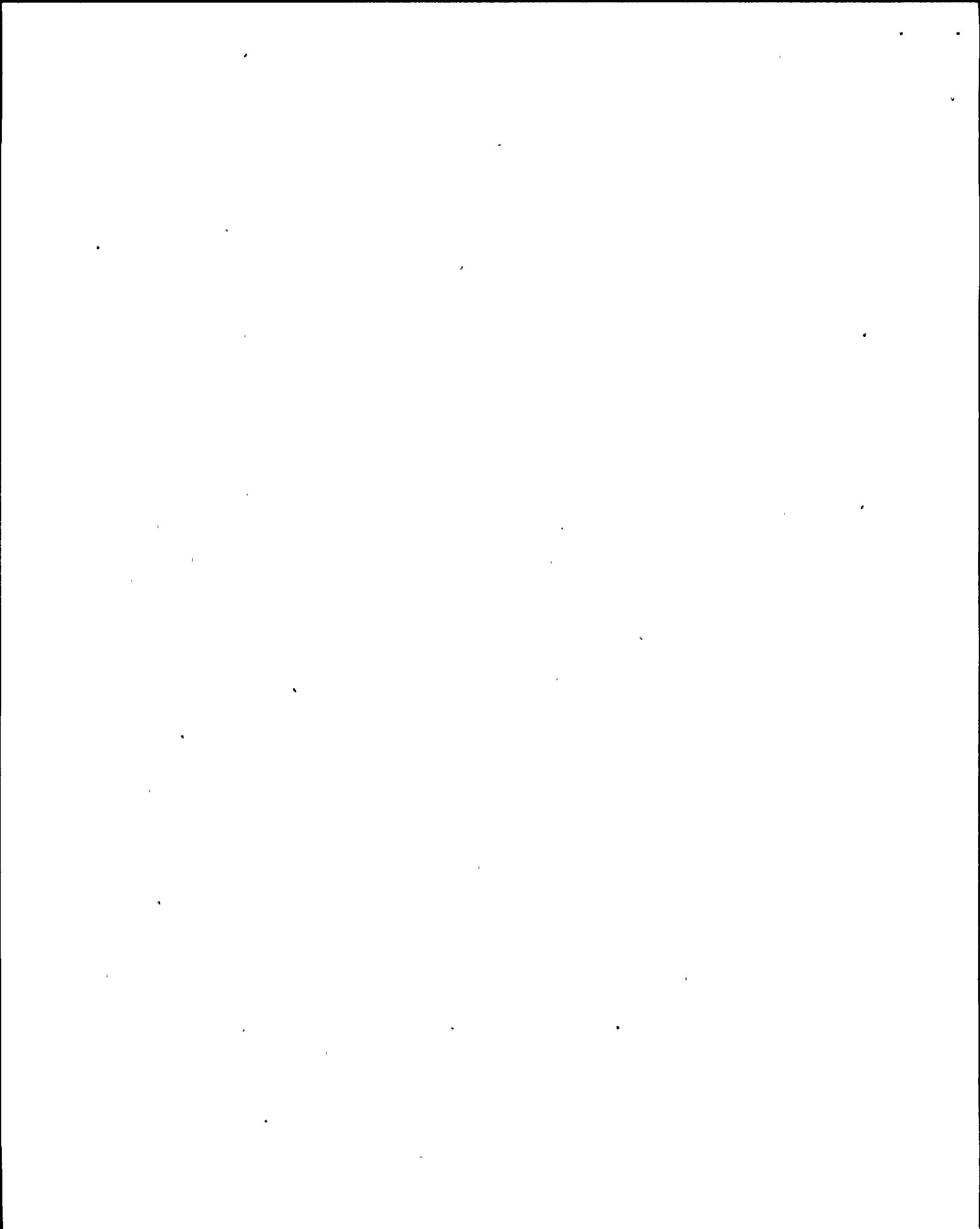
5 As already cited (FES Addendum, Section 5.3.2,
6 p. 5-15), a concentration of 1.0 ppm chlorine had no effect on
7 giant kelp, Macrocystis pyrifera, over a 5-day exposure period.
8 The chlorine discharge limit for Diablo Canyon in the NPDES
9 permit adopted April 19, 1976 specifies a maximum of 0.1 mg/l
10 total available chlorine at the point of discharge, or one-tenth
11 the level cited above. The discharge stream is further diluted
12 by mixing with the receiving water. Each pump system (one-half
13 unit) is to be treated for only 10 minutes per day rather than
14 continuously, as in the experiment described above. Consequently,
15 there should be no effect on the kelp in the receiving water. A
16 chlorine dose limit of 50 kg/day/unit is also imposed by the NPDES
17 permit. Finally, the area where the maximum concentration of
18 0.1 mg/l could occur at the base of the discharge is so turbulent
19 and of such high velocity (FES Addendum, Fig. 3.1) that no kelp
20 will be able to survive in the immediate area. Thus it is
21 extremely unlikely that chlorine from the Diablo Canyon discharge
22 operating under the NPDES permit limitations could have any
23 adverse effect on kelp in Diablo Cove or beyond the Cove.

24 The circulating water pumps of the Diablo Canyon Power
25 Plant were operated from June 28, 1974 to October 24, 1974 and



1 from November 11, 1975 to March 1, 1976. Foam was produced in
2 varying quantities during the pump operation (FES Addendum,
3 Fig. 3.1 and Section 5.2.2, p. 5-1 to 5-2). As part of the
4 NPDES monitoring program, aerial photographs have been taken
5 of the kelp beds with infrared color film (ER-8; FES Table 6.1).
6 These aerial photographs and verification by on-ground inspection
7 reveal a normal pattern of bull kelp growth in Diablo Cove for
8 1974, 1975, and 1976, including the area of Diablo Cove affected
9 by the foam from the discharge. The extent of the kelp beds
10 in Diablo Cove on October 16, 1975 is shown on Figure 1 attached.
11 This kelp bed originated from zoospores liberated by the 1974
12 adult plants. Operation of the circulating water pumps in 1974
13 coincided with the maturation of developing sori on the blades
14 of the adult plants.

