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Substrate trays and a benthic pump were employed to collect samples of the benthic community from the foreshore of Shuswap Lake, British Columbia. The majority of samples were collected in June and July (1999-2001) from depths of less than two meters. The most numerous benthic invertebrates were; Cladocera, Chironomidae (larvae), Ostracods, Oligochaeta, Calanoida and Nematoda. Although there was no significant diurnal difference in total invertebrate numbers, a greater number and weight of insects ($P < .05$) was measured from the samples taken at night in 2001. The cobble/rocky shores supported significantly more Cladocera ($P < .05$) especially chydorids and *Sida crystalline* than the sandy/mud locations. Slightly more chironomid larva were recovered from the sandy/mud foreshore locations, however this result was not significant.

RESUME

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Des échantillons de la communauté benthique de la zone intertidale du lac Shuswap en Colombie Britannique ont été recueillis en utilisant des plateaux de substrat et une pompe benthique. La plupart des échantillons ont été recueillis en juin et en juillet (1998-2001) à une profondeur de moins de 2 mètres. Les invertébrés benthiques les plus nombreux étaient : Cladocères, Chironomes (larve), Ostracode, Oligochète, Calanoïdes et Nématodes. Malgré que l'effet des variations diurnes sur le nombre total des invertébrés n'était pas significatif, un plus grand nombre d'insectes ayant un poids plus élevé ($P > .05$) a été mesuré à partir des échantillons prélevés la nuit en 2001. Les rives rocheuses/rocailleuses accueillent un plus grand nombre de cladocères ($P < .05$) surtout les espèces chydoridae et *Sida crystallina* que les endroits sableux/boueux. Un nombre légèrement supérieur de larves de chironomes a été recueilli dans la zone intertidale aux endroits sableux/boueux, cependant ce résultat n'est pas significatif.

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INTRODUCTION

Shuswap Lake is an important source of Thompson River sockeye (*Oncorhynchus nerka*), chinook (*O. tshawytscha*), and coho (*O. kisutch*) salmon. Juvenile salmon utilized the foreshore areas of Shuswap Lake for rearing and migration (Fedorenko and Pearce 1982; Graham and Russell 1979; Russell et al. 1980). Juvenile salmonids can exploit previously dry lake margins (Figure 1) from April to July, as the lake water levels rise. Fish can also access alcoves, channels, and bordering wetlands previously isolated from the lake. A large portion of the diet of juvenile coho and chinook salmon captured from the foreshore of Shuswap Lake consisted of benthic invertebrates (Brown and Winchell 2002).

The foreshore (littoral zone) of large lakes such as Shuswap Lake is under considerable pressure from urbanization. Some beaches are naturally sandy (Figure 1), but cobble and boulder substrates cover much of the foreshore (Figure 2). Cobble substrate is removed for private beach creation and collected in rows, riparian vegetation is cut, protective walls are built, emergent vegetation is removed, and small marshy bays are altered. We studied the littoral zone associated with the main arm of Shuswap Lake for 3 years (Figure 3). Field-work was conducted during spring and summer (April to August) as lake water levels rose and fell. This study was designed to define the role of Shuswap Lake's littoral zone as juvenile salmon fish habitat and assess the potential impacts of foreshore and riparian development.

This paper examines the benthic community of Shuswap Lake's seasonally flooded foreshore. An examination of the benthic community is only a small component of the overall ecology of juvenile salmonids rearing along the foreshore of a large lake. Fish diets and distribution will be examined in a later paper.

STUDY AREA

Shuswap Lake is located in the southern interior of British Columbia within the South Thompson River drainage. The South Thompson River drains an area of approximately 16,200 km² (Fedorenko and Pearce 1982). Shuswap Lake is a multibasin lake consisting of four arms or five reaches (Salmon, Sicamous, Anstey, Seymour, and Main), has a surface area of 310 km², has a maximum depth of 162 m, and is considered to be oligotrophic (Williams et al. 1989). Lake transparency as measured mid-lake near Sorrento can range from 2.0 m during the period of peak runoff to 12 m in winter or early spring (Williams et al. 1989). The Main Arm of Shuswap Lake was the only area examined during the three years of study (Figure 3).

Shuswap Lake water levels were monitored at Sicamous B.C. by Kramer (2003) and were recorded as meters above sea level. The lowest Shuswap Lake water levels occur in March (e.g. March 22, 2001 at 344.8 m elevation) and the highest lake levels have historically occurred in June or July (e.g. June 14, 1972 at 349.66 m elevation). Lake levels annually rise from 3 to 4.5 m freshly flooding a considerable portion of the lake margins and occasionally inundating surrounding riparian vegetation (e.g. 1997 and 1999). The largest single day increase in lake level was 24 cm on May 28, 1972. During the three years of study the largest single day increases in lake levels occurred on; May 26, 1999 at 16.0 cm, May 22, 2000 at 12.6 cm, and May 28, 2001 at 16.1 cm. The maximum recorded lake level for each of the three years of study were; 349.22 m on July 15, 1999, 348.33 m on July 1, 2000, and 347.92 m on June 11, 2001 (Kramer 2003). Davies et al. (1996) reported an average annual difference in water levels of 3.3 m, with a mean high water of 348.3 m above the geodetic chart datum and a mean low water level of 345.0 m.

METHODS

Benthic samples were collected from the littoral zone of Shuswap Lake for three years. Different methods and study design were employed each year and it is likely that each sampling method was biased towards the collection of different invertebrate groups. The difficulty of sampling cobble bottoms

with the same efficiency as sand/mud bottoms excluded the use of “dredges and grabs” (Southwood 1966) and led to the planting of removable portions of the substrate within plastic trays in 1999 and 2000. Attempts to measure the types and production levels associated with different substrates, using plastic trays were unsuccessful during the first two years. In 2000, the majority of substrate baskets and the invertebrates that had colonized them were never recovered. A benthic sampler was used to vacuum invertebrates from the shallow lake foreshore during the last year of study. This benthic pump could only sample shallow depths (< 0.4 m). Thus, as different methods were used each year, it is difficult to compare years.

In 1999, three plastic benthic trays were placed at each of 16 locations (Appendix 1, Table 1-2). Eight locations were characterized as having sand/mud beaches and eight had cobble beaches. Each tray (23 x 15 x 5 cm) covered an area of 345 cm² and contained approximately 1725 cm³ of substrate collected from the immediate foreshore (Figure 4). All larger cobbles and rocks were removed (> 8 cm) and the trays were buried 15 cm into the foreshore (level to the top of the tray). Trays were installed on June 8-10 at a depth of 50-70 cm and at 75-90 cm on June 17-20 as lake levels rose. After lake levels had peaked and fallen the trays were recovered on July 28-30 from a depth of 50-95 cm. Three trays from Location 8 could not be found and 3 grab samples of a similar size were substituted for the missing tray samples at the time of recovery.

