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ABSTRACT

The methods and instructions for field operations presented in this manual for lake surveys were developed and tested through 4 years of pilot and demonstration projects from 1991 through 1994. These projects were conducted under the sponsorship of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its collaborators through the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP). This program focuses on evaluating ecological conditions on regional and national scales. This document describes procedures for collecting data, samples, and information about biotic assemblages, environmental measures, or attributes of indicators of lake ecosystem condition. The procedures presented in this manual were developed based on standard or accepted methods, modified as necessary to adapt them to EMAP sampling requirements. In addition to methodology, additional information on data management and other logistical aspects is integrated into the procedures and overall operational scenario. Procedures are described for collecting chlorophyll *a*, water, sedimentary diatoms, and zooplankton data in conjunction with the development of standard methods to obtain acceptable index samples for macrobenthos, fish assemblage, fish tissue contaminants, riparian birds, and physical habitat structure. The manual describes field implementation of these methods and the logistical foundation constructed during field projects. The manual includes flow charts with overall summaries of specific field activities required to visit a lake site and collect data for these indicators. Tables give step-by-step protocol instructions. These figures and tables can be extracted and bound separately to make a convenient quick field reference for field teams. The manual also includes example field data forms for recording measurements and observations made in the field and sample tracking information. Checklists of all supplies and equipment needed for each field task are included to help ensure that these materials are available when required.

APPENDIX C

FIELD DATA FORMS

Field data forms are presented in the general order of their use at each lake:

1. Lake Verification Form
2. Lake Profile Form
3. Physical Habitat Characterization Form--Lakes
4. Physical Habitat Characterization Comment Form
5. Physical Habitat Sketch Map Form
6. Fish Tally Form--Lakes
7. Fish Tally Continuation Form--Lakes
8. Fish Length Form--Lakes
9. Fish Tissue Sample Tracking Form--Lakes
10. Sample Collection Form--Lakes
11. Benthos Sample Location and Collection Form--Lakes
12. Lake Assessment Form

LAKE VERIFICATION FORM

LAKE NAME: _____ DATE OF VISIT: / / VISIT #: 1 2

LAKE ID: _____ L MODE OF ACCESS: VEHICLE HIKE-IN AIRCRAFT

TEAM ID (CIRCLE): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 OTHER: _____

ARROW INDICATES NORTH

MARK SITE: L = LAUNCH X = INDEX

LAKE VERIFICATION INFORMATION

LAKE SHAPE COMPARES TO MAP? ☐ YES ☐ NOLAKE VERIFIED BY (✓ all that apply) : ☐ GPS ☐ LOCAL CONTACT ☐ SIGNS ☐ ROADS ☐ TOPO. MAP☐ Other (Describe Here):☐ NOT VERIFIED (Explain in Comments)

COORDINATES	LATITUDE (dd mm ss) North	LONGITUDE (ddd mm ss) West	TYPE OF GPS FIX	SIGNAL QUALITY	GEOMETRIC QUALITY	Are GPS Coordinates w/i ±1 min. of map?
Map:	____ " ____ ' ____ "	____ " ____ ' ____ "				
Launch Site:	____ " ____ ' ____ "	____ " ____ ' ____ "	☐ 2D ☐ 3D	_____	_____	☐ YES ☐ NO
Index Site:	____ " ____ ' ____ "	____ " ____ ' ____ "	☐ 2D ☐ 3D	_____	_____	☐ YES ☐ NO

LAKE
SAMPLED?REASON NOT SAMPLED (EXPLAIN BELOW): ☐ NOT VISITED ☐ NON-TARGET ☐ INACCESSIBLE ☐ OTHER

Explanation:

☐ YES ☐ NOCHECK HERE IF
EXPLANATION IS
CONTINUED ON BACK.

DESCRIBE LAUNCH SITE, LAKE DIRECTIONS, AND ADD COMMENTS ON BACK

REVIEWED BY (INITIAL): _____

LAKE ID: _____ L

LAKE VERIFICATION FORM (continued)

VISIT #: 1 2

DIRECTIONS TO LAKE & LAUNCH SITE

LAUNCH SITE DESCRIPTION

GENERAL COMMENTS

EXPLANATION FOR NOT SAMPLING THE LAKE (continued from front)

REVIEWED BY (INITIAL): _____

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VISIT #: 1 2

SITE ID (circle): INDEX OTHER:

Description:

CHECK (✓) IF SONAR NOT USED: ☐

COMMENTS:

(Depth of Measurement^a [m]: Surface, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 m),
Also include readings at 1 m above bottom.