15 The 1976 kelp crop exhibits a pattern of kelp canopy
16 development similar to the record 1975 kelp crop according to
17 the California Department of Fish and Game.^{13, 14/} The 1976
18 sporophytes developed from sexual and asexual reproduction
19 starting in the fall of 1975 and extending into early 1976,
20 the period during which the pumps were again operating (FES
21 Addendum, Fig. 3.1). The developing sporophytes were able to
22 grow without apparent inhibition by foam produced from operation
23 of the circulating water system. The extent of the kelp beds
24 on August 25, 1976 is shown on Figure 2 attached. Although
25 taken nearly 2 months earlier than the record crop displayed

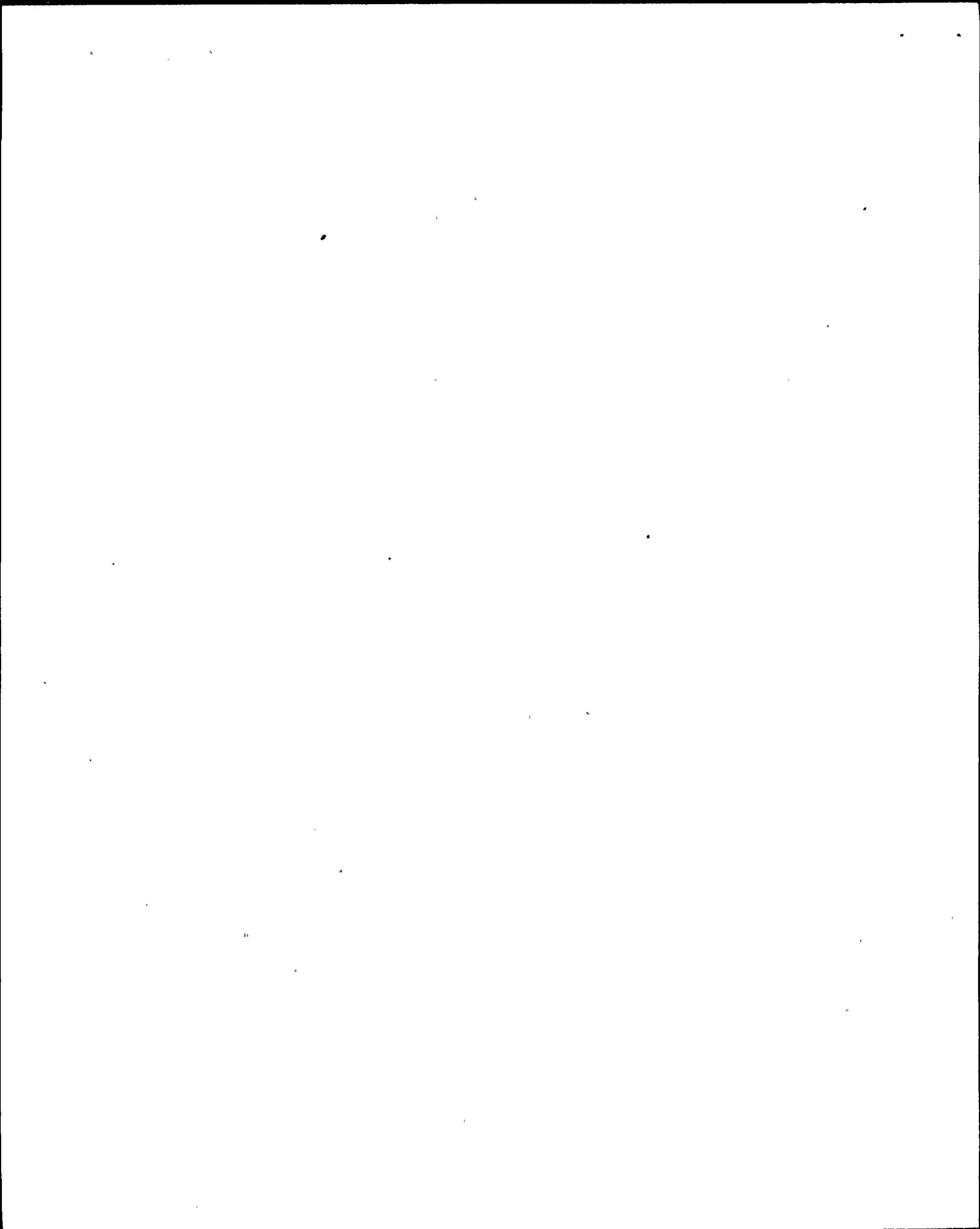


1 on Figure 1 the kelp shows the same pattern of development. In
2 fact, as noted in pages 32-33 of Warrick's kelp report cited
3 earlier, we found a dense stand of bull kelp growing intertidally
4 in both the southeast and northeast corners of Diablo Cove in
5 1976. The plants appeared healthy, and the blades of most of
6 the individuals contained maturing sporangial sori. Some of
7 these plants were found in the areas where the greatest amounts
8 of foam had been observed during pump operation.

9 A program of surface foam monitoring was initiated by
10 CDF&G in November 1976, which included wind and swell direction,
11 maps of foam distribution, and photographs (CDF&G, Quarterly
12 No. 10, pp. 8-9). They found foam within southeast Diablo Cove
13 on 50 percent of the survey days. On other days, wind and swell
14 action caused the foam to disperse.

15 In summary, the kelp canopy in Diablo Cove has in-
16 creased in each succeeding year, with an 80 percent increase
17 from 1973 to 1974 (FES Addendum, p. 2-11), and a doubling from
18 1974 to 1975 (CDF&G, Quarterly No. 10, p. 6). This increase has
19 occurred in all areas of the cove, including those regions where
20 foam from discharge operation conceptually could have been a
21 problem. Foam was generated during two critical periods in the
22 life history of the bull kelp, but did not appear to affect the
23 subsequent kelp beds.

