

Appendix 7

Habitat Survey

Habitat Data Collection

The purpose of the habitat survey was to determine the spatial proportions of the mesohabitat units in the selected river sections. The date and flow at the time of each survey are shown in Table 1. For each HMU, the location and size was determined using a GPS receiver and ArcPad software in conjunction with high-resolution aerial photographs, creating a detailed map of selected sites on the river. The outlines of each HMU were drawn as geo-referenced polygons on a Hewlett-Packard iPAQ palmtop computer running ArcPad software.

Table 1: Summary of the date and flow conditions corresponding to each hydromorphological survey performed on the Lamprey Designated River.

Watershed area = 183 mi ² Lamprey HMU Survey Chart										
	~18 0.1 cfsm					~37 0.2 cfsm				
	Date	cfsm	cfs	start	stop	Date	cfsm	cfs	start	stop
Site 1	8/21/2007	0.09	16	16	16	9/19/2006	0.26	47	47	47
Site 2	8/21/2007	0.09	16	16	16	9/19/2006	0.25	47	47	46
Site 3	8/21/2007	0.09	16	16	16	9/19/2006	0.25	45	45	45
Site 4	8/22/2007	0.08	15	15	15	9/19/2006	0.25	45	45	45
Site 5	8/22/2007	0.08	14	14	14	9/28/2006	0.28	52	52	52
Site 6	8/22/2007	0.08	14	14	14	9/28/2006	0.28	52	52	51
Site 7	8/23/2007	0.08	14	14	14	9/28/2006	0.27	50	51	49
	~90 0.5 cfsm					~183 1.0 cfsm				
	Date	cfsm	cfs	start	stop	Date	cfsm	cfs	start	stop
Site 1	7/20/2006	0.56	103	104	102	4/28/2006	0.95	173	174	172
Site 2	7/20/2006	0.55	101	102	100	4/27/2006	1.28	235	241	229
Site 3	7/20/2006	0.53	98	98	97	4/27/2006	1.24	227	227	227
Site 4	7/20/2006	0.53	97	97	97	4/27/2006	1.22	223	225	220
Site 5	7/20/2006	0.52	95	95	95	4/27/2006	1.19	217	218	216
Site 6	7/21/2006	0.48	88	89	87	4/28/2006	1.00	183	188	178
Site 7	7/21/2006	0.48	87	87	87	4/28/2006	0.96	176	176	176
	~275 -360 1.5 -2.0 cfsm					Start/stop refers to the cfs at the Packers Falls gage at the start and finish of each mapping of a representative site. The cfs at the time of mapping was then calculated by taking the average of these two numbers.				
	Date	cfsm	cfs	start	stop					
Site 1	7/25/2006	2.00	366	370	362					
Site 2	7/25/2006	1.89	345	354	336					
Site 3	7/25/2006	1.81	331	333	328					
Site 4	7/26/2006	1.47	269	271	266					
Site 5	7/26/2006	1.42	261	262	259					
Site 6	7/26/2006	1.37	251	257	245					
Site 7	7/26/2006	1.30	239	241	236					

Note: The dates of completed surveys are shown along with the Lamprey River streamflow in cubic feet per second (cfs) as recorded at the USGS Packers Falls gaging station at the time of each site's mapping. The start and stop times were then averaged to obtain the mapped flow value for each site. The mapped flow value (cubic feet per square mile or cfsm) was normalized by dividing the flow recorded during the mapping by the drainage basin area at the USGS gage (183 square miles).

Within each HMU, mean column velocity, depth and estimated substrate were measured in at least seven random locations. The number of measurements was empirically chosen as the smallest statistically relevant quantity. Measurements for depth and mean column velocity were usually taken with a Dipping Bar (Jens 1968) in areas shallower than 1.0 meter. For deeper locations a Marsh-McBirney Flo-Mate was used. The other physical attributes (below) were estimated for each unit (using three categories: absent, present, abundant) and entered into a GIS table associated with the corresponding polygon. For substrate definitions, we referred to the choriotope classification system according to Austrian Standard ÖNORM 6232 (1995) (below).

Site Details

The following information was recorded at the time of mapping for each HMU:

Date: Date of mapping

HMU Number: Unique sequential numbering for that day and site

HMU Type: See HMU Definitions section below

Choriotope: See Choriotope Definitions section below

Fishing (Yes/No): Was the HMU mapped during fishing survey?