[illegible]☐ YES ☐ NO

CHECK HERE IF ADDITIONAL PROFILE MEASUREMENTS ARE RECORDED ON THE REVERSE SIDE:

^d **METALIMNION** = The region of the profile where the temperature changes at a rate of 1 °C or greater per meter of depth. Indicate the depth of the top of the metalimnion with a "T," and the bottom of the metalimnion (when the rate of change becomes less than 1 °C per meter) with a "B." After the metalimnion is encountered, take readings every 1 m until bottom of the metalimnion is reached. Record the depth of the top of the metalimnion on the Benthos Sample Location and Collection Form.

REVIEWED BY (INITIAL):

LAKE ID: _____ L

LAKE PROFILE FORM (continued)

VISIT #: 1 2

OXYGEN METER CALIBRATION INFORMATION

SALINITY KNOB AT "0-FRESH": ☐MEMBRANE CHECK ☐ELECTRONIC ZERO ☐RED LINE: ☐

CALIBRATION CHAMBER TEMPERATURE: _____ °C

SATURATED O₂ @ CHAMBER TEMP.: _____ MG/LLAKE ELEVATION
(FROM TOPO. MAP OR ALTIMETER): _____ FT

ELEVATION CORRECTION FACTOR: ×

THE CALIBRATION VALUE IS OBTAINED BY MULTIPLYING THE SATURATED O₂ CONCENTRATION TIMES AN ELEVATION CORRECTION FACTOR (BOTH VALUES ARE OBTAINED FROM TABLES PRESENT ON THE BACK OF THE METER, OR PROVIDED IN THE MANUFACTURER'S OPERATIONS MANUAL). ADJUST THE METER READING TO THE CALIBRATION VALUE.

CALIBRATION VALUE: _____ MG/L

FLAG

COMMENTS

DISSOLVED OXYGEN & TEMPERATURE PROFILE (continued)

For depths >15 m, continue recording at 5-m intervals)

DEPTH (m) XX.X	O ₂ (mg/L) XX.X	TEMP. (°C) XX.X	FLAG	META- LIMNION (T, B) ^a	DEPTH (m) XX.X	O ₂ (mg/L) XX.X	TEMP. (°C) XX.X	FLAG	META- LIMNION (T,B) ^b

DEPTH & FLAG	COMMENTS

REVIEWED BY (INITIAL): _____

PHYSICAL HABITAT CHARACTERIZATION FORM-LAKES													
LAKE NAME: _____				DATE OF VISIT: / /				VISIT #: 1 2					
LAKE ID: _____ L				TEAM ID (circle): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 OTHER: _____									
NEW STATION ID (if needed): RIPARIAN ZONE STATION ID:													
				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
VEGETATION TYPE N=NONE, D=DECID., C=CONIF., M=MIXED				CANOPY LAYER (> 5 M)									
				UNDERSTORY (0.5 TO 5 M)									
AREAL COVERAGE CATEGORIES 0 = ABSENT 1 = SPARSE (<10%) 2 = MODERATE (10 TO 40%) 3 = HEAVY (40 TO 75%) 4 = VERY HEAVY (> 75%)													
CANOPY LAYER (> 5 M HEIGHT)				TREES ≥ 0.3 M DBH									
				TREES < 0.3 M DBH									
UNDERSTORY (HEIGHT=0.5 TO 5 M)				WOODY SHRUBS & SAPLINGS									
				TALL HERBS, FORBS, & GRASSES									
GROUND COVER (< 0.5 M HEIGHT)				WOODY SHRUBS & SEEDLINGS									
				HERBS, FORBS, & GRASSES									
				STANDING WATER OR INUNDATED VEGETATION									
				BARREN OR BUILDINGS									
SHORELINE SUBSTRATE ZONE				BEDROCK (> 4000 MM; BIGGER THAN A CAR)									
				BOULDERS (250 - 4000 MM; BASKETBALL - CAR SIZE)									
				COBBLE/GRAVEL (2 - 250 MM; LADYBUG - BASKETBALL SIZE)									
				LOOSE SAND (0.06 TO 2 MM; GRITTY BETWEEN FINGERS)									
				OTHER FINE SOIL/SEDIMENT (< 0.06 MM; NOT GRITTY)									
				VEGETATED									
BANK FEATURES (WITHIN PLOT)				ANGLE: V = NEAR VERTICAL/UNDERCUT, S = 30-75°, G = <30°									
				VERTICAL DISTANCE (M) FROM WATERLINE TO HIGH-WATER MARK									
				HORIZONTAL DISTANCE (M) FROM WATERLINE TO HIGH-WATER MARK									
HUMAN INFLUENCE 0 = ABSENT CHECK (✓) = PRESENT WITHIN PLOT B = OBSERVED ADJACENT TO OR BEHIND PLOT													
				BUILDINGS									
				COMMERCIAL									
				PARK FACILITIES									
				DOCKS/BOATS									
				WALLS, DIKES, OR REVETMENTS									
				LITTER, TRASH DUMP, OR LANDFILL									
				ROADS OR RAILROAD									
				ROW CROPS									
				PASTURE OR HAYFIELD									
				ORCHARD									
LAWN													
				OTHER (EXPLAIN IN COMMENTS)									