24 The effects of chlorine on abalone have been studied
25 at our Biology Laboratory at Diablo Canyon site. Black abalone



1 were able to withstand a dose of 9.6 mg/liter total residual
2 chlorine application for a one-hour period, and survived for
3 the entire 15-day test period.^{15/} This concentration is nearly
4 100 times that allowed for discharge under the existing NPDES
5 permit. Both red abalone and black abalone survived daily doses
6 of 0.5 mg/liter free residual chlorine for 20-minute periods for
7 an entire 30-day test period. This dose level is 25 times
8 greater than that allowed by the NPDES permit.

9 The effects of concentrated sea foam on black abalone
10 were also studied at our Biology Laboratory. Foam was scooped
11 up by bucket and then deaerated by agitation which broke the
12 foam bubbles and reduced the liquid fraction to a liquid state.
13 Black abalone and purple sea urchins were able to live in a
14 100 percent solution of this concentrate for the duration of
15 the 96-hour static bioassay.^{16/}

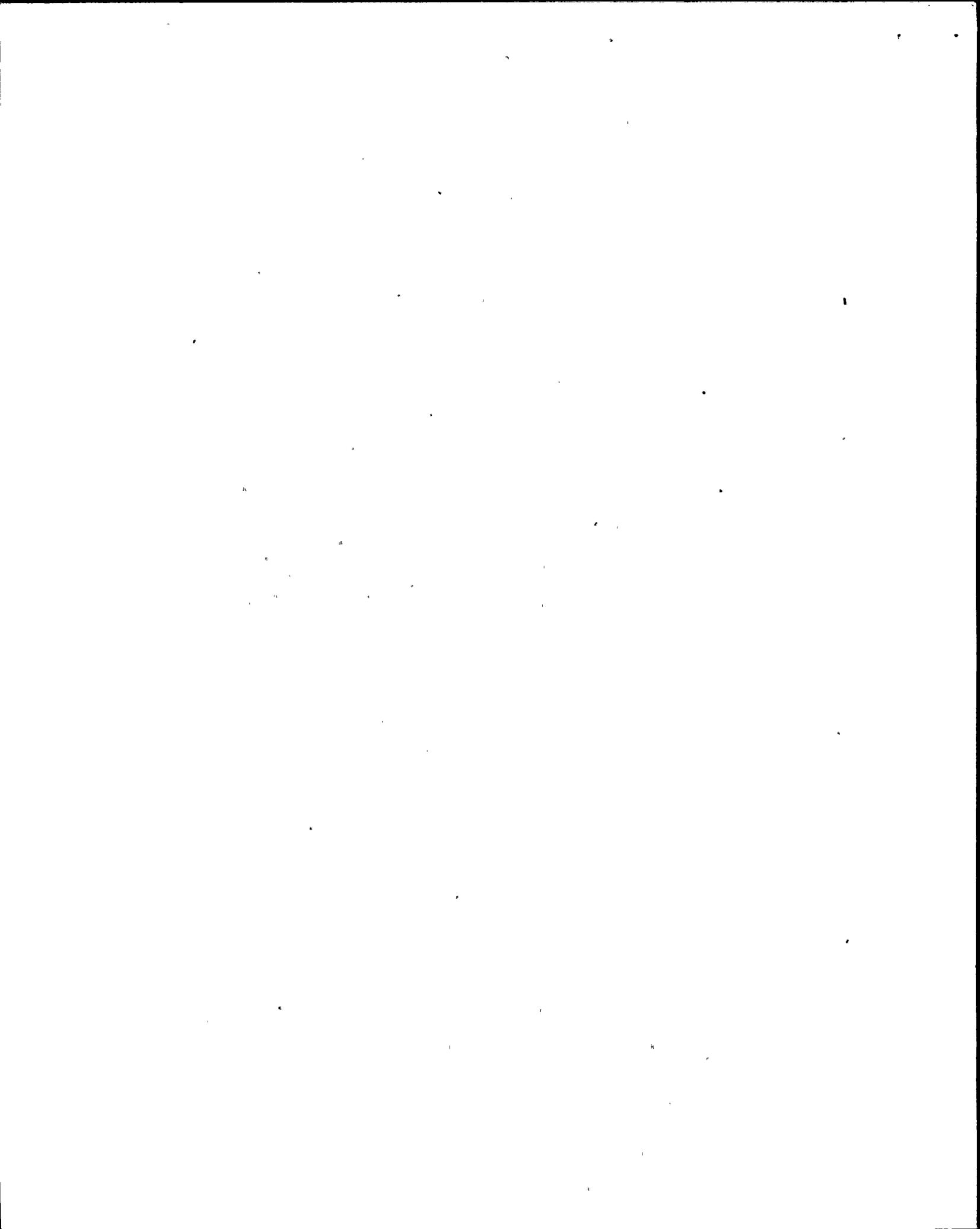
16 Based on the foregoing analysis, the assessment pro-
17 vided in the FES and FES Addendum deals adequately with the
18 questions raised in this contention. The analysis of existing
19 information and new information provided here only reinforces
20 the original assessment that while there will be effects from
21 heat on bull kelp within Diablo Cove there will be no measurable
22 adverse effects on bull kelp and abalone from chlorine or foam.

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1 abalone, on the other hand, are still present in substantial
2 numbers in Diablo Cove (CDF&G, 1976 (C), Annual Report 1974-
3 1975, p. 74).^{17/}

4 The concentrations of copper found in various tissues
5 of black abalone collected in 1974 and 1976 are shown in Table 2.
6 In general, the levels of copper in the different tissues of
7 black abalone were about the same in 1976 as in 1974.

8 In summary, there is no evidence that abalone or the
9 bull kelp on which abalone feed are experiencing residual effects
10 from copper in the Diablo Canyon vicinity.

