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1. ATLAS

During 1997-8, El Niño conditions in the eastern tropical Pacific propagated into the North Pacific Ocean along the West Coast of North America. The evolution of oceanographic conditions along the coast was measured by a series of regional oceanographic programs ranging from Baja California to British Columbia (Chavez & Collins, 2002). For the most frequently sampled transects, hydrographic data were assembled into an electronic Atlas.

The Atlas can be viewed at <http://www.mbari.org/bog/atlas/> as well as on the CD-ROM that is included in this technical report. The Atlas shows (a) vertical distributions of the hydrographic variables for each transect, (b) time distance plots of these variables at three depths (0, 100 and 300 m) and at three isopycnal levels (25.8, 26.2 and 26.6 kg/m³) and (c) the composite horizontal distributions for temperature, salinity and nitrate at 50 dbar as well as the geopotential thickness of the upper 500 dbar for the periods January, April and July 1998. The Atlas also contains listings of hydrographic data. Castro et al. (2002) describe the Atlas in more detail.

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