FLAG CODES: **K** = MEASUREMENT OR OBSERVATION NOT OBTAINED; **U** = SUSPECT MEASUREMENT OR OBSERVATION;
F1, F2, ETC. = MISC. FLAGS ASSIGNED BY EACH FIELD CREW. EXPLAIN ALL FLAGS ON SEPARATE COMMENTS FORM.

REVIEWED BY (INITIAL): _____

LAKE ID: _____ L PHYSICAL HABITAT CHARACTERIZATION FORM (continued)										VISIT #: 1 2	
NEW STATION ID (if needed):											
LITTORAL ZONE					STATION ID:					A	B
STATION DEPTH (M) AT 10 M OFFSHORE											
SURFACE FILM TYPE (S=SCUM, A=ALGAL MAT, P=OILY, N=NONE/OTHER)											
BOTTOM SUBSTRATE: AREAL COVERAGE: 0=ABSENT 1=SPARSE (<10%) 2=MODERATE (10 TO 40%) 3=HEAVY (40 TO 75%) 4=VERY HEAVY (>75%)											
BEDROCK (>4000 MM; LARGER THAN A CAR)											
BOULDERS (250 - 4000 MM; BASKETBALL - CAR SIZE)											
COBBLE (64 - 250 MM; TENNIS BALL - BASKETBALL SIZE)											
GRAVEL (2 TO 64 MM; LADYBUG TO TENNIS BALL SIZE)											
SAND (0.06 TO 2 MM; GRITTY BETWEEN FINGERS)											
SILT. CLAY, OR MUCK (< 0.06 MM; NOT GRITTY)											
WOODY DEBRIS											
COLOR (BL=BLACK, GY=GRAY, BR=BROWN, RD=RED, N=NONE OR OTHER)											
ODOR (S=H ₂ S, A=ANOXIC, P=OIL, C=CHEMICAL, N=NONE)											
MACROPHYTES AREAL COVERAGE: 0=ABSENT 1=SPARSE (<10%) 2=MODERATE (10 TO 40%) 3=HEAVY (40 TO 75%) 4=VERY HEAVY(>75%)											
SUBMERGENT											
EMERGENT											
FLOATING											
TOTAL WEED COVER											
DO MACROPHYTES EXTEND LAKEWARD? (Y OR N)?											
FISH COVER 0=ABSENT 1=PRESENT BUT SPARSE 2=PRESENT IN MODERATE TO VERY HEAVY DENSITY											
AQUATIC WEEDS											
SNAGS > 0.3 M DIAMETER											
BRUSH OR WOODY DEBRIS < 0.3 M DIAMETER											
INUNDATED LIVE TREES > 0.3 M DIAMETER											
OVERHANGING VEGETATION < 1 M ABOVE SURFACE											
ROCK LEDGES OR SHARP DROPOFFS											
BOULDERS											
HUMAN STRUCTURES (E.G., DOCKS, LANDINGS, PILINGS, RIPRAP, ETC.)											
LITTORAL FISH HABITAT CLASSIFICATION											
DISTURBANCE (H=HUMAN N=NATURAL M=MIXED)											
COVER CLASS (C=COVER, O=OPEN, M=MIXED)											
COVER TYPE (A=ARTIFICIAL F=FILL V=VEG. W=WOODY B=BOULDERS M=MIXED N=NONE)											
SUBSTRATE (M=MUD/MUCK, S=SAND/GRAVEL, C=COBBLE/BOULDER, B=BEDROCK)											
GEAR (G=GILL NET, T=TRAP NET, S=SEINE, 0=NONE)											
GEAR LOCATION (DIST. & DIR. TO NEAREST REPRES. MACROHABITAT)											