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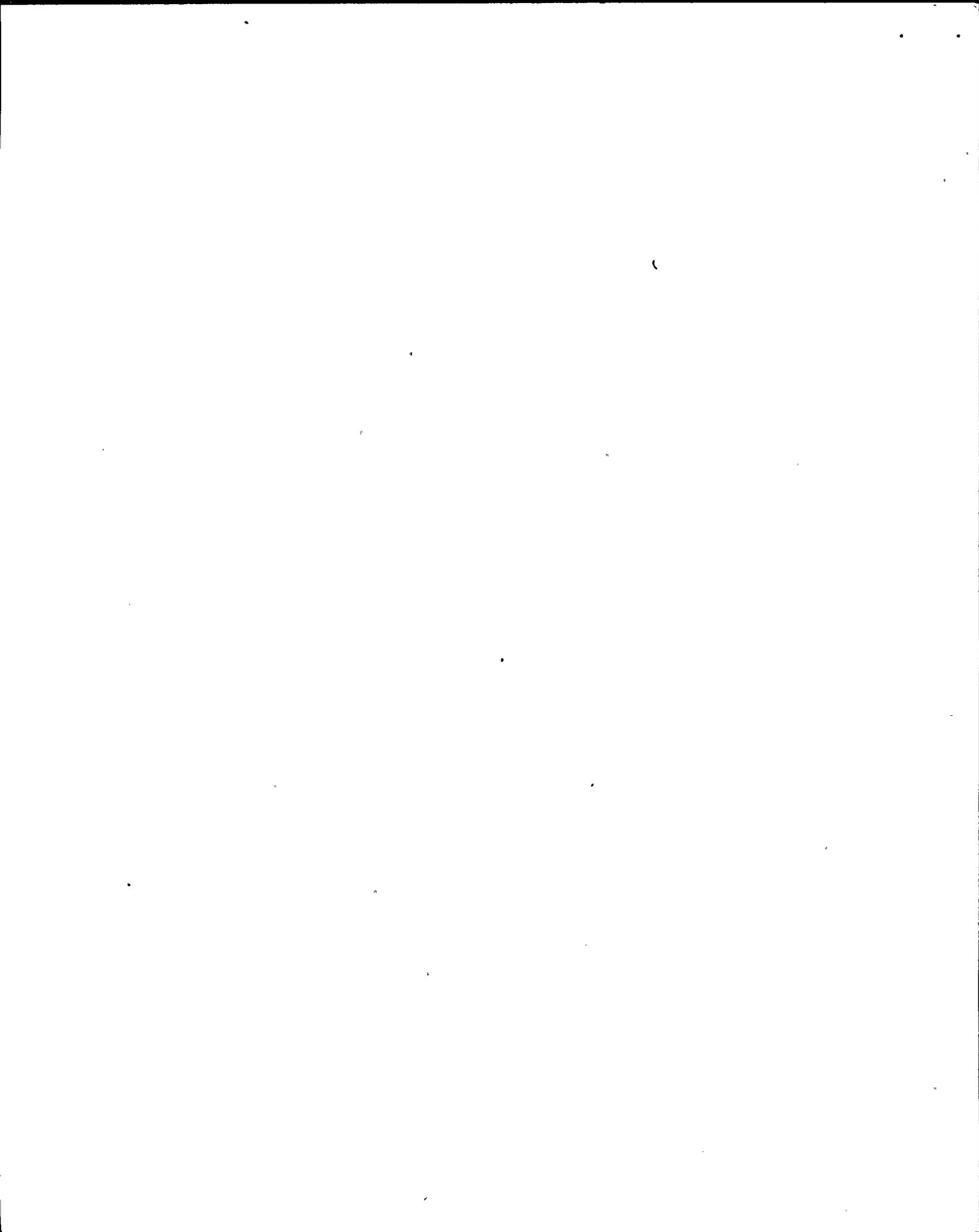


TABLE 1

COMPARISON OF COPPER CONCENTRATIONS, IN PPM DRY WEIGHT, FOUND IN BULL KELP TISSUE IN DIABLO CANYON VICINITY: ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1974 AND OCTOBER 31, 1975.

<u>Location</u>	<u>September 4, 1974</u>	<u>October 31, 1975</u>
South Cove		
Number Collected	1	10
Blade	1.93	0.32 \pm 0.37
Stipe	0.97	0.37 \pm 0.37
Northeast Diablo Cove		
Number Collected	1	10
Blade	4.72	0.31 \pm 0.16
Stipe	2.37	0.35 \pm 0.26
Southeast Diablo Cove		
Number Collected	1	10
Blade	579.0	0.85 \pm 0.48
Stipe	150.0	0.60 \pm 0.96

