

**Baseline Water Quality Survey of the Annapolis, Cornwallis and Habitant River
Watersheds**

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SUMMARY

For a number of reasons there is currently a growing interest among mink farmers to expand their operations into the Annapolis Valley region of Nova Scotia. Owing to the impacts this activity has had on water quality in other regions of Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Environment commissioned a water quality survey of streams within the major watersheds of the Annapolis Valley to define current conditions and to provide a basis for subsequent assessment if needed in future. The primary objective of the survey was to establish a database on baseline water quality conditions within the major watersheds of the Annapolis Valley using a suite of water quality parameters most likely to be influenced by mink farming operations.

The watersheds selected for the survey included those associated with the Annapolis, Cornwallis and Habitant Rivers. The parameters selected included conductivity, alkalinity, pH, water colour, total phosphorus, ortho-phosphorus, total nitrogen, nitrite+nitrate, ammonia, dissolved oxygen, percent dissolved oxygen saturation, water temperature and fecal coliform numbers. Estimates of daily nutrient loadings for nitrogen and phosphorus were also made.

The data collected was evaluated using guidelines established by the Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life and Protection of Agriculture Water Use, Health Canada guidelines for recreational water use and Environment Canada nutrient guidelines for the prevention of nutrient over-enrichment.

The results of the survey indicate that all three watersheds currently exhibit characteristics that indicate water quality within these watersheds to be impacted to some degree. In particular, nutrient levels and fecal coliform bacteria numbers are high. The most likely cause of the current degradation in water quality is the high level of agricultural activity present within all three of the watersheds surveyed.

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Baseline Water Quality Survey of the Annapolis, Cornwallis and Habitant River Watersheds

1. Background

Mink farming operations within the Carleton River watershed in southwestern Nova Scotia have been implicated as the major cause of serious degradation of water quality in a number of lakes as a result of nutrient over-enrichment by mink farm runoff (Brylinsky 2011). This has led to the development and implementation of mink farming regulations by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture (NSDA) designed to reduce the impacts of mink farming activities on water quality.

For a number of reasons, partly related to problems associated with the presence of Aleutian disease in the southwestern Nova Scotia area, as well as concern as to whether some of the older existing mink farms will be able to meet the new NSDA regulations, there is interest among mink farmers in establishing new operations within the Annapolis Valley. As a result, to facilitate any further assessment as may be needed in future to ensure water quality protection and effectiveness of current regulations, Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) commissioned a survey of current baseline water quality conditions within areas of the Annapolis Valley where new mink farming operations would most likely be established

2. Approach

Although there are five secondary watersheds located within the Annapolis Valley, limitations on the resources available constrained the surveys primarily to the non-tidal portions of the Annapolis, Cornwallis, and Habitant River watersheds. Surveys were not carried out within the watersheds of the Pereaux and Canard Rivers, both of which are relatively small. In order to maximize the watershed area covered by the surveys, water quality samples were collected, when possible, at the mouths of tributaries (i.e., tertiary watersheds) entering the main river of each watershed. In some cases this was not possible because of the difficulty of accessing the tributary at its mouth. In those instances water samples were collected as close to the mouth of the tributary as possible.

In addition to the samples collected at the mouth of the tertiary watershed tributaries, water quality samples were also collected within the main river of the Annapolis and Cornwallis watersheds at a number of river sites easily accessed by overhead roadways.¹

Surveys of water quality within areas of existing mink farms were also carried out using the same procedures and survey parameters as those used for the tributary sites. The water

¹ This was not done for the Habitant watershed due to the difficulty of accessing most of the main river as a result of the limited number of roadways crossing the river.

samples were collected at one or more locations from nearby watercourses considered most likely to receive any run-off from existing mink farm activities.

Evaluations of water quality were based, when possible, on the Canadian Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life and Protection of Agriculture Water Use developed by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME 2013), Health Canada guidelines for recreational water use (Health Canada 2010) and Environment Canada guidelines to prevent eutrophication of streams located within agricultural areas of Canada (Chambers *et. al.* 2012).

3. Methodologies

The water quality parameters measured at each tributary included conductivity, alkalinity, pH, water colour, total phosphorus, ortho-phosphorus, total nitrogen, nitrite+nitrate, ammonia, dissolved oxygen, percent dissolved oxygen saturation, water temperature and fecal coliform (*E. coli*). Numbers. Estimates of daily nutrient loadings for nitrogen and phosphorus at each tributary were also made based on measurements of current velocities, tributary cross section areas and nutrient concentrations at the time of sample collections. Water samples collected at the mouths of tributaries were taken far enough above where they entered the river to ensure they did not also contain main river water. Measurements of water temperature and dissolved oxygen concentration were made using a YSI Model 55 Dissolved Oxygen Meter. Mean current velocities were determined using a Global Flow Model FP101 probe. Cross sectional areas of tributaries were determined based on estimates of average water depth and width.

All samples collected for chemical analyses were sent to the Environmental Services Laboratory of the QE II Health Science Centre within 24 hrs of collection. Samples collected for fecal coliform (*E. coli*) numbers were delivered to the Annapolis Valley Regional Hospital Laboratory on the same day as collected.

Of the 12 water quality parameters surveyed, four (pH, dissolved oxygen, nitrate, and ammonia) have guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life established by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME). These are as follows:

pH - 6.5 to 9.0

Dissolved oxygen – The lowest acceptable concentration depends of the life stage and species:

- Warm water biota – early life stages - 6.0 mg/L
- Warm water biota – other life stages - 5.5 mg/L
- Cold water biota – early life stages - 9.5 mg/L
- Cold water biota – other life stages - 6.5mg/L

Nitrate - 3.0 mg NO₃-N/L for long term exposure and 124 mg NO₃-N/L for short term exposure

Ammonia – The value of this guideline depends on water temperature and pH, an increase in either resulting in lower guideline values. Since there was a wide variation in both parameters for the surveyed sites, it is not possible to stipulate a single guideline value for this parameter.

The CCME table providing the upper guideline limit for ammonia, as mg/L NH₃, for different temperature and pH values, is as follows²:

| Temp. (°C) | pH | | | | | | | |
|---------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 6.0 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 8.0 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 10.0 |
| 0 | 231 | 73.0 | 23.1 | 7.32 | 2.33 | 0.749 | 0.25 | 0.042 |
| 5 | 153 | 48.3 | 15.3 | 4.84 | 1.54 | 0.502 | 0.172 | 0.034 |
| 10 | 102 | 32.4 | 10.3 | 3.26 | 1.04 | 0.343 | 0.121 | 0.029 |
| 15 | 69.7 | 22.0 | 6.98 | 2.22 | 0.715 | 0.239 | 0.089 | 0.026 |
| 20 | 48.0 | 15.2 | 4.82 | 1.54 | 0.499 | 0.171 | 0.067 | 0.024 |
| 25 | 33.5 | 10.6 | 3.37 | 1.08 | 0.354 | 0.125 | 0.053 | 0.022 |
| 30 | 23.7 | 7.50 | 2.39 | 0.767 | 0.256 | 0.094 | 0.043 | 0.021 |

There are also CCME guidelines of 100 mg/L nitrite+nitrate-N for livestock drinking water and 100/100 ml for fecal coliform numbers for the use of agricultural water for irrigation. In addition, Health Canada has established a fecal coliform guideline, based on a single sample, of 400/100 ml for recreational use involving body contact³.

The guidelines for total nitrogen and total phosphorus developed by Environment Canada to prevent eutrophication of streams located within agricultural areas of Canada vary within different ecoregions of Canada and, although none have been developed for Nova Scotia due to the lack of baseline information, there are guidelines for Prince Edward Island which has a similar topology (low profile, slow moving rivers) and geology (mainly sandy soils) to Annapolis Valley rivers. The value of these guidelines for total nitrogen and total phosphorus are 1.21 and 0.032 mg/L, respectively.

4. Results

The surveys were carried out between 4 September and 13 October 2013. A table listing the complete database of results for each sample location within each watershed is contained in Appendix I. Appendix II contains a series of maps showing the location of each water quality sample site and Appendix III lists the tertiary watersheds sampled in each watershed. In the following section the results of the surveys are summarized graphically as a series of bar graphs which show the value of each water quality parameter within each tributary. For each bar graph, the order of the data from left to right represents the location of the tributary from headwaters to downstream, respectively. In addition, the location of the tributary with respect to its discharge into the north or south side of the river is denoted by the colour of the bar, blue representing tributaries located on the north side of the river and green representing tributaries located on the south side of the river. The bar graphs also contain information as to whether or not a particular value exceeds the CCME, Health Canada or Environment Canada guidelines

² Note: The CCME guidelines for ammonia are in mg/L NH₃, whereas the values reported by the QEII laboratory and used in the database and bar graphs are mg/L Ammonia-N. To convert the CCME values to mg/L Ammonia -N, multiply by 0.82.

³ For multiple samples there is an alternative guideline of 200 /100ml for the geometric mean concentration (based on a minimum of five samples).

described in Section 3 above. The limit(s) of each guideline are shown as dashed lines on the relevant bar graphs.

4.1 Annapolis River Watershed

The Annapolis River watershed is the largest of the three watersheds surveyed. Its main river originates within Caribou Bog west of Berwick and flows westward where it discharges into the Annapolis Basin. Its total area is 158,233.5 hectares and contains 90 tertiary watersheds ranging in size from 6.9 to 29,458.5 hectares. Of the 90 tertiary watersheds, water quality samples were collected from 33 tributaries which collectively represent an area of 136,279.2 hectares (86.2%) of the total watershed area. The remaining watershed areas are either located within the tidal portion of the river or within small watersheds which contain about 10.7 and 3.2 % of the total watershed area, respectively.

4.1.1 Tributaries

4.1.1.1 Conductivity, Alkalinity and pH

The levels of conductivity and alkalinity varied greatly among the tributaries sampled (Fig 4.1). These parameters do not appear to vary with respect to distance from the headwaters of the river. Tributaries flowing from the north side of the river, however, tended to have lower values than tributaries flowing from the south side of the river, this difference being most likely related to differences in geology within the watersheds on either side of the river.

The levels of pH varied from a low of 5.2 to a high of 8.2. Of the 33 tributaries sampled, only one (3M – Daniels Brook – pH of 5.2) had a pH value that was significantly outside of the range of the CCME guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life.

4.1.1.2 Nutrients

All forms of nitrogen (Fig 4.2) showed similar trends in spatial variation among the tributaries. The highest values generally occurred within tributaries located in the upper area of the river's watershed. This was especially true of nitrite+nitrate levels which were often below the limit of detection within the lower half of the river. There was also a general trend for tributaries on the south side of the river to have higher values than those on the north, most likely a result of the greater degree of agricultural land use on the south side of the river. Nitrate levels, however, never exceeded the CCME long-term guideline of 3.0 mg NO₃-N/L for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life. The ratio of inorganic nitrogen to total nitrogen was often high, in some case more than 0.5 which suggests that most of the nitrogen present originates from commercial inorganic agricultural fertilizers, sewage treatment plants or faulty septic systems.

One particularly high value of 0.26 mg/L ammonia-N was found in tributary 3WWW (Oak Hollow Brook). Water temperature and pH at the time of collection were 16.6 and 8.0 respectively. The CCME guideline for ammonia at these values is about 0.7 mg/L ammonia, which is well above the level measured, and it is unlikely that any of the ammonia levels observed at any of the other tributaries are above the CCME guidelines.

The Environment Canada guideline of 1.21 mg/L for total nitrogen was exceeded at six (18%) sites.

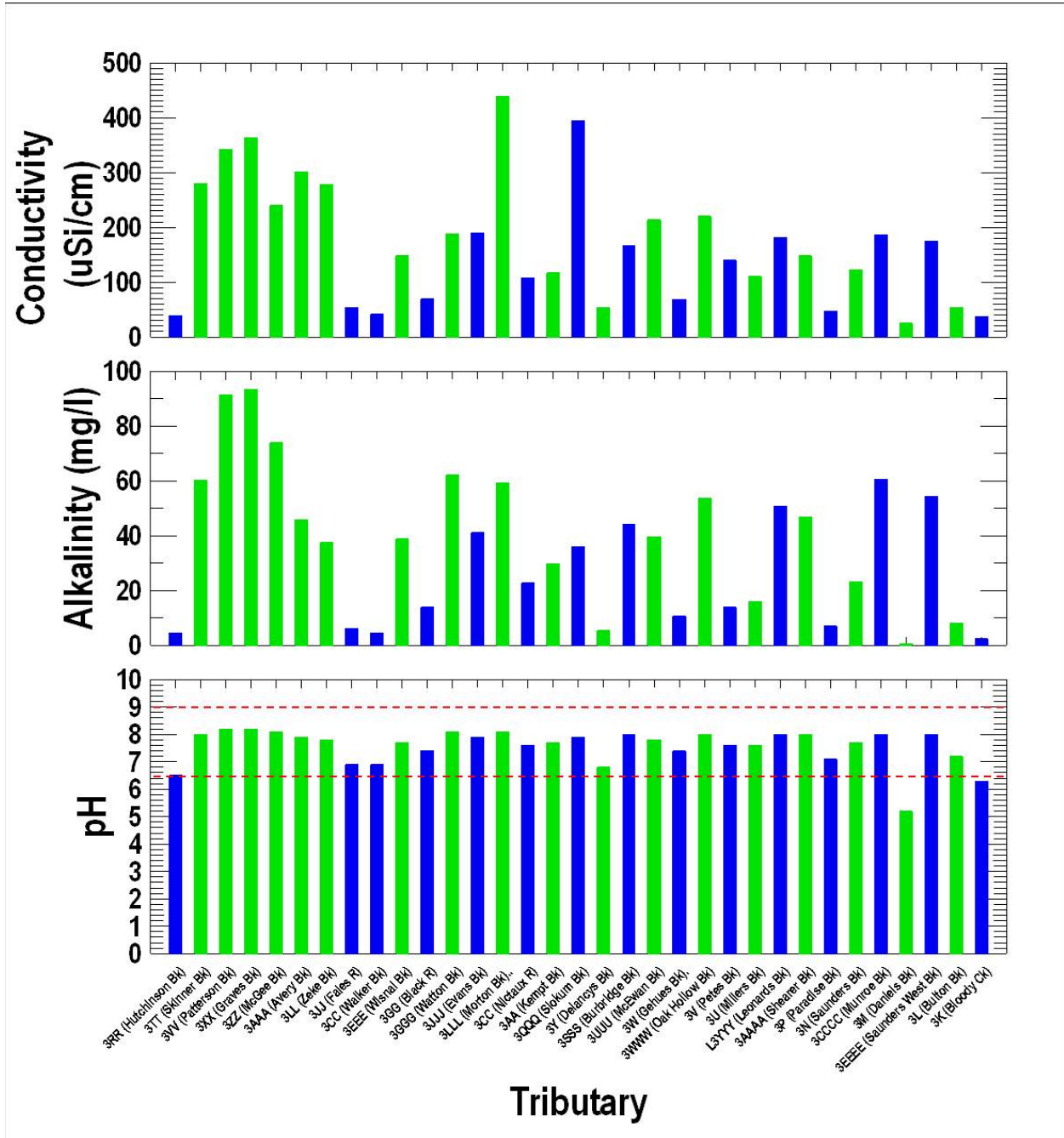


Fig. 4.1. Levels of conductivity, alkalinity and pH in Annapolis watershed tributaries (red dashed lines indicate upper and lower CCME limits of pH for protection of freshwater aquatic life).

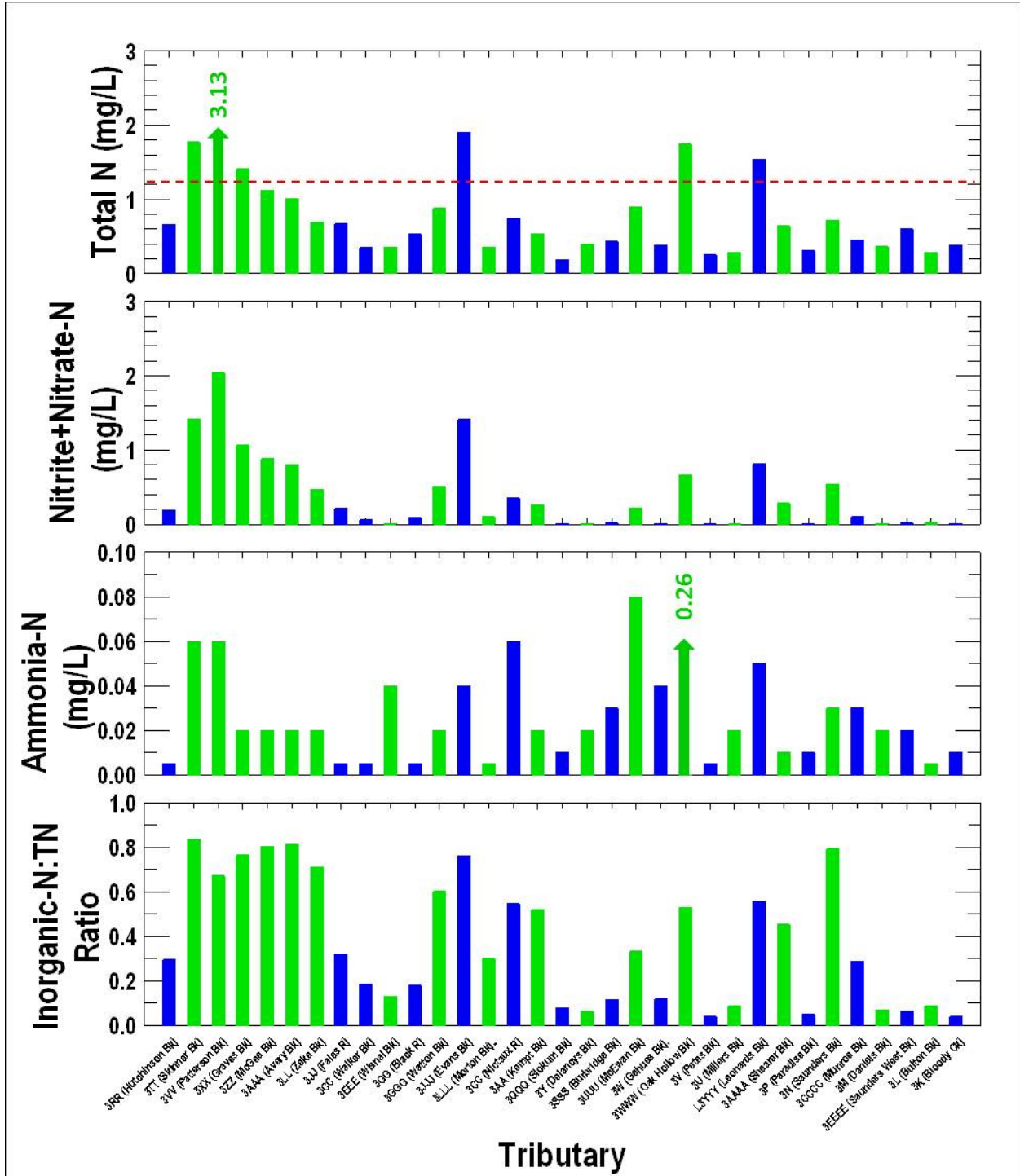


Fig. 4.2. Levels of total nitrogen, nitrite+nitrate and ammonia in Annapolis River watershed tributaries (red dashed line indicates Environment Canada guideline for total nitrogen).

Total phosphorus and phosphate values were very high (Fig 4.3). Twelve sites (36%) exceeded the Environment Canada guideline for total phosphorus. Much of the total phosphorus present was in the inorganic phosphate form, the ratio of phosphate to total phosphorus in many of the tributaries often being greater than 0.5. This is also most likely a result of run-off of inorganic

phosphate contained in inorganic fertilizers used in agriculture or point source inputs from sewage treatment plants or faulty septic systems.

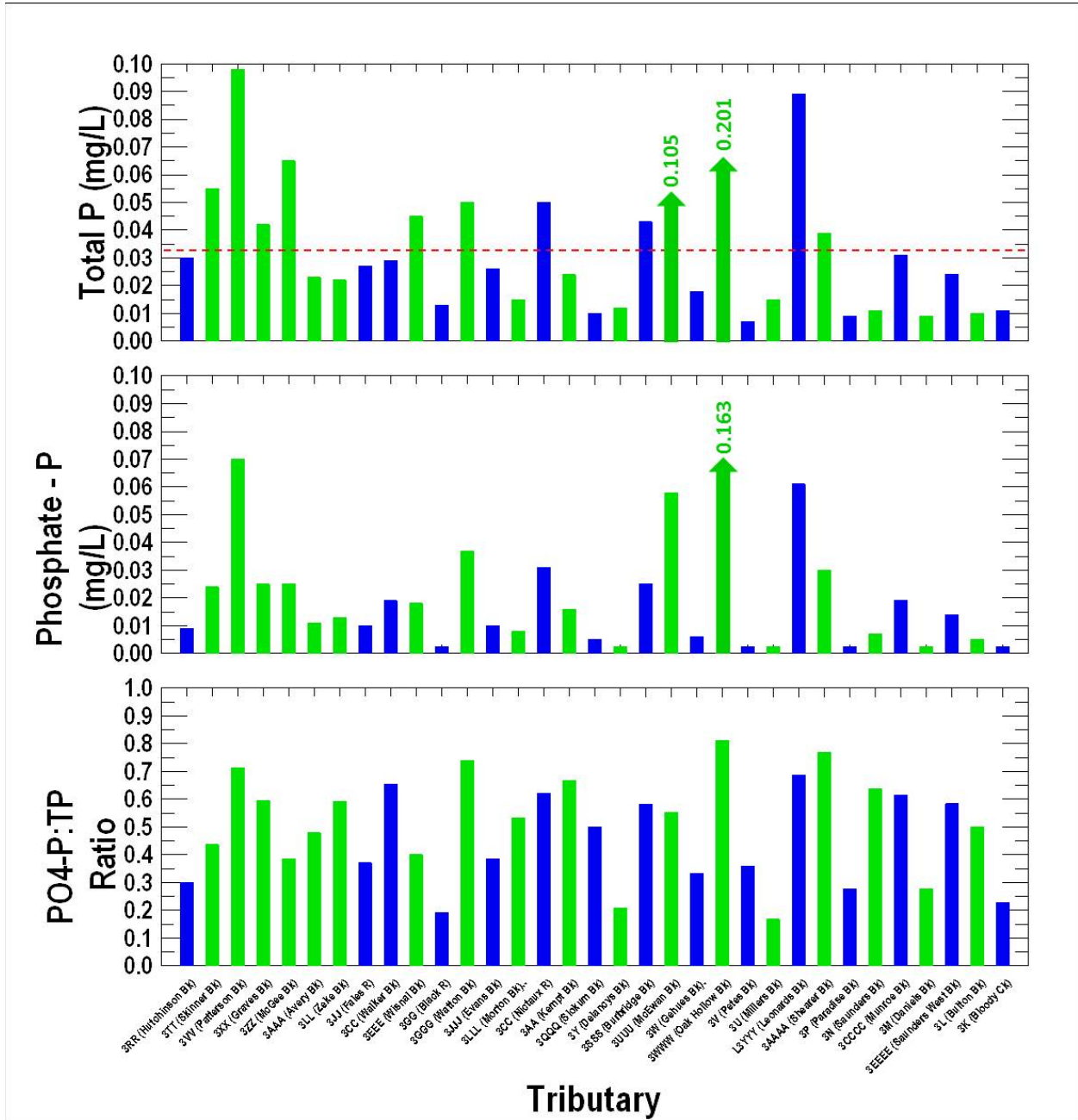


Fig. 4.3. Levels of total phosphorus and phosphate in Annapolis River watershed tributaries (red dashed line indicates Environment Canada guideline for total phosphorus).

4.1.1.3 Nutrient Loadings

Nutrient loadings for total nitrogen and total phosphorus varied greatly (Fig 4.4) and were largely dependent of the volume of water flowing into the river, the highest values being exhibited mostly by the larger tributaries.

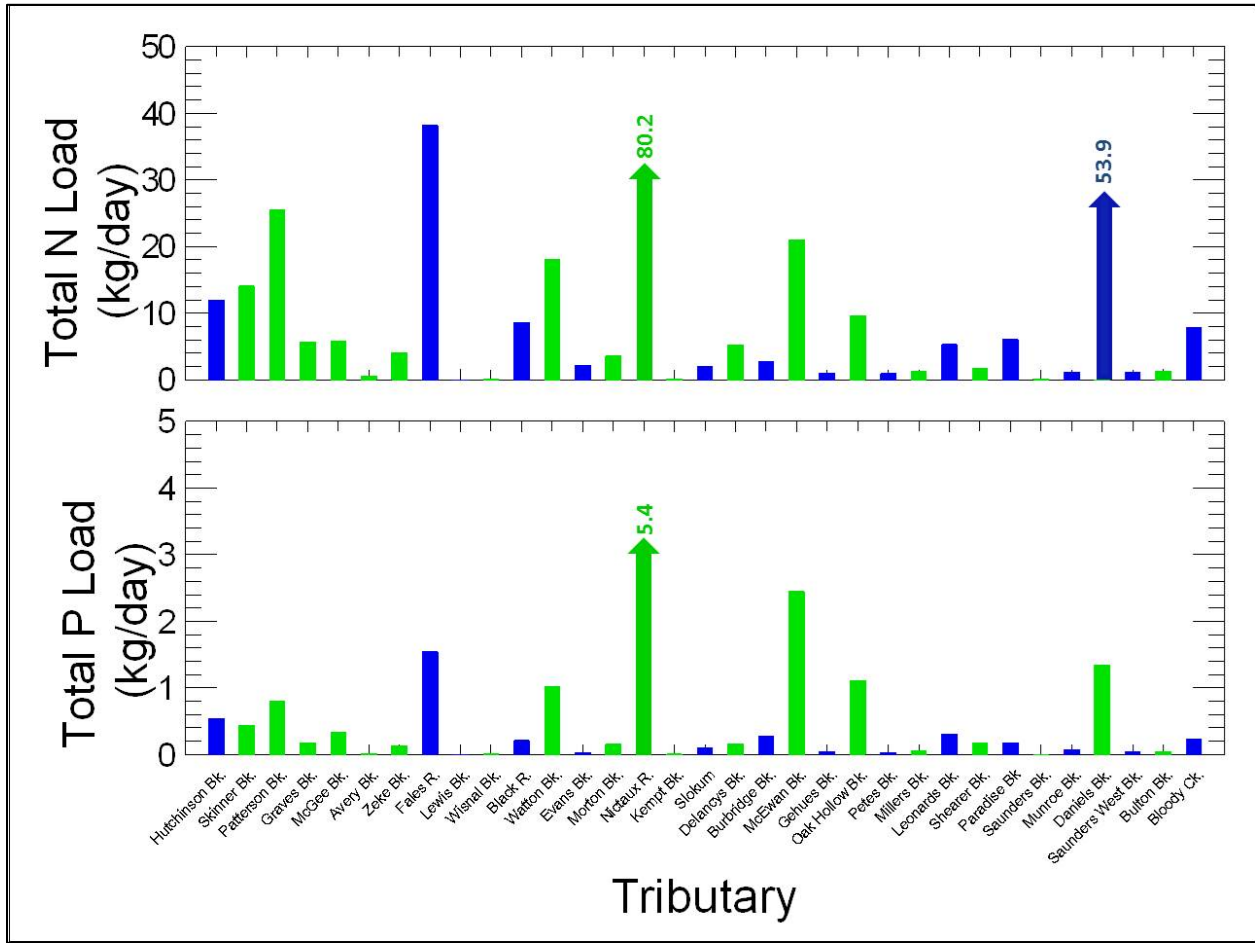


Fig 4.4 Daily total nitrogen and phosphorus loadings in Annapolis River watershed tributaries.