Low Gradient (Yes/No): Was the HMU mapped on a low-gradient river?

Wetted Width: The current wetted width (meters) obtained using a range finder.

Bankfull Width: The bank-full width (meters) obtained using a range finder.

HMU Definitions

The following are brief definitions for the Hydromorphological Units (HMUs):

Backwater – Slack area along a channel margin caused by eddies behind obstructions, the development of sandbars during flood events, or through the abandonment of older channels.

Cascade – Stepped rapids with very small pools behind boulders and small waterfalls.

Fast Run – Uniform fast-flowing stream channel.

Glide – Moderately shallow stream channel with laminar flow. Lacks pronounced turbulence, and exhibits flat streambed morphology.

Plunge Pool – Area where main flow passes over a complete channel obstruction and drops vertically to scour the streambed.

Pool – Deep water impounded by a channel blockage or partial channel obstruction. Slow velocities with a concave streambed shape.

Rapid – Higher gradient reach than a riffle, with faster current velocity, coarser choriotope, more surface turbulence, and convex streambed morphology.

Riffle – Shallow stream reach with moderate current velocity, some surface turbulence, high gradient, and convex streambed morphology.

Ruffle – De-watered rapid in transition to either run or riffle.

Run – Deeper stream reach with moderate current velocity, but no surface turbulence (laminar flow). Streambed is longitudinally flat and laterally concave.

Side Arm – Channel around an island, smaller than half the width of the river, frequently at a different elevation than the main channel.

Choriotop Definitions

The following are choriotop (river substrate) classification categories according to Austrian Standard OEN M6232, specifically developed for benthic habitat classification. They generally describe bin grain-size and other possible organic substrate. When conducting a hydrologic survey an area of one square meter (with the Dipping Bar at its center) is selected and the dominant choriotop type is recorded. There may be a mix of grain sizes included in this square meter, but in most cases, a mean particle size will be apparent. When conducting an HMU survey, the mean particle size of the entire HMU is considered when selecting a choriotop.

Pelal - silt, loam, clay and sludge (<0.063 mm).

Psammal – sand (0.063 - 2 mm).

Akal – medium to fine gravel (0.2 - 2 cm).

Microlithal – coarse gravel with mixture of medium to fine gravel (2 - 6.3 cm).

Mesolithal – fist- to hand-sized cobbles with a mixture of medium to fine gravel (6.3 - 20 cm).

Macrolithal – coarse blocks, head-sized cobbles, mix of cobbles, gravel and sand (20 - 40 cm).

Megalithal – large cobbles, blocks, and bedrock (>40 cm).

Gigalithal– bedrock.

Sapropel – organic sludge.

Detrital – deposits of particulate organic matter. Different types are CPOM = coarse particulate matter (e.g. fallen leaves) and FPOM (fine particulate organic matter).

Debris – organic and inorganic matter deposited within the splash zone area by wave motion and changing water levels (e.g. mussel and snail shells).

Phytal– submerged plants, floating stands or mats, lawns of bacteria or fungi, and tufts, often with aggregations of detritus, moss or algal mats. (Interphytal = habitat within a vegetation stand or plant mat).

Xylal – tree trunks, roots, branches or other dead wood.

Embeddedness Definitions

Embeddedness refers to the cohesive nature of the choriotop. The guidelines followed for selecting the choriotop type while conducting hydrologic surveys also applies to selecting embeddedness. The characteristics in a one-meter grid around the dipstick (velocity meter) are recorded as the mean grid characteristic.

Loose – dislodges easily when stepped on or kicked. (e.g. sand, gravel, detritus)

Embedded – river-bottom materials are firmly in place and only dislodged with great effort, typical result of stream armoring.

Solid – river section is flowing over exposed bedrock, large slabs of rock, or an artificial surface.

Attributes

Mapping teams indicate whether the following are present or abundant: boulders, riprap (manufactured concrete erosion control), overhanging vegetation, submerged vegetation, canopy shading, undercut bank, woody debris, and shallow margin.

Shore Properties

Properties of the river's banks are recorded individually for each bank. *Left Shore Use* looking downstream; then the process repeated for the *Right Shore Use*. *Shore Use* refers to the adjacent land-use for that section, not necessarily the characteristic of embankment: agriculture, field, forested, pasture, residential, road, shrub brush, or urbanized. Other characteristics recorded are: eroded, stabilized (non-rip-rap erosion control), irregular shoreline, and clay.

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