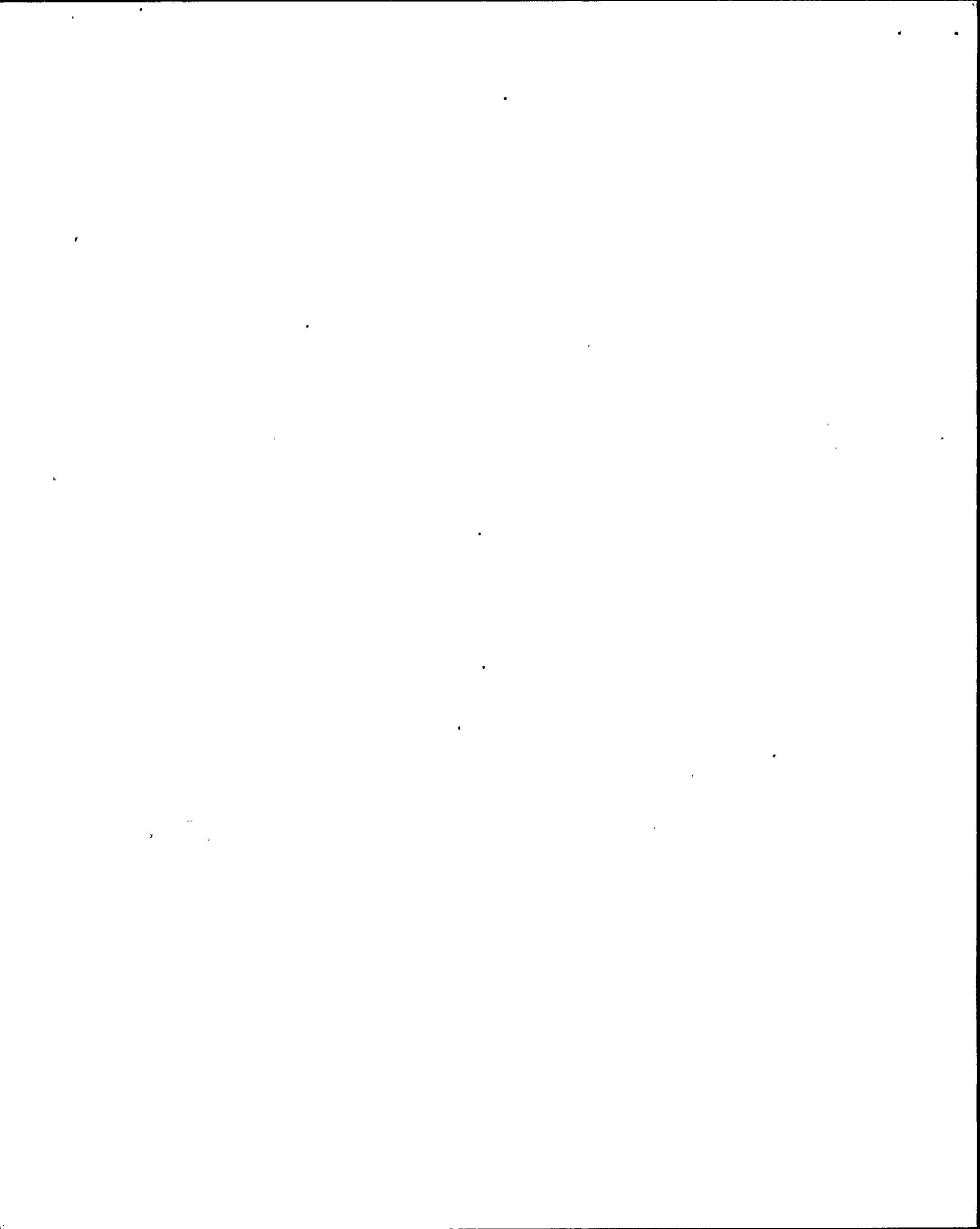
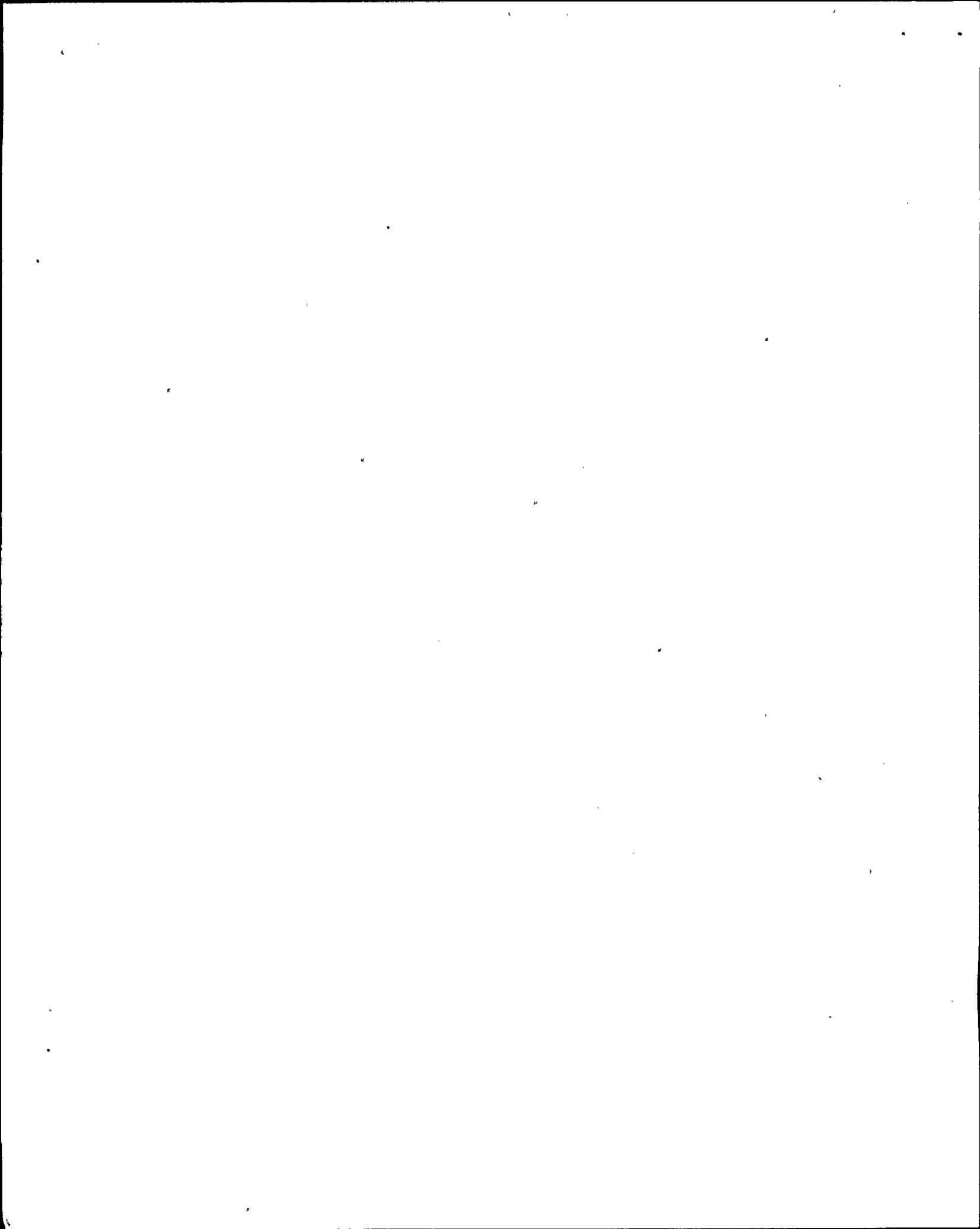