4.1.1.4 Water Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen

Water temperatures ranged from a low of 10.7 to a high of 21.0 °C. The lower temperatures occurred mainly within tributaries located in the upper reaches of the river and the higher temperatures mainly within the mid-river area (Fig. 4.5).

Dissolved oxygen concentrations (Fig. 4.5) showed a trend opposite to that of water temperature, with higher values in the tributaries located within the upper reaches of the river and lower values in tributaries located within the mid-river area. This is to be expected as a result of the capacity of water to hold more dissolved oxygen at lower temperatures.

With one exception, all values of dissolved oxygen fell within the CCME guidelines for warm water biota (5.5 to 6.0 mg/L). The one exception was Wisnal Brook (3EEE) which had a value of 5.2 mg/L. The CCME guidelines for cold water biota are 9.5 mg/L for early life stages and 6.5 mg/L for other life stages. Most tributaries were near to the lower limit for the latter, but many others were well below the lower limit for early life stages. This, however, is likely to be

a problem only during warmer periods of the year when early life stages are not likely to be present.

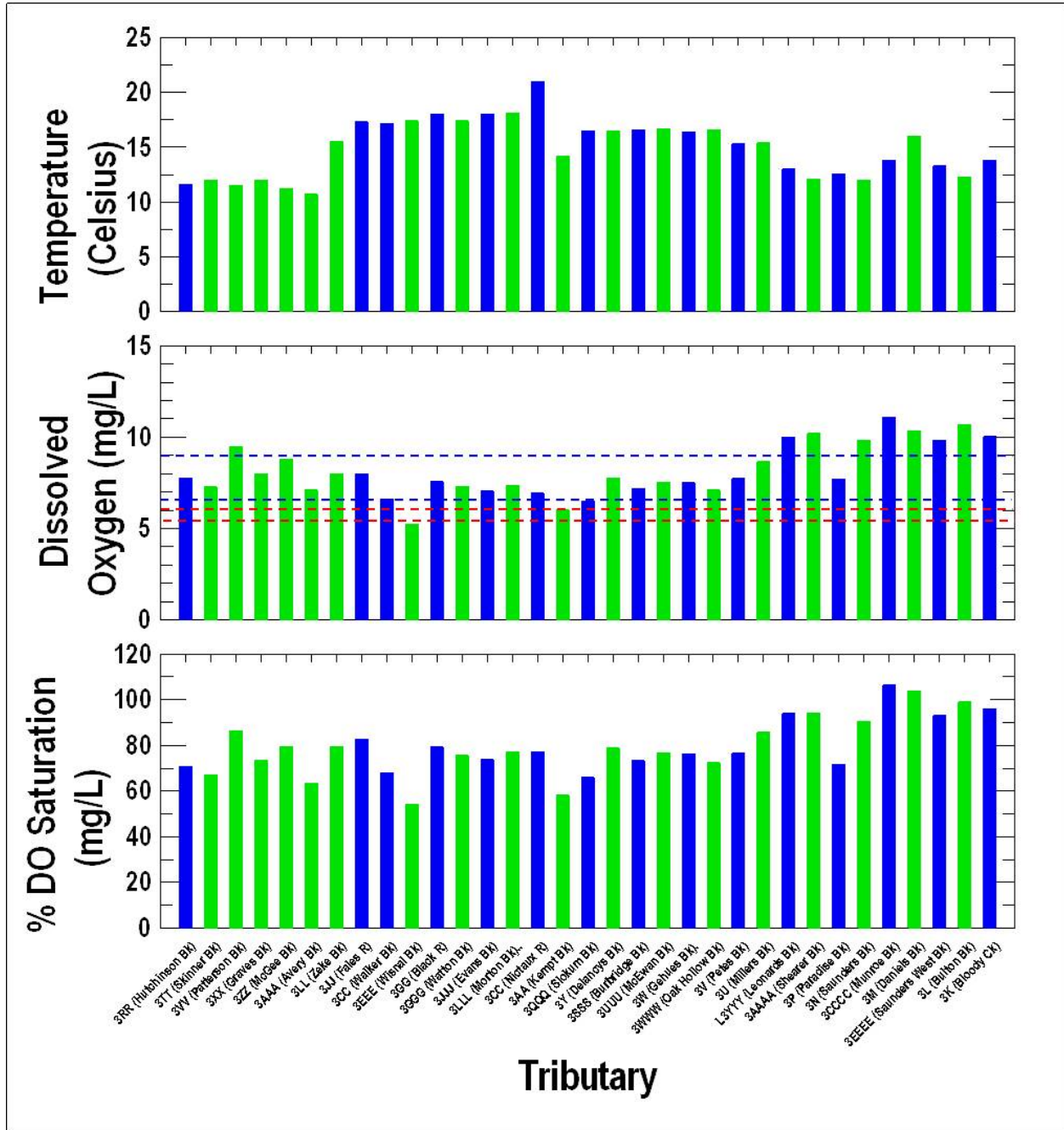


Fig 4.5 Water temperature, dissolved oxygen and percent dissolved oxygen saturation in Annapolis River watershed tributaries (upper red line indicates CCME guideline boundary for early life stages of warm water species; lower red line indicates CCME guideline boundary for other life stages of warm water species; upper blue line indicates CCME guideline boundary for early life stages of cold water species; lower blue line indicates CCME guideline boundary for other life stages of cold water species).

4.1.1.5 Fecal Coliform Numbers

Fecal coliform numbers ranged from a low of 20 to >2419/100 ml (Fig 4.6). Of the 33 tributaries sampled, 30 (91%) had levels above 100/100 ml, the CCME guideline for protection of agricultural water use. Health Canada’s guideline for recreation activities involving body contact for a single sample is ≤ 400 /100 ml. Of the 33 tributaries sampled, 14 (44%) had levels above this value.

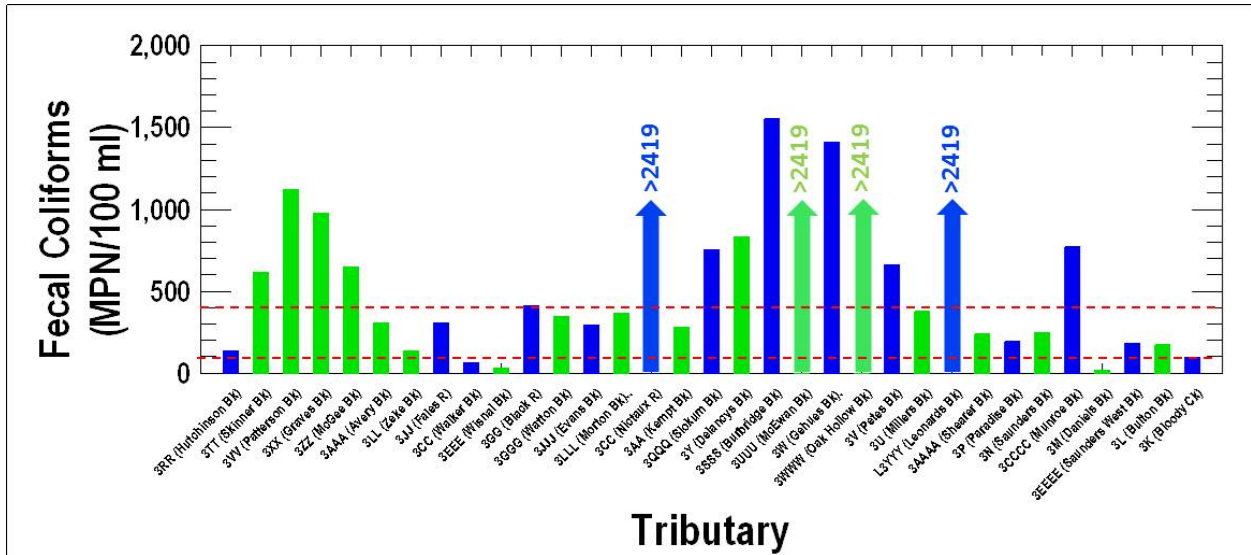


Fig 4.6 Fecal coliform numbers for Annapolis River watershed tributaries (lower red line indicates the upper boundary of the CCME guideline for protection of agriculture water use and upper red line indicates the Health Canada guideline for contact recreation).

4.1.1.6 Water Colour

Water colour (Fig. 4.7) varied from a low of 20.2 to a high of 229.1 TCUs. There are no obvious trends in water colour with respect to either distance from headwaters or origin on north or south side of the river.

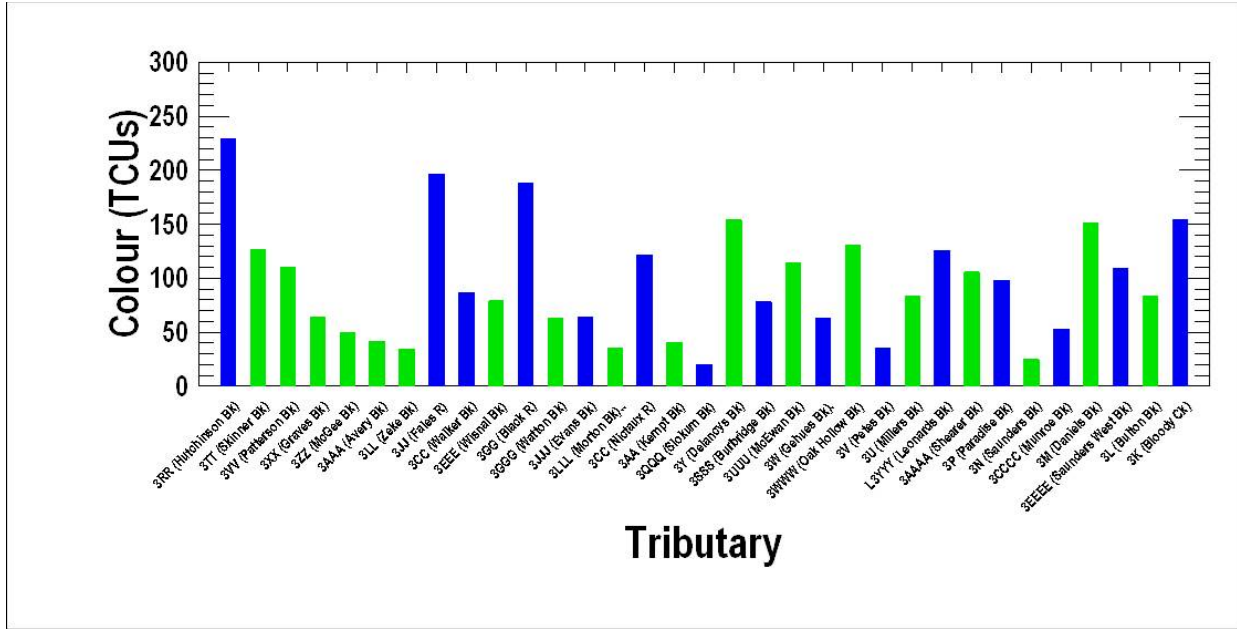


Fig 4.7 Water colour in Annapolis River watershed tributaries.

4.1.2 Main River

A total of eight sites were sampled from within the main river on 9 October 2013, the locations of which are shown in Appendix IIC.

4.1.2.1 Conductivity, Alkalinity and pH

Conductivity, alkalinity and pH (Fig. 4.8) varied relatively little compared to the degree of variation observed within the river tributaries. In particular there was little variation in pH which was relatively constant at about 7.5 and well within the CCME boundaries for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life, and indicative of a well buffered system with little evidence of being impacted by acid precipitation.

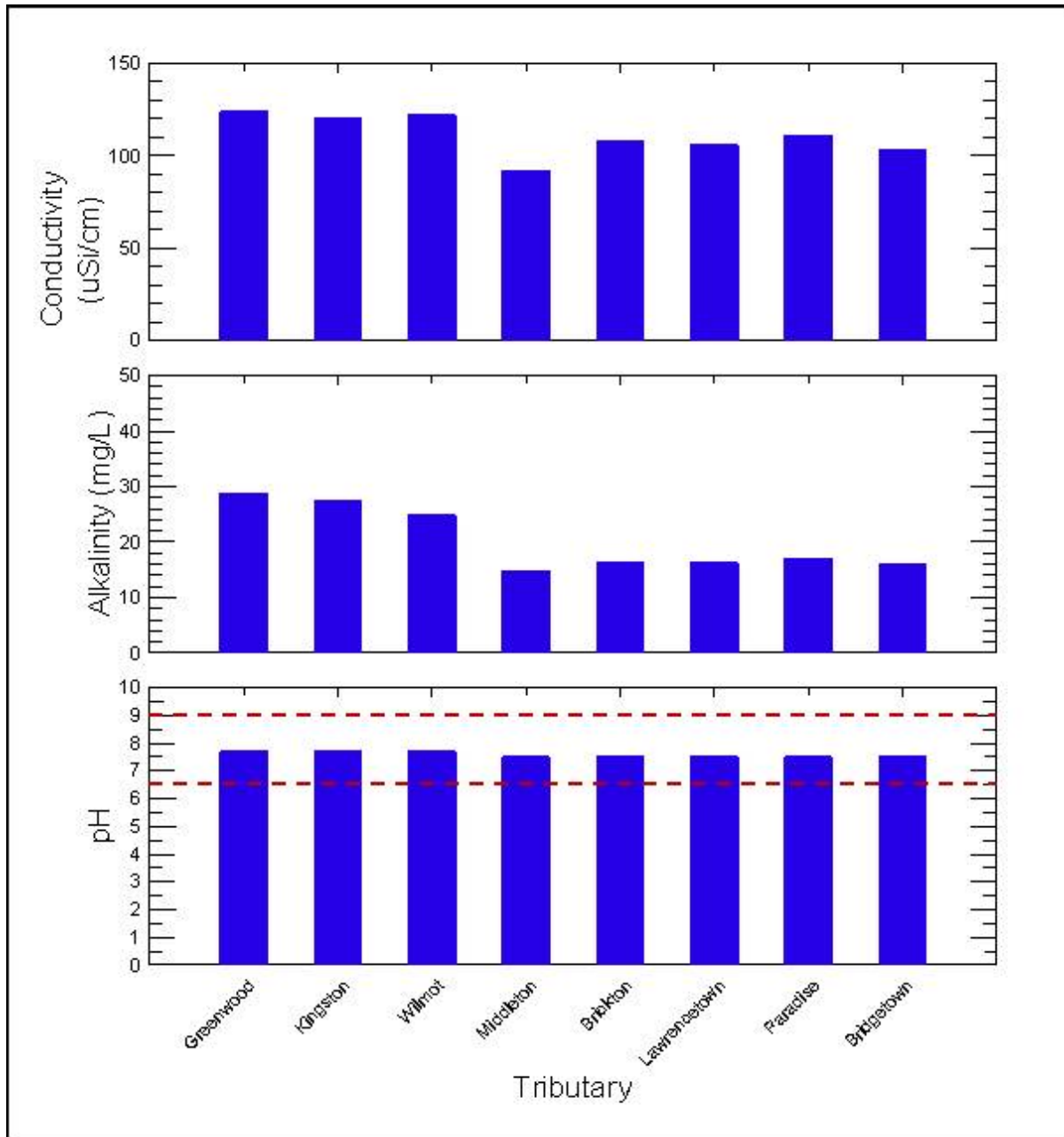


Fig. 4.8. Levels of conductivity, alkalinity and pH at main sites of the Annapolis River (red dashed lines indicate upper and lower CCME limits of pH for protection of aquatic life).

4.1.2.2 Nutrients

Total nitrogen, nitrite+ nitrate and ammonia levels (Fig. 4.9) all exhibited a trend of decreasing levels downstream from the headwater region. Ammonia did not exhibit any consistent trend. The Environment Canada guideline for total nitrogen (1.21 mg/L) was not exceeded at any of the sites, nor were the CCME guidelines for ammonia (1.3 mg Ammonia-N for the pH and temperature at time of collection) and nitrate-N (3.0 mg/L) ever exceeded. Inorganic nitrogen often comprised more than 50% of the total nitrogen.

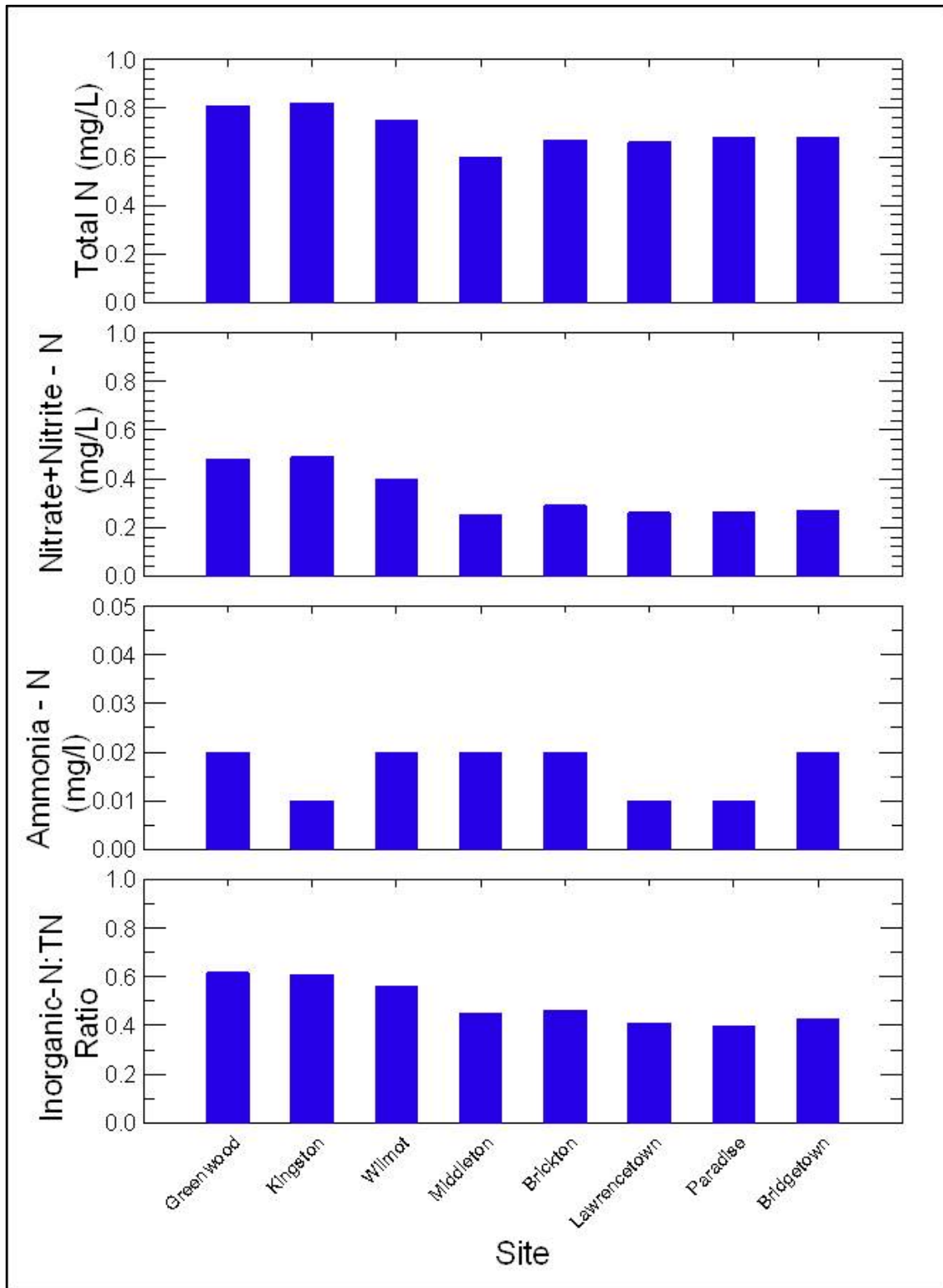


Fig. 4.9. Levels of total nitrogen, nitrite-nitrate and ammonia at main sites of the Annapolis River.

Total phosphorus and phosphate concentrations (Fig. 4.10) were high at all of the main river sites but, unlike nitrogen, exhibited a trend of slightly increasing levels downstream from the headwater region. Total phosphorus levels at all but one site were above the Environment Canada guideline of 0.032 mg/L. Phosphate typically comprised more than 50% of the total phosphorus.

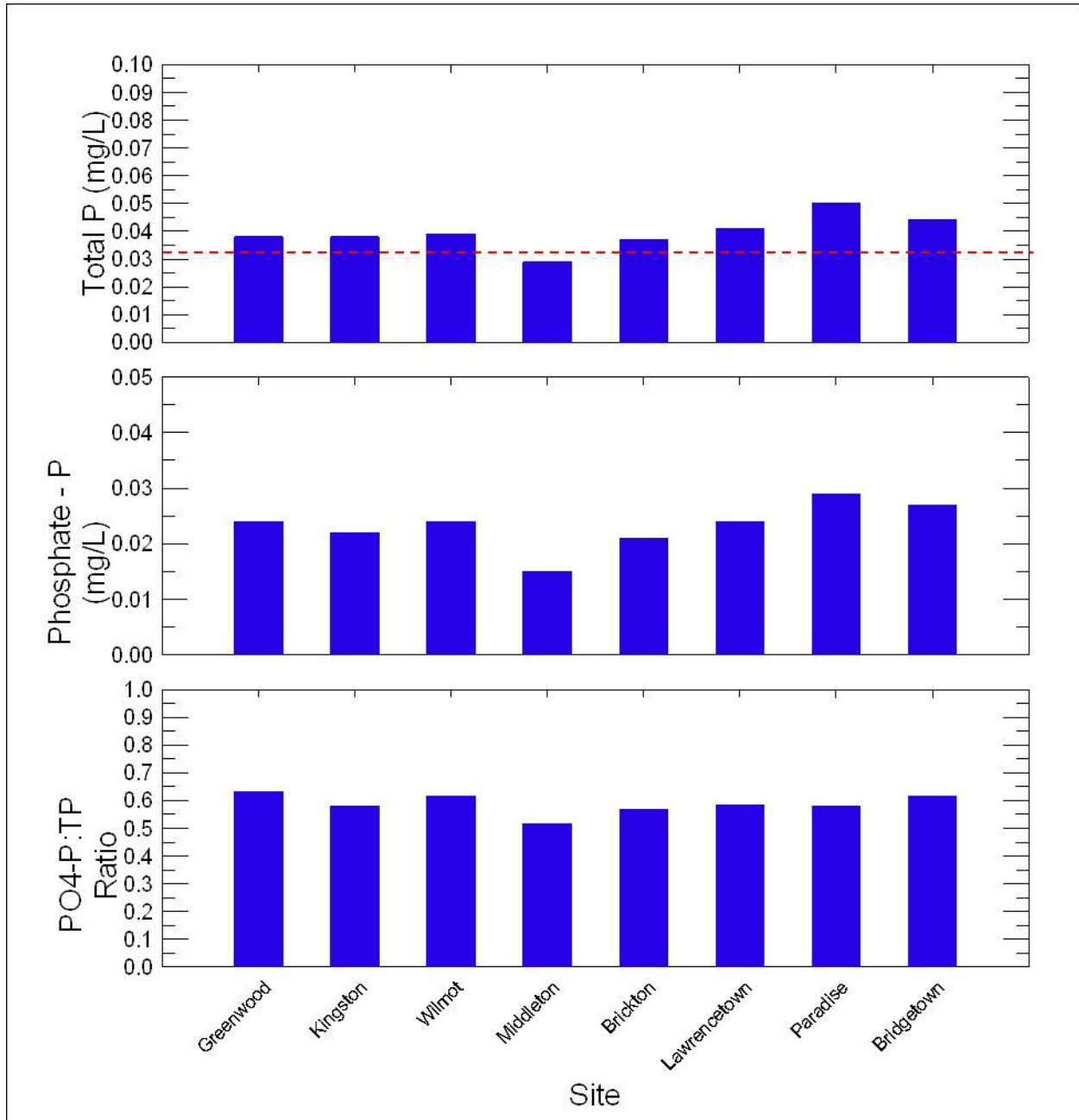


Fig. 4.10. Levels of total phosphorus and phosphate at main sites of the Annapolis River (red dashed line indicates Environment Canada guideline for total phosphorus).

4.1.2.3 Water Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen

Water temperature and dissolved oxygen generally exhibited a slight increase at the downstream sites (Fig 4.11). Dissolved oxygen levels met the warm water aquatic life guidelines for all life stages at all sites. The guideline for coldwater life early stages was not met at any of the sites, but the guideline for other coldwater life stages was met at all but the upper two sites. Percent dissolved oxygen saturation levels ranged from a low of about 55% in the headwater region to a high of about 80% at the most downstream site surveyed.

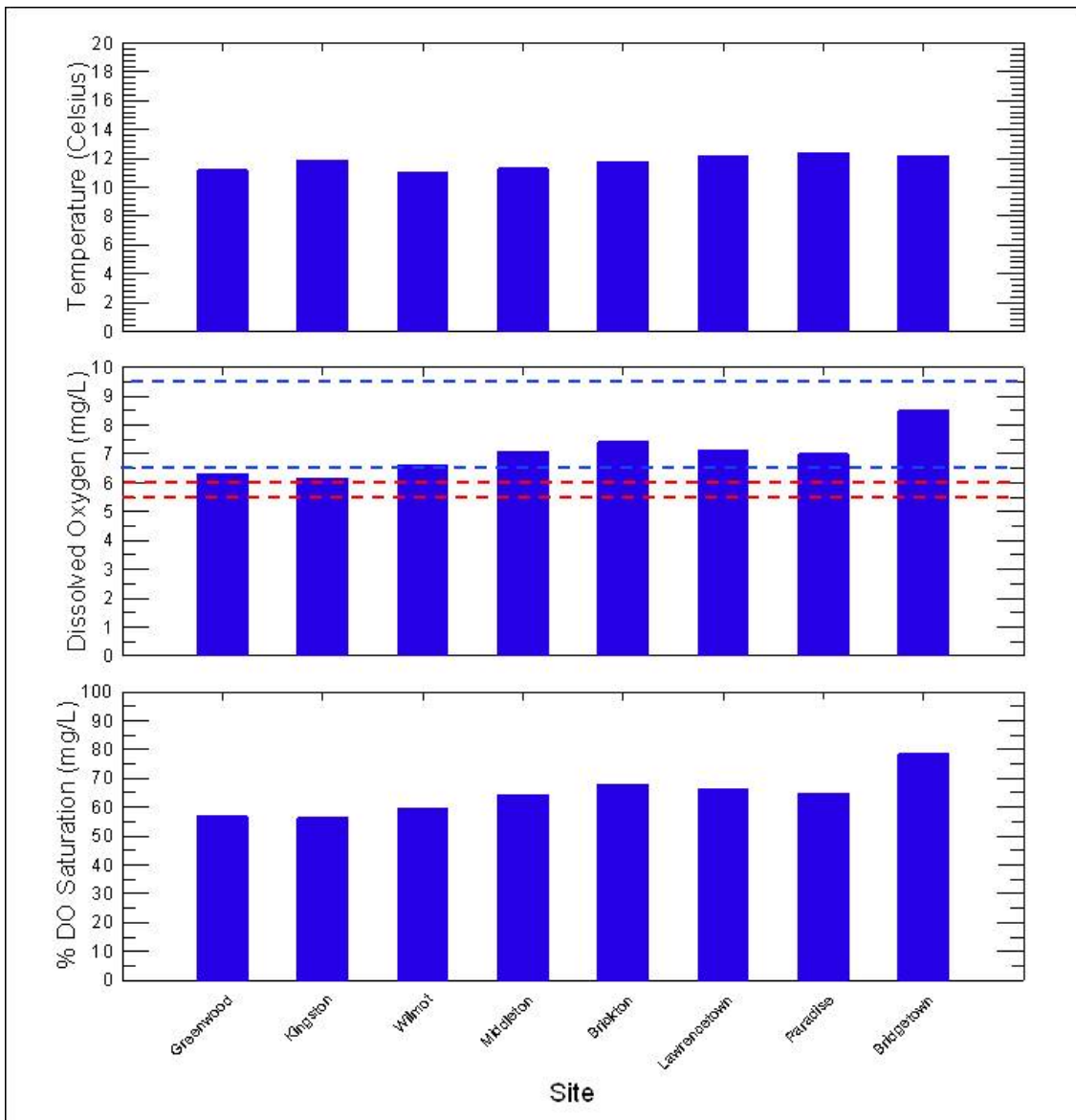


Fig 4.11 Water temperature, dissolved oxygen and percent dissolved oxygen saturation at main sites of the Annapolis River (upper red line indicates CCME guideline boundary for early life stages of warm water species; lower red line indicates CCME guideline boundary for other life stages of warm water species; upper blue line indicates CCME guideline boundary for early life stages of cold water species; lower blue line indicates CCME guideline boundary for other life stages of cold water species)

4.1.2.4 Fecal Coliform Numbers

Fecal coliform numbers showed a distinct trend of increasing levels from headwaters to downstream regions. Of the eight sites surveyed none were below the CCME guideline of 100/100 ml for Protection of Agricultural Water Use and four of the sites were above the Health Canada guideline of 400/100 ml for contact recreation (Fig 4.12).