In 2000, two locations were chosen for benthic collection (Appendix 1, Table 3). Thirty of the same benthic trays used in 1999 were used in 2000; however, all trays contained a uniform 1725 cm² of sieved gravel 3.2 – 6.3 mm (1/8 to 1/4 inch). Both locations had been altered by the clearing of boulder/cobble material from portions of the foreshore and placement of these rocks into rows (Figure 5). Each location was divided into 3 substrate types; natural cobble/rock, sand/fine-gravel following cobble removal, and windrowed cobble. At each location 5 trays were placed within each of the three substrate types. This study design allowed the comparison of windrowed cobble and natural foreshore. The trays were placed on June 4 at a depth of 60-80 cm and after lake levels peaked the trays were recovered on July 31 from 40-60 cm depth. Unfortunately only 10 of the 30 trays were recovered.

The trays and contents were separated from the surrounding bottom materials, placed in a bucket under water, and hauled to the water surface. All fine materials and invertebrates held within the bucket were then washed and sieved in a fine mesh net (200 micron nitex) to reduce water volume. Concentrated materials were emptied into a 1 liter jar and preserved with formaldehyde. To estimate the number and type of invertebrates that could potentially be added to the sample by this removal method, a series of six bucket hauls with an empty tray were completed.

In 2001, a total of 37 samples were taken by a customized benthic pump sampler (Appendix 1, Tables 4-6). The first test sample was taken on April 26. To compare night and day benthic activity a series of 3 night and 3 day samples (30 samples total) were taken at 5 locations from May 10 to August 28. Six additional daylight samples were taken from two locations during peak flooding (June 19 to July 11).

The benthic pump sampler vacuumed benthic organisms and fine materials from the shallow edge of Shuswap Lake (Figure 6). This apparatus consisted of a bilge pump and associated hoses, a portable power supply, a modified circular “Hess” type benthic frame sampler with fine-mesh screening (300 micron), and fine mesh collecting net (200 micron) with screw sieve collecting container (200 micron). The frame of the sampler was 40 cm deep and 43 cm in diameter. The area sampled was 1450 cm² and during sampling the bottom was turned over to a depth of 3-4 cm. This equates to a substrate volume of approximately 5000 cm³. Water depth ranged from 10 to 27 cm and mean water depth sampled was 17.8 cm (± 1.2 cm, 95% Confidence Limits or C.L.).

The benthic pump sampler was designed to sample both cobble and fine substrates in a similar manner. However, when the sampling frame is being placed on cobble beaches, larger stones will lie partly inside and partly outside the metal frame and selection and rejection of these materials is a matter of judgment. The larger rocks considered inside the frame were rubbed with gloves (inside of frame) and removed from the sampling area. Following removal of all larger rocks, the top 3-4 cm of the remaining

finer substrate was stirred by hand and the materials and water within the frame was vacuumed for 10 min. The collecting net (200 micron) was washed (filtered water) and benthic invertebrates and fines were concentrated in the removable plastic sieve end of the net (200 micron). The concentrated materials were emptied into a 1 liter jar and preserved with formaldehyde. All invertebrates were identified and counted and all insects in 2001 were weighed (Appendix 1, 2).

Location 7 was sampled both day and night in early spring 2001 as the lake level rose and again in August 2001 as lake level fell. The riparian zone at this location consisted of a grove of cottonwoods and willows and the substrate consisted primarily of sand and muck. The foreshore had a gentle slope and in June/July the lake flooded into this riparian vegetation as well as covered small patches of emergent vegetation (mainly grasses and sedges). We considered this location to be undisturbed by lake front development.

RESULTS

DIFFERENCES IN METHODS AND YEARS

The method of benthic sampling was different during each of the three years. In 1999, substrate trays were filled at each location with unwashed foreshore substrate materials representative of that location. Samples obtained in this manner would approximate samples obtained with a benthic grab. Invertebrates, invertebrate eggs, fines, and detritus present at the location would be added to the tray at the time of filling. That portion of the invertebrate community that utilized fines and detritus and is slow to colonize new areas, should be present in greater relative numbers (Figure 7).

In 2000 all fines, organic materials, and invertebrates were washed from the sorted gravel used to fill the trays. Every tray held the same gravel mix. This was considered to be an "artificial" substrate as it was not representative of the foreshore substrates upon which it was placed. Those invertebrates that could rapidly colonize the trays and that preferred cleaner substrates should dominate (Figure 8).

In 2001 a benthic pump was used to sample the shallow (<40 cm) freshly flooded portion of the foreshore. This method should be biased towards two types of invertebrates; those that rapidly colonize the flooded foreshore in May and June and those that remain in the shallow waters as the lake levels drop in July and August (Figure 9). In 2001, sampling commenced in early May instead of June-July as in 1999-2000 and 15 night samples were taken. Thus, those invertebrates more prevalent on the shallow lake margins at night and in early spring would be relatively more numerous in the 2001 samples.

During the three years of study a total of 114,574 invertebrates were classified (Appendix 1; Figure 10). The most numerically abundant benthic invertebrate group was Cladocera 27,212 and it was also the least variable, annually averaging 23.8% of the invertebrates identified (Figure 11). The other dominant invertebrate groups included; Chironomidae (19.1%), Ostracoda (17.5%), Calanoida (11.0%), Oligochaeta (13.6%), and Nematoda (8.7%). These six groups represented 94% of the total benthic numbers (Figures 10-11).

Differences in the relative composition of the benthic community were noted for each year of the study (Figure 11). In 1999, Oligochaeta and Nematoda were 10x more common than in 2000. These worms utilize fines and detrital material and we suspect they were placed in the trays with the unwashed substrate, but were slow to colonize the cleaned substrate used in 2000. Calanoida and Chironomidae larvae were twice as prevalent in the community structure in 1999 as in 2000. These invertebrates also rely on detritus and may have been reluctant to colonize the cleaned substrates. Ephemeroptera (mayflies) and Trichoptera (caddis flies) dominated the clean gravel trays used in 2000 compared to the unwashed substrate used in 1999.

The benthic pump samples did appear biased towards Ostracoda, capturing 30 times more in 2001 than the benthic trays in 1999 or 2000. We observed large numbers of very small highly mobile invertebrates in very shallow water at night in April-May. Thus the higher numbers noted in 2001 are

likely due to when the samples were taken and not necessarily due to the efficiency of the pump sampler compared to tray samples. Nematodes were also relatively more abundant in 2001 samples. Although nematode food and feeding habits vary among freshwater groups, many of the nematodes we captured could be considered to be microbiotrophic (feeding on bacteria, algae, fungi, and protozoa). Decaying vegetative material, concentrated along the shallow lake edge (wrack), may have provided a good food source for both Ostracoda and Nematoda.

