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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
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Historical Note

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service initiated oceanographic researches of fishing operations in the Gulf of Mexico, beginning in the summer of 1950. The purposes were to take inventory of fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and to gather data for commercial and maritime fisheries.

The marine vessels (M/V) and later changed to research vessels (R/V) used in the studies that are part of this collection were the George M. Bowers, Combat, Coquette, Herman Cortez, Geronimo, Gulf Ranger, Milmar, Normandie, Oregon, Oregon II, Pelican, Undaunted, and Vessel X.

Descriptive Entry

This collection is organized into two series. Series One (boxes 1-5) consists of bridge logs, and records of birds and fishes. Series Two (boxes 6-20) consists of station reports.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
Fishes

Ichthyologists
Ichthyology
Vertebrates
Zoologists
Zoology

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Geographic Names:

Mexico, Gulf of

Container Listing

Series 1: Bridge Logs, and Records of Birds and Fishes.

Box 1

- Box 1 of 20 Folders 1-16 M/V George M. Bowers, Bridge Logs (1/11/1956 thru 4/1/1966)
- Box 1 of 20 Folder 17 M/V George M. Bowers, "Continuation Sheets, June 1954"
- Box 1 of 20 Folders 18-19 M/V George M. Bowers, Steamship Deck Log Books (4/1/1956 thru 12/16/1956)
- Box 1 of 20 Folders 20-24 M/V Combat, Bridge Logs, 1-5 (7/7/1956 thru 6/5/1957)
- Box 1 of 20 Folder 25 M/V Combat, Bridge Log (6/11/1957 thru 10/22/1957)
- Box 1 of 20 Folder 26 M/V Combat, Wheelhouse Log, 1956

Box 2

- Box 2 of 20 Folders 1-7 M/V Geronimo, Bridge Log of Bird and Fish Sightings, 1-7 (5/10/1963 thru 4/14/1966)
- Box 2 of 20 Folder 8 M/V Geronimo, Schoolfish and Trolling Log Sheets, #6 (7/23/1965 thru 10/31/1965)
- Box 2 of 20 Folders 9-13 M/V Geronimo, Surface School Fishing Records, 3-7 (2/14/1964 thru 4/7/1966)
- Box 2 of 20 Folder 14 M/V Oregon, Stewart Springer Notebook, 1953
- NOTE: Springer wrote *Collections by the Oregon in the Gulf of Mexico. List of crustaceans, mollusks, and fishes identified from collections made by the exploratory fishing vessel Oregon in the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent seas 1950 through 1955* by Stewart Springer and Harvey R. Bullis. Report printed by the United States Department of the Interior, December 1956.
- Box 2 of 20 Folder 15 M/V Oregon, Cruise from Seattle to Gulf of Mexico (12/4/1949 thru 3/23/1950)
- Box 2 of 20 Folder 16 M/V Oregon, Shakedown Cruises 1-3, 1950
- Box 2 of 20 Folders 17-36 M/V Oregon, Bridge Log, Cruise 1-30 (4/10/1950 thru 5/2/1955)

Box 3

- Box 3 of 20 Folders 1-29 M/V Oregon, Bridge Log, Cruises 31 - 85 (5/19/1955 thru 8/1/1963)

Box 3 of 20 Folders 30-56 R/V Oregon, Bridge Log, Cruises 86 - 115 (7/23/1963 thru 2/24/1967)

Box 4

Box 4 of 20 Folders 1-21 R/V Oregon, Bridge Log, Cruises 116 - 136 (3/13/1967 thru 12/20/1968)

Box 4 of 20 Folders 22-31 R/V Oregon II, Bridge Log, Cruises 1 - 18 (9/22/1967 thru 6/20/1970)

Box 4 of 20 Folders 32-41 R/V Oregon II, Weather and Fishing Logs (8/11/1967 thru 10/7/1971)

Box 5

Box 5 of 20 Folders 1-2 M/V Pelican, Bridge Log, 1-2 (3/1/1956 thru 6/28/1956)

Box 5 of 20 Folder 3 M/V Pelican, Wheelhouse Log, 1956

Box 5 of 20 Folders 4-30 M/V Silver Bay, Bridge Log, Cruises 1-57 (6/13/1957 thru 5/19/1964)

Box 5 of 20 Folder 31 M/V Silver Bay, Surface School Log, 1959-1963

Box 5 of 20 Folder 32 Undaunted 2. Bridge Log of Birds and Fish Sightings (2/2/1966 thru 4/7/1966)

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Series 2: Station Reports.

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- Box 6 of 20 Folders 1-29 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 48, Station Reports, 1 - 284
(1/1956 thru 10/1960)
- Box 6 of 20 Folder 30 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 48, Station Reports, Phase I, 1-40
(10/16/1963 thru 10/25/1960)
- Box 6 of 20 Folder 31 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 48, Station Reports, Phase II, 1-46
(11/7/1963 thru 11/27/1963)
- Box 6 of 20 Folder 32 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 48, Station Reports, Phase III, 1-48
(12/5/1963 thru 12/13/1963)
- Box 6 of 20 Folder 33 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 49, Station Reports, 1-49
(1/27/1964 thru 2/7/1964)
- Box 6 of 20 Folder 34 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 50, Station Reports, Phase I, 1-50
(4/16/1964 thru 4/23/1964)
- Box 6 of 20 Folder 35 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 50, Station Reports, Phase II, 1-28
(5/8/1964 thru 5/11/1964)
- Box 6 of 20 Folder 36 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 51, Station Reports, 1-55 (9/3/1964
thru 9/22/1964)
- Box 6 of 20 Folder 37 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 52, Station Reports, 1-33
(10/25/1964 thru 11/5/1964)
- Box 6 of 20 Folders 38-40 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 53, Station Reports, 5301 -
5329 (12/9/1964 thru 12/15/1964)
- Box 6 of 20 Folders 41-44 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 54, Station Reports, 5401 -
5439 (1/4/1965 thru 1/9/1965)
- Box 6 of 20 Folder 45 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 55, Station Reports, 1 - 6
(1/17/1965 thru 1/17/1965)
- Box 6 of 20 Folders 46-47 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 56, Station Reports, 5601 -
5619 (2/3/1965 thru 2/6/1965)
- Box 6 of 20 Folder 48 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 57, Station Reports, 1 - 19
(2/26/1965 thru 3/4/1965)
- Box 6 of 20 Folders 49-52 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 58, Station Reports, 5801 -
5837 (3/18/1965 thru 3/23/1965)
- Box 6 of 20 Folder 53 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 59, Station Reports, 1-7 (4/24/1965
thru 5/2/1965)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 54 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 60, Station Reports, 1-14 (5/25/1965 thru 7/1/1965)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 55 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 61, Station Reports, 2-21 (7/27/1965 thru 10/1/1965) [note: report #1 missing in 1978]