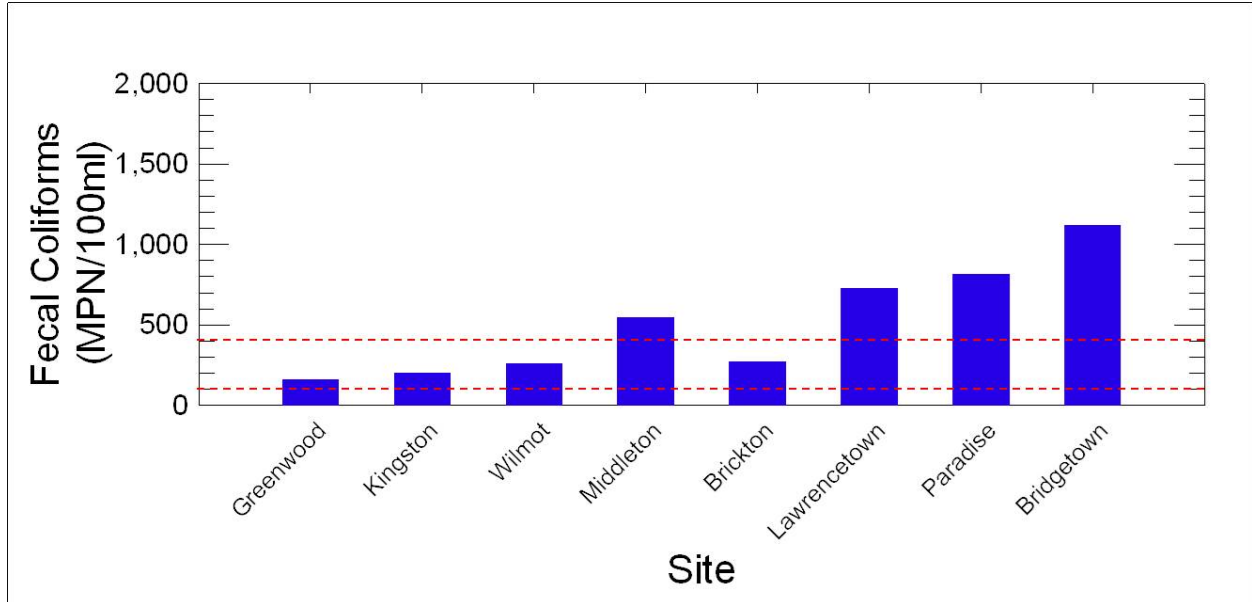


Fig 4.12 Fecal coliform numbers for main sites of the Annapolis River (lower red line indicates the upper boundary of the CCME guideline for protection of agriculture water and upper red line indicates the Health Canada guideline for contact recreation).

4.1.2.5 Water Colour

Water colour averaged about 100 TCUs and exhibited relatively little variation among the main river sites (Fig 13).

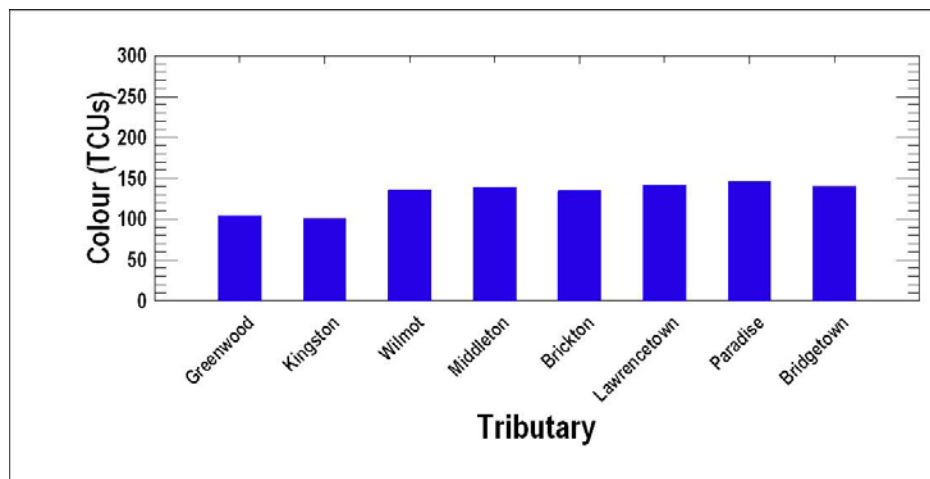


Fig 4.13 Water colour for main sites of the Annapolis River

4.2 Cornwallis River Watershed

The Cornwallis River originates within the Caribou Bog just west of Berwick and flows eastward where it discharges into the Minas Basin. Its total watershed area is 35,276.7 hectares and it contains 23 tertiary watersheds ranging in size from 16.5 to 8,563.7 hectares. Of the 23 tertiary watersheds, water quality samples were collected from 13 tributaries which collectively represent an area of 31,289 hectares (88.7%) of the total watershed area. The remaining watershed areas are located either within commercial or residential areas, or within the tidal portion of the river. Within the 13 tertiary watersheds surveyed, a total of 15 sites were sampled. Two of the larger watersheds, Brandywine Brook and Fisher Brook, were sampled at more than one location.

4.2.1 Tributaries

4.2.1.1 Conductivity, Alkalinity and pH

Conductivity and alkalinity (Fig 4.14) varied greatly among the tributaries. Tributaries entering on the north side of the river tended to have higher values than tributaries entering on the south side of the river. Levels of pH in contrast varied little and were all well within the CCME guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life.

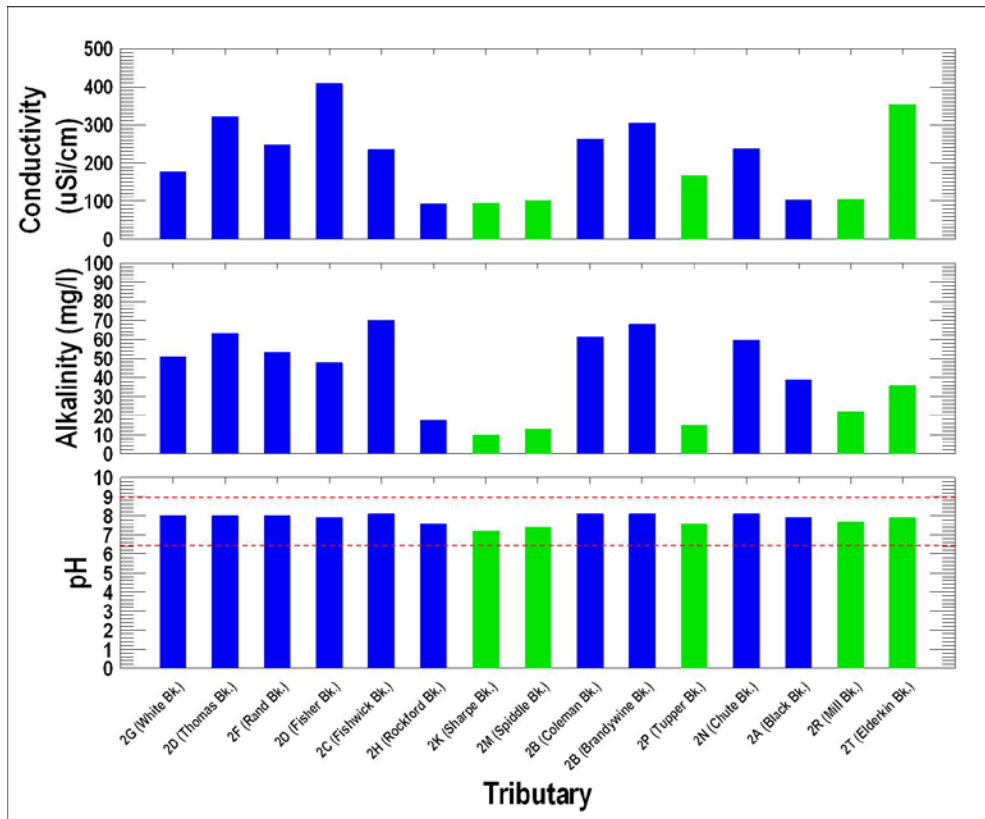


Fig. 4.14. Levels of conductivity, alkalinity and pH in Cornwallis watershed tributaries (red dashed lines indicate upper and lower CCME limits of pH for protection of freshwater aquatic life).

4.2.1.2. Nutrients

Levels of total nitrogen, nitrite+nitrate and ammonia (Fig. 4.15) were highest mostly within tributaries entering from the north side of the river. Much of this nitrogen is in the inorganic form, the ratio of inorganic nitrogen to total nitrogen often exceeding 70%. The Environment Canada guideline for total nitrogen was exceeded at eight (53%) of the 15 sites sampled. The CCME guideline for ammonia (which would be about 0.7 mg/L for the water temperature and pH at the time of the survey) was never exceeded, nor was the CCME guideline for nitrate (3.0 mg/l NO₃-N) ever exceeded.

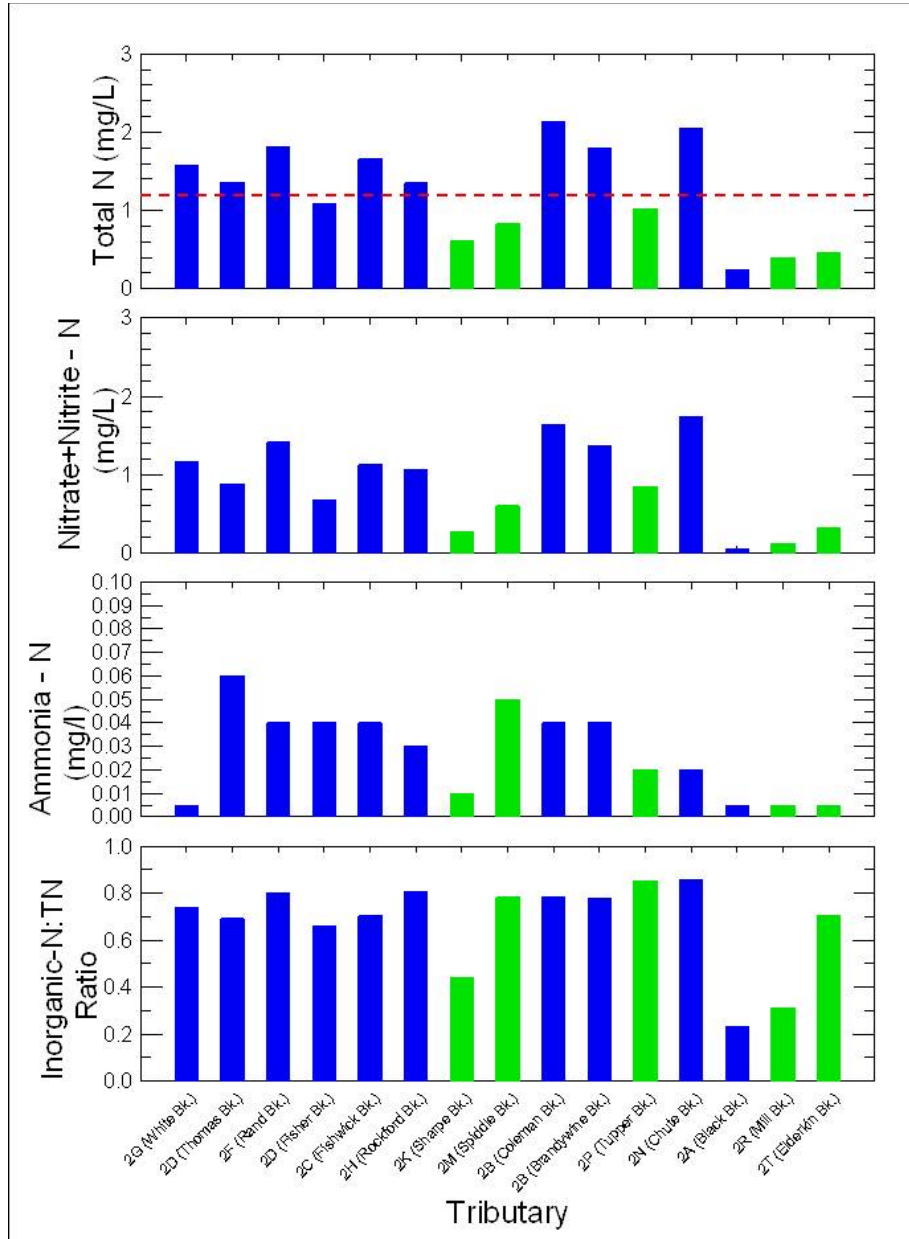


Fig. 4.15. Levels of total nitrogen, nitrite+nitrate and ammonia in tributaries of the Cornwallis Rive (red dashed line indicates Environment Canada guideline for total nitrogen).

Phosphorus levels are also very high (Fig. 4.16) and exhibited the same general trends as nitrogen. The highest values are exhibited by tributaries entering from the north side of the river and much of the phosphorus was often in the inorganic form. Twelve (80%) of the 15 sites had total phosphorus levels greater than the Environment Canada guideline of 0.032 mg/L.

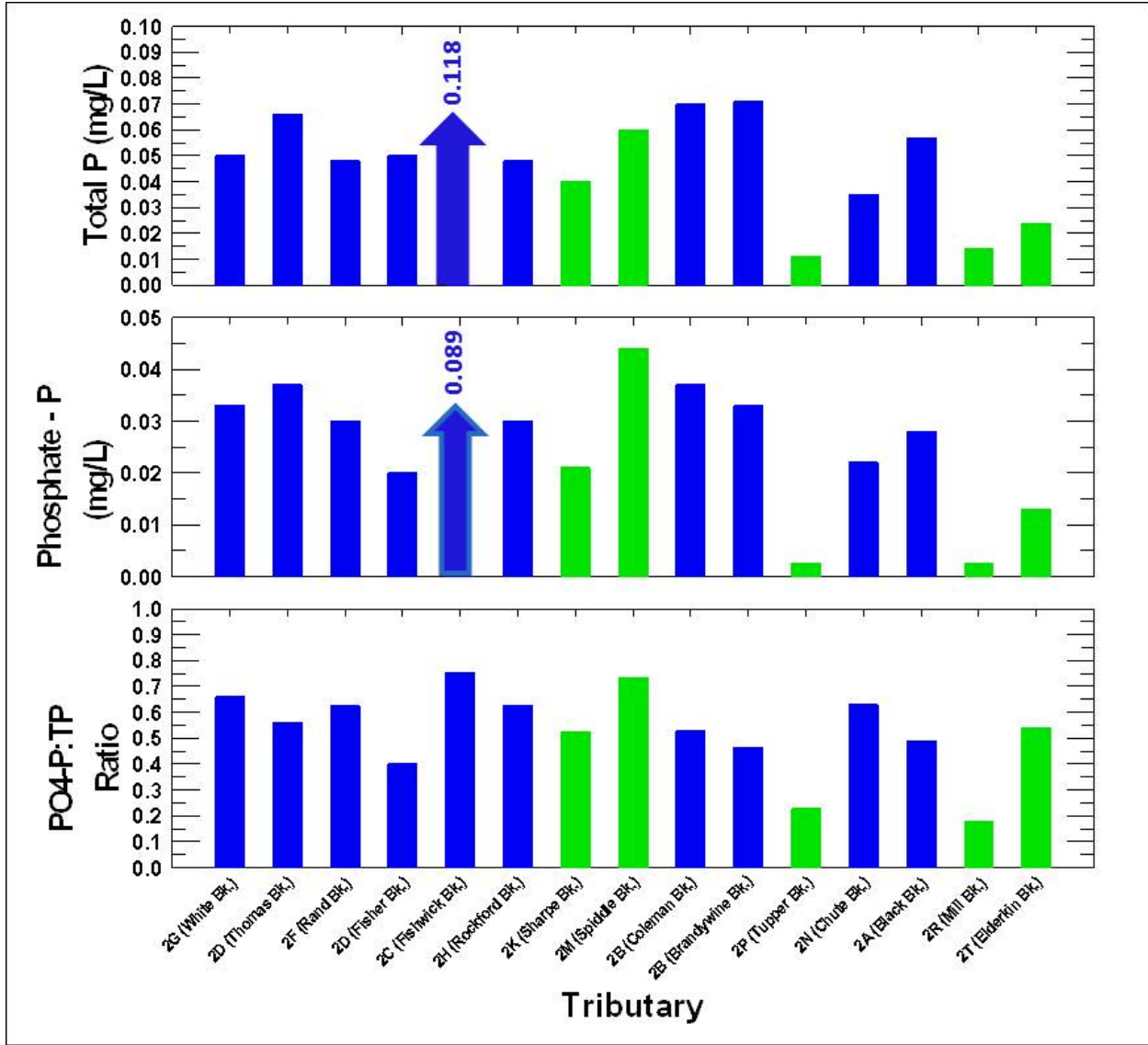


Fig. 4.16. Levels of total phosphorus and phosphate in tributaries of the Cornwallis River (red dashed line indicates the Environment Canada guideline for total phosphorus).

4.2.1.3 Nutrient Loadings

Daily total phosphorus and nutrient loadings (Fig. 4.17) varied greatly, mainly as a result of large differences in water flow at the time of the survey. Mid-river sites tended to have the highest loadings. The highest loadings were at Coleman and Brandywine Brooks.

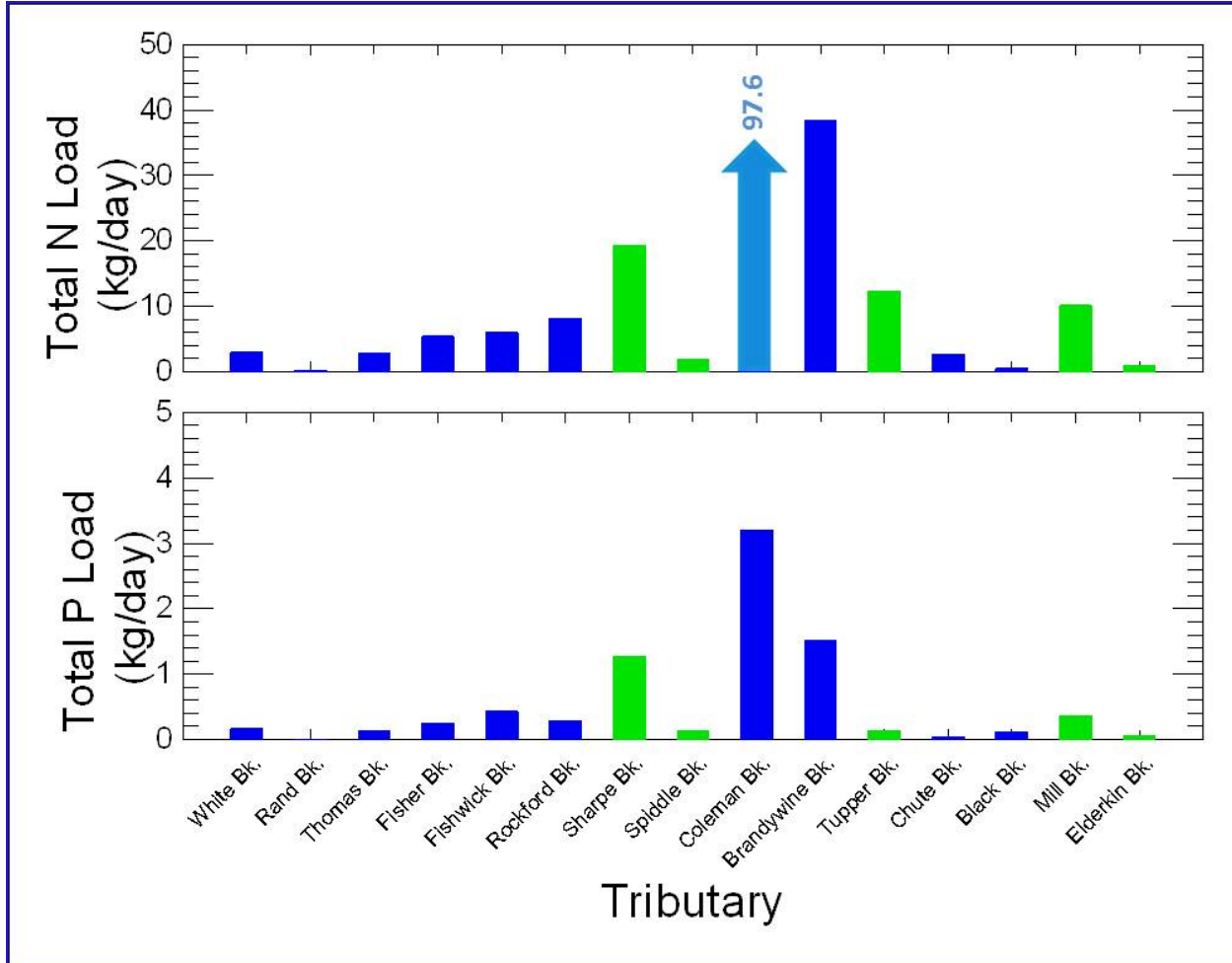


Fig 4.17 Daily total nitrogen and phosphorus loadings in Cornwallis River watershed tributaries.

4.2.1.4 Water Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen

Water temperatures ranged between about 15 and 18 °C (Fig.4.18). Dissolved oxygen levels ranged from about 6.5 to 9.0 mg/L. All values of dissolved oxygen fell within the CCME guidelines for warm water biota (5.5 to 6.0 mg/L) and the general cold water biota guideline (6.5 mg/L), but none met the guideline for early stages of cold water biota (9.5 mg/L).

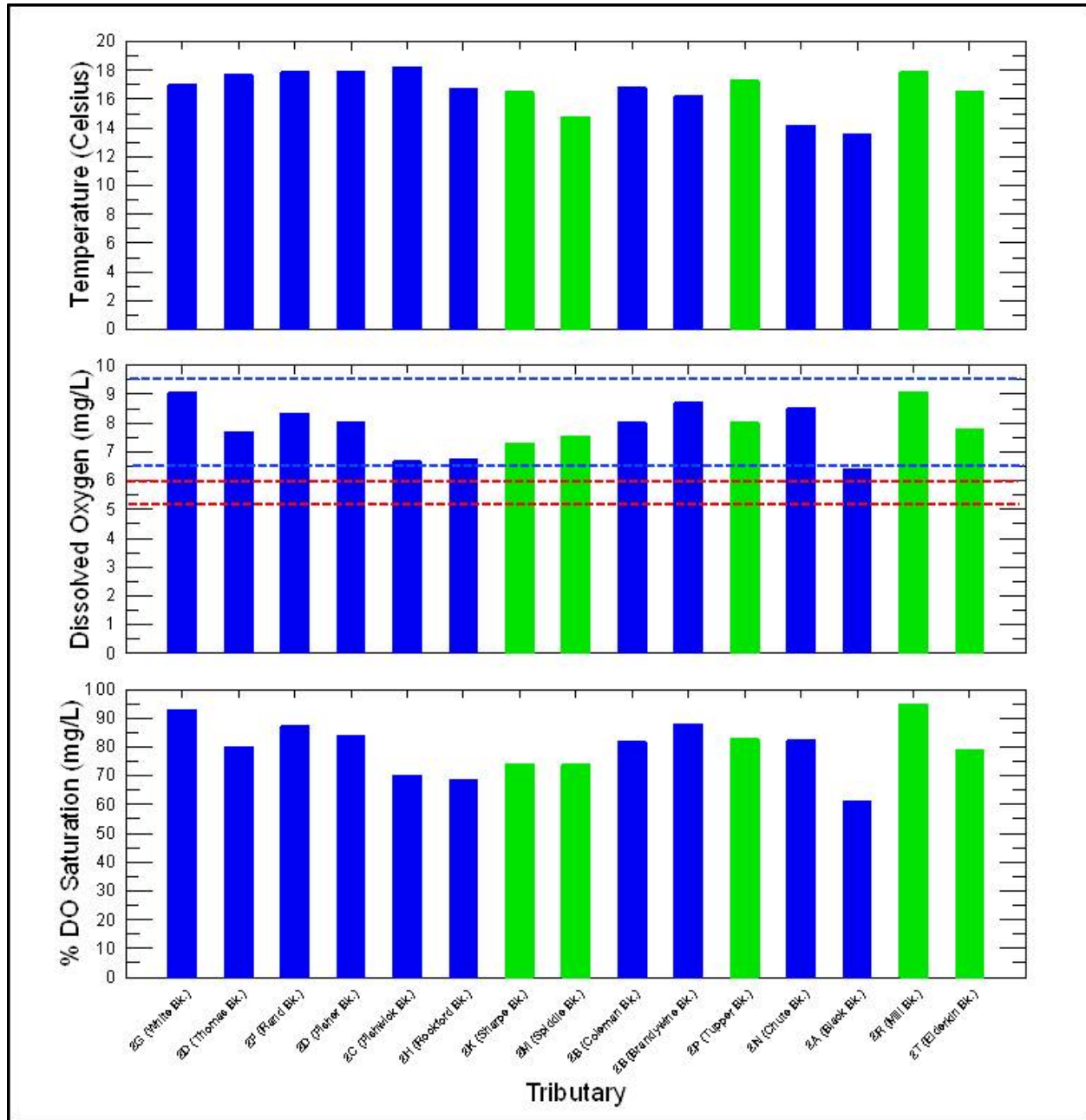


Fig 4.18 Water temperature, dissolved oxygen and percent dissolved oxygen saturation at tributaries of the Cornwallis River (upper red line indicates CCME guideline boundary for early life stages of warm water species; lower red line indicates CCME guideline boundary for other life stages of warm water species; upper blue line indicates CCME guideline boundary for early life stages of cold water species; lower blue line indicates CCME guideline boundary for other life stages of cold water species).

4.2.1.5 Fecal Coliform Numbers

Fecal coliform numbers (Fig. 4.19) within all but the most downstream sites were very high. All exceeded the CCME guidelines for Protection of Agricultural Water Use and 11 (73%) exceeded the Health Canada guideline for contact recreational activities.

