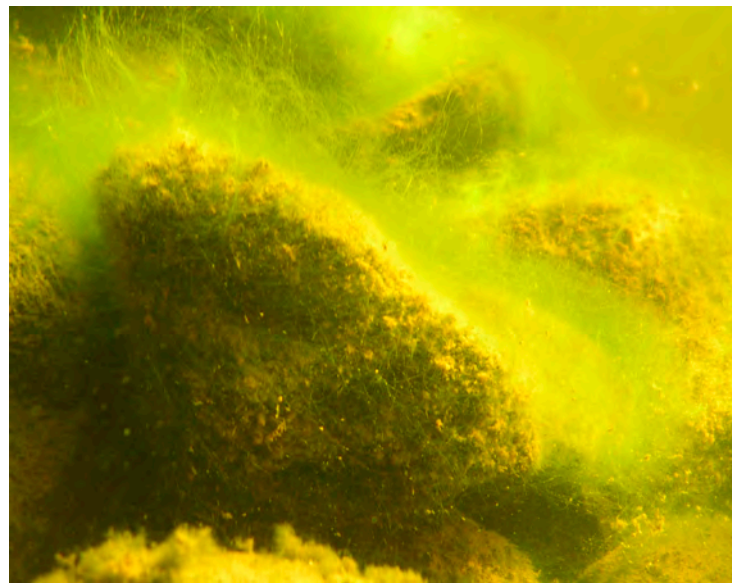




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Top: View of the American part of Lake Memphremagog

Bottom right : *Vallisneria americana* (most important aquatic plant species of the lake)

Bottom left : Green algae on the bottom of the littoral

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Dear Reader,

In May 2005, Memphremagog Conservation Inc. (MCI) asked RAPPEL to present their Operation Healthy Lake report to the Quebec-Vermont Steering Committee for the Management of Lake Memphremagog, a committee established by Quebec Premier Jean Charest and Vermont Governor James H. Douglas to share information and coordinate management of the lake that crosses our border. Operation Healthy Lake is an impressive report on the condition of Lake Memphremagog in Quebec. At the conclusion of the presentation, Donald Fisher, then-President of MCI, suggested that RAPPEL be commissioned to complete the study on the Vermont side of the lake; and he offered to help pay for the study. I quickly agreed, and this report is the result of our partnership.

I would like to thank Don and MCI, as well as all those Don cites in his letter, for their contributions to the development of this wonderful report. This has truly been, and continues to be, a very productive and rewarding partnership. I would also like to extend our thanks to Newport City Manager John Ward, who provided free dockage during the study and to Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (FWD) Chief Warden, Colonel Robert Rooks, who loaned us a Department boat to use during the study. It is also important that I mention Jack Watson who served as the capable boat captain during the study.

We believe that the complete, lake-wide Operation Healthy Lake reports provide an important base line of information that will be extremely valuable for the management of Lake Memphremagog both now and in the future.

Canute E. Dalmasse
Deputy Secretary





Dear Reader,

In the summer of 2004, MCI commissioned RAPPEL to execute a study to examine the health of the Québec shoreline of Lake Memphremagog. The study was made public in May of 2005 and drew praise for the work done by RAPPEL. There was only one problem: the waters of the Lake respect no national boundaries.

A financial collaboration with our Vermont friends (Vermont 2/3 MCI 1/3) provided the funds for RAPPEL to repeat the Québec study; this time in Vermont.

Collaboration extended well beyond financial considerations. MCI and State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources enjoyed a productive informal relationship with many decisions agreed to with a handshake over the phone. To this end we are indebted to Canute Dalmasse, Deputy Secretary, who recognized the value to Vermont in extending the Québec study. The end result of this was to produce for the first time a global picture of the health of Lake Memphremagog. A great partner to work with, Canute made it easy for all by ironing out potential problems as they surfaced.

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MCI Board member, Robert Benoit was on the ground every day giving tireless support on all fronts during the execution of the study.

We congratulate Camille Rivard-Sirois and her RAPPEL team for once again producing a professional, first-rate study. A better job could not have been done.

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Dear Reader,

For the past ten years, the group RAPPEL has implemented a water quality monitoring program for lakes and watercourses to carry out its mission of protecting and restoring the aquatic milieu.

This year, RAPPEL has again been pleased to work on a diagnosis of the state of health of Lake Memphremagog, thereby completing the study begun in 2004 in partnership with MCI, and in 2005 with the contribution of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

As in 2004, Operation healthy Lake (Vermont), was carried out by Camille Rivard-Sirois and her team of biologists. Their enthusiasm for the mission and attention to making all the actors in the milieu aware of the importance of the scientific findings have been important to its success.

I would also like to thank Donald Fisher and Robert Benoit most sincerely for offering RAPPEL the chance to promote and export its skills and knowledge to Vermont, thereby making it possible to carry out a complete study of Lake Memphremagog, on both sides of the border. This important study for MCI and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources is the first step in developing a global action plan to preserve Lake Memphremagog and to restore fragile zones.

RAPPEL is proud to have been called upon to meet this challenge. Many thanks to all who have contributed to the success of this important "first"!

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Summary

Lake Memphremagog, renown for its natural beauty and ecological value as well as the recreational and vacation activities it offers, is a major force for the local economy on both the Quebec and Vermont sides. Different users and managers on both sides of the border are concerned about the health of the lake, and believe it is necessary to assess its state of health.

This is why, in 2004, Phase 1 of Operation Healthy Lake (Opération santé du lac), a report on the health of the Quebec part of Lake Memphremagog, began. In 2005, the Vermont phase of this operation was carried out, this time at the American part of the lake. This completed Phase 1 and allowed us to draw up a report on the health of the American part of the lake. This sector is of particular importance to the overall health of the lake, because the majority of waters that drain into the lake come from Vermont.

The diagnosis is based on the condition of the lake shores, water quality, the condition of the main tributaries and the condition of the littoral zone (sediments, aquatic plants and green algae). The inventory of the condition of the littoral and the shore was carried out by a team from the group RAPPEL* for the entire American part. Altogether nearly 900 portions of the littoral (transects) and 300 portions of the shore were inventoried. The results of the physico-chemical tests of lake's waters carried out every year by the MDDEP* were integrated into the study. Finally, we have incorporated a water quality report for the four main rivers on the US side which were tested in 2005 by NWSC*.

The results of Operation Healthy Lake (Vermont) show that this sector presents significant symptoms of erosion and accelerated eutrophication. Much of the shore has been cleared and de-naturalized. The waters of the lake are mesotrophic. Moreover, the John's, Black and Barton Rivers carry disquieting quantities of phosphorous and suspended matter. Finally, a number of regions of the littoral present a considerable accumulation of fine particles, a proliferation of aquatic plants, significant communities of Eurasian watermilfoil (a species considered invasive) and abundant green algae.

In all, six zones have been identified as top priority: South Bay, the narrows at Newport, Derby Bay, Holbrook Bay, the bays at Lake Park and Maxfield Bay. These are zones that are naturally susceptible to premature eutrophication. However, degradation in these zones is of human origin. We would note particularly the de-naturalization of the shores as well as the sediment and nutrient load from a variety of activities in the watershed.

With this in mind, it is important to take effective action to reduce the sediment and nutrient loads and to limit soil erosion in the drainage basin (by controlling sediments). Each of the players (shorefront property owners, managers of the territory, foresters, farmers and entrepreneurs) must play a role. Protecting the shoreline zones, protecting soils from erosion, re-naturalizing shores that have been altered by human activity (replanting and allowing them to return to a natural state), avoiding the use of garden and agricultural fertilizers and pesticides near the lake and its tributaries, and managing ditches in a more ecological manner - these are some of the solutions to consider.

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The Problem Defined

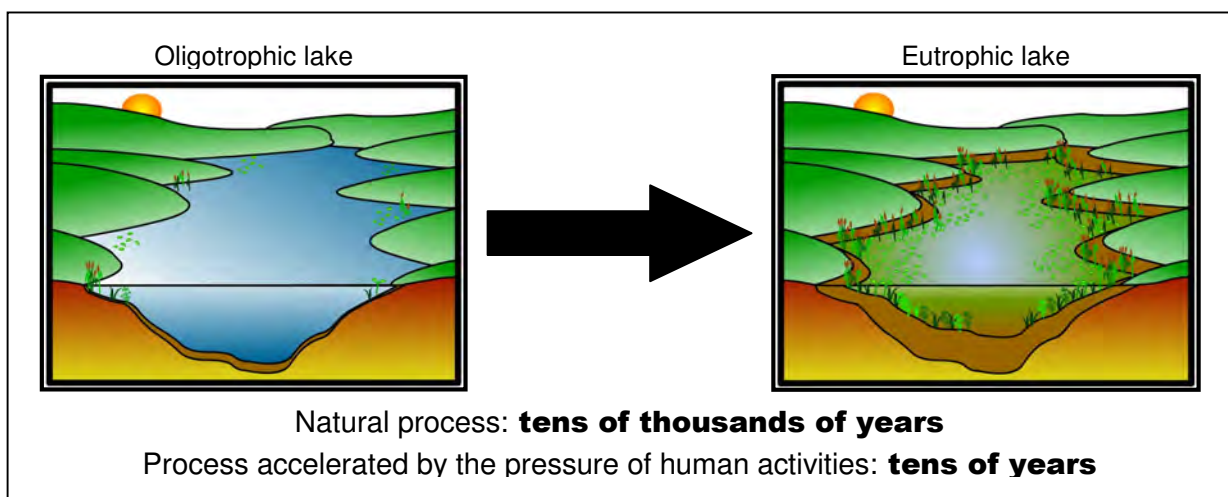
Renown for its natural beauty and ecological value as well as for the recreational and vacation activities it offers, Lake Memphremagog is very important to the local economy for residents of Quebec and Vermont. The lake, like many bodies of water in the region, is subject to various human pressures (urban development, seasonal-recreational development, agricultural and forest activities) that lead to deterioration of water quality.

One of the consequences of human activity is excessive nutrient and sediment load. The **nutrient load** of elements such as phosphorous and nitrogen from poorly maintained septic systems and excessive use of fertilizers, among other causes, is responsible for the accelerated eutrophication of the lake. The **sediment load**, essentially caused by soil erosion in the drainage basin, silts up the bottom and also contributes to accelerated eutrophication of the watercourse.

Eutrophication is a process of transformation, of aging of lakes, characterized by an increase in the productivity of a lake, specifically the growth of aquatic plants and algae (Hade, 2003). This is a natural geological phenomenon, but here it is speeded up by the nutritive materials and sediments carried as a result of various human activities (see figure 1).

In a young and healthy stretch of water, the nutritive elements are present in low concentrations and ensure normal growth of aquatic plants and microscopic algae (phytoplankton). When phosphorous becomes too abundant, it causes excessive growth of aquatic plants. The invasion of aquatic plants and algae causes a deterioration of water quality. This affects the aesthetic quality, the taste and smell of water, and it changes the composition of aquatic fauna present, including the types of fish that are of interest to anglers and sports fishermen (Hébert et Légaré, 2000). The health and longevity of a body of water and the various type of human use are therefore greatly affected by eutrophication.

Figure 1: Eutrophication of a lake



Chapter 1: Methodology

1.1 Description of the Project and its Objectives

The health of Lake Memphremagog is of concern to different stakeholders in the region, which is why various groups on both sides of the border analyze the quality of its waters. Among others, the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs du Québec (MDDEP) in collaboration with Memphremagog Conservation Incorporated (MCI) has surveyed water quality in the deep parts of the lake for a number of years.

Water is only one of the components of a lake. A lake is an aquatic ecosystem characterized by different components: it is a physical place or habitat (shores, bottom ...), plant populations, animal populations and water. To learn more about these other components of the lake, *Operation Healthy Lake Memphremagog (phase 1)* was set up in the summer of 2004. A year later, *Operation Healthy Lake Memphremagog (Vermont)* began to complete Phase 1 and to provide a diagnosis of the health situation on the American side of the lake.

Figure 2 presents a general description of the project *Operation Healthy Lake Memphremagog (Vermont)*. This project is intended to draw up a baseline portrait of the health of the lake on the American side, to identify the main degraded sectors and to determine the indicators that would allow a proper monitoring of its condition. To do this, two main steps in data acquisition are identified:

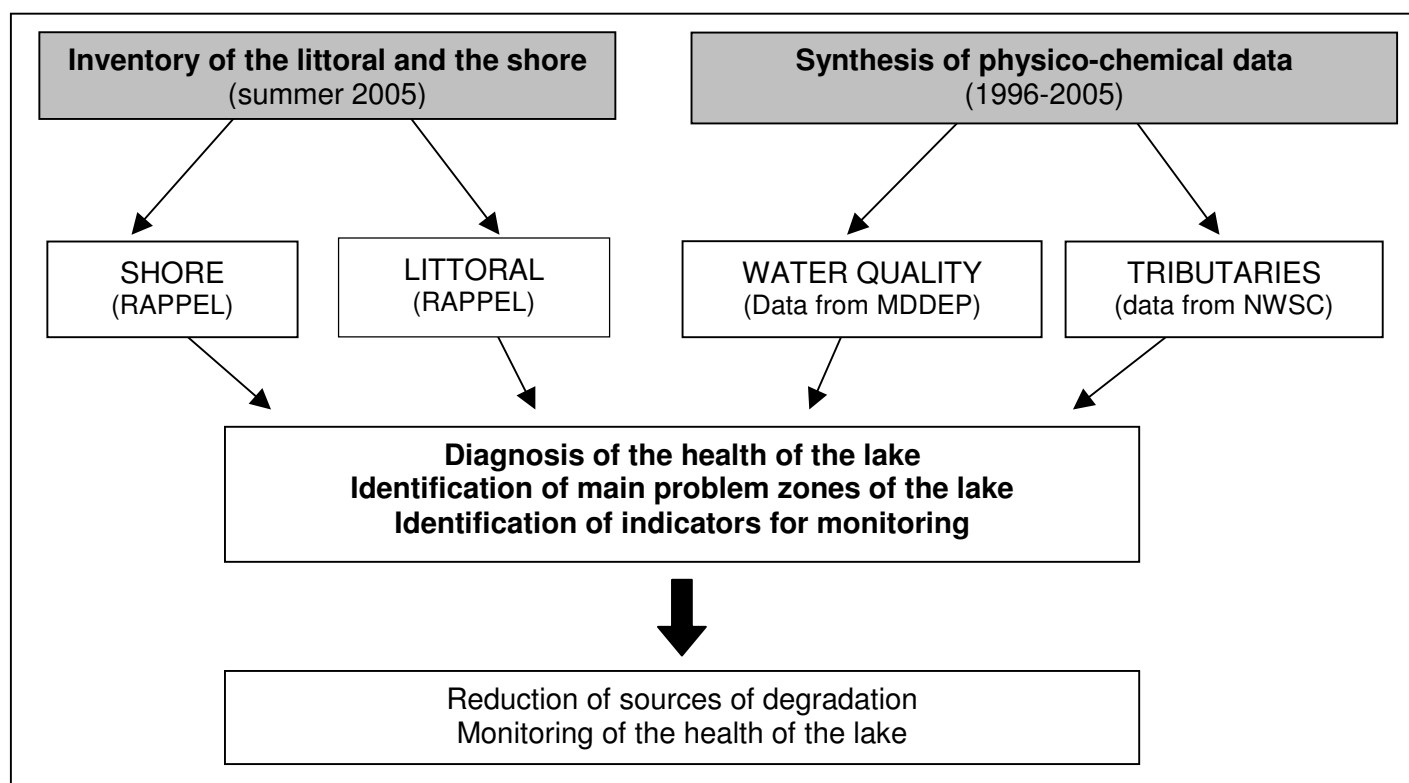
- An **inventory of the condition of the littoral and the shore** by a team from RAPPEL.
- Integration of a **synthesis of physico-chemical analyses** carried out by the MDDEP and NWSC.

These two steps covered data gathering on the state of the following 4 components of the lake:

- The **shore**, since the shore is an integral part of the lake and plays a very important ecological role. The “artificialization” of the shore (transformation for human purposes) harms the health of the lake by contributing to erosion, by bringing nutritive elements into the lake and by warming the shallow waters.
- The **littoral zone**, because this is the first zone of the lake to show signs of degradation (accelerated eutrophication and erosion in the watershed). Moreover, this zone serves as a habitat for many aquatic animals and its degradation leads to harmful consequences for biodiversity in the lake.
- The **waters of the lake**, because the analysis of water quality makes it possible to draw up a global picture of the condition of the lake and to determine its trophic level.
- The main **tributaries**, because the analysis of the quality of their waters makes it possible to identify the load of pollutants, such as nutrients and sediments.

Finally, this project is part of a strategy to monitor the changes in eutrophication of the lake in the medium and long term, and to identify and reduce the sources of degradation of the lake. This report will be a tool to inform interveners from the surrounding area about the health of the lake and to mobilize them around possible solutions, with the objective of protecting and using, in the most sustainable way possible, this wonderful treasure in our midst, Lake Memphremagog.

Figure 2: General description of the project



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1.2 Parameters Studied

Table 1 gives a brief description of the parameters studied to determine the condition of the shore and littoral. Table 2 presents the different physico-chemical parameters analyzed to determine water quality in the lake, and the condition of the tributaries.

Table 1: Parameters studied during the inventory of the shore and littoral
(Source: Hade, 2003; Haury, 2000; Meunier, 1980)

Parameters	Description
Degree of artificialization of the shore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of the area of the shore occupied by artificial structures or facilities on portions of the shore measuring approximately 100 metres long and 10 metres wide. Artificial elements: Facilities or structures developed and maintained by people (structures made of concrete, wood or other inert material, buildings, riprap, fill, sand brought in, lawn and flower bed maintenance, etc.). Artificialization of the shores interferes with the health of a stretch of water by promoting erosion, bringing nutritive elements into the lake and warming shallow waters.
Sediments from the littoral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material (mineral and organic materials) that cover the bed of a body of water, made up of suspended solids (SS) which fall to the bottom and accumulate. Made up of coarse materials (boulders, shingles, gravels, sands, vegetal debris) and fine particles (clay, silt and fine organic materials). The type of sediments (substrate) characterizes the condition of the aquatic habitat (governs rooting and development of aquatic plants, forms the living environment of organisms at the bottom and is a spawning ground for various fish). The thickness of fine sediments (sedimentary accumulation) results from soil erosion in the watershed as well as decomposition of plants and other organisms in the body of water. Thus a large sedimentary accumulation is a visible sign of excessive deposits of soil particles and organic materials.
Aquatic plants on the littoral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large (macroscopic) vascular plants having leaves, a stem and roots. Role: to filter particles in suspension and nutritive elements, provide a habitat and food for various species of fauna (They are essential to an aquatic ecosystem). Biological indicators of water quality and the trophic level. The density of beds of aquatic plants (the percentage of coverage) and the diversity of species (relative abundance of species and the presence of invasive species) indicating the trophic level of the lake.
Green algae on the littoral (periphyton)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algae: Aquatic plants without real leaves, stems or roots. Green algae: Groups of algae that are coloured green and have a web-like texture. Periphyton: Algae that attach themselves to a solid substratum (rock, plants, boats, dock, etc.). Generally of microscopic size (invisible to the naked eye), but in the presence of human inputs of phosphorus, they adhere and form macroscopic masses. The presence of green algae masses visible on the lake bottom constitutes a biological indicator of local nutrient pollution.

Table 2 : Physico-chemical parameters analyzed
(Source: Hade, 2003; Hébert et Légaré, 2000; Lévêque, 1996)

Parameters	Description
Transparency of water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depth of the water column as far as light penetrates • Parameter measured at the trench, using a Secchi disk. • Parameter to determine the trophic level of the waters of a lake. • Parameter influenced by the abundance of dissolved organic components and suspended solids that colour the water or make it turbid.
Total Phosphorus (TP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phosphorus: An essential nutritive element (nutrient) for living organisms that causes excessive growth of aquatic plants (premature eutrophication) when it is too abundant. • TP: All the different forms of phosphorus (dissolved and associated with particles) measured in a water sample taken from a lake or tributary. • Makes it possible to determine the trophic level of the waters of a lake and to detect the presence of nutritive pollution in a tributary. • Sources: Domestic fertilizers, agricultural fertilizers, municipal and industrial waste waters, improper and inadequate septic systems, and abusive forestry cuts.
Chlorophyll a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pigment in all organisms that carry on photosynthesis including specifically microscopic algae in suspension in water (phytoplankton). • Indirect reflection of the quantity of phytoplankton in the water of a lake. • Makes it possible to determine the trophic level of the waters of a lake. • Parameter related to the abundance of phosphorus in water that represents the algal biomass.
Suspended solids (SS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiny particles which can remain for a certain time in the water column (soil particles, decomposing organic matter, phytoplankton). • Indicates the intake of soil particles that contribute to warming the water, decreasing the dissolved oxygen content, silting up the bottom of the watercourse, covering spawning grounds and blocking the respiratory system of some fish. • Sources: Soil erosion in the watershed (agricultural soils, forest soils, artificialized shores, quarries and sand pits, construction sites, road ditches, etc.), municipal and industrial waste water.
Total nitrogen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nitrogen: Essential nutritive element for living organisms that causes excessive growth of aquatic plants (premature eutrophication) when it is too abundant. • Total nitrogen: All the various forms of nitrogen (organic, ammoniac, nitrites, nitrates) measured, based on a water sample taken from a lake or tributary. • Makes it possible to detect the presence of nutritive pollution in a tributary. • Sources: Use of garden fertilizers, agricultural fertilizers, municipal and industrial waste water, improperly installed and inadequate septic systems.

1.3 Procedures used to Inventory the Shore and the Littoral

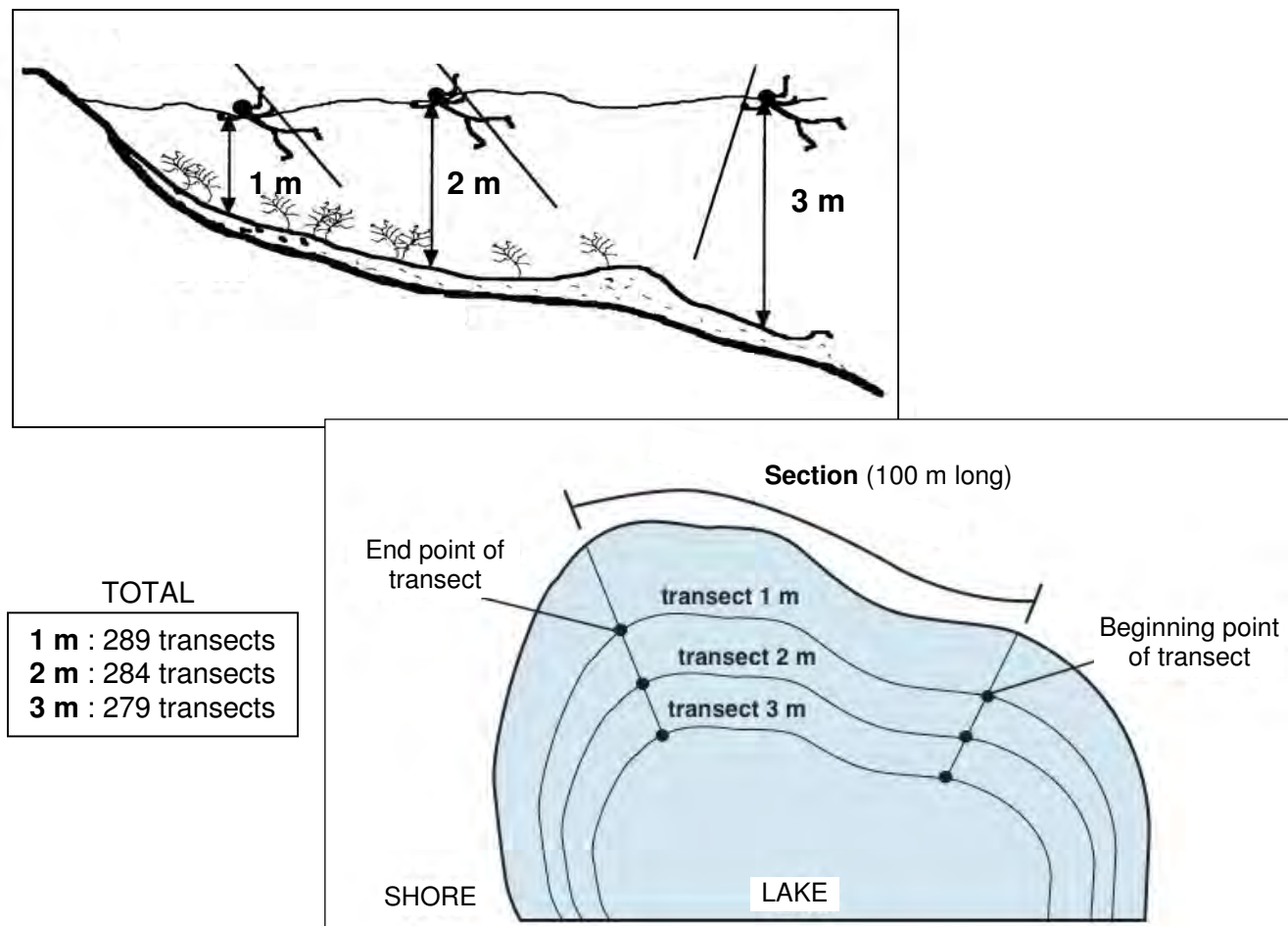
The inventory of the littoral and the shore was carried out from **August 8 to 19, 2005**. The entire perimeter of the littoral of the lake was divided into sections (portions of the littoral measuring about 100 metres in length). Each section followed the last, so that the end of one corresponds to the beginning of the next one.

For each section studied, information concerning the condition of the shore and littoral was obtained and noted by a team of biologists from RAPPEL. The degree of artificialization of the shore was assessed visually in a zone 10 metres wide. Data related to the condition of the littoral (sediments, aquatic plants, periphyton) were gathered using the **transects method**.

A transect is an imaginary line along which data are gathered. In this inventory, transects were drawn above a water column of a pre-set height (**one, two or three** metres), parallel to the shore (see figure 3). Thus, for each section studied, three transects were inventoried (one transect at one metre in depth, one at two metres and a third at three metres in depth). These three depths were chosen to give a good representation of the littoral zone, the zone where aquatic plants grow. Each of these transects measures about 100 metres long and two metres wide.

For more detail concerning the inventory protocol, see Appendix 1: *Protocol for the Inventory of the Littoral and the Shore*.

Figure 3: Location of the transects for inventorying the condition of the shore and littoral



The littoral of the lake was divided into **289 sections**, for a total of **852 transects**. The total number of sections is lower than the perimeter of the lake divided by 100 metres, because the length of the transects was measured with a GPS starting from a depth of 1 metre and not in relation to the high water line. The perimeter of the lake above the water column 1 metre deep is less than the perimeter of the lake calculated from the high water line.

Note: Because of the need for visibility, the transects were spaced on the map. Please refer to Appendix 2: *Location of Transects inventoried* to see the geographic coordinates of each transect.

1.4 Weather Information

Table 3 presents a synthesis of climatic data gathered in two weather stations situated near Lake Memphremagog (Magog and Georgeville) during the summer of 2005. You will also find the normal weather readings calculated from data registered between 1971 and 2000. Note that normal readings for the Georgeville station were not available at the time of going to press.

In this table, it can be seen that in the summer of 2005, average temperatures and total precipitation observed in these two stations was similar to the normal weather pattern.

Table 3: Summary of weather conditions
(Source : Environnement Canada, 2005)

		Magog		Georgeville		Normal regional weather *
		2005	Normale	2005	Normale	
Average temperature (°C)	May	9.7	12.0	9.9	-	11.2
	June	19.5E	16.9	20.2E	-	16.0
	July	20.3	19.4	20.4E	-	18.6
	August	19.6	18.2	20.5*	-	17.4
Total rainfall (mm)	May	88.8	100.0	151.6E	-	97.2
	June	161.4	110.4	111.3*	-	112.8
	July	121.4	120.2	131.6	-	119.8
	August	105.8	120.0	99.6*	-	129.0

E : the value is estimated

***** : the value posted is based on incomplete data

Chapter 2: General Portrait of the Lake

It is important to consider the morphological characteristics of the lake and its drainage basin. Depending on these characteristics, the lake will be more or less vulnerable to anthropic pressures that could lead to accelerated eutrophication.

2.1 General Description of the Watershed

The watershed for Lake Memphremagog covers a total area of 1764 sq. km, of which 75 % is on the American side of the border. Moreover, 71 % of the water comes from Vermont (Dimension Environnement Ltée, 1980). Thus, the condition of the drainage basin of the American side plays an extremely important role for the health of both sides of the lake.

Size of the drainage basin

Canadian side: 433 km ² American side: 1331 km ²

The lake, oriented north-south, originates on the American side and flows towards its outlet, the Magog River. After flowing into the Magog River, the waters flow down to the St. Francis River. Thus Lake Memphremagog and its watershed are an integral part of the sub-basin of the Magog, and the middle basin of the St. Francis River.

More than thirty permanent and ephemeral tributaries flow directly into Lake Memphremagog. The Black River, Barton River and Clyde River are the main tributaries on the American side of the lake. On the Quebec side, the main tributaries are the Rivière-aux-Cerises (Cherry River) and the following brooks and creeks: Castle Brook, McIntosh (Benoit), Powell Brook, West, Glen, Vale, Tompkin Fitch, Bunker, Gale and McCutcheon, Lime Kiln, Belmère (Boyton), Taylor and Oliver.

Principal municipalities of the lake

Canadian side: Magog, Austin, Saint-Benoît-du-lac, Ogden, Potton, Stanstead CT American side: Newport, Derby

2.2 Morphological Characteristics of the Lake

Lake Memphremagog is a long lake situated at an altitude of 208 metres above sea level. This lake was created by the retreat of the Wisconsin Glaciation, about 11,000 years ago. Then, with the end of the Champlain Ocean phase, around 9,500 years ago, the lake was formed (Ilec, 2004). This magnificent lake, in the heart of the Appalachian mountain chain, has a very special morphology surrounded by the peaks of this range.

Table 4 presents the main morphological characteristics of the lake. Figure 5 shows the bathymetry of the American part of the lake.

Table 4: Morphological characteristics of Lake Memphremagog
(Source: Ilec, 2004)

Characteristics	Global	American side	Québec side
Maximum depth (trench)	107 m	12 m	107 m
Average depth	15.5 m	-	-
Residence time	700 days	-	-
Area of the lake	102 km ²	28 km ²	74 km ²
Volume of water	1.7 X 10 ⁹ m ³	-	-
Length	53 km	-	-
Maximum width	4 km	-	-
Perimeter	160 km	40 km	120 km

These morphological characteristics have various consequences on water quality. For example, a residence time of 700 days means that it takes nearly two years for the water to be renewed. This must be taken into account when looking at improving water quality. Furthermore, this residence time is important for the lake to allow part of the suspended solids and phosphorus in the water to settle on the bottom.

Lake Memphremagog is a big, deep lake. In such lakes, one notes that pollutants are diluted in the huge volume of water. Thus the consequences of the arrival of pollutants from tributaries, ditches and runoff are not immediately reflected in water quality in the trench. This is one of the reasons that the littoral zone may present symptoms of eutrophication before it is seen in the deepest waters of the lake.

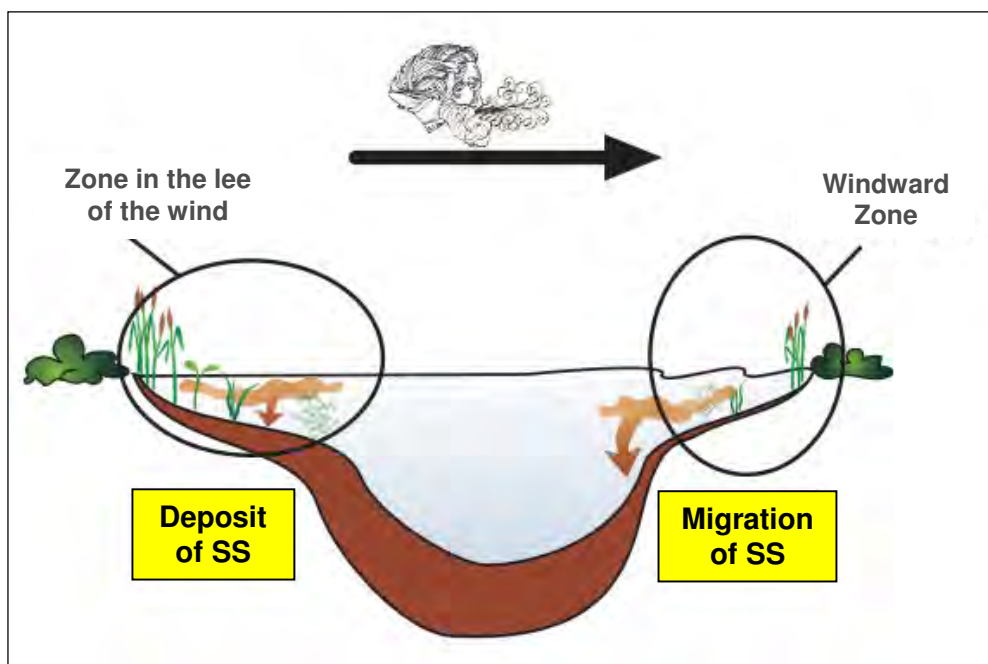
On the other hand, certain zones of the lake are more susceptible to sedimentation from suspended materials and nutrients (see Figure 4). In a general way, sediments accumulate more quickly in:

- quiet bays (where the mixing of water caused by wave activity is reduced);
- sheltered zones (with little exposure to the prevailing winds and waves);
- zones characterized by a gentle slope (wave action is less significant).

In these zones aquatic plants are also more likely to get a foothold, because the water is calmer and warmer, there is good light penetration and there are finer sediments, richer in phosphorus (Meunier, 1980). It is, therefore, in these zones that the first symptoms of eutrophication are likely to be seen.

Taking into account the morphological characteristics, one might conclude that South Bay, Holbrook Bay, Derby Bay, the bays of Lake Park and all of the narrows at the southern end of the lake are the zones most vulnerable on the American side of Lake Memphremagog (see figure 5).

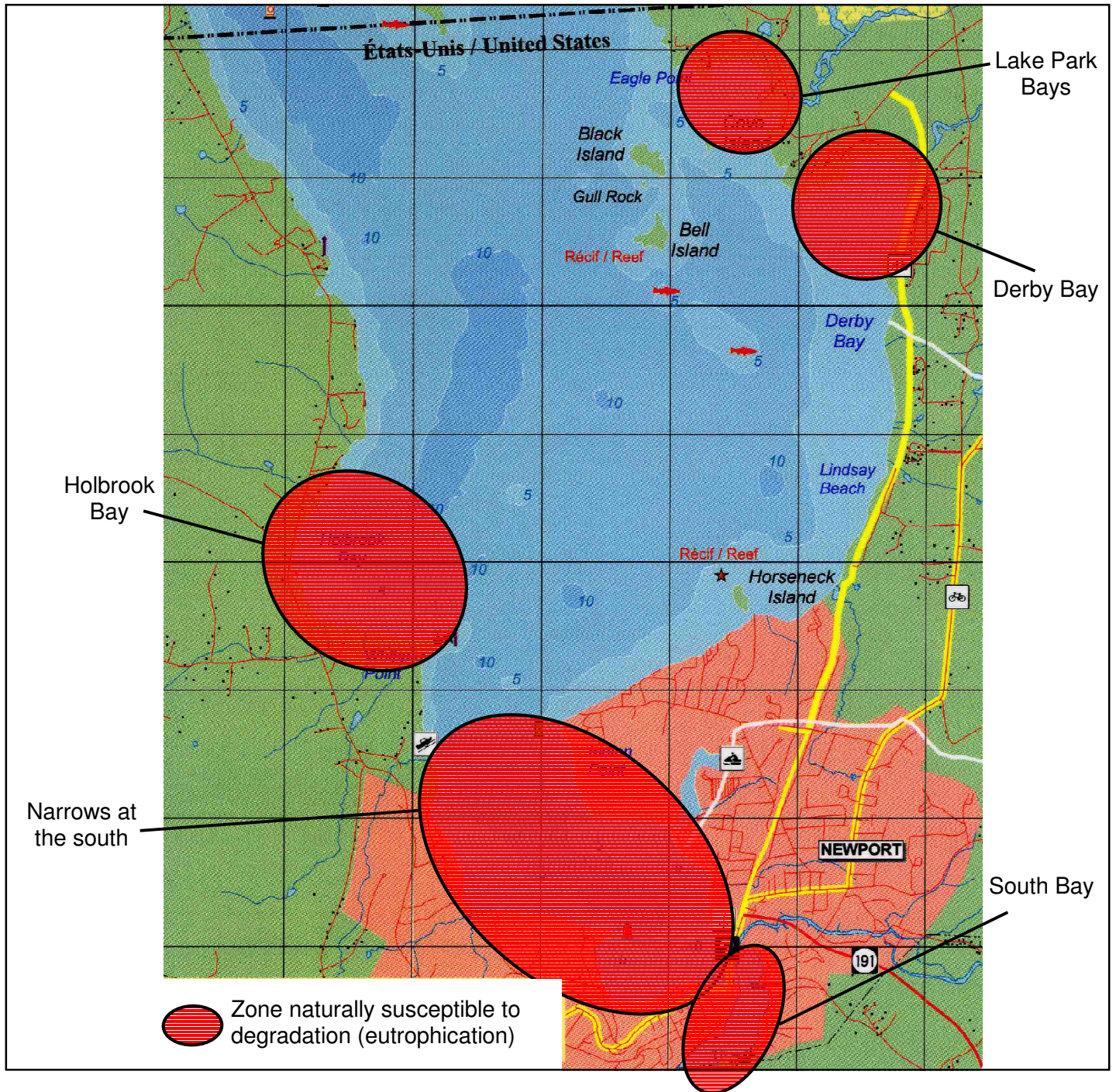
Figure 4: Impact of exposure to the prevailing winds on sedimentation



Comments on the entire lake

The entire American part of the lake is shallow, with a gently sloping littoral, in comparison to the Quebec side of the lake. Thus the American side is one of the sectors of Lake Memphremagog which is the most likely to show signs of eutrophication.

Figure 5: Zones naturally susceptible to silting and development of aquatic plants
(adapted from TRAK, Concepts de cartes, 2002)



Chapter 3: Condition of the Shore

According to the *Politique de la protection des rives, du littoral et de la plaine inondable* (a policy to protect shores, the littoral and the flood plain in Québec), **the shore** is legally defined as *the part of the terrestrial milieu contiguous to a lake or watercourse. The shore provides the transition between the aquatic milieu and the strictly terrestrial milieu. It allows a protective buffer zone of 10 or 15 metres in width to be maintained around the perimeter of lakes and bodies of water. The shore is measured from the high water mark inward toward land (MEF)* (trans. for this report). According to this policy, the width of the shore to be protected corresponds horizontally to a minimum of 10 metres if the slope is less than 30 % with a talus or embankment of less than 5 metres, and 15 metres minimum if the slope is greater than 30 % with a slope of more than 5 metres. It is important to keep the shore in a natural state. Unlike artificialized shorelines, a natural shore keeps a stretch of water in good health because it checks erosion, filters out nutrients, cools the water and provides a habitat for wildlife.

The degree of artificialization has been assessed for each section, on portions of the shore measuring about 100 metres in length and 10 metres in width. Depending on how many artificial structures there are (the percentage of the area), the shoreline in each section has been classified in one of the five following categories:

Categories of shoreline	Presence of artificial structures
Natural	Less than 10 % of the area
Slightly modified	Between 10 % and 25 % of the area
Quite modified	Between 25 % and 50 % of the area
Greatly modified	Between 50 % and 75 % of the area
Totally artificial	More than 75 % of the area

Figure 6 presents the number of sections in each category of shore for all the sections studied in the American part of Lake Memphremagog. Nearly a majority of the shore sections have been greatly modified (45 % were assessed as being greatly or totally modified). Fortunately, nearly one-quarter of the shore still remains in a natural condition. Figure 7 presents the condition of shores in the relatively homogeneous zones of the lake. This shows the degree of artificialization or modification in similar sections. Note that this is an overall assessment and that both totally artificial and natural shores are seen in all parts of the lake. To find out more about the state of artificialization in each section of the lake, please refer to the Appendix 3: *Raw Results of Transects inventoried*.

It is clear that **regions that are left in their natural condition** are rare and of small dimension on the American side of Lake Memphremagog. These areas are basically found at:

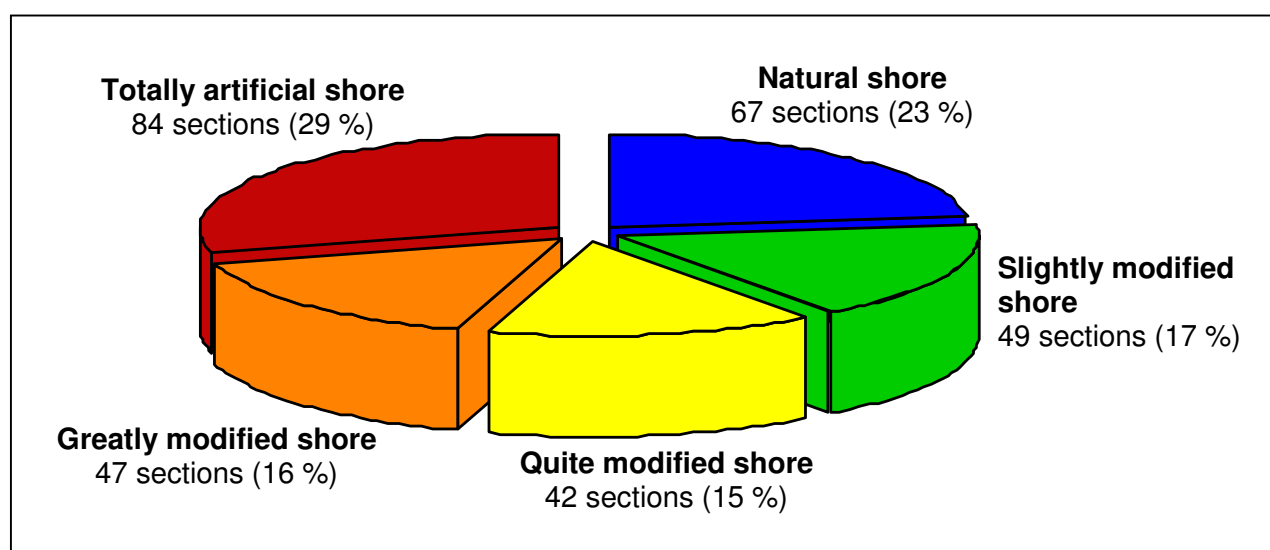
- the east and west parts near the Canadian border;
- the south of South Bay;
- the southern part of Indiana Point;
- the part near Horseneck Island.

The **most artificialized regions** were those situated in:

- Holbrook Bay;
- Around the mouth of the bay at Newport;
- the northern part of South Bay;
- the northern part of Derby Bay;
- the points at the north and south of Lake Park.

Note that these particularly vulnerable artificialized regions correspond to zones considered naturally the most vulnerable, with the exception of the points at Lake Park (see figure 5 in the previous chapter).

Figure 6: The condition of the shore in the 289 sections on the American part of the lake



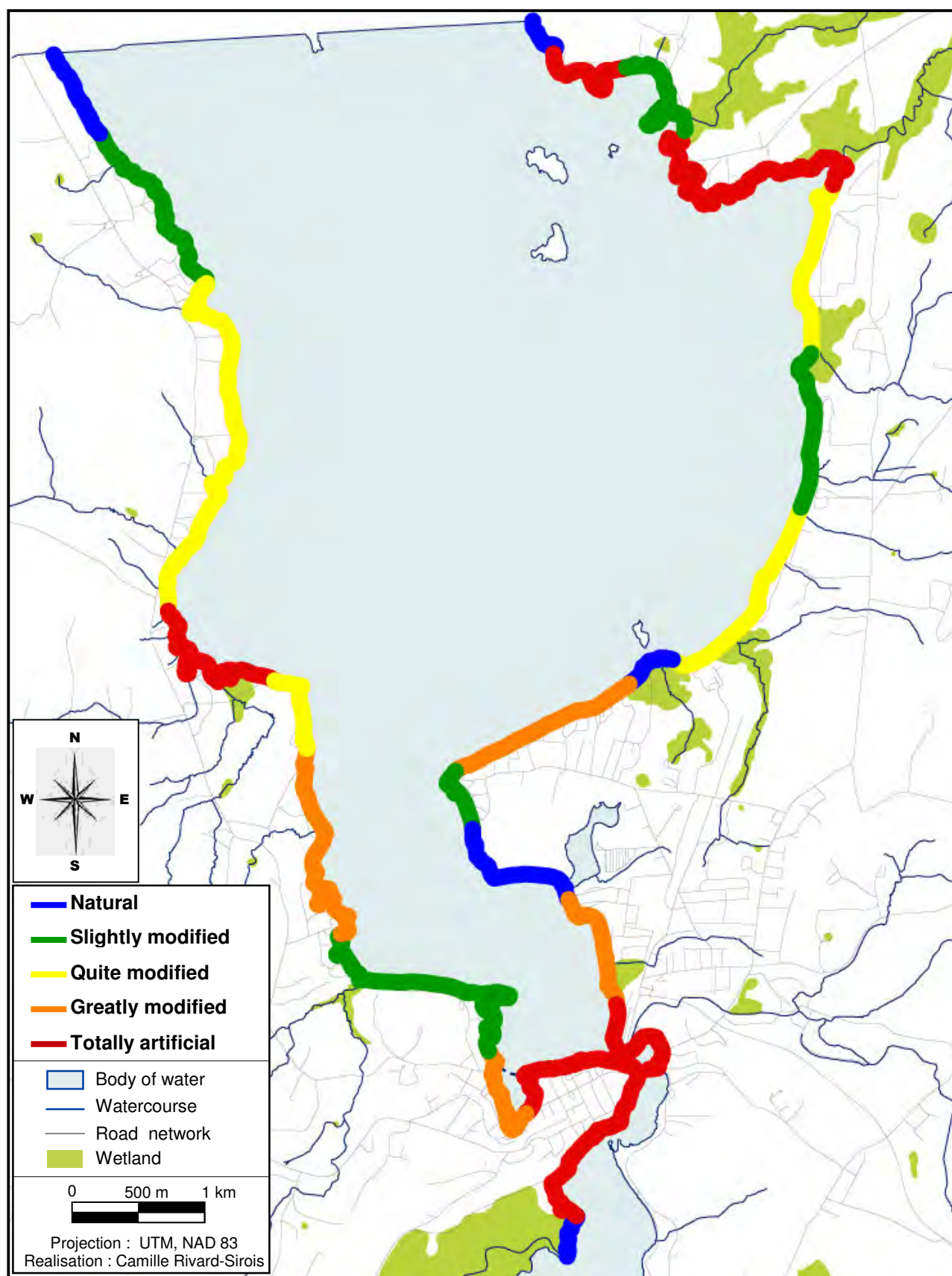
To conclude, the American part of Lake Memphremagog presents different categories of shoreline. The lake still has beautiful sites in an almost natural state, which is positive, both from an environmental and from a tourism perspective. It is important to protect the shores in as natural a state as possible. However, several zones are now very degraded. Restoring these shores is an essential strategy for maintaining the health of the lake.

