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1994-1995 WASHINGTON/OREGON COASTAL STREAMS AND YAKIMA RIVER BASIN STREAMS  
FISH AND AMPHIBIAN COUNT DATA

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1. DATA SET IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Title of Catalog Document

Regional Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program - Region 10  
1994-1995 Washington/Oregon Coastal Streams and Yakima Basin Streams  
Fish and Amphibian Count Data Set

1.2 Authors of the Catalog Entry

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1.3 Catalog Revision Date

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1.4 Data Set Name

FSHCNT

1.5 Task Group

Region 10

1.6 Data Set Identification Code

00007

## 1.7 Version

001

## 1.8 Requested Acknowledgment

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## 3. DATA SET ABSTRACT

### 3.1 Abstract of the Data Set

The primary function of the stream fish data are to provide a snapshot of the fish assemblage present in the stream at the time of sampling. The fish community represents an integral component of stream biological integrity and represents a snapshot of a publicly visible reflection of stream quality.

### 3.2 Keywords for the Data Set

fish assemblage, fish community, fish species identification, amphibian assemblage, amphibian community, amphibian species identification

## 4. OBJECTIVES AND INTRODUCTION

### 4.1 Program and Project Objectives

#### 4.1.1 Program Objective

The Regional Environmental Assessment and Monitoring Program (R-EMAP) was initiated to test the applicability of the EMAP approach to answer questions about ecological conditions at regional and local scales. Using EMAP's statistical design and indicator concepts, R-EMAP conducts projects at smaller geographic scales and in shorter time frames.

#### 4.1.2 Project Objective

The objectives of Region 10 1994-1995 Washington/Oregon Coastal Streams and Yakima Basin Streams R-EMAP project were to:

1. Determine the ecological condition of wadeable, 1st-order through 3rd-order streams of the Coast Range Ecoregion and the Yakima River Basin (Columbia Basin Ecoregion).
2. Determine the relationship between the ecological condition of these streams and the predominant land used of the watersheds.
3. Provide the states of Washington and Oregon with information that would assist in the development of water quality biological criteria using indices based on fish/amphibian and invertebrate taxa assemblage information.
4. Determine the applicability of EMAP-derived methods for assessments of ecological condition within streams in the states of Washington and Oregon.

### 4.2 Data Set Objective

The primary function of the stream fish and amphibian data are to provide a snapshot of the fish and amphibian assemblages present in the stream at the time of sampling.

### 4.3 Data Set Background Discussion

The fish and amphibian assemblages within a stream represent a critical component of stream biological integrity. The fish community also represents a publicly visible reflection of stream quality.

#### 4.4 Summary of Data Set Parameters

Data set parameters include abbreviated genus/species code and counts of adult, juvenile, and young-of-year for each fish and amphibian species collected and assignments to classifications for the metrics.

### 5. DATA ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING METHODS

#### 5.1 Data Acquisition

##### 5.1.1 Sampling Objective

To obtain a sample of the fish and amphibian assemblages within a stream during the specified sampling window.

##### 5.1.2 Sample Collection Methods Summary

The assemblages were sampled using a single pass electrofishing distributed in multiple habitats throughout the stream.

##### 5.1.3 Sampling Start Date

May 1994

May 1995

##### 5.1.4 Sampling End Date

Oct 1994

Sept 1995

##### 5.1.5 Platform

NA

##### 5.1.6 Sampling Equipment

backpack electrofishing unit, dip nets, seines, bucket, "bump board" for measuring lengths, formaldehyde

##### 5.1.7 Manufacturer of Sampling Equipment

NA

##### 5.1.8 Key Variables

NA

##### 5.1.9 Sampling Method Calibration

NA

#### 5.1.10 Sample Collection Quality Control

Chaloud, D.J. and D.V. Peck. 1994. Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program - Surface Waters: Integrated Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Surface Waters Resource Group, 1994 Activities. EPA 600/X-91/080, Rev. 2.00. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, Las Vegas, NV 89193.

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#### 5.1.11 Sample Collection Method Reference

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#### 5.1.12 Sample Collection Method Deviations

NA

5.2 Data Preparation and Sample Processing

5.2.1 Sample Processing Objective

See Hayslip et al. (1994) and Hayslip (1993).

5.2.2 Sample Processing Methods Summary

See Hayslip et al. (1994) and Hayslip (1993).

5.2.3 Sample Processing Method Calibration

See Hayslip et al. (1994) and Hayslip (1993).

5.2.4 Sample Processing Quality Control

See Chaloud and Peck (1994), Merritt (1994), and Hayslip (1993).

5.2.5 Sample Processing Method Reference

See Hayslip et al. (1994) and Hayslip (1993).

6. DATA MANIPULATIONS

6.1 Name of New or Modified Values

NA

6.2 Data Manipulation Description

NA

6.3 Data Manipulation Description

NA

7. DATA DESCRIPTION

7.1 Description of Parameters

#	Parameter Data			Format	Parameter Label
	SAS Name	Type	Len		
8	ADULTS	Num	8		the sum, ADULTS
15	CLASS	Char	12		Class
4	COM_FISH	Char	50		Fish sampling comments
28	DATE_COL	Num	8	DATE	Date sample Collected
19	DRY_TOL	Char	2		Amphibians Tolerant to Drying (Y/N)
24	FAMILY	Char	20		Taxonomic Family
25	FAM_COM	Char	15		Family (Common Name)
10	FEED_GRP	Char	16		Feeding Type
22	GENUS	Char	25		Genus
17	HAB_PREF	Char	8		Habitat Preference