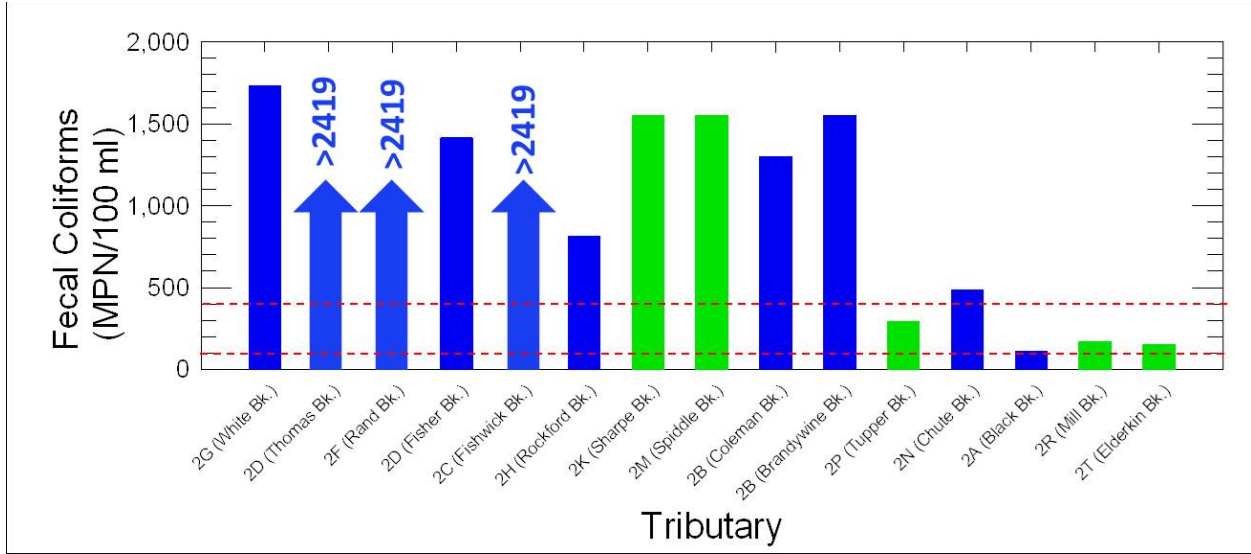


Fig 4.19 Fecal coliform numbers for tributary sites of the Cornwallis River (lower red line indicates the upper boundary of the CCME guideline for protection of agriculture water use and upper red line indicates the Health Canada guideline for contact recreation).

4.2.1.6 Water Colour

Water colour (Fig. 4.20) was relatively low within most of the tributaries ranging from a low of 16.2 to a high of 80.0 TCUs.

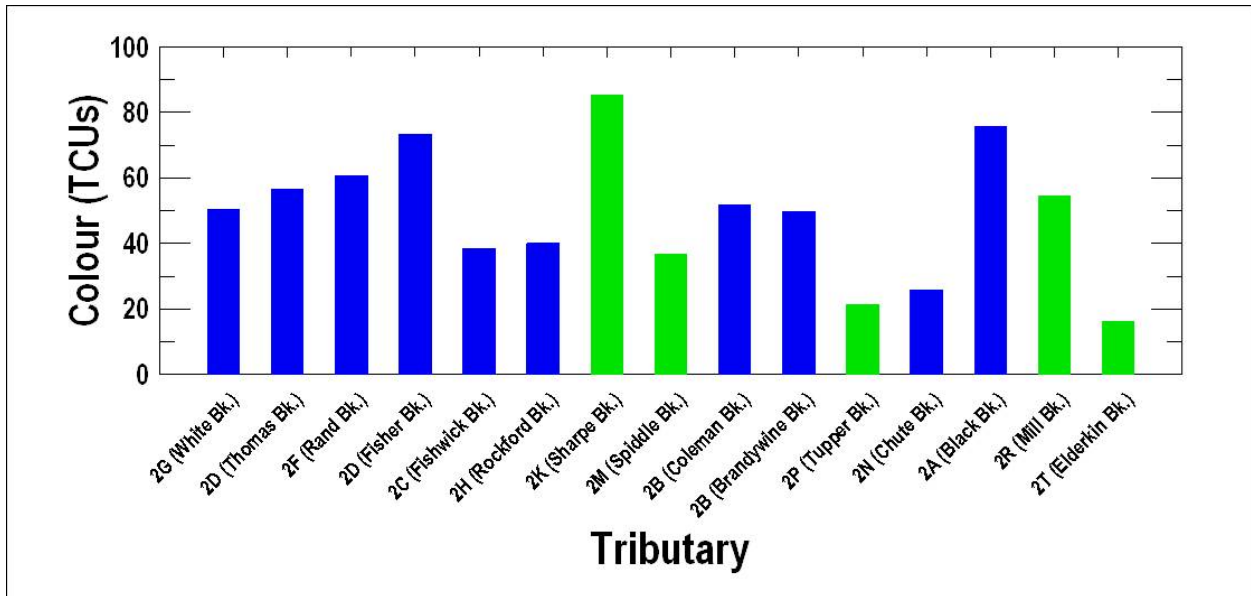


Fig 4.20 Water colour for tributary sites of the Cornwallis River.

4.2.2 Main River

A total of five sites were sampled from within the main river on 9 October 2013, the locations of which are shown on a map contained in Appendix IIE.

4.2.2.1 Conductivity, Alkalinity and pH

Conductivity and alkalinity (Fig. 4.21) were considerably higher within the upper headwater region of the watershed. In contrast, pH showed little variation among the main river sites surveyed and was well within the CCME guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life.

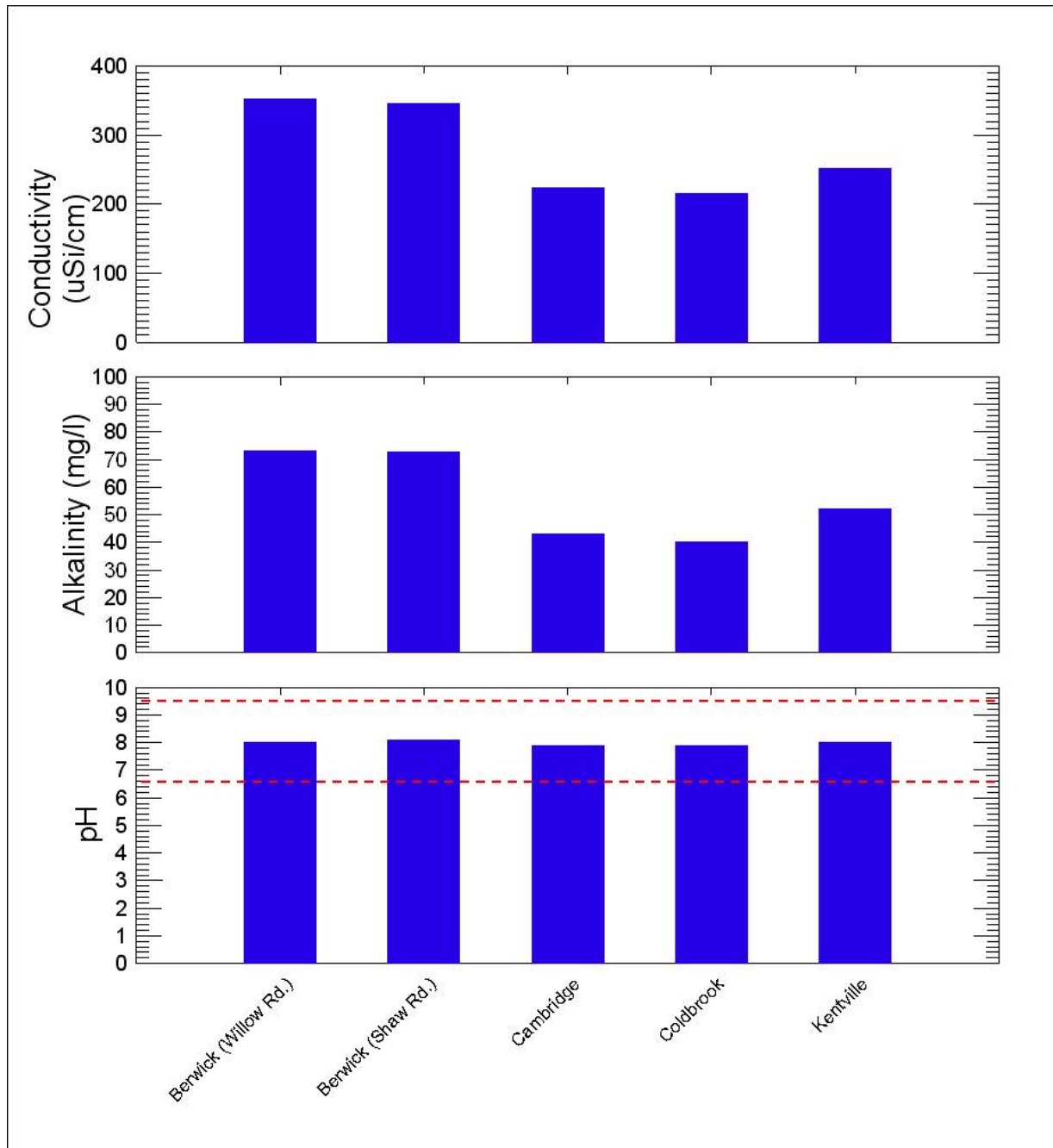


Fig. 4.21. Levels of conductivity, alkalinity and pH at Cornwallis River main sites (red dashed lines indicate upper and lower CCME limits of pH for protection of aquatic life).

4.2.2.2 Nutrients

Total nitrogen and nitrite+nitrate (Fig. 4.22) are very high at all the main river sites. There is an obvious trend of increasing concentrations of total nitrogen and nitrite+nitrate from the headwater region to the downstream region. The Environment Canada guideline for total nitrogen was exceeded at all sites, but ammonia and nitrate levels were well below the CCME guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life. Between 60 and 80% of the total nitrogen was in the inorganic form.

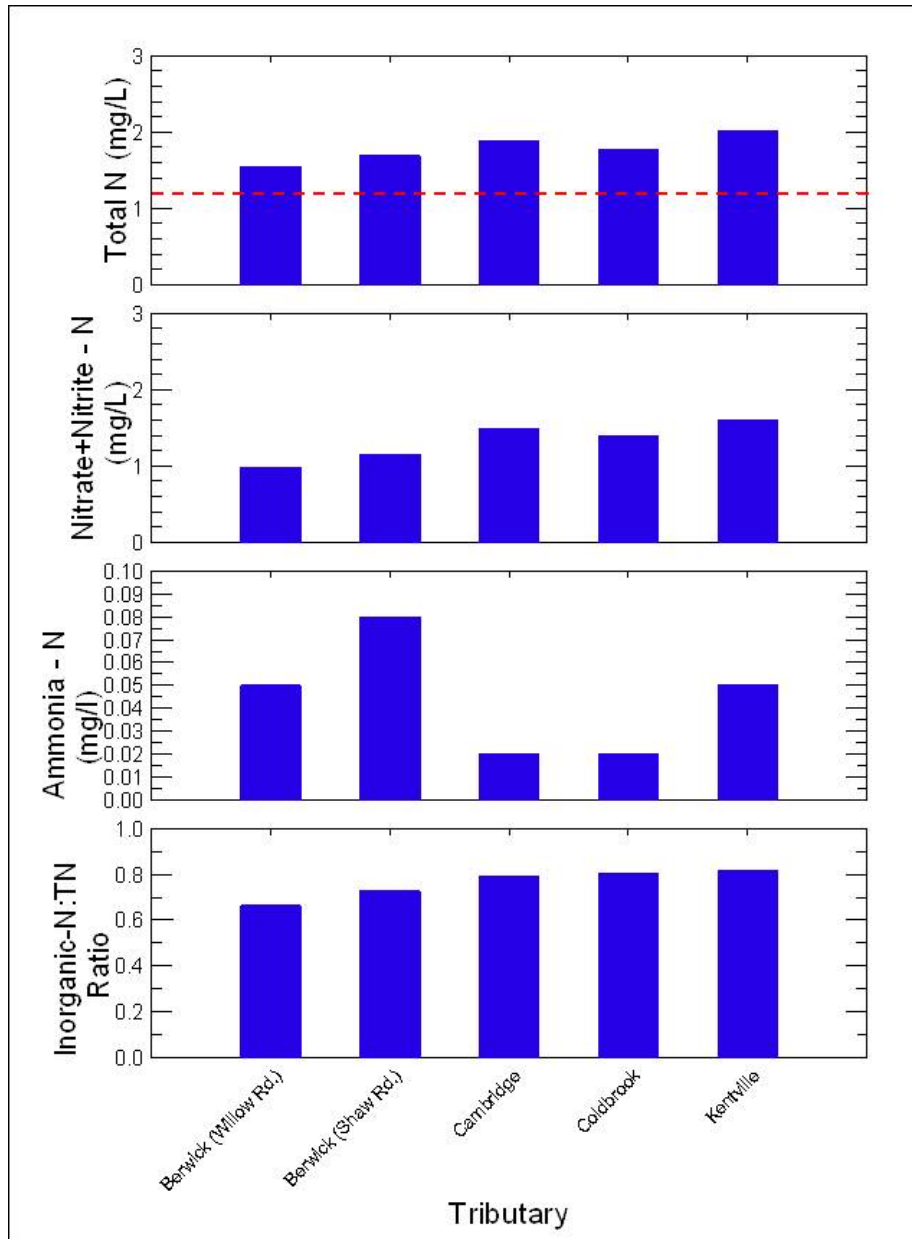


Fig. 4.22. Levels of total nitrogen, nitrite+nitrate and ammonia at main river sites of the Cornwallis River (red dashed line indicates the Environment Canada guideline for total nitrogen).

Phosphorus concentrations are also high at the main river sites (Fig 4.23). Both total phosphorus and phosphate showed a trend of highest levels within the mid-river sites, but the ratio of phosphate to total phosphorus tended to be lower within the headwater region. All sites are well above the Environment Canada guideline of 0.032 mg/L for total phosphorus.

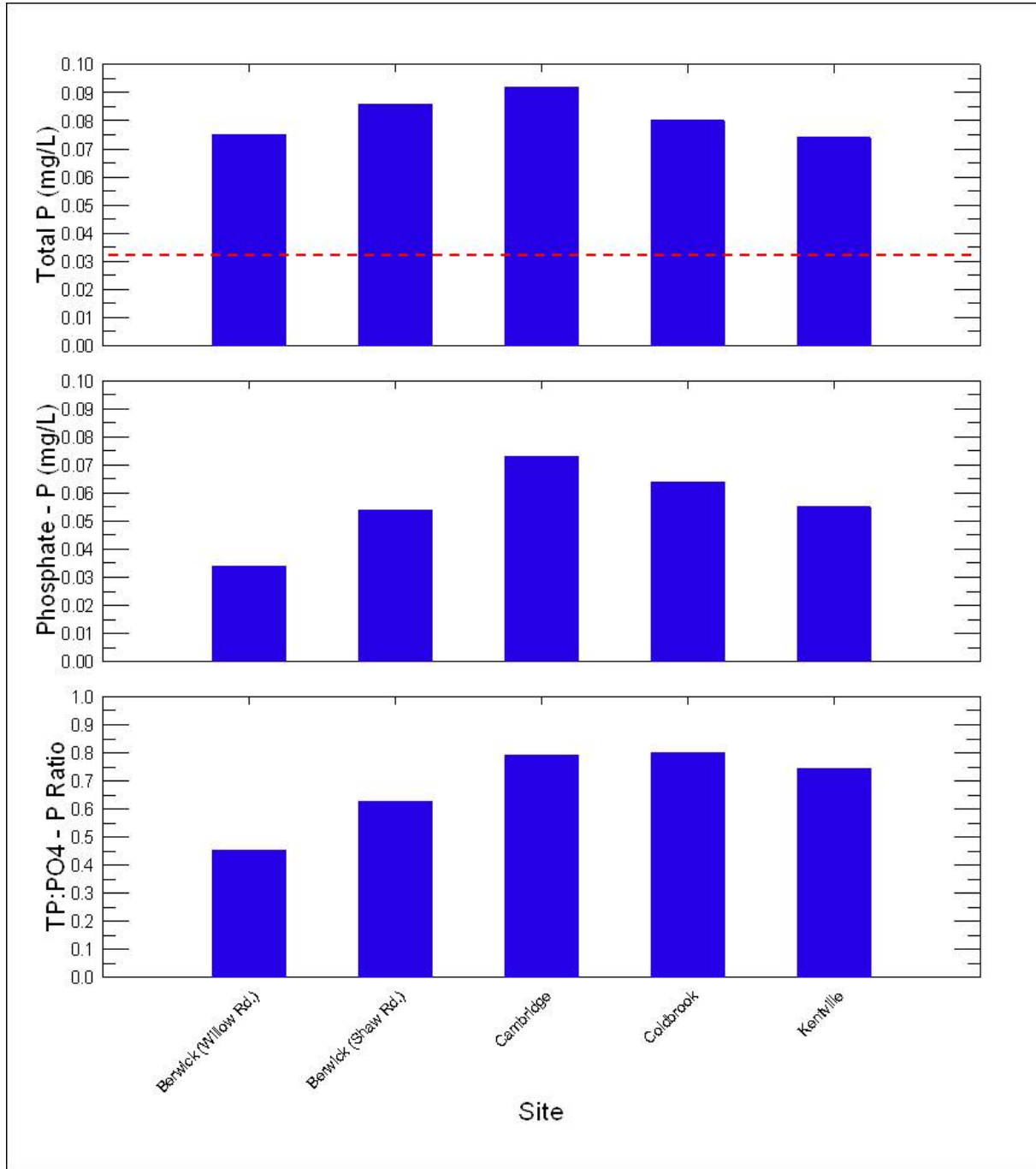


Fig. 4.23. Levels of total phosphorus and phosphate at main River sites of the Cornwallis River (red dashed line indicates the Environment Canada guideline for total phosphorus).

4.2.2.3 Water Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen

Water temperature exhibited little variation among the main river sites surveyed (Fig 4.24). Dissolved oxygen concentrations also exhibited relatively little variation, but were quite low and although within the CCME guidelines for warm water species, were well below the upper CCME guideline for cold water species.

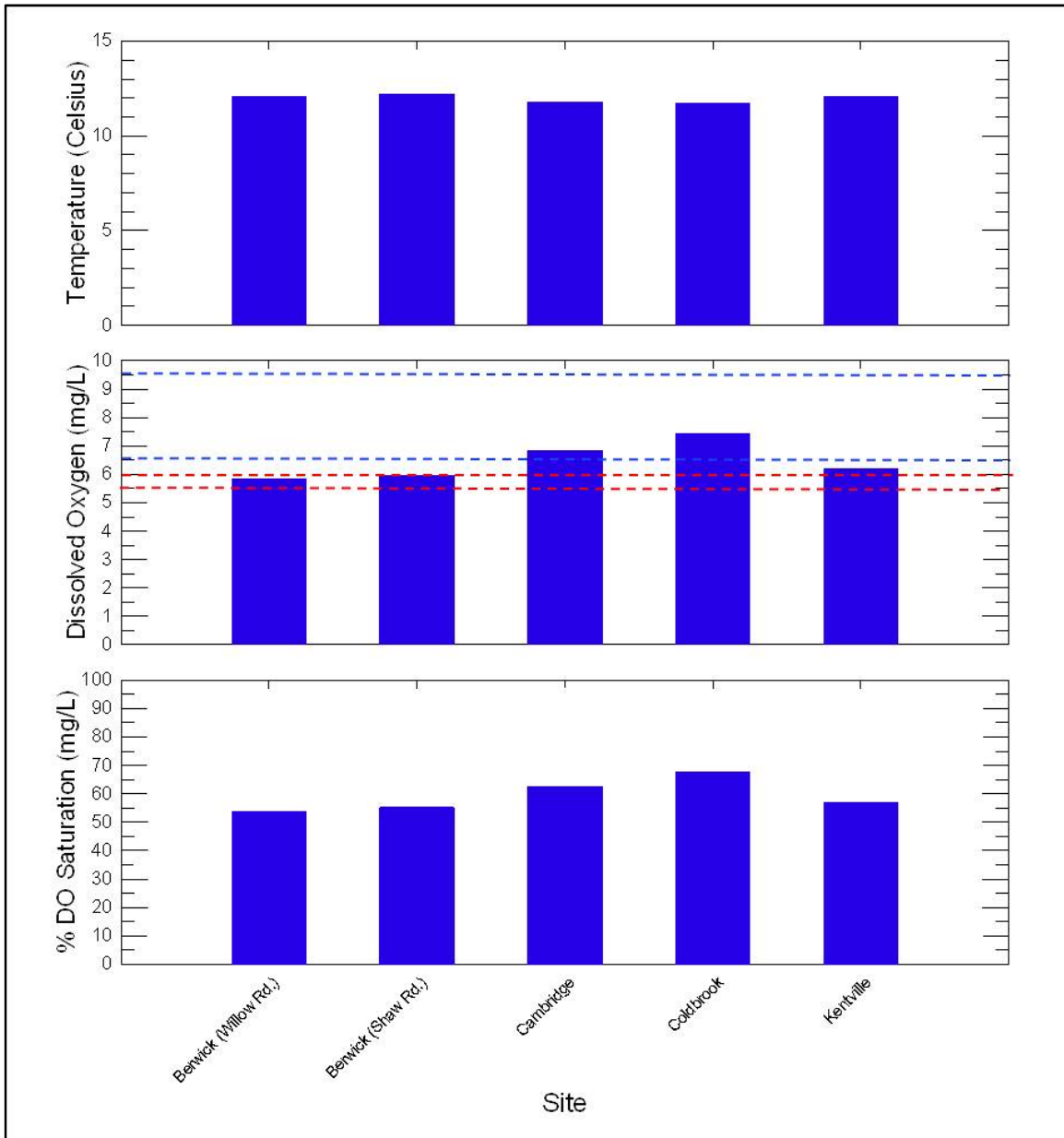


Fig 4.24 Water temperature, dissolved oxygen and percent dissolved oxygen saturation at main river sites of the Cornwallis River (upper red line indicates CCME guideline boundary for early life stages of warm water species; lower red line indicates CCME guideline boundary for other life stages of warm water species; upper blue line indicates CCME guideline boundary for early life stages of cold water species; lower blue line indicates CCME guideline boundary for other life stages of cold water species).

4.2.2.4 Fecal Coliform Numbers

Despite the high fecal coliform numbers observed within many of the Cornwallis tributaries, with one exception the levels observed within the main river were relatively low (Fig. 4.25). The high number observed at Willow Road may be related to the operation of the Berwick sewage treatment plant. However, of the five sites surveyed, four exceeded the CCME guideline for Protection of Agricultural Water Use. Only one site exceeded the Health Canada guideline for contact recreational activities.

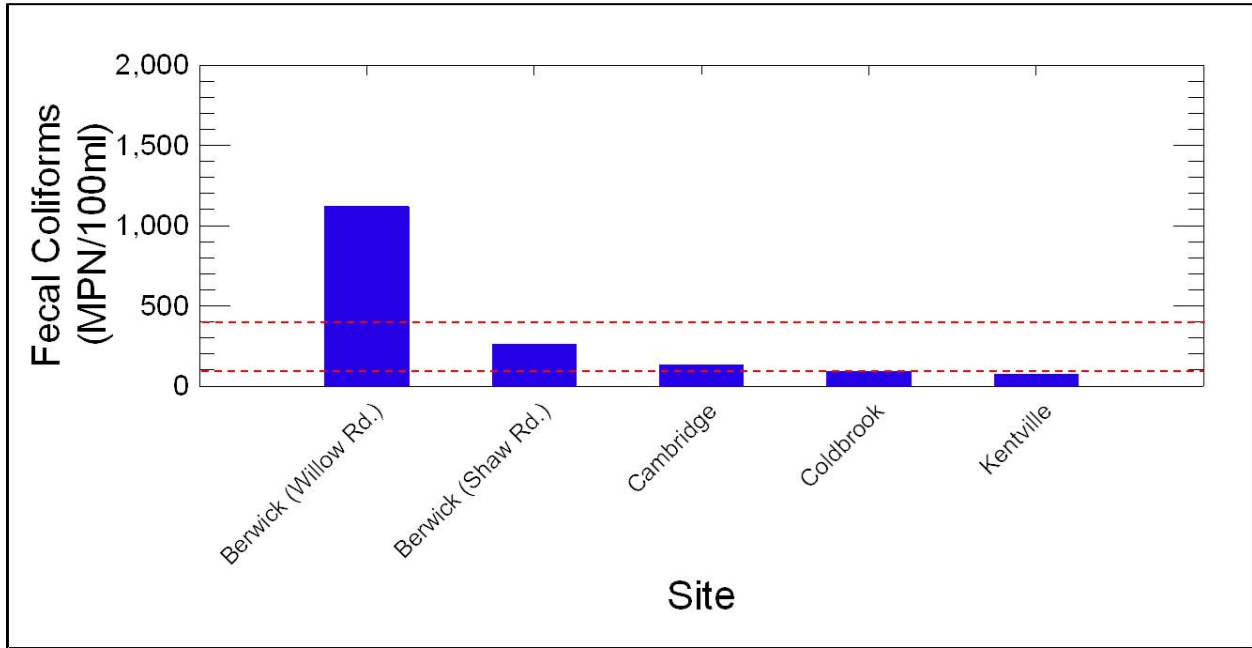


Fig 4.25 Fecal coliform numbers for main river sites of the Cornwallis River (lower red line indicates the upper boundary of the CCME guideline for protection of agriculture and upper red line indicates the Health Canada guideline for contact recreation).

4.2.2.5 Water Colour

Water colour at the main river sites is relatively low and shows a distinct decrease from the headwater to downstream region (Fig. 4.26).

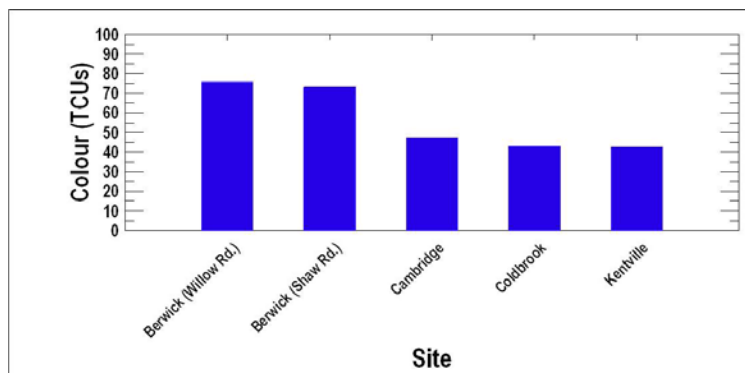


Fig 4.26 Water colour for main river sites of the Cornwallis River.

4.3. Habitant River Watershed

4.3.1 Tributaries

The Habitant River watershed is the smallest of the three watersheds surveyed. The Habitant River originates north of Centreville and flows eastward where it discharges into the Minas Basin. Its total watershed area is 5,592.6 hectares and it contains five tertiary watersheds ranging in size from 9.1 to 1,994.0 hectares. Of the five tertiary watersheds, water quality samples were collected from four which collectively represent an area of 3,598.6 hectares (64.3%) of the total watershed area. The remaining watershed area is located within the eastern region of the watershed and consists mostly of dyked farmland drained mainly by small constructed ditches and contains no well-defined natural streams. No sampling was conducted on the lower main river due to the lack of access and bridges crossing over the river.

4.3.1.1 Conductivity, Alkalinity and pH

The levels of conductivity, alkalinity and pH are all relatively high (Fig 4.27). At all sites pH levels were just slightly above eight and well within the CCME guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life. The cause of the high conductivity and pH levels relative to those observed within the Annapolis and Cornwallis watersheds is difficult to explain without further chemical analyses, but may be related to agricultural liming activities.