INVERTEBRATE NUMBERS AND SEDIMENT

The volume of fine material remaining (< 200 microns) after the samples were sieved was measured for each sample in 1999. This volume of fines can be compared to the total number of invertebrates (Figure 12) and to the number of non-insecta invertebrates (Figure 13). There was a positive correlation between the volume of fines and the total number of invertebrates (Petersons $P < .05$). There was also a positive correlation between the volume of fines and the number of non-insecta invertebrates (Petersons $P < .05$). Although the number of each non-insect invertebrate group was not significantly correlated to volume of fines, the actual number of ostracods, oligochaetes and nematodes increased with the volume of sediment.

INVERTEBRATE NUMBERS VS SUBSTRATE AND RIPARIAN TYPES

In 1999, three trays were placed on each of 8 cobble/rock foreshore locations and 8 sand/mud locations. A difference between the total number of invertebrates and substrate type was not apparent. The total number of benthic organisms was similar under the two treatments (Figure 14). In 2000, not enough trays were recovered to reasonably analyze the data. However, it appears the number of organisms was similar on both of the substrate types (Figure 15).

In 1999, the riparian zones of 8 locations were considered to be natural or treed (supported well established natural trees and brush) and 8 locations were considered to be cleared (majority of riparian zone consisted of lawns, riprap, retaining walls, roadways, and developed lands). There was no apparent difference in total invertebrate numbers when the two riparian types are compared. Possible differences in the abundance of invertebrate families relative to habitat types will be examined below.

NON-INSECTA GROUPS

Ostracoda

The relative number of each invertebrate group changed over the season. In temperate lakes, many of the Ostracoda occupy the shallow edge of the lake (<30 cm depth) as the water level rises in May (Figure 16). These benthic invertebrates reside on the sediment-water interface of the substratum feeding on small pieces of detritus and algae (Delorme 1991). They are very small (< 1.5 mm) and the majority of the body is contained within a solid carapace (Walter 2002). These Ostracoda species are not tolerant of warm summer temperatures (Delorme 1991) and few were collected in July and August from the warm foreshore.

Three Ostracoda genera dominated the foreshore of Shuswap Lake. *Cypria* sp and *Cypris* sp. were significantly more numerous in May than in August (Two-Way ANOVA, $P < .05$) and significantly more numerous at night (Two Way ANOVA, $P < .05$). The spring numbers of these two genera represented 92% of the total number of Ostracoda captured from all locations during 2001 (Appendix 1, Table 4). In 1999, *Candona* was the more numerous genera captured (Appendix 1, Table 1); while in 2001 they were the third most common genera. In 2001, *Candona* sp. were more numerous during the day but not significantly.

Acari

Among the Acari, the Hydracarina are commonly referred to as “water mites” (Ward and Whipple 1966) and most have three life stages; larvae, deutonymph, and adult (Clifford 1991). The larval stage is parasitic, commonly as an ectoparasite on immature aquatic insects (Smith and Cook 1991). Only free-living adults were enumerated during this study. Hydracarina were more numerous on rocky shores than on sandy/mud shores in 1999 (t-test $P < .01$), 2000 (t-test $P < .05$), and from the samples collected in June and July 2001 (t-test, $P < .01$). The family Oribatidae includes the genus, *Hydrozetes*. These adult mites are herbaceous, feeding on fungi and green plant material (Ward and Whipple 1966). Location 7 supported beds of aquatic vegetation. This location (Figure 16) also supported the most Oribatidae (100/283 in 1999 and 230/284 in 2001).

Copepoda

Copepods are common in a wide variety of aquatic habitats (benthic, littoral and pelagic) and most species are omnivorous (Williamson 1991). They may feed on detritus, pollen, plankton, other invertebrates and even larval fish. Williamson (1991) described the calanoids as primarily planktonic and the cyclopoids as primarily littoral and benthic. Adams et al. (1990) noted that the most dominant epibenthic species in Shuswap Lake were Copepoda (Calanoida and Cyclopidae).

Although Copepoda were found at all locations, the majority (1055/1729) in 2001 were found at sites supporting aquatic vegetation (location 7; Figure 16). In 2001, they were more abundant later in the year (80/sample) compared to early in the year (25/sample) but not significantly so (t-test). The most numerous Copepoda suborder was Cyclopoida (6642/10755 in 1999, 91/169 in 2000, and 1565/1729 in 2001).

Cladocera

The Cladocera (water fleas) are a group of small (range from 0.2 to 18 mm) meiobenthic crustaceans (Dodson and Frey 1991) and are a common item in Shuswap Lake fish diets (Russell et al. 1980). The Cladocera consume a variety of small particles ranging from bacteria, through algae to rotifers and copepod nauplii. We identified six families of Cladocera of which the Chydoridae and Sididae were by far the most numerous (Appendix 1, Tables 1,3,4). The Cladocera were more abundant on rocky foreshore than on sand sites in 1999 (Mann-Whitney $P < .05$). Cobble/rocky locations averaged 432 ± 95 (95% C.L.) cladocerns / sample while sandy/mud locations averaged 194 ± 45 (95% C.L.) cladocerns / sample.

The Daphnidae (*Scapholeberis rammneri* and *S. mucronata*) are primarily limnetic (Edmondson 1966). The species in the genus *Daphnia* are limnetic zooplankton but may be encountered in the littoral zone (Chengalath 1982). *Ceriodaphnia* are small in size but were common in littoral samples collected across Canada (Chengalath 1982). They range in size from 0.2 to 3.0 mm and most are filter feeders using setae on 5 pairs of legs to capture small particles (Holmes 2001). Very few Daphnidae were captured in the substrate trays used in 1999 and 2000. In 2000, more Daphnidae were found in the six water column samples than in the 10 substrate samples. This indicates they reside in the water column not on the bottom. In 2001, three of seven samples taken in April and May had 95% (770/807) of the total number of Daphnidae. This indicates a highly gregarious distribution and possible higher spring abundance of Daphnidae on the lake foreshore. Their occurrence on the lake foreshore is likely related to winds and lake currents rather than habitat preference.

The Chydoridae (family of Cladocera) are typically littoral (Chengalath 1982). In 1999, three chydorids dominated the foreshore in July. These included; *Acroperus harpae*, *Alona* spp., and *Chydorus sphaericus* (Appendix 1, Table 1). *A. harpae* were significantly more numerous on rocky foreshore than on sandy/mud foreshore in 1999 (Mann-Whitney $P < .0001$). Chengalath (1982) reported that *A. harpae* was common to all lake habitats. Edmondson (1966) reported that it prefer shallow, weedy habitats and was rare in open waters. *Pleuroxus procurvatus* and *P. denticulatus* were found at only a few locations but these were sand/mud bottomed. *Alonella* spp. were more numerous at two cobble/rock locations

(610/721) and *Camptocercus rectorostris* was more abundant at cobble/rock locations (496/640). In 2000, the chydorids were more numerous within samples obtained from cobble/rock sites than from sand/mud sites (t-test, $P < .05$).