For more information about protecting and replanting these shores, please see *Nature and Shorelines* (RAPPEL, 2001).

Commentary on the whole lake

At the American part of the lake, the problem of artificialization of the shore is considered, overall, to be at the intermediate level. In fact, in Vermont, the degree of total artificialization is assessed at 25-50 %. At the Quebec part of the lake, the level of total artificialization was estimated at 10-25 % in 2004 (RAPPEL, 2005).

Figure 7: Condition of the shores in the American part of the lake, by homogeneous zones





Chapter 4: Water Quality in the Lake

To evaluate the water quality on the American side of Lake Memphremagog, the results of physico-chemical analyses by the **Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs** (MDDEP) have been used. The parameters considered are total phosphorus, chlorophyll *a* and transparency of water. Please refer to section 1.2 *Parameters studied* for a description of each of these parameters.

Table 5 presents the criteria used to determine the trophic level of each parameter studied. Figure 8 presents the location of the two testing stations used by MDDEP. Note that when there is no agreement between the calculation for trophic level based on these various parameters, it is the indicator calculated from chlorophyll which is used.

Table 5: Criteria used to evaluate the trophic level according to each parameter
(Source : MDDEP, 2004)

		Chlorophyll <i>a</i> (µg/l)	Total Phosphorus (µg/l)	Transparency of water (m)
Low nutrient content	Oligotrophic	< 3	< 10	> 5
	Oligo-mesotrophic	2.5 – 3.5	7 - 13	4 - 6
Medium nutrient content	Mesotrophic	3 – 8	10 – 30	2.5 - 5
	Meso-eutrophic	6.5 -10	20 - 35	2 - 3
High nutrient content	Eutrophic	> 8	> 30	< 2.5

Note:

An **oligotrophic** lake is a young lake characterized by waters that have a low nutrient content, are clear and well oxygenated, and by a low production of aquatic vegetation. At the other extreme is a **eutrophic** lake rich in nutrients and vegetal matter. It has reached an advanced stage of eutrophication leading to, among other things, a change in animal communities, growth in organic material and an oxygen deficit in deep waters. Finally, a **mesotrophic** lake is characterized by an intermediate level of aging.

When the values obtained for the different parameters are at the limit for the main trophic levels, they are called **oligo-mesotrophic** and **meso-eutrophic**.

Figure 8: Location of sampling stations (lake and tributaries)
(Adapted from MDDEP, 2006 and NWSC, 2006)

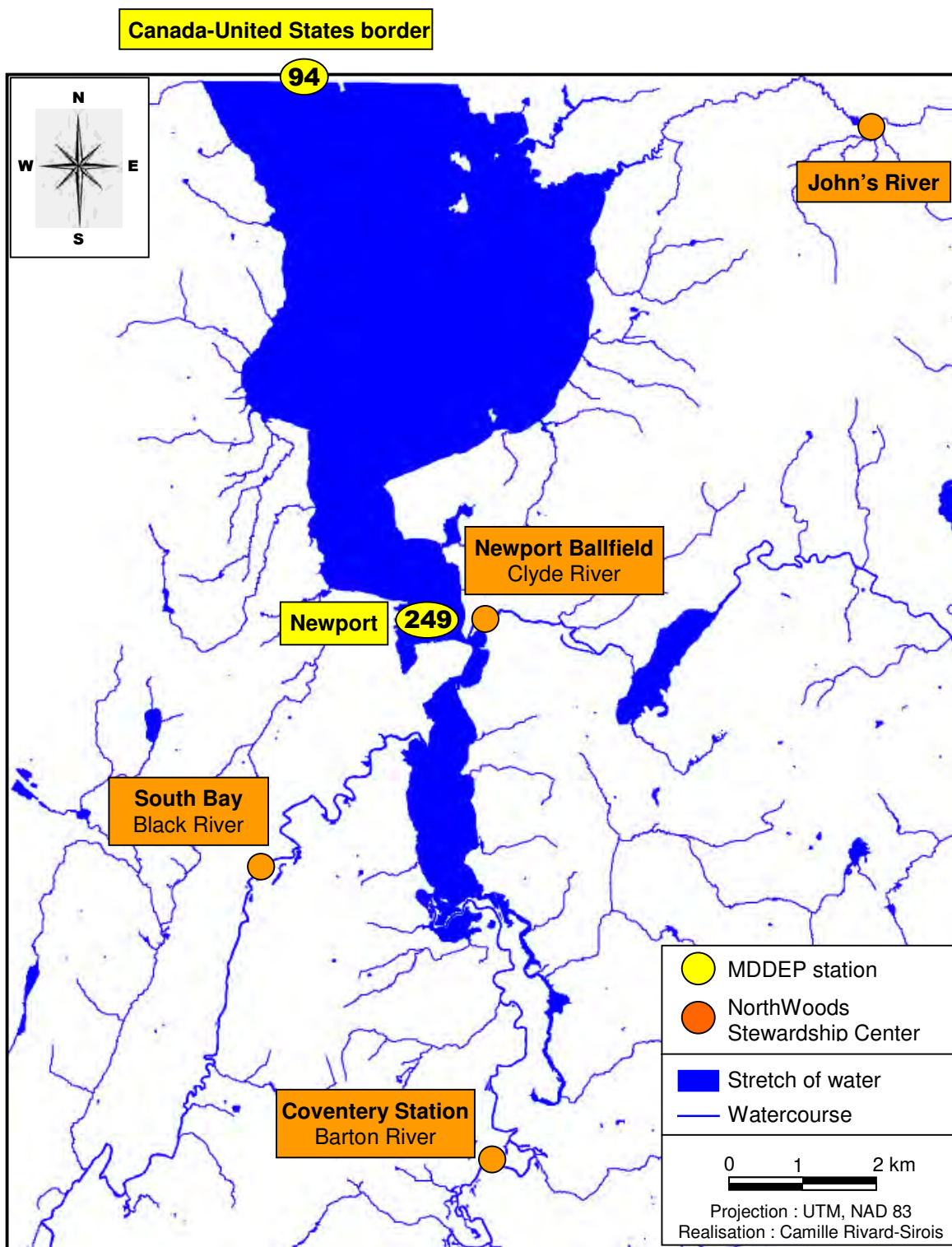


Table 6 presents a view of water quality at the two sampling stations used by the MDDEP. The raw data are found in Appendix 4: *Raw Data on the Quality of the Lake's Waters*.

Table 6: Synthesis of lake's water quality (annual median values)
at the MDDEP stations (Source : MENV, 2005 ; MDDEP, 2006b; Simoneau 2004)

		Chlorophyll <i>a</i> (µg/l)	Total phosphorus (µg/l)	Transparency of water (m)	Trophic level
94 Canada-US border	1996	4.41	13.5	6.1	Mesotrophic
	1997	5.70	14.5	3.9	Mesotrophic
	1998	5.52	12.0	3.5	Mesotrophic
	1999	5.90	-	3.0	Mesotrophic
	2000	-	-	4.3	Oligo-Mesotrophic
	2001	7.10	-	4.5	Meso-eutrophic
	2002	4.47	-	4.2	Mesotrophic
	2004	7.35	11.8	4.5	Meso-eutrophic
249 Newport	2005	4.45	11.5	3.9	Mesotrophic
	2004	6.73	11.4	4.3	Meso-eutrophic
	2005	5.01	18.5	3.6	Mesotrophic

These results show the following:

- The two stations present a similar water quality.
- The waters of the American side of Lake Memphremagog are assessed overall as **Mesotrophic** (typical of an intermediate level of eutrophication).
- For each station and each parameter, there is a **certain variation** between the values obtained every year, which is normal.
- These tables show **no trend** in the medium term to improvement or deterioration. The condition of the American part of the lake thus seems to have remained stable since 1996.
- Data from the Newport station.

Theoretically, a lake of this size and age should present oligotrophic water, not mesotrophic (Simoneau, 2004). This indicates that the lake is receiving excess loads of phosphorus which is causing an acceleration of eutrophication. Among the activities causing this are the use of chemical fertilizers on shorefront lawns, agricultural use of fertilizers, municipal waste waters, sewage effluents, industrial and landfill leachates, urban runoff and abusive forestry practices.

Comments on the entire lake

Waters on the Quebec side are also considered mesotrophic, according to the sampling done at eight stations by the MDDEP (MDDEP, 2006 and Simoneau, 2004). Nevertheless, the closer one goes to the outlet of the lake (Magog River) the clearer the water and the lower the phosphorus content.



Chapter 5: The Condition of the Main Tributaries

The quality of water carried to the lake by its tributaries has a major impact on the water quality of the lake. In fact, a large amount of the phosphorus load that arrives in the lake comes from its tributaries. This is why we have included data related to water quality in the main tributaries as part of our diagnosis of the health of the lake. However, we note that the quality of water carried by ditches is also extremely important, which is why it is necessary to properly maintain ditches (See Appendix 8: *General Solutions to Improve the Health of a Lake*).

In 2005, the **NorthWoods Stewardship Center (NWSC)** tested water quality from four major tributaries: the Black, Barton, Clyde and John's Rivers. For each of these, different sampling stations were studied. To obtain a global picture of the quality of water coming into the lake, we integrated only those results from stations situated near the lake.

The sampling stations where studies were carried out by NWSC are presented in Appendix 5: *Raw Data on the Condition of the Tributaries*. Figure 8, in the previous chapter, presents the location of the NWSC stations used for our assessment. The following sections present the results from each of these stations.

For each one, different physico-chemical parameters were studied: Total phosphorus, suspended solids and total nitrogen. Please refer to section 1.2 *Parameters studied* for a description of these parameters.

The assessment of these parameters was carried out, based on quality criteria (tolerance threshold) for the protection of aquatic life (see Table 7). Every tributary where the concentration of total phosphorus or suspended solids exceeded the quality criteria set is likely, in the long term, to give rise to chronic harmful effects for aquatic life. Note that there is no fixed threshold for the total nitrogen concentration.

Table 7: Water quality criteria for the protection of aquatic life
(Source: MDDEP, 2006b)

Parameters	Quality criteria
Total phosphorus (TP)	< 20 µg/l
Suspended solids (SS)	< 5 mg/l

µg/l : microgram per litre

mg/l : milligram per litre

5.1 Condition of Black River

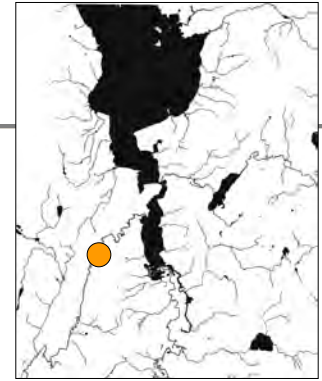


Table 8 presents the physico-chemical results on the condition of the Black River at the South Bay station. These results show that:

- For the three parameters, the highest values were measured during the months of June and July.
- The concentration in phosphorus is higher than the level set in the criteria to protect aquatic life. This indicates the presence of polluting activities (that produce phosphorus) at the mouth of the tributary.
- The concentration of suspended solids is a reason for some concern, especially because the outflow of this river is significant. Half of the measurements exceed the threshold tolerance level set.
- The concentration of total nitrogen is within the normal range (Hébert et Légaré, 2000).

Table 8: Physico-chemical results for the Black River (South Bay station) in 2005
(Source: NWSC, 2006)

	Total phosphorus (µg/l)	Suspended solids (mg/l)	Total nitrogen (mg/l)
May	15.6	2.0	0.36
June	34.3	10.0	0.49
July	39.4	12.6	0.47
August	25.9	3.9	0.44
September	24.7	4.0	0.40
October	23.5	7.6	0.36
Average	27.2	6.7	0.42
Median	25.3	5.8	0.42

To summarize, the Black River appears to be an important entry point for phosphorus. To improve water quality, it will be important to conduct research to locate and eliminate local sources (both point and non-point source) in the drainage basin.

Analysis of the data from stations upstream reveals the presence of human activities that are polluting the entire drainage basin. Only stations at the head of the drainage basin (Craftsbury and Lake Elligo stations) present water of good quality (NWSC, 2006).

5.2 Condition of Barton River

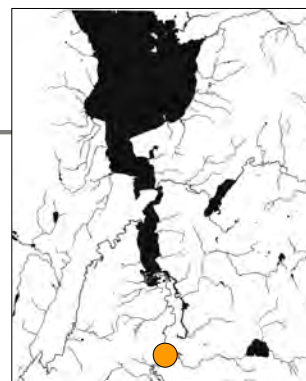


Table 9 presents the physico-chemical results of the condition of the Barton River at the Coventry station. These results show that:

- The highest values were observed in the month of June.
- The average concentration of phosphorus is slightly above the norms. One or several polluting activities (that produce phosphorus) appear to have taken place in June and October.
- The concentration of suspended solids is also a problem, because the outflow from this river is significant. Only the measurement for the month of September was below the level set for this quality criterion.
- Concentrations of total nitrogen were within the range of normal values (Hébert et Légaré, 2000).

Table 9: Physico-chemical results for the Barton River (Coventry Station) in 2005
(Source: NWSC, 2006)

	Total phosphorus (µg/l)	Suspended solids (mg/l)	Total nitrogen (mg/l)
May	14.9	5.7	0.30
June	37.3	27.7	0.35
July	18.7	-	0.32
August	18.2	5.6	0.34
September	19.5	2.3	0.30
October	27.7	17.3	0.32
Average	22.7	11.7	0.32
Median	19.1	5.7	0.32

To summarize, the Barton River appears to be an important point of entry for suspended solids, especially because this river has a significant outflow. To improve the quality of its water, it is important to search for and eliminate sources of erosion in its drainage basin. The phosphorus load does not seem to be a major problem here. However, it would be useful to check to see whether pollution has occurred, for example, at the time of spreading agricultural fertilizers.

Moreover, the analysis of data from stations situated upstream reveals that there are sources of degradation present throughout the drainage basin. Only the stations situated at the head of the drainage basin (Willoughby River, Cristal Lake and Glover Road stations) present waters of good quality (NWSC, 2006). We should note that at the stations upstream, the pH values are often above 8.5, the criterion set for the protection of recreational activities and aesthetic aspects in Quebec (MDDEP, 2006).

5.3 Condition of Clyde River

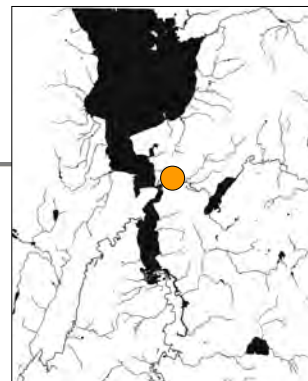


Table 10 presents the physico-chemical results for the condition of the Clyde River at the Newport Ballfield station. These results indicate that:

- The average values for phosphorus and suspended solids are slightly below the norm for the protection of aquatic life.
- However, in the month of July and August, the concentrations observed were problematic for these two parameters.
- The concentrations of total nitrogen are within the normal range of values (Hébert et Légaré, 2000).

Table 10: Physico-chemical results for the Clyde River (Newport ballfield station) in 2005
(Source: NWSC, 2006)

	Total phosphorus (µg/l)	Suspended solids (mg/l)	Total nitrogen (mg/l)
May	12.9	1.8	0.41
June	18.5	2.3	0.38
July	24.7	12.5	0.41
August	22.1	7.2	0.65
September	13.7	1.6	0.23
October	18.0	1.7	0.43
Average	18.3	4.5	0.42
Median	18.3	2.0	0.41

To summarize, the Clyde River does not appear to be a major point of entry for phosphorus or for sediments. Moreover, the quality of water at the different stations situated farther upstream in the drainage basin is essentially of good quality for all parameters (NWSC, 2006).

5.4 Condition of John's River

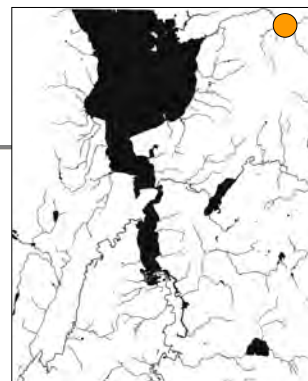


Table 11 presents the physico-chemical results for the condition of John's River. These results show that:

- There seems to be a problem at this river, starting in June.
- The concentration of phosphorus is clearly a problem for aquatic life. This indicates the presence of polluting activities (producing phosphorus) upstream in the tributary.
- The concentration of suspended solids is also a problem for aquatic life. This indicates the presence of erosion upstream in the tributary.
- The majority of concentrations measured are below the tolerance threshold for the protection of aquatic life except during the month of July and August.
- Concentrations of total nitrogen are above the usual range observed on Quebec rivers (Hébert et Légaré 2000). This indicates that the quantities of nutrients and suspended organic solids are abnormally elevated.

Table 11: Physico-chemical results for John's River in 2005
(Source: NWSC, 2006)

	Total phosphorus (µg/l)	Suspended solids (mg/l)	Total nitrogen (mg/l)
May	16.6	1.8	2.50
June	49.7	21.6	1.39
July	81.5	12.1	2.94
August	51.9	17.0	6.06
September	29.9	1.0	5.12
October	27.9	4.7	1.49
Average	42.9	9.7	3.25
Median	39.8	8.4	2.72

To summarize, John's River appears to be the most problematic of the 4 rivers analyzed by the NWSC. Annual concentrations of phosphorus and SS are significantly above the threshold tolerance level. Furthermore, the concentration of total nitrogen is very high. It would be useful to determine the content of various forms of nitrogen (nitrites, nitrates, ammonia nitrogen) in order to identify the sources of pollution.

Harmful quantities of nutrients and sediments were carried by this river in 2005. Fortunately, there is a wetland near the lake which was able to filter out some part of these pollutants.

To improve water quality, it will be necessary to search for and eliminate the local sources (identifiable and dispersed) in the drainage basin.



Chapter 6: Sediments on the Littoral

This study of silting is based both on the type of dominant sediments (substrata) and the thickness of the unconsolidated sediments (fine particles). Please see section *1.2 Parameters Studied* for more information.

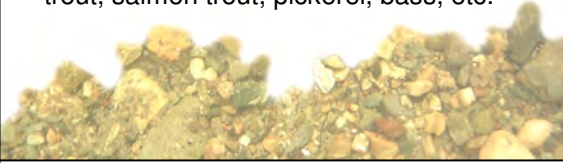

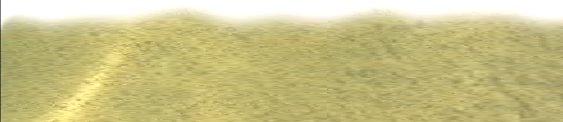

There are different types of substrata (see Table 12) making up the bottom of a lake. These serve as habitat for the flora and fauna of the lake. Each type plays a role in the aquatic ecosystem; thus a great diversity at the bottom is essential for the longevity of the ecosystem. An accumulation of fine particles (a mixture of fine organic materials and fine mineral particles) on the littoral disturbs the aquatic habitat. The accumulation of these fine particles comes from the **decomposition of living organisms** or from **soil erosion in the drainage basin**.

When plants and animals die, they fall to the bottom and are progressively decomposed into fine organic materials thereby forming fine sediments. Thus, the richer the lake is in algae and aquatic plants, the more dead organisms gather on the bottom at the end of each growing season and the greater the sedimentary accumulation.

When the ground is stripped, the erosive action of raindrops dislodges many fine particles which are then carried to the lake via ditches and watercourses, thereby filling the lake with sediments. Thus, as more natural vegetation ground cover is lost in the watershed, the soils become vulnerable to erosion, and more earth is carried toward the body of water.

Note that there is normally an equilibrium between the allochthonous sediment load (from outside the lake) and the degradation of these sediments by the micro-organisms in the lake. In this natural process, almost all the sediments that arrive in the lake are degraded and recycled, and there is practically no sedimentary accumulation (Carignan, 2003). However, when the inputs surpass the quantity decomposed, for example when there is a large amount of soil erosion in the watershed, sediments build up on top of each other (silting of the lake bottom).

Table 12: Different types of sediments (substrata)
(Adapted from CRJC, 2003)

of mineral origin Result of soil erosion	of organic origin Result of decomposition of organisms	Coarse materials Not favourable to implantation of aquatic plants.
<p align="center">COARSE SUBSTRATA</p> <p>Boulders (rocks): more than 20 cm in diameter</p> <p>Shingle (pebbles or cobbles): diameter between 2 and 20 cm</p> <p>Gravel: diameter between 0.2 and 2 cm</p> <p>Sands: diameter between 0.05 and 2 mm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carried only by strong currents. • Used as spawning grounds by trout, lake trout, salmon trout, pickerel, bass, etc. 	<p align="center">VEGETAL DEBRIS</p> <p>Leaves (aquatic and terrestrial plants)</p> <p>Branches and pieces of bark</p> <p>Other plant debris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eventually decomposed into fine organic matter. • Offers a habitat for certain animals including worms and insects. • Serves as food for animal decomposers. 	
<p align="center">FINE MINERAL PARTICLES</p> <p>Clay and silt: diameter smaller than 0.05 mm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easily carried by the current and remain for a long time in suspension in water (SS). • Shelter worms and bacteria. • Serve as spawning grounds for catfish and chub, but may cover up the spawning grounds of trout, lake trout, salmon trout, pickerel, bass, etc. 	<p align="center">FINE ORGANIC MATTER</p> <p>Small organic particles that result from the decomposition of living organisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easily carried by the current and may remain for a long time in suspension in water (SS). • Shelters worms and bacteria. • Serves as spawning ground for catfish and chub, but may cover up the spawning grounds of trout, lake trout, salmon trout, pickerel, bass, etc. 	Fine Particles Favourable to the implantation and growth of aquatic plants.

In the context of our inventory, the categories of substrata are:

- Rock (bed-rock)
- Boulders
- Shingle or cobbles
- Coarse gravel (more than 1 cm)
- Fine gravel (less than 1 cm)
- Sands
- Fine particles (fine mineral particles + fine organic matter)
- Vegetal or plant debris

6.1 Types of Substrata

Table 13 presents the many different types of dominant and sub-dominant substrata for each of the three depths studied in the littoral zone for the American side of Lake Memphremagog. Figure 9 presents the overall range (all depths together). From these data, the following principal facts emerge:

- In a general way, the size of particles declines with the depth of the transects, which is quite normal considering that the regular mixing of the waters and the wave action carry fine particles to the deeper zones.
- Fine particles constitute the principal type of sediment in the littoral zone for each of the three water depths inventoried. These particles constitute the dominant or sub-dominant substratum in 86 % of the transects.
- Sands are also frequently present. They are found as the dominant or sub-dominant substratum in 66 % of the transects.
- Boulders and gravels are less abundant. These substrata are present (dominant or sub-dominant) in 29 % and 8 % respectively of the transects studied.
- Most of the transects (69 %) where gravels or boulders dominate are undergoing silting (fine particles make up the sub-dominant sediment).
- Rocks and vegetal debris are not abundant.
- The 1 m zone is the zone richest in boulders and gravels of the entire littoral. Boulders were found in 36 % of the transects, coarse gravel in 17 %, and fine gravels in 2 %.
- The 3 m zone presents the most important signs of silting. In fact, fine particles are found there as the dominant or sub-dominant substratum in almost all transects.

Table 13: Different types of substrata found for each depth

		Rock	Boulders	Gravels	Sands	Fine particles	Vegetal debris
Dominant sediment	1 m	2 %	24 %	7 %	34 %	33 %	0.3 %
	2 m	2 %	9 %	4 %	34 %	51 %	0
	3 m	1 %	3 %	3 %	22 %	70 %	1 %
Sub-dominant sediment	1 m	2 %	12 %	12 %	29 %	42 %	3 %
	2 m	1 %	23 %	7 %	32 %	31 %	6 %
	3 m	0.4 %	17 %	5 %	37 %	32 %	9 %

Figure 9: Overall proportion of different types of substrata found

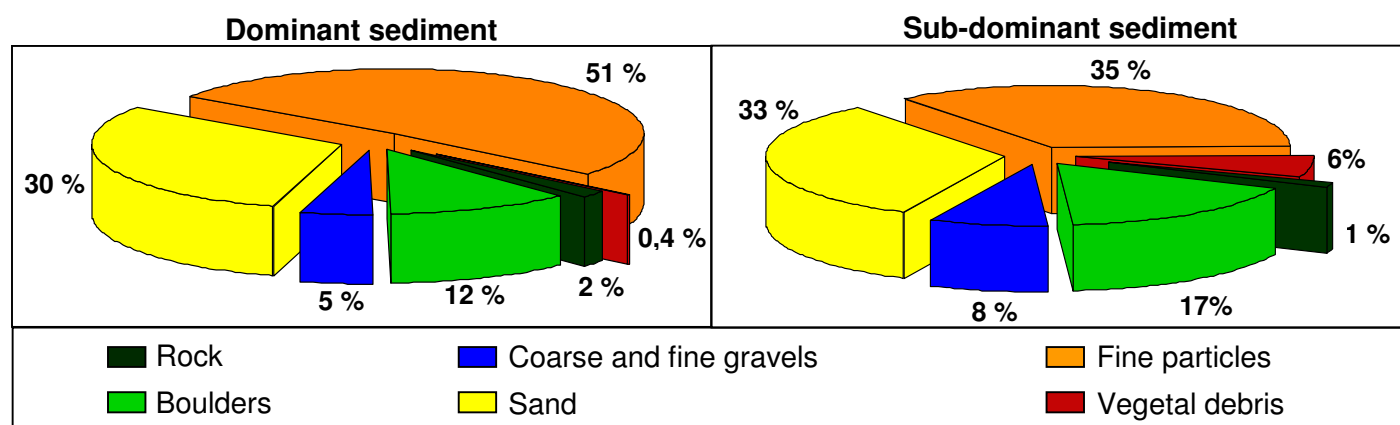


Figure 10 shows the type of dominant bottom for each transect studied. There are few sites of boulders and gravels and these are small. They are mainly located in the zones where there has been less human exploitation and those that are naturally less susceptible to silting because of their very steep slope and their exposure to water currents (see section 2.2 *Morphological Characteristics of the Lake*).

The main **rocky areas**, suitable for lake trout and small-mouth bass, are found:

- on the west side near the border (especially at the 1 m-transects),
- on points in Lake Park, and
- near the bridge on Highway 5.

The main **gravel areas**, favourable for spawning of various trout species, are basically in the 1 m transects:

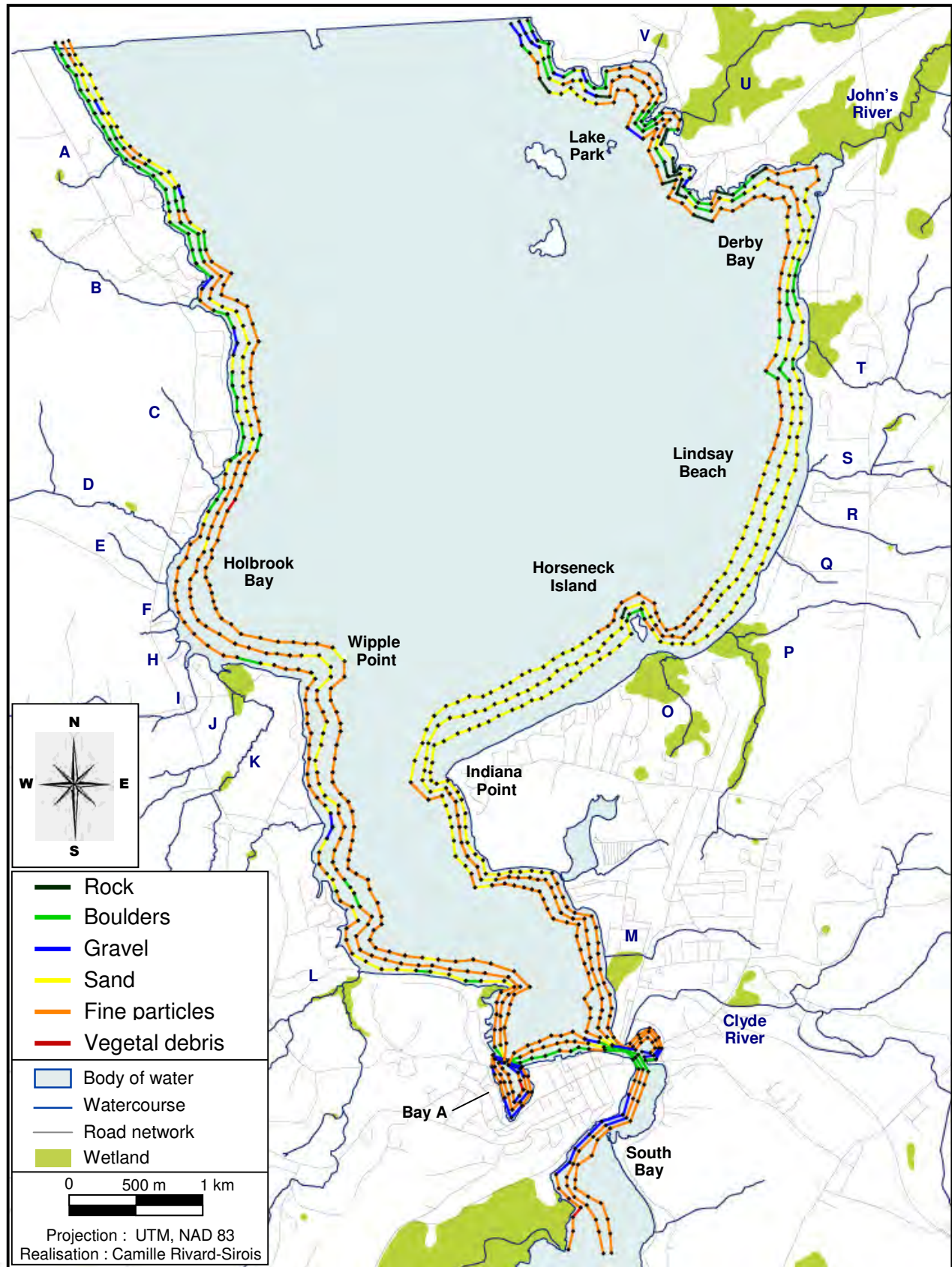
- on the east side, near the border;
- near Maxfield Bay;
- at the mouth of un-named creek K;
- in the un-named bay A;
- to the northwest of South Bay.

Plant debris makes up part of the habitat of many living organisms, including certain fish and mollusks, and a number of insects and worms. It should also be noted that during the inventory, fresh water sponges on dead branches were regularly encountered by biologists. These vegetal debris were surveyed as sub-dominant substrate at:

- the portion between Maxfield and Holbrook Bays (especially at the 3 m transects);
- Wipple Point;
- the mouth of un-named creek L;
- Indiana Point.

The abundance of **sands** and **fine particles** is favourable for other tolerant fish species. While inventorying the littoral and the shore, many chub, catfish, yellow perch and sunfish were seen. The sands at Lindsay Beach seem to be a favourable habitat for mussels which are plentiful in the region.

Figure 10: Types of dominant substrate in the littoral zone at the American part of Lake Memphremagog (at 1, 2 and 3 m)



6.2 Thickness of Sediments

The study of sediment accumulations provides evidence of anthropic pressures on a stretch of water. Considerable recent sedimentary accumulation shows that the soil erosion in the watershed and eutrophication of the milieu are more than the lake can support. As an example, the natural accumulation is practically non-existent from one year to the next on the littoral, and it hardly varies more than one cm per year in the trench of a lake, and this does not take into account normal sediment compaction (Carignan, 2003). Thus a finding of sedimentary accumulation on the littoral during a human lifetime is a sign of degradation.

Figure 11 shows the sedimentary accumulation found in each of the three depths studied in the littoral on the American part of Lake Memphremagog. It shows the percentage of the measurements of thickness from five different classes. The following important findings are derived from this table:

- Sedimentary accumulation increases with the depth of the transects, which is normal because the regular mixing of the water and the wave action bring fine particles to the deeper zones.
- The average **overall** sedimentary thickness (all depths considered together) is evaluated at 80-90 cm which is considered high in the littoral zone. A significant number of measurements of sedimentary thickness exceeded one metre.
- The average sedimentary thickness for the **1 m zone** is evaluated at 30-40 cm, even if most of the measurements were less than 10 cm, because several very high measurements brought up the average value (median 5-10 cm).
- In the **2 m zone**, the average sedimentary thickness was evaluated at 80-90 cm and the median at 30-40 cm. In addition, 27 % of the measurements exceeded one metre in height.
- The **3 m zone presents a very high** accumulation of unconsolidated, fine sediments. In fact, nearly half of the sedimentary thickness measurements show more than one metre of deposit and 19 % of these measurements exceed three metres in thickness. The average and median sedimentary thicknesses were very high: 130-140 cm and 90-100 cm respectively.

Figure 11: Thickness of sediments for each depth studied

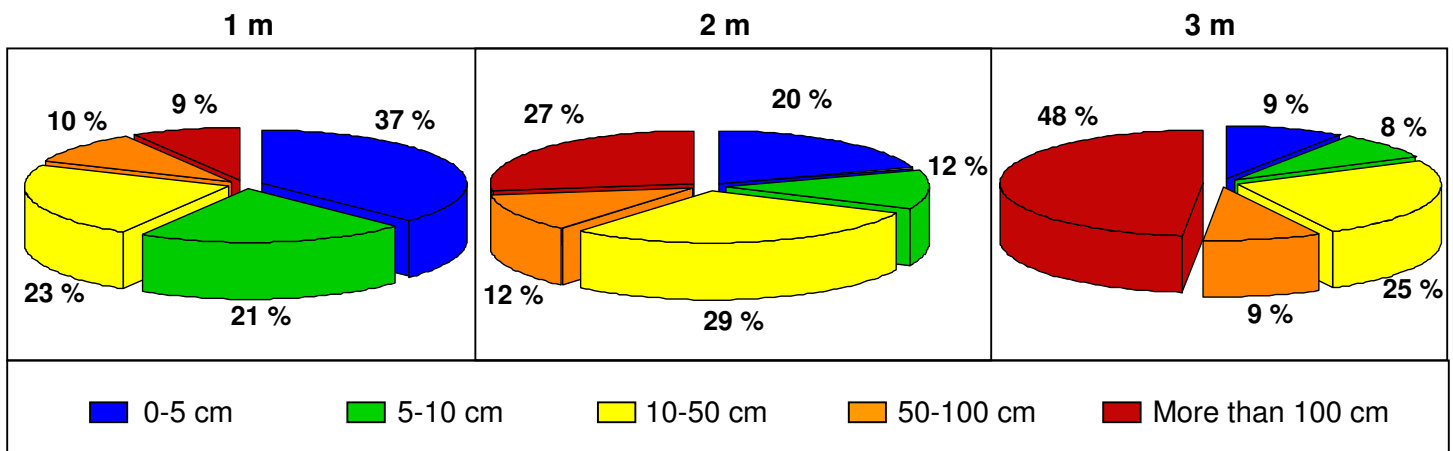


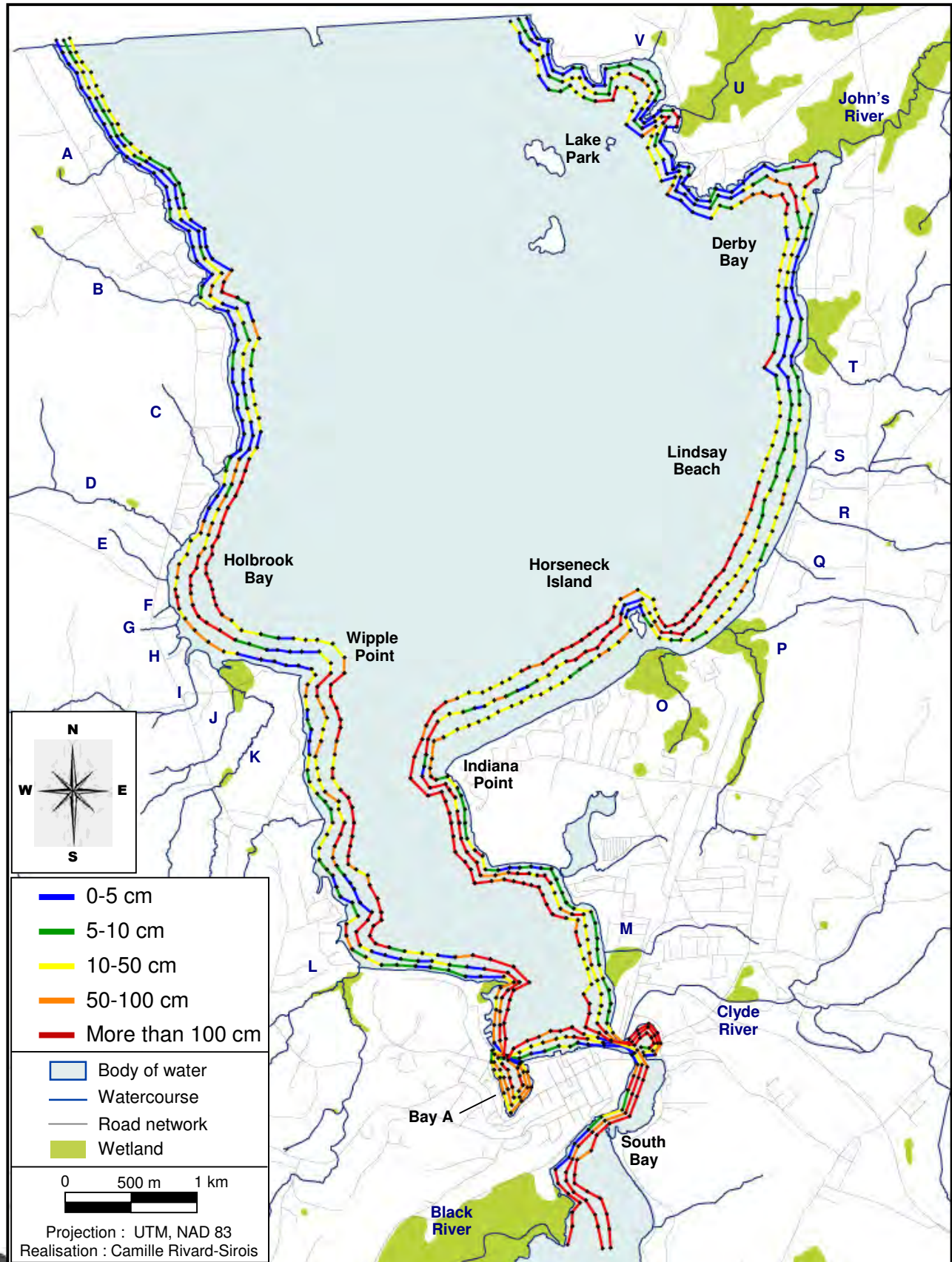
Figure 12 shows the median thickness of sediments for each transect studied. Note that to show these locations, the transects are spaced from one another. Signs of silting are visible in several areas. Major sedimentation deltas are found at:

- Maxfield Bay (mouth of the un-named creek B);
- North of Holbrook Bay (mouth of the un-named creeks C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J);
- the entire narrowing at the south end of the lake;
- un-named bay A;
- South Bay;
- around Horseneck Island (mouth of the un-named creeks O, P, Q and R);
- Derby Bay (mouth of John's River);
- the bays of Lake Park (mouth of un-named creeks U and V).

It is normal to observe a certain delta of sediments at the mouth of a tributary. Nevertheless, sediments that have accumulated in the zones mentioned above are clearly attributable to human causes, because there are so many. Thus, all human activities that strip the soil, the shores or even the ditches (as is the case for certain forestry, agricultural shoreline and municipal practices and some construction methods) may cause erosion and thus carry sediments to the lake. Moreover, the steeper the slope of the ground, shore or bank or ditch, the higher the chance of erosion.

Several tributary streams appear to bring, year after year, sizeable quantities of suspended solids into the lake; these are deposited in vulnerable zones (see figure 5 in Chapter 2). The analysis of the tributaries has shown that the John's, Black and Barton Rivers carry abnormal quantities of soil particles.

Figure 12: Thickness of sediments in the littoral zone at the American part of Lake Memphremagog (1, 2 and 3 m)



Chapter 7: Aquatic Plants (Macrophytes) of the Littoral

The invasion of aquatic plants was assessed by integrating results concerning the density and biodiversity of aquatic species and the distribution of the species considered invasive (See Table 14).

Aquatic plants are essential for the health of the aquatic ecosystem. It is normal and necessary to have aquatic plants in the lake because they are required as food, habitat and for reproduction of many fish species.

However, as is the case with human health, it is a question of quantity and quality. Thus, a high density of certain aquatic plants indicates excessive intake of nutrients that cause premature eutrophication of the lake. Various activities in the watershed contribute to this degradation, specifically the spreading of fertilizers and manure near the water, outflow from non-conforming households, commercial or municipal septic systems, the artificialization of shores and excessive wood cutting.



Table 14: Density and diversity of aquatic plants as a function of trophic level

	Density of grass beds	Diversity of species
Ultra-oligotrophic	Grass beds sparse and dispersed in certain zones	Low to moderate
Oligotrophic	Grass beds sparse and very dispersed	Moderate to high
Oligo-Mesotrophic	Grass beds, moderate density	Very high
Mesotrophic	Grass beds, intermediate density	Moderate
Eutrophic	Very dense grass beds, widely distributed	Low
Ultra-eutrophic	Very dense grass beds distributed throughout the littoral of the lake	Very low

7.1 Density of Aquatic Plants Beds

The density of grass beds has been assessed by the percentage of coverage by aquatic plants, that is, the percentage of the area of the littoral occupied by all aquatic plants without distinguishing among species. Figure 13 shows the percentage of coverage by aquatic plants for the transects at 1 m, 2 m and 3 m. Characteristics corresponding to the mesotrophic to eutrophic levels are noted:

- Less than a quarter of the littoral (150 transects) shows a low density (less than 10%).
- More than half of the littoral (447 transects) presents a high density of aquatic plants (more than 50 %). Furthermore, in more than one quarter of the littoral (219 transects), more than 75 % of the area is covered over.
- Only 36 transects (4 %) have no aquatic plants.
- The average surface area covered (all depths considered together) is around 50 %.
- The **2 m** zone is the zone with the highest density of aquatic plants. This is consistent with observations in other lakes of the region (RAPPEL, 2004).