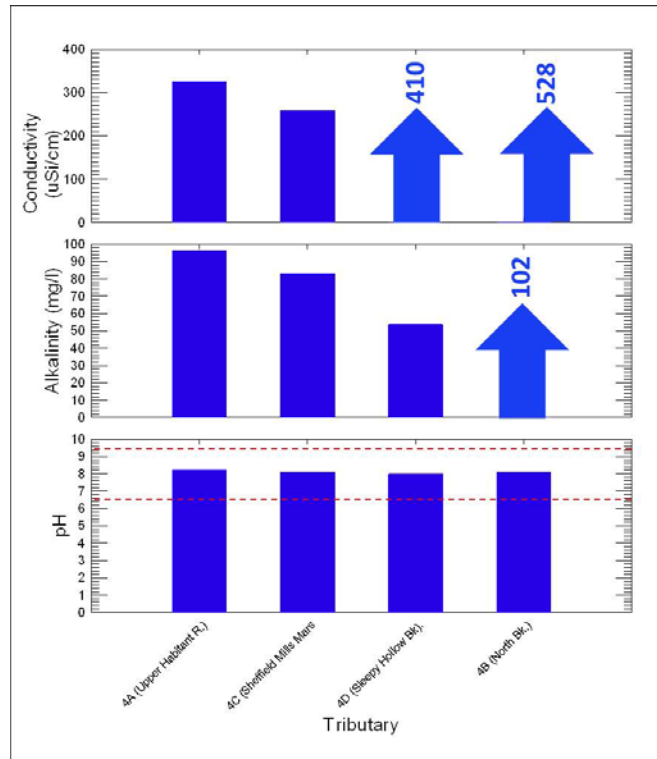


Fig. 4.27. Levels of conductivity, alkalinity and pH in Habitant watershed tributaries (red dashed lines indicate upper and lower CCME limits of pH for protection of aquatic freshwater life).

4.3.1.2 Nutrients

Total nitrogen and nitrite+nitrate levels (Fig. 4.28) are high at all sites sampled. Most of the nitrogen is in the inorganic nitrite+nitrate form and is most likely a result of agricultural fertilizer use as this area is not heavily populated and has no nearby sewage treatment facilities. Ammonia levels were also high but well below the CCME guideline for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life which would be about 0.8 mg/L for the levels of water temperature and pH at the time of the survey.

The Upper Habitant River site flows into the Sheffield Mills Marsh which was sampled at the marsh outflow. Comparison of the levels of total and nitrite+nitrate nitrogen indicates that the marsh has some capacity to sequester these forms of nitrogen. Ammonia levels, however, were much higher at the marsh outflow.

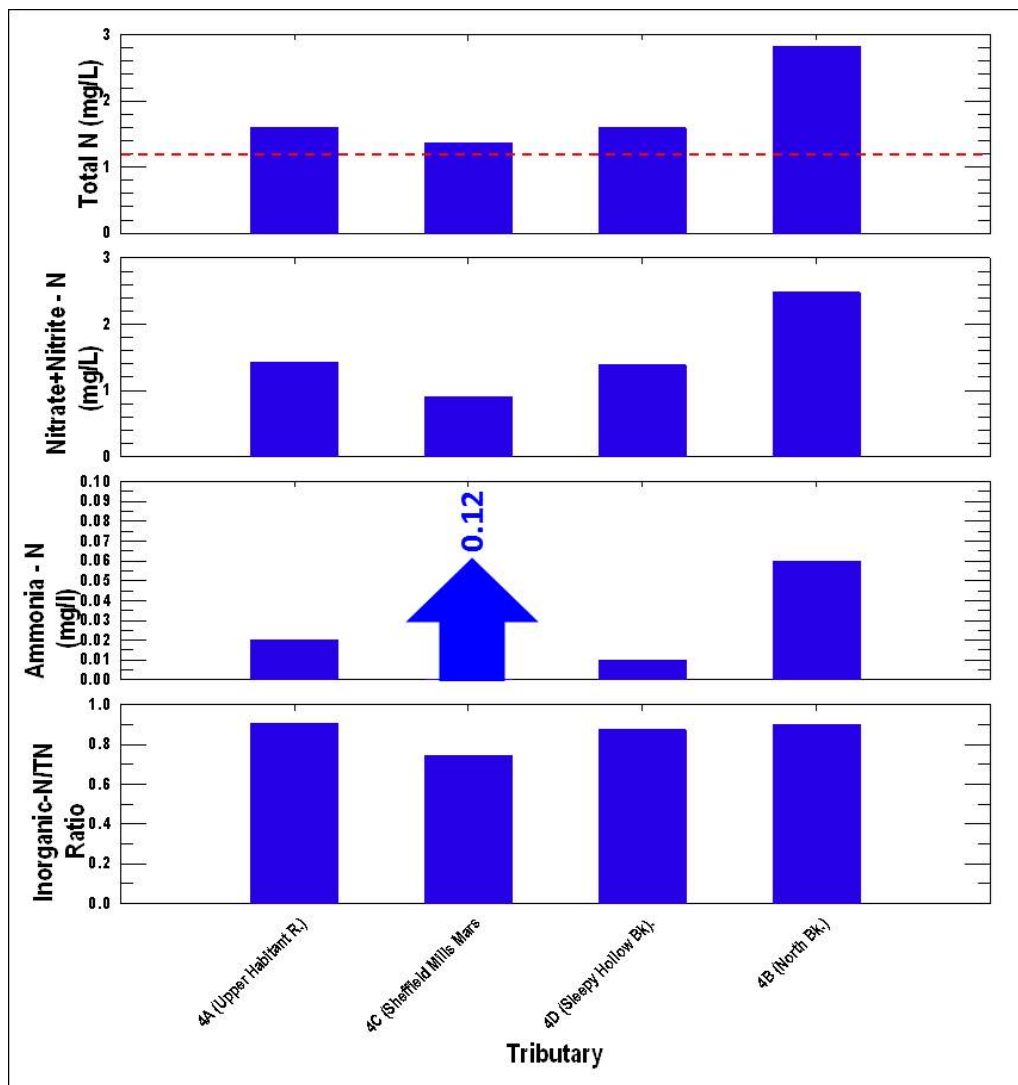


Fig. 4.28. Levels of total nitrogen, nitrite+nitrate and ammonia in tributaries of the Habitant River (red dashed line indicates the Environment Canada guideline for total nitrogen).

Phosphorus levels are also very high at most of the sites sampled (Fig. 4.29). At the North Brook site, more than 80% of the phosphorus is in the inorganic form. The Environment Canada guideline of 0.032 mg/L total phosphorus was exceeded at all of the sites. Unlike nitrogen, the level of phosphorus at the outflow of the marsh was significantly higher than the Upper Habitant River site suggesting that the marsh has reached its capacity to sequester phosphorus.

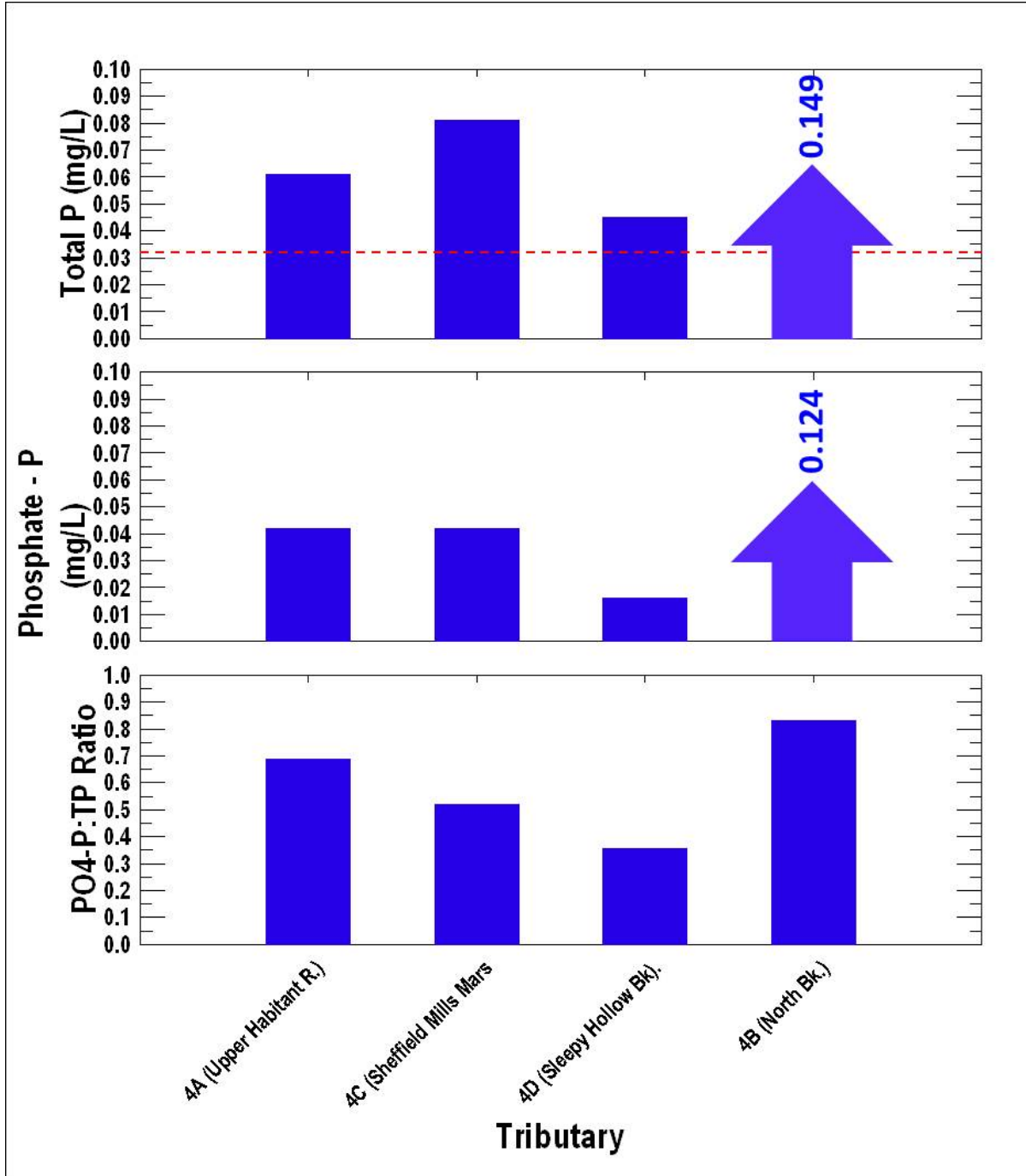


Fig. 4.29. Levels of total phosphorus and phosphate in tributaries of the Habitant River (red dashed line indicates the Environment Canada guideline for total phosphorus)..

4.3.1.3 Nutrient Loadings

Nutrient loadings (Fig 4.30) varied greatly between sites. The zero loadings for the Upper Habitant River site are a result of zero current flow at the time of the survey. The high loading values for the North Brook site are a result of its large flow.

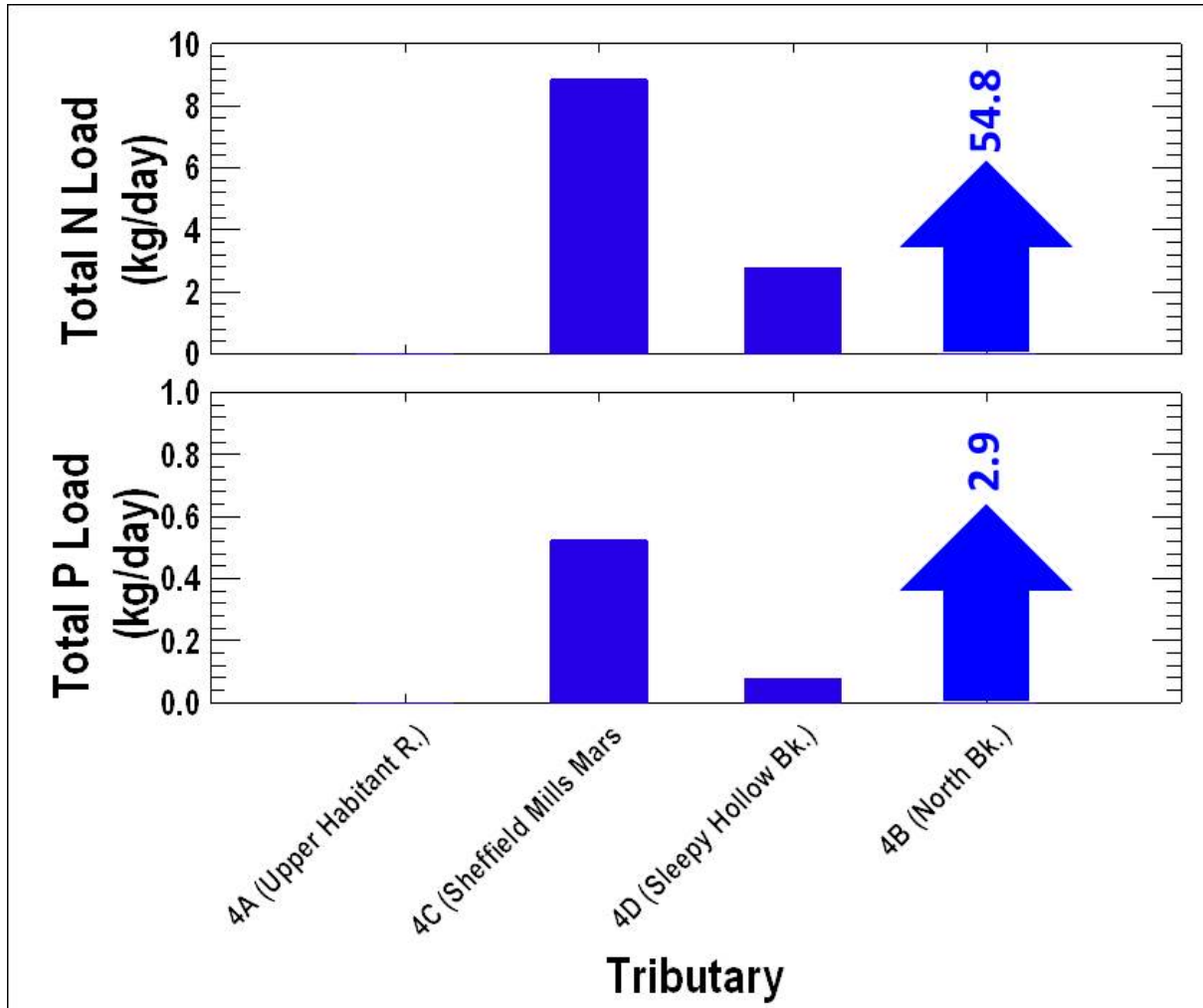


Fig 4.30 Daily total nitrogen and phosphorus loadings in Habitant River watershed tributaries.

4.3.1.4 Water Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen

Water temperatures among the sites varied from a low of 13.5 to a high of 17.7 (Fig 4.31). With one exception (North Brook) dissolved oxygen concentrations were low bordering on the CCME guideline for warm water species and well below the guideline for cold water species.

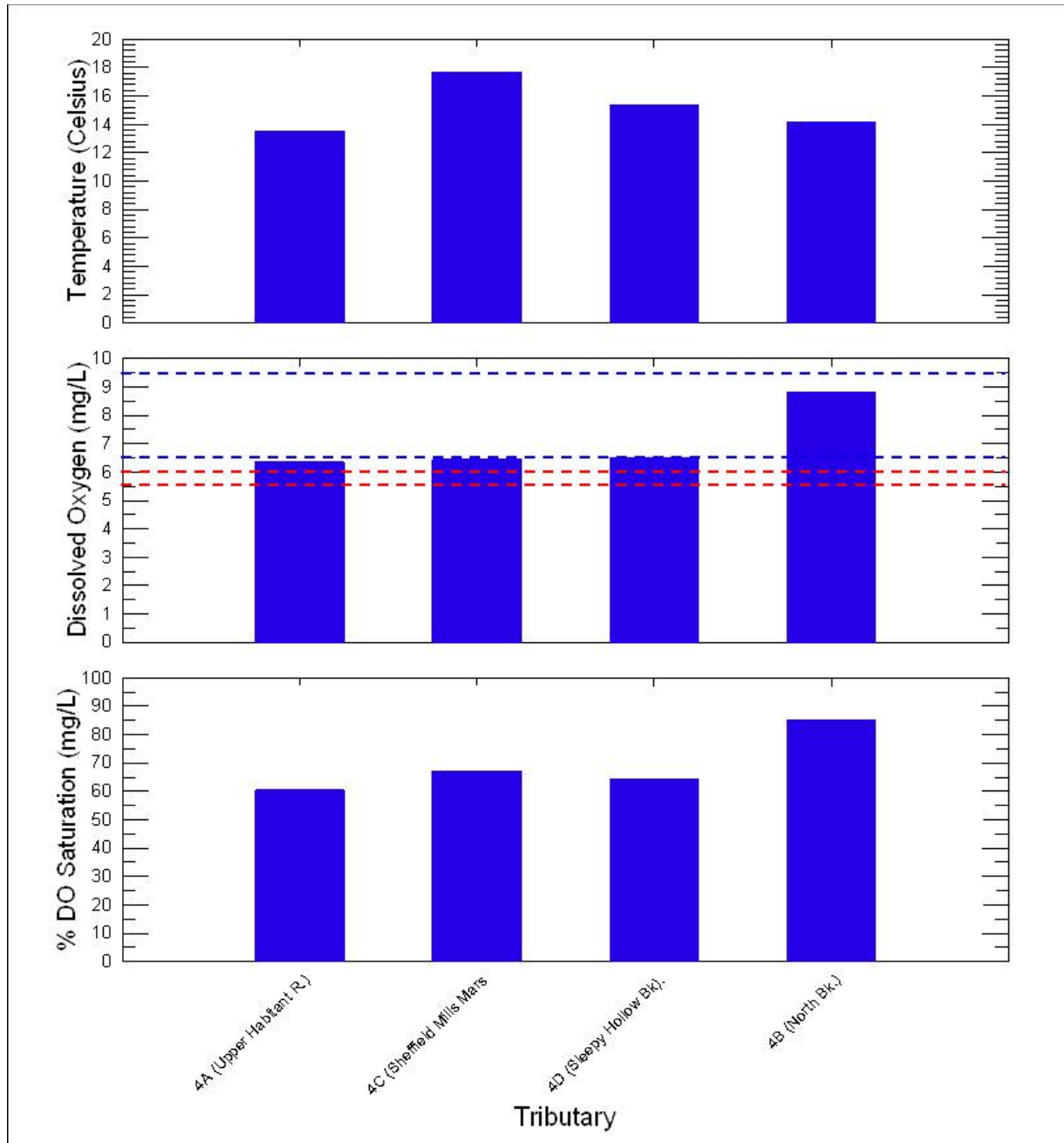


Fig 4.31 Water temperature, dissolved oxygen and percent dissolved oxygen saturation at tributaries of the Habitant River (upper red line indicates CCME guideline boundary for early life stages of warm water species; lower red line indicates CCME guideline boundary for other life stages of warm water species; upper blue line indicates CCME guideline boundary for early life stages of cold water species; lower blue line indicates CCME guideline boundary for other life stages of cold water species).

4.3.1.5 Fecal Coliform Numbers

With the exception of the Sheffield Mills Marsh site, all sites had fecal coliform levels above the CCME guideline for Protection of Agricultural Water Use (Fig 4.32). Two of the four sites had levels near or well above the Health Canada guideline for contact recreational activities.

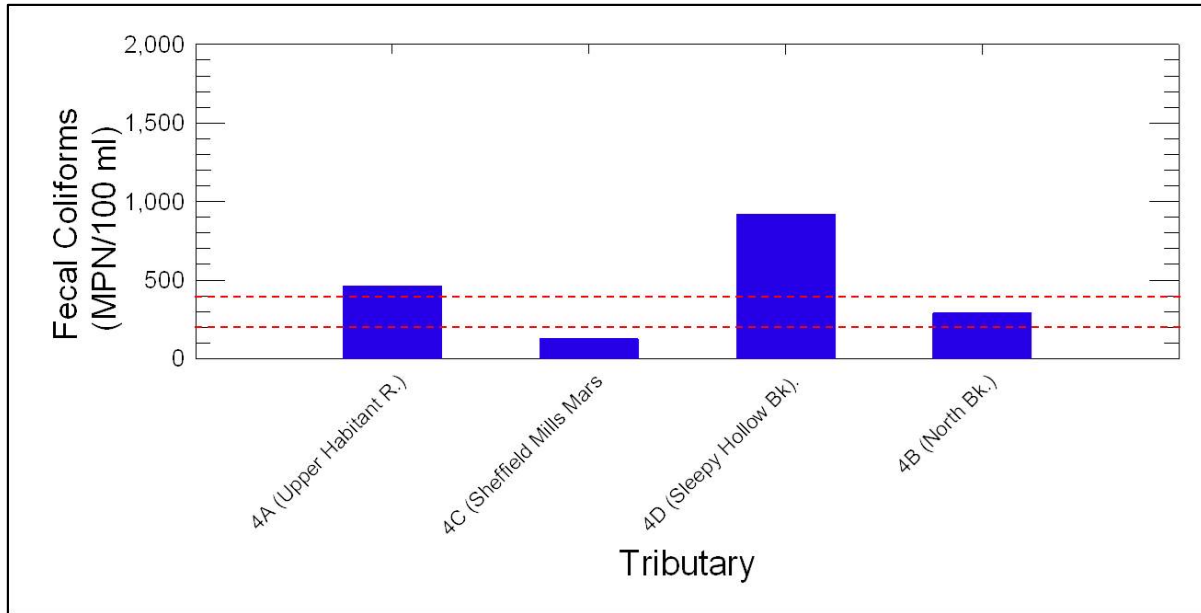


Fig 4.32 Fecal coliform numbers for tributary sites of the Habitant River (lower red line indicates the upper boundary of the CCME guideline for protection of agriculture and upper red line indicates the Health Canada guideline for contact recreation).

4.3.1.6 Water Colour

Water colour was quite low at all of the surveyed sites ranging between 22.7 and 43.7 TCUs (Fig.4.33).

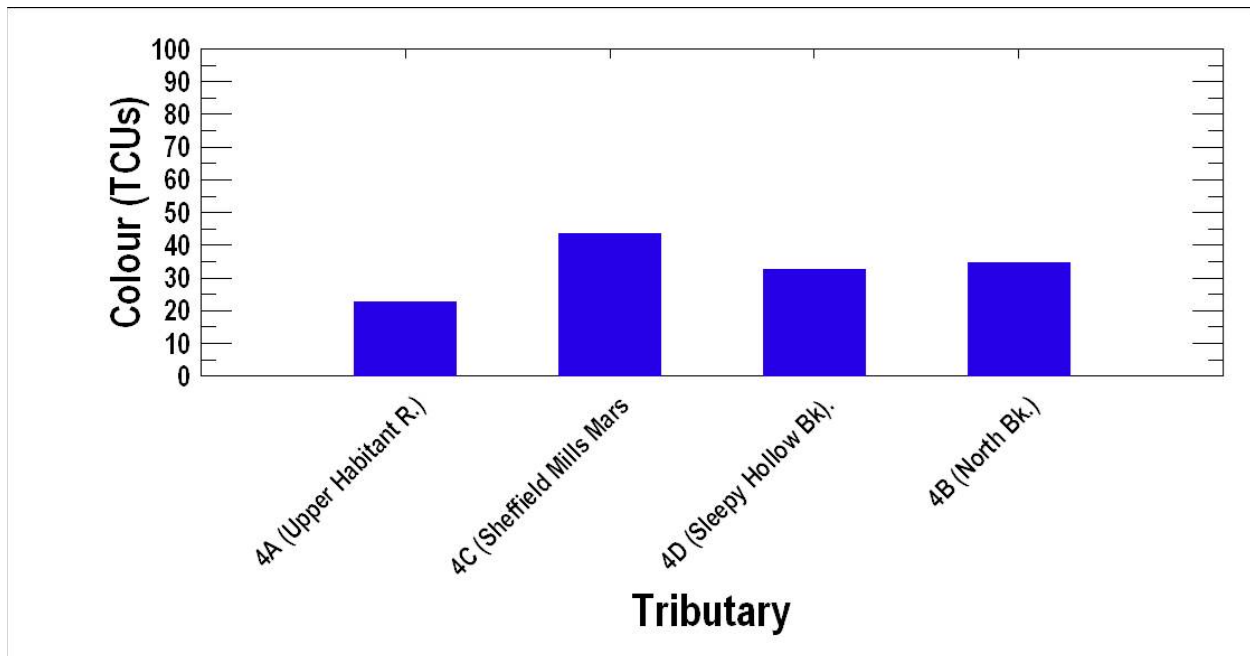


Fig 4.33 Water colour for tributary sites of the Habitant River

4.4 Mink Farm Surveys

There are a total of 13 existing mink farms located within the watersheds surveyed, five of which are located within the Annapolis River watershed, and eight of which are located within the Cornwallis River watershed. There are also two sites, one in the Annapolis River watershed and one within the Cornwallis River watershed, for which applications have been submitted for approval to establish new mink farms. In addition, there is one newly approved and operational mink farm located within the Habitant River watershed. Appendices IIG to III contain maps showing the location of these sites.