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REVIEWED BY (INITIAL): _____

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VISIT #: **1** **2**

OTHER:

[illegible]

FLAG CODES: **K** = NO MEASUREMENT OR OBSERVATION ATTEMPTED; **U** = SUSPECT MEASUREMENT OR OBSERVATION;

F1, F2, ETC. = MISC. FLAGS ASSIGNED BY EACH FIELD CREW.

CHECK HERE IF INFORMATION IS RECORDED ON OTHER SIDE OF FORM _____

REVIEWED BY (INITIAL): _____

LAKE ID: _____ L

**PHYSICAL HABITAT CHARACTERIZATION
COMMENTS FORM (continued)**

VISIT #: **1** **2**

[illegible]

CHECK HERE IF AN ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FORM IS USED

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PHYSICAL HABITAT SKETCH MAP FORM-LAKES

LAKE NAME: _____

VISIT #: 1 2

LAKE ID: _____ L

START TIME: _____ : _____

END TIME: _____ : _____

TEAM ID (circle): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 OTHER: _____

Sketch and label riparian, in-lake, shoreline, and littoral fish habitats around the lake, using codes below. To identify littoral fish habitats on the map, compose a four-character code as: (Disturbance) (Cover class) (Cover type) (Substrate type). EXAMPLE: NCVS for Natural, Cover, Vegetated, Sand/Gravel.

RIPARIAN AND IN-LAKE CODES: WET = Wetland; BCH = Beach; RSD = Residences; PRK = Park; FST = Forest; ALT = Altered shoreline; DCK = Dock(s); MNA = Marina; CRP = Cropland; PTR = Pasture; LFL = Landfill/Dump; IND = Industry; MNG = Mining; LGG = Logging; FLM = Floating macrophytes; SBM = Submerged macrophytes; EMM = Emergent macrophytes; SHL = Shoal or Rocks.

LITTORAL FISH HABITAT CODES: (DISTURBANCE): Human, Natural, Mixed. (COVER CLASS): Cover, Open, Mixed. (COVER TYPE): Artificial structure, Fill, Vegetated, Woody, Boulders, Mixed, None. (SUBSTRATE TYPE): Mud/Muck, Sand/Gravel, Cobble/Boulders, Bedrock.

MAP OF FISH SAMPLING SITES ON BACK

REVIEWED BY (INITIAL): _____

USE THIS MAP TO LOCATE LITTORAL MACROHABITAT TYPES AND FISH SAMPLING SITES

RECORD FISH SAMPLING STATIONS AND GEAR TYPE

(G = GILL NET, T = TRAP NET, M = MINNOW TRAP, B = BEACH SEINE, S = SHORT SEINE. EXAMPLE: F1G, F2T, ETC.).

IF A SITE IS SELECTED FOR ADDITIONAL STANDARD PROTOCOL OR JUDGEMENT SAMPLING, ADD AN "X" OR "J" TO THE STATION AND GEAR TYPE CODES.

EXAMPLE: F10GX, F4BJ, ETC.