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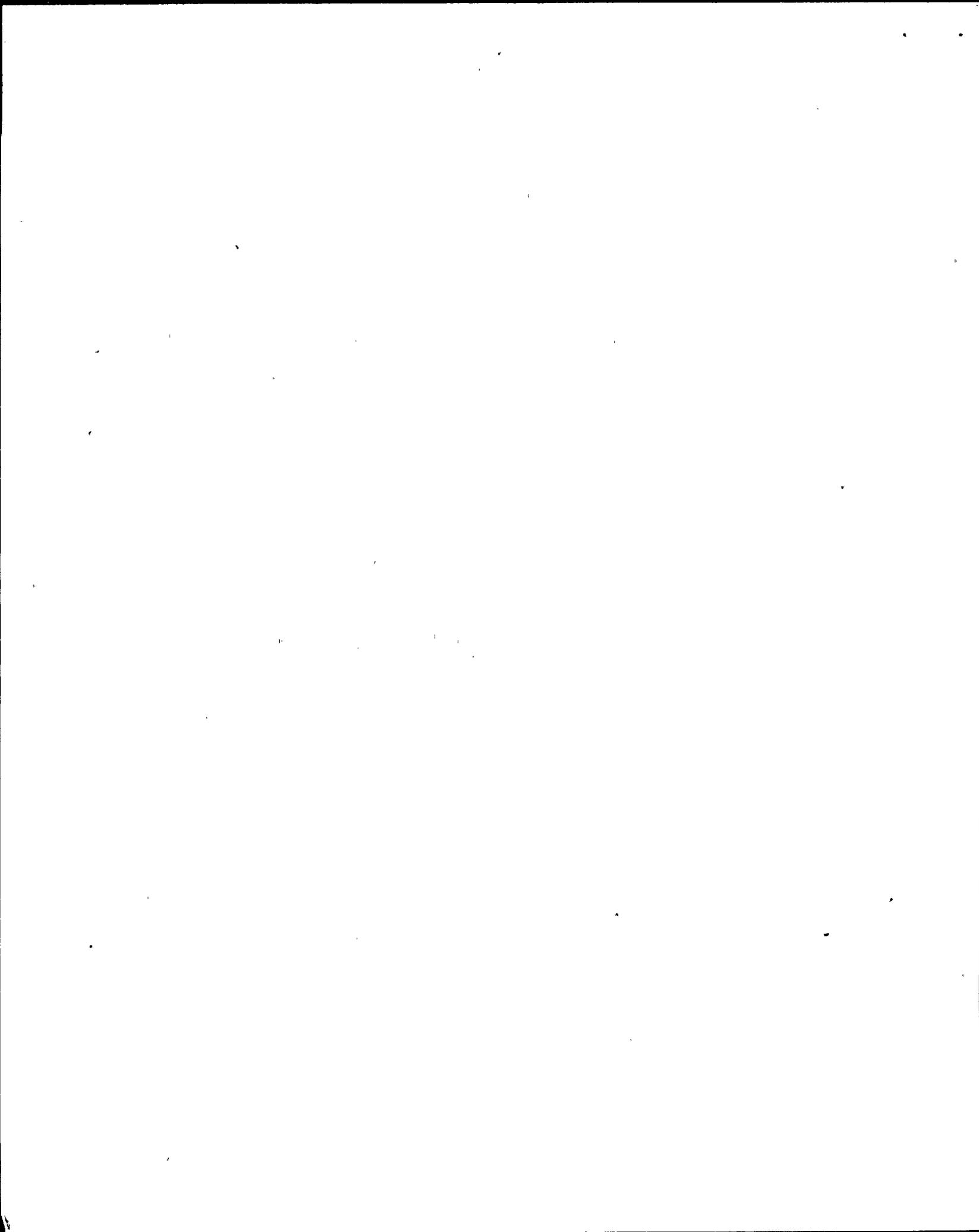
SUMMARY OF MEAN COPPER CONCENTRATIONS, IN PPM WET WEIGHT, FOR BLACK ABALONE TISSUE COLLECTED IN DIABLO CANYON VICINITY ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1974 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1976.

	<u>Digestive Gland</u>		<u>Gill</u>		<u>Right Kidney</u>		<u>Foot Muscle</u>	
	<u>1974</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1976</u>
South Cove								
Control								
Sample Size	4	10	4	10	4	10	4	10
Copper (ppm) $\bar{X} \pm S$	1.63 \pm 1.49	2.97 \pm 1.04	14.95 \pm 9.54	11.54 \pm 11.14	1.85 \pm 1.0	4.97 \pm 2.98	2.07 \pm 1.65	2.16 \pm 1.98
NE Diablo Cove								
Sample Size	5	10	5	10	5	10	5	10
Copper (ppm) $\bar{X} \pm S$	2.98 \pm 0.98	4.16 \pm 1.24	7.71 \pm 2.23	9.64 \pm 4.38	4.60 \pm 1.56	4.32 \pm 1.70	2.04 \pm 0.85	1.38 \pm 0.46
SE Diablo Cove								
Sample Size	5	10	5	10	5	8	5	10
Copper (ppm) $\bar{X} \pm S$	10.23 \pm 3.49	7.64 \pm 8.27	12.30 \pm 5.03	10.23 \pm 7.65	4.63 \pm 2.30	7.16 \pm 3.44	1.88 \pm 0.58	2.14 \pm 1.52