Water quality surveys within areas of existing mink farms were carried out using the same parameters and procedures as those used for the tributary sites. Samples were collected at one or more locations from nearby watercourses considered most likely to receive any run-off from existing mink farm activities. In some cases, it was either not possible to identify a nearby waterway specific to the farm site, or the site was not easily accessible. In these cases the sample site location of the nearest river tributary was referenced. Table 4.1 lists the sites sampled and the name of the nearest watercourse or tributary. The water quality data specific to each site is presented in the main database contained in Appendix I.

| Table 4.1 Nearest watercourse sampled for existing, new and proposed mink farm sites. | | | |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Watershed | Site Name | Nearest Watercourse | Sample Name |
| Annapolis | MF1 | Leonard Brook. | 1DC-3YYY |
| Annapolis | MF8 | Burbridge Brook | 1DC-3SSS |
| Annapolis | MF21 | South River | 21SS |
| Annapolis | MF20 | Gould Brook | 20SS |
| Annapolis | MF22 | Hutchinson Brook | 22SS |
| Cornwallis | MF11 | Keddy/Armstrong Brook | MF11-SS1/MF11-SS2 |
| Cornwallis | MF12 | White Brook | 1DD-2G |
| Cornwallis | MF14 | Black River | 1DD-3GG |
| Cornwallis | MF15 | Fishwick Brook | 1DD-2C |
| Cornwallis | MF17 | Fishwick Brook | 1DD-2C |
| Cornwallis | MF18 | Fisher Brook | 1DD-2D1 |
| Cornwallis | MF19 | Coleman Brook | 1DD-2B2 |
| Cornwallis | MF23 | Rand Brook | 1DD-2F |
| Cornwallis | ProposedMF1 | Bear Brook | 1DC-3SS |
| Annapolis | ProposedMF2 | South River | MF21-SS |
| Habitant | NewMF3 | Sleepy Hollow Brook | 1DD-4D |

4.5 Statistical Comparisons Among Watersheds

Table 4.2 provides a comparative statistical summary of the survey data collected for each individual watershed. These statistics are also illustrated graphically as bar plots (Fig.4.34a and b).

| Parameter | Site | N | Min | Max | Median | Arithmetic Mean |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------|------------|------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Conductivity (µSi/cm) | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 91.8 | 124.0 | 109.5 | 110.7 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 215.0 | 352.0 | 252.0 | 277.8 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 25.2 | 439.0 | 148.0 | 168.0 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 93.1 | 409.0 | 235.0 | 214.0 |
| | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 259.0 | 528.0 | 368.0 | 380.8 |
| Alkalinity (mg/L) | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 14.8 | 28.8 | 16.7 | 20.2 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 40.3 | 73.0 | 52.2 | 56.3 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 0.5 | 93.3 | 37.5 | 35.1 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 9.8 | 70.0 | 47.6 | 41.7 |
| | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 53.7 | 102.0 | 89.9 | 83.6 |
| pH | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.6 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 5.2 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 7.6 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.8 |
| | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.1 |
| Colour (TCUs) | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 100.6 | 146.3 | 137.3 | 130.2 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 42.2 | 75.8 | 47.4 | 56.4 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 20.2 | 229.1 | 83.1 | 94.3 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 16.2 | 85.3 | 50.5 | 49.1 |
| | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 22.7 | 43.7 | 33.7 | 33.5 |
| Total N (mg/L) | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 0.60 | 0.82 | 0.68 | 0.70 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 1.55 | 2.02 | 1.77 | 1.78 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 0.19 | 3.13 | 0.60 | 0.79 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 0.24 | 2.14 | 1.35 | 1.22 |
| | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 1.37 | 2.82 | 1.60 | 1.85 |
| Nitrite+Nitrate – N (mg/L) | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 0.25 | 0.49 | 0.28 | 0.34 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 0.98 | 1.60 | 1.40 | 1.32 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | <0.01 | 2.04 | 0.19 | 0.38 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 15 | 0.05 | 1.74 | 0.88 | 0.88 |
| | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 0.90 | 2.48 | 1.41 | 1.55 |
| Ammonia - N (mg/L) | Annapolis Main River | 8 | <0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | <0.01 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.04 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | <0.01 | 0.26 | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | <0.01 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 0.01 | 0.12 | 0.04 | 0.52 |
| Inorganic-N:TN Ratio | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 0.52 | 0.63 | 0.58 | 0.49 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 0.67 | 0.82 | 0.80 | 0.76 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 0.04 | 0.84 | 0.30 | 0.37 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 0.23 | 0.86 | 0.74 | 0.68 |
| | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 0.75 | 0.91 | 0.90 | 0.86 |

| Table 4.2 (Con't.) | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|----------|------------|------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Parameter | Site | N | Min | Max | Median | Arithmetic Mean |
| Total N Loading Kg N/Day | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 0.01 | 80.19 | 4.05 | 10.33 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 0.117 | 97.63 | 5.39 | 13.94 |
| | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 0.01 | 54.82 | 5.80 | 16.61 |
| Total P (mg/L) | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 0.029 | 0.050 | 0.039 | 0.039 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 0.074 | 0.092 | 0.080 | 0.081 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 0.007 | 0.210 | 0.026 | 0.038 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 0.011 | 0.118 | 0.050 | 0.051 |
| Phosphate - P (mg/L) | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 0.045 | 0.149 | 0.071 | 0.084 |
| | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 0.015 | 0.029 | 0.024 | 0.023 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 0.034 | 0.073 | 0.055 | 0.056 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 0.003 | 0.163 | 0.013 | 0.027 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 0.003 | 0.089 | 0.030 | 0.029 |
| Inorganic P:TP Ratio | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 0.016 | 0.124 | 0.042 | 0.056 |
| | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 0.51 | 0.63 | 0.58 | 0.58 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 0.45 | 0.80 | 0.74 | 0.68 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 0.17 | 0.81 | 0.50 | 0.49 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 0.18 | 0.75 | 0.54 | 0.53 |
| Total P Loading Kg P/Day | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 0.36 | 0.83 | 0.60 | 0.60 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 0.01 | 5.35 | 0.17 | 0.53 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 0.01 | 3.19 | 0.17 | 0.54 |
| Water Temperature (°C) | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 0.00 | 2.90 | 0.30 | 0.87 |
| | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 11.0 | 12.4 | 11.9 | 11.8 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 11.7 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.0 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 10.7 | 21.0 | 15.4 | 14.9 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 13.6 | 18.2 | 16.8 | 16.6 |
| Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L) | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 13.5 | 17.7 | 14.6 | 15.2 |
| | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 6.15 | 8.50 | 7.05 | 7.03 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 5.84 | 7.42 | 6.18 | 6.45 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 5.24 | 11.1 | 7.73 | 8.13 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 6.40 | 9.07 | 8.01 | 7.86 |
| % DO Saturation (mg/L) | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 6.35 | 8.80 | 6.48 | 7.03 |
| | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 56.5 | 78.5 | 64.6 | 64.3 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 53.8 | 67.8 | 57.0 | 59.3 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 54.2 | 106.3 | 77.22 | 79.4 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 61.0 | 94.8 | 81.8 | 80.1 |
| Fecal Coliforms (MPN/100ml) | Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 60.4 | 85.0 | 65.8 | 69.3 |
| | Annapolis Main River | 8 | 161 | 1120 | 410 | 411 |
| | Cornwallis Main River | 5 | 75 | 1120 | 130 | 336 |
| | Annapolis Tributaries | 33 | 20 | >2419 | 365 | 703 |
| | Cornwallis Tributaries | 15 | 109 | >2419 | 1414 | 1226 |
| Habitant Tributaries | 4 | 126 | 921 | 376 | 450 | |

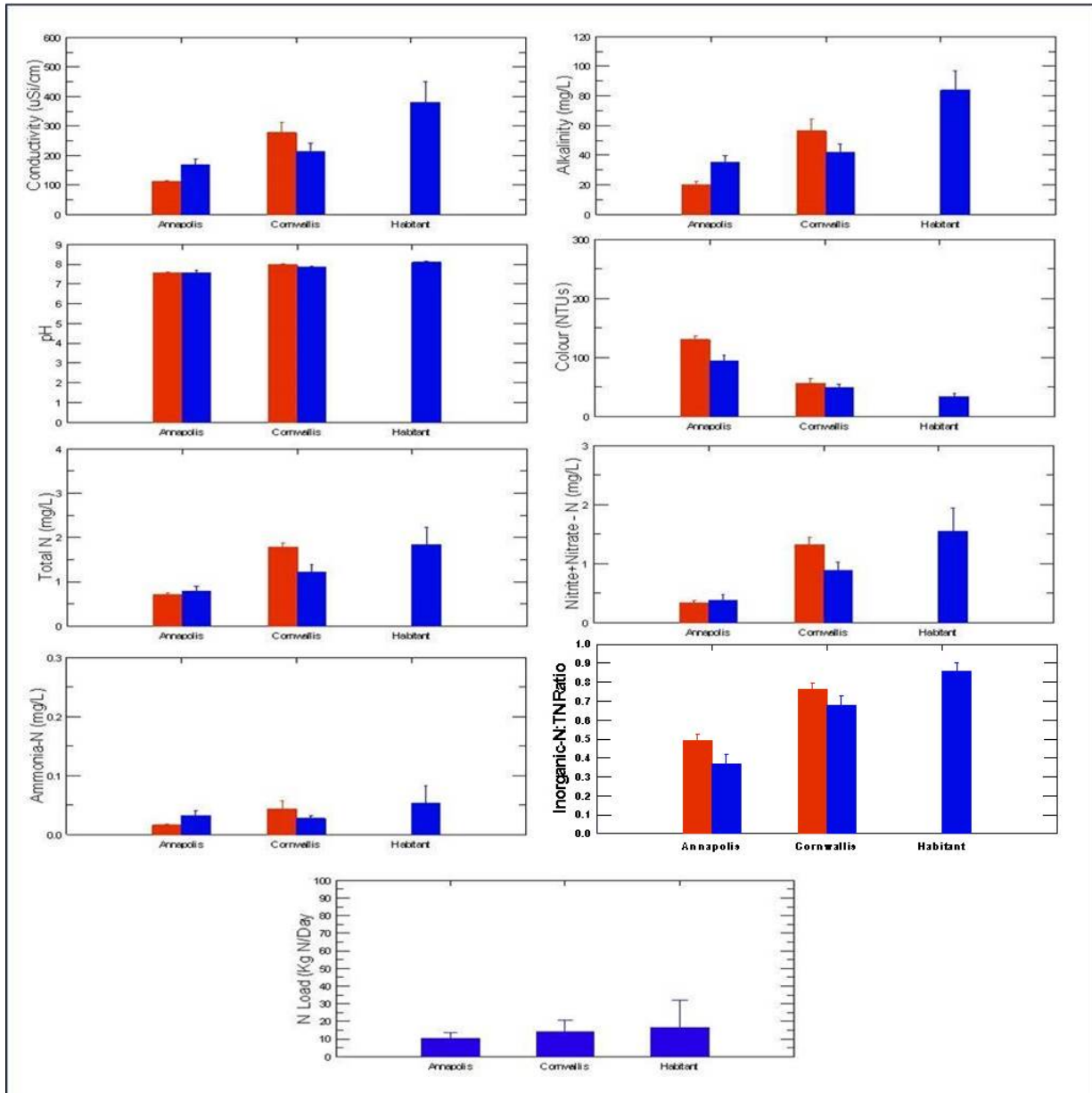


Fig 4.34a. Mean value of each survey parameter for main river (■) and tributary (■) sites in each watershed (error bars are one standard error of the mean).

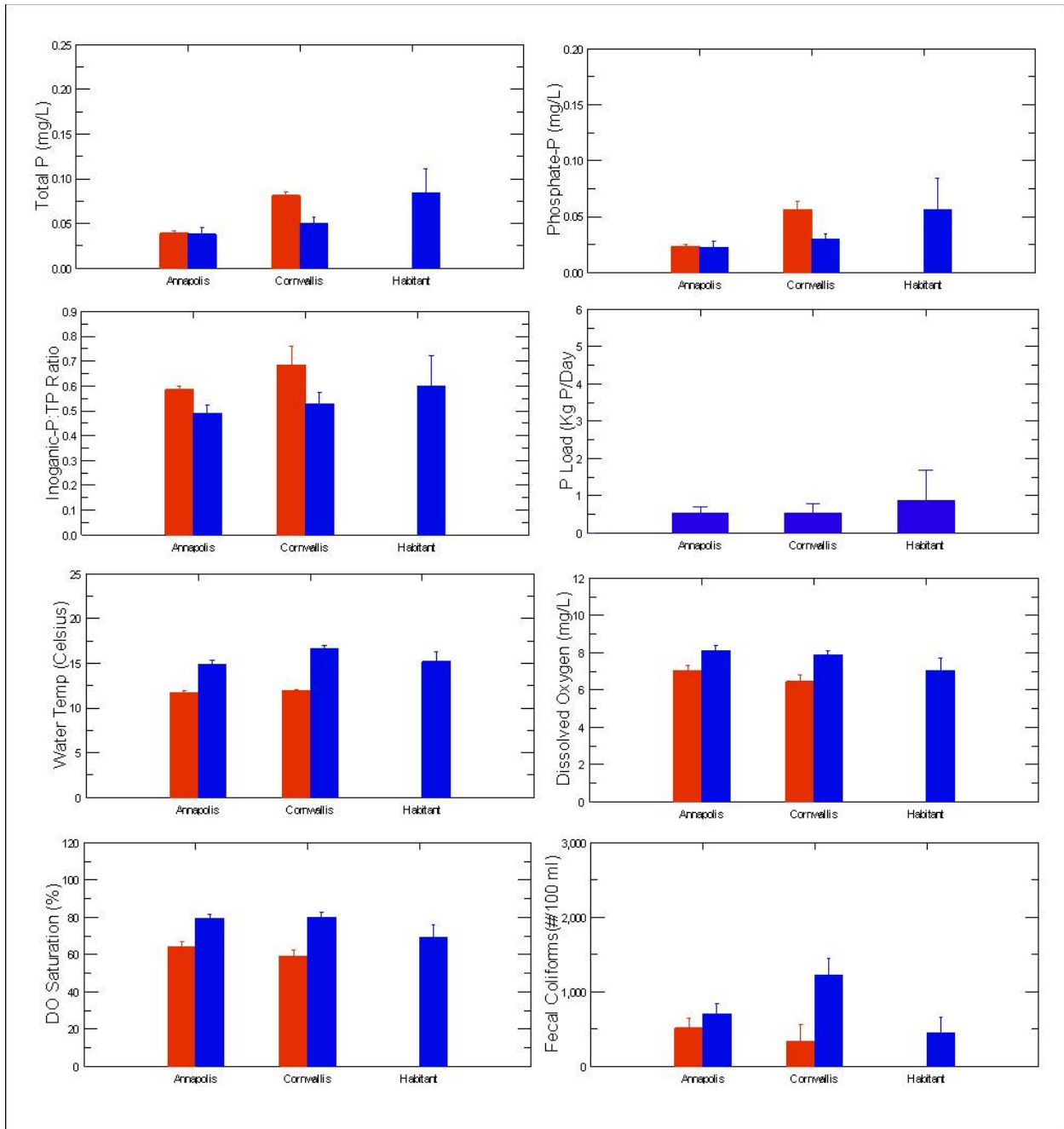


Fig 4.34b. Mean value of each survey parameter for main river (■) and tributary (■) sites in each watershed (error bars are one standard error of the mean).

Although there are significant differences between the surveyed watersheds in conductivity and alkalinity, the highest levels being observed in the Habitant and the lowest levels in the Annapolis, pH within all of the watersheds was quite similar. The differences among watersheds in conductivity and alkalinity are most likely due to differences in the geological characteristics of each watershed.

There are also significant differences in water colour among watersheds, the highest values being observed in the Annapolis watershed and the lowest in the Habitant. Water colour in these watersheds is determined largely by the levels of dissolved humic substances which originate from lechates of coniferous vegetation.

Nutrient levels also vary significantly among watersheds. All forms of both nitrogen and phosphorus, as well as nitrogen and phosphorous loadings, are highest in the Habitant and lowest in the Annapolis. This trend is also true for the proportion of inorganic forms of nitrogen and phosphorus present.

Water temperature, dissolved oxygen and percent dissolved oxygen levels show relatively little variation among watersheds.

Fecal coliform numbers in tributaries are highest in the Cornwallis watershed and lowest in the Habitant.

For the most part, the trends exhibited for the Annapolis and Cornwallis main river sites were similar to that exhibited for the tributary sites. Comparisons between the tributary and main river mean levels of the surveyed parameters within each watershed show a general trend for the main river to have higher water colour and nutrient levels and tributaries to have higher levels of water temperature, dissolved oxygen and fecal coliform bacteria.

5. Discussion

The results of this survey suggest that all of the watersheds surveyed exhibit some degree of degradation in water quality. Of particular concern are the high nutrient levels and fecal coliform numbers.

The level and form of nutrients present in all of the surveyed watersheds are not typical of what would be expected in a watershed not degraded to any significant extent. In particular, the fact that a large proportion of the nitrogen and phosphorus is in the inorganic form is indicative of anthropogenic nutrient over-enrichment, and is likely a result of the high level of agricultural activity present in all three of the watersheds surveyed. The fact that mean levels of the inorganic nutrients are higher within the main river than the tributaries suggests that either much of this enters the river through direct surface run-off, or that a considerable portion of the nutrient load to the river settles and accumulates within the bottom of the river and at the time of the surveys had become resuspended. It could also be a result of point sources of nutrient inputs from sewage treatment plants and/or septic systems.

Fecal coliform bacteria levels are also high. Potential sources of fecal coliform bacteria include agricultural livestock activities, sewage treatment plant outflows and faulty septic systems. A large proportion of the tributaries and main river sites surveyed exceeded the CCME guideline for agricultural water use and a significant proportion exceeded the Health Canada guideline for recreational water use. In contrast to the trends exhibited by nutrient

levels, fecal coliform numbers tended to be higher within the tributaries than within the main river sites and were surprising low in the lower portion of the Cornwallis River.

The levels of pH varied very little among sites and were very good, all but one site falling within the CCME guidelines for protection of aquatic life. This indicates that all three watersheds have good buffering capacity and are not being impacted by acid precipitation.

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APPENDIX I
Database Tables

| Appendix 1A Sample Site Names and Locations | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Watershed | Secondary Watershed Code | Tertiary Watershed Code | Tributary Name | Sample Station ID | Northing | Easting |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3RR | Hutchinson Bk. | A3RR | 4985777 | 360778 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3TT | Skinner Bk. | A3TT | 4987828 | 357227 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3VV | Patterson Bk. | A3VV | 4987724 | 356389 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3XX | Graves Bk. | A3XX | 4987394 | 355049 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3ZZ | McGee Bk. | A3ZZ | 4986195 | 353717 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3AAA | Avery Bk. | A3AAA | 4985866 | 353219 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3LL | Zeke Bk. | A3LL | 4982305 | 346610 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3JJ | Fales R. | A3JJ | 4981392 | 345239 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3CC | Lewis Bk. | A3CC | 4981105 | 344479 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3EEE | Wisnal Bk. | A3EEE | 4980734 | 343129 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3GG | Black R. | A3GG | 4979662 | 342036 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3GGG | Watton Bk. | A3GGG | 4979518 | 340298 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3JJJ | Evans Bk. | A3JJJ | 4979372 | 339360 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3LLL | Morton Bk. | A3LLL | 4979095 | 337836 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3CCC | Nictaux R. | A3CCC | 4978204 | 337218 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3AA | Kempt Bk. | A3AA | 4976203 | 334934 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3QQQ | Slokum | A3QQQ | 4976740 | 334797 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3Y | Delancys Bk. | A3Y | 4975371 | 334080 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3SSS | Burbridge Bk. | A3SSS | 4974808 | 332607 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3UUU | McEwan Bk. | A3UUU | 4974450 | 331928 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3W | Gehues Bk. | A3W | 4973193 | 330826 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3WWW | Oak Hollow Bk. | A3WWW | 4972944 | 330504 |

| Appendix 1A (Con't.) | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Watershed | Secondary Watershed Code | Tertiary Watershed Code | Tributary Name | Sample Station ID | Northing | Easting |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3V | Petes Bk. | A3V | 4972906 | 330528 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3U | Millers Bk. | A3U | 4972463 | 330200 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3YYY | Leonards Bk. | A3YYY | 4970888 | 326218 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3AAAA | Shearer Bk. | A3AAAA | 4970509 | 324887 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3P | Paradise Bk. | A3P | 4970310 | 324910 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3N | Saunders Bk. | A3N | 4969283 | 323097 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3CCCC | Munroe Bk. | A3CCCC | 4968980 | 322404 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3M | Daniels Bk. | A3M | 4968642 | 321697 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3EEEE | Saunders West Bk. | A3EEEE | 4968625 | 321458 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3L | Bulton Bk. | A3L | 4967226 | 320117 |
| Annapolis | 1DC | 3K | Bloody Ck. | A3K | 4965805 | 317372 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2G | White Bk. | C2G | 4991131 | 359714 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2F | Rand Bk. | C2F | 4990755 | 361529 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2D-TB | Thomas Bk. | C2D-TB | 4990904 | 362211 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2D-FB | Fisher Bk. | C2D-FB | 4992884 | 363111 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2C | Fishwick Bk. | C2C | 4990848 | 367489 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2H | Rockford Bk. | C2H | 4990534 | 368235 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2K | Sharpe Bk. | C2K | 4990650 | 371390 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2M | Spiddle Bk. | C2M | 4991144 | 373973 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2B-CB | Coleman Bk. | C2B-CB | 4993613 | 374113 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2BBB | Brandywine Bk. | C2BBB | 4993944 | 374702 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2P | Tupper Bk. | C2P | 4991629 | 375988 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2N | Chute Bk. | C2N | 4994310 | 376741 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2A | Black Bk. | C2A | 4994123 | 377286 |

| Appendix 1A (Con't.) | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Watershed | Secondary Watershed Code | Tertiary Watershed Code | Tributary Name | Sample Station ID | Northing | Easting |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2R | Mill Bk. | C2R | 4992391 | 382582 |
| Cornwallis | 1DD | 2T | Elderkin Bk. | C2T | 4991964 | 383707 |
| Habitant | 1DD | 4A | Upper Habitant River | H4A | 4999935 | 380759 |
| Habitant | 1DD | 4C | Sheffield Mills Marsh Outflow | H4C | 5000861 | 383292 |
| Habitant | 1DD | 4B | North Bk. | H4B | 5000660 | 384106 |
| Habitant | 1DD | 4D | Sleepy Hollow Bk. | H4D | 5001758 | 383267 |

| Appendix 1B Annapolis Watershed (Secondary Watershed Code 1DC) Tributary Survey Data | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Tributary | Tertiary Watershed Code | Date | Conductivity (uSi/cm) | pH | Alkalinity (mg/L) | True Colour (TCUs) | Total N (mg/L) | Nitrate+nitrite - N (mg/L) | Ammonia - N (mg/L) | Total P (mg/L) | Phosphate - P (mg/L) | Fecal Coliforms (MPN/100ml) | Water Temperature (°C) | Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L) | % DO Saturation |
| Hutchinson Bk. | 3RR | 9-Sep-13 | 38.9 | 6.5 | 4.5 | 229.1 | 0.66 | 0.19 | <0.01 | 0.030 | 0.009 | 135 | 11.6 | 11.07 | 56.9 |
| Skinner Bk. | 3TT | 9-Sep-13 | 280.0 | 8.0 | 60.3 | 126.7 | 1.77 | 1.42 | 0.06 | 0.055 | 0.024 | 613 | 12.0 | 10.90 | 56.4 |
| Patterson Bk. | 3VV | 9-Sep-13 | 342.0 | 8.2 | 91.4 | 109.8 | 3.13 | 2.04 | 0.06 | 0.098 | 0.070 | 1120 | 11.5 | 11.12 | 59.5 |
| Graves Bk. | 3XX | 9-Sep-13 | 364.0 | 8.2 | 93.3 | 64.1 | 1.41 | 1.06 | 0.02 | 0.042 | 0.025 | 980 | 12.0 | 11.05 | 64.2 |
| McGee Bk. | 3ZZ | 9-Sep-13 | 240.0 | 8.1 | 73.9 | 49.3 | 1.12 | 0.88 | 0.02 | 0.065 | 0.025 | 649 | 11.2 | 10.92 | 67.9 |
| Avery Bk. | 3AAA | 9-Sep-13 | 301.0 | 7.9 | 45.8 | 41.7 | 1.01 | 0.80 | 0.02 | 0.023 | 0.011 | 308 | 10.7 | 10.82 | 66.1 |
| Zeke Bk. | 3LL | 12-Sep-13 | 278.0 | 7.8 | 37.5 | 34.5 | 0.69 | 0.47 | 0.02 | 0.022 | 0.013 | 135 | 15.5 | 10.77 | 65.0 |
| Fales R. | 3JJ | 12-Sep-13 | 53.3 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 196.4 | 0.67 | 0.21 | <0.01 | 0.027 | 0.010 | 308 | 17.3 | 10.82 | 78.5 |
| Lewis Bk. | 3CCC | 12-Sep-13 | 41.3 | 6.9 | 4.5 | 86.6 | 0.35 | 0.06 | <0.01 | 0.029 | 0.019 | 63 | 17.2 | 10.97 | 70.5 |
| Wisnal Bk. | 3EEE | 12-Sep-13 | 148.0 | 7.7 | 38.8 | 78.8 | 0.35 | <0.01 | 0.04 | 0.045 | 0.018 | 32 | 17.4 | 10.87 | 66.9 |
| Black R. | 3GG | 12-Sep-13 | 69.6 | 7.4 | 13.9 | 187.9 | 0.53 | 0.09 | <0.01 | 0.013 | <0.005 | 411 | 18.0 | 11.00 | 86.4 |
| Watton Bk. | 3GGG | 12-Sep-13 | 188.0 | 8.1 | 62.1 | 63.1 | 0.88 | 0.51 | 0.02 | 0.050 | 0.037 | 345 | 17.4 | 10.87 | 73.6 |
| Evans Bk. | 3JJJ | 12-Sep-13 | 190.0 | 7.9 | 41.1 | 63.6 | 1.90 | 1.41 | 0.04 | 0.026 | 0.010 | 291 | 18.0 | 11.07 | 79.3 |
| Morton Bk. | 3LLL | 12-Sep-13 | 439.0 | 8.1 | 59.3 | 35.0 | 0.35 | 0.10 | <0.01 | 0.015 | 0.008 | 365 | 18.1 | 11.20 | 63.4 |
| Nictaux R. | 3CC | 12-Sep-13 | 108.0 | 7.6 | 22.8 | 121.6 | 0.75 | 0.35 | 0.06 | 0.050 | 0.031 | >2419 | 21.0 | 10.06 | 79.5 |
| Kempt Bk. | 3AA | 23-Sep-13 | 117.0 | 7.7 | 29.8 | 40.8 | 0.54 | 0.26 | 0.02 | 0.024 | 0.016 | 281 | 14.2 | 9.68 | 82.6 |
| Slokum Bk. | 3QQQ | 23-Sep-13 | 395.0 | 7.9 | 36.1 | 20.2 | 0.19 | <0.01 | 0.01 | 0.010 | 0.005 | 756 | 16.5 | 9.70 | 68.0 |
| Delancys Bk. | 3Y | 23-Sep-13 | 53.9 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 154.0 | 0.40 | <0.01 | 0.02 | 0.012 | <0.005 | 830 | 16.5 | 9.66 | 54.2 |
| Burbridge Bk. | 3SSS | 24-Sep-13 | 167.0 | 8.0 | 44.1 | 78.0 | 0.43 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.043 | 0.025 | 1553 | 16.6 | 9.55 | 79.2 |
| McEwan Bk. | 3UUU | 23-Sep-13 | 214.0 | 7.8 | 39.6 | 114.0 | 0.90 | 0.22 | 0.08 | 0.105 | 0.058 | >2419 | 16.7 | 9.66 | 75.5 |
| Gehues Bk. | 3W | 23-Sep-13 | 68.5 | 7.4 | 10.6 | 63.3 | 0.38 | <0.01 | 0.04 | 0.018 | 0.006 | 1414 | 16.4 | 9.55 | 73.8 |
| Oak Hollow Bk. | 3WWW | 23-Sep-13 | 220.0 | 8.0 | 53.8 | 130.6 | 1.74 | 0.66 | 0.26 | 0.201 | 0.163 | >2419 | 16.6 | 9.53 | 77.3 |
| Petes Bk. | 3V | 23-Sep-13 | 140.0 | 7.6 | 13.9 | 35.4 | 0.25 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 0.007 | <0.005 | 659 | 15.3 | 8.99 | 77.2 |
| Millers Bk. | 3U | 23-Sep-13 | 110.0 | 7.6 | 16.0 | 83.1 | 0.29 | <0.01 | 0.02 | 0.015 | <0.005 | 376 | 15.4 | 10.35 | 58.1 |
| Leonards Bk. | 3YYY | 24-Sep-13 | 182.0 | 8.0 | 50.7 | 125.5 | 1.54 | 0.81 | 0.05 | 0.089 | 0.061 | >2419 | 13.0 | 9.85 | 65.9 |
| Shearer Bk. | 3AAAA | 24-Sep-13 | 148.0 | 8.0 | 46.8 | 105.6 | 0.64 | 0.28 | 0.01 | 0.039 | 0.030 | 238 | 12.1 | 9.85 | 78.8 |
| Saunders Bk. | 3N | 24-Sep-13 | 123.0 | 7.7 | 23.3 | 24.7 | 0.72 | 0.54 | 0.03 | 0.011 | 0.007 | 245 | 12.6 | 9.83 | 73.3 |
| Paradise Bk. | 3P | 24-Sep-13 | 47.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 97.9 | 0.31 | <0.01 | 0.01 | 0.009 | <0.005 | 192 | 12.0 | 9.81 | 76.8 |
| Munroe Bk. | 3CCCC | 24-Sep-13 | 186.0 | 8.0 | 60.6 | 53.0 | 0.45 | 0.10 | 0.03 | 0.031 | 0.019 | 770 | 13.8 | 9.87 | 76.2 |
| Daniels Bk. | 3M | 24-Sep-13 | 25.2 | 5.2 | <1.0 | 151.0 | 0.36 | <0.01 | 0.02 | 0.009 | <0.005 | 20 | 16.0 | 9.83 | 72.4 |
| Saunders West Bk. | 3EEEE | 24-Sep-13 | 175.0 | 8.0 | 54.3 | 109.0 | 0.60 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.024 | 0.014 | 184 | 13.3 | 10.10 | 76.6 |
| Bulton Bk. | 3L | 24-Sep-13 | 54.2 | 7.2 | 8.2 | 83.1 | 0.29 | 0.02 | <0.01 | 0.010 | <0.010 | 172 | 12.3 | 10.08 | 85.8 |
| Bloody Ck. | 3K | 23-Sep-13 | 37.3 | 6.3 | 2.4 | 154.4 | 0.38 | <0.01 | 0.01 | 0.011 | <0.005 | 99 | 13.8 | 10.63 | 94.1 |