Figure 13: Percentage of area covered by aquatic plants for each depth

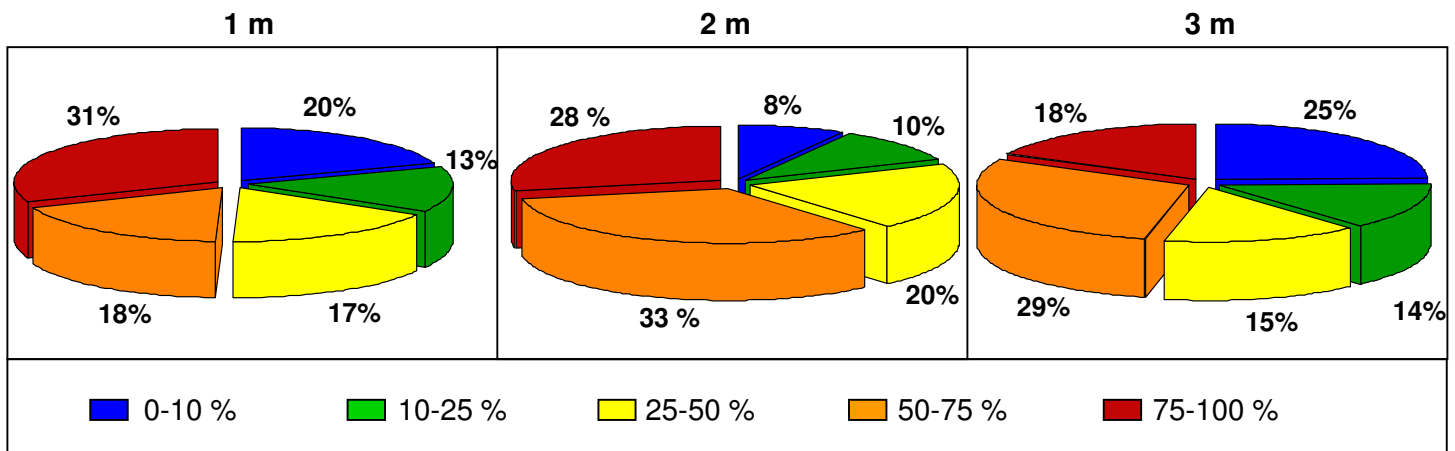
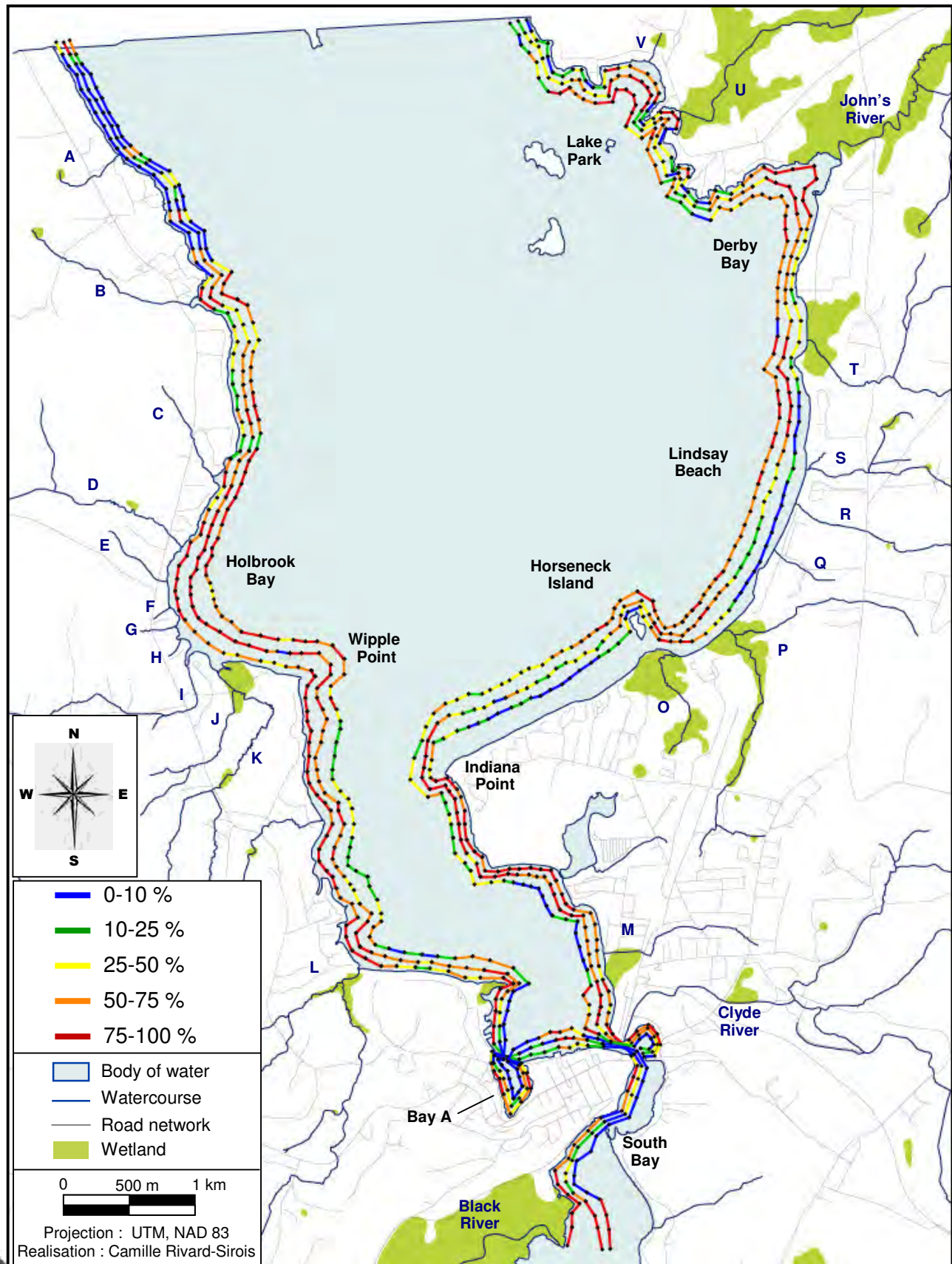


Figure 14 shows the percentage observed for each transect. This map shows dense grass beds in several regions. The most problematic of these are situated at:

- Maxfield (mouth of un-named creek B);
- all of Holbrook Bay (from the mouth of un-named creek C to Wipple Point);
- the entire narrowing at the south end of the lake and un-named bay A;
- South Bay (mouth of the Black and Clyde Rivers);
- Lindsay Beach (especially at the 3 m transect);
- Derby Bay (mouth of John's River);
- the bays of Lake Park (at the mouth of un-named creeks U and V).

In general, these regions correspond to zones considered naturally favourable to the development of aquatic plants (See Chapter 2) and regions where sedimentation has been identified as being significant (See Chapter 6). However, the cause of proliferation is the intake of nutrients from various human activities. Furthermore, analysis of the tributaries has shown that the John's, Black and Barton Rivers carry abnormal quantities of phosphorus.

Figure 14 : Percentage of the area studied covered by aquatic plants in the littoral zone of the American part of Lake Memphremagog (1, 2 and 3 m)



7.2 Diversity of Species

The inventory found nearly thirty species of different aquatic plants. When compared with about fifty other lakes in the region, the American part of Lake Memphremagog contained large number of different species (RAPPEL, 2004). This great diversity, useful to support aquatic fauna, is explained by the size of the lake combined with the diversity of habitats it offers. For a description of each of these species, please refer to the Appendix 6: *Description of Species of Aquatic Plants*.

7.2.1 Relative Abundance of the Species

Table 15 presents the dominance of different species found in all transects studied (all depths considered together). This table also shows the trophic level generally associated with each of these species. Figure 15 presents the amount of the main species found as a function of the depth of the transects. These data lead to the following observations:

- The principal species in the American part of Lake Memphremagog are typical of **mesotrophic to eutrophic waters**.
- This sector of the lake presently has only a few species associated with oligotrophic waters.
- As was the case on the Quebec side of the lake (RAPPEL, 2005), the most important species is ***Vallisneria americana***. This species dominates the most transects and those studied the most frequently. *Vallisneria americana* is an indigenous species of average height, which is common and important in aquatic ecosystems. It was found to occur in 590 transects, where it generally covered less than 25 % of the area. However, in 32 % of these transects, it occupies more than 25 % of the area, and in 9 %, it covers more than 50 % of the area.
- ***Heteranthera dubia*** and ***Potamogeton zosteriformis*** are second. These species, which are morphologically similar, were found in 475 transects. In 67 % of the transects, these big plants cover less than 25 % of the area. However, they cover more than 50 % of the area in 9 % of the transects.
- The third most important species is ***Myriophyllum spicatum***. This is a large exotic species considered invasive in a number of lakes in the region; it grows especially in the 2 m and 3 m zones. This species was found in 298 transects. It covered less than 25 % of the area in the majority of transects (84 %) where it was found. However, in four cases, this species alone occupied more than 50 % of the area.
- The great majority of species found are, in fact, not widely distributed.

Table 15: Dominance of species of aquatic plants (all depths considered together)
(Source trophic level: Meunier, 1980 and Fleurbec, 1987)

Espèces	Pourcentage of transects (%)				Trophic level
	Dominant 1	Dominant 2	Dominant 3	Total	
American eel-grass	42.1	19.4	7.7	69.2	M / E
Water star-grass & Zostera-like pondweed	25.4	20.2	10.2	55.8	M / E
Eurasian watermilfoil	7.7	13.1	14.1	35.0	M / E
<i>Chara</i> and <i>Nitella</i> (Algae)	5.9	2.9	3.6	12.4	M / E
Slender Naias	4.8	11.2	9.5	25.5	M / E
Robbin's pondweed	3.2	1.4	2.1	6.7	M / E
Canada waterweed	2.2	7.3	9.4	18.9	M / E
Long-peduncled pondweed, Richardson's pondweed & Bupleuroid pondweed	1.6	6.3	13.6	21.6	ND
Hornwort	1.1	2.7	2.5	6.2	E
Small & Leafy pondweed	0.6	3.1	3.4	7.0	M / E
Large-leaved pondweed	0.2	0.6	1.5	2.3	M / E
Bur reed sp.	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.9	ND
Rush sp.	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.9	ND
Nuttall's waterweed	0.2	0	0.2	0.5	ND
Alternate watermilfoil	0.1	0.7	0.7	1.5	M
Grass-leaved pondweed	0.1	0.5	1.4	2.0	ND
Grass-like arrowleaf	0	0.7	1.6	2.3	O
Beck's water marigold	0	0.5	3.2	3.6	M / E
Slender watermilfoil	0	0.5	0.1	0.6	O
Pondlily sp.	0	0.4	0.1	0.5	M / E
Subterminal Club-rush	0	0.4	0.1	0.5	ND
Illinois pondweed	0	0.2	0.6	0.8	ND
Dimorphous pondweed	0	0.2	0.5	0.7	ND
Waterlily sp.	0	0.1	0.1	0.2	ND
Floating pondweed	0	0.1	0.0	0.1	ND
Curly pondweed	0	0	0.2	0.2	ND
Spiny-spored quillwort	0	0	0.2	0.2	O / M
Emersed pondweed	0	0	0.1	0.1	O / M
No aquatic plant	4.2	7.4	11.9	23.5	-

O : Oligotrophic

M : Mésotrophic

E : Eutrophic

ND : Not determinated

Figure 15: Abundance of the principal species for each depth inventoried

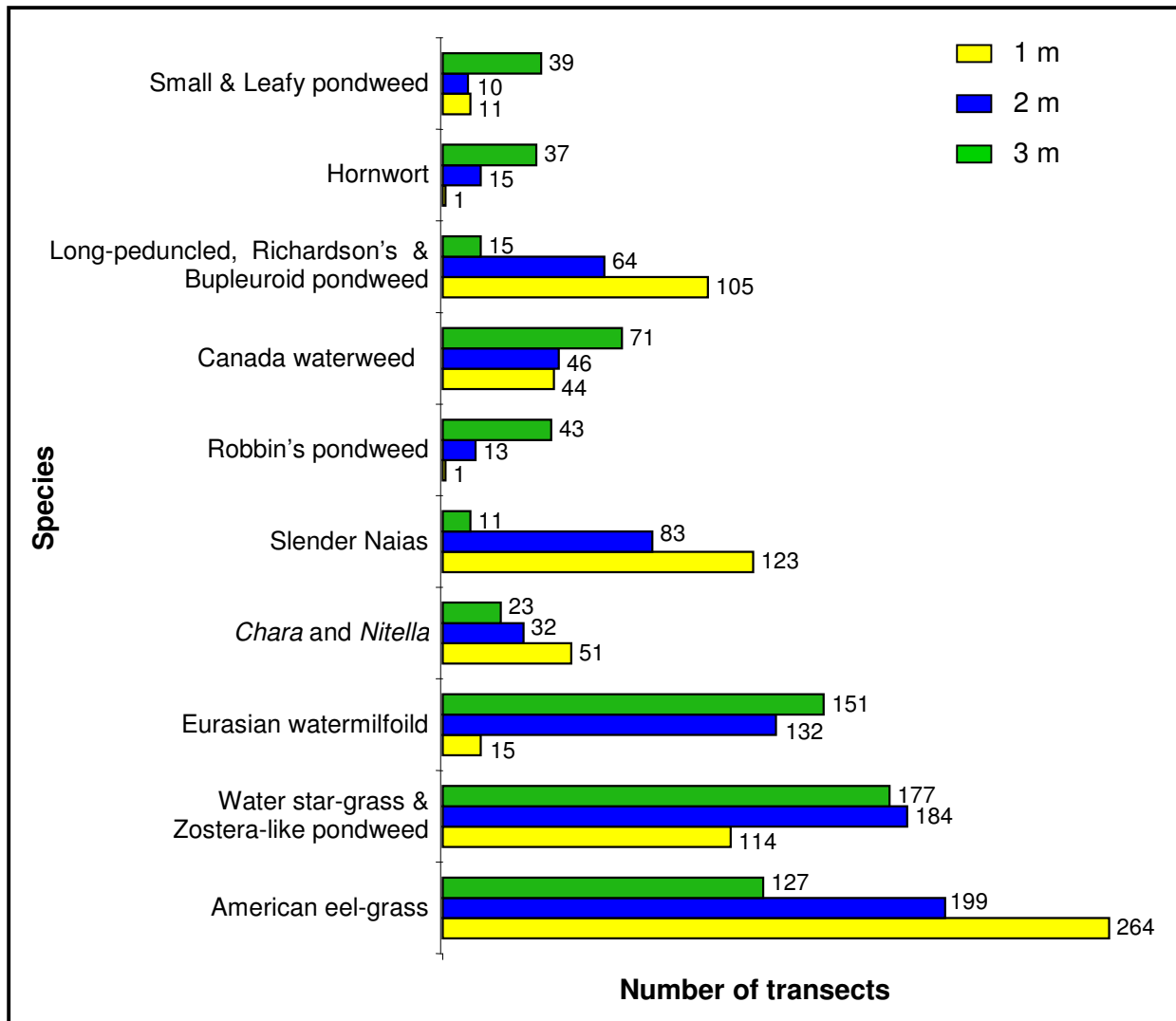
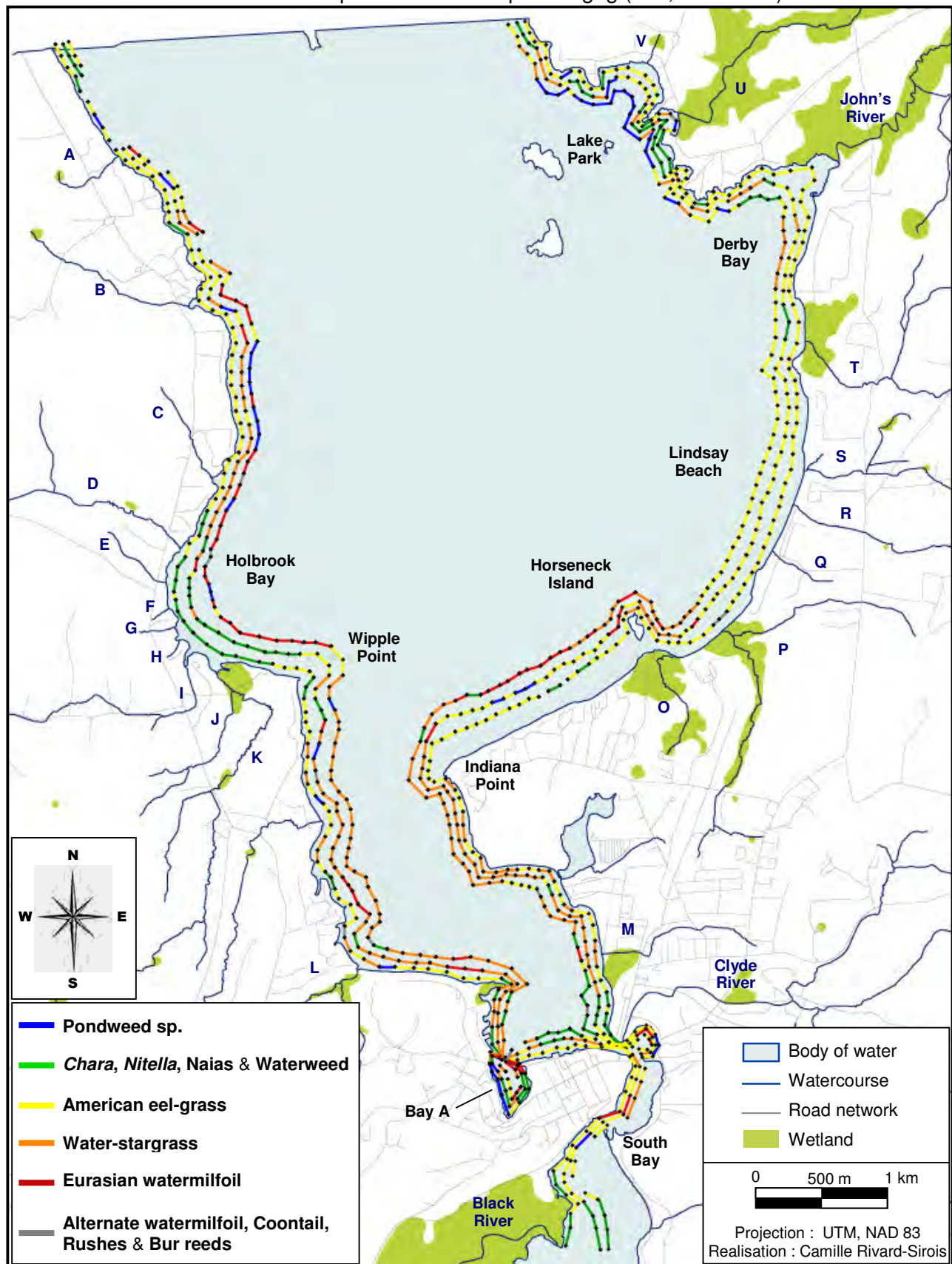


Figure 16 presents the dominant aquatic plant species in each transect studied. Note that:

- The different species are dispersed across the entire lake, but the dominant species are often the same ones.
- The most extensive grass-beds are those of American eel-grass (*Vallisneria americana*), the largest of which is situated between Horseneck Island and Derby Bay. On the lake bottom of Derby Bay, American eel-grass occupies between 75-100 % of the area, by itself.
- The grass beds of water star-grass (*Heteranthera dubia*) are also very large. This species dominates the entire narrows at the south end of the lake.
- The different pondweed species are relatively scarce. They are mainly found between Maxfield Bay and un-named creek C, on the east of un-named bay A and in the bays of Lake Park.

Figure 16: Distribution of the main aquatic plant communities in the littoral zone at the American part of Lake Memphremagog (at 1, 2 and 3 m)



7.2.2 Invasive Species

Certain aquatic plants are considered invasive because they reproduce rapidly, extend their distribution easily and displace other species. They are recognized as threatening the biodiversity of an environment (Haury *et al*, 2000) and their presence can cause problems in the ecosystem (White *et al*, 1993). In Vermont, the best known of these are *Myriophyllum spicatum*, *Trapa natans* and *Lythrum salicaria*. Canada waterweed is also known to reach a high density. Since it is indigenous, it is not a problem species of invasive plant (Bove, 2006). Nevertheless, we consider it to be invasive here, because its dense beds are sign of an ecological disequilibrium.

In Lake Memphremagog, only the Eurasian watermilfoil and Canada waterweed are seen to be invasive. Curly-leaved pondweed is also present, but is quite rare and is not a problem. Certain aquatic plants become invasive and cause problems under certain conditions. They multiply abnormally quickly when their **environment is fertilized** by nutritive elements and when **shallow waters warm up** because of clearing of the shore. Thus, the only measures that are effective in limiting the invasion of a body of water by these plants are conservation and restoration of the shoreline buffer zone and reduction of the amount of nutrients coming into the lake (see Appendix 8: *General Solutions to Improve the Health of a Lake*).

Figure 17 presents the distribution of **Eurasian watermilfoil** (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) in the littoral zone of the lake. Eurasian watermilfoil is a ubiquitous species frequently found in the American part of the lake (where it is the third most abundant species). This species, introduced from Europe, is considered to be a problem in a number of bodies of water in Canada and the U.S. (Environment Canada, 2003). Eurasian watermilfoil is the dominant species in more than one-third of the littoral studied at depths of 1, 2 or 3 m (298 transects). It is found in nearly the entire littoral zone and especially at depths of 2 m and 3 m. The most dense and extended communities are found in:

- Maxfield Bay at the mouth of un-named creek B;
- Holbrook Bay and at the mouth of un-named creek C;
- the narrows at the south end of the lake;
- the portion between Indiana Point and Horseneck Island;
- around the mouth of un-named creek T.



Figure 18 shows the distribution of **Canada waterweed** (*Elodea canadensis*) in the littoral zone of the lake. Less of a problem in Lake Memphremagog than Eurasian watermilfoil, Canada waterweed is the dominant species (at 1, 2 and 3 m) in nearly one-fifth of the littoral (161 transects). It can be found just about everywhere in the littoral at all depths. The most important communities are situated:



- in Maxfield Bay at the mouth of un-named creek B;
- at the mouth of un-named creek C;
- throughout the narrows at the southern end of the lake;
- in un-named bay A;
- north of the Black River;
- at Indiana Point;
- in the northern portion of Derby Bay.

Figure 17: Distribution of Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) in the littoral zone of the American part of Lake Memphremagog (at 1, 2 and 3 m)

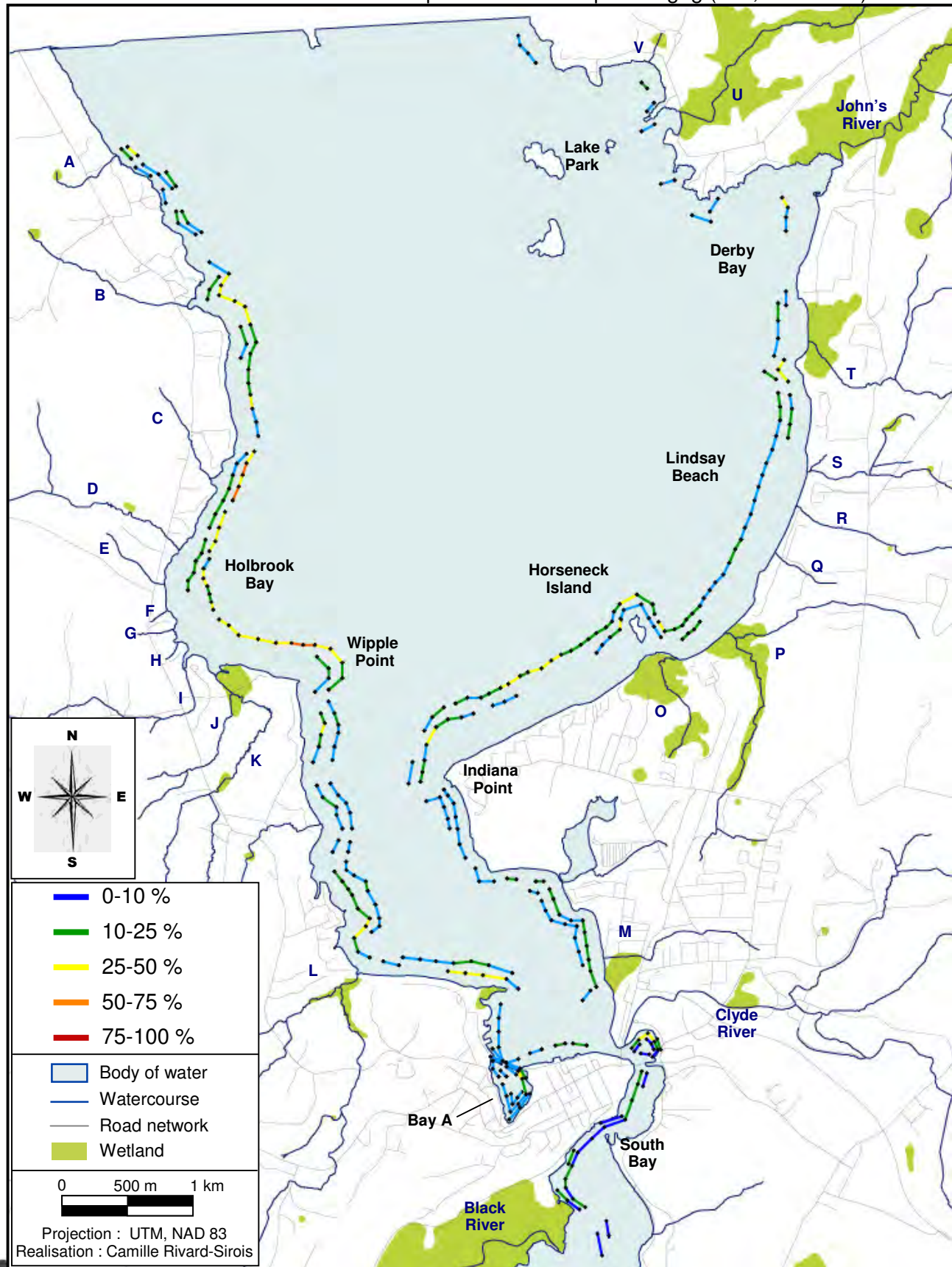
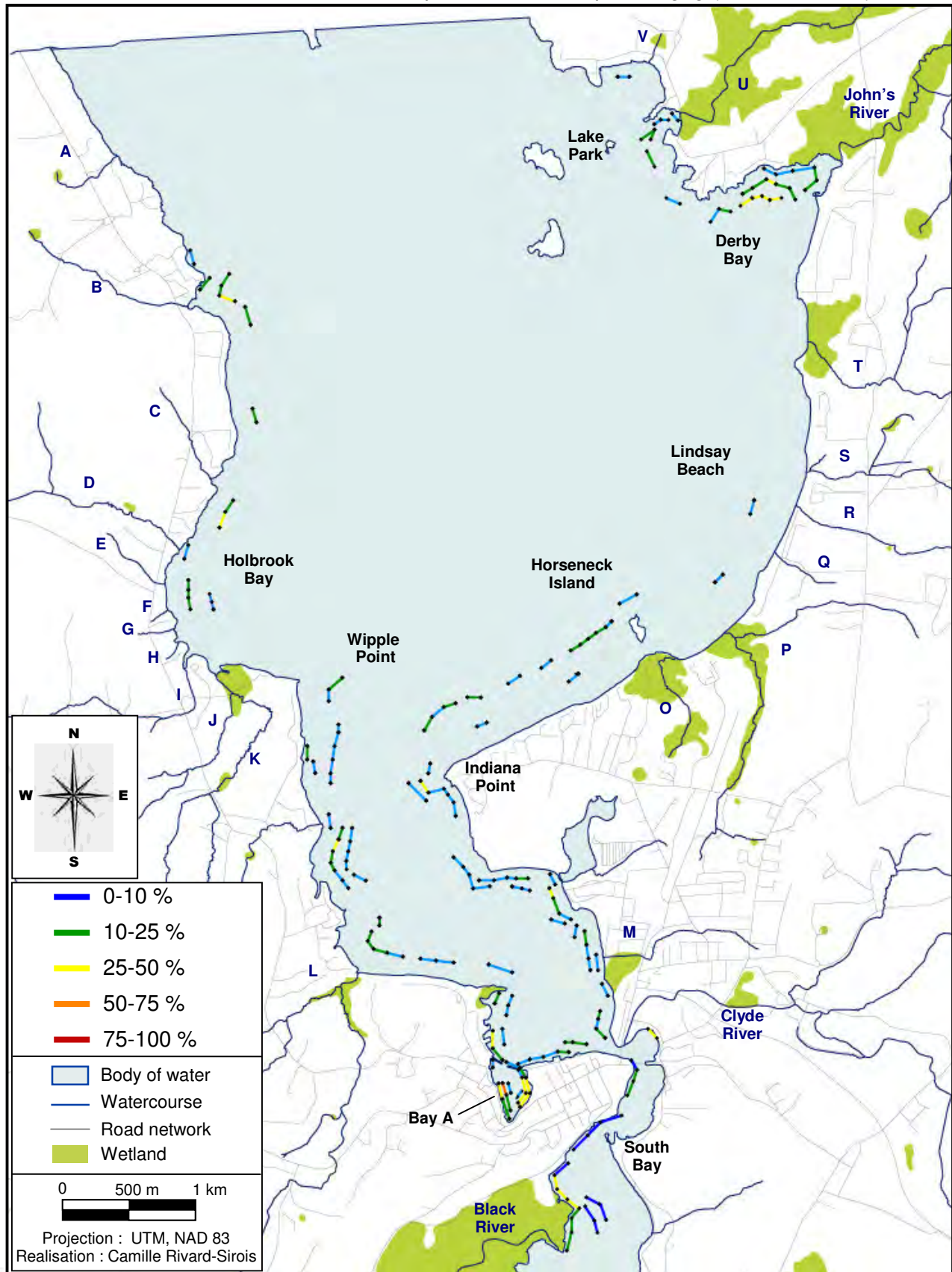


Figure 18: Distribution of Canada waterweed (*E. canadensis*) in the littoral zone of the American part of Lake Memphremagog (at 1, 2 and 3 m)



Chapter 8: Algae on the Bottom of the Littoral (Periphyton)

There are at least 17,000 different species of green algae (Raven et al., 2000). Most of them are found in fresh water, but a few are marine. These algae attach themselves to a solid substrate such as rocks, docks and wharves, boats and aquatic plants. Green algae can also form floating mats. Green algae are normally microscopic, but when large quantities of nutritive elements are available, the algae multiply to create visible, sticky mats. These mats are biological indicators that reveal the presence of one or several sources of local pollution (nutrients) (Kalff, 2002). Green algae reach their maximum density around mid-July (Kalff, 2002). Note that the inventory began in the month of August, which coincided with the maximum development of these algae.

Figure 19 presents an overall picture of the abundance of green algae in the littoral zone of the lake. Figure 20 shows the density of green algae in each of the transects studied. To summarize, half the transects do not present any algae visible to the naked eye. However, these algae form visible mats in a large portion of the littoral (401 of the transects studied). In addition, several transects present clearly abnormal densities, including at:

- Maxfield Bay at the mouth of un-named creek B;
- the mouth of un-named creek C;
- Holbrook Bay;
- Wipple Point;
- the entire narrows at the south of the lake;
- un-named bay A;
- around the mouth of the Clyde River;
- the mouth of the Black River;
- Derby Bay at the mouth of John's River;
- the bays at Lake Park, to the mouth of un-named creeks U and V.



The study of green algae confirms that the nutrient load exceeds the lake's capacity to assimilate it. Analysis of the tributaries showed that the John's, Black and Barton Rivers are important entry points for phosphorus (See Chapter 5).

Figure 19: Percentage of coverage by green algae

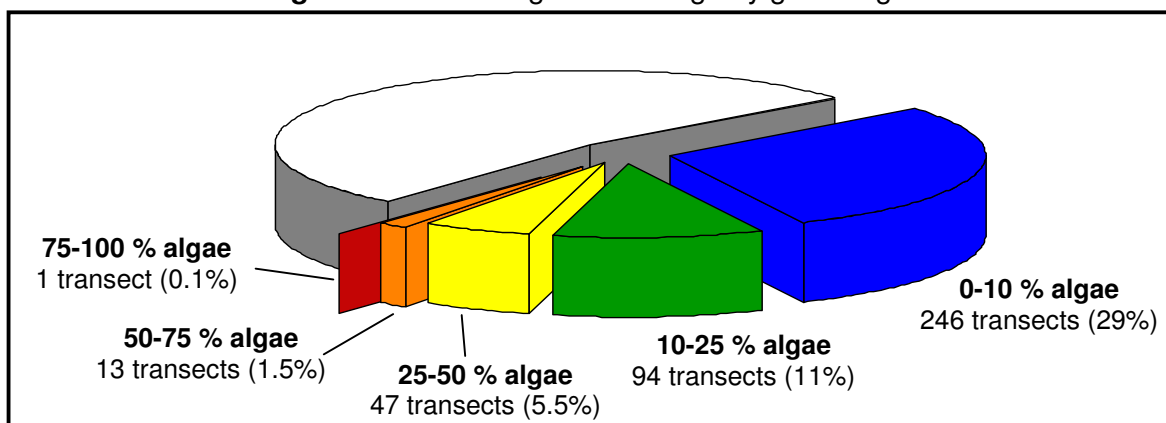
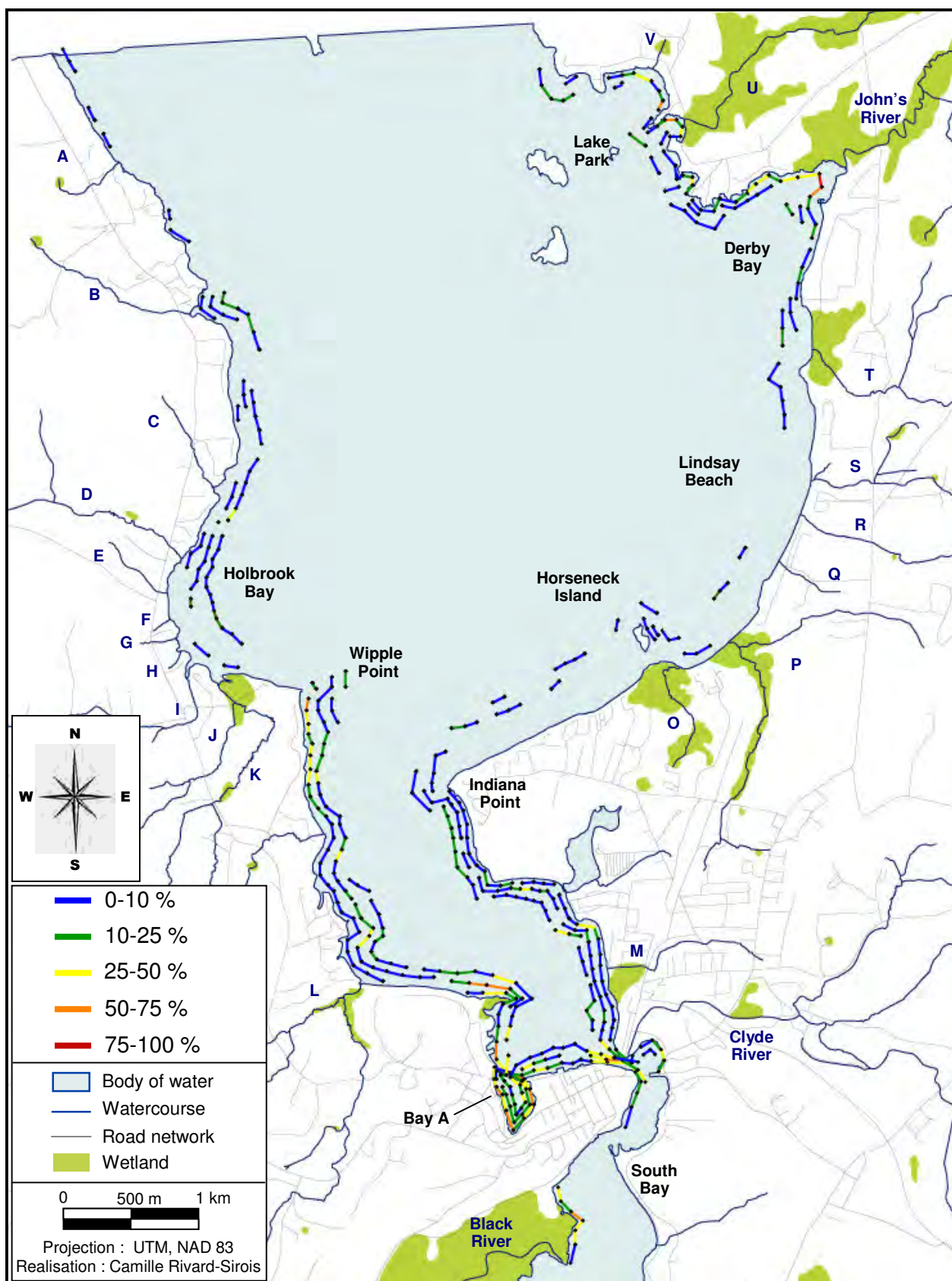


Figure 20: Distribution of green algae (Periphyton) in the littoral zone at the American part of Lake Memphremagog (at 1, 2 and 3 m)



Chapter 9: Diagnosis of the Health of the Lake

This chapter deals with the overall health of Lake Memphremagog. It is a summary of Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

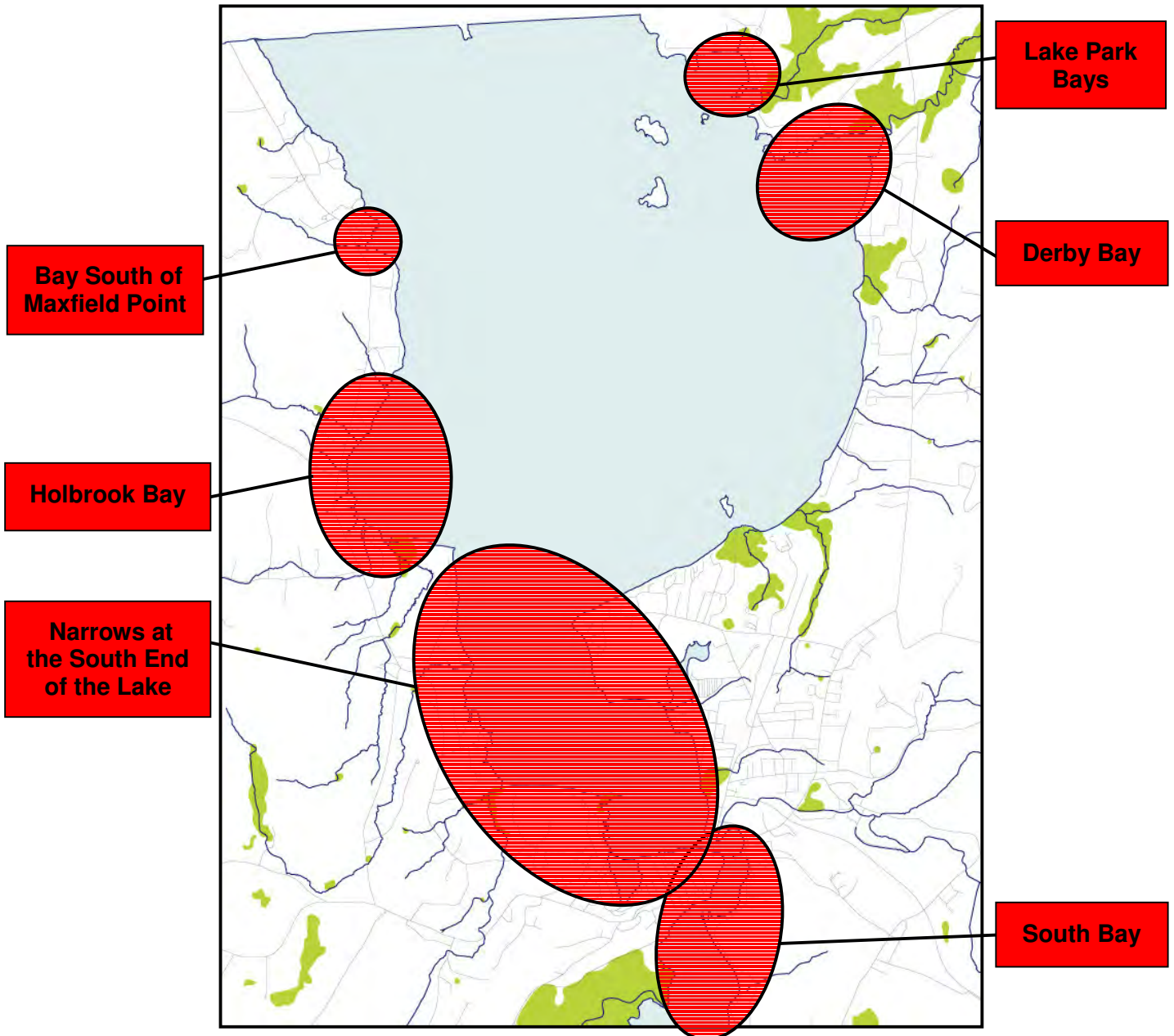
9.1 Global portrait

	Parameters	Evaluation
Condition of the shore (chap. 3)	Degree of artificialization (median)	Shore quite artificialized
Condition of the littoral (chap. 6, 7 and 8)	Thickness of sediments (median)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone 1 m: 5-10 cm • Zone 2 m: 30-40 cm • Zone 3 m: 90-100 cm
	Type of sediments	Abundance of fine particles and sands
	Density of aquatic plants (median)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone 1 m: 50 % • Zone 2 m: 50-75 % • Zone 3 m: 50 %
	Diversity of aquatic plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 30 different species • Eurasian watermilfoil is abundant
	Periphyton	Elevated presence of green algae
Condition of the waters of the lake (chap. 4)	Chlorophyll <i>a</i> Phosphorus Transparency of water	Mesotrophic
Condition of the tributaries (chap. 5)	Phosphorus Suspended solids	John's, Barton and Black Rivers have phosphorus and suspended solids loads that are problematic

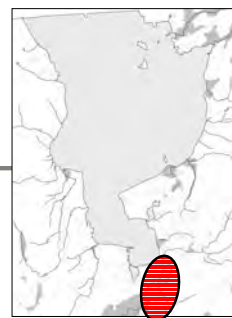
9.2 Zones where there are Problems

Figure 21 presents problematic zones identified from study results. The problematic zones are the hot spots, priorities where energy should be focused. These are sites that are suffering from strong human pressures; they should be restored without delay to reduce the degradation of the lake and the loss of ecological and anthropic uses that stem from this. These zones must be made priorities in the action plan to reduce sources of degradation of Lake Memphremagog. It is important to act now to prevent future problems by taking measures to avoid degradation of zones that are in good health or only slightly damaged.

Figure 21: Problematic zones at the American part of Lake Memphremagog



South Bay



Portrait (sections 267 to 289):

	Parameters	Evaluation
Condition of the shore	Degree of artificialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern portion: shores little artificialized Northern portion: shores very artificialized
Condition of the littoral	Sediments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottom made up of fine particles and sands Very large sedimentary accumulation (especially at 2m and 3 m)
	Aquatic plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proliferation of aquatic plants (especially at 1m)
	Periphyton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased presence of green algae north of the Black River and around the Clyde River
Water condition	Black River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problem of phosphorus Slight problem of SS
	Barton River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problem of SS Slight problem of phosphorus
	Clyde River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major problems

Special comments

This zone was not included in the inventory to be carried out in the summer of 2005 under the terms of the memorandum of understanding. However, since the team of biologists had finished the inventory before the final date, the biologists decided to inventory the northern part of this zone.

Environmental characteristics

This is one of the zones that is naturally most vulnerable to silting and the proliferation of aquatic plants in the entire lake because of its geographic location, sheltered from the prevailing winds and the gentle slopes there.

This zone is very irrigated; a large part of the sediments and nutrients that come into this area could have been deposited by the rivers (especially the Black and Barton).

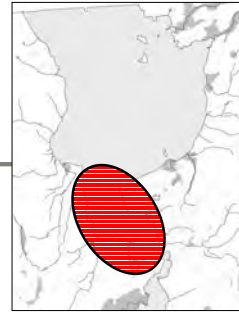
Principal anthropic causes (caused by human activities)

Despite its natural vulnerability, the fact remains that human activities are the cause of the degradation. Various elements contribute to the deterioration in this zone, including:

- High **residential density** and **extremely modified shores** situated at the north of this zone cannot retain either the sediments or the nutritive elements; both contribute to the warming of the shallow waters.
- **Agricultural activities** in the watershed can bring a surplus of nutrients, particularly if the shoreline buffer zone is too small, if drainage ditches are not re-vegetated or if cattle have access to watercourses.
- The road network, which is a significant land use in this zone, can facilitate the transportation of soil particles and pollutants to the lake, especially if the **roadside ditches** are maintained in the conventional way (devegetation of the sides).
- **Industrial activities** in the drainage basin.
- **Forestry activities** in the drainage basin.
- **Urban and recreational and tourism activities** in the drainage basin of this zone are potential sources of sediments and nutritive elements.

This zone presents significant symptoms of erosion and premature eutrophication. Because the health of this zone appears to be a cause for concern, this zone should be a priority in the action plan to reduce sources of degradation of Lake Memphremagog. This is even more important because this zone is fed by watercourses with a significant volume of flow. The most important actions to take include re-naturalizing the shores and controlling the fertilization and erosion in the watershed (See Appendix 8: *General Solutions to Improve the Health of a Lake*).

Narrows at the Southern End of the Lake



Portrait (sections 60 to 50):

	Parameters	Evaluation
Condition of the shore	Degree of artificialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Median: about 50 % artificial • Portion near Newport: shores very artificialized
Condition of the littoral	Sediments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottom made up mainly of fine particles and sands • Very large sedimentary accumulation (especially at the 2 m and 3 m levels)
	Aquatic plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proliferation of aquatic plants (especially at the 1 m to 2 m levels)
	Periphyton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater presence of green algae near Newport and in un-named bay A.

Environmental characteristics

The water is calm due to the narrowing of the lake; this promotes the deposit of suspended solids and the development of aquatic plants.

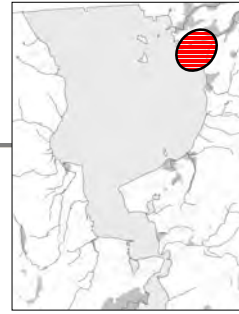
Principal anthropic causes (human activities)

In spite of its natural vulnerability, the cause of degradation is human activities. A number of factors contribute to deterioration in this zone, specifically:

- **High residential density** and **artificialized shores** near Newport that hold neither sediments nor nutritive elements; both factors contribute equally to warming of the shallow waters.
- The road network, which is a significant factor in this zone, helps to transport soil particles and pollutants to the lake, especially if **roadside ditches** are maintained in the conventional way (de-vegetation of the slopes).
- **Urban and recreo-tourism activities** in the watershed for this zone are potential sources of sediments and nutritive elements.

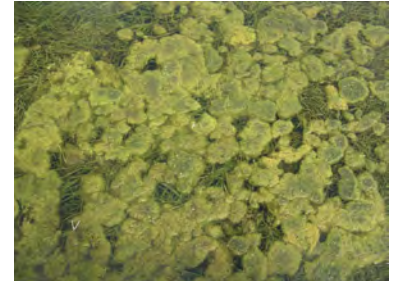
This zone presents significant symptoms of erosion and of premature eutrophication. Because its health appears to be of concern, this zone should also be a priority in an action plan to reduce the sources of degradation of Lake Memphremagog. Among the most important actions to take are the re-naturalization of the shores and control of the use of fertilizers and erosion control (see *Appendix 8: General Solutions to Improve the Health of a Lake*). We also recommend assessing water quality in un-named tributaries K, L and M because they appear to be entry points for sediments and nutrients.