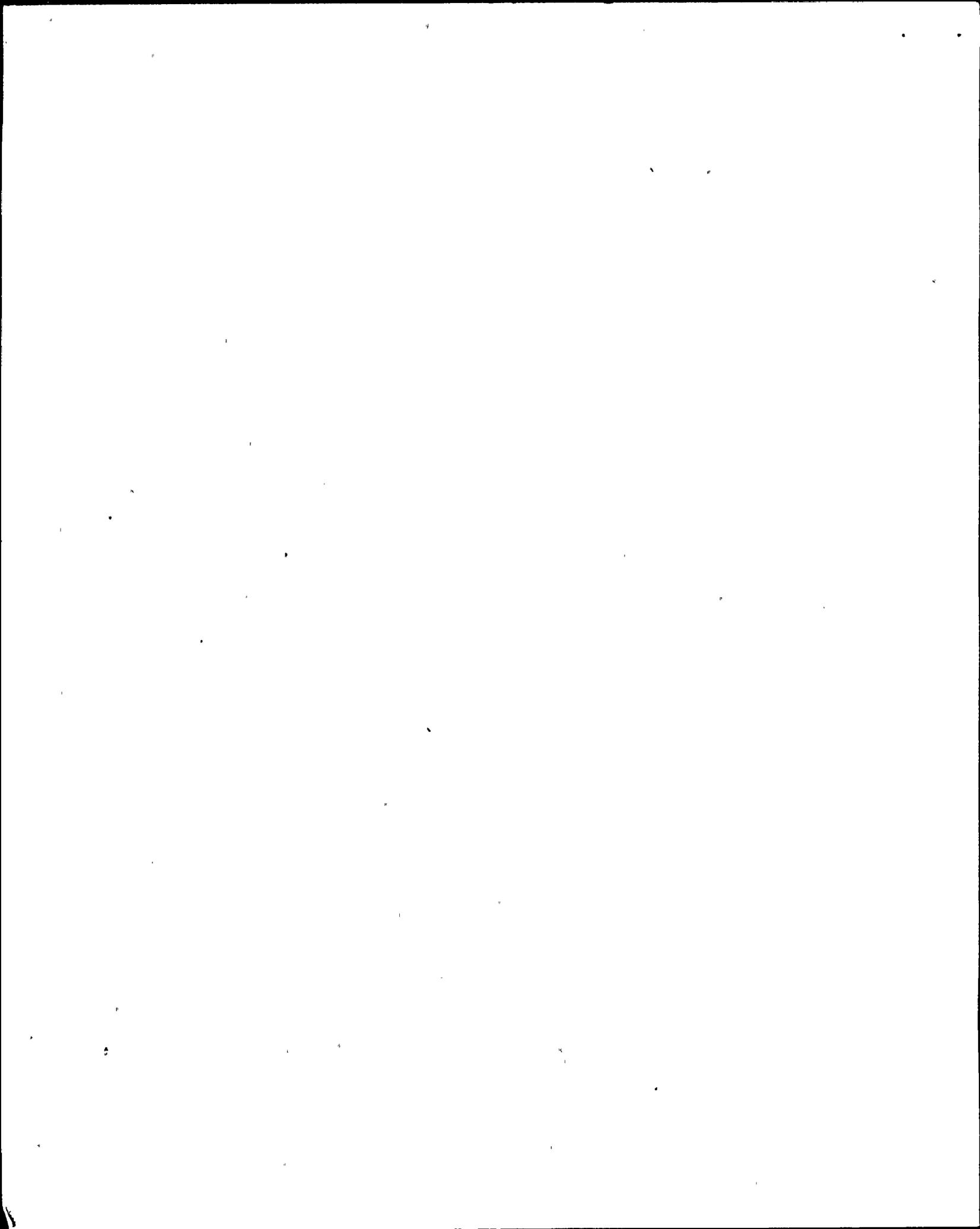


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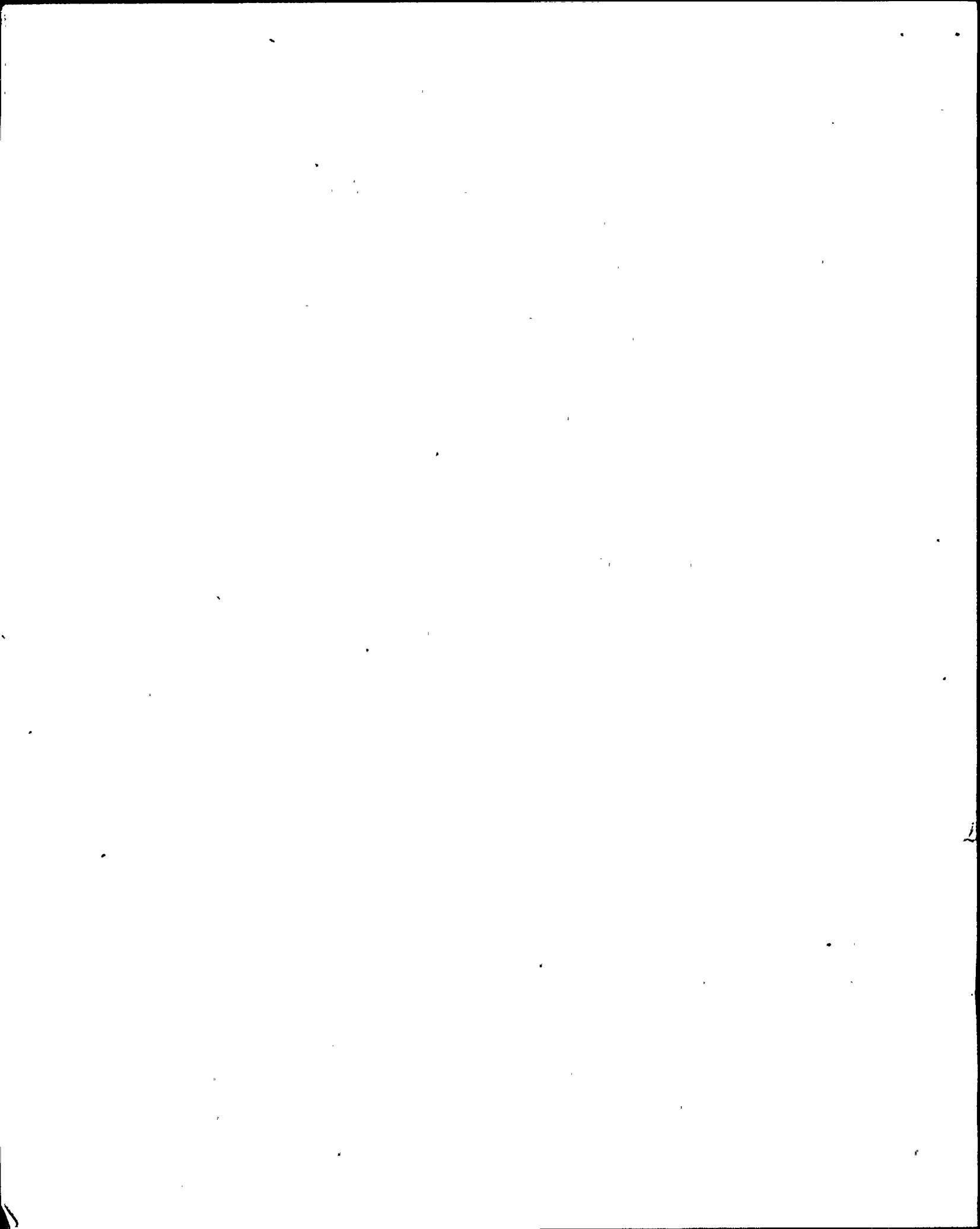
