

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2007 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Will Different Materials Affect the Growth of Sea Life?

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

My goal is to determine the growth of sea life on different materials.

Methods/Materials

20 # 3 in. x 3 in. Light weight sheets of copper

20 # 3 in. x 3 in. Plastic sheets

20 # 3 in. x 3 in. Aluminum sheets

180 - Feet of heavy fishing line

Results

The results show that sea life grows differently on different materials and that copper appears to stop the growth of sea life. This difference between copper and the other materials seems to be very significant.

Conclusions/Discussion

This experiment proves that sea life grows differently on different materials. The difference between growth of sea life on copper versus other materials was statistically significant.

Summary Statement

Copper prevents the growth of sea life.

Help Received

Dr. D. Gjertsen performed a statistical analysis.