MACROHABITAT CLASSIFICATION AND EXTENT SUMMARY

MACROHAB. CLASS (XXXX)	% EXTENT(S) AND TOTAL	STATIONS	COMMENTS
	= %		
	= %		
	= %		
	= %		
	= %		
	= %		
	TOTAL = %		

REVIEWED BY (INITIAL): _____

FISH TALLY FORM-LAKES						Page ____ of ____	
LAKE NAME: _____						VISIT #: 1 2	
LAKE ID: _____ L		TEAM ID (circle): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 OTHER: _____					
NEAREST P-HAB STATION (A - J, X): _____				DIST. & DIR. FROM STATION: _____		SITE ID: F _____	
SAMPLING EFFORT INFORMATION							
START CREW INITIALS: _____, _____, _____				END CREW INITIALS: _____, _____, _____			
START DATE: ____ / ____ / ____				END DATE: ____ / ____ / ____			
START TIME: ____ : ____				END TIME: ____ : ____			
LITTORAL HABITAT CLASSIFICATION							
MACROHAB. CLASS (FROM SKETCH MAP FORM): _____				MICROHAB. CLASS (FOR FISHING SITE): _____			
PELAGIC HABITAT CLASSIFICATION (circle one)							
ISOTHERMAL		EPIIMNION		METALIMNION		HYPOLIMNION	
SAMPLING GEAR INFORMATION (circle one)							
GILL NET		TRAP NET	MINNOW TRAP	BEACH SEINE		SHORT SEINE	OTHER (SPECIFY): _____
TYPE OF GILL NET SET (CIRCLE):		LITTORAL MIDWATER/ SURFACE BOTTOM		TOTAL AREA SEINED : _____ M ²		TOTAL NUMBER OF SEINE HAULS = _____	
LITTORAL MIDWATER/ SURFACE BOTTOM							
FISHING DEPTHS: _____				MINIMUM: _____ M		MAXIMUM: _____ M	
COMMENTS: _____ _____ _____ _____							

CHECK HERE IF NO FISH WERE COLLECTED: _____

JAR ID (Barcode): _____

TAG ID: _____

Common Name: _____				SPECIES CODE: _____			FLAG: _____	
Adult			Juvenile			YOY		
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:
Common Name: _____				SPECIES CODE: _____			FLAG: _____	
Adult			Juvenile			YOY		
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

REVIEWED BY (INITIAL): _____

LAKE ID: _____ L									FISH TALLY FORM (continued)			SITE ID: F _____			VISIT #: 1 2		
Common Name:						SPECIES CODE: _____						FLAG:					
Adult				Juvenile						YOY							
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:			

Common Name:						SPECIES CODE: _____						FLAG:		
Adult				Juvenile						YOY				
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

Common Name:						SPECIES CODE: _____						FLAG:		
Adult				Juvenile						YOY				
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

IF > 5 SPECIES ARE COLLECTED, CHECK HERE AND USE A TALLY CONTINUATION FORM _____

IS THERE EVIDENCE OF STOCKING (circle)?				YES NO	
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SPECIES CODE	ANOMALY/ STOCKING CODE	# OF FISH	FLAG	SPECIES CODE	ANOMALY/ STOCKING CODE	# OF FISH	FLAG

ANOMALY/STOCKING CODES: D = Deformities; E = Eroded fins; L = Lesions or ulcers; T = Tumors; F= Fungus; X = Multiple D,E,L,T anomalies; B = Blind in one or both eyes; K = Emaciated; M = Excessive mucus; P = Heavy Infestation of external parasites; Z = Other (explain in comments); S = Stocking.

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FISH TALLY CONTINUATION FORM-LAKES

Page ____ of ____

LAKE ID: _____ L

SITE ID: F _____

VISIT #: 1 2

JAR ID (Barcode): _____ TAG ID: _____

Common Name: _____			SPECIES CODE: _____			FLAG: _____		
Adult			Juvenile			YOY		
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

Common Name: _____			SPECIES CODE: _____			FLAG: _____		
Adult			Juvenile			YOY		
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

Common Name: _____			SPECIES CODE: _____			FLAG: _____		
Adult			Juvenile			YOY		
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

Common Name: _____			SPECIES CODE: _____			FLAG: _____		
Adult			Juvenile			YOY		
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

Common Name: _____			SPECIES CODE: _____			FLAG: _____		
Adult			Juvenile			YOY		
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

Common Name: _____			SPECIES CODE: _____			FLAG: _____		
Adult			Juvenile			YOY		
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

CHECK HERE IF INFORMATION IS RECORDED ON OTHER SIDE OF FORM: _____

REVIEWED BY (INITIAL): _____

LAKE ID: _____ L			FISH TALLY CONTINUATION FORM (continued)			SITE ID: F			VISIT #: 1 2		
Common Name: _____						SPECIES CODE: _____			FLAG: _____		
Adult			Juvenile			YOY					
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

Common Name: _____						SPECIES CODE: _____			FLAG: _____		
Adult			Juvenile			YOY					
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

Common Name: _____						SPECIES CODE: _____			FLAG: _____		
Adult			Juvenile			YOY					
TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:	TOTAL	MUSEUM	# MEASURED FOR LENGTH:

CHECK HERE IF AN ADDITIONAL CONTINUATION FORM IS REQUIRED: _____

SPECIES CODE	ANOMALY/ STOCKING CODE	# OF FISH	FLAG	SPECIES CODE	ANOMALY/ STOCKING CODE	# OF FISH	FLAG

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VISIT #: **1** **2**

SITE ID (circle): INDEX OTHER: _____

SECCHI DISK TRANSPARENCY

DEPTH DISK DISAPPEARS	DEPTH DISK REAPPEARS	CLEAR TO BOTTOM (X)	COMMENTS
. M	. M		

SAMPLE ID # (Barcode)	SAMPLE TYPE	DEPTH COLLECTED	FLAG	COMMENTS
_____	R1	M		
_____		M		

SAMPLE ID # (Barcode)	SAMPLE TYPE	DEPTH COLLECTED	SAMPLE VOLUME	FLAG	COMMENTS
_____	R1	M	ML		
_____		M	ML		

MESH SIZE	SAMPLE ID # (Barcode)	SAMPLE TYPE	LENGTH OF TOW	CONTAINERS NO. PRESERVED (✓)		FLAG	COMMENTS
COARSE	_____	R1	M				
FINE	_____	R1	M				
	_____		M				
	_____		M				

Collected at (circle): INDEX OTHER			If OTHER, record direction and distance from INDEX site:				
SAMPLE CLASS	SAMPLE ID # (Barcode)	SAMPLE TYPE	LENGTH OF CORE	INTERVAL From To		FLAG	COMMENTS
TOP	_____	R1	CM	CM	CM		
BOTTOM	_____	R1	CM	CM	CM		
	_____		CM	CM	CM		
	_____		CM	CM	CM		

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BENTHOS SAMPLE LOCATION AND COLLECTION FORM-LAKES

LAKE NAME: _____ DATE OF COLLECTION: / / VISIT #: 1 2

LAKE ID: _____ L TEAM ID (circle): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 OTHER: _____

OUTLINE MAP OF LAKE (WITH PHYSICAL HABITAT STATIONS IDENTIFIED)

INDICATE LOCATIONS WHERE BENTHIC CORE SAMPLES ARE COLLECTED WITH THE LETTER OF THE NEAREST PHYSICAL HABITAT SITE (A - J).

ARROW INDICATES NORTH.

RECORD THE SHALLOWER OF THE FOLLOWING DEPTHS (FROM LAKE PROFILE FORM)

A) THE DEPTH OF TOP OF METALIMNION OR

B) THE DEEPEST DEPTH AT WHICH DISSOLVED OXYGEN $\geq$ 5 MG/L

TARGET DEPTH _____ M

COMMENTS:

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BENTHOS SAMPLE LOCATION AND COLLECTION FORM (CONTINUED)					VISIT #: 1 2	
LAKE ID: _____ L				DATE OF COLLECTION: / /		
RECORD SAMPLING START TIME: _____ :			RECORD PROCESSING COMPLETION TIME: _____ :			
SAMPLE ID # (Barcode)	STATION ID	DEPTH COLLECTED	SUBSTRATE TYPE ^a	FLAG ^b	COMMENTS	
_____	A	M				
_____	B	M				
_____	C	M				
_____	D	M				
_____	E	M				
_____	F	M				
_____	G	M				
_____	H	M				
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_____		M				
_____		M				
_____		M				
_____		M				
_____		M				

^a SUBSTRATE TYPE CODES: G = GRAVEL; S = SAND; C = SILT CLAY, OR MUCK; W = WOODY DEBRIS; O = OTHER (DESCRIBE IN COMMENTS)

^b FLAG CODES: K = NO SAMPLE COLLECTED; U = SUSPECT SAMPLE; F1, F2, ETC.= MISC. FLAGS ASSIGNED BY EACH FIELD CREW. EXPLAIN ALL FLAGS IN COMMENTS SECTION.