The chydorids were significantly more abundant along the shallow foreshore as lake levels dropped in August 2001 than in May (t-test, $P < .01$; Figure 16). *Alonella excisa* and *Chydorus sphaericus* were 100 times more numerous in August than in May. *Acroperus harpae* was more prevalent in June and slightly more were captured during the day than at night (Appendix 1, Table 4).

Polyphemidae (*Polyphemus pediculus*) is common in marshes and weedy ponds (Edmondson 1966). In 1999, it was found only at location 7. This location contains considerable emergent vegetation (reeds and sedges).

Sida crystallina were more numerous on rocky-cobble foreshore in July 1999. (Mann-Whitney $P < .0001$). In 2000, *Sida crystallina* dominated the Cladocera (541/604) and were more numerous at the cobble/rock locations than at the sand/mud locations (Mann-Whitney, $P < .05$). A few *Sida crystallina* were captured during the control sampling in 2000. This indicates they were common in the water column as well as on the lakeshore bottom. These organisms should be readily available to juvenile fish feeding in the littoral zone. In 2001 during June and July, significantly more *Sida crystallina* were captured in benthos samples obtained from cobble/rocky shores than from sandy/mud sites (Mann-Whitney, $P < .001$).

Nematoda

Nematoda are more likely to be captured through the use of a Galen type sampler (samples substrate) than by a benthic sled (Adams et al. 1990). They tend to occupy the interstitial spaces in the substratum rather than the surface. It is doubtful that they are available as juvenile salmonid food. The Nematoda (Figure 17) were more abundant in May than in August 2001 (t-test $P < .01$). Nematoda were also more numerous in the 1999 benthic samples with a greater volume of fines; although the correlation between sediment and numbers was positive, it was not significant (Peterson, $P = .09$).

Mollusca

The bivalves (Pelecypoda) are filter feeders, consuming plankton, detritus and bacteria. They are called "fingernail clams" (Soil and Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax 2002). The freshwater Sphaeriidae are often abundant in profundal areas, residing in the sandy substrate. Two genera were noted (*Sphaerium* and *Pisidium*). *Sphaerium* sp range in size from 8-20 mm, while *Pisidium* sp are smaller, ranging in size from 2-6 mm. It appears the bivalves were highly gregarious in distribution. In 2001, all 209 of the bivalves identified were obtained from location 7. No bivalves were recovered from the plastic substrate trays in 1999 or 2000.

The freshwater Gastropoda (snails) are primarily herbivores and detritivores. They use a rasping radula to scrape periphyton from substrate and epiphytic algae from macrophytes (e.g. *Gyraulus*), or consume macrophytes (e.g. Lymnaeidae). The genera we captured have been described as small, lentic, thin shelled, and preferring sandy to muddy substrates (Schuster 2002).

Gyraulus spp. were present each year and were the dominant gastropod (134 of the 166 characterized to genus). *Stagnicola* and *Physa* spp. were also found, but in fewer numbers. In 1999, significantly more gastropods were found on the cobble-rocky shores than the sand/mud beaches (t-test $P < .05$). In 2000, *Gyraulus* sp. was more abundant in the 2 samples taken from sandy substrate (36/sample) than in the 5 samples taken from cobble substrate (7.2/sample) at location 14. However, as few samples were recovered, statistical analysis is impossible. In 2001, more gastropods were collected on the sandy shores (1.2/sample) than on rocky locations (0.67/sample) although this result was not significant (t-test, $P = 0.28$).

Amphipoda

The Amphipod, *Hyalella azteca* is a relatively large laterally compressed invertebrate (> 6 mm), easily seen in the shallow lake waters and is commonly referred to as a "scud." It is an omnivorous scavenger, feeding mainly on dead animals and plant matter (Clifford 1991). *Hyalella* requires well oxygenated water, resides in water less than 1 meter deep, and often hides under plant mats. In 1999, 200 of 223 *Hyalella* were captured from rocky foreshore sites. In 2000, 8 of 10 were from the trays placed on cobble foreshore. In 2001, more than half (589/983) were recovered from location 7 and an additional 230 were enumerated from the single sample taken at location 2 in April. At the time of sampling location 2, wave action had covered the foreshore with a blanket of fine decaying organic materials (leaf litter and wood chips).

Oligochaeta

Another common group of invertebrates identified within the benthic samples from Shuswap Lake was Oligochaeta (Figures 11, 17, 18). Three families dominated, these were Naididae, Enchytraeidae, and Tubificidae (Appendix 1, Tables 1,3,4). The freshwater oligochaetes are primarily burrowing worms, feeding by passing mud and debris through the gut and extracting organic matter (Clifford 1991). It is doubtful that oligochaetes are available to juvenile salmon. These worms are generally found in soft sediments rich in organic matter and they can tolerate low oxygen levels (Fox 2000). In Shuswap Lake, some naids and tubificids are epiphytic (Hatfield 1996). *Nais* sp. feeds on heterotrophic aerobic bacteria, while *Chaetogaster* spp. are carnivorous, actively hunting and consuming smaller organisms such as ostracods (Nikon Microscopy 2003). The enchytraeids are common in marginal aquatic habitats such as marshes, small streams and interstitial waters along the margins of lakes (Soil and Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax 2002).

In both 1999 and 2001, the naids dominated the counts of identified aquatic oligochaetes, representing 91% and 74% of the oligochaetes. In 2000, only 13 worms were obtained from the cleaned substrate trays (Appendix 1, Table 3). The most commonly identified species of naids were; *Chaetogaster* spp., *Nais* spp. *Stylaria lacustris* and *Pristina foreli* (Appendix 1, Table 1, 4).

The distribution of oligochaetes was location specific in 2001 (Figure 18). The sites with the most flooded aquatic vegetation (locations 2 and 7) had the highest densities of oligochaetes, mainly naids. However, high densities of tubificids were noted in August at location 7. Location 10 also had a high density of enchytraeids. There was not a significant correlation between the volume of sediment/sample and the number of oligochaetes/sample in 1999 (Linear Regression $P = .15$). In 1999, there was no significant difference between the number of oligochaetes within cobble/rock and sandy foreshores (t-test, $P = .72$).

INSECT NUMBER VS WEIGHT (2001)

An assessment of the number of insects without consideration of their relative size is misleading. The midges (Chironomidae) represented 59.1% of the total number of insects in the 2001 benthic pump samples (Figure 19). The combined numbers of caddisflies (Trichoptera), beetles (Coleoptera) and true bugs (Hemiptera) represented only 9.4% of the total number of insects. When the weight of the individual insects is examined (Figure 20), the latter group represented 50% of the total insect weight and the midges only 20.8%. In terms of numbers, the midges and mayflies (Ephemeroptera) dominate. However, four groups (caddisflies, mayflies, midges, and true bugs) were similar in relative group weight and cumulatively represented 86% of the total insect weight.