12	HIDER	Char	1	Hider Species (Y/N)?
7	JUVENILE	Num	8	the sum, JUVENILE
30	LAT_DD	Num	8	Latitude (decimal degrees)
29	LON_DD	Num	8	Longitude (decimal degrees)
21	NAME_COM	Char	40 \$	Common name
14	ORDER	Char	20	Order
9	ORIGIN	Char	10	Species Origin
20	RARE	Char	1	Native Threatened/Endangered/Rare (Y/N)
13	REPROD	Char	4	Reproduction Strategy
27	SAMPLED	Char	30	Site Sampled Code
18	SEN_TOL	Char	9	Sensitive/Tolerant Species
23	SPECIES	Char	18	Species
1	STRM_ID	Char	8 \$	EMAP Stream Identifier
11	TEM_PREF	Char	4	Temperature preference
16	TOP_CARN	Char	1	Top Carnivore? (Y/N)
5	TOTAL	Num	8	the sum, TOTAL
26	VERTCODE	Char	8	Species code
3	VISIT_NO	Num	8 F	Visit number
2	YEAR	Num	8	Year sampled
6	YOY	Num	8	the sum, YOY

7.1.1 Precision to which values are reported

Data were reported to the number of decimal places noted in 7.1.

7.1.2 Minimum Value in Data Set

Name	Min
ADULTS	0
DATE_COL	05/16/1994
JUVENILE	0
LAT_DD	42.1114
LON_DD	-124.5862217
TOTAL	0
VISIT_NO	1
YEAR	1994
YOY	0

7.1.3 Maximum Value in Data Set

Name	Max
ADULTS	358
DATE_COL	09/29/1995
JUVENILE	597
LAT_DD	48.1784
LON_DD	-119.5619
TOTAL	922
VISIT_NO	3
YEAR	1995
YOY	271



## 7.2 Data Record Example

### 7.2.1 Column Names for Example Records

"ADULTS", "CLASS", "COM\_FISH", "DATE\_COL", "DRY\_TOL", "FAMILY", "FAM\_COM",  
 "FEED\_GRP", "GENUS", "HAB\_PREF", "HIDER", "JUVENILE", "LAT\_DD", "LON\_DD",  
 "NAME\_COM", "ORDER", "ORIGIN", "RARE", "REPROD", "SAMPLED", "SEN\_TOL", "SPECIES",  
 "STRM\_ID", "TEM\_PREF", "TOP\_CARN", "TOTAL", "VERTCODE", "VISIT\_NO", "YEAR", "YOY"

### 7.2.2 Example Data Records

0, "OSTEICHTHYES", " ", 21JUL1995, "NA", "Cottidae", "Sculpin", "INVERTIVORE", "Cottus",  
 "BENTHIC", "N", 0, 45.991677169, -122.8964313,  
 "RETICULATE SCULPIN", "SCORPAENIFORMES", "NATIVE", "N", "CN", "Yes",  
 "INTERMED", "perplexus", "OR001S", "COOL", "N", 10, "COTTPERP", 1, 1995, 0

0, "OSTEICHTHYES", " ", 21JUL1995, "NA", "Salmonidae", "Trout", "INVERTIVORE",  
 "Oncorhynchus", "WATER", "N", 0, 45.991677169, -122.8964313,  
 "COHO SALMON", "SALMONIFORMES", "NATIVE", "N", "NLN", "Yes", "SENSITIVE",  
 "kisutch", "OR001S", "COLD", "Y", 153, "ONCOKISU", 1, 1995, 0

0, "OSTEICHTHYES", " ", 21JUL1995, "NA", "Salmonidae", "Trout", "INVERTPISCIV",  
 "Oncorhynchus", "HIDER", "Y", 0, 45.991677169, -122.8964313,  
 "RAINBOW TROUT", "SALMONIFORMES", "NATIVE", "N", "NLN", "Yes", "SENSITIVE",  
 "mykiss", "OR001S", "COLD", "Y", 40, "ONCOMYKI", 1, 1995, 0

## 8. GEOGRAPHIC AND SPATIAL INFORMATION

### 8.1 Minimum Longitude

-124 Degrees 35 Minutes 10 Seconds West (-124.5862217 Decimal Degrees)

### 8.2 Maximum Longitude

-119 Degrees 33 Minutes 42 Seconds West (-119.5619 Decimal Degrees)

### 8.3 Minimum Latitude

42 Degrees 6 Minutes 41 Seconds North (42.1114 Decimal Degrees)

### 8.4 Maximum Latitude

48 Degrees 10 Minutes 42 Seconds North (48.1784 Decimal Degrees)

### 8.5 Name of Area or Region

EPA Region 10

The sampling area included the Coast Range Ecoregion and the Yakima River Basin (Columbia Basin Ecoregion).

9. QUALITY CONTROL / QUALITY ASSURANCE

9.1 Data Quality Objectives

See Chaloud and Peck (1994), Merritt (1994), and Hayslip (1993).

9.2 Quality Assurance Procedures

See Chaloud and Peck (1994), Merritt (1994), and Hayslip (1993).

9.3 Unassessed Errors

NA

10. DATA ACCESS

10.1 Data Access Procedures

Data can be downloaded from the WWW site or contact personnel listed in Section 10.3.

10.2 Data Access Restrictions

Data can only be accessed from the WWW server.

10.3 Data Access Contact Persons

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10.4 Data Set Format

Data files are in ASCII comma-delimited format.

10.5 Information Concerning Anonymous FTP

Data cannot be accessed via ftp.

## 10.6 Information Concerning WWW

Data can be downloaded from the WWW site.

## 10.7 EMAP CD-ROM Containing the Data

Data are not available on CD-ROM.

## 11. REFERENCES

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