Derby Bay



Portrait (sections 208 to 230):

	Parameters	Evaluation
Condition of the shore	Degree of artificialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South portion: shores quite artificialized • North portion: very artificialized shores
Condition of the littoral	Sediments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottom made up mainly of fine particles and sands • Presence of a large sediment delta at the mouth of John's River
	Aquatic plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very dense bed of aquatic plants at the mouth of John's River
	Periphyton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased presence of green algae at the mouth of John's River
Water condition	John's River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Particularly problematic in terms of phosphorus • Problematic in terms of SS



Environmental characteristics

The tranquillity of the waters and gentle slope of the littoral of this bay allow deposits of sediments of suspended solids and nutrients particularly from John's River. This bay is, therefore, naturally particularly susceptible to silting and the proliferation of aquatic plants.

Principal anthropic causes (human activities)

Despite this natural vulnerability, the fact remains that it is human activity that has caused the degradation. Several factors contribute to deterioration in this zone, including:

- **High residential density** and **artificialized shores** on the north shore of this zone hold neither sediments nor nutritive elements and both contribute to warming of the shallow waters.
- **Agricultural, forestry and urban activities** in the watershed of John's River may carry a surplus of nutrients and sediments.
- The road network may favour transport of soil particles and pollutants to the lake, especially if **roadside ditches** are maintained by conventional methods (complete de-vegetation of the sides).

This zone presents significant symptoms of erosion and premature eutrophication. Because its health is cause for concern, this zone should be made a priority when drawing up the action plan to reduce sources of degradation of Lake Memphremagog. Because John's River is the most problematic tributary in the lake, particular attention should be given to human activities in its drainage basin. Among the most important actions to take are the re-naturalization of the shores and control of the use of fertilizers and erosion (see Appendix 8: *General Solutions to Improve the Health of a Lake*).

Bays at Lake Park



Portrait (sections 239 to 256) :

	Parameters	Evaluation
Condition of the shore	Degree of artificialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Degree of artificialization varies from natural to completely artificial
Condition of the littoral	Sediments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottom made up mainly of fine particles and sands Heavy accumulation of sediments on the bottom of the two bays (especially at 2 m and 3 m)
	Aquatic plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High density of aquatic plants throughout this zone
	Periphyton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant presence of green algae

Environmental characteristics

These bays are naturally vulnerable to deposits of suspended solids and the development of aquatic plants because the water is calm and the slopes of the littoral are gentle.

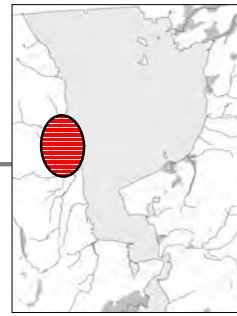
The points are less vulnerable because they are more exposed to water currents and waves.

Principal anthropic causes (human activities)

Despite the natural vulnerability, the fact remains that the cause of degradation are human activities. A number of elements contribute to deterioration in this zone, including specifically:

- Certain **artificialized shores** in this zone hold neither sediments nor nutritive elements, and this contributes to the warming of shallow waters.
- Agricultural, forestry and urban activities** in the watershed can cause a surplus of nutrients and sediments to be carried to the lake.
- The road network may promote the transportation of soil particles and pollutants to the lake, especially if **roadside ditches** are maintained in the conventional way (complete de-vegetation of the slopes).

This zone presents symptoms of erosion and premature eutrophication. Because its condition is a cause for concern, this zone should be a priority when drawing up an action plan to reduce the sources of degradation of Lake Memphremagog. Un-named creeks U and V appear to be carrying considerable quantities of sediments and nutrients; it is therefore recommended that they be studied in greater depth. The principal actions to take are, among others, re-naturalization of the shores and control of the use of fertilizers and erosion (See Appendix 8: *General Solutions to Improve the Health of a Lake*).



Portrait (sections 35 to 59):

	Parameters	Évaluation
Condition of the Shore	Degree of artificialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most shores are very artificialized
Condition of the littoral	Sediments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottom mainly composed of fine particles and sands • Large accumulation of sediments at the mouth of un-named tributaries C to J
	Aquatic plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very high density of aquatic plants throughout the zone • Problem: beds of Eurasian watermilfoil
	Periphyton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate presence of green algae

Environmental characteristics

In this bay, the littoral slopes gently and is favourable to the accumulation of sediments and the establishment of aquatic plants. This zone is also protected from the prevailing winds, which prevents the regular mixing of the bottom by the action of the waves.

This zone is fed by many water courses that can be the entry point for sediments and nutrients.

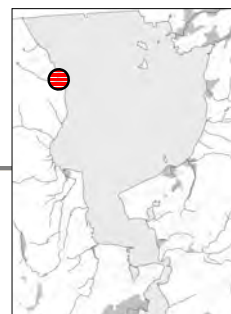
Principal anthropic causes (human activities)

Despite its natural vulnerability, the fact remains that human activities are the cause of the degradation. Several elements contribute to the deterioration of this zone, specifically:

- Several **artificialized shores** hold neither sediments nor nutritive elements and this contributes to the warming of shallow waters.
- **Agricultural, forestry and urban activities** in the watershed can carry a surplus of nutrients and sediments to the lake.
- The **road network** can promote the transport of soil particles and pollutants to the lake, especially if **roadside ditches** are maintained with the conventional method (complete de-vegetation of the sides).

This zone presents symptoms of erosion and premature eutrophication. Because its health appears to be cause for concern, this zone should be a priority in an action plan to reduce sources of degradation for Lake Memphremagog. Many streams appear to be carrying considerable quantities of sediments and nutrients; we recommend that their water quality (especially that of un-named creeks C, D, I and J) be further studied. The main courses of action include re-naturalization of the shores and control of the use of fertilizers and erosion (see Appendix 8: *General Solutions to Improve the Health of a Lake*).

Bay South of Maxfield Point



Portrait (sections 21 to 25):

	Parameters	Evaluation
Condition of the shore	Degree of artificialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North portion: natural shores • South portion: very artificialized shores
Condition of the littoral	Sediments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottom mainly composed of fine particles and sands • Heavy accumulation of sediments at 3 m level
	Aquatic plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very dense aquatic plants • Abundance of Eurasian watermilfoil
	Periphyton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate presence of green algae

Environmental characteristics

This small bay is naturally favourable to the deposit of suspended solids and the development of aquatic plants because the waters are calm and the slope of the littoral gentle.

Principal anthropic causes (human activities)

Despite its natural vulnerability, the fact remains that the cause of degradation is human activity. Several factors contribute to the deterioration of this zone, including, specifically:

- Several **artificialized shores** in this zone hold neither sediments nor nutritive elements; this contributes to the warming of shallow waters.
- **Agricultural, forestry and urban activities** in the watershed may carry a surplus of nutrients and sediments.
- The road network may promote the transport of soil particles and pollutants to the lake, especially if the **roadside ditches** are maintained in the conventional way.

This zone presents symptoms of erosion and premature eutrophication. Because its health appears to be of concern, this zone should be a priority in an action plan to reduce the sources of degradation of Lake Memphremagog. Un-named creek B appears to carry significant quantities of sediments and nutrients; it is recommended that it should be studied in greater depth. The principal actions to take include the re-naturalization of the shore and control of the use of fertilizers and erosion (See Appendix 8: *General Solutions to Improve the Health of a Lake*).

9.3 A few words on the lake as a whole (Synthesis of Phases 1 and Vermont)

This section deals with the overall condition of Lake Memphremagog (in both the Canadian and American parts). It covers, therefore, the principal conclusions of Phase 1 and the Vermont report of the project Operation Healthy Lake.

For the purposes of this analysis the Quebec part of the lake has been divided into 16 sectors that have different morphological and geological characteristics. The following figures present a report on the condition of the 16 sectors in Quebec and the American part. The highlights are as follows:

- The most artificialized sectors are: Baie Magog, Southière-sur-le-lac, Three Sisters, East part (Qc) and American part.
- The water's quality is similar on both sides of the border. However, when one looks more closely at the raw data, one sees that the situation improves as one goes north. This improvement, however, does not have a direct impact on the trophic level. Finally, the north-east part of Fitch Bay presents the most eutrophic waters in the entire lake.
- A number of watercourses carry quantities of sediments and nutritive elements which harm the health of the lake. The tributaries which are the most cause for concern are Oliver Creek, Rivière-aux-Cerises, Castle Brook, Black River, Barton River, John's River and the McCutcheon, Gale, Bunker and Fitch tributaries.
- Water quality in several streams on the American side was not analyzed.
- The lake shows signs of silting in several areas. Sedimentation is clearly a problem in the following sectors: American part and Fitch Bay (north-east).
- Three Sisters, Southière-sur-le-lac, Cummins and Channel Bays, American part and Fitch Bay (north-east) sectors present a high density of aquatic plants.
- Green algae are particularly abundant in the following sectors: American part, Fitch Bay (north-east) and Georgeville.
- The American part of Lake Memphremagog is among the sectors that present the most symptoms of premature eutrophication.

Figure 22: The condition of the shore in each sector of Lake Memphremagog (median degree of artificialization)

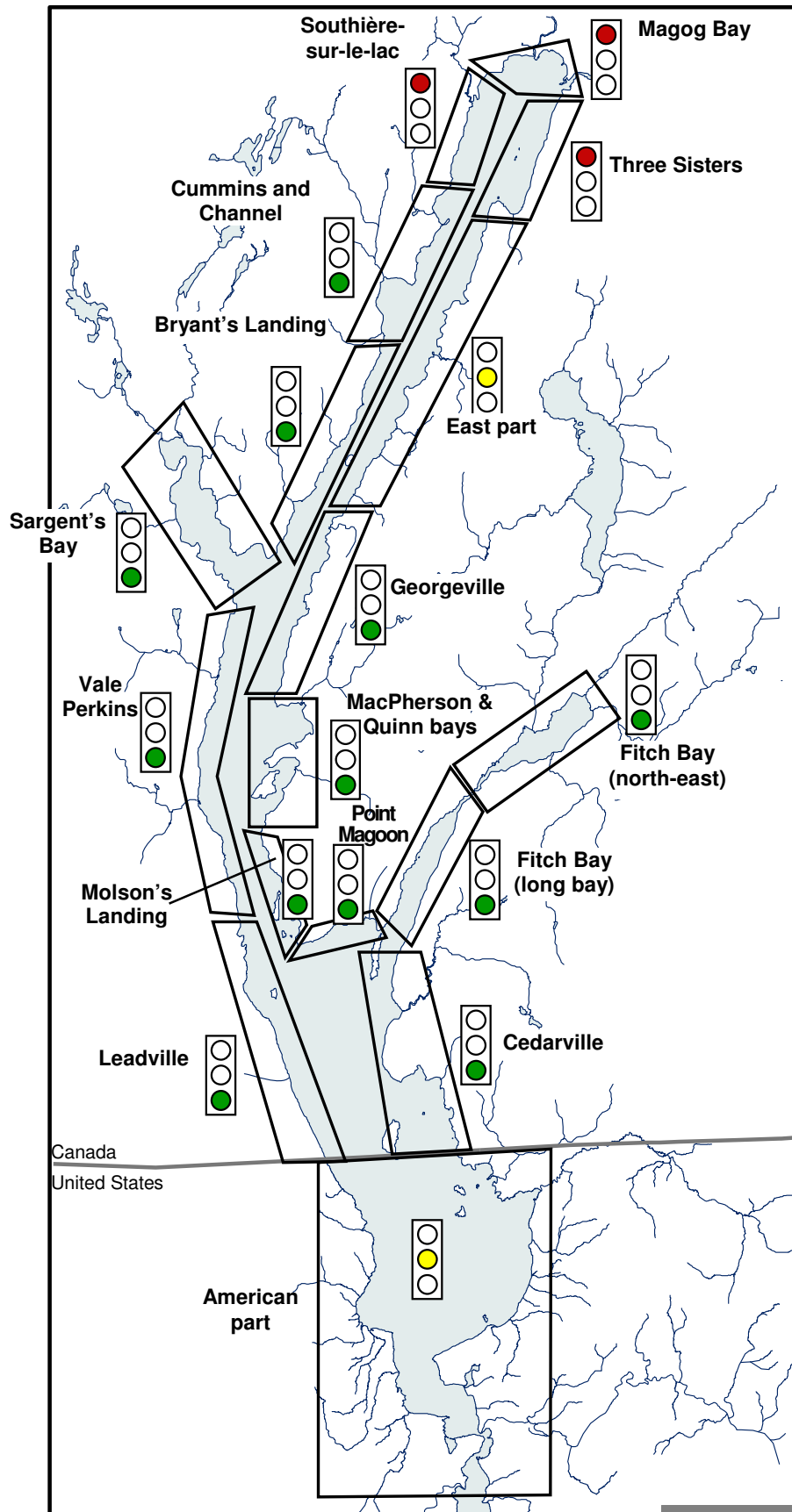


Figure 23: Water quality of Lake Memphremagog at the MDDEP stations
(Adapted from Simoneau, 2004 ; MENV, 2005 ; MDDEP, 2006)

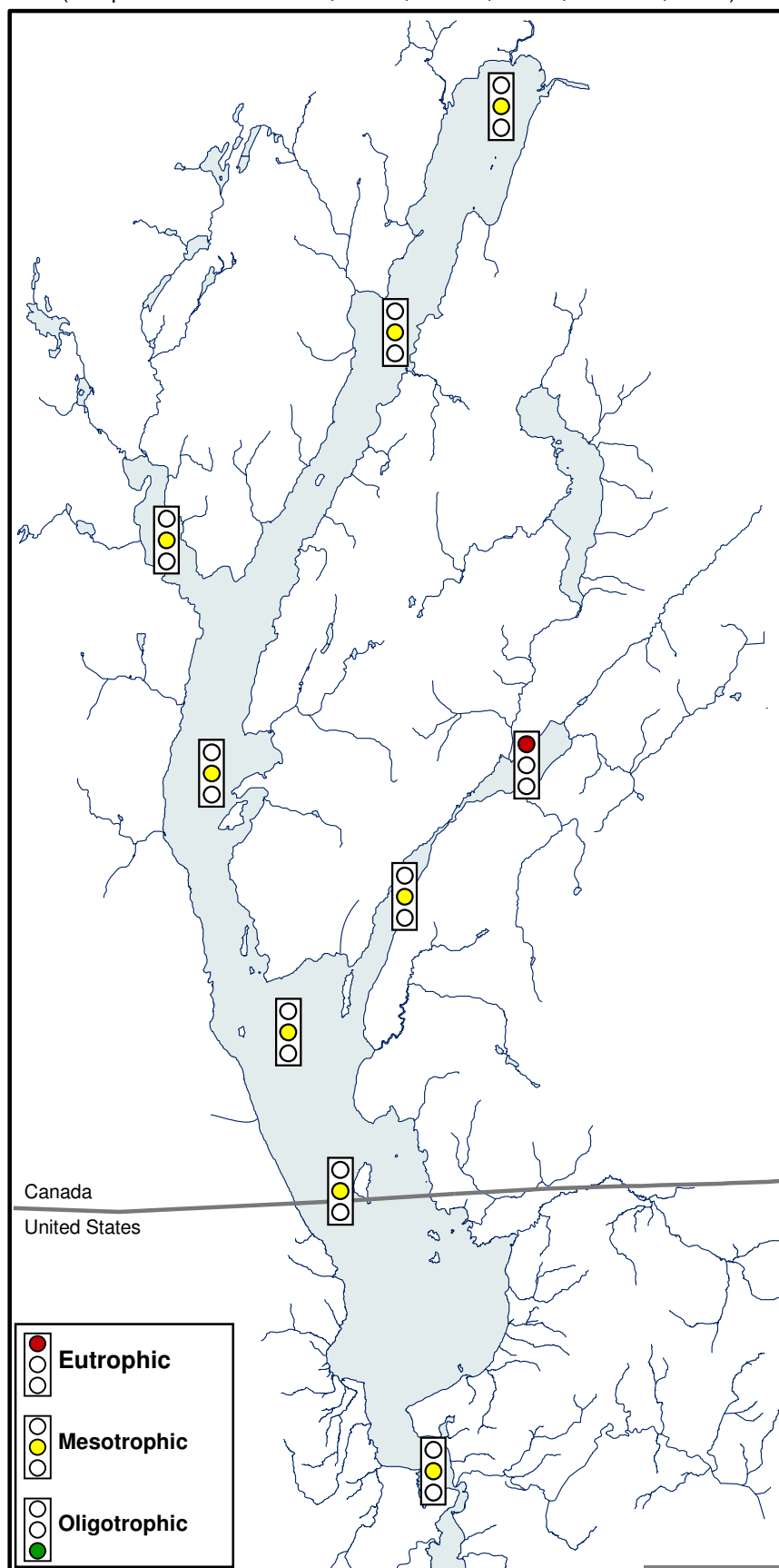


Figure 24: Water quality of the main tributaries of Lake Memphremagog
(Adapted from NWSC, 2006 and annual reports of the MRC de Memphrémagog)

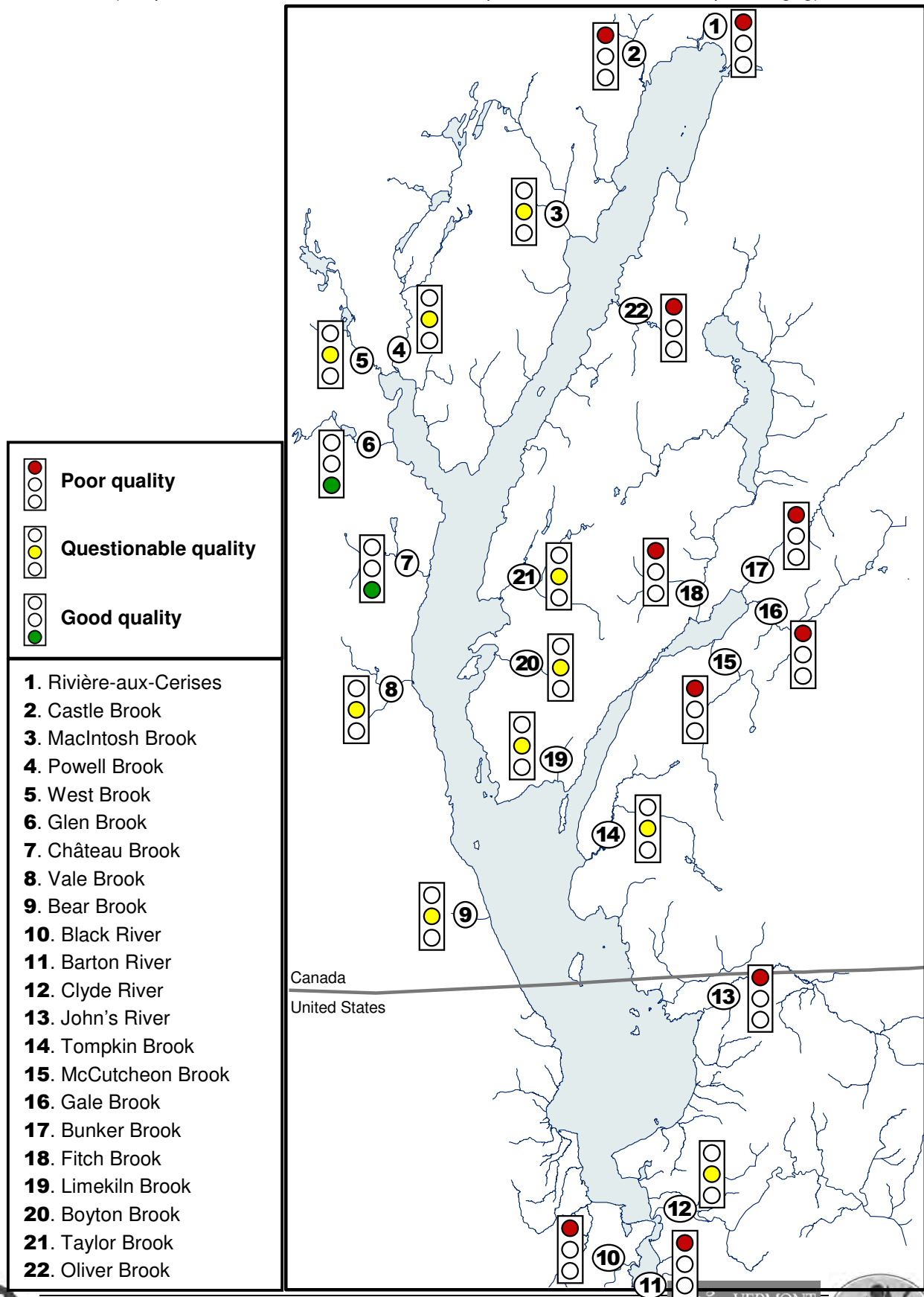


Figure 25: Sediments in the littoral zone of Lake Memphremagog

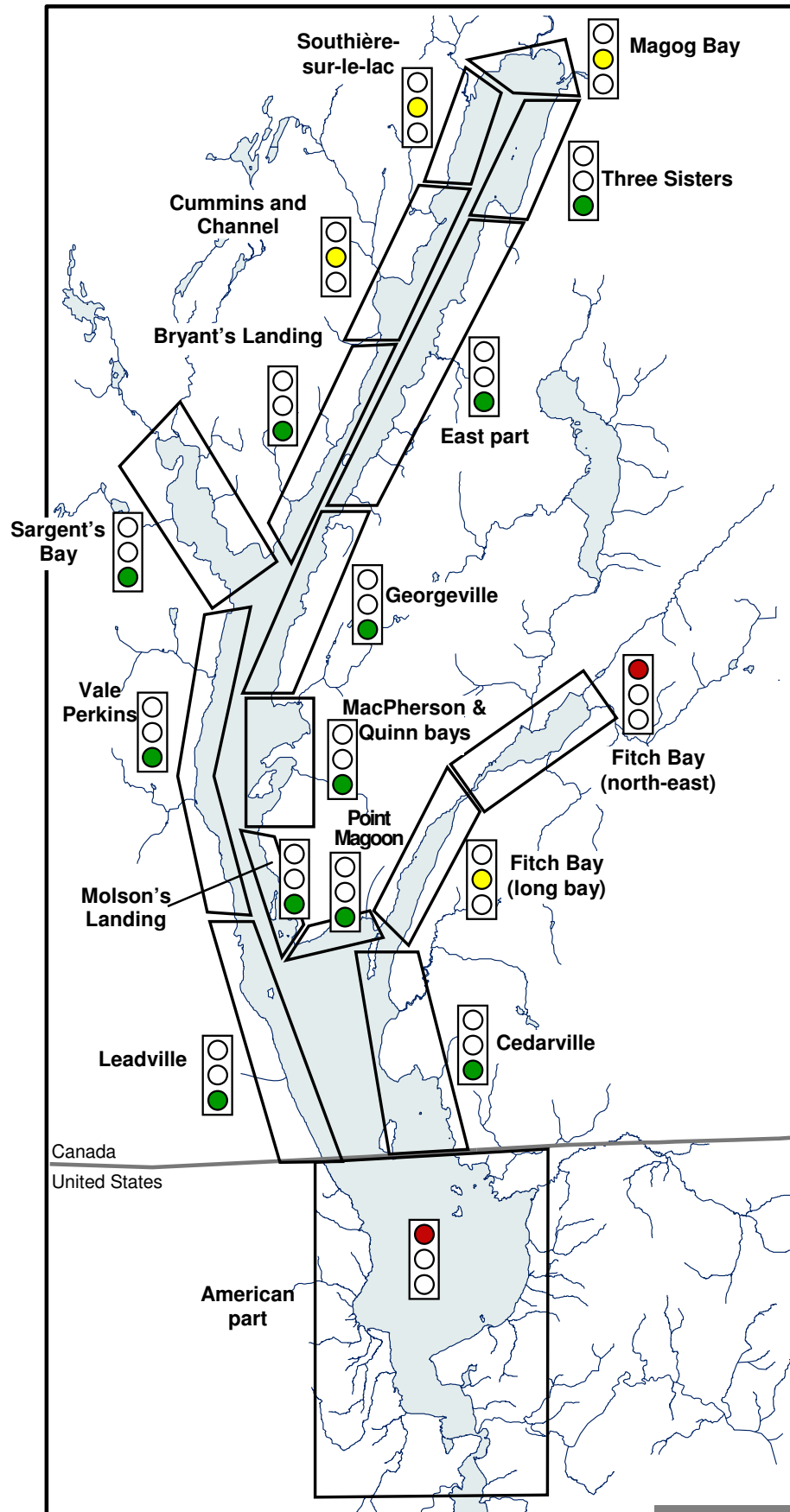


Figure 26: Aquatic plants in the littoral zone of Lake Memphremagog

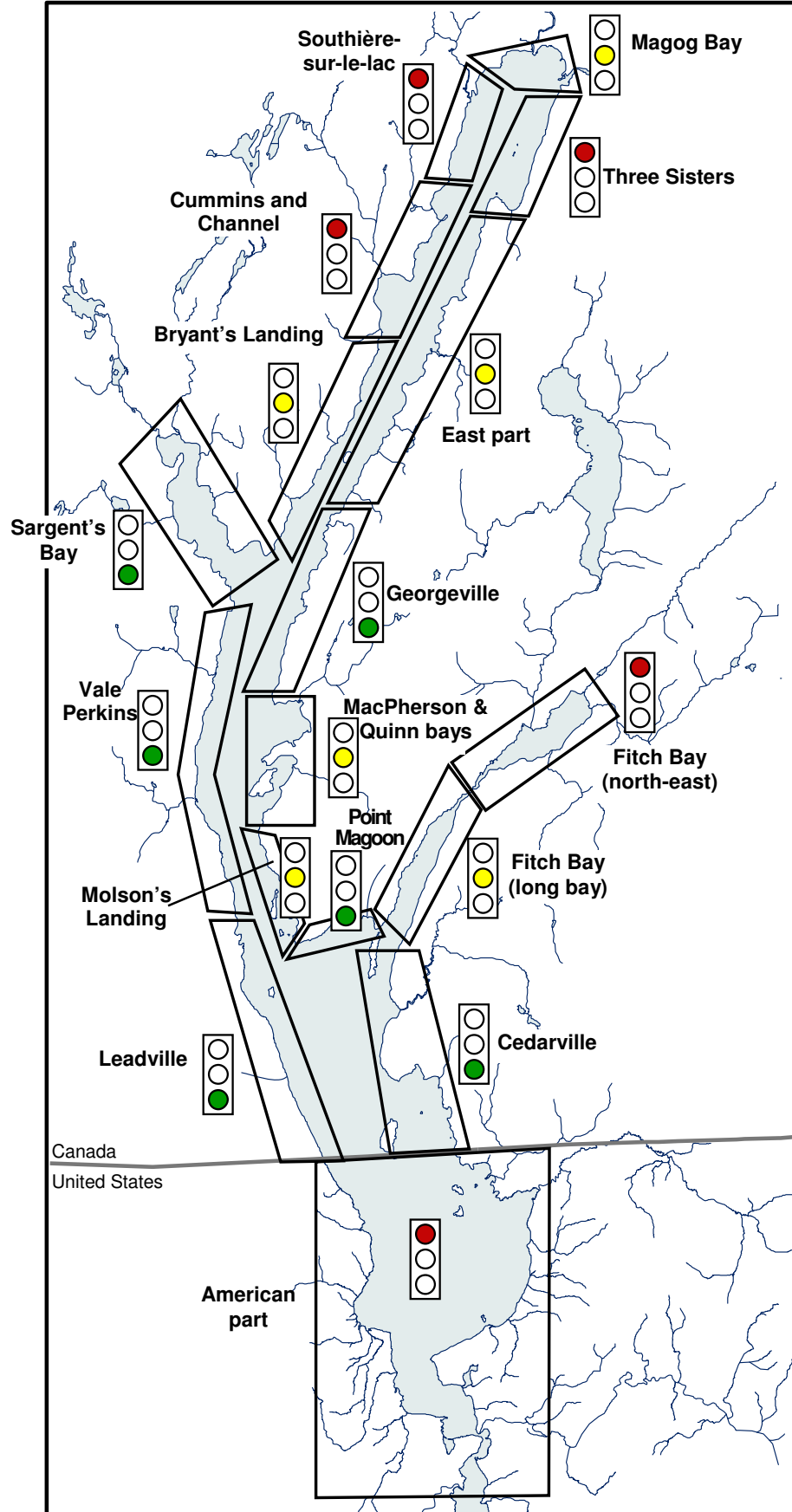
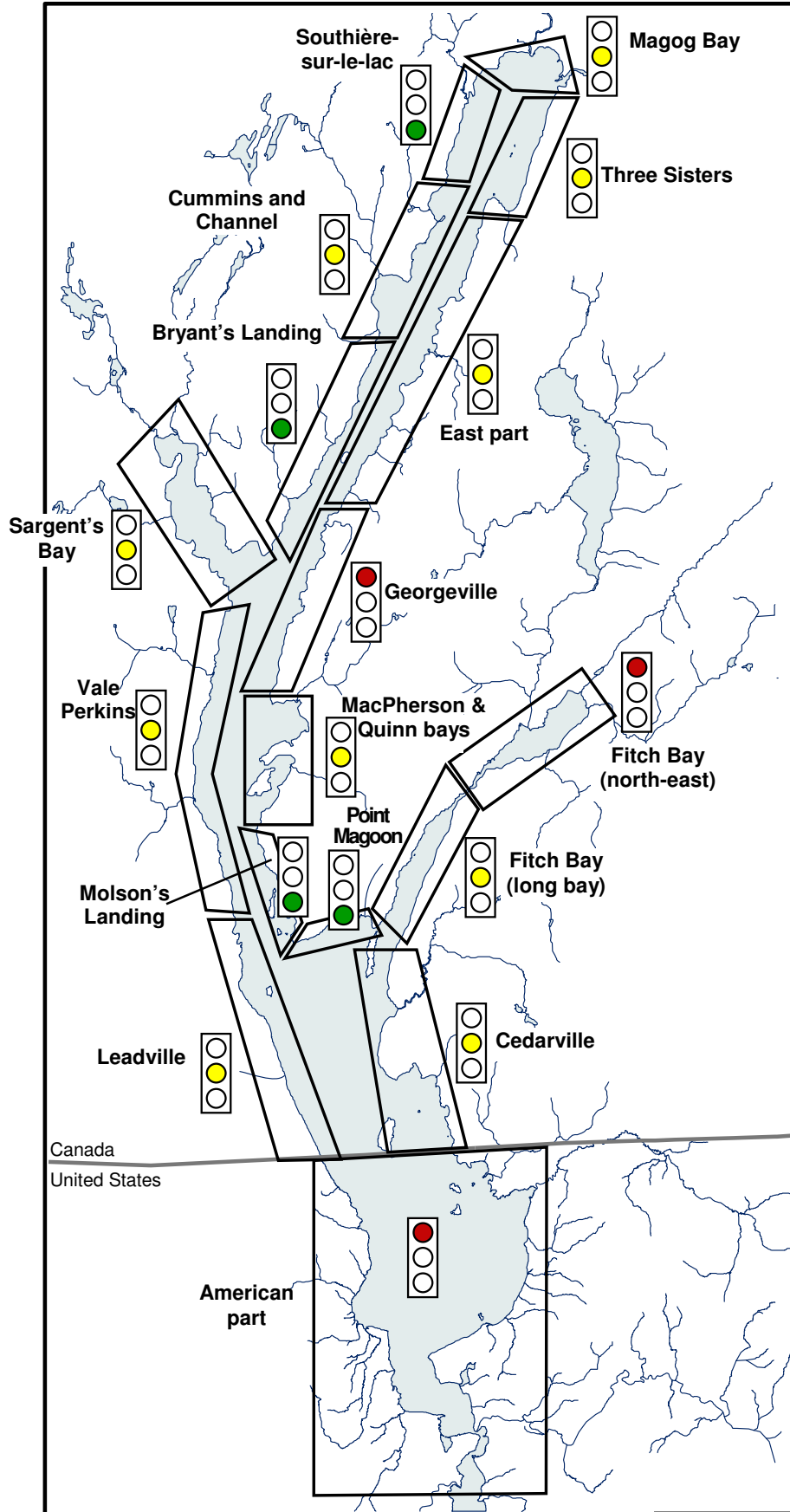


Figure 27: Green algae in the littoral zone of Lake Memphremagog



9.4 Overview and Recommendations

Our study of the American part of Lake Memphremagog has shown signs of both rapid eutrophication and erosion in the drainage basin. The lake's waters, on the one hand, are typical of the mesotrophic level. On the other hand, the accumulation of fine particles on the littoral, the proliferation of aquatic plants, the abundance of Eurasian watermilfoil and the growing presence of green algae reveal that this sector of the lake is being degraded. Finally, the four main tributaries carry worrisome quantities of phosphorus and suspended solids (SS).

These findings mean that it is important to take effective action to reduce soil erosion in the drainage basin (**control of sediments**) and the excessive loads of nutrients that result from human activities (**control of nutrients**). Every stakeholder in the local environment (shoreline property owners, managers of the territory, foresters, farmers and entrepreneurs) can put in place different control measures. The eight general solutions to improve the health of the lake are: to protect the shoreline buffer zones, protect soils from erosion, re-naturalize artificialized shorelines, avoid using lawn and garden and agricultural fertilizers and pesticides near the lake and its tributaries, and manage ditches in a more ecologically correct manner. These concrete actions would help to limit the degradation of Lake Memphremagog and would, in the long term, help to improve its health. It is important to act quickly; the longer we wait, the harder it will be.

In addition to encouraging the various stakeholders to take action, we also would like to suggest to MCI and to the American authorities to continue to refine the portrait of the condition of the lake and to draw up indicators to allow monitoring of corrective actions taken. Here is a list, which is by no means exhaustive, of the monitoring or studies that should be carried out:

- Regular monitoring of the degree of artificialization of the shores of the lake to assess improvements and to avoid degradation: the degree of artificialization is an easy indicator to put in place to track re-naturalization activities. Describe the condition of the banks of tributaries to further round out the portrait.
- Annual monitoring of lake's water quality.
- Continue the analysis of the four tributary rivers and add testing for fecal coliform bacteria for eventual research on contamination from fecal contamination. Water quality monitoring in the tributaries, and using appropriate parameters will also indicate how successful corrective measures have been.
- Describe the condition of other tributaries to the lake, especially those that have been identified as being of concern in this report.
- Study the concentration of dissolved oxygen in the water column at different times of the year (oxygen profiles) to study changes in water quality in the lake and the habitat for fauna. At the same time regularly measure the water transparency (Secchi). These two indicators of water quality are easy to use.
- Map land use in the watershed and identify precisely one-time or identifiable and over-time or diffused sources of phosphorus, suspended solids and fecal coliform bacteria.
- Locate and quantify (dimensions, thickness, constitution, etc.) sedimentation deltas at the mouth of various tributaries to the lake to assess the size of the sediment load and to track the changes over the years.
- In the middle and long term, conduct the analysis of the condition of the littoral again by choosing certain reference stations to study changes there.



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APPENDIX 1:

PROTOCOL FOR THE INVENTORY OF THE LITTORAL AND SHORE





Protocol for the Inventory of the Littoral and Shore

GEO-REFERENCED SECTIONS

Objective:

- To geo-reference and locate, on a map of the lake, all sections studied to allow monitoring, in the medium and long term, of the evolution of the condition of the littoral in these sections.

Method:

- Take the geographical coordinates at the beginning and end of each section using a GPS (Global positioning system). Note that the end of one section corresponds with the beginning of the next.
- Situate the beginning and end of each section on one map of the lake.

Measurement accuracy:

- The geographical coordinates measured with the GPS are accurate to about 4 to 5 metres when the sky is clear. When it is overcast with a heavy cloud cover, the location becomes less precise and may go to about 10 or 11 metres.

Remark:

- Because the transects are situated above a water column of a predetermined height, their positioning depends on the water level. In fact, when the level is high, the transects are situated closer to the shore than during periods of low water, since the littoral becomes deeper.

STUDY OF SEDIMENTS

A) Sedimentary accumulation

Objective:

- To establish a baseline portrait of sedimentary accumulation (silting) in the littoral zone of the lake (at depths of 1 m, 2 m and 3 m).

Method:

- For each transect, take 5 measurements of sedimentary thickness using a graduated measuring stick.
- Calculate the median thickness of sediment for each transect.
- Map the sedimentary accumulation of each transect starting from the median just calculated and classified (0-5 cm / 5-10 cm / 10-50 cm / 50-100 cm / more than 100 cm).

Measurement accuracy:

- The accuracy of measurements of sedimentary accumulation is evaluated at ± 5 cm; the measuring sticks used for these measurements are graduated at every 10 cm.

Comment:

- The measurement of the thickness of the sediments makes no distinction between natural sedimentary accumulation and that attributable to human activities. However, a large accumulation of unconsolidated sediments on the littoral is usually related to significant soil erosion in the watershed, and thus to heavy human pressure.

B) Types of lake bottom

Objective:

- To identify the dominant substrate in each transect studied to locate zones presently propitious for the spawning of certain fish, that is the zones where the bottom is made of sands, gravels, shingle or boulders and vegetal debris.

Method:

- For each transect, visually assess the type of dominant and sub-dominant substrate among the following classes: fine particulates (silt), vegetal debris, sands, gravels, shingle, boulders, rock.
- Map, using a colour system, the type of dominant substrate in each transect.

Comment:

- The determination of the dominant and sub-dominant substrate, is made visually from the size of the particles.

STUDY OF AQUATIC PLANTS

A) Density of aquatic plants

Objective:

- To establish a baseline portrait of invasion by aquatic plants in the littoral of the lake (at depths of 1 m, 2 m and 3 m).

Method:

- For each transect, visually evaluate the percentage of average cover by aquatic plants in the water column.
- Map the percentage of cover by aquatic plants in all transects according to groups of percentages (0-10 % / 10-25 % / 25-50 % / 50-75 % / + 75 %).

Accuracy of measurements:

- The accuracy of the assessment of the percentage of the area occupied by aquatic plants is considered to be ± 5 % starting from a calibration made between the divers. By grouping this measurement in one class, inter-individual variation can be eliminated.

Comment:

- Aquatic plants grow over the summer which affects the percentage of cover they occupy. At the time the inventory was carried out (August), they were at their peak.

B) Diversity of aquatic plant species

Objective:

- To establish a baseline portrait of the distribution of dominant aquatic plant species in the littoral zone of the lake (at depths of 1 m, 2 m and 3 m) and to highlight the distribution of the dominant species and the aquatic plants considered to present the biggest problems, because of their high invasive potential.

Method:

- For each transect, determine the three species of dominant aquatic plants (dominance of a species is determined by the amount of area it occupies).
- To calculate, for each species of aquatic plant inventoried, the percentage of transects where they dominate and the percentage of transects where they are sub-dominant.
- Map, for each transect studied, the dominant aquatic plant species.
- Map, for each transect studied, the abundance of each species of aquatic plant considered problematic (*Myriophyllum spicatum*, *Potamogeton amplifolius*, *Elodea canadensis*, *Potamogeton crispus*).

STUDY OF THE PERIPHYTON

Objective:

- Establish a baseline portrait of invasion by green algae of the littoral zone of the lake (at depths of 1 m, 2 m and 3 m).

Method:

- For each transect, visually assess the average percentage of coverage in the water column aquatic plants.
- Map the percentage of coverage by green algae in all transects according to groupings of percentages (0-10 % / 10-25 % / 25-50 % / 50-75 % / + 75 %).

Accuracy of measurements:

- The accuracy of the assessment of the area occupied by plants was assessed at $\pm 5\%$ from a calibration made among the divers. Grouping this measurement in one class makes it possible to eliminate inter-individual variations.

Comment:

- Green algae grow as summer progresses; this affects the percentage of coverage of area they occupy. When the inventory was carried out (August), these algae were at their most luxuriant.

STUDY OF THE CONDITION OF THE SHORE

Objective:

- To establish an overview of the state of artificialization of the shore of the lake.

Method:

- For each section, to assess, with a simple matrix, the degree of artificialization of a buffer zone of 10 metres on the shore.
- Classify the state of artificialization of the shore for the entire Vermont shore according to the following classes:
 - natural (0-10 % artificial)
 - somewhat modified (10-25 % artificial)
 - quite modified (25-50 % artificial)
 - greatly modified (50-75 % artificial)
 - totally artificial (75-100 % artificial)

Material Used for the Inventory of the Littoral and the Shore

Material required for the inventory

- One (1) functional nautical craft, as ecological as possible, and fuel
- Safety equipment for the boat (including 5 floatation devices, 1 life ring safety device, 1 boarding ladder, 1 extinguisher, 1 flashlight, 1 baler, 1 whistle, 1 anchor, 2 oars, navigation lights)
- One (1) first aid kit
- One (1) GPS (global positioning system) unit
- Indelible pencils
- Data collection sheets on the ground (Zaurus pocket computer)
- Flippers, mask, snorkel, isothermic suit and lead belt (one set of equipment for each diver)
- Three (3) fibreglass measuring sticks, graduated at 10 cm and measuring at least 3 m
- Containers (plastic bags, pots), to preserve unknown plant samples
- One (1) whistle for communicating with the divers

Human resources required

Five (5) persons are needed to carry out the land inventory of aquatic plants and sedimentary accumulation. The ground crew was made up of Camille Rivard-Sirois (B.Sc. Biology), coordinator of the project, assisted by Christian Desgagné (technician in applied ecology), Isabelle Nault and Josée Audet-Lecouffre (both undergraduate biology students). At the beginning of June 2005, members of the team were trained for a week by Camille Rivard-Sirois (RAPPEL) on aquatic plants, sediments and on the inventory protocol. During the data collection, three (3) researchers dove, while the other two (2) worked in the boat. They rotated roles so the divers could warm up and rest on occasion.

Computer tools used

To manipulate information obtained during the inventory, various tools were used. The data obtained by the divers was entered and managed right on site by a Web application using a pocket computer (Zaurus). Then the data stored and centralized in the database were used to create tables and maps to show the condition of the lake.

Technologies used:

Apache, PHP, MySQL, Java (2D API, J2SE, J2ME), Linux, OSX, Zaurus, SOAP, XML, GPS Garmin, RIA (Flash), Studio MX, Firefox, Apple G ...



