A PROPOSED LOWER CRETACEOUS NANNOFOSSIL ZONATION SCHEME
FOR THE MORAY FIRTH AREA OF THE NORTH SEA.

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A Lower Cretaceous calcareous nannofossil zonation scheme for the Moray Firth Area of the North Sea is proposed, based on the examination of several well sections together with reference to unpublished work from onshore exposures. The zonal subdivisions are based upon the extinction, evolution, association and abundance of taxa. The application of the zonation scheme enables the recognition of minor hiatuses within the Lower Cretaceous section. Special attention has also been given to the early stages in the evolution of the genera Eprolithus and Gartnerago.