Box 6 of 20 Folder 56 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 62, Station Reports, 1 - 6 (10/19/1965 thru 10/26/1965)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 57 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 63, Station Reports, 6301 - 6346 (1/18/1966 thru 1/23/1966)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 58 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 64, Station Reports, 6401 - 64119 Phases 1, 2, 3(2/21/1966 thru 4/9/1966)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 59 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 66, Station Reports, 6676 - 6679 (9/13/1966 thru 9/16/1966)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 60 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 68, Station Reports, 6801 - 6808 (10/10/1966 thru 10/14/1966)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 61 R/V George M. Bowers Cruises 70 - 79, Station Reports (11/17/1966 thru 6/21/1967)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 62 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 80, Station Reports (7/10/1967 thru 8/15/1967)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 63 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 81, Station Reports (9/15/1967 thru 9/22/1967)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 64 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 82, Station Reports, 8201 - 8205 (2/15/1968 thru 4/20/1968)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 65 R/V George M. Bowers Cruises 83-84, Station Reports (5/16/1968 thru 12/4/1968)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 66 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 86, Station Reports (9/10/1969 thru 9/18/1969)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 67 R/V George M. Bowers Cruise 106, Station Reports, 10601 - 10661 (8/12/1971 thru 8/16/1971)

Box 6 of 20 Folder 68 Station Sheets (old and miscellaneous vessels), 1969-1970

Box 6 of 20 Folder 69 M/V Normandie, Surface Schoolfish and Trolling Log Sheets, 1968

Box 6 of 20 Folders 70-73 R/V Vessel X, Station Reports, 1964

Box 6 of 20 Folder 74 M/V Milmar, 1958

Box 6 of 20 Folder 75 R/V Gulf Ranger, Station Reports, 1970

Box 6 of 20 Folder 76 R/V Greronimo, Cruise 6, 1965

Box 7

Box 7 of 20 Folder 1 M/V Oregon, Station Reports, # 2 (5/23/1950)

Box 7 of 20 Folders 2-120 R/V Oregon, Station Reports, 1 - 1179 (5/24/1950 thru 8/28/1954)

Box 8

Box 8 of 20 R/V Oregon, Station Reports, 1180 - 2099 (8/28/1954 thru 1/31/1958)

Box 9

Box 9 of 20 R/V Oregon, Station Reports, 2100 - 3319 (1/31/1958 thru 9/3/1961)

Box 10

Box 10 of 20 R/V Oregon, Station Reports, 3320 - 4719 (9/4/1961 thru 2/25/1964)

Box 11

Box 11 of 20 R/V Oregon, Station Reports, 4720 - 6069 (2/25/1964 thru 4/27/1966)

Box 12

Box 12 of 20 R/V Oregon, Station Reports, 6070 - 7309 (4/27/1966 thru 11/9/1967)

Box 13

Box 13 of 20 R/V Oregon, Station Reports, 7310 - 8869 (11/9/1967 thru 12/16/1968)

Box 14

Box 14 of 20 Folders 1-9 R/V Oregon, Station Reports, 8870 - 8959 (12/17/1968 thru 12/19/1968)

Box 14 of 20 Folder 10 M/V Oregon, Station Reports / Dredge and Drag Reports, 10085 - 10095 (4/10/1952 thru 12/6/1952)

Box 14 of 20 Folders 11-65 M/V Combat, Station Reports, 1 - 530 (7/27/1956 thru 10/9/1957)

Box 14 of 20 Folder 66-84 M/V Coquette, Station Reports, 2032 - 2392 (1/8/1963 thru 6/13/1963)

Box 14 of 20 Folders 85-107 M/V Herman Cortez, Station Reports, 1 - 221 (4/30/1965 thru 7/11/1965)

Box 15

- Box 15 of 20 M/V Pelican, Station Reports, 1-779 (3/2/1956 thru 4/26/1963)
- Box 16
- Box 16 of 20 M/V Pelican, Station Reports, 780 - 1644 (4/26/1963 thru 12/18/1963)
- Box 17
- Box 17 of 20 R/V Silver Bay, Station Reports, 1 - 1369 (6/13/1957 thru 10/21/1959)
- Box 18
- Box 18 of 20 R/V Silver Bay, Station Reports, 1370 - 2979 (10/21/1959 thru 3/20/1961)
- Box 19
- Box 19 of 20 R/V Silver Bay - Station Reports, 2980 thru 4379 (March 20, 1961 thru
October 3, 1962)
- Box 20
- Box 20 of 20 R/V Silver Bay - Station Reports, 4380 thru 5749 (10/3/1962 thru 5/15/1964)

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