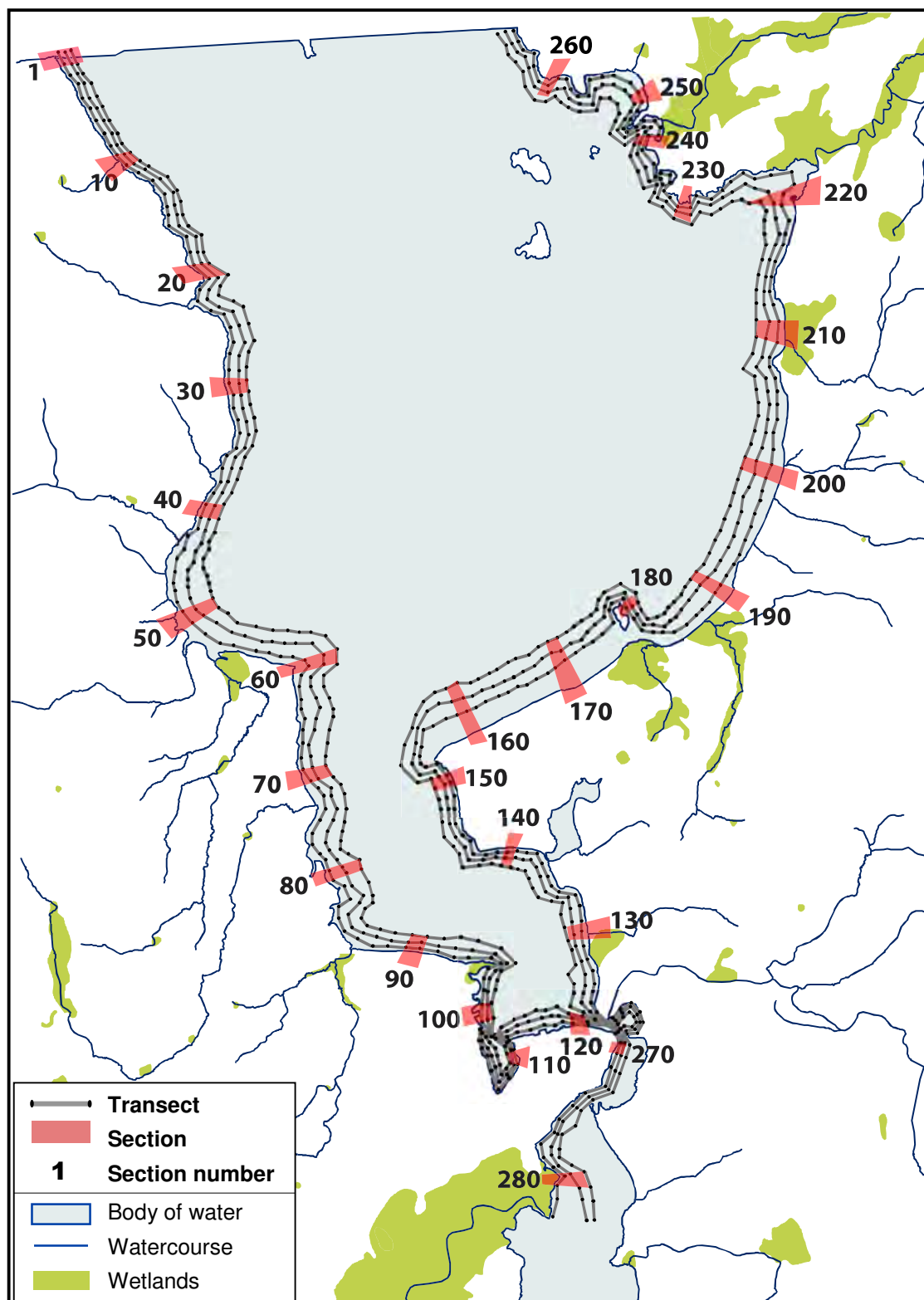
APPENDIX 2:

LOCATION OF TRANSECTS INVENTORIED





Location of Sections and Transects





Geographic Coordinates of each Transect

Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
		Beginning		End	
1	1	716295	4987144	716332	4987055
	2	716300	4987150	716339	4987056
	3	716307	4987154	716346	4987057
2	1	716332	4987055	716383	4986977
	2	716339	4987056	716386	4986981
	3	716346	4987057	716392	4986986
3	1	716383	4986977	716429	4986915
	2	716386	4986981	716434	4986913
	3	716392	4986986	716439	4986909
4	1	716429	4986915	716466	4986812
	2	716434	4986913	716478	4986808
	3	716439	4986909	716484	4986810
5	1	716466	4986812	716534	4986717
	2	716478	4986808	716536	4986719
	3	716484	4986810	716533	4986728
6	1	716534	4986717	716586	4986630
	2	716536	4986719	716586	4986630
	3	716533	4986728	716591	4986635
7	1	716586	4986630	716636	4986530
	2	716586	4986630	716641	4986536
	3	716591	4986635	716643	4986536
8	1	716636	4986530	716687	4986444
	2	716641	4986536	716685	4986441
	3	716643	4986536	716691	4986446
9	1	716687	4986444	716746	4986369
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	3	716691	4986446	716759	4986373
10	1	716746	4986369	716812	4986293
	2	716750	4986370	716821	4986299
	3	716759	4986373	716826	4986310
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	2	716821	4986299	716894	4986248
	3	716826	4986310	716898	4986251
12	1	716891	4986242	717016	4986169
	2	716894	4986248	717020	4986180
	3	716898	4986251	717024	4986181
13	1	717016	4986169	717097	4986056
	2	717020	4986180	717096	4986062
	3	717024	4986181	717102	4986065

Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
		Beginning		End	
14	1	717097	4986056	717118	4985972
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	3	717102	4986065	717128	4985980
15	1	717118	4985972	717134	4985915
	2	717123	4985975	717134	4985912
	3	717128	4985980	717140	4985917
16	1	717134	4985915	717133	4985829
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17	1	717133	4985829	717256	4985740
	2	717139	4985831	717265	4985747
	3	717144	4985838	717266	4985755
18	1	717256	4985740	717300	4985628
	2	717265	4985747	717306	4985627
	3	717266	4985755	717308	4985625
19	1	717300	4985628	717327	4985530
	2	717306	4985627	717336	4985537
	3	717308	4985625	717344	4985542
20	1	717327	4985530	717442	4985433
	2	717336	4985537	717446	4985435
	3	717344	4985542	717453	4985444
21	1	717442	4985433	717370	4985341
	2	717446	4985435	717389	4985343
	3	717453	4985444	717407	4985334
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	2	717389	4985343	717386	4985270
	3	717407	4985334	717419	4985273
23	1	717364	4985274	717458	4985190
	2	717386	4985270	717459	4985198
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	2	717459	4985198	717450	4985162
	3	717470	4985217	717457	4985179
25	1	717547	4985156	717602	4985064
	2	717450	4985162	717623	4985074
	3	717457	4985179	717628	4985077
26	1	717602	4985064	717624	4984939
	2	717623	4985074	717655	4984944
	3	717628	4985077	717670	4984945



Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
		Beginning		End	
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	2	717655	4984944	717606	4984860
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	3	717621	4984741	717622	4984645
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	2	717606	4984649	717620	4984565
	3	717622	4984645	717637	4984562
31	1	717612	4984556	717622	4984456
	2	717620	4984565	717633	4984457
	3	717637	4984562	717648	4984462
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33	1	717653	4984357	717669	4984261
	2	717665	4984356	717679	4984265
	3	717675	4984361	717687	4984257
34	1	717669	4984261	717650	4984150
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	3	717687	4984257	717661	4984146
35	1	717650	4984150	717574	4984089
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36	1	717574	4984089	717541	4983991
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	2	717484	4983799	717431	4983700
	3	717497	4983781	717454	4983689
40	1	717408	4983714	717371	4983601
	2	717431	4983700	717388	4983596
	3	717454	4983689	717419	4983566
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	2	718086	4982655	718219	4982659
	3	718117	4982705	718233	4982669
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	3	718275	4982241	718302	4982164
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	2	718270	4982168	718252	4982088
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	3	718279	4982006	718254	4981906
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		Beginning		End	
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	3	718398	4981401	718394	4981307
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	2	718429	4980952	718457	4980917
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	2	718586	4980741	718587	4980685
	3	718605	4980740	718604	4980687
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	3	718604	4980687	718510	4980619
85	1	718445	4980573	718483	4980472
	2	718489	4980602	718512	4980501
	3	718510	4980619	718554	4980541
86	1	718483	4980472	718591	4980421
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	3	718554	4980541	718589	4980480



Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
		Beginning		End	
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	3	718589	4980480	718700	4980445
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	2	718702	4980394	718819	4980373
	3	718700	4980445	718811	4980413
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	2	718819	4980373	718942	4980360
	3	718811	4980413	718938	4980394
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93	1	719309	4980276	719429	4980274
	2	719325	4980313	719428	4980319
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	3	719665	4980230	719595	4980174
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	3	719595	4980174	719574	4980123
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Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
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	3	719527	4979721	719522	4979653
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	2	719515	4979652	719552	4979594
	3	719522	4979653	719601	4979596
105	1	719532	4979590	719577	4979531
	2	719552	4979594	719587	4979533
	3	719601	4979596	719595	4979530
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	2	719795	4979455	719771	4979570
	3	719792	4979456	719770	4979566
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	3	719770	4979566	719735	4979642
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113	1	719636	4979682	719722	4979668
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Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
		Beginning		End	
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	2	719990	4979769	720062	4979795
	3	720000	4979815	720053	4979820
118	1	720086	4979748	720146	4979777
	2	720062	4979795	720122	4979809
	3	720053	4979820	720132	4979817
119	1	720146	4979777	720209	4979779
	2	720122	4979809	720224	4979799
	3	720132	4979817	720226	4979800
120	1	720209	4979779	720324	4979780
	2	720224	4979799	720324	4979781
	3	720226	4979800	720324	4979782
121	1	720324	4979780	720427	4979762
	2	720324	4979781	720423	4979762
	3	720324	4979782	720422	4979762
122	1	720429	4979808	720396	4979851
	2	720429	4979802	720320	4979842
	3	720425	4979798	720296	4979837
123	1	720396	4979851	720366	4979929
	2	720320	4979842	720349	49799
	3	720296	4979837	720193	4979897
124	1	720366	4979929	720387	4980010
	2	720349	4979978	720347	4980018
	3	720193	4979897	720259	4980010
125	1	720387	4980010	720398	4980075
	2	720347	4980018	720366	4980079
	3	720259	4980010	720260	4980075
126	1	720398	4980075	720387	4980170
	2	720366	4980079	720363	4980164
	3	720260	4980075	720223	4980148
127	1	720387	4980170	720343	4980258
	2	720363	4980164	720327	4980256
	3	720223	4980148	720309	4980257
128	1	720343	4980258	720315	4980365
	2	720327	4980256	720283	4980367
	3	720309	4980257	720272	4980367
129	1	720315	4980365	720300	4980468
	2	720283	4980367	720270	4980456
	3	720272	4980367	720238	4980449
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	2	720270	4980456	720264	4980554
	3	720238	4980449	720210	4980550
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	2	720264	4980554	720250	4980658
	3	720210	4980550	720187	4980641

Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
		Beginning		End	
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	2	720250	4980658	720220	4980741
	3	720187	4980641	720203	4980735
133	1	720256	4980753	720127	4980781
	2	720220	4980741	720123	4980763
	3	720203	4980735	720122	4980756
134	1	720127	4980781	720064	4980821
	2	720123	4980763	720016	4980789
	3	720122	4980756	720000	4980779
135	1	720064	4980821	720027	4980892
	2	720016	4980789	719994	4980885
	3	720000	4980779	719964	4980872
136	1	720027	4980892	719988	4980981
	2	719994	4980885	719958	4980961
	3	719964	4980872	719929	4980945
137	1	719988	4980981	719930	4981055
	2	719958	4980961	719911	4981016
	3	719929	4980945	719897	4980999
138	1	719930	4981055	719876	4981087
	2	719911	4981016	719864	4981058
	3	719897	4980999	719835	4981026
139	1	719876	4981087	719796	4981094
	2	719864	4981058	719799	4981070
	3	719835	4981026	719797	4981046
140	1	719796	4981094	719718	4981090
	2	719799	4981070	719720	4981078
	3	719797	4981046	719730	4981064
141	1	719718	4981090	719652	4981093
	2	719720	4981078	719652	4981085
	3	719730	4981064	719651	4981078
142	1	719652	4981093	719566	4981082
	2	719652	4981085	719566	4981077
	3	719651	4981078	719566	4981069
143	1	719566	4981082	719447	4981056
	2	719566	4981077	719447	4981046
	3	719566	4981069	719450	4981033
144	1	719447	4981056	719460	4981163
	2	719447	4981046	719438	4981161
	3	719450	4981033	719434	4981149
145	1	719460	4981163	719392	4981207
	2	719438	4981161	719385	4981206
	3	719434	4981149	719388	4981203
146	1	719392	4981207	719324	4981292
	2	719385	4981206	719310	4981287
	3	719388	4981203	719302	4981277



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		Beginning		End	
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	2	719310	4981287	719299	4981399
	3	719302	4981277	719290	4981393
148	1	719318	4981402	719315	4981495
	2	719299	4981399	719282	4981487
	3	719290	4981393	719273	4981487
149	1	719315	4981495	719283	4981595
	2	719282	4981487	719272	4981580
	3	719273	4981487	719259	4981563
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	2	719272	4981580	719231	4981646
	3	719259	4981563	719226	4981643
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	2	719231	4981646	719204	4981714
	3	719226	4981643	719198	4981712
152	1	719207	4981711	719108	4981688
	2	719204	4981714	719109	4981685
	3	719198	4981712	719102	4981682
153	1	719108	4981688	719057	4981729
	2	719109	4981685	719012	4981738
	3	719102	4981682	718916	4981730
154	1	719057	4981729	719061	4981795
	2	719012	4981738	719045	4981803
	3	718916	4981730	718944	4981887
155	1	719061	4981795	719072	4981870
	2	719045	4981803	719068	4981886
	3	718944	4981887	719054	4981974
156	1	719072	4981870	719091	4981997
	2	719068	4981886	719080	4982034
	3	719054	4981974	719076	4982065
157	1	719091	4981997	719161	4982034
	2	719080	4982034	719143	4982133
	3	719076	4982065	719132	4982165
158	1	719161	4982034	719258	4982083
	2	719143	4982133	719220	4982190
	3	719132	4982165	719211	4982228
159	1	719258	4982083	719342	4982118
	2	719220	4982190	719312	4982203
	3	719211	4982228	719300	4982264
160	1	719342	4982118	719421	4982148
	2	719312	4982203	719399	4982228
	3	719300	4982264	719388	4982303
161	1	719421	4982148	719488	4982178
	2	719399	4982228	719477	4982250
	3	719388	4982303	719484	4982303

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		Beginning		End	
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	2	719477	4982250	719547	4982288
	3	719484	4982303	719544	4982328
163	1	719565	4982218	719656	4982256
	2	719547	4982288	719630	4982317
	3	719544	4982328	719624	4982369
164	1	719656	4982256	719736	4982292
	2	719630	4982317	719713	4982358
	3	719624	4982369	719689	4982403
165	1	719736	4982292	719804	4982324
	2	719713	4982358	719788	4982393
	3	719689	4982403	719773	4982457
166	1	719804	4982324	719869	4982350
	2	719788	4982393	719857	4982433
	3	719773	4982457	719835	4982491
167	1	719869	4982350	719949	4982387
	2	719857	4982433	719940	4982479
	3	719835	4982491	719927	4982522
168	1	719949	4982387	720025	4982429
	2	719940	4982479	720005	4982528
	3	719927	4982522	720007	4982570
169	1	720025	4982429	720086	4982479
	2	720005	4982528	720083	4982566
	3	720007	4982570	720082	4982616
170	1	720086	4982479	720144	4982534
	2	720083	4982566	720131	4982589
	3	720082	4982616	720130	4982645
171	1	720144	4982534	720241	4982590
	2	720131	4982589	720220	4982642
	3	720130	4982645	720214	4982692
172	1	720241	4982590	720301	4982628
	2	720220	4982642	720302	4982676
	3	720214	4982692	720276	4982732
173	1	720301	4982628	720379	4982675
	2	720302	4982676	720343	4982728
	3	720276	4982732	720331	4982770
174	1	720379	4982675	720443	4982726
	2	720343	4982728	720402	4982782
	3	720331	4982770	720399	4982814
175	1	720443	4982726	720524	4982810
	2	720402	4982782	720471	4982841
	3	720399	4982814	720448	4982861
176	1	720524	4982810	720526	4982896
	2	720471	4982841	720499	4982893
	3	720448	4982861	720474	4982891



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		Beginning		End	
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	2	720499	4982893	720524	4982956
	3	720474	4982891	720512	4982970
178	1	720530	4982948	720581	4982965
	2	720524	4982956	720592	4982970
	3	720512	4982970	720615	4982985
179	1	720581	4982965	720610	4982896
	2	720592	4982970	720633	4982913
	3	720615	4982985	720658	4982916
180	1	720610	4982896	720639	4982818
	2	720633	4982913	720652	4982816
	3	720658	4982916	720714	4982821
181	1	720639	4982818	720738	4982758
	2	720652	4982816	720743	4982776
	3	720714	4982821	720744	4982804
182	1	720738	4982758	720825	4982749
	2	720743	4982776	720826	4982780
	3	720744	4982804	720831	4982808
183	1	720825	4982749	720900	4982750
	2	720826	4982780	720910	4982776
	3	720831	4982808	720912	4982844
184	1	720900	4982750	720994	4982739
	2	720910	4982776	720981	4982818
	3	720912	4982844	720968	4982880
185	1	720994	4982739	721089	4982807
	2	720981	4982818	721035	4982862
	3	720968	4982880	720997	4982903
186	1	721089	4982807	721155	4982877
	2	721035	4982862	721079	4982922
	3	720997	4982903	721047	4982954
187	1	721155	4982877	721195	4982921
	2	721079	4982922	721125	4982992
	3	721047	4982954	721096	4983016
188	1	721195	4982921	721255	4982979
	2	721125	4982992	721188	4983061
	3	721096	4983016	721154	4983099
189	1	721255	4982979	721300	4983038
	2	721188	4983061	721221	4983103
	3	721154	4983099	721179	4983134
190	1	721300	4983038	721342	4983096
	2	721221	4983103	721269	4983152
	3	721179	4983134	721211	4983180
191	1	721342	4983096	721388	4983169
	2	721269	4983152	721325	4983218
	3	721211	4983180	721260	4983229

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		Beginning		End	
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	2	721325	4983218	721377	4983292
	3	721260	4983229	721310	4983325
193	1	721439	4983251	721487	4983335
	2	721377	4983292	721432	4983392
	3	721310	4983325	721363	4983429
194	1	721487	4983335	721536	4983443
	2	721432	4983392	721468	4983475
	3	721363	4983429	721402	4983505
195	1	721536	4983443	721575	4983550
	2	721468	4983475	721503	4983567
	3	721402	4983505	721431	4983588
196	1	721575	4983550	721599	4983639
	2	721503	4983567	721537	4983664
	3	721431	4983588	721470	4983689
197	1	721599	4983639	721639	4983742
	2	721537	4983664	721549	4983767
	3	721470	4983689	721499	4983787
198	1	721639	4983742	721660	4983818
	2	721549	4983767	721585	4983845
	3	721499	4983787	721537	4983885
199	1	721660	4983818	721690	4983911
	2	721585	4983845	721626	4983939
	3	721537	4983885	721560	4983971
200	1	721690	4983911	721731	4984015
	2	721626	4983939	721652	4984040
	3	721560	4983971	721583	4984051
201	1	721731	4984015	721741	4984132
	2	721652	4984040	721687	4984146
	3	721583	4984051	721627	4984163
202	1	721741	4984132	721750	4984252
	2	721687	4984146	721714	4984253
	3	721627	4984163	721657	4984257
203	1	721750	4984252	721774	4984361
	2	721714	4984253	721734	4984363
	3	721657	4984257	721685	4984368
204	1	721774	4984361	721778	4984467
	2	721734	4984363	721741	4984467
	3	721685	4984368	721689	4984473
205	1	721778	4984467	721770	4984579
	2	721741	4984467	721737	4984577
	3	721689	4984473	721677	4984571
206	1	721770	4984579	721756	4984674
	2	721737	4984577	721715	4984672
	3	721677	4984571	721658	4984667



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		Beginning		End	
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	2	721715	4984672	721647	4984764
	3	721658	4984667	721573	4984736
208	1	721710	4984765	721718	4984819
	2	721647	4984764	721688	4984826
	3	721573	4984736	721641	4984837
209	1	721718	4984819	721771	4984938
	2	721688	4984826	721718	4984970
	3	721641	4984837	721677	4984974
210	1	721771	4984938	721783	4985098
	2	721718	4984970	721743	4985105
	3	721677	4984974	721670	4985097
211	1	721783	4985098	721739	4985229
	2	721743	4985105	721703	4985228
	3	721670	4985097	721680	4985228
212	1	721739	4985229	721734	4985328
	2	721703	4985228	721717	4985330
	3	721680	4985228	721686	4985336
213	1	721734	4985328	721745	4985450
	2	721717	4985330	721734	4985450
	3	721686	4985336	721713	4985461
214	1	721745	4985450	721772	4985558
	2	721734	4985450	721760	4985568
	3	721713	4985461	721747	4985579
215	1	721772	4985558	721816	4985680
	2	721760	4985568	721783	4985683
	3	721747	4985579	721759	4985685
216	1	721816	4985680	721836	4985766
	2	721783	4985683	721811	4985774
	3	721759	4985685	721764	4985782
217	1	721836	4985766	721864	4985874
	2	721811	4985774	721786	4985891
	3	721764	4985782	721723	4985915
218	1	721864	4985874	721808	4985982
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	3	-	-	-	-
219	1	721808	4985982	721818	4986066
	2	721786	4985891	721768	4985998
	3	721723	4985915	721717	4985973
220	1	721818	4986066	721896	4986139
	2	721768	4985998	721735	4986093
	3	721717	4985973	721685	4986051
221	1	721896	4986139	721903	4986209
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	3	-	-	-	-

Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
		Beginning		End	
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	3	-	-	-	-
223	1	721702	4986221	721601	4986215
	2	721735	4986093	721609	4986178
	3	721685	4986051	721609	4986044
224	1	721601	4986215	721509	4986241
	2	721609	4986178	721533	4986201
	3	721609	4986044	721541	4986076
225	1	721509	4986241	721422	4986191
	2	721533	4986201	721431	4986142
	3	721541	4986076	721472	4986072
226	1	721422	4986191	721364	4986118
	2	721431	4986142	721361	4986102
	3	721472	4986072	721373	4986082
227	1	721364	4986118	721257	4986085
	2	721361	4986102	721267	4986067
	3	721373	4986082	721283	4986052
228	1	721257	4986085	721166	4986076
	2	721267	4986067	721178	4986055
	3	721283	4986052	721173	4986023
229	1	721166	4986076	721097	4985988
	2	721178	4986055	721097	4985976
	3	721173	4986023	721098	4985960
230	1	721097	4985988	721022	4986008
	2	721097	4985976	721015	4986010
	3	721098	4985960	721004	4986005
231	1	721022	4986008	720963	4986073
	2	721015	4986010	720961	4986066
	3	721004	4986005	720952	4986046
232	1	720963	4986073	720914	4986093
	2	720961	4986066	720906	4986086
	3	720952	4986046	720897	4986082
233	1	720914	4986093	720953	4986152
	2	720906	4986086	720929	4986163
	3	720897	4986082	720882	4986140
234	1	720953	4986152	720948	4986218
	2	720929	4986163	720901	4986190
	3	720882	4986140	720868	4986154
235	1	720948	4986218	720873	4986236
	2	720901	4986190	720838	4986201
	3	720868	4986154	720800	4986178
236	1	720873	4986236	720841	7206201
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	3	-	-	-	-



Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
		Beginning		End	
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	2	720838	4986201	720799	4986280
	3	720800	4986178	720767	4986278
238	1	720826	4986280	720774	4986409
	2	720799	4986280	720763	4986409
	3	720767	4986278	720743	4986400
239	1	720774	4986409	720780	4986475
	2	720763	4986409	720766	4986476
	3	720743	4986400	720754	4986481
240	1	720780	4986475	720818	4986534
	2	720766	4986476	720813	4986539
	3	720754	4986481	720727	4986542
241	1	720818	4986534	720895	4986580
	2	720813	4986539	720804	4986563
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242	1	720895	4986580	720837	4986612
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	3	-	-	-	-
243	1	720837	4986612	720737	4986632
	2	720804	4986563	720777	4986573
	3	-	-	-	-
244	1	720737	4986632	720702	4986591
	2	720777	4986573	720702	4986580
	3	-	-	-	-
245	1	720702	4986591	720632	4986564
	2	720702	4986580	720628	4986544
	3	720727	4986542	720638	4986505
246	1	720632	4986564	720625	4986583
	2	720628	4986544	720615	4986583
	3	720638	4986505	720595	4986584
247	1	720625	4986583	720666	4986638
	2	720615	4986583	720666	4986641
	3	720595	4986584	720639	4986664
248	1	720666	4986638	720725	4986704
	2	720666	4986641	720698	4986711
	3	720639	4986664	720622	4986735
249	1	720725	4986704	720744	4986767
	2	720698	4986711	720681	4986764
	3	720622	4986735	720614	4986775
250	1	720744	4986767	720715	4986838
	2	720681	4986764	720659	4986811
	3	-	-	-	-
251	1	720715	4986838	720661	4986922
	2	720659	4986811	720614	4986887
	3	720614	4986775	720553	4986835

Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
		Beginning		End	
252	1	720661	4986922	720537	4986972
	2	720614	4986887	720527	4986923
	3	720553	4986835	720498	4986847
253	1	720537	4986972	720442	4986979
	2	720527	4986923	720459	4986937
	3	-	-	-	-
254	1	720442	4986979	720332	4986939
	2	720459	4986937	720344	4986892
	3	720498	4986847	720431	4986798
255	1	720332	4986939	720321	4986846
	2	720344	4986892	720326	4986828
	3	720431	4986798	720336	4986789
256	1	720321	4986846	720255	4986834
	2	720326	4986828	720254	4986832
	3	720336	4986789	720243	4986815
257	1	720255	4986834	720213	4986918
	2	720254	4986832	720200	4986907
	3	720243	4986815	720160	4986884
258	1	720213	4986918	720173	4986957
	2	720200	4986907	720167	4986944
	3	720160	4986884	720139	4986900
259	1	720173	4986957	720106	4986972
	2	720167	4986944	720111	4986949
	3	720139	4986900	720107	4986885
260	1	720106	4986972	720059	4986940
	2	720111	4986949	720059	4986935
	3	720107	4986885	720041	4986887
261	1	720059	4986940	719985	4986958
	2	720059	4986935	719980	4986953
	3	720041	4986887	719945	4986948
262	1	719985	4986958	719945	4987050
	2	719980	4986953	719939	4987048
	3	719945	4986948	719924	4987044
263	1	719945	4987050	719940	4987136
	2	719939	4987048	719923	4987126
	3	719924	4987044	719873	4987110
264	1	719940	4987136	719865	4987166
	2	719923	4987126	719857	4987167
	3	719873	4987110	719832	4987146
265	1	719865	4987166	719829	4987234
	2	719857	4987167	719823	4987229
	3	719832	4987146	719811	4987220
266	1	719829	4987234	719792	4987317
	2	719823	4987229	719791	4987323
	3	719811	4987220	719684	4987322



Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
		Beginning		End	
267	1	720324	4979780	720546	4979715
	2	720324	4979781	720547	4979714
	3	720324	4979782	720548	4979713
268	1	720546	4979715	720566	4979631
	2	720547	4979714	720569	4979631
	3	720548	4979713	720569	4979631
269	1	720566	4979631	720519	4979556
	2	720569	4979631	720527	4979555
	3	720569	4979631	720533	4979553
270	1	720519	4979556	720484	4979449
	2	720527	4979555	720489	4979447
	3	720533	4979553	720492	4979447
271	1	720484	4979449	720437	4979311
	2	720489	4979447	720437	4979311
	3	720492	4979447	720442	4979310
272	1	720437	4979311	720310	4979268
	2	720437	4979311	720309	4979264
	3	720442	4979310	720313	4979264
273	1	720310	4979268	720204	4979177
	2	720309	4979264	720200	4979174
	3	720313	4979264	720205	4979173
274	1	720204	4979177	720099	4979075
	2	720200	4979174	720109	4979069
	3	720205	4979173	720120	4979064
275	1	720099	4979075	720039	4978954
	2	720109	4979069	720044	4978953
	3	720120	4979064	720041	4978951
276	1	720039	4978954	719991	4978905
	2	720044	4978953	720024	4978876
	3	720041	4978951	720038	4978862
277	1	719991	4978905	720003	4978800
	2	720024	4978876	720031	4978809
	3	720038	4978862	720045	4978802
278	1	720003	4978800	720056	4978724
	2	720031	4978809	720070	4978731
	3	720045	4978802	720083	4978735

Section	Transect	Coordinates (UTM)			
		Beginning		End	
279	1	720056	4978724	720132	4978662
	2	720070	4978731	720184	4978685
	3	720083	4978735	720305	4978625
280	1	720132	4978662	720109	4978589
	2	720184	4978685	720264	4978583
	3	720305	4978625	720318	4978580
281	1	720109	4978589	720101	4978497
	2	720264	4978583	720280	4978502
	3	720318	4978580	720307	4978501
282	1	720101	4978497	720112	4978433
	2	720280	4978502	720293	4978433
	3	720307	4978501	720302	4978436
283	1	720429	4979808	720505	4979825
	2	720429	4979802	720531	4979807
	3	720425	4979798	720539	4979800
284	1	720505	4979825	720567	4979884
	2	720531	4979807	720577	4979877
	3	720539	4979800	720585	4979873
285	1	720567	4979884	720644	4979930
	2	720577	4979877	720647	4979912
	3	720585	4979873	720646	4979903
286	1	720644	4979930	720712	4979864
	2	720647	4979912	720693	4979858
	3	720646	4979903	720687	4979858
287	1	720712	4979864	720724	4979775
	2	720693	4979858	720719	4979773
	3	720687	4979858	720712	4979773
288	1	720724	4979775	720714	4979720
	2	720719	4979773	720707	4979716
	3	720712	4979773	720685	4979726
289	1	720714	4979720	720644	4979710
	2	720707	4979716	720637	4979704
	3	720685	4979726	720633	4979706

APPENDIX 3:

RAW RESULTS OF TRANSECTS INVENTORIED



Légende de l'annexe

Sect.	: Section number
Trans.	: Transects
% artif.	: Degree of artificialization of the shore (%)
dom.	: dominant
s-dom.	: sub-dominant
FP	: Fine particles (fine mineral particles + fine organic matter)
DFP	: Thin deposit of fine particles
S	: Sands
B	: Boulders
R	: Rock
G	: Gravels
FG	: Fine gravels
VD	: Vegetal or plants debris
% Cov.	: Percentage of area covered
Dis.	: Dispersal in the transect
U	: Uniform in the transect
S	: Sporadic in the transect
F	: More dense at the end of the transect
D	: More dense at beginning of the transect
M	: More dense at the middle of the transect
E	: More dense at the extremities of the transect
Potamogeton sp.	: <i>P. praelongus</i> ou <i>P. Richardsonii</i> ou <i>P. perfoliatus</i>

Sect.	Shore (% artifi.)	Trans.	Type of substrata		Thickness of Sediments (cm)					Aquatic plants								Green algae	
										Species 1		Species 2		Species		Total			
			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
1	0-10 %	1	B	S	0	0	5	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		2	FP	B	0	60	10	10	20	N. flexilis	25-50	V. americana	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	U
		3	FP	B	110	40	20	20	20	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	50-75	S	0	U
2	0-10 %	1	B	S	0	0	0	0	20	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	D	0	U
		2	FP	S	20	20	10	10	0	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	10-25	D	0-10	S
		3	S	FP	20	10	20	10	30	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	P. epihydrus	0-10	10-25	E	0	U
3	0-10 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FG	30	30	30	20	20	N. flexilis	0-10	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	D	0	U
		3	S	FP	30	20	10	20	10	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
4	0-10 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	N. flexilis	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FG	30	30	20	20	10	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	20	20	20	10	10	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
5	0-10 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FG	20	20	20	20	40	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
		3	S	G	10	10	20	20	20	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
6	0-10 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0-10	S
		2	G	B	10	10	10	0	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
		3	S	B	30	20	20	10	10	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
7	0-10 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	B	0	20	10	10	10	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
		3	S	G	10	10	20	20	30	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
8	10-25 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0-10	S
		2	B	S	0	20	10	10	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
		3	S	B	30	20	0	20	10	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
9	25-50 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
		2	B	S	0	0	0	0	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
		3	S	B	10	10	10	10	10	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
10	75-100 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	10	0	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	0-10	F	0	U
		2	FP	S	0	0	50	30	40	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	50-75	F	0	U
		3	FP	S	20	60	50	30	40	M. spicatum	25-50	V. americana	25-50	aucun	0	50-75	U	0	U
11	10-25 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	0-10	D	0	U
		2	FP	B	0	20	20	10	10	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	10-25	D	0	U
		3	S	FP	40	20	30	20	20	V. americana	10-25	aucun	0	aucun	0	10-25	D	0	U



Sect.	Shore (% artifi.)	Trans.	Type of substrata		Thickness of Sediments (cm)					Aquatic plants								Green algae	
										Species 1		Species 2		Species		Total			
			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
12	0-10 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	B	S	20	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	0-10	D	0	U
		3	S	B	10	10	10	0	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
13	10-25 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	B	0	50	30	0	0	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	M	0	U
		3	S	FP	10	10	10	20	10	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	M	0	U
14	0-10 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	aucun	0	aucun	0	10-25	U	0	U
		3	G	FP	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
15	10-25 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0-10	S
		2	B	DFP	0	0	20	0	5	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		3	B	DFP	10	20	10	10	0	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
16	25-50 %	1	S	B	0	10	10	60	5	V. americana	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		2	FP	B	0	20	40	40	40	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	B	5	10	30	40	50	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
17	0-10 %	1	B	DFP	40	0	0	0	0	N. flexilis	0-10	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	D	0-10	S
		2	B	VD	30	0	0	0	0	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	D	0	U
		3	S	B	30	10	5	5	5	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	D	0	U
18	0-10 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	M	0	U
		2	B	S	0	5	0	0	10	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
		3	B	S	0	0	5	0	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
19	25-50 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	5	0	V. americana	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	M	0	U
		2	B	FP	0	0	20	10	10	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	M	0	U
		3	FP	B	5	10	20	5	5	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
20	10-25 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	FP	S	0	0	20	20	20	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	B	0	0	5	5	5	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
21	50-75 %	1	G	S	0	0	5	0	10	V. americana	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	0	10	40	40	60	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	VD	5	20	200	100	140	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	75-100	F	0	U
22	50-75 %	1	FP	B	40	5	5	10	20	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	E	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	70	80	130	70	50	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	F
		3	FP	VD	120	300	140	290	300	M. spicatum	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	E	10-25	S



Sect.	Shore (% artifi.)	Trans.	Type of substrata		Thickness of Sediments (cm)					Aquatic plants								Green algae	
										Species 1		Species 2		Species		Total			
			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
23	10-25 %	1	FP	S	20	30	20	5	0	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	D	0-10	D
		2	S	FP	50	140	50	20	20	H. dubia	25-50	P. Robbinsii	10-25	V. americana	10-25	75-100	D	0-10	D
		3	FP	VD	140	300	300	300	40	M. spicatum	25-50	E. canadensis	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
24	0-10 %	1	B	S	0	0	0	5	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	P. amplifolius	0-10	10-25	D	0	U
		2	S	B	10	0	5	5	10	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	F	0-10	S
		3	FP	B	30	20	0	10	0	M. spicatum	25-50	P. Robbinsii	25-50	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
25	0-10 %	1	B	S	0	5	5	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	20	5	20	30	20	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	FP	VD	0	0	0	0	20	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	50-75	D	10-25	S
26	25-50 %	1	G	S	0	5	5	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	S	G	50	20	10	5	5	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	E	0	U
		3	FP	VD	20	10	170	300	100	V. americana	25-50	P. Robbinsii	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	25-50	S	0-10	S
27	75-100 %	1	G	S	0	0	0	5	5	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
		2	S	FP	40	70	50	20	20	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	VD	300	140	20	10	10	P. Robbinsii	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	25-50	U	0	U
28	75-100 %	1	S	B	50	10	10	0	0	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	P. gramineus	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	S	B	20	20	20	10	5	H. dubia	25-50	P. Robbinsii	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	B	20	10	0	0	10	P. Robbinsii	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	D	0	U
29	75-100 %	1	B	S	5	0	5	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	10-25	F	0	U
		2	S	B	20	5	5	10	5	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	P. Robbinsii	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	F
		3	FP	B	10	10	20	20	20	P. Robbinsii	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
30	10-25 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	P. spirillus	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		2	S	B	5	5	0	5	10	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	D
		3	FP	B	20	20	0	0	0	P. Robbinsii	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	D	0-10	S
31	0-10 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	10-25	F	0-10	S
		2	S	B	5	10	10	20	5	H. dubia	25-50	P. Robbinsii	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	VD	20	30	30	40	50	M. spicatum	25-50	P. Robbinsii	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
32	0-10 %	1	S	B	0	0	5	5	5	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	50-75	F	0	U
		2	S	FP	20	30	40	40	20	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	40	30	40	30	40	P. Robbinsii	50-75	E. canadensis	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
33	50-75 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	D	0	U
		2	S	B	20	5	5	5	0	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	D	0	U
		3	FP	B	30	30	30	20	0	P. Robbinsii	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	D	0-10	S



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			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
34	75-100 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	P. spirillus	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		2	S	B	0	0	0	0	5	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	P. Robbinsii	0-10	10-25	F	0	U
		3	B	FP	0	0	0	0	10	P. Robbinsii	0-10	V. americana	0-10	M. beckii	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
35	50-75 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	5	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	10-25	F	0	U
		2	FP	B	5	10	5	0	50	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	F	0	U
		3	FP	VD	0	0	50	50	150	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	F
36	25-50 %	1	S	B	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	D	0	U
		2	FP	B	40	70	50	70	80	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	VD	280	300	300	300	300	M. spicatum	50-75	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	C. demersum	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
37	25-50 %	1	FP	S	20	30	20	20	10	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	50	100	100	50	70	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	M
		3	FP	VD	300	300	300	300	300	C. demersum	25-50	M. spicatum	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
38	25-50 %	1	B	DFP	5	10	5	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	FP	B	20	0	30	10	5	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	M
		3	FP	VD	170	180	180	130	100	M. spicatum	50-75	C. demersum	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
39	10-25 %	1	B	S	5	5	0	5	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
		2	FP	S	20	80	50	60	220	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	VD	FP	160	90	300	280	260	P. foliosus/pusillus	50-75	C. demersum	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	75-100	U	25-50	S
40	50-75 %	1	S	FP	30	0	0	5	50	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	160	60	50	50	50	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	Chara/Nitella	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	240	130	150	50	40	M. spicatum	25-50	E. canadensis	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
41	10-25 %	1	FP	S	5	5	70	70	60	N. flexilis	25-50	V. americana	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	M
		2	FP	S	50	60	70	100	160	H. dubia	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	F
		3	FP	S	30	70	300	300	300	M. spicatum	25-50	P. Robbinsii	10-25	C. demersum	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
42	25-50 %	1	FP	S	60	40	30	60	40	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	S
		2	S	FP	30	30	20	30	50	Chara/Nitella	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	D
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	M. spicatum	25-50	P. Robbinsii	10-25	C. demersum	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
43	25-50 %	1	FP	S	30	40	60	60	40	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	D
		2	FP	S	90	50	60	60	100	H. dubia	25-50	Chara/Nitella	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	S	0-10	D
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	C. demersum	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
44	25-50 %	1	FP	S	50	60	60	30	30	Chara/Nitella	25-50	V. americana	25-50	S. gramineus	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	P. Robbinsii	10-25	75-100	S	0-10	D
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	C. demersum	50-75	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S



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45	50-75 %	1	FP	S	130	80	90	60	200	Chara/Nitella	25-50	V. americana	25-50	S. gramineus	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	300	300	300	300	150	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	P. Robbinsii	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	M. spicatum	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	C. demersum	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
46	10-25 %	1	FP	S	250	80	40	30	0	Chara/Nitella	25-50	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	160	Chara/Nitella	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	M. spicatum	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
47	50-75 %	1	FP	S	150	30	150	200	200	V. americana	50-75	Chara/Nitella	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	Chara/Nitella	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	F
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	P. amplifolius	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	P. Robbinsii	0-10	25-50	U	0-10	S
48	75-100 %	1	FP	S	190	210	190	130	60	Chara/Nitella	25-50	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	ND	210	100	50	60	20	Chara/Nitella	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	P. amplifolius	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	25-50	U	0-10	S
49	75-100 %	1	FP	S	50	30	10	10	120	Chara/Nitella	25-50	N. flexilis	25-50	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	60	50	120	150	120	H. dubia	25-50	Chara/Nitella	25-50	P. amplifolius	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	M. spicatum	25-50	P. amplifolius	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	S
50	75-100 %	1	FP	S	60	30	300	110	80	Chara/Nitella	25-50	V. americana	10-25	S. gramineus	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	220	110	230	220	300	Chara/Nitella	50-75	V. americana	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	V. americana	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	P. Robbinsii	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	S
51	75-100 %	1	FP	S	60	100	150	30	110	Chara/Nitella	25-50	S. gramineus	25-50	V. americana	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	D
		2	FP	S	200	280	220	300	200	Chara/Nitella	50-75	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	300	100	80	160	60	M. spicatum	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	P. Robbinsii	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
52	75-100 %	1	FP	S	100	50	60	200	130	Chara/Nitella	25-50	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		2	FP	VD	220	80	150	110	20	Chara/Nitella	50-75	V. americana	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	75-100	F	0	U
		3	FP	S	10	20	0	30	70	M. spicatum	25-50	P. amplifolius	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
53	25-50 %	1	FP	S	190	70	40	0	0	Chara/Nitella	10-25	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	D	0-10	D
		2	FP	B	50	20	10	10	5	Chara/Nitella	50-75	V. americana	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	20	20	20	50	20	M. spicatum	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	25-50	P. amplifolius	10-25	75-100	M	0	U
54	10-25 %	1	B	FP	0	0	0	0	0	Chara/Nitella	10-25	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		2	FP	G	10	10	10	10	5	Chara/Nitella	50-75	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	B	10	20	10	20	10	M. spicatum	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	25-50	P. amplifolius	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
55	75-100 %	1	S	B	10	5	0	0	0	Chara/Nitella	10-25	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	D	0	U
		2	FP	B	10	5	5	5	5	Chara/Nitella	25-50	V. americana	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	50-75	S	0	U
		3	FP	B	5	5	5	5	5	M. spicatum	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	25-50	M	0	U



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56	75-100 %	1	FP	B	0	0	5	5	0	V. americana	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	FP	ND	10	5	5	5	5	Chara/Nitella	0-10	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0-10	S
		3	FP	ND	20	20	20	10	10	M. spicatum	50-75	P. foliosus/pusillus	25-50	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
57	75-100 %	1	FP	B	0	50	20	0	5	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Chara/Nitella	10-25	50-75	S	0	U
		2	FP	S	5	10	0	0	5	N. flexilis	25-50	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	VD	30	40	20	40	20	M. spicatum	50-75	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
58	50-75 %	1	FP	B	0	5	5	5	5	V. americana	25-50	Chara/Nitella	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	0	5	5	5	5	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	D	0	U
		3	FP	VD	40	40	20	10	10	M. spicatum	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
59	25-50 %	1	FP	B	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	25-50	Chara/Nitella	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	5	10	20	20	20	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	50-75	E	0	U
		3	S	FP	10	20	30	30	50	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
60	25-50 %	1	S	VD	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	50-75	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	S	FP	10	20	40	50	300	V. americana	50-75	M. spicatum	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	30	30	60	160	300	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	50-75	E	10-25	M
61	10-25 %	1	FP	S	30	30	30	30	110	N. flexilis	50-75	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	300	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	50-75	M. spicatum	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	300	220	220	250	250	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
62	0-10 %	1	FP	S	100	100	100	100	100	N. flexilis	25-50	V. americana	25-50	Chara/Nitella	10-25	75-100	U	50-75	F
		2	FP	S	300	300	300	260	260	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	ND	250	300	280	300	300	H. dubia	25-50	C. demersum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	25-50	D	0-10	S
63	10-25 %	1	FP	S	100	100	40	10	10	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	25-50	Chara/Nitella	0-10	75-100	U	25-50	D
		2	FP	S	260	260	70	70	70	N. flexilis	25-50	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	F	0-10	F
		3	FP	VD	300	300	300	200	160	P. foliosus/pusillus	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	F
64	25-50 %	1	FP	S	5	5	5	5	5	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	25-50	Chara/Nitella	10-25	75-100	U	25-50	M
		2	FP	S	80	80	80	70	70	N. flexilis	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	10-25	50-75	D	0-10	S
		3	FP	VD	150	150	110	60	60	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
65	25-50 %	1	FP	S	20	10	5	5	10	V. americana	50-75	Chara/Nitella	10-25	S. gramineus	0-10	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	S	FP	70	90	50	50	10	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	U
		3	FP	S	120	150	150	150	60	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	D	0	U
66	10-25 %	1	FP	S	5	5	5	5	10	V. americana	50-75	Chara/Nitella	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	25-50	M
		2	S	FP	20	10	30	5	40	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	50-75	U	10-25	U
		3	FP	S	180	180	200	200	200	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	0	U



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67	50-75 %	1	FP	S	5	5	5	10	5	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	75-100	U	25-50	M
		2	S	FP	70	30	200	180	50	P. foliosus/pusillus	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	F
		3	FP	S	300	300	60	50	40	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
68	50-75 %	1	FP	S	20	10	20	10	20	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	U	25-50	S
		2	S	FP	40	10	60	70	50	H. dubia	25-50	C. demersum	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	25-50	U
		3	FP	S	40	50	50	50	50	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
69	75-100 %	1	FP	S	10	10	10	20	20	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	M. alterniflorum	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	FP	S	50	40	150	90	50	C. demersum	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	130	160	260	300	90	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
70	75-100 %	1	FP	S	20	20	30	30	20	V. americana	25-50	M. alterniflorum	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	S	FP	50	50	50	50	60	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	ND	50	50	30	30	60	H. dubia	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
71	25-50 %	1	FP	S	10	10	10	10	10	M. alterniflorum	25-50	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	S	FP	200	90	110	80	40	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	ND	140	70	60	210	220	H. dubia	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
72	10-25 %	1	S	FP	5	20	10	5	10	V. americana	25-50	M. alterniflorum	10-25	Chara/Nitella	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	40	40	50	30	50	H. dubia	50-75	M. spicatum	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	300	300	260	220	20	H. dubia	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
73	75-100 %	1	FG	S	80	5	10	10	5	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	20	20	20	200	180	H. dubia	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	30	40	150	300	300	H. dubia	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
74	50-75 %	1	FG	S	10	10	30	20	40	V. americana	50-75	M. alterniflorum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	25-50	N. flexilis	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	50-75	U	10-25	U
		3	FP	S	240	260	250	260	210	H. dubia	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
75	25-50 %	1	S	FP	20	40	20	30	30	H. dubia	50-75	Chara/Nitella	10-25	Nymphaea sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	300	300	300	300	150	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	25-50	U
		3	FP	ND	200	300	300	300	200	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
76	10-25 %	1	FP	S	60	20	30	40	40	H. dubia	50-75	Nymphaea sp.	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	80	80	100	150	60	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	P. crispus	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	V. americana	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
77	50-75 %	1	FP	S	80	150	10	5	10	V. americana	25-50	Nymphaea sp.	25-50	nenuphar	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	70	60	50	90	30	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	P. crispus	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	0-10	S