NIGHT VS DAY FOR INSECTS

There were significantly more (2 Way ANOVA $P < .05$) insects at night (139.8/sample \pm 18.0 1SE) versus day (94.0/sample \pm 13.1 1SE) in 2001 (Appendix 1, Table 5). The insects were more numerous at two locations in 2001 (2 Way ANOVA $P < .001$). Locations 10 and 7 supported higher numbers of insects than the other sites, mainly due to the high numbers of Chironomidae recovered at

those two locations. Location 7 was sampled both day and night (Figure 21), while location 10 was not sampled at night.

The weight of insects / sample was greater at night (87.4 mg/sample \pm 33.18 1SE) than during the day (26.4 mg/sample \pm 8.65 1SE), but not significantly so (Mann-Whitney $P = 0.15$). Location 7 represented 94% of insect weight from comparable night/day samples in 2001 (Figure 22). If we compare the day/night insect weights from only location 7, then a significantly greater weight of insects was obtained from the night samples (Mann-Whitney $P < .01$). This apparent weight difference is due to a few large Trichoptera, Corixidae, and Coleoptera captured at night (Appendix 1, Table 6).

INSECTA GROUPS

The midges (Chironomids) were the most numerous insect group identified during this study (Figure 11; Appendix 1, Tables 2, 3, 5). They represented 87% of the total insect number and annually represented; 96.7% in 1999, 40.4% in 2000, and 59.1% in 2001. The next most numeric group of insects were the mayflies (Ephemeroptera). They represented 8.1% of the total insects (1999, 1.6%; 2000, 51.3%; 2001, 25.5%). Together the midges and mayflies represented 95% of the insects recovered from the foreshore of Shuswap Lake during the three years of study. The relative numbers of the remaining Insecta groups changed slightly during each of the three years (Figure 11) with Diptera other than Chironomids (1.8%), Trichoptera (1.6%), Coleoptera (0.5%) and Collembola (0.3%) the next most abundant groups.

In examination of the foreshore invertebrates, two groups of Insecta common to freshwater were not found. These are Culicidae (mosquitoes) and Plecoptera (stoneflies). This is not surprising as mosquito larva must obtain oxygen at the lake surface and large lakes have considerable wave action making this difficult or impossible. Stonefly nymphs require well oxygenated water. Consequently they are found in flowing rivers and streams amongst the rocks and bottom debris. A few species of stoneflies can also be found in the rocky shoals of cold lakes.

Diptera

Four families (Chironomidae, Ceratopogonidae, Dolichopodidae, and Empididae) were numerically the most dominate of the "true flies." The Chironomids were the most numerous and were found at all sites. All non-chironomidae were captured as larvae and appeared to be very location specific rather than spread uniformly around the lakeshore.

Chironomidae

The Chironomidae are one of the most important food sources for salmonids (Newman 2003). The pupae are the most vulnerable to fish predation as they must secure oxygen from the water surface through an anterior respiratory horn. The larvae dominate the benthos within the littoral zones of a lake and their faecal pellets are an important component of the food chain. The larvae are primarily herbivores or detritovores, consuming fine particles and blue green algae. Many of the larvae construct sediment tubes in the substrate and are filter feeders. The pupae and adults do not feed. The adults fly over the water and may temporarily land on the surface.

In 1999, we estimated the density of chironomid larvae to be greater than $1/\text{cm}^2$ (Figure 23). In later years the density was substantially less. It is possible this difference was due to annual changes in sampling procedures as described earlier. However, it could also be due to differences in sampling locations or seasonal flooding.

Considerable variation exists between sampling locations for any given year (Appendix 1, Tables 2, 5). There is too much variation between locations to clearly show differences in larval densities relative to the physical nature of the foreshore. Slightly more chironomid larva were recovered from the sandy foreshore locations (414/sample \pm 121, 1SE) than from the cobble beaches (379/sample \pm 121

1SE) in 1999. However, one sandy location (location 8, grab samples) strongly biases this result. If location 8 is excluded from the analysis then the cobble locations have significantly (Two Way ANOVA, $P < .05$) more larvae than the remaining sandy locations ($150/\text{sample} \pm 60$ 1SE). The treed foreshore locations ($281/\text{sample} \pm 60$ 1SE) had a similar number of chironomid larvae to the cleared locations ($249/\text{sample} \pm 63$ 1SE) in 1999. In 2000, more chironomids were recovered from the trays placed on cobble substrate ($42/\text{sample} \pm 10$ 1SE) than from trays placed on sandy substrate ($18/\text{sample} \pm 6$ 1SE). This result was not significant (t-test, $P = .11$). In 2001, cobble locations supported 15 larvae / sample (± 7 1SE) versus 102 larvae / sample (± 22 1SE) on sandy foreshore locations. This result is also strongly biased by the high density noted for sandy location 7 (195 ± 22 1SE or $0.13 / \text{cm}^2$).

More chironomid larvae were captured at night than during the day (Figure 24). However, there was not a significant difference between day and night larval densities (Two-Way ANOVA $P = .15$), while there was a significant difference between larval densities at location #7 compared to the other three locations ($P < .001$).

A portion of the Chironomidae captured during the three years of study (15,793 of 21,894) was classified further. Three subfamilies dominated the Chironomidae found along Shuswap Lake's foreshore. The most numerous were Chironominae of which 6,980 were of the tribe Tanytarsini and 1,828 were of the tribe Chironomini. Orthoclaadiinae numbered 5,448, Tanypodinae numbered 518 and 18 Diamesinae were identified.

Ceratopogonidae

Some adult ceratopogonidae bite warm blooded animals and these are commonly called "biting midges" or "no-see-ums." Others such as *Bezzia* and *Probezzia* feed on small insects (i.e. Chironomidae). As larvae they are small, elongate, carnivores, and swim with a serpentine motion (Hilsenhoff 1991). They burrow head first into larger insect larvae. They hang to the surface film as pupae and may emerge in large numbers.

In 1999, the ceratopogonidae larvae were the second most abundant dipterans after the chironomids. They represented 189 of the 221 non-chironomid Diptera. All were of the genus *Bezzia* and *Probezzia*. The majority of the biting midges (111/189) were captured at location 8 in October.

Empididae

Empididae adults are known as "dance flies" and are small (<7mm) as larvae (Hilsenhoff 1991). The larvae are predaceous. The majority of Empididae larvae were recovered from location 7. In 1999, 11/12 and in 2001, 10/10 were recovered from this location. Only two were captured from location 12 in 2000. All were captured late in the summer (July 28 to August 28).