ZEBRA MUSSEL OBSERVATION AND COLLECTION			
STATION	OBSERVED (Y/N)	COLLECTED (Y/N)	COMMENTS
A			
B			
C			
D			
E			
F			
G			
H			
I			
J			
LAUNCH			
OTHER			

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LAKE ASSESSMENT FORM				
LAKE NAME: _____		DATE OF VISIT: / /		VISIT #: 1 2
LAKE ID: _____ L		TEAM ID (circle): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 OTHER: _____		
LAKE SITE ACTIVITIES AND DISTURBANCES OBSERVED (INTENSITY: BLANK = NOT OBSERVED, L = LOW, M = MODERATE, H = HEAVY)				
RESIDENTIAL	RECREATIONAL	AGRICULTURAL	INDUSTRIAL	LAKE MANAGEMENT
___ RESIDENCES ___ MAINTAINED LAWNS ___ CONSTRUCTION ___ PIPES, DRAINS ___ TREATMENT PLANT ___ LANDFILL, DUMPING	___ PARKS, CAMPGROUNDS, BEACHES ___ PRIMITIVE PARKS, CAMPING, BEACHES ___ RESORTS ___ MARINAS ___ TRASH/LITTER ___ SURFACE FILMS, SCUMS, OR SLICKS	___ CROPLAND ___ PASTURE ___ LIVESTOCK	___ INDUSTRIAL PLANTS ___ MINES/QUARRIES ___ POWER LINES ___ POWER PLANTS ___ LOGGING ___ EVIDENCE OF FIRE ___ ODORS	___ MACROPHYTE CONTROL ___ LIMING ___ DRINKING WATER TREATMENT ___ ANGLING PRESSURE
GENERAL LAKE INFORMATION				
HYDROLOGIC LAKE TYPE OUTLET DAMS LOW ELEVATION FLIGHT HAZARDS MOTOR BOAT DENSITY GENERAL AESTHETICS SWIMMABILITY LAKE LEVEL CHANGES	G RESERVOIR G DRAINAGE (OUTLETS PRESENT)		G SEEPAGE (NO OUTLETS OBSERVED)	
	G NONE G ARTIFICIAL		G NATURAL	
	G YES G NO			
	G HIGH G LOW		G RESTRICTED G BANNED	
	G PLEASANT G SOMEWHAT PLEASANT		G UNPLEASANT	
	G GOOD G FAIR		G NOT SWIMMABLE	
	G ZERO G ELEVATION CHANGE = _____ M			
SHORELINE CHARACTERISTICS (% of shoreline)				
FOREST/SHRUB	G RARE (<5%)	G SPARSE (5 TO 25%)	G MODERATE (25 TO 75%)	G EXTENSIVE (> 75%)
AGRICULTURE	G RARE (< 5%)	G SPARSE (5 TO 25%)	G MODERATE (25 TO 75%)	G EXTENSIVE (> 75%)
OPEN GRASS	G RARE (< 5%)	G SPARSE (5 TO 25%)	G MODERATE (25 TO 75%)	G EXTENSIVE (>75%)
WETLAND	G RARE (< 5%)	G SPARSE (5 TO 25%)	G MODERATE (25 TO 75%)	G EXTENSIVE (>75%)
BARREN (BEACH)	G RARE (< 5%)	G SPARSE (5 TO 25%)	G MODERATE (25 TO 75%)	G EXTENSIVE (>75%)
DEVELOPED	G RARE (< 5%)	G SPARSE (5 TO 25%)	G MODERATE (25 TO 75%)	G EXTENSIVE (>75%)
SHORELINE MODS. (DOCKS, RIPRAP)	G RARE (< 5%)	G SPARSE (5 TO 25%)	G MODERATE (25 TO 75%)	G EXTENSIVE (>75%)
QUALITATIVE MACROPHYTE SURVEY				
MACROPHYTE DENSITY	G ABSENT	G SPARSE	G MODERATE	G DENSE
EMERGENT/FLOATING COVERAGE (% LAKE AREA)	G 0 TO 25%	G 25 TO 50%	G 50 TO 75%	G > 75%
SUBMERGENT COVERAGE (% LAKE AREA)	G 0 TO 25%	G 25 TO 50%	G 50 TO 75%	G > 75%
DESCRIPTION: _____				

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BPJ	Best Professional Judgment
DLGs	Digital Line Graphs
DO	dissolved oxygen
EMAP	Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
GPS	Global Positioning System
GQ	geometric quality
ID	identification
ORD	Office of Research and Development
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
P-Hab	physical habitat
PVC	polyvinyl chloride
QA	quality assurance
QC	quality control
SQ	signal quality
STARS	Sample Tracking and Reporting System
T	Top
TIME	Temporally Integrated Monitoring of Ecosystems
USGS	United States Geological Survey
YOY	young of year
YSI	Yellow Springs Instrument system

Measurement Units

ha	hectare
m	meter
ppm	parts per million