Cerebratulus californiensis Coe, 1905

Lineidae

SCAMIT CODE: LACO 32

Date Examined: July 9, 1984

Synonymy: None

Literature Cited:
Coe, 1905; Coe, 1940; Bernhardt, 1979 (unpublished); MacEwen (unpublished)

Diagnostic Characters:
Live: 10-15 cm length; 4-5 mm width. Mouth and probosis pore separate. Body rounded in the anterior region, much flattened and with very thin margins in the intestinal region (Fig. 1). Body color greyish, pinkish, yellowish, buff, dark brown, or reddish-brown without distinctive markings. Cephalic furrows moderately long and very deep. Caudal cirrus small but conspicuous. Probosis very long and slender. Ocelli absent. Preserved body shortens and fragments easily.

Variability:

Related Species and Character Differences:

Figure 1.
Depth Range:
Intertidal to 50 m (Coe 1940).
88-504 m (BLM survey).

Distribution: Puget Sound to coast of Mexico.

Habitat:
In mud, sandy mud, or sand between tides in bays and harbors (Coe 1940).

Ecology:

Additional Comments:
A slit on the lateral margins of the body just anterior to the mouth have been observed on some specimens. This observation has not been described.