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A Biological Survey of Oil Platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel

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ABSTRACT

The objectives of the studies reported in this paper were to obtain facts about the present status of the sea life on and near two offshore structures and to compare the quantity and quality of life there now with that which lived at the towers several years ago and with that at nearby control sites. The undisturbed muddy and rocky bottoms that were used for controls offer conditions similar to those that would exist if the platforms had not been built. Studies of the biology of both platforms by California Dept. of Fish and Game biologists in 1960 and 1870 provided historical data for comparison.

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