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FISH BONES FROM UPPER BUGLE STREET, SOUTHAMPTON

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The following were identified for Southampton Archaeological Research Committee from Mediaeval levels of Upper Bugle Street excavated in 1973 by Mr A. Bratt. The bone report for this site is being written by Mrs Jennifer Bourdillon of S.A.R.C.

<u>code</u>	<u>element</u>	<u>species</u>	<u>comments</u>
UBS 13/14C	L dentary	<u>Conger conger</u> (conger eel)	total length approx 1 metre
UBS 73 A316	vertebra	" "	
	2 vertebrae	<u>Mugilidae</u> sp. (mullet)	
UBS 73 B127	L dentary	<u>Conger conger</u>	small specimen ( jaw half length of specimen above
UBS 73 C136	vertebra	<u>Conger conger</u>	much larger than 1m specimen
	ceratohyal	<u>Molva molva</u> (ling)	cf 1.2 metre specimen
	2 vertebrae	" "	" " " "
	1 vertebra	" "	smaller specimen
	2 vertebrae	<u>Gadus morhua</u> (cod)	cf 82 cm specimen
	1 vertebra	" "	smaller specimen
UBS 73 C145	ceratohyal	" "	very large specimen, none comparable
UBS 73 C151	1 possible flatfish bone, others unidentifiable		
UBS 73 C193	R dentary	<u>Conger conger</u>	much larger than 1 metre spec.
	L hyomandibular	" "	
	R premaxillary	" "	" " " " " "
	L & R premax.	" "	" " " " " "
	R opercular	" "	
	2 vertebrae	" "	
	L supraclavicle	<u>Gadus morhua</u>	
	R articular	" "	
	R premaxillary	<u>Merluccius merluccius</u> (hake)	
	3 vertebrae	gadoid, possibly hake ?	
UBS II 73	4 unidentifiable fragments of fish bone.		
	R dentary	<u>Scophthalmus maximus</u> (turbot)	a very large specimen, no comparable specimen in collections

This collection of marine fish bones suggest that moderate and quite large specimens

of fish were being taken from boats rather than from the shore. There is no reason to suggest that they were not locally caught. The sizes given in the comments column above relate to the closest modern comparative specimens that could be found in the British Museum (Natural History). The writer is grateful to Alwyne Wheeler Esq for the use of material from measured specimens. Some of the specimens found in Upper Bugle Street were from larger fish than the modern comparative material but this does not necessarily mean that they were unusual. We hope to be able to provide more detailed information on possible size and weight when the Project's own marine fish collection, now being assembled, is wider in its scope.