| Appendix 1C Annapolis Watershed Main River Survey Data | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Site | Date | Conductivity (uSi/cm) | pH | Alkalinity (mg/L) | True Colour (TCUs) | Total N (mg/L) | Ammonia - N (mg/L) | Nitrite+Nitrate (mg/L) | Total P (mg/L) | Phosphate -P (mg/L) | Fecal Coliforms (MPN/100ml) | Water Temperature (°C) | Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L) | % DO Saturation |
| Greenwood | 9-Oct-13 | 124.0 | 7.7 | 28.8 | 104.4 | 0.81 | 0.48 | <0.01 | 0.038 | 0.024 | 161 | 11.20 | 6.30 | 56.9 |
| Kingston | 9-Oct-13 | 120.0 | 7.7 | 27.6 | 100.6 | 0.82 | 0.49 | 0.01 | 0.038 | 0.022 | 199 | 11.90 | 6.15 | 56.4 |
| Wilmot | 9-Oct-13 | 122.0 | 7.7 | 24.8 | 135.3 | 0.75 | 0.40 | <0.01 | 0.039 | 0.024 | 260 | 11.00 | 6.62 | 59.5 |
| Middleton | 9-Oct-13 | 91.8 | 7.5 | 14.8 | 139.2 | 0.60 | 0.25 | <0.01 | 0.029 | 0.015 | 548 | 11.30 | 7.09 | 64.2 |
| Brickton | 9-Oct-13 | 108.0 | 7.5 | 16.3 | 134.6 | 0.67 | 0.29 | <0.01 | 0.037 | 0.021 | 272 | 11.80 | 7.42 | 67.9 |
| Lawrencetown | 9-Oct-13 | 106.0 | 7.5 | 16.2 | 141.2 | 0.66 | 0.26 | 0.01 | 0.041 | 0.024 | 727 | 12.20 | 7.15 | 66.1 |
| Paradise | 9-Oct-13 | 111.0 | 7.5 | 17.0 | 146.3 | 0.68 | 0.26 | 0.01 | 0.050 | 0.029 | 816 | 12.40 | 7.00 | 65.0 |
| Bridgetown | 9-Oct-13 | 103.0 | 7.5 | 16.0 | 140.0 | 0.68 | 0.27 | 0.02 | 0.044 | 0.027 | 1120 | 12.20 | 8.50 | 78.5 |

| Appendix 1D Annapolis Watershed Tributary Nutrient Loadings. | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tributary | Date | Current Velocity (m/sec) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Surface Area (m ²) | Total N (mg/L) | Total P (mg/L) | Nitrogen Load (kg/day) | Phosphorus Load (kg/day) |
| Hutchinson Bk. | 9-Sep-13 | 0.14 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.50 | 0.66 | 0.030 | 11.98 | 0.54 |
| Skinner Bk. | 9-Sep-13 | 0.10 | 2.0 | 0.46 | 0.92 | 1.77 | 0.055 | 14.07 | 0.44 |
| Patterson Bk. | 9-Sep-13 | 0.11 | 2.0 | 0.43 | 0.86 | 3.13 | 0.098 | 25.58 | 0.80 |
| Graves Bk. | 9-Sep-13 | 0.17 | 2.5 | 0.11 | 0.28 | 1.41 | 0.042 | 5.70 | 0.17 |
| McGee Bk. | 9-Sep-13 | 0.13 | 1.0 | 0.46 | 0.46 | 1.12 | 0.065 | 5.79 | 0.34 |
| Avery Bk. | 9-Sep-13 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.23 | 0.69 | 1.01 | 0.023 | 0.60 | 0.01 |
| Zeke Bk. | 12-Sep-13 | 0.20 | 2.0 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.69 | 0.022 | 4.05 | 0.13 |
| Fales R. | 12-Sep-13 | 0.66 | 2.0 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.67 | 0.027 | 38.21 | 1.54 |
| Lewis Bk. | 16-Sep-13 | 0.01 | 0.5 | 0.10 | 0.03 | 0.35 | 0.029 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Wisnal Bk. | 12-Sep-13 | 0.01 | 1.0 | 0.36 | 0.18 | 0.35 | 0.045 | 0.05 | 0.01 |
| Black R. | 9-Sep-13 | 0.52 | 4.0 | 0.18 | 0.36 | 0.53 | 0.013 | 8.57 | 0.21 |
| Watton Bk. | 12-Sep-13 | 1.00 | 2.5 | 0.19 | 0.24 | 0.88 | 0.050 | 18.06 | 1.03 |
| Evans Bk. | 12-Sep-13 | 0.09 | 1.0 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 1.90 | 0.026 | 2.22 | 0.03 |
| Morton Bk. | 12-Sep-13 | 0.07 | 2.0 | 0.84 | 1.68 | 0.35 | 0.015 | 3.56 | 0.15 |
| Nictaux R. | 12-Sep-13 | 0.15 | 15.0 | 0.55 | 8.25 | 0.75 | 0.050 | 80.19 | 5.35 |
| Kempt Bk. | 9-Sep-13 | 0.20 | 0.3 | 0.13 | 0.02 | 0.54 | 0.024 | 0.15 | 0.01 |
| Slokum | 23-Sep-13 | 0.06 | 2.0 | 1.00 | 2.00 | 0.19 | 0.010 | 1.97 | 0.10 |
| Delancys Bk. | 23-Sep-13 | 0.15 | 4.0 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 0.40 | 0.012 | 5.18 | 0.16 |
| Burbridge Bk. | 24-Sep-13 | 0.09 | 2.5 | 0.33 | 0.83 | 0.43 | 0.043 | 2.76 | 0.28 |
| McEwan Bk. | 23-Sep-13 | 0.19 | 2.0 | 0.71 | 1.42 | 0.90 | 0.105 | 20.98 | 2.45 |
| Gehues Bk. | 23-Sep-13 | 0.05 | 2.0 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.38 | 0.018 | 0.98 | 0.05 |
| Oak Hollow Bk. | 23-Sep-13 | 0.04 | 4.0 | 0.40 | 1.60 | 1.74 | 0.201 | 9.62 | 1.11 |
| Petes Bk. | 23-Sep-13 | 0.05 | 2.0 | 0.43 | 0.86 | 0.25 | 0.007 | 0.93 | 0.03 |
| Millers Bk. | 23-Sep-13 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 0.48 | 0.96 | 0.29 | 0.015 | 1.20 | 0.06 |
| Leonards Bk. | 24-Sep-13 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 0.38 | 0.57 | 1.54 | 0.089 | 5.31 | 0.31 |
| Shearer Bk. | 24-Sep-13 | 0.06 | 2.0 | 0.42 | 0.84 | 0.40 | 0.039 | 1.74 | 0.17 |
| Paradise Bk. | 24-Sep-13 | 0.36 | 2.5 | 0.25 | 0.63 | 0.31 | 0.009 | 6.03 | 0.17 |
| Saunders Bk. | 24-Sep-13 | 0.01 | 1.0 | 0.32 | 0.16 | 0.72 | 0.011 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| Munroe Bk. | 24-Sep-13 | 0.08 | 2.0 | 0.18 | 0.36 | 0.45 | 0.031 | 1.12 | 0.08 |
| Daniels Bk. | 24-Sep-13 | 1.05 | 5.0 | 0.33 | 1.65 | 0.36 | 0.009 | 53.89 | 1.35 |
| Saunders West Bk. | 24-Sep-13 | 0.35 | 0.9 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.60 | 0.024 | 1.14 | 0.05 |
| Bulton Bk. | 24-Sep-13 | 0.08 | 3.0 | 0.22 | 0.66 | 0.29 | 0.010 | 1.32 | 0.05 |
| Bloody Ck. | 23-Sep-13 | 0.99 | 2.0 | 0.12 | 0.24 | 0.38 | 0.011 | 7.80 | 0.23 |

Appendix 1E Cornwallis Watershed Tributary (Secondary Watershed Code 1DD) Survey Data

| Tributary | Tertiary Watershed Code | Date | Conductivity (uSi/cm) | pH | Alkalinity (mg/L) | True Colour (TCUs) | Total N (mg/L) | Nitrate+nitrite - N (mg/L) | Ammonia - N (mg/L) | Total P (mg/L) | Phosphate - P (mg/L) | Total P (mg/L) | Fecal Coliforms (MPN/100ml) | Water Temperature (°C) | Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L) | % DO Saturation |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| White Bk. | 2G | 4-Sep-13 | 176.0 | 8.0 | 51.1 | 50.5 | 1.58 | 1.16 | <0.01 | 0.050 | 0.033 | 0.050 | 1733 | 17.0 | 9.05 | 53.8 |
| Rand Bk. | 2F | 4-Sep-13 | 247.0 | 8.0 | 53.4 | 60.7 | 1.81 | 1.41 | 0.04 | 0.048 | 0.030 | 0.048 | >2419 | 17.7 | 7.70 | 55.2 |
| Thomas Bk. | 2D | 4-Sep-13 | 321.0 | 8.0 | 63.0 | 56.6 | 1.36 | 0.88 | 0.06 | 0.066 | 0.037 | 0.066 | >2419 | 17.9 | 8.35 | 62.5 |
| Fisher Bk. | 2D | 4-Sep-13 | 409.0 | 7.9 | 47.6 | 73.4 | 1.08 | 0.67 | 0.04 | 0.050 | 0.020 | 0.050 | 1414 | 17.9 | 8.05 | 67.8 |
| Fishwick Bk. | 2C | 4-Sep-13 | 235.0 | 8.1 | 70.0 | 38.4 | 1.66 | 1.13 | 0.04 | 0.118 | 0.089 | 0.118 | >2419 | 18.2 | 6.68 | 57.0 |
| Rockford Bk. | 2H | 4-Sep-13 | 93.1 | 7.6 | 17.5 | 40.1 | 1.35 | 1.06 | 0.03 | 0.048 | 0.030 | 0.048 | 816 | 16.7 | 6.73 | 92.9 |
| Sharpe Bk. | 2K | 4-Sep-13 | 94.6 | 7.2 | 9.8 | 85.3 | 0.61 | 0.26 | 0.01 | 0.040 | 0.021 | 0.040 | 1553 | 16.5 | 7.29 | 80.2 |
| Spiddle Bk. | 2M | 4-Sep-13 | 101.0 | 7.4 | 12.9 | 36.8 | 0.83 | 0.60 | 0.05 | 0.060 | 0.044 | 0.060 | 1553 | 14.8 | 7.56 | 87.3 |
| Coleman Bk. | 2B | 5-Sep-13 | 264.0 | 8.1 | 61.3 | 51.6 | 2.14 | 1.64 | 0.04 | 0.070 | 0.037 | 0.070 | 1300 | 16.8 | 8.01 | 84.2 |
| Brandywine Bk. | 2B | 5-Sep-13 | 305.0 | 8.1 | 68.0 | 49.8 | 1.80 | 1.36 | 0.04 | 0.071 | 0.033 | 0.071 | 1553 | 16.2 | 8.71 | 70.3 |
| Tupper Bk. | 2P | 4-Sep-13 | 166.0 | 7.6 | 14.8 | 21.4 | 1.02 | 0.85 | 0.02 | 0.011 | <0.005 | 0.011 | 291 | 17.3 | 8.03 | 68.6 |
| Chute Bk. | 2N | 5-Sep-13 | 237.0 | 8.1 | 59.6 | 25.8 | 2.05 | 1.74 | 0.02 | 0.035 | 0.022 | 0.035 | 488 | 14.2 | 8.52 | 74.0 |
| Black Bk. | 2A | 5-Sep-13 | 103.0 | 7.9 | 38.8 | 75.6 | 0.24 | 0.05 | <0.01 | 0.057 | 0.028 | 0.057 | 109 | 13.6 | 6.40 | 74.0 |
| Mill Bk. | 2R | 4-Sep-13 | 104.0 | 7.7 | 22.1 | 54.5 | 0.40 | 0.12 | <0.01 | 0.014 | <0.005 | 0.014 | 172 | 17.9 | 9.07 | 81.8 |
| Elderkin Bk. | 2T | 4-Sep-13 | 354.0 | 7.9 | 35.8 | 16.2 | 0.46 | 0.32 | <0.01 | 0.024 | 0.013 | 0.024 | 152 | 16.5 | 7.79 | 87.9 |

Appendix 1F Cornwallis Watershed Main River Survey Data

| Site | Date | Conductivity (uSi/cm) | pH | Alkalinity (mg/L) | True Colour (TCUs) | Total N (mg/L) | Ammonia - N (mg/L) | Nitrite+Nitrate (mg/L) | Total P (mg/L) | Phosphate -P (mg/L) | Fecal Coliforms (MPN/100ml) | Water Temperature (°C) | Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L) | % DO Saturation |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Berwick (Willow Rd.) | 9-Oct-13 | 352.0 | 8.0 | 73.0 | 75.8 | 1.55 | 0.05 | 0.98 | 0.075 | 0.034 | 1120 | 12.10 | 5.84 | 57.0 |
| Berwick (Shaw Rd.) | 9-Oct-13 | 346.0 | 8.1 | 72.7 | 73.3 | 1.69 | 0.08 | 1.15 | 0.086 | 0.054 | 260 | 12.20 | 5.97 | 67.8 |
| Cambridge | 9-Oct-13 | 224.0 | 7.9 | 43.1 | 47.4 | 1.89 | <0.01 | 1.48 | 0.092 | 0.073 | 130 | 11.80 | 6.83 | 62.5 |
| Coldbrook | 9-Oct-13 | 215.0 | 7.9 | 40.3 | 42.9 | 1.77 | <0.01 | 1.40 | 0.080 | 0.064 | 93 | 11.70 | 7.42 | 55.2 |
| Kentville | 9-Oct-13 | 252.0 | 8.0 | 52.2 | 42.4 | 2.02 | 0.05 | 1.60 | 0.074 | 0.055 | 75 | 12.10 | 6.18 | 53.8 |

Appendix 1G. Cornwallis River Watershed Tributary Nutrient Loadings.

| Tributary | Date | Current Velocity (m/sec) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Surface Area (m²) | Total N (mg/L) | Total P (mg/L) | Nitrogen Load (kg/day) | Phosphorus Load (kg/day) |
|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| White Bk. | 4-Sep-13 | 0.27 | 1.0 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 1.58 | 0.090 | 2.95 | 0.17 |
| Rand Bk. | 4-Sep-13 | 0.01 | 1.0 | 0.15 | 0.08 | 1.81 | 0.048 | 0.12 | 0.00 |
| Thomas Bk. | 4-Sep-13 | 0.13 | 1.0 | 0.36 | 0.18 | 1.36 | 0.066 | 2.75 | 0.13 |
| Fisher Bk. | 4-Sep-13 | 0.55 | 1.0 | 0.21 | 0.11 | 1.08 | 0.050 | 5.39 | 0.25 |
| Fishwick Bk. | 4-Sep-13 | 0.22 | 1.0 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 1.66 | 0.118 | 6.00 | 0.43 |
| Rockford Bk. | 4-Sep-13 | 0.07 | 1.0 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.35 | 0.048 | 8.16 | 0.29 |
| Sharpe Bk. | 4-Sep-13 | 0.25 | 3.0 | 0.49 | 1.47 | 0.61 | 0.040 | 19.37 | 1.27 |
| Spiddle Bk. | 4-Sep-13 | 0.17 | 2.0 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.83 | 0.060 | 1.95 | 0.14 |
| Coleman Bk. | 5-Sep-13 | 0.33 | 8.0 | 0.20 | 1.60 | 2.14 | 0.070 | 97.63 | 3.19 |
| Brandywine Bk. | 5-Sep-13 | 0.17 | 5.0 | 0.29 | 1.45 | 1.80 | 0.071 | 38.34 | 1.51 |
| Tupper Bk. | 4-Sep-13 | 0.12 | 2.0 | 0.58 | 1.16 | 1.02 | 0.011 | 12.27 | 0.13 |
| Chute Bk. | 5-Sep-13 | 0.25 | 0.8 | 0.16 | 0.06 | 2.05 | 0.035 | 2.66 | 0.05 |
| Black Bk. | 5-Sep-13 | 0.30 | 1.0 | 0.16 | 0.08 | 0.24 | 0.057 | 0.50 | 0.12 |
| Mill Bk. | 4-Sep-13 | 0.38 | 7.0 | 0.22 | 0.77 | 0.40 | 0.014 | 10.11 | 0.35 |
| Elderkin Bk. | 4-Sep-13 | 0.14 | 1.5 | 0.23 | 0.17 | 0.46 | 0.024 | 0.96 | 0.05 |

Appendix 1H. Habitant Watershed Tributary (Secondary Watershed Code 1DD) Survey Data

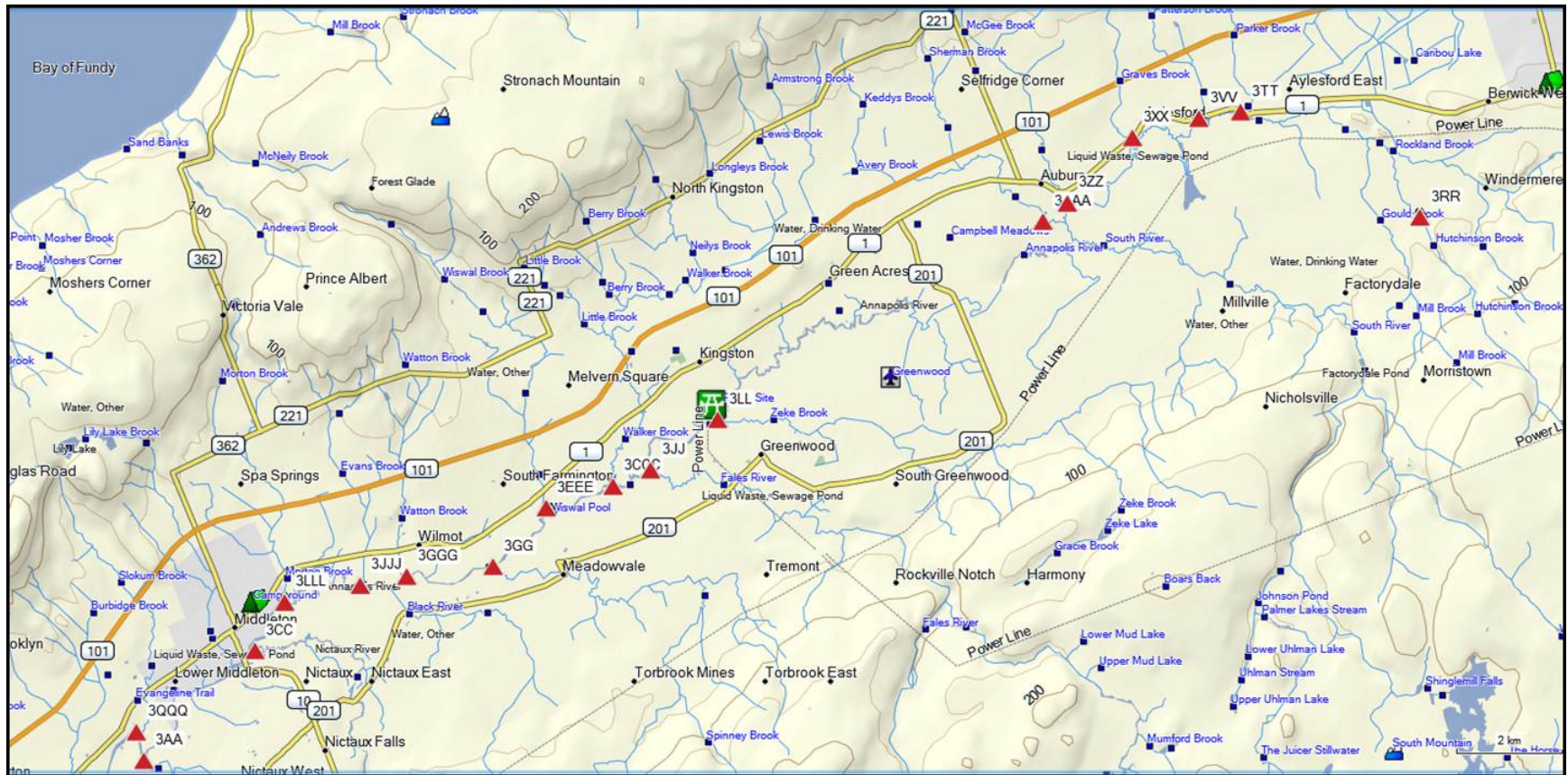
| Site | Date | Conductivity (uSi/cm) | pH | Alkalinity (mg/L) | True Colour (TCUs) | Total N (mg/L) | Ammonia - N (mg/L) | Nitrite+Nitrate (mg/L) | Total P (mg/L) | Phosphate -P (mg/L) | Fecal Coliforms (MPN/100ml) | Water Temperature (°C) | Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L) | % DO Saturation |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Habitant River | 5-Sep-13 | 326.0 | 8.2 | 96.6 | 22.7 | 1.60 | 1.43 | 0.02 | 0.042 | 0.061 | 461 | 13.5 | 6.35 | 60.4 |
| Sheffield Mills Marsh | 5-Sep-13 | 259.0 | 8.1 | 83.1 | 43.7 | 1.37 | 0.90 | 0.12 | 0.042 | 0.081 | 126 | 17.7 | 6.45 | 67.2 |
| North Bk. | 5-Sep-13 | 528.0 | 8.1 | 102.0 | 34.8 | 2.82 | 2.48 | 0.06 | 0.124 | 0.149 | 291 | 15.4 | 6.50 | 64.5 |
| Sleepy Hollow Bk. | 5-Sep-13 | 410.0 | 8.0 | 53.7 | 32.6 | 1.59 | 1.38 | 0.01 | 0.016 | 0.045 | 921 | 14.2 | 8.80 | 85.0 |

Appendix 1I. Habitant Watershed Tributary Nutrient Loadings.

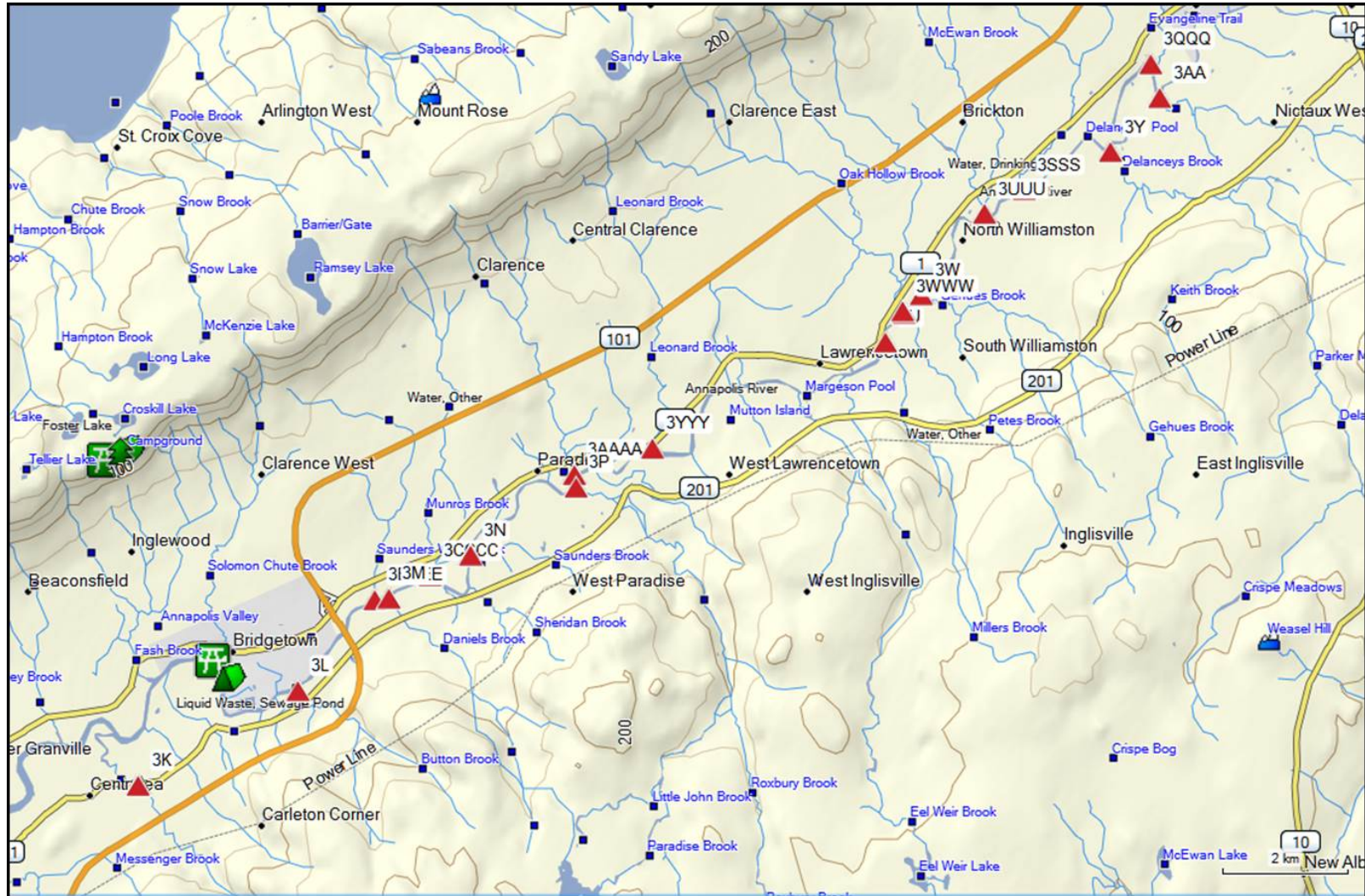
| Tributary | Date | Current Velocity (m/sec) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Surface Area (m²) | Total N (mg/L) | Total P (mg/L) | Nitrogen Load (kg/day) | Phosphorus Load (kg/day) |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Habitant River | 5-Sep-13 | 0.01 | 1.0 | 0.01 | 1.60 | 0.061 | 0.01 | 0.007 | 0.000 |
| Sheffield Mills Marsh | 5-Sep-13 | 0.12 | 1.5 | 0.83 | 1.37 | 0.081 | 0.62 | 8.842 | 0.523 |
| North Bk. | 5-Sep-13 | 0.09 | 2.5 | 1.00 | 2.82 | 0.149 | 2.50 | 54.821 | 2.897 |
| Sleepy Hollow Bk. | 5-Sep-13 | 0.08 | 1.0 | 0.50 | 1.59 | 0.045 | 0.25 | 2.748 | 0.078 |