Dolichopodidae

These dipterans are commonly named, "long-legged flies." They are predaceous as both larvae and adults. Only one genus, *Rhaphium*, represented the 11 Dolichopodidae we captured. All of the *Rhaphium* were found at location 5 in 1999 and location 2 in 2001. Both of these sites could be considered to be fine sand beaches.

Coleoptera

The Coleoptera are commonly known as water beetles (Hilsenhoff 1991). In their larval phase they can swim, but commonly crawl along the bottom and respire cutaneously. As adults they have appendages adapted for swimming, eat with chewing mouthparts, and must surface to breathe. The requirement to surface generally restricts them to the shallow lake margins. A beetle generation takes one year of which approximately a month in spring is larval. They often use shoreline litter to pupate.

The use of substrate trays did not appear to be an effective way to capture aquatic beetles when compared to the benthic pump. In 1999, 14 beetles were recovered at five locations from 36 samples (Appendix 1, Table 2). Thirteen were from rocky sites and thirteen were larvae. In 2000, only four beetles were recovered from the 10 trays (Appendix 1, Table 3). The benthic pump in 2001 captured 96 beetles from 37 samples and a greater number of taxa (Appendix 1, Table 5).

Two genera of Dytiscidae dominated numerically in 2001, *Hydroporus* spp. (76/114) and *Brachyvatus* spp. (28/114). They are predaceous diving beetles as adults and range in size from 2-40 mm. The adults of these two genera were more abundant at night (64/65) where comparable day/night sampling was completed. The larvae of *Hydroporus* spp. were recovered from day samples collected at location 10.

Collembola

The adult Collembola (springtails) are considered to be semiaquatic, wingless arthropods, usually less than 3 mm long. They may reside on the surface of lotic waters and don't break through the surface film due to their small size and hydrophobic body surface. Thus, they are not benthic organisms. They specialize in items of food available on the water surface such as algae, detritus, and bacteria. The young springtails (nymphs) look similar to adults and we did not differentiate stages (Appendix 1, Tables 2-5).

Each year of sampling produced a different numerically dominant genus of springtail. In 1999, all 20 of the springtails recovered were *Anurida* sp. In 2000, 25 of 26 were *Isotoma* sp. In 2001, the majority (12/15) were *Sminthurus* sp.

Trichoptera

Trichoptera (caddisflies) construct portable cases out of plant material or sand. The larvae crawl along the bottom and are generally omnivorous or herbivorous. Most caddisflies pupate in their case. The adults feed on liquids and are attracted to lights at night (Clifford 1991; Wiggins et al. 1985).

Two families of Trichoptera dominated our catches during the three years of study. In 2001, Leptoceridae were the most numerically abundant (259/311) and were represented by two genera (*Mystacides* and *Nectopsyche*). Hydroptilidae were the next most abundant (41/311). In 2001, the majority of the caddisflies (309/311) were obtained from location 7 and location 2. In 1999, 24/50 caddisflies were obtained from location 7.

More caddisfly larvae were captured in August (240) than in May (43) from location 7 (Figure 21). However, this result was not significant (t-test, $P = .09$). All Hydroptilidae larvae were captured during the day, while more Leptoceridae larvae were captured at night (195) than during the day (47). However, this result was also not significant (Mann Whitney $P = .18$).

Heteroptera

The most numerous aquatic Heteroptera were the Corixidae. These "water boatmen" feed primarily on detritus, algae, protozoan, and very small invertebrates (Hilsenhoff 1991). The adults can fly and are common along the littoral zones of lakes. In 2001, fifty-six *Corisella* sp. adults were recovered. The majority (55/56) were recovered in May and August from location 7.

Hemiptera (Aphididae)

The aphids encountered during this study were of terrestrial origin. Although they were not identified to species, it is likely they were falling from riparian zone cottonwood trees (*Populus trichocarpa*) onto the water surface and onto our equipment and were thus included in our benthic samples. The majority of aphids (7/9 in 1999 and 25/28 in 2001) were recovered from locations 7 and 2. The riparian zones of these two locations consisted of stands of cottonwood trees.

A considerable number of aphids must have entered the lake foreshore from June to August. If we consider the total lake shore sampled, we estimated an aphid density of 1/1840 cm² in 1999 and 1/1550 cm² in 2001. These estimates equated to approximately 6 aphids per square meter of water surface. If we consider only the surface area sampled at the two cottonwood locations in 2001, then a density of 19 aphids per square meter of water surface can be estimated.

Ephemeroptera

The Insecta order Ephemeroptera are commonly called mayflies (Mounce 1973). The aquatic larvae occur among vegetation in littoral areas and sometimes along wave-swept beaches (Hilsenhoff 1991). The larva stage emerges from the water as a subimago and molts quickly into an adult. The adult and subimago stages of mayflies do not feed and are short-lived. Larval mayflies are mainly herbivore-detritivores.

The ecological characteristics and habitat preferences of the various families of Ephemeroptera identified in Shuswap Lake have been described by Thorp and Covich (1991), Mounce (1973) and Clifford (1991). The Baetidae are relatively small mayflies and are active swimmers, residing on the substratum. They tend to consume algae and detritus. Heptageniidae are relatively large and flat and are often found clinging to rocks. They feed on algae they scrape from the surface of rocks. Leptophlebiidae are medium sized invertebrates which and may be found within the gravel, in quiet waters. These mayflies were described as detritus feeders by Mounce (1973). Ephemeridae are relatively large filter-feeders that burrow into sand or silt, and may emerge in large numbers. Caenidae are small, can occupy bottom sediments, and emerge at the water surface. Surrounding vegetation and support is necessary for completion of their life cycle. Ephemerellidae may be found along wave-swept shores often within leaf litter. They crawl up on protruding substrate to emerge. Ameletidae (or Siphonuridae) larvae are relatively large and mainly herbivores and detritivores.

In 1999, 311 mayfly nymphs were captured of which 50% were identified to species or genus (*Procloeon* sp. 104; *Ephemera simulans* 12; *Caenis simulans* 39). An average of 6.5/location (± 1.4 1SE) were counted. There was no significant difference between the numbers of mayfly nymph captured on cobble and sand/mud beaches (t-test, $P = 0.11$), although 226/311 mayflies were obtained from the rocky foreshore sites.

In 2000, Leptophlebiidae dominated and comprised 374 of 422 mayflies captured. An average of 42.4 mayflies/sample (± 6.3 1SE), were captured from the trays. Significantly more mayflies were captured in 2000 than in 1999 (Mann-Whitney Rank Sum $P < .001$). This may indicate they preferred the cleaner substrate used in 2000.