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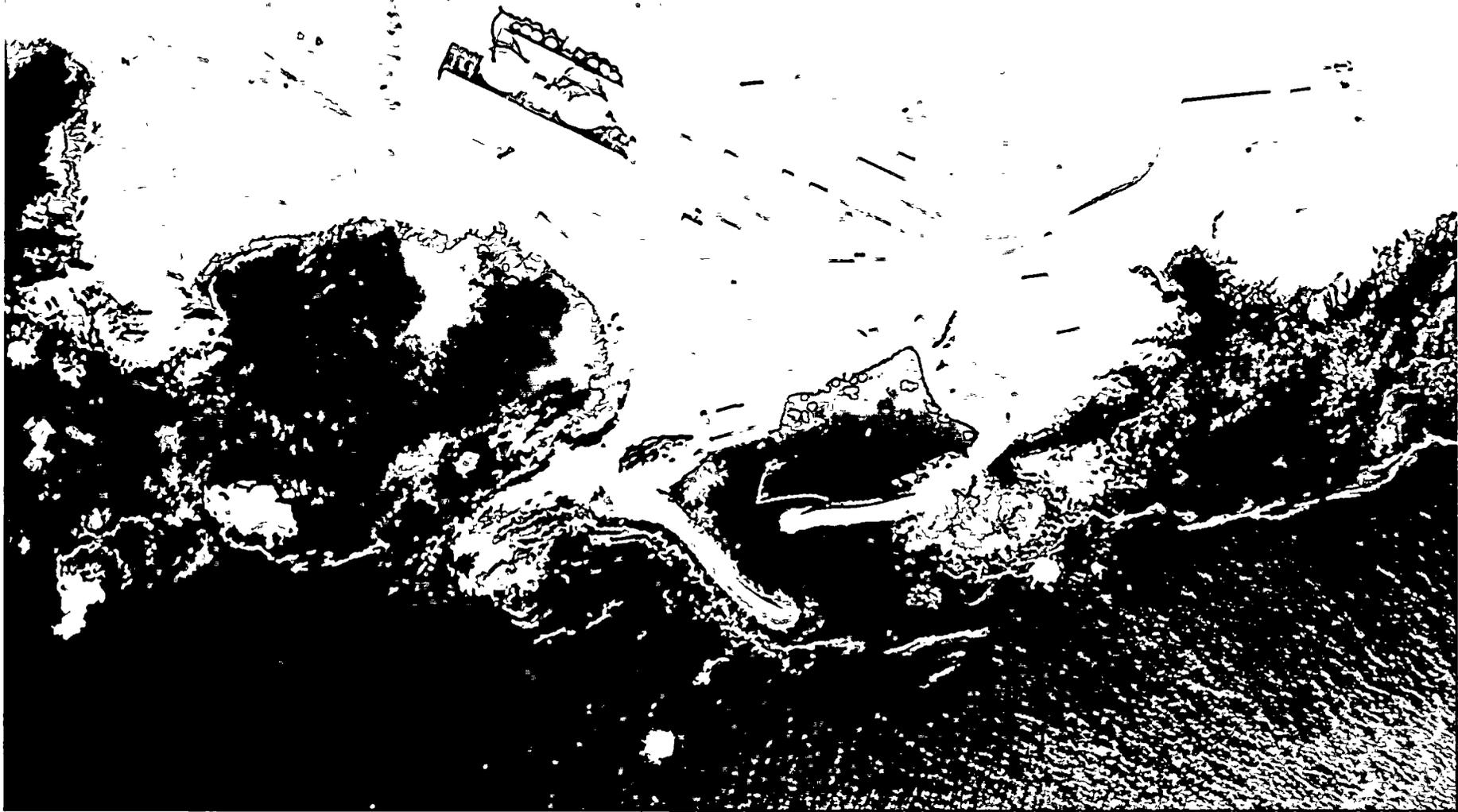


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