

Table 2

Ranked frequency of occurrence (FO) of the 20 most common larval fish taxa collected in neuston nets from Recruitment Processes Program survey cruises 1972-1996. Average catch (no./10m²) at positive hauls is included. Total number of Sameoto neuston tows = 3011 (Matarese et al., 2003).

Taxon	No. Positive Hauls	% FO	Sum of Catch/10m ²	Avg. Catch/10m ²
<i>Hexagrammos decagrammus</i>	1385	46.00	637.652	0.212
<i>Hexagrammos stelleri</i>	384	12.75	75.230	0.025
<i>Anoplopoma fimbria</i>	382	12.69	74.945	0.025
<i>Cryptacanthodes aleutensis</i>	341	11.33	142.190	0.047
<i>Hemilepidotus</i> spp.	341	11.33	267.906	0.089
<i>Cololabis saira</i>	325	10.79	24.615	0.008
<i>Hemilepidotus hemilepidotus</i>	322	10.69	99.288	0.033
<i>Bathymaster</i> spp.	306	10.16	830.176	0.276
<i>Hexagrammos lagocephalus</i>	266	8.83	152.912	0.051
<i>Sebastes</i> spp.	263	8.73	42.836	0.014
<i>Ammodytes hexapterus</i>	257	8.54	236.692	0.079
<i>Hexagrammos octogrammus</i>	238	7.90	56.265	0.019
<i>Pleurogrammus monopterygius</i>	212	7.04	109.330	0.036
<i>Hemilepidotus spinosus</i>	211	7.01	73.237	0.024
<i>Scorpaenichthys marmoratus</i>	177	5.88	13.273	0.004
<i>Mallotus villosus</i>	160	5.31	30.691	0.010
<i>Hemilepidotus jordani</i>	103	3.42	8.203	0.003
<i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.	102	3.39	15.344	0.005
<i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>	100	3.32	24.469	0.008
Stichaeidae	90	2.99	4.870	0.002