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			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
78	75-100 %	1	S	FP	5	5	10	10	10	N. flexilis	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. alterniflorum	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	B	30	20	10	10	0	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	B	220	90	70	20	0	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	10-25	S	0-10	F
79	25-50 %	1	S	FP	5	5	10	5	5	N. flexilis	25-50	M. alterniflorum	10-25	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	B	FP	0	0	0	0	0	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	25-50	S	10-25	S
		3	FP	B	0	20	30	20	0	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	10-25	S	0-10	D
80	25-50 %	1	FP	S	10	10	20	10	10	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	0-10	M. alterniflorum	0-10	50-75	D	0-10	S
		2	S	FP	5	0	0	0	0	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Chara/Nitella	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	FP	B	50	50	100	100	140	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
81	50-75 %	1	FP	S	10	10	5	5	5	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		2	B	FP	0	0	5	0	0	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	25-50	U	10-25	S
		3	FP	ND	180	200	220	230	240	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	F	0-10	U
82	75-100 %	1	S	FP	10	10	10	60	40	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	F	0-10	S
		2	FP	B	0	0	5	0	10	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Chara/Nitella	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	S
		3	FP	ND	210	230	250	260	220	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	25-50	S	0-10	S
83	50-75 %	1	FP	S	20	10	50	40	300	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	300	300	300	300	260	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	25-50	Chara/Nitella	0-10	50-75	U	25-50	U
		3	FP	ND	300	260	260	300	300	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	U	10-25	S
84	25-50 %	1	FP	S	300	300	140	100	90	Sparganium sp.	25-50	Nymphaea sp.	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	VD	300	300	300	300	230	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	25-50	Chara/Nitella	10-25	75-100	U	25-50	U
		3	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	25-50	C. demersum	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	S
85	10-25 %	1	FP	S	120	100	90	90	60	H. dubia	50-75	Sparganium sp.	25-50	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	VD	150	130	120	100	80	Chara/Nitella	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	10-25	C. demersum	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	S
86	10-25 %	1	S	FP	5	10	5	20	30	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	VD	30	30	30	120	90	H. dubia	25-50	Chara/Nitella	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	C. demersum	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	P. amplifolius	10-25	50-75	U	10-25	U
87	10-25 %	1	S	FP	60	30	30	10	10	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	D	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	5	40	10	5	5	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	B	300	300	250	20	20	E. canadensis	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	10-25	S	0-10	S
88	10-25 %	1	S	FP	10	10	20	20	10	Potamogeton sp.	25-50	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	M	0	U
		2	FP	B	0	0	0	0	0	H. dubia	50-75	M. spicatum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	M
		3	FP	B	5	5	10	20	20	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	S



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89	10-25 %	1	S	B	10	10	10	0	5	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	D	0	U
		2	FP	S	5	10	20	0	10	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	50-75	M	0-10	D
		3	FP	B	50	50	50	50	30	H. dubia	10-25	C. demersum	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
90	10-25 %	1	B	S	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		2	FP	B	0	5	5	0	5	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	U	0-10	S
		3	S	B	40	20	0	40	5	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	S
91	10-25 %	1	S	B	0	0	10	10	10	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	FP	B	20	20	20	0	10	H. dubia	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	0-10	50-75	F	0	U
		3	FP	B	0	0	5	5	20	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	10-25	S
92	10-25 %	1	S	FP	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	F	0	U
		2	FP	G	10	10	10	0	0	M. spicatum	25-50	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	F	10-25	F
		3	FP	S	50	50	60	110	100	M. spicatum	10-25	C. demersum	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	F	10-25	U
93	50-75 %	1	B	S	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	25-50	M. alterniflorum	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	D	0-10	F
		2	FP	B	0	0	0	0	0	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	U	50-75	U
		3	FP	ND	120	210	250	300	300	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	C. demersum	0-10	50-75	S	0-10	S
94	0-10 %	1	S	B	0	5	5	10	10	V. americana	25-50	M. alterniflorum	0-10	isoete	0-10	50-75	F	25-50	F
		2	FP	S	40	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	25-50	M. beckii	0-10	75-100	U	50-75	U
		3	FP	ND	300	300	140	260	300	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	25-50	F
95	0-10 %	1	S	FP	10	20	30	20	10	Chara/Nitella	50-75	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	U
		2	FP	VD	210	150	160	210	70	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	D
		3	FP	VD	260	300	300	300	100	H. dubia	10-25	C. demersum	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	10-25	D	0-10	D
96	0-10 %	1	FP	VD	60	160	140	80	60	H. dubia	75-100	Chara/Nitella	25-50	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	FP	VD	70	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	50-75	Chara/Nitella	10-25	C. demersum	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	VD	300	120	300	300	300	H. dubia	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	S
97	10-25 %	1	FP	S	100	10	60	50	110	Chara/Nitella	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	VD	200	250	150	120	120	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	VD	20	300	300	270	300	Chara/Nitella	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	S
98	0-10 %	1	FP	S	50	40	30	40	50	H. dubia	50-75	Chara/Nitella	10-25	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	VD	100	80	70	50	60	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	FP	VD	150	180	150	150	150	H. dubia	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	D
99	0-10 %	1	FP	S	80	50	60	50	60	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	10-25	Chara/Nitella	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	FP	B	70	300	300	50	50	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	FP	S	210	210	200	60	60	Chara/Nitella	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	0-10	S	25-50	U



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100	10-25 %	1	FP	S	50	100	110	180	60	E. canadensis	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	Chara/Nitella	10-25	75-100	U	50-75	F
		2	FP	S	50	70	110	300	150	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	D	0	U
		3	FP	S	190	150	120	100	100	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
101	75-100 %	1	B	DFP	50	50	0	0	0	E. canadensis	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	10-25	D	25-50	U
		2	S	B	60	20	300	50	150	H. dubia	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	0-10	D	0	U
		3	FP	B	100	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	25-50	U
102	75-100 %	1	G	B	0	40	60	60	0	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	0-10	F	0-10	S
		2	G	B	0	60	70	60	50	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	M. beckii	0-10	0-10	F	0	U
		3	G	FP	0	0	10	60	90	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	10-25	D
103	75-100 %	1	FP	B	10	10	10	20	10	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	V. americana	0-10	25-50	S	25-50	D
		2	FP	B	50	60	20	30	40	E. canadensis	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	S
		3	FP	B	0	10	40	40	150	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	10-25	D
104	75-100 %	1	G	B	50	50	10	10	50	Potamogeton sp.	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	50-75	U	25-50	S
		2	FP	B	50	60	0	250	300	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	M. beckii	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		3	FP	B	40	80	280	300	300	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	M. beckii	0-10	0-10	F	10-25	S
105	50-75 %	1	FP	G	5	100	10	40	50	Potamogeton sp.	25-50	nenuphar	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	50-75	U
		2	FP	B	50	50	40	20	40	H. dubia	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	D	10-25	S
		3	FP	S	50	50	100	140	240	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0-10	S
106	50-75 %	1	FP	G	50	60	100	90	70	Potamogeton sp.	25-50	E. canadensis	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	25-50	U
		2	FP	FG	40	70	140	200	70	E. canadensis	50-75	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	D	10-25	S
		3	FP	B	180	150	140	30	70	V. americana	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	10-25	F
107	50-75 %	1	G	FP	0	40	100	40	30	Potamogeton sp.	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	U	50-75	U
		2	FP	ND	40	40	120	70	70	E. canadensis	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	M	10-25	S
		3	FP	B	50	130	80	0	150	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	10-25	F
108	25-50 %	1	G	FP	100	110	70	90	40	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	S	10-25	S
		2	FP	FG	20	120	40	30	100	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	10-25	F	10-25	S
		3	G	FP	30	10	30	100	40	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0-10	S
109	50-75 %	1	FP	G	70	50	140	60	70	E. canadensis	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	M	25-50	F
		2	G	FP	50	90	210	170	20	E. canadensis	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	M	10-25	S
		3	FP	FG	100	110	90	110	100	M. spicatum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	10-25	S
110	75-100 %	1	FP	G	70	60	40	40	60	E. canadensis	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	M. beckii	10-25	75-100	S	50-75	U
		2	FP	B	40	40	110	60	60	E. canadensis	25-50	C. demersum	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	F	10-25	D
		3	VD	FP	0	300	250	300	300	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	25-50	S



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111	75-100 %	1	FP	VD	20	40	110	40	60	M. spicatum	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	S	25-50	U
		2	FG	VD	40	100	70	150	150	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	25-50	U
		3	FP	G	100	30	50	100	110	H. dubia	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	S	10-25	S
112	75-100 %	1	G	B	120	0	0	30	0	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	0-10	S	50-75	U
		2	G	B	0	70	90	0	0	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	0-10	S	10-25	S
		3	G	DFP	140	110	60	0	0	M. spicatum	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	S	25-50	S
113	75-100 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	10	20	20	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	10-25	F	10-25	S
		2	B	FP	20	50	110	10	300	H. dubia	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	F	0	U
		3	FP	B	300	300	300	300	300	C. demersum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0-10	D
114	75-100 %	1	B	DFP	20	300	10	0	0	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	10-25	D	10-25	U
		2	FP	B	120	30	0	160	50	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	25-50	U
		3	FP	B	60	100	300	300	250	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0-10	S
115	75-100 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	10-25	S	25-50	S
		2	FP	B	50	20	150	50	100	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	10-25	M	10-25	E
		3	FP	B	80	300	260	50	170	H. dubia	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0-10	S
116	75-100 %	1	B	VD	0	0	10	20	10	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	10-25	S	10-25	S
		2	FP	B	70	70	20	20	70	E. Nuttallii	0-10	V. americana	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	0-10	F	0-10	D
		3	FP	B	30	70	70	150	170	Chara/Nitella	25-50	H. dubia	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	50-75	F	0-10	S
117	75-100 %	1	FP	B	50	70	40	20	0	V. americana	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	D	0-10	S
		2	FP	ND	50	50	30	90	100	E. Nuttallii	50-75	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	180	150	90	150	150	Chara/Nitella	75-100	H. dubia	0-10	aucun	0	75-100	U	0-10	S
118	75-100 %	1	B	FP	20	10	10	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	D	0-10	S
		2	FP	ND	100	100	100	90	150	H. dubia	50-75	E. canadensis	10-25	Chara/Nitella	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	190	150	200	200	300	Chara/Nitella	50-75	H. dubia	0-10	aucun	0	50-75	U	0-10	S
119	75-100 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	5	5	5	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	S	0-10	S
		2	FP	ND	270	250	200	170	150	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	150	Chara/Nitella	25-50	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	25-50	D	0-10	S
120	75-100 %	1	FP	B	5	10	0	100	0	V. americana	10-25	P. spirillus	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	10-25	D	25-50	U
		2	S	B	10	250	120	30	20	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	10-25	D	25-50	U
		3	FG	FP	20	300	20	10	10	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	25-50	U
121	75-100 %	1	B	FP	0	0	20	0	0	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	25-50	U
		2	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	0-10	D	50-75	U
		3	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	25-50	U



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										Species 1		Species 2		Species		Total			
			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
122	75-100 %	1	FP	S	100	50	10	100	100	N. flexilis	25-50	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	S	FP	50	70	90	110	300	V. americana	25-50	P. spirillus	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	U	10-25	S
		3	S	FG	80	180	170	280	270	V. americana	10-25	Chara/Nitella	0-10	aucun	0	10-25	S	0	U
123	75-100 %	1	FP	S	100	60	50	30	30	N. flexilis	50-75	Chara/Nitella	25-50	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	300	300	300	100	40	V. americana	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	C. demersum	0-10	25-50	S	25-50	U
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	Chara/Nitella	50-75	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
124	75-100 %	1	FP	S	5	10	5	20	30	N. flexilis	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	40	40	130	100	10	Chara/Nitella	75-100	C. demersum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	D
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	Chara/Nitella	50-75	C. demersum	10-25	V. americana	0-10	50-75	D	0	U
125	75-100 %	1	FP	ND	10	10	0	40	5	V. americana	25-50	Chara/Nitella	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	20	20	20	20	20	Chara/Nitella	50-75	C. demersum	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	C. demersum	10-25	Chara/Nitella	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	25-50	U	0-10	S
126	75-100 %	1	FP	S	5	20	10	10	20	Chara/Nitella	25-50	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	40	40	40	40	10	Chara/Nitella	25-50	C. demersum	25-50	M. beckii	0-10	75-100	U	10-25	S
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	10	Chara/Nitella	25-50	C. demersum	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	U	10-25	S
127	50-75 %	1	FP	S	10	10	10	20	20	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	40	40	160	40	40	H. dubia	25-50	C. demersum	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	0	10	50	300	300	Chara/Nitella	75-100	M. spicatum	0-10	E. Nuttallii	0-10	75-100	U	10-25	S
128	75-100 %	1	FP	S	10	50	40	60	40	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	D	0-10	M
		2	FP	S	300	110	40	30	40	H. dubia	50-75	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	10	40	40	50	300	Chara/Nitella	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	10-25	U	0-10	S
129	50-75 %	1	FP	S	10	10	10	10	10	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	50	60	70	50	60	H. dubia	50-75	M. spicatum	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	80	70	50	40	20	V. americana	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
130	50-75 %	1	FP	S	10	0	0	40	10	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	M
		2	FP	S	30	30	40	30	10	H. dubia	50-75	M. spicatum	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	VD	50	50	50	50	80	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	0-10	U	0-10	S
131	0-10 %	1	FP	S	20	10	10	5	5	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	30	30	20	20	40	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	D	0-10	S
		3	FP	VD	130	150	150	160	210	Chara/Nitella	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	0-10	U	0-10	S
132	0-10 %	1	FP	S	10	20	10	10	40	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	F
		2	FP	S	40	40	40	40	40	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	S
		3	FP	S	170	130	100	70	70	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	0-10	U	0	U



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133	75-100 %	1	FP	S	40	50	100	10	10	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	50-75	U	25-50	D
		2	FP	S	130	300	300	120	250	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	20	40	190	20	20	H. dubia	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	U	10-25	U
134	50-75 %	1	FP	S	20	10	10	10	10	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	100	60	40	50	60	H. dubia	75-100	M. spicatum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	U	25-50	U
135	50-75 %	1	FP	S	20	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	40	40	30	20	20	H. dubia	50-75	E. canadensis	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	150	200	210	210	230	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
136	50-75 %	1	FP	S	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	40	40	50	60	90	E. canadensis	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	240	240	240	250	250	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	S
137	0-10 %	1	FP	S	10	10	10	10	20	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	90	170	130	60	200	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	M. beckii	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	240	280	280	280	300	C. demersum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	M. beckii	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	S
138	0-10 %	1	S	FP	10	10	10	10	10	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	170	170	220	60	40	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	10-25	50-75	U	10-25	S
		3	FP	S	280	280	240	240	220	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	S
139	0-10 %	1	S	FP	10	5	10	5	5	V. americana	50-75	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	40	50	50	60	60	H. dubia	25-50	M. beckii	10-25	V. americana	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	D
		3	FP	S	220	220	220	220	220	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	S
140	0-10 %	1	S	FP	5	5	10	10	10	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	130	220	200	260	270	H. dubia	25-50	M. beckii	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	50-75	U	25-50	S
		3	FP	S	250	260	260	80	270	V. americana	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	S
141	0-10 %	1	S	FP	0	5	5	0	10	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	280	280	300	300	300	H. dubia	50-75	M. spicatum	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	10-25	S
		3	FP	S	120	250	260	270	280	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	10-25	S	0-10	S
142	0-10 %	1	S	FP	0	5	5	10	10	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	10-25	F
		2	FP	S	40	200	70	80	130	H. dubia	75-100	E. canadensis	0-10	M. beckii	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	60	300	60	80	60	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	25-50	U	0-10	S
143	0-10 %	1	S	FG	10	10	10	5	20	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	S	FP	40	230	30	60	230	H. dubia	75-100	E. canadensis	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	S	FP	300	60	90	270	300	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	25-50	U	0	U



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144	0-10 %	1	S	VD	70	5	50	5	20	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	Sparganium sp.	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	S
		2	FP	S	200	60	80	190	250	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	300	240	300	240	230	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	25-50	U	0-10	S
145	0-10 %	1	S	FP	110	10	140	140	140	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	Sparganium sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	VD	260	60	200	120	120	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	230	260	250	120	90	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	10-25	S	0-10	S
146	0-10 %	1	S	FP	300	20	20	10	10	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	Sparganium sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	150	260	200	30	50	H. dubia	50-75	M. spicatum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	S	FP	100	200	300	270	150	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	25-50	M	10-25	U
147	0-10 %	1	S	FP	5	10	10	10	10	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	10-25	Sparganium sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	VD	230	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	75-100	M. spicatum	0-10	E. Nuttallii	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	300	300	300	300	280	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	10-25	U	10-25	U
148	10-25 %	1	S	ND	10	10	10	10	10	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	VD	300	300	300	250	230	H. dubia	75-100	M. spicatum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	S	FP	300	300	300	300	270	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	10-25	U	10-25	U
149	10-25 %	1	S	ND	10	10	5	10	10	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	VD	50	30	190	200	40	H. dubia	75-100	M. spicatum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	S	FP	230	200	210	190	190	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	S	10-25	U
150	0-10 %	1	S	ND	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	VD	260	250	240	300	300	H. dubia	75-100	M. spicatum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	S	FP	210	220	230	250	280	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	10-25	U
151	10-25 %	1	S	FP	10	20	10	20	20	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	VD	300	300	300	150	110	H. dubia	75-100	M. spicatum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	S	FP	300	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	10-25	U
152	10-25 %	1	S	FP	10	10	10	10	20	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	300	300	300	300	230	H. dubia	75-100	V. americana	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	300	300	300	300	300	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
153	10-25 %	1	S	FP	150	150	150	50	60	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		2	S	VD	230	300	300	250	10	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	25-50	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	VD	130	270	300	300	300	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	0-10	V. americana	0-10	25-50	M	0-10	F
154	0-10 %	1	S	ND	50	50	60	60	110	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	U	0-10	S
		2	S	FG	10	0	0	0	0	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	300	300	260	250	240	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	S	0-10	S



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155	10-25 %	1	S	ND	60	30	60	60	60	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	25-50	U	0-10	S
		2	S	FG	0	10	30	30	0	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	S	DFP	300	300	300	300	30	H. dubia	10-25	P. Robbinsii	0-10	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
156	10-25 %	1	S	ND	20	60	40	60	200	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	Sparganium sp.	0-10	50-75	D	0-10	S
		2	S	ND	70	80	140	150	160	H. dubia	75-100	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	S	DFP	60	80	100	200	300	Chara/Nitella	10-25	V. americana	10-25	P. Robbinsii	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
157	50-75 %	1	S	ND	200	110	80	50	80	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	Joncus sp.	0-10	10-25	D	0-10	S
		2	S	ND	170	220	220	210	200	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	S	DFP	300	220	220	250	240	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
158	25-50 %	1	S	ND	100	50	20	20	20	V. americana	10-25	S. gramineus	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	50	190	190	30	20	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	F	0	U
		3	S	FP	250	210	260	250	200	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
159	50-75 %	1	S	ND	20	20	10	20	20	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	20	10	10	20	20	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	25-50	U	10-25	U
		3	S	DFP	170	170	100	60	40	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
160	75-100 %	1	S	ND	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	0-10	D	0	U
		2	S	FP	10	5	0	10	10	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	U	0-10	S
		3	S	FG	10	90	60	40	30	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
161	75-100 %	1	S	ND	20	20	30	30	20	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	10-25	F	0	U
		2	S	B	10	5	5	5	0	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	S	FG	10	90	20	30	5	E. canadensis	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	10-25	D	0	U
162	75-100 %	1	S	ND	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	B	10	20	20	10	20	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	S	FG	20	5	20	5	20	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
163	50-75 %	1	S	ND	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	30	60	100	70	40	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	0-10	D	0-10	S
		3	S	DFP	20	10	20	10	20	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	S	0-10	D
164	10-25 %	1	S	ND	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	S	DFP	70	40	30	20	10	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
165	10-25 %	1	S	ND	20	20	20	20	30	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	10	5	5	5	5	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	E	0	U
		3	S	FG	30	20	10	10	20	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	25-50	U	0	U



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			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
166	10-25 %	1	S	ND	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	D	0	U
		2	S	FP	5	10	10	20	20	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	S	ND	30	250	150	160	110	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	P. Robbinsii	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
167	10-25 %	1	S	ND	20	20	20	20	20	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	10	40	10	30	30	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		3	S	ND	70	80	100	120	120	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
168	10-25 %	1	S	ND	20	20	20	20	20	N. flexilis	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	40	100	20	20	10	V. americana	10-25	P. illinoensis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0-10	S
		3	S	FP	160	170	170	190	160	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
169	50-75 %	1	S	ND	20	20	20	20	20	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	20	170	80	30	20	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	P. illinoensis	0-10	10-25	F	0	U
		3	S	FP	190	190	190	180	180	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
170	50-75 %	1	S	ND	20	10	10	10	10	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	210	170	50	220	250	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	200	220	200	220	220	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0-10	S
171	75-100 %	1	S	ND	10	20	10	10	10	N. flexilis	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	200	200	240	240	200	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	P. illinoensis	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	190	200	300	210	210	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	50-75	F	0-10	S
172	75-100 %	1	S	ND	10	30	30	10	80	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	300	210	250	250	20	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	P. illinoensis	0-10	25-50	D	0	U
		3	S	FP	230	220	200	190	210	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
173	75-100 %	1	S	ND	10	30	100	100	100	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	220	200	200	210	210	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		3	S	FP	170	160	170	170	210	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
174	10-25 %	1	S	FP	10	30	30	90	70	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	S. gramineus	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	210	170	190	200	170	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
		3	FP	S	140	130	160	130	160	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
175	0-10 %	1	S	VD	60	80	70	60	70	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	S. gramineus	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	250	210	170	160	200	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	180	170	190	200	190	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
176	0-10 %	1	S	B	80	50	50	60	0	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
		2	S	FP	190	190	180	160	0	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	210	190	190	180	180	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S



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			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
177	0-10 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	D	0	U
		2	R	S	90	160	0	0	0	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	140	160	40	40	40	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
178	0-10 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	H. dubia	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	B	0	0	100	5	0	V. americana	50-75	M. spicatum	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	D	0	U
		3	FP	S	60	70	50	60	60	M. spicatum	25-50	V. americana	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
179	10-25 %	1	B	FP	0	0	5	40	10	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	F	0-10	U
		2	S	R	0	0	50	70	30	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
		3	FP	S	20	10	30	70	70	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	U
180	0-10 %	1	FP	B	20	0	0	10	30	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	E	0-10	M
		2	S	B	30	50	10	0	50	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	M
		3	FP	S	40	10	50	60	30	H. dubia	50-75	M. spicatum	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
181	0-10 %	1	S	FP	0	10	50	160	160	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	60	60	70	80	90	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	40	40	30	30	30	H. dubia	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
182	0-10 %	1	S	FP	10	10	160	20	20	V. americana	50-75	S. gramineus	25-50	H. dubia	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	210	220	220	220	250	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	200	190	260	230	220	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	P. amplifolius	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
183	0-10 %	1	S	FP	10	10	20	10	10	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Joncus sp.	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	180	210	110	100	100	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	Chara/Nitella	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	180	200	150	210	210	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	D	0-10	S
184	50-75 %	1	S	FP	10	20	40	20	5	V. americana	50-75	N. flexilis	25-50	Joncus sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	160	170	150	90	100	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	200	160	210	210	210	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
185	25-50 %	1	S	FP	10	20	20	10	10	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	S. gramineus	0-10	50-75	D	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	170	150	100	50	150	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	210	210	230	230	200	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
186	0-10 %	1	S	ND	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	180	160	150	180	150	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	210	220	210	200	200	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
187	0-10 %	1	S	ND	80	40	30	60	60	Joncus sp.	10-25	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	20	30	30	20	20	V. americana	50-75	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	250	250	250	220	220	H. dubia	50-75	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	0	U



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			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
188	0-10 %	1	S	ND	40	30	50	60	60	Joncus sp.	10-25	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	120	30	30	180	180	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	300	300	250	250	300	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
189	10-25 %	1	S	FP	60	50	40	50	60	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	S. gramineus	0-10	10-25	D	0	U
		2	S	FP	20	30	40	20	30	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	250	250	230	220	220	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
190	25-50 %	1	S	FP	60	50	50	60	50	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	10	20	50	50	50	V. americana	25-50	P. gramineus	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	220	220	220	220	220	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	U
191	10-25 %	1	S	FP	60	60	50	60	50	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	S. gramineus	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	50	20	20	10	20	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	D	0	U
		3	S	FP	220	220	210	200	190	V. americana	50-75	E. canadensis	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
192	0-10 %	1	S	ND	50	50	20	50	60	V. americana	0-10	S. gramineus	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	ND	10	20	40	50	40	V. americana	10-25	P. illinoensis	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	170	160	170	160	170	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
193	25-50 %	1	S	ND	20	10	20	30	20	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	ND	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	S. gramineus	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	140	120	120	120	120	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
194	50-75 %	1	S	ND	20	20	10	10	10	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	D	0	U
		2	S	ND	20	10	10	20	20	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	S. gramineus	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	110	120	110	100	110	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
195	75-100 %	1	S	ND	20	20	10	10	60	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	D	0	U
		2	S	ND	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	S. gramineus	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	10	90	90	90	90	V. americana	50-75	M. spicatum	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
196	50-75 %	1	S	ND	50	50	50	70	60	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	D	0	U
		2	S	ND	10	10	10	10	20	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	90	90	90	90	100	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
197	25-50 %	1	S	ND	60	60	50	50	50	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	ND	10	10	10	10	20	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	90	110	120	120	130	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
198	25-50 %	1	S	ND	60	70	70	50	50	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	P. spirillus	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	ND	10	20	20	20	20	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	P. illinoensis	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	130	120	110	90	70	V. americana	50-75	M. spicatum	0-10	P. illinoensis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U



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										Species 1		Species 2		Species		Total			
			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
199	10-25 %	1	S	ND	40	50	10	20	10	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	ND	10	10	20	20	10	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	50	40	40	10	30	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
200	25-50 %	1	S	ND	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		2	S	ND	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	20	20	20	30	20	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
201	10-25 %	1	S	ND	20	20	10	40	50	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	10-25	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	50-75	F	0	U
		3	FP	S	30	20	10	20	10	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
202	0-10 %	1	S	ND	10	10	10	30	60	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	0-10	D	0	U
		2	S	FP	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	50-75	F	0	U
		3	FP	S	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
203	10-25 %	1	S	ND	20	10	10	20	30	V. americana	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	20	30	20	30	20	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
204	10-25 %	1	S	ND	20	20	10	30	10	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	40	40	40	40	20	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
205	10-25 %	1	S	ND	20	10	10	10	20	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	10	10	10	10	5	V. americana	75-100	M. spicatum	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	30	20	20	30	40	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	S
206	0-10 %	1	S	ND	10	10	20	10	20	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		2	S	FP	5	5	5	5	0	V. americana	50-75	N. flexilis	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	20	20	10	10	10	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
207	25-50 %	1	S	B	10	10	10	5	0	V. americana	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	25-50	D	0	U
		2	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	50-75	M. spicatum	25-50	N. flexilis	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	B	DFP	10	5	5	5	5	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	M
208	0-10 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	Chara/Nitella	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	10-25	E	0	U
		2	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	25-50	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	B	0	40	120	220	240	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	P. gramineus	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
209	0-10 %	1	S	B	0	10	10	5	5	V. americana	25-50	Chara/Nitella	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
		2	S	B	20	20	5	5	5	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	10	20	10	10	0	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0	U



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			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
210	25-50 %	1	S	ND	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	Chara/Nitella	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		2	FP	B	5	5	0	5	10	N. flexilis	25-50	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	B	FP	0	0	0	0	10	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	0-10	S	10-25	S
211	50-75 %	1	S	B	5	5	5	0	0	V. americana	25-50	Chara/Nitella	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	M	0	U
		2	B	FP	10	5	0	0	0	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	D	0-10	S
		3	FP	B	0	10	20	20	20	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	S
212	25-50 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	10-25	F	0	U
		2	B	DFP	0	10	0	0	0	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	B	50	40	50	40	20	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	P. Robbinsii	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
213	50-75 %	1	B	DFP	5	0	0	0	0	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	0-10	P. gramineus	0-10	25-50	U	0-10	D
		2	S	B	5	30	30	30	40	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	B	30	30	40	40	20	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
214	0-10 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	P. gramineus	0-10	25-50	F	10-25	U
		2	S	B	50	50	50	40	0	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	B	50	50	40	40	20	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
215	25-50 %	1	S	B	0	0	5	5	5	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	25-50	E	0-10	D
		2	S	B	20	30	20	40	50	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	P. Robbinsii	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	B	20	20	40	20	20	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	M. beckii	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
216	50-75 %	1	S	ND	10	10	10	5	5	V. americana	25-50	S. gramineus	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	S	FP	50	50	40	50	40	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	10	10	5	5	0	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
217	25-50 %	1	S	ND	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	0-10	S. gramineus	0-10	50-75	F	10-25	S
		2	S	FG	10	10	10	10	20	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	50	50	50	210	260	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
218	25-50 %	1	S	FP	10	40	30	30	140	V. americana	50-75	S. gramineus	10-25	Joncus sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
219	0-10 %	1	S	FP	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	75-100	Joncus sp.	10-25	P. gramineus	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	FP	S	180	180	240	240	120	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	VD	200	300	300	300	300	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
220	50-75 %	1	FP	S	40	100	250	150	140	V. americana	75-100	E. canadensis	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	75-100	U	50-75	U
		2	FP	S	110	150	200	250	300	V. americana	50-75	E. canadensis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	VD	300	300	150	70	70	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	U	10-25	S
221	75-100 %	1	FP	S	180	170	20	170	170	V. americana	75-100	E. canadensis	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	75-100	U	75-100	U
222	50-75 %	1	FP	S	300	250	200	300	30	V. americana	75-100	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	25-50	D



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			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
223	75-100 %	1	FP	B	10	10	10	5	0	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	D	25-50	F
		2	FP	S	100	110	110	90	90	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	60	90	100	130	120	E. canadensis	25-50	V. americana	10-25	C. demersum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
224	75-100 %	1	FP	B	0	5	10	5	10	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	F	10-25	D
		2	FP	S	100	60	80	60	50	E. canadensis	25-50	V. americana	25-50	C. demersum	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	120	150	210	280	210	E. canadensis	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	C. demersum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
225	75-100 %	1	R	DFP	5	0	0	0	0	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	E	25-50	M
		2	S	R	10	40	0	0	10	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	V. americana	10-25	25-50	E	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	140	80	80	70	70	E. canadensis	25-50	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
226	75-100 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	S. subterminalis	0-10	50-75	S	25-50	S
		2	S	B	50	40	50	30	10	H. dubia	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	V. americana	0-10	50-75	D	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	70	70	70	70	80	E. canadensis	25-50	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
227	75-100 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	S	10-25	S
		2	B	S	0	0	10	40	0	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	P. Robbinsii	0-10	50-75	M	0-10	S
		3	FP	FG	20	40	40	20	40	V. americana	10-25	P. amplifolius	0-10	P. Robbinsii	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
228	75-100 %	1	R	S	0	0	0	0	5	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	P. gramineus	0-10	10-25	E	0-10	D
		2	S	R	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	P. Robbinsii	0-10	25-50	F	0-10	S
		3	FP	B	10	10	10	20	30	P. Robbinsii	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	F	0	U
229	75-100 %	1	FP	R	10	20	20	10	0	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	P. amplifolius	0-10	50-75	M	10-25	M
		2	FP	R	50	0	40	10	10	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	D	0	U
		3	FP	B	100	30	5	20	5	V. americana	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	D	0-10	U
230	50-75 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	N. flexilis	0-10	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	0-10	M	0-10	M
		2	B	S	0	0	10	0	0	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	10-25	D	0	U
		3	R	FP	10	0	0	0	10	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	P. Robbinsii	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	U
231	75-100 %	1	B	G	5	10	5	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	10-25	M	0-10	M
		2	S	B	0	10	10	0	0	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	25-50	F	0-10	S
		3	FP	B	10	0	0	5	10	H. dubia	0-10	P. Robbinsii	0-10	V. americana	0-10	10-25	U	0-10	S
232	75-100 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	P. spirillus	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	R	S	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	10-25	D	0	U
		3	FP	B	5	10	5	0	0	P. Robbinsii	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	10-25	U	0-10	S
233	75-100 %	1	G	FP	0	0	5	60	50	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	F	10-25	S
		2	R	S	0	10	5	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	FP	B	0	100	80	80	150	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	P. Robbinsii	0-10	50-75	F	0	U



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			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
234	75-100 %	1	S	FP	20	10	10	10	5	V. americana	50-75	S. subterminalis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	D	25-50	F
		2	S	FP	10	20	20	10	20	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	30	30	30	20	20	V. americana	50-75	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
235	75-100 %	1	S	FP	5	5	5	5	5	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	M. tenellum	10-25	50-75	U	10-25	D
		2	R	S	110	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	0-10	D	0	U
		3	R	FP	100	10	0	0	0	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	10-25	D	0-10	S
236	0-10 %	1	R	DFP	20	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	10-25	M	0-10	D
237	75-100 %	1	R	FG	0	0	10	0	0	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	10-25	S	0-10	S
		2	R	S	20	0	0	0	110	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	25-50	E	0	U
		3	FP	S	10	10	40	240	100	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	P. Robbinsii	10-25	50-75	F	0	U
238	75-100 %	1	S	B	0	10	0	5	0	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	S	0-10	S
		2	B	S	40	10	20	20	0	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	10-25	25-50	S	0	U
		3	FP	R	130	30	10	0	190	P. Robbinsii	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	50-75	D	0-10	M
239	75-100 %	1	R	B	0	0	0	0	0	N. flexilis	0-10	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	S	B	20	20	10	10	10	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	10-25	25-50	S	0	U
		3	FP	S	120	30	10	10	20	P. Robbinsii	10-25	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
240	75-100 %	1	B	G	0	0	10	0	0	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0-10	F
		2	FP	B	50	20	50	20	0	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	F
		3	FP	S	80	40	20	30	20	P. Robbinsii	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	75-100	F	0	U
241	25-50 %	1	FP	S	100	90	200	300	300	P. foliosus/pusillus	25-50	V. americana	25-50	P. amplifolius	0-10	75-100	U	25-50	F
		2	FP	B	0	300	300	120	50	N. flexilis	50-75	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
242	25-50 %	1	FP	S	300	300	140	200	10	Sparganium sp.	50-75	V. americana	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	10-25	E
243	0-10 %	1	FP	B	10	10	10	0	0	H. dubia	25-50	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	0-10	75-100	U	50-75	U
		2	FP	ND	110	130	120	120	110	N. flexilis	50-75	V. americana	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
244	25-50 %	1	B	G	0	10	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	isoete	0-10	25-50	U	10-25	D
		2	FP	B	110	140	0	10	50	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
245	10-25 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	10	0	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	0-10	M. alterniflorum	0-10	25-50	S	0-10	S
		2	B	FG	0	10	20	0	0	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	E	0	U
		3	FP	S	210	230	100	10	10	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	V. americana	10-25	50-75	D	0	U
246	75-100 %	1	B	R	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	B	FG	10	10	10	0	0	N. flexilis	0-10	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	10-25	D	0	U
		3	G	DFP	0	0	0	20	20	P. Robbinsii	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	25-50	U	10-25	D



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			dom.	s-dom.	1	2	3	4	5	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	Name	% Cov.	% Cov.	Dis.	% Cov.	Dis.
247	10-25 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	10	0	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	10-25	S	0-10	S
		2	B	S	0	0	0	0	10	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	V. americana	0-10	10-25	F	0	U
		3	FP	S	20	20	20	40	50	P. Robbinsii	25-50	V. americana	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	75-100	F	0	U
248	50-75 %	1	B	G	0	0	5	5	0	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	FP	S	10	40	70	60	20	N. flexilis	25-50	V. americana	25-50	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	50	50	40	40	40	P. Robbinsii	50-75	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
249	0-10 %	1	FP	S	10	10	10	5	5	V. americana	50-75	M. tenellum	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	75-100	U	50-75	U
		2	FP	S	70	90	90	70	80	H. dubia	25-50	N. flexilis	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	40	40	40	40	40	P. Robbinsii	50-75	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
250	0-10 %	1	FP	S	0	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	M. tenellum	10-25	M. alterniflorum	0-10	50-75	U	10-25	U
		2	FP	S	60	60	50	50	50	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
251	0-10 %	1	FP	S	10	20	10	140	10	V. americana	25-50	M. tenellum	10-25	S. gramineus	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	U
		2	FP	S	50	50	60	60	110	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	40	40	180	40	40	P. Robbinsii	50-75	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	75-100	D	0	U
252	0-10 %	1	FP	S	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	M. tenellum	0-10	Chara/Nitella	0-10	50-75	U	25-50	F
		2	FP	S	210	220	180	60	40	V. americana	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	40	40	40	40	40	P. Robbinsii	50-75	V. americana	10-25	P. amplifolius	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
253	25-50 %	1	FP	S	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	25-50	S. subterminalis	0-10	M. alterniflorum	0-10	25-50	U	10-25	D
		2	FP	S	50	50	50	50	50	V. americana	25-50	P. Robbinsii	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
254	75-100 %	1	FP	S	10	20	10	10	40	V. americana	25-50	S. subterminalis	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	75-100	U	0-10	U
		2	FP	S	50	60	50	50	50	P. Robbinsii	50-75	V. americana	0-10	P. amplifolius	0-10	50-75	U	0-10	S
		3	FP	S	210	200	180	300	300	P. Robbinsii	50-75	P. foliosus/pusillus	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	0	U
255	75-100 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	20	0	40	10	10	P. Robbinsii	25-50	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	300	250	180	60	40	P. Robbinsii	50-75	N. flexilis	10-25	P. foliosus/pusillus	0-10	75-100	D	0	U
256	75-100 %	1	B	R	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	P. Robbinsii	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		2	R	FG	30	0	0	30	10	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	S	B	10	10	0	10	60	P. Robbinsii	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	M	0	U
257	75-100 %	1	B	R	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	P. gramineus	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	FG	B	20	20	0	0	30	N. flexilis	25-50	H. dubia	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	60	20	20	30	20	P. Robbinsii	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
258	75-100 %	1	G	S	0	0	5	10	10	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	P. gramineus	0-10	10-25	F	0	U
		2	S	FP	30	40	30	20	10	N. flexilis	10-25	V. americana	10-25	P. gramineus	10-25	50-75	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	20	20	20	20	20	V. americana	10-25	P. gramineus	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	U	0	U



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259	25-50 %	1	S	FG	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	10-25	P. gramineus	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
		2	S	B	40	20	10	40	20	N. flexilis	25-50	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	S	FP	30	20	10	10	10	P. Robbinsii	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	P. gramineus	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
260	50-75 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	P. gramineus	0-10	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	10-25	D	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	70	50	10	20	30	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	D	0	U
		3	S	FP	5	10	10	30	10	P. Robbinsii	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	75-100	U	10-25	U
261	75-100 %	1	G	B	0	5	5	0	0	V. americana	10-25	P. gramineus	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	10-25	M	0	U
		2	S	B	0	20	30	10	10	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	R	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	P. Robbinsii	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	10-25	E	10-25	S
262	50-75 %	1	B	R	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	P. gramineus	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	B	S	0	0	20	20	0	H. dubia	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	V. americana	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	FP	S	0	10	30	50	80	H. dubia	10-25	P. Robbinsii	10-25	V. americana	0-10	25-50	D	0-10	F
263	0-10 %	1	B	S	0	0	0	0	10	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	10-25	F	0	U
		2	S	B	20	20	30	0	20	H. dubia	10-25	V. americana	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	FP	S	70	50	30	10	0	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
264	0-10 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	P. gramineus	0-10	10-25	D	0	U
		2	FG	B	0	30	10	5	5	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	F	0	U
265	0-10 %	1	G	B	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	10-25	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		2	FG	B	10	5	0	10	20	N. flexilis	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	G	DFP	0	0	5	5	5	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
266	0-10 %	1	B	G	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	FG	B	20	20	30	0	10	H. dubia	0-10	N. flexilis	0-10	V. americana	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		3	G	DFP	5	10	10	20	20	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
267	75-100 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	25-50	U
		2	B	G	90	70	0	0	0	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	10-25	U
		3	B	FP	120	0	50	0	50	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
268	75-100 %	1	B	DFP	0	0	0	20	20	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	25-50	F	10-25	D
		2	B	G	20	40	0	0	110	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	25-50	U
		3	B	G	0	50	60	70	300	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
269	50-75 %	1	FP	S	30	20	80	100	210	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	U
		2	FP	B	300	300	160	60	100	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	D	0	U
		3	FP	S	250	160	160	160	300	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U



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270	75-100 %	1	FP	S	20	30	210	250	300	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	FP	B	300	300	300	300	200	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	25-50	D	0	U
		3	FP	S	240	190	200	70	300	H. dubia	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
271	75-100 %	1	G	FP	10	0	20	120	0	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	0-10	P. amplifolius	0-10	50-75	D	0-10	D
		2	FP	B	300	170	200	300	0	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	10-25	P. amplifolius	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	FP	B	50	160	300	20	150	H. dubia	0-10	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
272	75-100 %	1	G	VD	10	20	10	210	100	M. spicatum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	0-10	S	0	U
		2	FG	B	100	120	200	80	30	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
		3	FP	B	50	20	120	200	300	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
273	50-75 %	1	G	DFP	10	10	10	10	10	V. americana	50-75	E. canadensis	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		2	FP	FG	200	220	100	70	70	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		3	FP	B	250	250	160	40	280	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
274	75-100 %	1	G	DFP	5	5	5	5	5	V. americana	50-75	E. canadensis	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	50-75	F	0	U
		2	FP	S	220	120	110	50	70	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		3	FP	S	280	220	200	200	100	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
275	75-100 %	1	G	DFP	5	5	5	5	5	V. americana	50-75	M. spicatum	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		2	FP	FG	50	60	110	250	40	V. americana	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		3	FP	S	280	200	50	20	100	aucun	0	aucun	0-10	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
276	75-100 %	1	G	DFP	5	5	5	10	300	V. americana	50-75	H. dubia	10-25	E. canadensis	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		2	FP	ND	120	50	60	300	300	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
		3	FP	ND	60	50	300	300	300	V. americana	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
277	50-75 %	1	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	E. canadensis	25-50	Chara/Nitella	25-50	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	25-50	D
		2	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
278	50-75 %	1	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	E. canadensis	25-50	P. natans	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	0-10	H. dubia	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		3	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
279	25-50 %	1	FP	VD	300	300	300	300	160	V. americana	50-75	E. canadensis	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	D	50-75	D
		2	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	ND	300	270	300	300	300	V. americana	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
280	0-10 %	1	VD	FP	250	200	160	40	40	V. americana	25-50	E. canadensis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	U	25-50	U
		2	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	Chara/Nitella	75-100	V. americana	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	Chara/Nitella	75-100	E. canadensis	0-10	V. americana	0-10	75-100	U	0	U



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281	0-10 %	1	FP	S	140	110	200	210	210	Chara/Nitella	50-75	E. canadensis	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	75-100	F	25-50	D
		2	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	Chara/Nitella	75-100	V. americana	0-10	E. canadensis	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	Chara/Nitella	75-100	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
282	0-10 %	1	FP	S	140	160	160	170	250	Chara/Nitella	75-100	E. canadensis	10-25	Joncus sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	Chara/Nitella	75-100	M. spicatum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		3	FP	ND	300	300	300	300	300	Chara/Nitella	75-100	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
283	75-100 %	1	FP	B	0	10	0	0	60	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	aucun	0	25-50	E	0-10	D
		2	FP	B	0	0	170	180	180	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	25-50	F	0	U
		3	FG	DFP	50	100	110	140	140	V. americana	10-25	aucun	0	aucun	0	10-25	S	0-10	S
284	25-50 %	1	FP	ND	110	130	120	70	70	V. americana	25-50	H. dubia	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	0-10	75-100	U	0	U
		2	FP	S	200	200	200	240	210	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	P. amplifolius	0-10	50-75	D	0	U
		3	FP	S	140	150	160	230	200	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
285	25-50 %	1	FP	ND	110	150	150	140	150	V. americana	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	H. dubia	10-25	50-75	U	0-10	S
		2	FP	S	180	270	300	300	200	M. spicatum	25-50	P. amplifolius	0-10	V. americana	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	250	290	250	190	210	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0-10	S
286	75-100 %	1	FP	ND	160	300	300	300	300	V. americana	25-50	E. canadensis	25-50	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	75-100	U	10-25	S
		2	FP	S	300	300	240	300	300	M. spicatum	25-50	P. amplifolius	10-25	V. americana	0-10	50-75	U	0	U
		3	FP	ND	250	260	290	300	300	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	C. demersum	0-10	0-10	S	0-10	S
287	50-75 %	1	FP	B	200	160	50	20	170	Potamogeton sp.	25-50	M. spicatum	10-25	V. americana	10-25	75-100	U	25-50	U
		2	FP	S	300	220	180	150	150	V. americana	10-25	M. spicatum	10-25	C. demersum	0-10	25-50	U	0	U
		3	FP	S	240	230	210	190	150	M. spicatum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	0-10	S	0	U
288	75-100 %	1	FG	S	160	200	70	60	70	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	V. americana	10-25	Potamogeton sp.	10-25	25-50	D	10-25	S
		2	G	B	210	70	30	20	30	V. americana	10-25	H. dubia	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	25-50	S	0	U
		3	FP	G	110	20	20	210	230	aucun	0	aucun	0	aucun	0	0	U	0	U
289	75-100 %	1	S	FG	10	50	100	100	70	H. dubia	50-75	V. americana	25-50	M. spicatum	0-10	75-100	U	0-10	S
		2	G	B	0	40	180	200	30	C. demersum	0-10	V. americana	0-10	M. spicatum	0-10	10-25	S	0	U
		3	FP	VD	250	300	300	300	300	V. americana	0-10	aucun	0	aucun	0	0-10	S	10-25	S

APPENDIX 4:

RAW DATA ON THE QUALITY OF THE LAKE'S WATERS (DATA OF MDDEP)