In 2001, 4 groups of mayflies dominated. Baetidae (603), Heptageniidae (303), Caenidae (58), and Ameletidae (188) represented 89% of the 1289 mayflies recovered in 2001. *Ameletus* sp was most numerous in May, *Caenis simulans* and Heptageniidae in June, and Baetids were common from June to late August (Appendix 1, Table 5).

DISCUSSION

The benthic species that dominated the foreshore from mid-May to mid-July varied each year, likely due to differences in sampling methods and differences in annual flooding characteristics. Cladocera, Chironomidae and Calanoida were the most numerous and most available to near-shore juvenile fish. Sididae were significantly more abundant in early spring. Oligochaeta and Nematoda were also abundant but occupied the interstitial spaces in the substrate and would not be readily available to juvenile salmonids. Ostracoda were abundant along the foreshore in May. However, the consumption of freshwater ostracods by juvenile salmon was not noted during preliminary analysis of Shuswap Lake chinook stomach samples (Brown and Winchell 2002). Ephemeroptera were common in 2000 and are

considered excellent fish food (Newman 2003). They are much larger than chironomids and although fewer in number, they represent an important item in the salmonids diet.

Many of B.C.'s lakes support rearing sockeye juveniles throughout the year (Stockner and Shortreed 1978; McDonald 1973). Although, we were sampling the benthic community while salmon fry appear to be surface oriented. It is possible that the large numbers of juvenile salmonids associated with the lake foreshore in spring may have influenced the number and type of benthic invertebrates we captured. In Quesnel Lake from mid-May until mid-June high densities of migrating sockeye fry were observed within 5 m of shore and these juvenile sockeye shifted their diet from *Leptodiptomus* (near shore, water column) to pelagic *Daphnia* (limnetic) as the fish become more pelagic (Morton and Williams 1990).

The slightly higher numbers of Insecta noted on the lake foreshore at night can not be attributed to predator avoidance. The density of juvenile salmonids along the shallow lake margins was substantially higher in spring during the night than during the day (Brown and Winchell 2002). Thus, we might assume that nocturnal predation rates of invertebrates by fish would be higher at night than during the day. It is possible invertebrates may avoid shallow waters during the day to limit their exposure to UV light (Kelly and Bothwell 2002; Bothwell et al. 1994). The diurnal difference in invertebrate numbers was examined for only one sampling year (2001). There was no significant diurnal difference in total invertebrate numbers, or non-insecta numbers. The ostracods *Cyprina* and *Cypris* were more numerous at night, while *Candona* were numerous during the day. Insecta were significantly more numerous at night and a significantly greater weight of insects was measured from the samples taken at night. Although slightly more Coleoptera, Trichoptera, Chironomidae, and Corixidae were noted from the night samples, there was no significant diurnal difference when each of the insect groups was examined separately.

There was no apparent difference in benthic communities between foreshore locations bordered by natural vegetation versus those areas cleared of trees. Our sampling design was not sophisticated enough to evaluate litter deposition rates or transport associated with lake wave actions. In the spring prior to maximum lake level, the unconsolidated foreshore separates the riparian vegetation from the water's edge. On beaches with a shallow gradient this distance can be over 100 meters. It is likely materials originating from the riparian zone are transported along the shore edge by wave action and are deposited upon certain shores and removed from others. Thus, the volume and type of litter that accumulates on the foreshore may not be related to the condition of the immediate uplands.

It did not appear that there was a relationship between the total number of invertebrates and substrate type. However, differences in the abundance of specific invertebrate families and species relative to habitat types were apparent. The cobble shores supported more Cladocera, especially the chydorids; *Acroperus harpae*, *Camptocerus rectorostris*, and *Alonella* spp. *Sida crystallina*, the most numerically abundant Cladocera, was also significantly associated with cobble sites. *Pleuroxus procurvatus* and *P. denticulatus* were associated with sand/mud substrate. More amphipods were captured from cobble/rocky foreshores. Slightly more chironomid larva were recovered from the sandy/mud foreshore locations in 1999 and 2001.

Location did appear to influence the number of invertebrates. We observed that certain locations produced greater numbers of invertebrates and supported differences in invertebrate community structure. Terrestrial aphids were consistently captured in greater numbers in benthic samples from two sites (location 7 and 2) where the upland areas were dominated by cottonwood trees. These two locations are also near the outlet of the Adams River and may be influenced by suspended materials washed down the river in the spring. Location 7 was associated with small beds of aquatic vegetation and was considered undisturbed. In 2001, location 7 supported a greater diversity of invertebrates and supported greater numbers of Oribatidae, Copepoda, Amphipoda, tubificids, chironomid larvae, Corixidae, Trichoptera, and bivalves.

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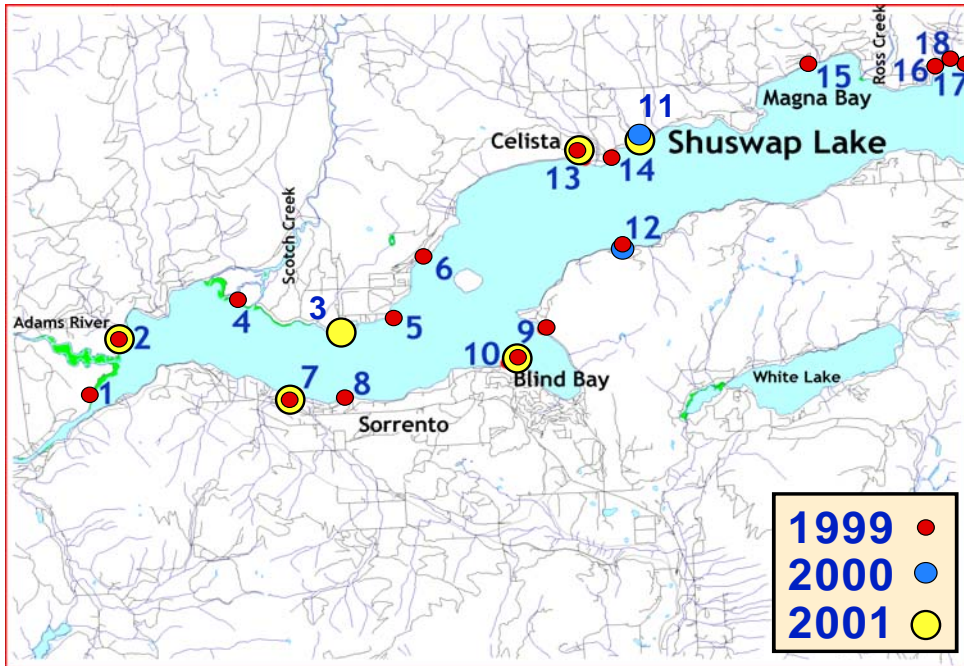