APPENDIX II

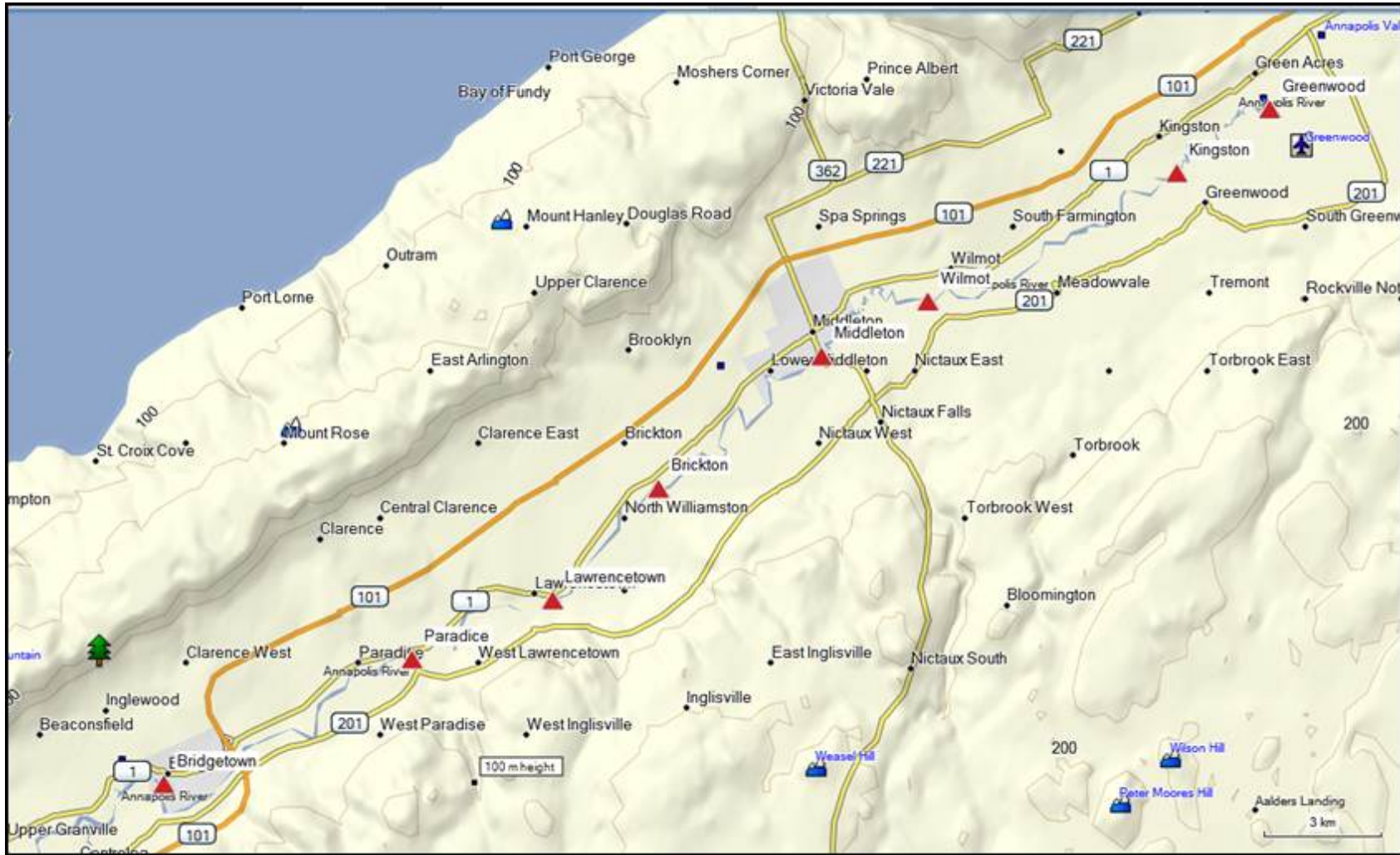
Maps Showing Locations of Water Quality Sample Sites



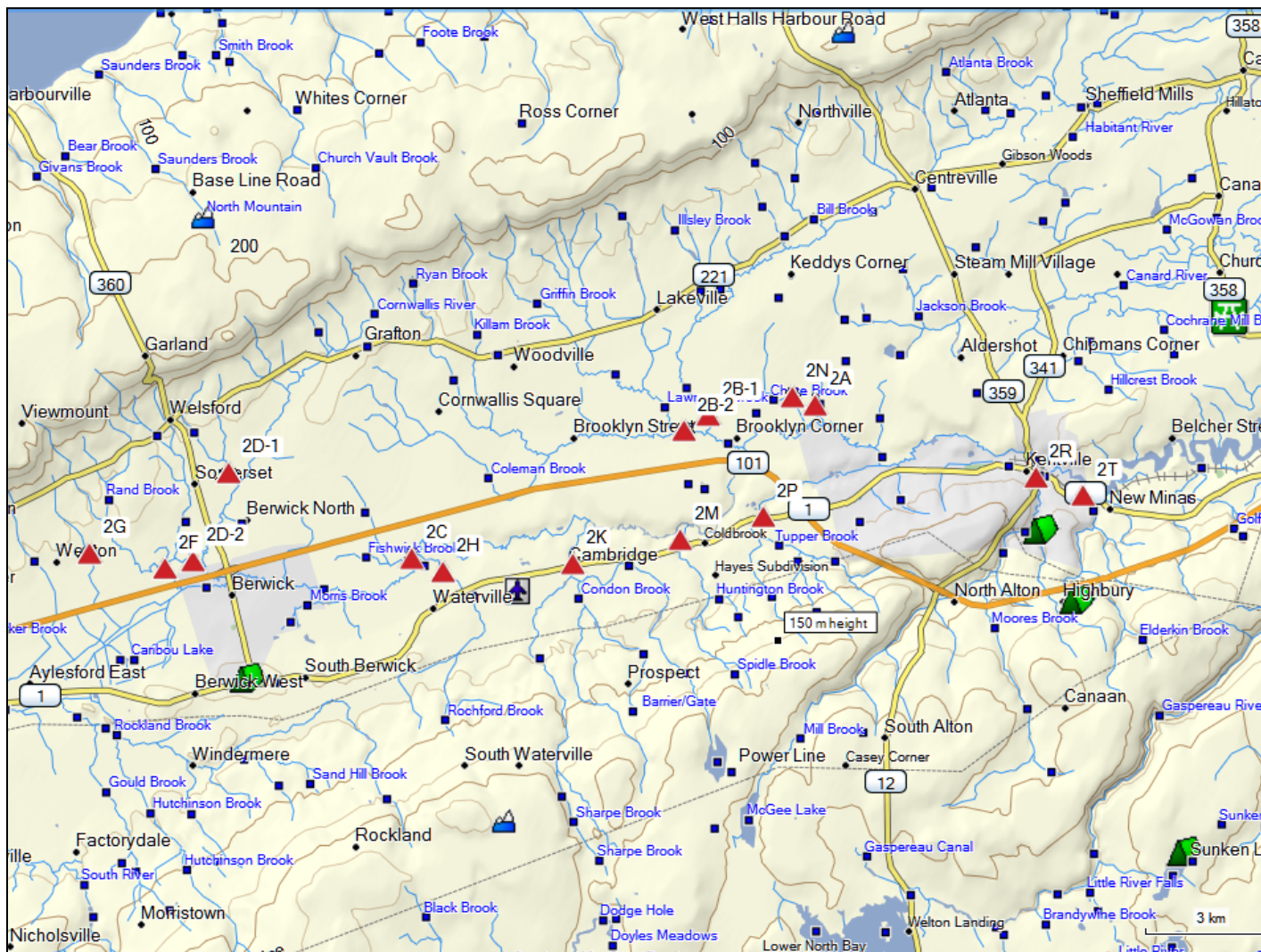
Appendix IIA. Upper Annapolis Watershed Tributary Sites



Appendix IIB. Lower Annapolis River Watershed Tributary Sites



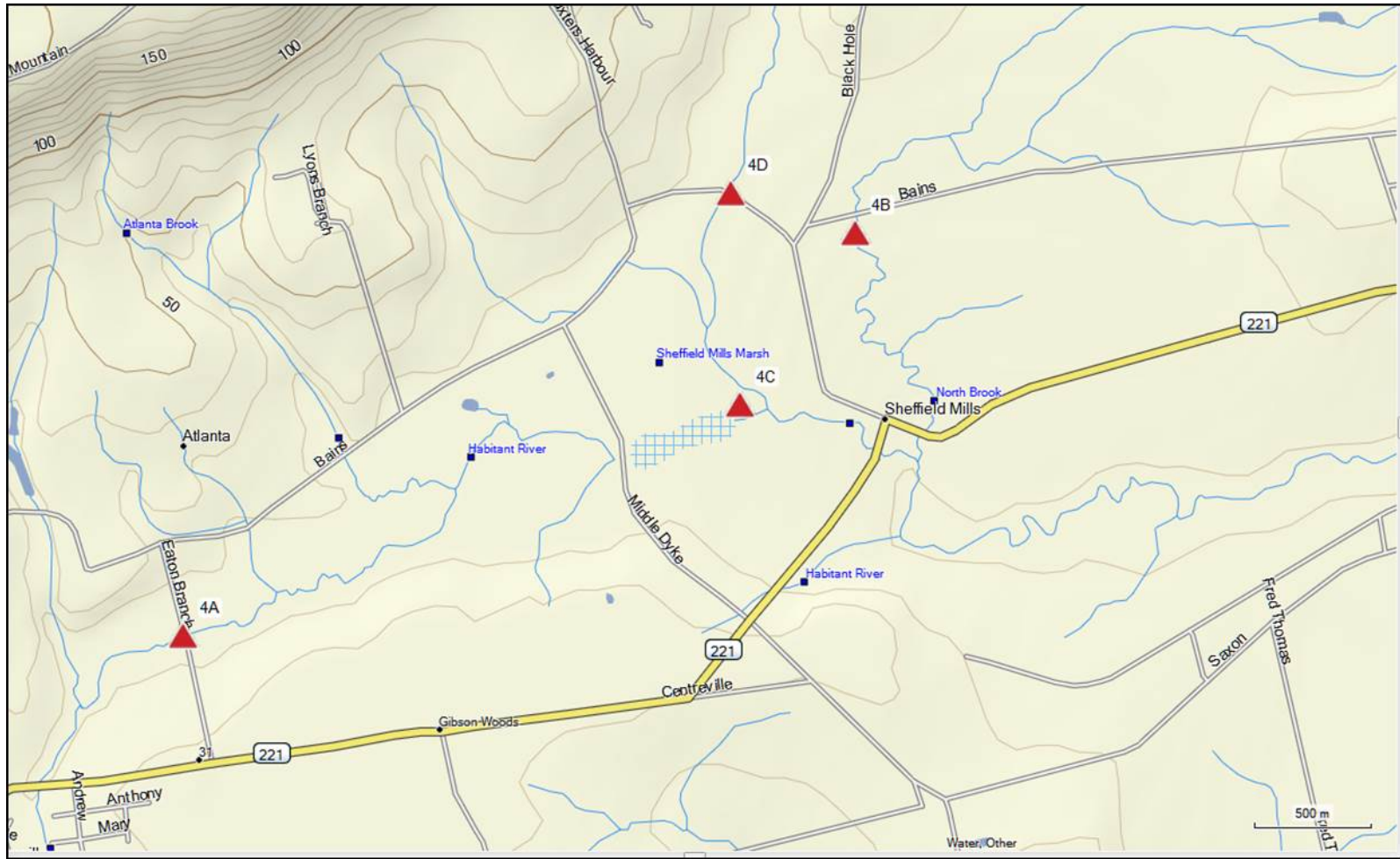
Appendix IIC. Annapolis Watershed Main River Sites



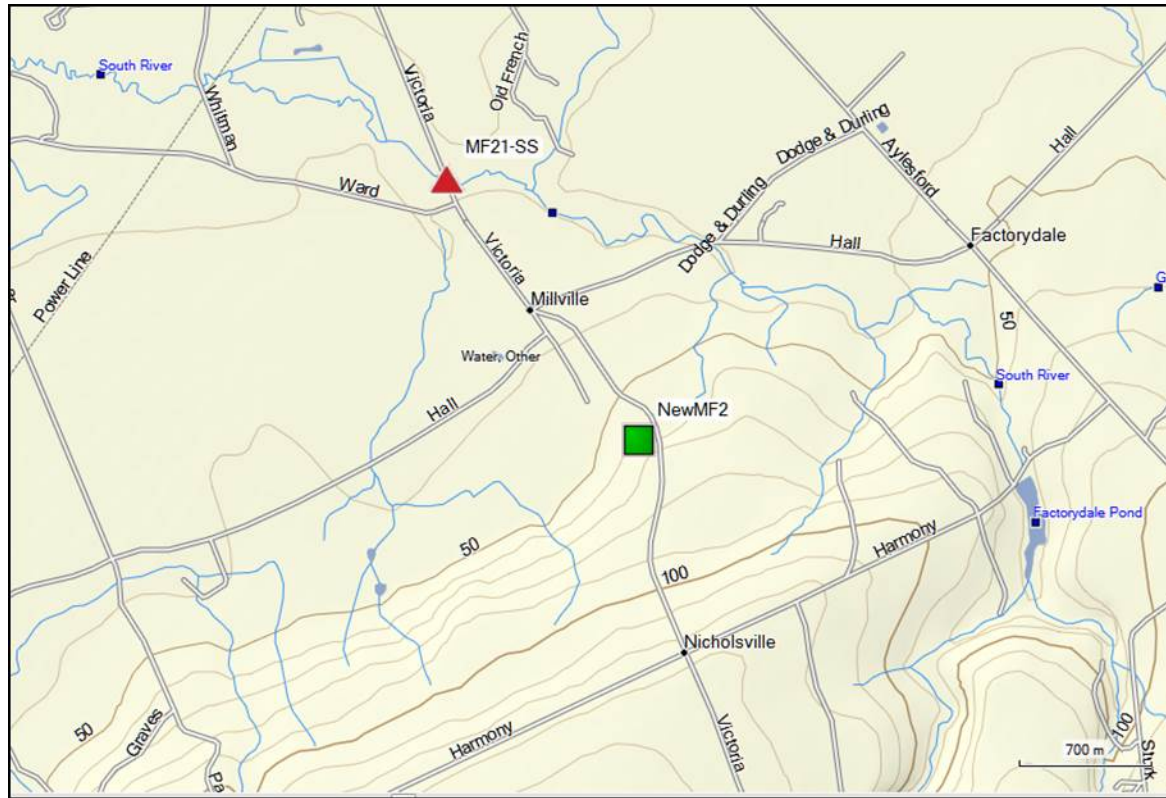
Appendix IID. Cornwallis Watershed Tributary Sites



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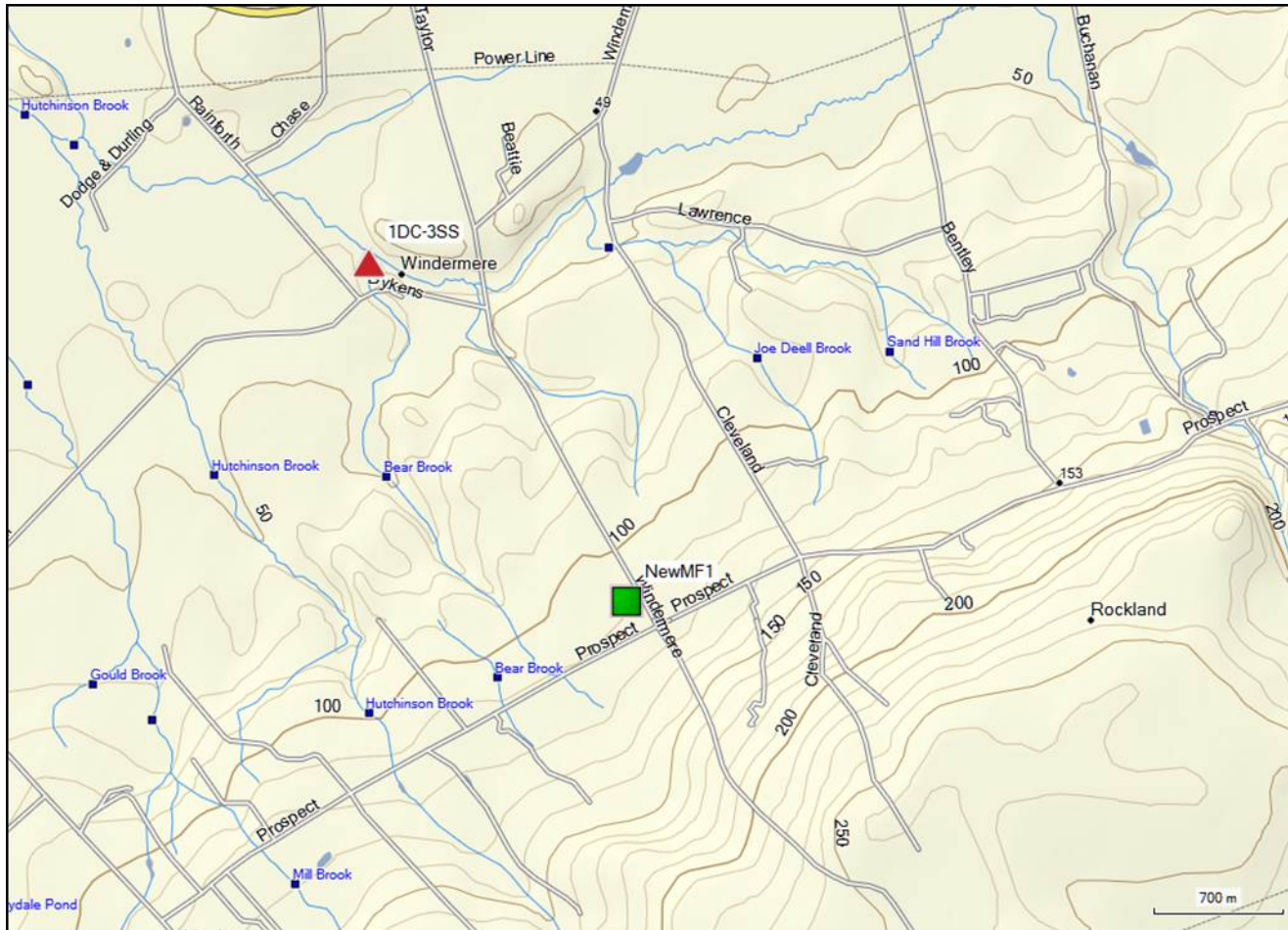


Appendix IIF. Habitant Watershed Sites

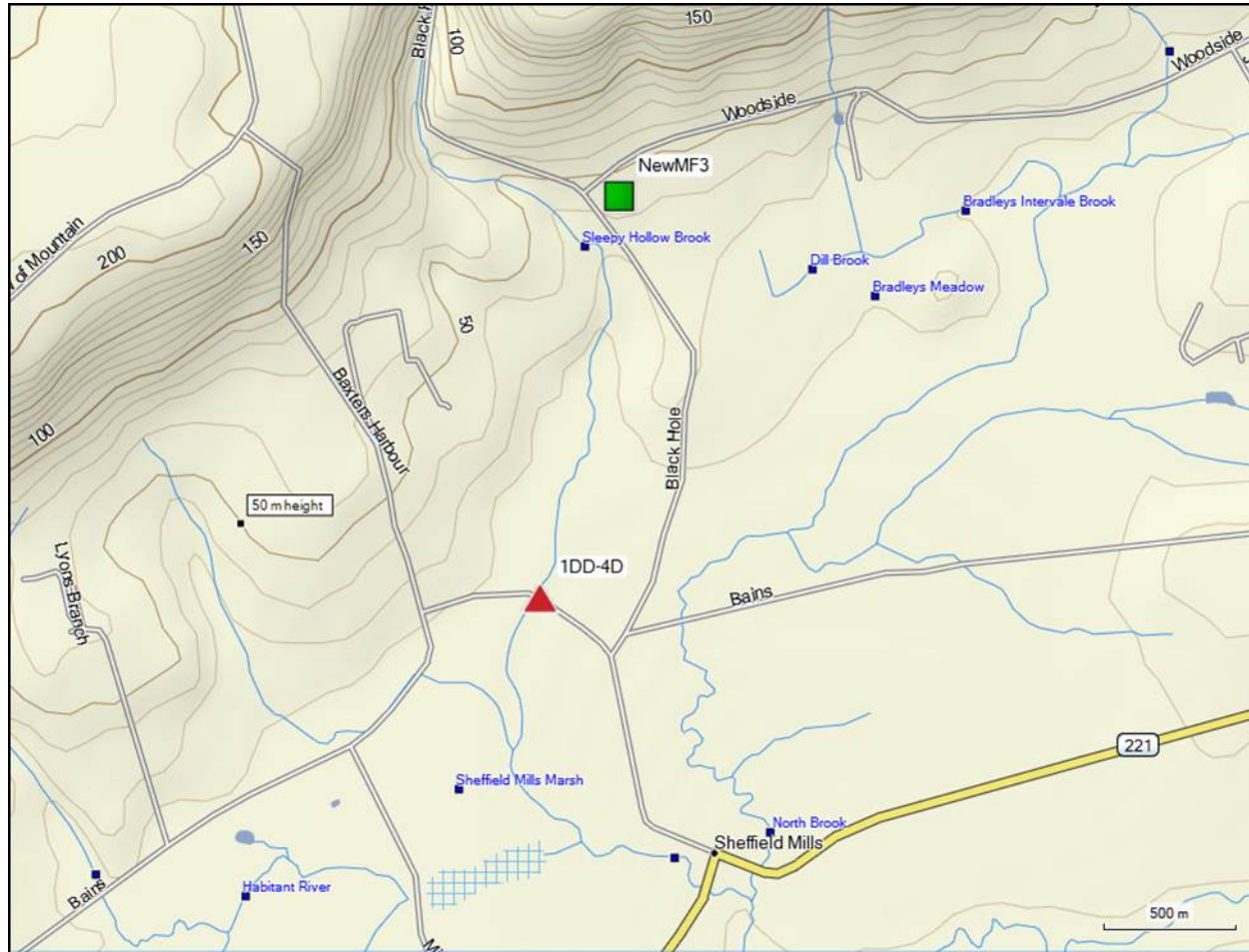


Appendix IIG. Location of proposed mink farm in the Annapolis Watershed (■) and location of nearest water quality sample station (▲).

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Appendix IIIH. Location of proposed mink farm in the Cornwallis Watershed (■) and location of nearest water quality sample station (▲).



Appendix III Location of new mink farm in the Habitant Watershed (■) and location of nearest water quality sample station (▲).

Appendix III

Tertiary Watershed Codes and Areas for Each Surveyed Watershed

| Appendix III Tertiary Watershed Codes and Areas for Each Surveyed Watershed | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Annapolis River Watershed | | Cornwallis River Watershed | | Habitant River Watershed | |
| Tertiary Code | Area (Hectares) | Tertiary Code | Area (Hectares) | Tertiary Code | Area (Hectares) |
| 1DC-3-CC | 29458.47 | 1DD-2-B | 8563.7 | 1DD-4-E | 1993.97 |
| 1DC-3-D | 12047.50 | 1DD-2-R | 4292.0 | 1DD-4-B | 1750.95 |
| 1DC-3-JJ | 11369.29 | 1DD-2-K | 3411.1 | 1DD-4-D | 1045.68 |
| 1DC-3-NN | 10984.36 | 1DD-2-G | 2735.4 | 1DD-4-A | 792.93 |
| 1DC-3-P | 10605.55 | 1DD-2-A | 2659.7 | 1DD-4-C | 9.08 |
| 1DC-3-GG | 7423.72 | 1DD-2-D | 2185.4 | | |
| 1DC-3-K | 5676.92 | 1DD-2-C | 1884.5 | | |
| 1DC-3-CCC | 3740.83 | 1DD-2-P | 1434.0 | | |
| 1DC-3-Y | 3578.88 | 1DD-2-H | 1358.7 | | |
| 1DC-3-SS | 3398.06 | 1DD-2-T | 968.5 | | |
| 1DC-3-F | 2848.27 | 1DD-2-U | 906.1 | | |
| 1DC-3-LL | 2457.51 | 1DD-2-Y | 819.7 | | |
| 1DC-3-S | 2130.54 | 1DD-2-Q | 721.0 | | |
| 1DC-3-L | 2024.33 | 1DD-2-M | 694.7 | | |
| 1DC-3-TT | 1927.44 | 1DD-2-F | 658.5 | | |
| 1DC-3-WWW | 1869.24 | 1DD-2-Z | 490.3 | | |
| 1DC-3-H | 1765.30 | 1DD-2-AA | 448.5 | | |
| 1DC-3-B | 1739.01 | 1DD-2-N | 442.8 | | |
| 1DC-3-RRRR | 1595.81 | 1DD-2-J | 269.0 | | |
| 1DC-3-LLL | 1584.16 | 1DD-2-W | 136.0 | | |
| 1DC-3-EEE | 1529.64 | 1DD-2-L | 116.5 | | |
| 1DC-3-W | 1491.43 | 1DD-2-S | 64.1 | | |
| 1DC-3-AAA | 1467.47 | 1DD-2-E | 16.5 | | |
| 1DC-3-MM | 1465.81 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-E | 1347.34 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-UUU | 1324.07 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-BBB | 1243.10 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-EE | 1148.96 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-QQQ | 1126.92 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-RR | 1098.02 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-YYY | 994.70 | | | | |

| Appendix III (Con't.) | | | | | |
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| Annapolis River Watershed | | Cornwallis River Watershed | | Habitant River Watershed | |
| Tertiary Code | Area (Hectares) | Tertiary Code | Area (Hectares) | Tertiary Code | Area (Hectares) |
| 1DC-3-QQ | 989.20 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-JJJJ | 925.62 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-ZZ | 919.29 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-SSS | 900.01 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-N | 838.74 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-CCCC | 786.53 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-AAAA | 773.19 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-TTTT | 758.93 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-PP | 744.04 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-UUUU | 724.24 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-M | 717.52 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-VV | 716.88 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-SSSS | 707.79 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-C | 705.28 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-GGGG | 699.39 | | | | |
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| 1DC-3-A | 630.37 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-PPPP | 628.99 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-AA | 617.52 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-EEEE | 594.93 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-U | 594.85 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-XX | 577.67 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-FFF | 566.51 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-NNN | 549.69 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-V | 536.64 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-FFFF | 536.02 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-GGG | 510.17 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-MMMM | 493.79 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-BB | 478.33 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-Q | 472.57 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-JJJ | 455.17 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-QQQQ | 426.32 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-LLLL | 423.19 | | | | |

| Appendix III (Con't.) | | | | | |
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| Annapolis River Watershed | | Annapolis River Watershed | | Annapolis River Watershed | |
| Tertiary Code | Tertiary Code | Tertiary Code | Tertiary Code | Tertiary Code | Tertiary Code |
| 1DC-3-XXX | 415.90 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-X | 389.52 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-R | 385.39 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-HH | 304.08 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-J | 294.25 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-BBBB | 256.21 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-ZZZ | 206.30 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-KKK | 190.55 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-VVVV | 189.06 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-DD | 165.64 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-WW | 148.83 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-RRR | 138.36 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-YY | 133.03 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-KKKK | 122.35 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-PPP | 122.27 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-MMM | 93.84 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-DDD | 83.97 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-G | 83.72 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-HHHH | 76.66 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-VVV | 67.32 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-Z | 66.05 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-FF | 61.60 | | | | |
| 1DC-3-DDDD | 37.41 | | | | |
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