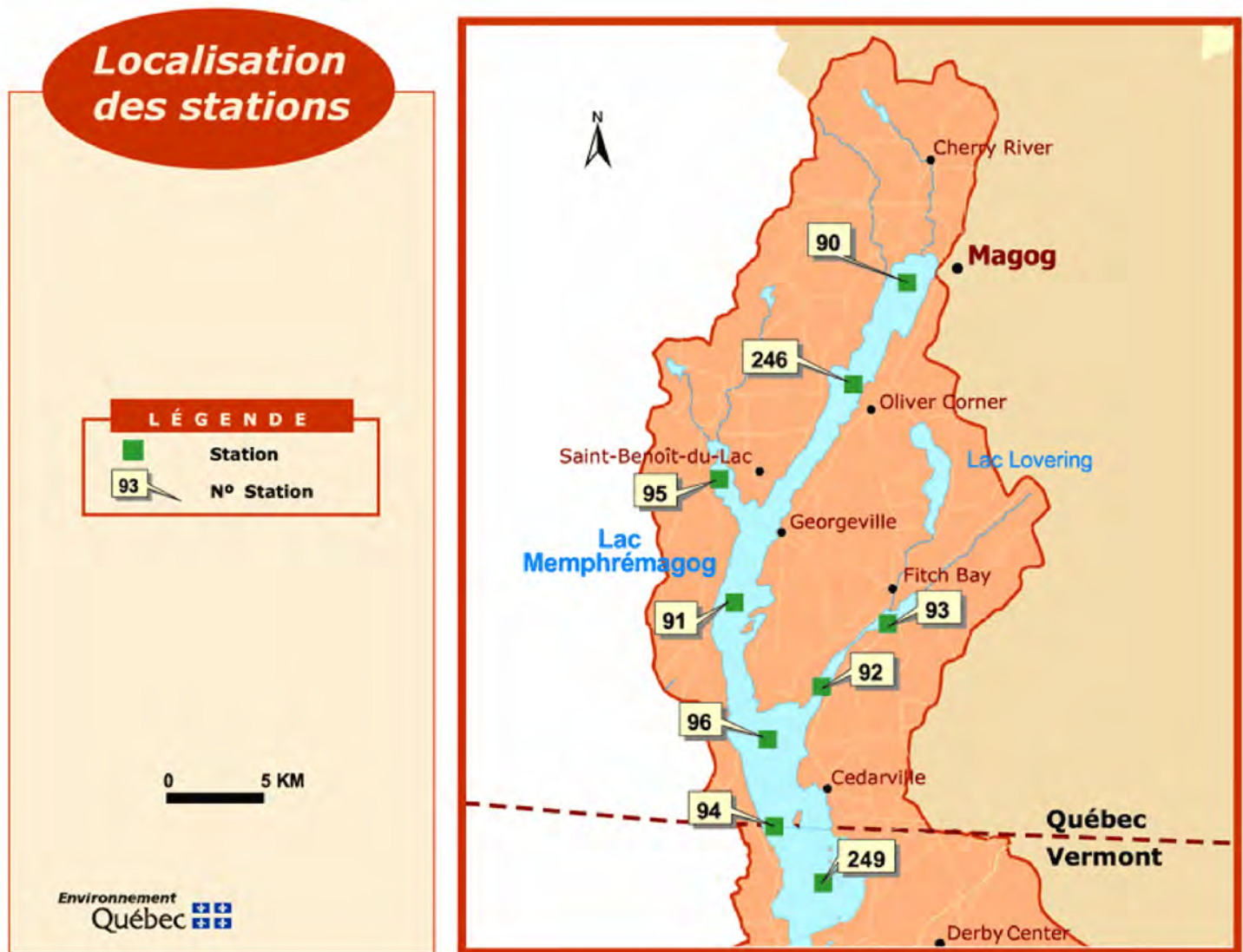
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Raw Data on the Quality of the Lake's Waters (Data of MDDEP)



Station Number	Date	Time	Chl-aa (mg/m ³)	Pheo (mg/m ³)	Total Chlorophyll <i>a</i> (mg/m ³)	Total Phosphorus (µg/l)	Temp. (°C)	Secchi (m)
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94	7/9/1996	8:27	3.62	0.88	4.50	10.0	20.0	6.1
94	8/7/1996	8:56	3.52	0.65	4.17	14.0	24.0	
94	9/18/1996	9:40	4.87	0.81	5.68	13.0	19.5	
94	6/18/1997	11:45	3.93	0.52	4.45	205.0 *	18.0	4.5
94	7/8/1997	12:20	5.46	0.34	5.80	13.0	20.2	3.7
94	8/19/1997	10:17	10.03	1.89	11.92	16.0	20.3	4.0
94	9/22/1997	22:22	4.59	1.00	5.59	13.0	17.0	3.5
94	6/29/1998	10:15	5.02	0.50	5.52	11.0	23.3	3.4
94	8/12/1998	9:15	4.20	0.89	5.09	12.0	23.8	3.5
94	8/12/1998	8:30	4.99	1.24	6.23	13.0	23.4	4.0
94	6/13/1999	12:40			5.23		20.0	4.5
94	7/13/1999	10:50					23.0	3.0
94	8/10/1999	12:18			6.56		23.0	2.5
94	7/10/2000	15:45					20.5	4.0
94	8/22/2000	12:05					21.0	4.5
94	7/9/2001	14:00	6.10	0.90	7.00		21.0	4.0
94	8/6/2001	13:45	6.31	0.88	7.19		25.0	4.5
94	8/6/2001	14:00	7.71	0.01	7.72		25.0	4.5
94	8/28/2001	13:15	3.11	0.26	3.37		22.0	4.0
94	7/3/2002	12:19	2.90	1.20	4.10		26.0	4.0
94	7/17/2002	13:35	3.60	1.10	4.70		22.0	4.3
94	8/5/2002	14:35	3.30	0.94	4.24		25.0	4.3
94	8/19/2002	15:12	1.40	4.70	6.10		26.0	4.0
94	7/14/2003	10:07				7.0 *	21.0 *	6.2 *
94	7/14/2003	10:08				8.0 *		
94	7/14/2003	10:09				9.0 *		
94	8/5/2003	9:34	2.40 *	0.06 *	2.46 *	8.0 *	23.0 *	7.8 *
94	6/29/2004	15:45	4.50	1.80	6.30	14.0	19.0	5.1
94	7/21/2004	9:50	4.00	1.60	5.60	11.0	22.0	5.8
94	8/10/2004	10:10	5.00	5.20	10.20	8.0	19.0	3.8
94	8/31/2004	12:05	7.10	1.30	8.40	12.0	20.0	3.9
94	6/22/2005	10:40	3.80	0.26	4.06	11.0	15.0	3.5
94	7/11/2005	11:50	4.80	1.10	5.90	9.7	19.0	3.8
94	8/3/2005	11:25	2.30	0.67	2.97	12.0	22.0	4.6
94	8/17/2005	10:45	4.00	0.83	4.83	15.0	20.0	3.9
249	6/29/2004	11:45	0.64	3.70	4.34	13.2	15.0	4.5
249	7/21/2004	9:30	4.10	2.60	6.70	9.7	22.0	5.0
249	8/10/2004	9:55	5.90	0.86	6.76	12.9	19.0	3.9
249	8/31/2004	11:50	6.90	1.40	8.30	9.9	20.0	4.1
49	6/22/2005	10:10	4.10	0.42	4.52	16.0	16.0	2.7
249	7/11/2005	11:20	4.50	1.20	5.70	9.0	19.5	3.6
249	8/3/2005	11:10	3.00	0.70	3.70	30.0	22.0	3.7
249	8/17/2005	10:35	4.40	1.10	5.50	21.0	20.0	3.5

* This data have not been included in our synthesis.



APPENDIX 5:

RAW DATA ON THE CONDITION OF THE TRIBUTARIES (DATA OF NWSC)



Lake Memphremagog Watershed
Vermont Tributary Sampling Results - Summer 2005
 Data collected by the NorthWoods Stewardship Center

Tributary	Site	Month	Alkalinity (mg CaCO ₃ /l)	Electroco nductivity (µs)	Total Nitrogen (mg/l)	Total Phosphor us (µg/l)	pH	Total Suspende d Solids (mg/l)
Barton	Brownington	May	46.6	96	0.29	7.65	7.9	1
		June	46.2	109	0.37	19.5	7.45	6.5
		July	64.3	-	0.47	21.7	-	-
		August	101	194	0.2	9.59	8.53	1
		September	76	153	0.28	9.11	8.54	1
		October	36.2	76	0.28	9.5	7.71	1
Barton	Coventry Station	May	59.5	173	0.3	14.9	7.84	5.67
		June	64.5	183	0.35	37.3	7.47	27.7
		July	90.9	236	0.32	18.7	7.55	-
		August	99.2	252	0.34	18.2	7.88	5.62
		September	95.5	242	0.3	19.5	8.06	2.3
		October	50	122	0.32	27.7	7.7	17.3
Barton	Crystal Lake	May	32	115	0.2	5	7.91	1
		June	32.8	113	0.18	7.51	7.69	1
		July	35.4	-	0.16	7.72	-	-
		August	37.8	118	0.11	7.38	8.07	1
		September	36.6	111	0.12	7.04	8.04	1
		October	32.1	96	0.19	6.62	7.81	1
Barton	Glover Road	May	72.1	191	0.26	6.06	8.28	2.06
		June	67.8	184	0.31	14.7	7.98	7.69
		July	93.1	-	0.33	11.9	-	-
		August	109	251	0.33	9.45	8.52	1.71
		September	116	258	0.3	5	8.32	1
		October	62.3	134	0.24	9.27	8.02	3.2
Barton	Orleans Wastewater	May	66.3	200	0.28	10.8	8.15	2.99
		June	68.3	197	0.3	24.9	7.87	10.6
		July	94.9	-	0.6	-	-	-
		August	114	314	0.38	16.2	8.24	6.13
		September	84.2	247	0.27	8.9	8.36	1
		October	57.9	141	0.32	18.7	7.98	11.7
Barton	Willoughby Falls	May	46.8	129	0.24	10.8	8.15	3.27
		June	57	131	0.35	28.5	7.83	24.3
		July	71.3	328	0.46	-	7.71	-
		August	71.3	161	0.15	11.6	8.33	1.98
		September	80.8	189	0.18	9.91	8.65	1
		October	38.9	89	0.24	14.5	7.91	6.33
Barton	Willoughby River	May	36.3	84	0.24	5.32	7.89	1
		June	37.3	100	0.23	6.1	7.87	1
		July	38.3	-	0.2	6.18	-	-
		August	38.4	93	0.17	5.02	8.53	1.7
		September	42	90	0.15	6.32	8.13	1.01
		October	36.4	87	0.18	5.72	7.85	1.81

Tributary	Site	Month	Alkalinity (mg CaCO ₃ /l)	Electroco nductivity (µs)	Total Nitrogen (mg/l)	Total Phosphor us (µg/l)	pH	Total Suspende d Solids (mg/l)
Black	Coventry Bridge	May	69.7	159	0.31	14.2	8.37	2.5
		June	75.8	195	0.38	28.9	8.05	7.5
		July	86.8	-	0.47	61.7	-	-
		August	104	245	0.25	15.3	8.58	2.02
		September	97.6	230	0.3	14.3	8.27	1.2
		October	52.5	119	0.37	22.7	7.85	8.14
Black	Craftsbury	May	94	208	0.42	7.6	8.37	1.7
		June	103	201	0.41	11.4	8.29	2.21
		July	111	-	0.42	15.4	-	-
		August	138	277	0.38	17.6	8.2	6.23
		September	131	258	0.24	7.76	8.44	1
		October	79.3	157	0.51	10.8	8.21	3.55
Black	Lake Elligo	May	81	189	0.16	6.6	8.02	1
		June	80.5	181	0.15	9.09	7.89	1.06
		July	85.2	-	0.21	9.16	-	-
		August	107	218	0.17	6.63	7.57	1
		September	108	272	0.18	12.3	7.43	1
		October	74.7	162	0.16	6.26	7.97	1
Black	Griggs Pond	May	69.9	175	0.34	15.5	7.92	2.48
		June	81.2	190	0.38	30	7.61	9.06
		July	49	-	0.72	46.1	-	18
		August	103	238	0.29	26.4	7.96	7.38
		September	91.7	212	0.22	21.3	7.99	2.1
		October	56.3	144	0.4	20.6	7.55	8
Black	Lord's Creek	May	80.8	158	0.19	7.39	8.21	1.3
		June	95.8	207	0.26	15.9	7.86	2.16
		July	101	-	0.41	36.1	-	6.48
		August	126	240	0.2	24.9	8.13	15.9
		September	120	225	0.18	15.4	8.19	1.17
		October	71.9	142	0.24	17.6	7.87	6.9
Black	South Bay	May	68.2	161	0.36	15.6	7.92	2
		June	74.1	199	0.49	34.3	7.47	10
		July	92.5	-	0.47	39.4	-	12.6
		August	105	256	0.44	25.9	8.25	3.85
		September	85	208	0.4	24.7	7.85	4.02
		October	52.4	111	0.36	23.5	7.74	7.6
Clyde	Newport Ballfield	May	40.8	127	0.41	12.9	8	1.8
		June	47	119	0.38	18.5	7.78	2.25
		July	50.4	157	0.41	24.7	7.73	12.5
		August	60.3	167	0.65	22.1	8	7.24
		September	55.4	145	0.23	13.7	8.3	1.62
		October	37.4	98	0.43	18	7.7	1.7
Clyde	Island Pond	May	16	60	0.19	5.42	7.35	1.18
		June	16.7	64	0.16	9.21	7.03	2.52
		July	39.1	66	0.15	7.3	7.065	1
		August	-	61	-	-	7.61	-
		September	20.2	57	0.1	6.22	7.53	1
		October	20	54	0.21	12	7.12	1.41

Tributary	Site	Month	Alkalinity (mg CaCO ₃ /l)	Electroco nductivity (µs)	Total Nitrogen (mg/l)	Total Phosphor us (µg/l)	pH	Total Suspende d Solids (mg/l)
Clyde	Five Mile	May	20.6	68	0.23	12.2	7.18	2.16
		June	25.5	83	0.27	17.6	6.8	3.5
		July	35.6	122	0.25	16.2	6.535	1.7
		August	41.4	123	0.26	17.3	7.43	1.73
		September	40.4	114	0.17	16.6	7.48	1
		October	11.4	34	0.22	13.8	6.93	3.76
Clyde	East Charleston	May	26.3	74	0.31	17	7.03	6.5
		June	27.3	76	0.3	19.5	6.49	5.94
		July	43	126	0.24	15.9	6.84	3.5
		August	44	121	0.21	11.9	7.38	1.52
		September	43.9	114	0.18	12.7	7.43	1
		October	23	55	0.24	10.5	7.1	1.74
Clyde	Echo Lake	May	32.7	91	0.18	5	7.8	1
		June	32.1	97	0.23	5.55	7.39	1
		July	34.1	98	0.13	6.59	7.535	1
		August	34.6	86	0.11	5	8.01	1
		September	33.4	83	0.1	5.35	8.09	1
		October	33.8	82	0.14	8.09	7.62	1.27
Clyde	Pherrins River	May	16.9	53	0.2	6.69	7.27	1
		June	21.5	65	0.26	10.7	6.93	2.7
		July	40.5	112	0.25	9.61	6.85	1
		August	45.1	122	0.18	17.6	7.58	1
		September	37	101	0.12	7.27	7.5	1
		October	7.8	19	0.23	10.6	7	3.88
Clyde	West Charleston	May	35.3	105	0.28	10.6	7.78	1.55
		June	30.3	86	0.58	16.2	7.21	2.12
		July	43	131	0.28	20.9	7.45	6.67
		August	43.5	114	0.27	9.13	7.98	1
		September	42.3	108	0.25	11.4	8.04	1
		October	29.7	70	0.23	10.8	7.53	1.24
Clyde	Western Avenue	May	40.7	125	0.32	13.3	8.14	2.04
		June	47.9	120	0.34	13.9	7.82	2.2
		July	51.7	149	0.34	19.1	8.19	1.33
		August	65.9	176	0.43	-	8.25	10.1
		September	56.3	145	0.23	13.7	8.33	1.46
		October	37.4	90	0.35	17.2	7.76	1.86
John's	John's River	May	132	400	2.5	16.6	8.55	1.76
		June	117	304	1.39	49.7	7.92	21.6
		July	144	426	2.94	81.5	7.8	12.1
		August	167	478	6.06	51.9	8.24	17
		September	173	485	5.12	29.9	8.51	1
		October	124	300	1.49	27.9	8.23	4.65

Bold values indicate those that exceed *both* Quebec and Vermont Water Quality Criteria:

Total phosphorus > 14 µg/l

Total suspended solids > 5 mg/l

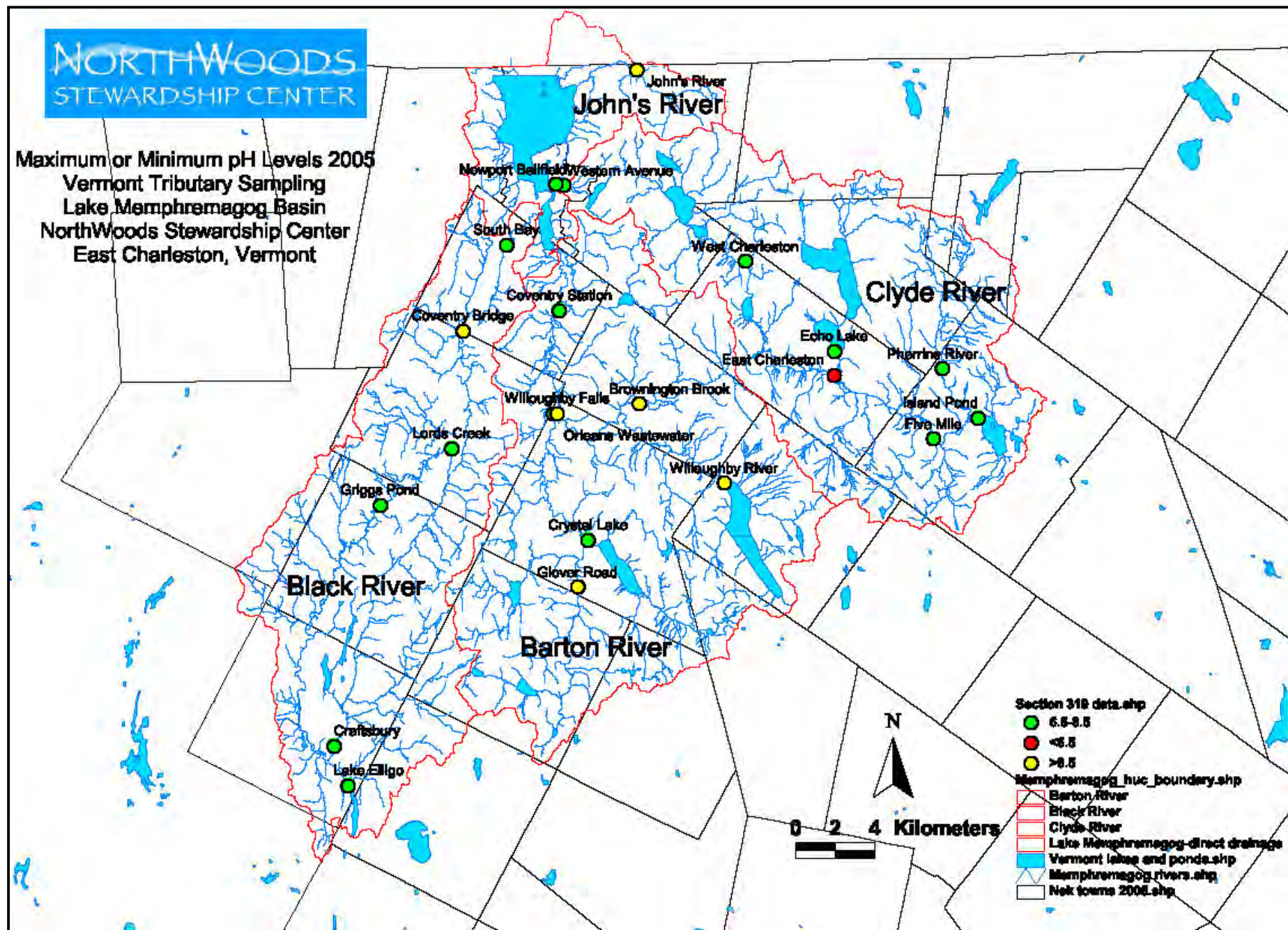
pH < 6.5 or > 8.5





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Vermont Tributary Sampling
Lake Memphremagog Basin
NorthWoods Stewardship Center
East Charleston, Vermont

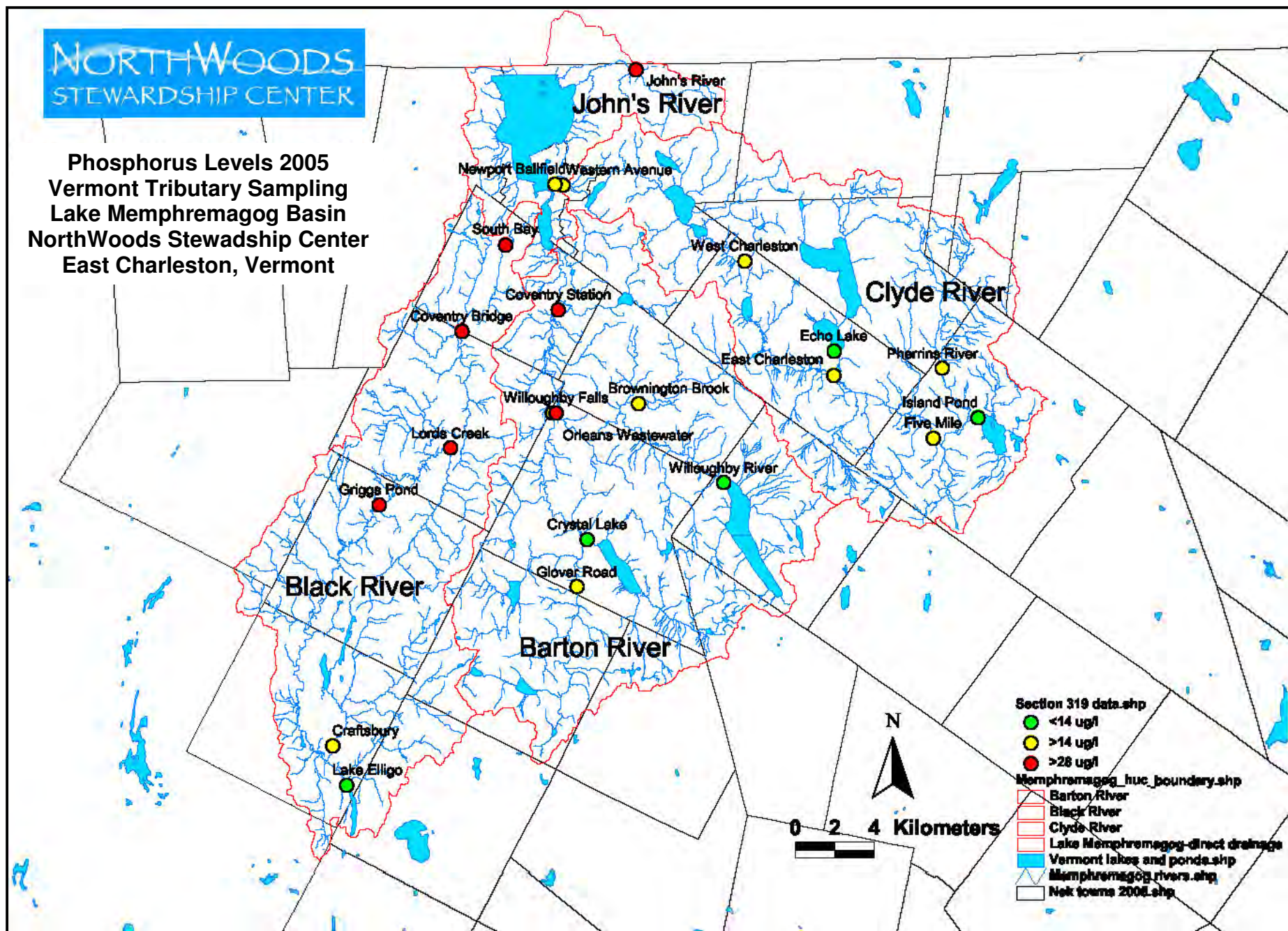


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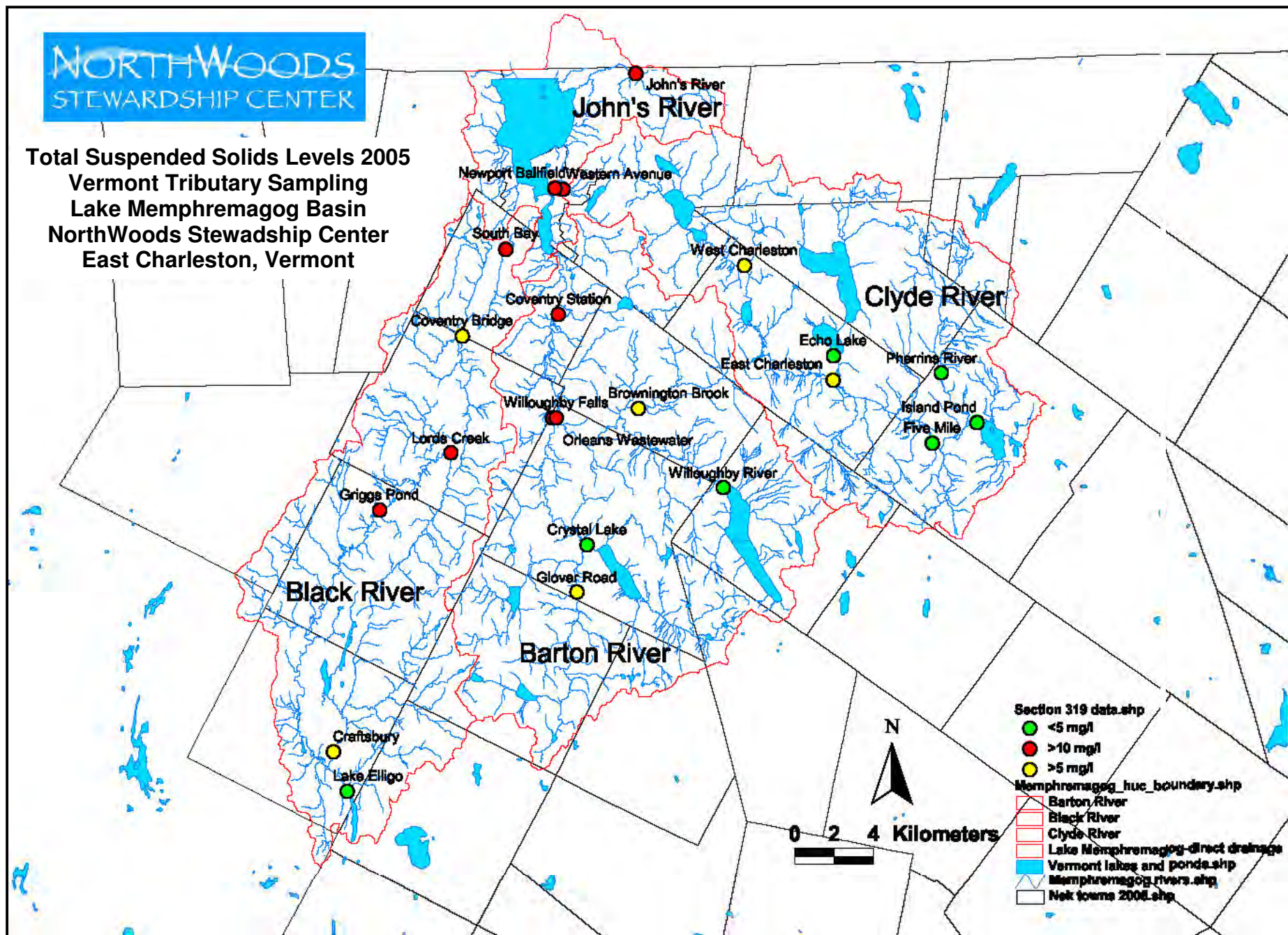


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Total Suspended Solids Levels 2005
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Lake Memphremagog Basin
NorthWoods Stewardship Center
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APPENDIX 6:

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIES OF AQUATIC PLANTS



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Description of Species of Aquatic Plants

CHARA & NITELLA ALGAE

The algae *Chara* (muskgrass) and *Nitella* (stoneworts) are indeed algae although they resemble aquatic plants. In spite of their size, about 30 cm, species of the *Chara* and *Nitella* groups have no real roots, veins, stems or leaves like all other algae. These algae do not form real flowers, and they reproduce from yellow spores. They can be recognized by the typical skunk-like odour that many of them give off. Identification of *Chara* and *Nitella* usually requires examination in a laboratory setting, which is why we describe them together. These algae look like small, spindly, much-divided branches. According to our observations, these algae may form a fluorescent green to black carpet at different depths.



BECK'S WATER-MARIGOLD (MEGALODONTA BECKII)



Beck's water-marigold is mainly found in marshes and, more rarely, in lakes and rivers where it grows by itself or in very small colonies (Marie-Victorin, 1995). In appearance, it is similar to a water-milfoil, and it has fooled more than one amateur botanist. This species has submerged leaves as finely cut as hair that fans out like the water-milfoils. However, it is easily distinguished when its leaves, triangular, waxy and fleshy to the touch, are present. Its very rare small yellow flowers are daisy-like and give off a fruity scent. Beck's water marigold is found only in waters rich in nutritive elements (mesotrophic or eutrophic) where it is only very rarely one of the dominant species (Fleurbec, 1987). It can reach a size of one metre in height, and prefers to grow on a silty bottom at a depth of one to three metres.

HORNWORT (CERATOPHYLLUM DEMERSUM)

The hornwort is a submerged aquatic plant without roots, formed of rampant streamers (around one metre long) similar to those of the Eurasian watermilfoil. However, its threadlike leaves, stiff and terminating in two or three forks are very characteristic. In addition to its sexual reproduction, the hornwort produces buds (hibernacles) that come away at the end of the season of growth and develop the following spring into a new plant. This species colonizes the silty bottom of stagnant waters of marshes and quiet lakes. It can be found up to a depth of eight metres, but they are found particularly in sectors from two to four metres (Marie-Victorin, 1995).



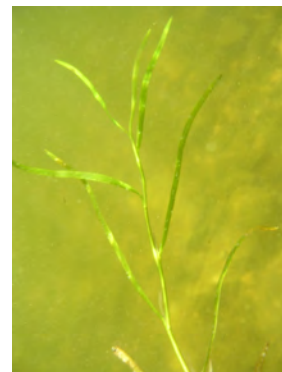
CANADA WATERWEED & NUTTALL'S WATERWEED (*ELODEA CANADENSIS* & *E. NUTTALLII*)



The Canada waterweed is a common submerged aquatic plant in our region. It generally measures less than one metre and grows in colonies that are often very dense and large. It has many small, dark green leaves and tiny, off-white flowers that float on the surface of the water at the end of a long stalk. Nuttall's waterweed has pale, more pointed leaves. Its male flowers have no stalk, and flower under water in the leaf axil (Marie-Victorin, 1995). These two waterweeds colonize calm waters of lakes and ponds. They root preferentially in one to three metres of water, but also adapt to deeper sectors. They settle in various substrata, mainly on silt or sand. They tolerate various degrees of eutrophication. The Canada waterweed, generally considered somewhat limiting to human activities, is potentially highly invasive, given that it can multiply by suckering and by budding (Fleurbec, 1987).

WATER STAR GRASS (*HETERANTHERA DUBIA*) & ZOSTERA-LIKE PONDWEED (*POTAMOT ZOSTERIFORMIS*)

Water star grass is a perennial aquatic plant with long, flattened stems and leaves like straight, supple ribbons. It produces little yellow flowers that float on the surface of the water. In the absence of flowers, this species is often confused with the Zostera-like pondweed (*Potamogeton zosteriformis*) which is also indigenous. The botanist's trained eye can distinguish the central veins and the sharp tip of the leaves of the flat-stemmed pondweed. The two species are found growing with Canada waterweed in the calm zones of mesotrophic or eutrophic waters at a depth of from one to three metres (Fleurbec, 1987). Both are common in our region, and both prefer the silty bottoms of calm zones in lakes, ponds and rivers (Agriculture Canada, 2004).



SPINY-SPORED QUILLWORT (*ISOETES ECHINOSPORA*)

Quillwort is a submerged aquatic plant, common in our region, which measures barely ten centimetres. Its linear leaves are gathered on the surface of the ground, giving it the appearance of a little tuft of grass. Its minuscule off-white spores at the base of each leaf are also identifying marks. Quillwort lives, typically, in oligotrophic lakes where it grows on various substrata at different depths (Marie-Victorin, 1995).



RUSHES (*JUNCUS SP.*) & BULRUSHES (*SCIRPUS SP.*)

These families include a number of species that are widely distributed in our region (Marie-Victorin, 1995). They are herbaceous plants that grow in colonies on land or in the littoral zone of lakes and wetlands. They are usually found at a depth of less than one metre where they help to stabilize the shore. They are recognized by their cylindrical stem and their flowers gathered in a bouquet that looks as though it were attached to the side of the stem. Bulrushes have tiny brown spikelets.

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL (*MYRIOPHYLLUM SPICATUM*)

Eurasian watermilfoil is a large submerged aquatic plant that is very common in Quebec and Vermont. It grows in colonies that are often very dense (Fleurbec, 1987). This is one of five non-native plants that have caused the most environmental damage and have most greatly impacted use of the water in Canada (MENV, 2002). It resembles long streamers with finely cut, feather-like leaves encircling the stems. Once it takes root in the lake bottom, this species grows right to the surface where it branches out luxuriantly creating dense mats. Its little white or red flowers and its dark brown fruit come together in a spike that rises out of the water. The Eurasian watermilfoil is potentially very invasive given its rapid growth and diversity of means of reproduction. This species can reproduce by forming seeds and buds (hibernacles). The new individuals may develop from roots (the phenomenon of suckering). Also, every time a fragment of the stem breaks off, it can take root and generate another specimen (the phenomenon of budding). Budding, its main means of multiplication, explains why it presents such a high risk of becoming invasive. Suckering happens naturally, caused by the action of wind and waves, but it is greatly increased by the passage of boats. Eurasian watermilfoil can grow in various types of sediments (gravels, sand, silt and plant debris) and at depths varying from a few centimetres to several metres (Fleurbec, 1987). This plant supports the highest levels of eutrophication. Because of its rapid growth habit, from the first spring day, Eurasian watermilfoil creates shade for other submerged plant species and thus limits their growth. Beds of Eurasian Water Milfoil have been known to become so dense that they crowd out all other species (Environment Canada, 2003). The invasion of this plant reduces the diversity of vegetation, and, therefore, the diversity of the fauna, especially the fish that are of interest for sports fishing.



ALTERNATE WATERMILFOIL (*MYRIOPHYLLUM ALTERNIFLORUM*)

Alternate watermilfoil resembles its relative the Eurasian watermilfoil. However, it is smaller and much less invasive. It is found in several Quebec lakes, especially in colder regions. This submerged aquatic plant forms little streamers that usually cover the bottom in deep, dark zones of lakes and rivers where little natural light penetrates (Marie-Victorin, 1995). As a result of our observations, we consider this plant has little impact on limiting human enjoyment of watercourses where it is found.



SLENDER WATERMILFOIL (*MYRIOPHYLLUM TENELLUM*)

Slender watermilfoil is a submerged aquatic plant found occasionally in the Eastern Townships. This water-milfoil is characterized by small, fine stems almost without leaves. This plant, which is not very invasive, is found on shallow sandy shores and banks of lakes, rivers and ponds.

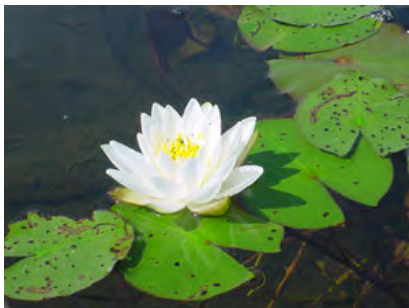


SLENDER NAIAS (*NAJAS FLEXILIS*)

Slender Naias is a small, submerged aquatic plant, 2-10 cm in height, which is very common in the fresh waters of our region (Marie-Victorin, 1995). This species is recognized by its bushy appearance and dense arrangement of small, triangular leaves. The flowers and fruit are hardly visible. According to our observations, Slender Naias roots in sandy, gravel or silt substrata at different depths. It can root in only a few centimetres to several metres of water, as long as the light can penetrate.

POND LILIES OR COW LILIES (*N. MICROPHYLLUM*, *N. VARIEGATUM* & *N. RUBRODISCUM*)

Pond lilies are floating aquatic plants frequently seen in quiet waters of lakes, rivers and peat bogs. The three Quebec species are very large and all live in colonies. The yellow cow lily or variegated pond lily has larger leaves and flowers than its less abundant relative, the small pond lily. The red-disk pond lily is considered by many as a hybrid of the other two. The huge heart-shaped leaves and the magnificent yellow flowers floating on the water are very noticeable. Pond lilies also have submerged leaves arranged in a rosette at the base of the plant. They are usually found at a depth of 0.5 to 1.5 metres. They are particularly at home in the silty bottom of oligotrophic waters, and eutrophic waters (Fleurbec, 1987).



WATERLILIES (*NYMPHAEA ODORATA* & *NYMPHAEA TUBEROSA*)

Anyone who has seen the beautiful white water lily is sure to admire it. The common water lily is abundant in our region, while the tuberous water lily is found less frequently. Both are around 50 cm in height and have large circular, waxy, floating leaves cut almost in half. Their huge white flowers with yellow centres float among the leaves. The two species can be told apart by the colouration of the underside of the leaves: wine-red for the common water lily and pale green for the tuberous water lily. As its name indicates, and in contrast to the tuberous waterlily, the common water lily has a sweet perfume. Water lilies root in the shallow silt (less than one metre deep) of sheltered sectors of lakes, ponds and peat bogs where they create a magnificent floating carpet. Colonies, sometimes very large, can sometimes be invasive.

PONDWEEDS (*POTAMOGETON SP.*)

Identifying pondweeds can be a real challenge for both beginning and experienced botanists. This group includes a large number of species with miniscule and variable structures within a single species. In general, pondweeds have two types of leaves, tough, floating leaves and submerged, pellucid leaves and minuscule flowers grouped together on a spike. The main species of pondweed surveyed in our inventory include:



LARGE-LEAVED PONDWEED (*POTAMOGETON AMPLIFOLIUS*)

Large-leaved pondweed is, without doubt, one of the most invasive of the indigenous plants in our region (Carignan, 2003). This perennial plant multiplies abundantly by suckering and by stem budding in many of our lakes and rivers (Agriculture Canada, 2004). It is easily distinguished by its big, submerged, reddish curved leaves that resemble an upside-down saddle. Its floating oval leaves and spikes that rise out of the water are visible from far away. According to our observations, this species of pondweed colonizes mainly the silty bottom at depth of two to four metres where it grows to the surface.

CURLY PONDWEED (*POTAMOGETON CRISPUS*)

In some lakes in the region, this species of pondweed, introduced from Europe, is considered very invasive (Agriculture Canada, 2004). In addition to producing seeds, it multiplies rapidly by forming propagules (buds that form new individuals) and by suckering. Curlyleaf pondweed is easily identified by its stiff leaves rippled like lasagna. It grows at a depth of two to four metres in lakes and watercourses. It can adapt to different water qualities, even the dirtiest and most polluted, and can even penetrate the toughest geotextiles.

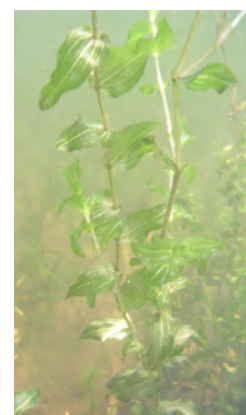


ILLINOIS PONDWEED (*POTAMOGETON ILLINOENSIS*)

This species is also difficult to identify because of the great variability of its forms. Furthermore, it particularly resembles variable-leaved pondweed except that it has larger leaves usually without petiole (leafstalk). This indigenous pondweed is found in many of our lakes and rivers (Agriculture Canada, 2004).

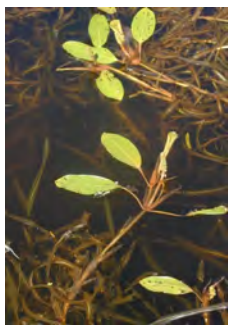
RICHARDSON'S PONDWEED (*P. RICHARDSONII*), CLASPING PONDWEED (*P. PERFOLIATUS*) & LONG-PEDUNCLED PONDWEED (*P. PRAELONGUS*)

These three species, frequently seen in our region, are grouped together because of the similarity of their form and the hybrids they form among themselves. The most common of the three is Richardson's pondweed which forms dense and extended colonies. These three indigenous species are found in the slow-moving or calm waters of lakes, rivers and ponds (Agriculture Canada, 2004). These pondweeds can be identified by their many circular or oval apple green leaves that encircle the off-white stem. According to our observations, they are found at depths of two or three metres on fine sediments.



ROBBINS' PONDWEED (*POTAMOGETON ROBBINSII*)

Dense colonies of this pondweed cover the soil of many of our lakes (Marie-Victorin, 1995). The rigid, linear brownish leaves are arranged in two rows on either side of the stem. This plant, which looks like a feather, measures about 50 cm. Its leaves provide food for a number of aquatic organisms. Robbins' pondweed lives mainly on the silty bottom at various depths. It poses a high invasion threat.

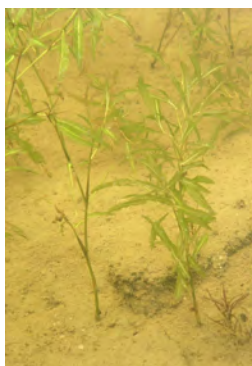
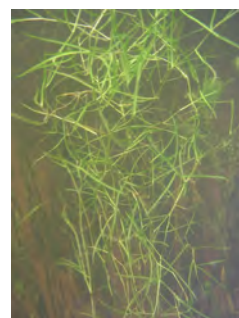


EMERSED PONDWEED (*POTAMOGETON EPIHYDRUS*)

This pondweed is characterized by long, linear submerged leaves with a central, clearer strip. It is one of the most common pondweeds in our lakes and rivers. Colonies generally grow in shallow silt and sand (0.5 to 1.5 m) (Marie-Victorin, 1995). However, during our inventory, we noted it at greater depths. This species tolerates a wide range of water qualities (Fleurbec, 1987). Because of its great size and high reproduction potential, this species could invade a large part of the water column.

LEAFY PONDWEED (*P. FOLIOSUS*) & SMALL PONDWEED (*P. PUSILLUS*)

We describe these two species of pondweeds together because they are so similar, and when they vary, it is sometimes impossible to tell them apart. In a general way, they are recognized by their small, submerged leaves and their tubular branched stems. These two common species of our lakes are usually less than one metre high and they colonize calm, shallow waters (Marie-Victorin, 1995).



GRASS-LEAVED PONDWEED (*POTAMOGETON GRAMINEUS*)

Because of their extremely variable forms, identification of the Grass-leaved pondweed is quite difficult. There are several varieties and hybrids of this indigenous pondweed related by their intermediate forms. To simplify, we recognize them by their translucent, submerged, lanceolate reddish leaves. Grass-leaved pondweed is widely distributed in calm waters of lakes, rivers and marshes (Marie-Victorin, 1995). It seems to have adapted to different substrata and depths of water.

DIMORPHOUS PONDWEED (*P. SPIRILLUS*)

Dimorphous pondweed closely resembles leafy pondweed and small pondweed. In a general way, it is recognized by its small, linear, submerged leaves and its tubular branched stem, and by the many spikes situated directly on the stem. This species is usually less than one metre high and colonizes calm, shallow waters (Marie-Victorin, 1995).

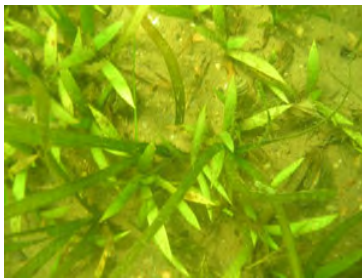


BUR REEDS (*SPARGANIUM SP.*)

These long fettuccini-like plants (but not edible), which are found often in our regions, are quite noticeable. Bur reeds, moderately limiting in terms of aquatic activities, can form dense, widespread colonies. Bur reeds have long leaves, one to two metres long, that float on the water. They are also recognized by their fruit shaped like a spiny egg that rises out of the water. Bur reeds can live in a wide variety of habitats. They grow on different substrata in calm sectors of lakes, streams and rivers. They root generally in shallow water at less than two metres



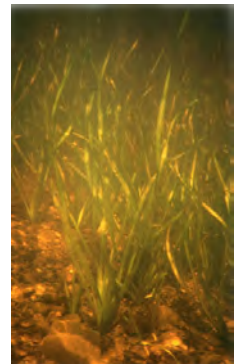
GRASS-LIKE ARROWLEAF (*SAGITTARIA GRAMINEUS*)



Grass-like arrowleaf is a submerged aquatic plant of about ten centimetres found frequently in our lakes. This species of arrowleaf is formed of a cluster of submerged triangular, curved back leaves that look like pineapple leaves. It grows in shallow water, essentially at less than 50 cm, although it may be found in deeper water. It also adapts to fluctuations in water level. It grows mainly in sandy and sometimes silty substrata where it can form huge colonies. This plant adapts to different water qualities, but grows particularly well in oligotrophic waters (Fleurbec, 1987).

AMERICAN EEL-GRASS (*VALLISNERIA AMERICANA*)

American eel-grass is a submerged aquatic plant found more and more often in our region. It is easily distinguished by its long supple, ribbon-like leaves that grow at the base of the plant and can reach a size of one metre and a half in length. Its small female flowers, which float on the surface of the water at the end of a stem twisted like a corkscrew, are specific to this plant. American eel-grass can root in various substrata (silt, sand, gravel) at variable depths and sometimes up to five or six metres (Marie-Victorin, 1995).





APPENDIX 7:

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF DEGRADATION OF A LAKE





Principal sources of degradation of a lake

Principal sources of sediments and nutrients by various stakeholders in the surrounding environment

Intervenants	Sources of nutrients and sediments
Shorefront	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-conforming septic systems • Fertilizers used on lawns and flower beds • Human changes, activities on the shore (artificialization) • Residential construction sites • Leakage from sewage collectors or illegal hook-ups of domestic sewage to outfall sewers and storm sewers
Farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive spreading of manure, liquid manure, compost or chemical fertilizers • Erosion of soils left unplanted • Human changes on the shore (artificialization) • Agricultural ditches stripped of vegetation • Access by animals to watercourses • Improper storage • Runoff from exercise yards
Forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion of soils left bare • Human changes on the shore (artificialization) • Forest ditches left bare
Managers of the territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road ditches scraped and left bare • Human changes on the shore (artificialization) • Fertilizer spread near a body of water
Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human changes on the shore (artificialization) • Erosion of soils left bare • Leachates

Human activities on the shores of lakes and tributaries

Cutting of vegetation on the shore buffer zone and installation of artificial structures (walls, riprap or rock fill, etc.) prevents the shores from holding sediments and nutritive elements and contribute to warming shallow waters.

The use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers near lakes and their tributaries

These products contaminate the water and enrich it with nutritive elements.

Municipal wastes, over-burdened water treatment plants, and urban run-off

These inputs contribute specifically to the load of materials in suspension, nutrients and organic matter.

Poorly maintained road and forest ditches

Removal of vegetation from ditches causes deterioration in the quality of the water travelling through them before it reaches watercourses and bodies of water. (This causes these bodies of water to be 'asphyxiated' because they have less oxygen, are warmer and carry more soil particles, nutrients, etc.).

High residential density on certain parts of the lake

Human presence may cause more inputs (sediments and nutrients), because of some practices (poor maintenance of septic systems, the use of fertilizers and pesticides, etc...)

Certain seasonal-recreational activities

Some nautical activities lead to a disposal of a variety of pollutants in the water (hydrocarbons, nutrients, etc.) and contribute to increasing the erosion on the shore.

Certain recreational and tourism activities in the drainage basin

Some golf courses, ski stations, marinas and camp grounds are the source of considerable quantities of sediments and nutrients.

Certain agricultural practices in the drainage basin

Runoff from agricultural lands can carry a surplus of nutrients, suspended solids and fecal coliform to the lake, particularly if the shore buffer zones are not wide enough, if drainage ditches are not replanted or if farm animals have access to watercourses. Furthermore, spreading of liquid manure, manure and chemical fertilizer may cause a significant increase in the nutrient load.

Certain forestry practices in the drainage basin

Abusive wood cuts and some kinds of passages and water-crossings allow sediments and/or nutrients to enter the lake.

Certain construction activities

Construction practices that leave the ground bare increase erosion.

Certain industrial activities

A number of companies, mining sites or landfill sites are likely to produce large quantities of pollutants that must be disposed of.

APPENDIX 8:

GENERAL SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF A LAKE



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General Solutions to Improve the Health of a Lake

The type of activities carried out in the catchment basin of a lake are of crucial importance for the health of the lake. All the stakeholders in the area are responsible for its health, whether they are managers of the territory, shorefront residents or citizens, farmers, foresters or entrepreneurs. They may - and they must - take concrete action to limit the sources of degradation and protect and preserve this irreplaceable resource for future generations. To act, in a precise and effective way, the following basic principles must be respected:

1- Reduce the sediment load by controlling soil erosion
(Control soil stability and reduce the amount of vegetation removed)

2- Reduce the nutrient load (phosphorus and nitrogen)
(Reduce use of fertilizers near the lake and its tributaries and control waste water and sewage)

This appendix contains the main solutions we propose for different stakeholders. This list was drawn up by RAPPEL in collaboration with MCI, the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs du Québec (MDDEP), the MRC de Memphrémagog and the Comité de gestion de la rivière Saint-François (COGESAF). These solutions should be prioritized according to the needs and limitations of each lake.

Associations of Shorefront Residents

Bring in managers of the territory when setting up a management committee for the lake and take part in joint action meetings

In collaboration with the managers involved, create a committee that will act as a political authority and management organization for the lake and its tributaries. In the committee, draw up and implement a global action plan to protect the lake including a template contract for the catchment area (see the section for managers).

Support managers of the territory in protecting the shoreline buffer zone and controlling soil erosion and the nutrient load

Encourage managers to apply various concrete measures to reduce the sediment and nutrient load (lower-third method, anti-erosion structures in steep slopes, ban the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers for aesthetic purposes near a body of water, etc.). Report problems and special cases to the managers so corrective measures can be taken.

Organize, in collaboration with managers, a major public information and awareness campaign concerning ecological lawn maintenance

Explain by talks and workshops onsite, the harmful impacts of using pesticides and chemical fertilizers and the alternatives for lawns and flower beds, particularly in the shoreline environment.

Organize a campaign to re-naturalize the shores

Make people aware of the importance of having adequate vegetation on the shore line (3 strata) as the last line of protection for the lake, through workshops for shorefront owners that will provide information and explanations and concrete demonstrations of how to re-naturalize the shores.

Participate with territorial managers in monitoring the lake and drainage basin

Participate in precisely identifying the causes of degradation of the tributaries of the lake on the ground. Put in place a regular water quality monitoring program for the lake and its tributaries, the condition of the shore and the condition of the littoral.

Managers of the Territory (municipalities and government)

Territorial managers play a key role in protecting lakes because theirs is the primary responsibility for citizen education, promotion of the desire to protect the lakes, supervising land use planning in the territory, and developing and applying the laws. We propose solutions at these different levels to be prioritized according to the need.

EDUCATION

Prevention remains an excellent method of assuring the quality of a lake. It appears that certain users of the territory act or behave in ways that harm the aquatic ecosystem simply through ignorance about the impact of their actions. We recommend, therefore, that users be made aware of the reasons for and methods of protecting the shore zone and keeping it in its natural state and restoring zones that have been perturbed.

Provide an information kit for new residents about good practice and harmful acts and behaviour, and the by-laws and regulations protecting aquatic ecosystems

To prevent much of the damage to aquatic ecosystems, it is important to make new shorefront owners aware of the laws and regulations, the harmful impact of certain practices on the shore and the concrete actions they can take to protect their lake.

Inform and make the various actors (shorefront owners, foresters, farmers) aware of the pressing need to protect the shoreline buffer zone of the lake and its tributaries

The shoreline buffer zones is a biological, economic and legal necessity which is still not well known, understood or respected by many of the stakeholders.

Develop and launch, in collaboration with lakefront property owners, a far-reaching awareness and public information campaign targeting ecological lawn maintenance

Explain the harmful impact of using pesticides and chemical fertilizers, with pamphlets, talks and/or workshops on the ground, and promote the alternatives for ecological lawn and flower bed maintenance, particularly in the shoreline environment.

Inform and make citizens more aware about the health of the lake and its tributaries, its evolution and the sources of its degradation

To mobilize citizens, they must be informed about the health of the lake and the consequences of its health on the ecosystem, on consumption, swimming, fishing and the regional economy.

Organize information meetings with professionals (experts from the various ministries and groups concerned) about the health of the lake and the sources of degradation

Empower citizens to become more aware users of the territory and better protectors of the environment.

PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Management of ditches is a key strategy for territorial managers. Around 50 % of the waters that drain into the lake get there via ditches (RAPPEL, 2004). Poorly maintained ditches (where the vegetation has been totally removed) erode quickly and cause the water flowing through to deteriorate. These warmer waters, with less oxygen, loaded with suspended solids and various pollutants “asphyxiate” the bodies of water. To effectively manage ditches:

Systematically apply the lower-third method when cleaning ditches

This economical and ecological technique makes it possible to reduce the load of suspended materials (particles) in the water, keep the water cleaner and more oxygenated, and, as a result, reduce the silting up of bodies of water. It also makes it possible to reduce by 20 % the costs of cleaning road ditches by decreasing the volume of excavation and the frequency of intervention (MTQ, 1998).

To learn more: Le fossé écologique...et économique (video, in French) (RAPPEL, 1999)

Environmental protection sheet FPE-01 from the Quebec Ministère des Transports (MTQ, 2000)

Systematically install anti-erosion structures (berms or sills) in road ditches with a slope greater than 7 degrees

This will prevent water from becoming an agent of erosion by reducing the speed of run-off.

To learn more: The Battle Against Erosion on Construction Sites and Soils Stripped of Vegetation (RAPPEL, 2003)

Management of municipal effluents that pollute is an important part of the work of managers of the territory. For effective control of effluents :

Respect the capacity of the water treatment network

The capacity of treatment facilities should always make it possible to properly treat all grey water and sewage from residences and industries to prevent overflow. This will make it possible to limit the proliferation of aquatic plants and pathogenic micro-organisms that affect the safety of water in the drainage system.

Eliminate overflows

Eliminate combined systems of rains sewers and domestic sewers or by putting in retention basins for overflow structures.

Store road salt and ploughed snow on an impermeable soil

Ensure that there is a proper distance between a storage site for ploughed snow and watch for sedimentation of water that runs off before it enters the drainage system. Manage storage sites according to protection regulations.

Choose the road salt that is the least toxic for the environment

SUPERVISION OF ACTIVITIES

Environmental protection in the watershed of the lake involves various levels of government. It is essential for them to act together, for each to play his role and for citizens to get involved. To do this:

Citizens and groups must get more involved in environmental protection

Citizens are excellent guardians of the environment and can help protect the health of the lake. It would be useful to provide tools to delegate powers and responsibilities to citizens' groups (e.g. education for newcomers related to laws and regulations in force on the shore of a body of water).

Simplify the process of making a complaint when there is an environmental problem

Citizens are the eyes and ears of managers. Thus, problems must be effectively dealt with when citizens bring them to their attention, and there must be a clear follow-up and procedure for all complaints.

Continue programs to monitor water quality of the lake and its tributaries

Continue to collect data on the health of the lake and sources of degradation to provide a precise picture of the current situation of the lake and its drainage basin, and put in place indicators to allow an assessment of the impact of decisions taken. Disseminate the results obtained as widely as possible.

Establish a clear and specific portrait of land uses in the watershed of the lake

The condition of the terrestrial environment plays a very important role in the health of the lake because the waters that flow through it flow into the lake. A picture of land use makes it possible to identify potential sources of pollution and to determine intervention priorities.

Create a management committee and draw up a global action plan to protect the lake

Form a management committee (political authority) charged with protecting the lake, involving the municipalities concerned and the stakeholders from the milieu. This committee would draw up a short-, medium- and long-term strategic plan by setting priorities (taking into account the seriousness of the disbenefits encountered, the ease of application, the availability of interveners and the financial resources available), set specific deadlines, draw-up a contract (drainage basin-type contract) and then take action! It is necessary to follow a concrete action plan to assure water quality in lakes (MEF, 2002).

Organize joint action meetings to protect the health of the lake

Bring together representatives of all players (local managers, professional groups concerned, experts from the regional ministries, association of shoreline property owners, RAPPEL, etc.).

REGULATION

Existing legislation is intended to ensure overall protection of water quality, but unfortunately there are gaps. In addition to adopting by-laws that conform with the regional land use and development plan (the *Schéma d'aménagement*), municipalities can also adopt additional protection measures to deal with special situations and to fill these gaps (MEF, 2002):

Protect vulnerable, fragile and sensitive sites and bodies of water

To ensure that they will be protected into the future and that their roles in the ecology is protected, certain exceptional forest sites, spawning grounds, wetlands and shoreline buffer zones must be protected. Before adopting a subdivision plan and issuing building permits, the presence of all watercourses and wetlands that could be affected should be checked, and their protection assured.

Ensure that the list of watercourses to protect is complete, and add to it, if necessary

For example, in Quebec, all bodies of water identified on a map at a scale of 1 :20,000 in the 1978 toponymic list are protected. However, it is likely that some permanent or ephemeral watercourses and certain major wetlands that drain into the lake are not included. The first step in protecting them would be to include them on this list.

Regulate the use of chemical fertilizers for aesthetic purposes on residential lawns, especially in wooded areas in the 300 metres surrounding the lake

Taking account of the clearly harmful effects of these pesticides on aquatic ecosystems, certain municipalities in Quebec have adopted a by-law to regulate pesticide use. Also, as is the case for public and para-public lawns since 2003, starting April 2006, it is forbidden to apply some of the most harmful pesticides on private lawns.

Adopt a by-law to control sediments at construction sites

In one year alone, from 10 to 100 tonnes of soil per acre may be carried away from construction sites or from stripped ground (ODNR, 1996). There are, however, many techniques to reduce this excessive erosion (see the section dealing with building contractors).

To learn more: The Battle Against Erosion on Construction Sites and Soils Stripped of Vegetation (RAPPEL, 2003)
Model By-law to control erosion (RAPPEL, 2002)

CONTROL

In many cases, the legislation will be adequate to ensure the protection of the lake, but it is not always respected. For example, in spite of clear laws that require that the buffer zone at the edge of the lake be respected, it is often non-existent or very greatly disturbed. Better control and respect for environmental norms is necessary.

Make sure that the by-laws concerning the buffer zone on the edge of lake and tributaries are respected

Given the essential role it plays, the shoreline buffer zone of 10 to 15 metres (depending on the slope) around lakes and bodies of water in Quebec (MEF, 2002) must be respected. It is recommended the municipal inspectors receive ongoing training to allow them to properly enforce the by-laws.

To learn more: Guide des bonnes pratiques pour la protection des rives, du littoral et des plaines inondables (MEF, 2002).

Make sure that septic systems of private residences are in compliance

Keeping track of the type of septic tank and field and its condition, and checking that they are in working order are excellent ways to prevent pollution spills of effluent. Municipalities are responsible for periodically checking that the septic facilities on their territory comply with the law.

To learn more: Regulation respecting waste water disposal systems for isolated dwellings

Require that septic systems be emptied as required

To do this, the municipality must set up a register to assess the need to empty tanks, in which contractors must put a copy of their bill for emptying the tank.

Ensure that companies respect the environmental norms and regulations

Ensure that building contractors, industries, landfill sites, golf courses, marinas, camp grounds and all other contractors and entrepreneurs respect government norms and municipal by-laws.

Make sure a rehabilitation plan is enforced for extraction sites that have ceased activities

These sites can be major sources of sediments and pollutants.

Ensure that lands that are sold are sufficiently large

In Quebec, to allow each lot to have forestry cover of at least 50 %, lots that are sold must have a minimum area of 3,716 m² (40 000 ft.²) as part of the forested areas around lakes, according to the *Act respecting Land Use Planning and Development* (Act 125).

Shorefront Owners and other Citizens in the Drainage Basin

When a person settles on the shore of a lake, he is looking for a special setting, perhaps a place where he can fish or swim. To maintain this high environmental quality, shorefront owners on the lake and its tributaries must pay particular attention to the impact of their own activities. By conserving the lake in its natural state, maintaining the lawn in an ecological way, ensuring that the septic tank is in compliance with the various regulations and by-laws, and by behaving respectfully toward the lake, the shorefront owner can avoid causing harm to the ecosystem, and over the longer term, continue to improve the health of the lake.

THE NATURAL ATTRACTION OF THE LAKE

When a lake remains beautiful, natural and healthy it maintains its value and attractiveness for Quebecers. However, the shores of some lakes in the region have suffered disquieting transformations of their natural characteristics (RAPPEL, 2000). It cannot be denied that the artificialization of shores has a negative impact on aquatic ecosystems: erosion and leaching of soils, warmer water temperatures, silting on the bottom, proliferation of aquatic plants and premature eutrophication. Moreover, artificialized shores have a lower real estate value than those which are natural (Dubé, 1998). Here are a few ways to preserve the natural beauty of the shore which is so important to preserving the lake and all it contributes to the ecology, biology and economics of the lake:

To learn more : Stratégies pour la protection de l'environnement des lacs (McNeil, 2004)

Guide des bonnes pratiques pour la protection des rives, du littoral et des plaines inondables (MEF, 2002)

Nature and Shorelines (RAPPEL, 2001)

Respect the integrity of the shoreline buffer zone

The strip of vegetation surrounding the lake or body of water is of vital importance for aquatic ecosystems because it slows erosion, filters nutrients, cools the water and provides habitat for fauna. This buffer zone must be at least **10 to 15 metres in depth** (as a function of the slope), starting from the high water line (MEF, 2002). The shore zone usually has three strata of natural vegetation (**herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees**). It is important to restore the shoreline zone, when it is damaged, by discontinuing the practice of cutting the grass (thereby allowing nature to take its courses) or by planting various indigenous species.

When it is necessary to stabilize the shore, use the most natural technique possible

A heavily sloping property, greatly eroded, or where the shoreline is very exposed to waves, may require additional stabilization. When this is the case, it is better to choose the technique that is most likely to facilitate the introduction of vegetation, to re-establish the natural condition of the shore. Various bioengineering structures can also be used, including fascine planting, bundles of sticks, and brush mattresses.

Re-vegetation of artificial developments on the shore

Covering of walls, low walls and gabions (made of wood, concrete or stones) with plants and shrubs makes it possible to limit excessive heating of the water caused by these developments or facilities, better stabilize the shore and offer a more natural transition between the terrestrial and aquatic milieus, and the economic advantages mentioned above.

Integrate the lawn into the natural surroundings and make sure there is vegetation covering at least 60 % of shoreline property

A lawn integrated into the natural surroundings, a small lawn arranged behind the shoreline buffer zone, makes an agreeable place where sitting out in the sun does less harm to the body of water than the kind of lawns seen in the city. To buffer the presence of human activity, maintain natural vegetation on at least 50 % of the area of each property smaller than 3,716 m² and on at least 60 % of the area of a property larger than 3,716 m². Encourage biodiversity on your lawn – sow a mixture of graminaceae and clovers.

To give access to the lake, make a *green window*

When the slope is lower than 30 %, make a path 5 metres wide at a maximum angle of 60 degrees to the shore. When the slope is greater than 30 %, put in a stair or a path, keeping the shrub and herbaceous strata (MEF, 2002). This *green window* allows access to the lake without interfering with the integrity of the shoreline buffer zone and without creating erosion.

Construct and adequately renovate docks, wharves , landing stage and boat houses

To ensure the free circulation of water, protect spawning grounds and prevent the build-up of sediments and the proliferation of aquatic plants, structures must be built on pilings or posts. It is preferable to build or renovate them with inert materials such as untreated wood (tamarack, cedar, etc ...), aluminium or plastic.

To learn more: Guide des bonnes pratiques pour la protection des rives, du littoral et des plaines inondables (MEF, 2002)
The Dock Primer (Burns, 2002)

Never fill or dredge in the littoral or build right in the bed of the lake

Make sure that the laws on the books to protect spawning grounds situated in the littoral zone are enforced to avoid destroying the aquatic ecosystem.

LOOKING AFTER LAWNS AND FLOWER BEDS

Maintenance of lawns and flower beds is one of the biggest sources of degradation of a lake (RAPPEL, 2000). A lawn cannot check erosion, nor filter out nutritive elements, nor prevent warming of water. Moreover, much of the fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides used on a lawn is carried into the water. The negative impacts of these products on the environment (e.g. on fish and batrachian species) is incontestable. It is possible, however, to keep a lawn healthy and green without degrading the lake. To do this :

To learn more: Pelouses et couvre-sols (Smeesters, 2000)
Trousse d'action de la Coalition pour une alternative aux pesticides (CAP, 2004)
The Shore Primer (Ford, 2002)

Abolish the use of chemical fertilizers in the forest environment (300 m)

To avoid the abnormal proliferation of aquatic vegetation, the spreading of fertilizers and chemical fertilizers must be banned in the first 300 metres around the lake, because they are liberated quickly and easily washed into the watercourse by the rain.

The use of organic fertilizers must be limited as much as possible

Because they hold nutritive elements, vegetal compost is preferred to chemical fertilizers but it must still be moderately used.

Ban the use of chemical pesticides in the forest environment (300 m)

The integrated approach to pest control, where the basic principle is regular inspection of the environment, makes it easy to spot the presence of vermin early. If all prevention methods have been tried and it is necessary to use pesticides, choose a product that has the least possible impact on the environment and human health. In Quebec, starting April 2006, as is the case for public and parapublic lawns since 2003, certain of the most dangerous pesticides will be banned on private green spaces.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND TREATMENT OF SEWAGE

For many years, water pollution by septic systems has been a serious problem in Quebec. Our thinking and practices have changed over the years, and today sewage must be treated by a septic system that is in compliance by virtue of the *Regulation respecting waste water disposal systems for isolated dwellings*. It is important, however, to remain vigilant and to pay attention to certain aspects:

To learn more: Regulation respecting waste water disposal systems for isolated dwellings
L'installation septique traditionnelle (Le Sauter, 2004)

Make sure the septic tank is the appropriate capacity and efficiency, and check the level regularly and have it emptied as required

Maintain the efficiency of the drainage field, avoid costs related to unblocking it and prevent overflows that could contaminate a body of water.

Do not put anything into the septic tank that cannot decompose

To avoid obstruction of the septic tank, avoid putting any wastes that are not quickly biodegradable (e.g. cigarette butts, sanitary napkins, hair, etc.).

Protect and avoid overloading the septic system

Do not channel rainwater toward the septic system. Avoid having cars and trucks drive on top of the drainage field. Plant herbaceous plants on the drainage field. Avoid using cleaning products containing phosphates and other pollutants.

ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOUR

Be a good citizen and behave as you would wish others to behave toward the lake. The following are ways a good steward of the lake would behave:

Use your boat safely and be respectful to others, especially near the shoreline

Drive slowly near the shore to minimize waves because they can cause erosion.

To learn more: Rapport Boucher (Boucher, 1999)
Safe Boating Guide (POC, 2003)
The Code of ethics for water activities on lake Memphremagog (MCI, 2006)

Avoid the kind of craft that are likely to damage the lake

Certain kinds of boats and craft (e.g. cigar boats and personal watercraft) cause more damage to a lake than others, so this should be taken into account when buying or renting a boat.

Don't feed ducks or other migratory birds

Feeding the ducks brings larger numbers of migratory birds than there would normally be, and they remain longer than they normally would. Their excrement causes deterioration of water quality and adds phosphorous and fecal coliform bacteria.

Get involved in groups working to protect the lake

The participation of more and more people ensures that groups of volunteers will be well run, effective and legitimate.

To learn more: Contact associations of shorefront property owners or groups to protect the lake, RAPPEL or other environmental groups.

Become an environmental watchdog on the ground

Support managers by speaking out against those who harm the environment and act abusively. Disseminate information to other property owners on the lake about ecologically friendly ways to behave to protect the lake.

To learn more: Speak to your local municipal inspector
Contact property owners' associations, RAPPEL, or other environmental groups

Farmers

Agricultural pollution, pollution related to agricultural activities has become a serious problem in Quebec. Certain agricultural practices promote erosion and lead to nutrients finding their way into bodies of water. Studies show that one acre of agricultural soil without vegetative protection on a gentle slope can lose up to 7 tonnes of soil per year; this lost soil ends up in the drainage basin (ODNR, 1996). The following are some concrete ways to reduce agricultural pollution.

THE SHORELINE BUFFER ZONE

Many studies have shown that when cattle have free access to water courses, they contribute to degradation of the shore, to sedimentation of the bottom and contamination of water by pathogenic micro-organisms. On the other hand, preventing cattle from gaining access to watercourses will ensure better health and safety for the cattle which translates into better productivity for the farm.

- Respect, at the very least, the by-laws governing the shoreline or river buffer zone for all watercourses (including redirected streams) and all other runoff ditches.
- Remove cattle from near the watercourse and the buffer zone by developing a controlled drinking site, by fencing the shore or riverside, and developing ecological sensitive water-crossings.

To learn more: Aménagement de sites d'abreuvement contrôlé pour le bétail au pâturage (Laroche, 2002)

CULTURAL PRACTICES

When fertilizers are not absorbed by cultivated plants, they are carried by water and help to accelerate eutrophication of bodies of water. This happens particularly when excessive quantities are spread, when fertilizers are spread too near a watercourse, or during a period of dormancy or when the soil is not permeable (that is when it is frozen or snow-covered). Drainage of agricultural soils may contribute to major losses of arable soil and to heavy loads of suspended solids in the hydrologic system. Finally, soil left bare, such as soil that has been tilled, is particularly susceptible to erosion. Runoff from storage structures, livestock facilities or dairies is loaded with phosphorus, SS, bacteria and other pollutants and can thus contaminate surface and underground waters. To reduce the harmful impacts on the environment, it would be useful to:

- Set up an agro-environmental plan for fertilizing, that takes account of the real needs of plants and the soil's capacity to support them, calculate the optimal quantity of fertilizer to use, and use no more than this amount.
- It is better to use solid rather than liquid manure, because the phosphorus in manure leaches much less and is distributed to plants in a more sustained manner than through liquid wastes and dairy manure.
- Spread fertilizers well away from a watercourse, lake, ditch or wetland. (In Europe, for example, a buffer zone 30 metres wide is recommended around lakes).
- Spread only when the plants and soil are able to absorb the fertilizers (when the plants are not dormant and when the soil is not frozen or snow-covered).
- Dig wide, shallow drainage ditches, make sure they are always planted, maintain them using the lower-third method and allow water to rest and be filtered through a marsh before it is sent to a natural watercourse.
- Work the ground as little as possible, follow the contours of the land, and leave the ground without vegetal cover as short a time as possible (e.g. fall seeding, use of vegetal wastes).
- Favour perennial crops.
- Confine manure, dairy effluent, and runoff waters from exercise areas within a watertight storage structure.

To learn more: Lisier ou fumier (Desautels et Gravel, 2003)
Regulations respecting agricultural operations
Consult an agricultural advisor (MAPAQ)

Forestry Activities

Some forest activities degrade the health of the soil and cause erosion. They leave the surface of the ground more susceptible to the impact of rain which negatively affects aquatic ecosystems. Nevertheless, it is quite possible to carry on forestry operations and protect water quality in nearby watercourses. There are a variety of proven techniques and methods to make it possible to limit the amount of sediments and nutritive elements carried to watercourses.

SOUND HARVESTING PRACTICES

To prevent leaching and soil compaction, and to maintain soil structure and health:

- Avoid cutting on slopes of 30 % or more.
- Carry out thinning, pre-commercial, sanitation or salvage cutting only. Always keep at least 50 % of the forest cover.
- Take as little as possible in the 20-metre buffer zone (maximum of 30 % of standing timber) and do not use heavy equipment.
- Depending on the sector, work on frozen ground and use only light machinery.
- Select machinery of average size.
- Level ruts.

To learn more: *Guide des pratiques forestières sur terrain privé* (MRC de Memphrémagog, 2004)
Guide d'achat de l'équipement sylvicole au Québec (AFCE, 2004)

SITE OF CUTTING

The proximity of the cutting site to the surface hydrographic network is a very important factor in how much impact a forestry cut has. Maintaining a protective buffer zone around the sites under operation make it possible to significantly limit the impacts. To do this:

- Respect a buffer zone of 20 metres around watercourses.
- Be particularly careful in the 300 m of forest surrounding lakes.
- Do not cut in protected environments such as wetlands, wildlife habitats and zones designated as natural landscapes.

To learn more : *Politique de protection des rives, du littoral et des plaines inondables* (c. Q-2, r.17.2)

FOREST ROADS

To limit obstruction of bridges and culverts, floods, landslides, the loss of productive lands as well as the creation of ruts, all of which cause erosion of ditches and forest roads, it is useful to:

- Divert water in ditches at least 20 m before they reach a watercourse.
- Construct stable forest roads, paying close attention to the topography
- Construct stable ditches, help re-vegetate by reseeding with gramineae species and install anti-erosion structures (microsills and berms) when the slope exceeds 7°.
- Clarify drainage water by diverting water from runoff whenever possible toward zones of vegetation.
- Develop water crossings and stable culverts to cross watercourses.

To learn more: *Le fossé écologique... et économique* (video, in French) (RAPPEL, 1999)

Contractors

BUILDING CONTRACTORS

A construction site that has been left bare can lose 10 to 100 tonnes of soil per acre per year to erosion, which is equal to a rate of erosion 10 times greater than that on agricultural soils, 200 times greater than on pasture land and 2000 times greater than the normal rate of erosion in a forest (ODNR, 1996). These losses of material to the drainage system could be avoided by respecting the following basic principles:

Prevent water from becoming erosive

- Remove as little vegetation as possible – a 3-5 metre buffer zone around a construction is sufficient.
- Protect piles of earth that have been excavated by covering them.
- Quickly cover bare soils with mulch, a vegetal carpet, or turf.
- Intercept and disperse water with obstacles (e.g. holding berms or microsilts).
- Catch sediments in sedimentation basins or with barriers made of bales of straw or with geotextile.
- Be sure that a plan to protect the ground has been approved for all construction and follow it.

To learn more: Maudits sédiments! (video, in French) (RAPPEL, 2001)

The Battle Against Erosion on Construction Sites and Soils Stripped of Vegetation (RAPPEL, 2003)

GOLF COURSES

A vast quantity of fertilizers and pesticides used on golf courses ends up in watercourses and affects water quality. Using these products increases the risk of harming human health. Here are some suggestions to reduce the harmful environmental impact of golf course maintenance:

Set up a plan to reduce the use of pesticides

- Calculate the optimal amount of pesticides and fertilizers to use and only spread that amount.
- First try other solutions, then if there is no other choice, choose the least harmful and the least persistent pesticides.
- Advise other interested parties when you will be spreading (be responsible and consider public health).

Make sure that residues do not find their way into the drainage system

- Respect a 20-metre buffer zone around lakes and watercourses, and a 10-metre zone along drainage channels, ephemeral streams and wetlands.
- Purify drainage waters by allowing them to rest in a settling basin, a holding pond or a treatment system that uses phragmites (reeds) or bulrushes.

Works towards environmental certification

To learn more: « *Cooperative sanctuary* », program of the Audubon Society

INDUSTRIES, LANDFILL SITES, EXTRACTION SITES AND RESORT/HOLIDAY SITES

Even today, some industries, landfill, mining and quarrying and resort sites dispose of or allow large quantities of pollutants to enter bodies of water, even while they are subject to tightened regulations. Industries such as agro-food and pisciculture businesses have toxic materials and harmful organic wastes to dispose of. Without effective control measures, landfill sites may allow very harmful materials to escape. Marinas are often places where aquatic vegetation proliferates because boats there still sometimes dispose of their sewage into the watercourse. The hills at ski centres are severely eroded during the spring thaw and suffer massive erosion when new trails are opened. Camp grounds may also be significant sources of phosphorus and sediments if water treatment is not adequate. To limit these impacts:

Reduce the amounts of sediments, nutrients and toxic substances

- Respect a buffer zone wide enough to be effective.
- Respect government regulations and standards.
- Provide adequate waste water holding facilities.
- Provide adequate treatment of waste waters.
- Ensure that no gas or fuel is ever allowed to leak into the water (marinas).
- Devise an effective restoration and rehabilitation plan for extraction sites.
- Require effective erosion control measures when work that lays bare the ground is being done.

To learn more: The Battle Against Erosion on Construction Sites and Soils Stripped of Vegetation (RAPPEL, 2003)



APPENDIX 9:

GLOSSARY





Glossary

A

Accumulation of sediments

Deposit of organic or mineral materials on the bottom of a lake or watercourse. Sedimentary accumulation, a natural process, is very important in the trench of a lake. The erosion of soils from the watershed accentuates the inputs of sediments and thus the sedimentary accumulation in bodies of water.

Algae

Aquatic vegetation, generally microscopic, with chlorophyll, but without real stems, roots, leaves or vessels. Nevertheless, a few algae (macro algae), such as *Chara* and *Nitella*, are macroscopic.

Anoxia

Lack of oxygen that characterises the interface between the sediments and the deeper waters in certain lakes.

Aquatic plants

Aquatic vegetation with chlorophyll, having real stems, roots and leaves.

Artificialization of the shore

Cutting vegetation (trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants) and artificial structures and developments (walls, patios, riprap, etc.) created by different human activities.

Average

A statistical term that represents the average value of certain data, derived by dividing the sum of the values observed by their number.

B

Blue algae *see* **Cyanobacteria**

Boulder

The coarsest type of sediment found in bodies of water, measuring more than 20 cm in diameter. Boulders may be several metres in size.

C

Chemical fertilizer *see* **Fertilizer**

Chlorophyll a

The green pigment in the cells of plants and algae that plays an essential role in photosynthesis.

Cobbles or shingle (in French: Galet)

Stones from 2 to 20 cm in diameter, often smoothed and rounded by the currents.

Coliform, fecal

Intestinal bacteria from the excrement of warm-blooded animals, including humans and birds. The presence of these bacteria in water is an indicator of fecal contamination and the potential presence of pathogenic micro-organisms that could affect animal and human health.

Concentration

The quantity of a given product or element present in a water column.

Cyanobacteria – Blue algae

Cyanobacteria, also called blue algae or blue-green algae, greatly resemble water algae, but they are bacteria. They are pigmented, usually a blue-green colour. A number of cyanobacteria can use nitrogen gas and therefore grow well in phosphorus-rich waters. Furthermore, certain species produce toxins and can make the water toxic.

D

Diversity of species

The relative variety and abundance of species in their milieu. For example, in Quebec, there are 31,650 animal species and 8,800 plant species.

Drainage basin (watershed) (In French, the bassin versant)

The territory drained into one body of water by surface runoff and underground waters. The drainage basin for a body of water thus covers all the land and the entire drainage system (lake, watercourses, wetlands) the waters from which all flow into this body of water. Sometimes referred to as the watershed.

E

Ecosystem

An ecosystem includes the organisms and the natural environments in which they live. In an ecosystem, there are living organisms (animals, plants, bacteria) and non-living elements. Each part of the ecosystem is related to the others. A forest, a lake or a river are examples of ecosystems.

Effluent

Fluid residues, treated or not, of agricultural, industrial or urban origin, disposed of directly or indirectly into the environment.

Excrement

The residues of the digestion process in animals or humans

Environment

All the natural conditions (biological, physical and geographic) and the other conditions that arise from land use planning and development decisions which have an impact on living organisms, such as plants, animals and humans.

Erosion

The mechanism by which soil particles are detached and displaced from their point of origin by the action of water or wind.

Eutrophic

In Greek, it means well-nourished (eu = well and troph = nourishment). A body of water rich in nutrients (nitrogen and especially phosphorus) and vegetal matter is said to be eutrophic. This advanced stage of eutrophication leads, among other consequences, to a modification of animal communities, to the growth of organic matter and a lack of oxygen in deep waters.

Eutrophication

Eutrophication, also referred to as the aging of a body of water, refers to the enrichment in organic materials and nutritive elements that leads to the proliferation of aquatic vegetation. The multiplication and decomposition of these plants leads to more changes in water quality, including oxygen impoverishment in deep waters and biological changes such as the mortality of certain species of fish. Eutrophication is a process which, when it occurs naturally, takes centuries or even thousands of years, but it can be very greatly speeded up by exterior inputs of nutrients from various human activities (agricultural, forestry, shoreline, municipal, and industrial).

F

Fauna

All the animal species that live in a specific region.

Fecal coliform *see* **Coliform, fecal**

Fertilizer, including chemical fertilizer

Products, made up of nutritive elements which are not widely available in nature, which are spread on the soil to increase the production of vegetation. A large number of these products are carried by run-off to bodies of water where they promote the growth of algae and aquatic plants.

Flora

All plants that live in a specific region.

G

Grass bed or plant bed

A stand of aquatic plants in a body of water.

Gravel

Small stones measuring 2 mm and less than 2 cm in diameter that are transported by strong currents.

Ground waters *see* ***Underground waters***

H

Habitat

All the living conditions needed by an organism or group of organisms.

High water line

The line that indicates the boundary between the shore and the littoral of lakes and watercourses.

I

Indigenous

Refers to a species that occurs naturally in a region, without any intervention by man.

Inorganic material

A substance derived from the erosion of bed rock, such as minerals.

Invasive plant

An aquatic plant with the ability to reproduce rapidly, to extend its distribution easily and to displace other species.

L

Lake

A relatively calm fresh water milieu where aquatic plants grow around the periphery.

Leaching

The transportation by water of certain materials from the ground (minerals, pollutants, etc.).

Liquid manure, slurry

A mixture of animal excrement containing a large amount of water, held in open tanks and used as fertilizer.

Littoral – Littoral zone

The relatively narrow strip of land near the bank or shores of a body of water. This is where aquatic plants with roots grow in the bottom and where a number of aquatic animals begin their lives.

Low water

Low water is the lowest level that a body of water reaches during the course of a year. In Quebec, this level is usually reached in summer, following a period of drought.

M

Macrophyte

Aquatic vegetation big enough to be seen. Included are aquatic plants and the algae *Chara* and *Nitella* in contrast to phytoplankton and periphyton.

Manure *see* **Fertilizer, Liquid manure or slurry**

MCI

Memphrémagog Conservation Incorporé

Median

A statistical term that refers to the intermediate value of (a set of) data. It represents the value of a variable that is situated in the middle of a series of values classed by order of increase. Thus, 50 % of the elements in the sample have a value less than the median, and 50 % have a value above the median.

MDDEP

Ministère du Développement durable de l'Environnement et des Parcs du Québec. The Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development, the Environment and Parks (formerly the Ministère de l'Environnement or MENV).

MENV

Ministère de l'Environnement du Québec, now the Ministère du Développement durable de l'Environnement et des Parcs du Québec (MDDEP)

Mesotrophic

In Greek, this means well-nourished (meso = quite or fairly and troph = nourishment). A transitory state, the intermediate stage of a lake between the oligotrophic stage and the eutrophic stage. Mesotrophic lakes are characterized by enrichment in organic materials, an average quantity of plants and some oxygen deficit.

Mouth (in French, aval)

In French, comes from the expression “à val”, which means “towards the valley”. The mouth of a watercourse is the part situated towards the valley. The current, therefore, descends toward the mouth.

Mouth (in French, embouchure)

The opening by which a watercourse enters a sea, a lake or any other watercourse.

N

Nitrites and Nitrates

Chemical forms of nitrogen that can be assimilated by aquatic vegetation and that are essential to their growth. Nitrites and nitrates come from chemical fertilizers and from human and animal excrement.

Nitrogen

A nutritive element that is essential to the development of aquatic plants.

Nutrient – Nutritive element or substance

A substance that can be directly assimilated that is necessary, in small or large amounts, for the existence and development of plants and animals. Phosphorus and nitrogen are nutrients that are relatively unavailable in natural waters in comparison with the needs of plants. Thus when these nutritive elements are very abundant in the aquatic environment, there is excessive growth of plants which causes accelerated eutrophication of the environment

Nutriment *see Nutrient*

Nutritive pollution *see Pollution caused by nutritive materials.*

NWSC

NorthWoods Stewardship Center

O

Oligotrophic

In Greek, this means little nourished (oligo = little and troph = nourishment)

A body of water which is poor in terms of nutrients (nitrogen and especially phosphorus) where there is little production of aquatic vegetation. The waters of an oligotrophic lake are clear and well oxygenated.

Organic material

A substance made up of molecules from living things.

Outlet, Outflow, Discharge (In French, exutoire – émissaire –décharge)

The opening or passage by which the water flows out of a lake or body of water.

P

Periphyton

Microscopic algae attached to a solid substrate (rocks, sediments, aquatic plants, docks or wharves, boats, etc.) in the littoral zone of a body of water.

Pesticides

Chemical substances used to fight against organisms considered harmful to humans. These substances can be carried by run-off to aquatic environments where they cause harm to the organisms that live there.

Phosphates

Chemical forms of phosphorus that can be assimilated by aquatic vegetation and are essential to their growth. Phosphates come from chemical fertilizers, certain detergents and from human and animal wastes.

Phosphorus

Phosphorus is one of the essential nutritive elements for vegetation. In Quebec, we can usually control the growth of algae and aquatic plants by limiting the quantities of phosphorus disposed of in watercourses.

Photosynthesis

The phenomenon by which plants with chlorophyll transform carbon dioxide into more complex organic compounds, thanks to solar energy.

Phytoplankton

Microscopic algae that float freely in the water of a body of water.

Pollution, diffuse (non-point source)

Pollution caused by a widespread spill or disposal in the environment, including atmospheric fallout, the spreading of pesticides and fertilizers that get into the water by run-off or infiltration.

Pollution, specific (point source)

Pollution caused by a clearly identified source, such as household or industrial disposal or a spill of sewage or the effluent from an agricultural or fish culture operation.

Pollution caused by poisonous or toxic substances - Pollution par les substances toxiques

Pollution associated with the presence of substances that could cause death, genetic mutations or any other kind of abnormality among organisms or their progeny. Disposal of or spills in the environment of heavy metals, PCBs, pesticides, PAH and petroleum residues that pollute aquatic environments.

Pollution caused by nutritive materials

Pollution from the over-abundance in aquatic ecosystems of nutritive elements such as phosphorus and nitrogen. Waste waters and agricultural and household fertilizers are the main sources. This form of pollution causes premature eutrophication of aquatic milieus.

Pollution caused by micro-organisms

Pollution associated with the presence in water of bacteria and viruses from fecal material. This kind of pollution presents a risk for human and animal health.

Prevailing winds

Winds from a specific direction that most frequently occur at a given place.

Proliferation of algae and aquatic plants

The abnormal growth of aquatic vegetation caused by added nutrients of human origin, such as chemical, domestic or agricultural fertilizers, waste water, leaks from septic tanks and agricultural and forestry wastes.

R

RAPPEL

Regroupement des associations pour la protection de l'environnement des lacs et des cours d'eau de l'Estrie et du haut bassin de la rivière Saint-François (an umbrella group for lake and watercourse protection associations in the St. Francis River drainage basin).

Re-naturalization, replanting

The technique of planting herbaceous plants and shrubs on the shore or bank to correct problems of erosion or to recreate a more natural environment.

Rising water (in spate) (in French, crue)

The rising of the level of the river above its usual level. The spring rise occurs when the snow and ice melt in the spring. The river can also rise in summer during heavy rains; it is then called a flash flood.

Run-off

A portion of the precipitation that, because it is not captured by either the vegetation or absorbed by the soil, runs instantly and temporarily on the surface on a slope before spilling into a body of water.

S

Sand

A type of sediment made up of particles that measure between 0.05 mm and 2 mm and that roll between the fingers when handled.

Sectors that are a cause for concern

In this project, the lake zone presenting symptoms of premature eutrophication where restoration and rehabilitation measures should be taken as a top priority.

Shingle *see Cobble or shingle***Shore or bank** (in French, rive)

A strip of land that borders a watercourse and extends toward the interior of the property starting from the spring high water mark.

Shoreline or riparian (along the bank) (in French, riverain)

Anything that is on the edge of a body of water or watercourse.

Shoreline buffer zone

The zone of vegetation that borders on lakes and watercourses and extends towards the interior of the land starting from the high water line. The shoreline buffer zone must be preserved (a minimum of 10 to 15 metres depending on the slope), because it ensures the health of lakes and watercourses. It helps to slow erosion, filter nutrients, keep the shallow waters cool and provide habitat for fauna.

Silt

A type of sediment, having the appearance of mud, composed of very small particles (having a diameter of less than 0.05 mm) including clays, alluvium, and decomposing organic particles.

Silting

The covering of the bottom or bed with silt. A river or a lake silts up when water loaded with fine particles deposits its load on the bottom where the currents slows.

Slurry *see* **Liquid manure or slurry**

Spawning grounds

The place where fish reproduce and deposit their eggs.

Species

The grouping of living beings that resemble each other and reproduce among each other.

Species diversity *see* **Diversity of species**

Surface water

Stagnant and running waters found on the surface of the ground, forming oceans, seas, lakes, rivers, brooks, streams and creeks, ponds, marshes, etc. They are distinguished from underground waters and water in the atmosphere.

Suspended solids (SS) – (in French, matières en suspension or MES)

Small inert or living solid particles, that may be able to maintain themselves for a time in the water column. Included are soil particles, decomposing organic materials, and microscopic organisms.

T

Total phosphorus

A measure of all forms of phosphorus in water.

Transect

An imaginary line along which observations are made as part of an inventory.

Trench or fosse

The zone where the water is deepest in the body of water.

Tributary (in French, affluent)

One watercourse that enters another. For example, the Ottawa, Chaudière, Saguenay and St. Charles Rivers are some of the many tributaries of the St. Lawrence River, because their waters empty into the St. Lawrence.

U

Underground waters

Waters contained underground. They occupy empty spaces in the ground, and run toward lakes and rivers.

Upstream

In French, comes from the expression “à mont”, meaning toward the mountain. The upstream of a river is the part of a watercourse situated near the source. The current flows from farther “upstream”, that is from the source.

Urbanization

Development of cities and towns. Transformation of rural areas into urbanized spaces

V

Vegetal or plant debris

A type of sediment made up of dead leaves, branches, pieces of bark and all other debris of plant origin.

W

Watercourse

Any mass of water that flows in a bed, having a regular or ephemeral flow. Included are streams, and rivers.

Watershed *see* **Drainage basin**

Wetlands (in French milieu humide)

A flooded or saturated milieu that remains this way for long enough to characterize the kinds of flora and fauna found there. Ponds, marshes, swamps, bogs and peat bogs are wetlands.

Z

Zone of erosion

A zone of erosion is where soil, when waterlogged, is dislodged and crumbles. The sediments are then transported in water to the aquatic milieu.