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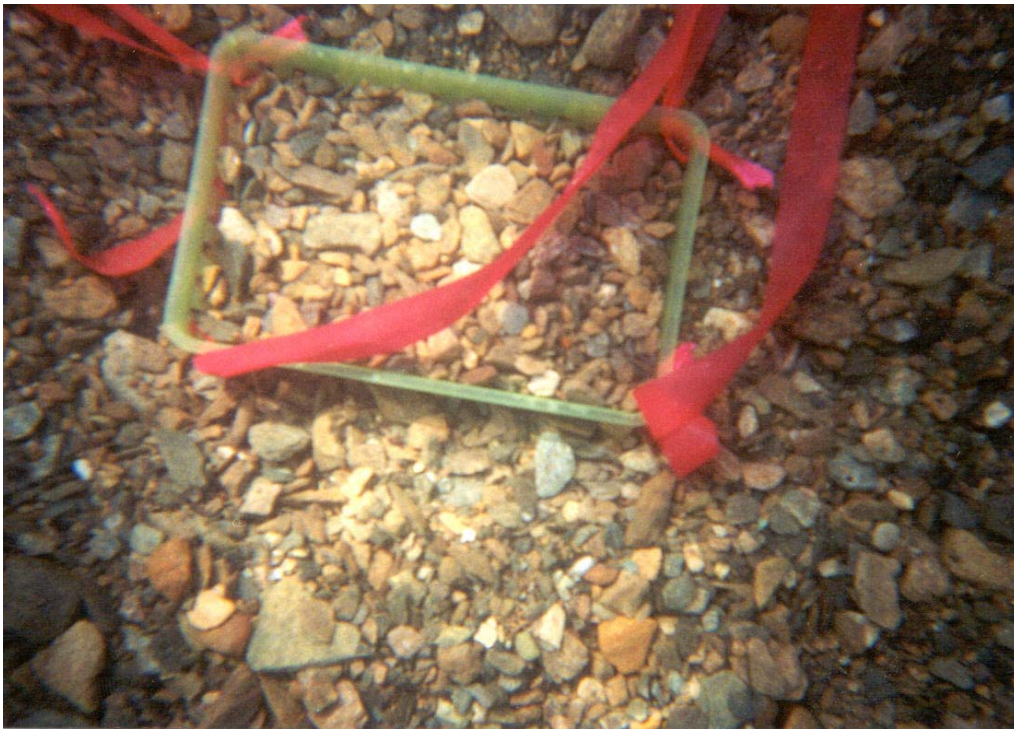


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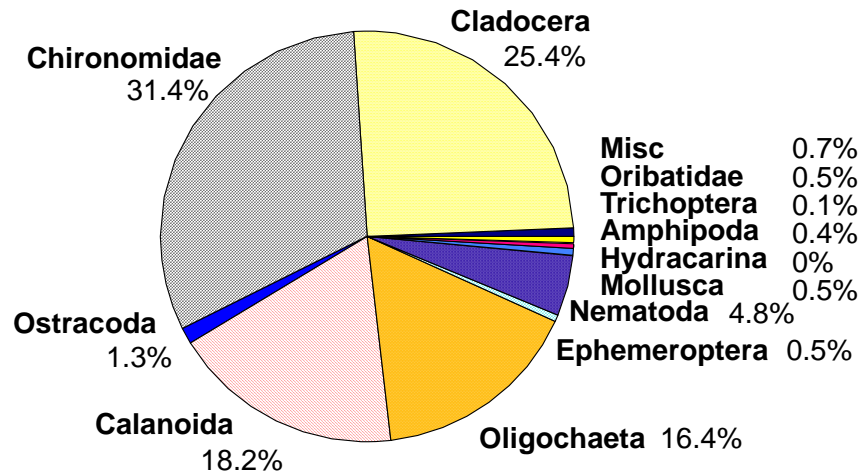


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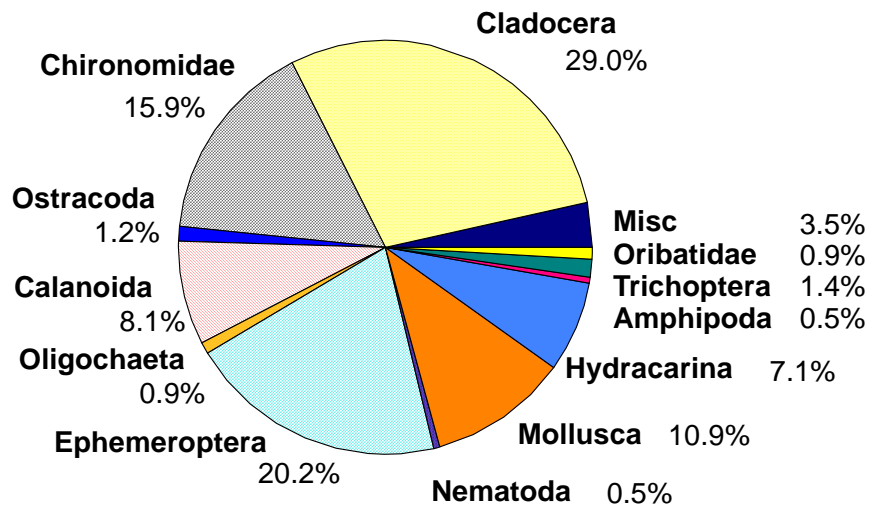


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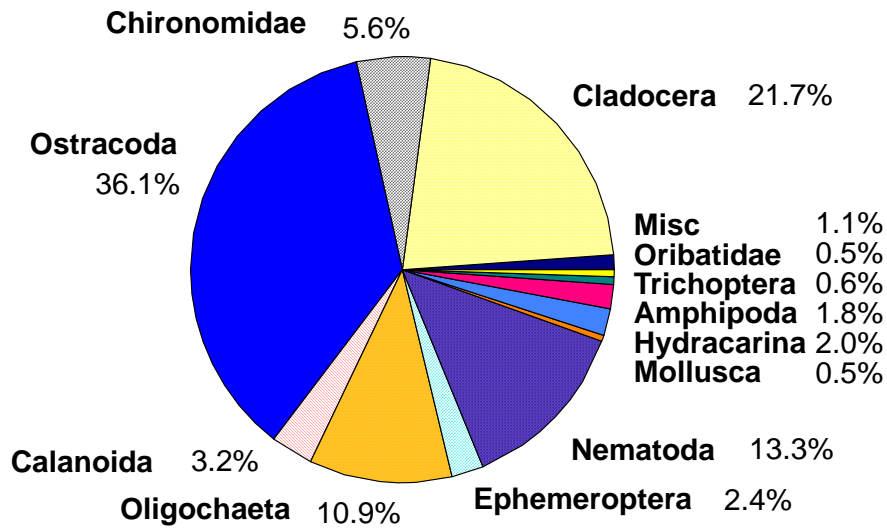


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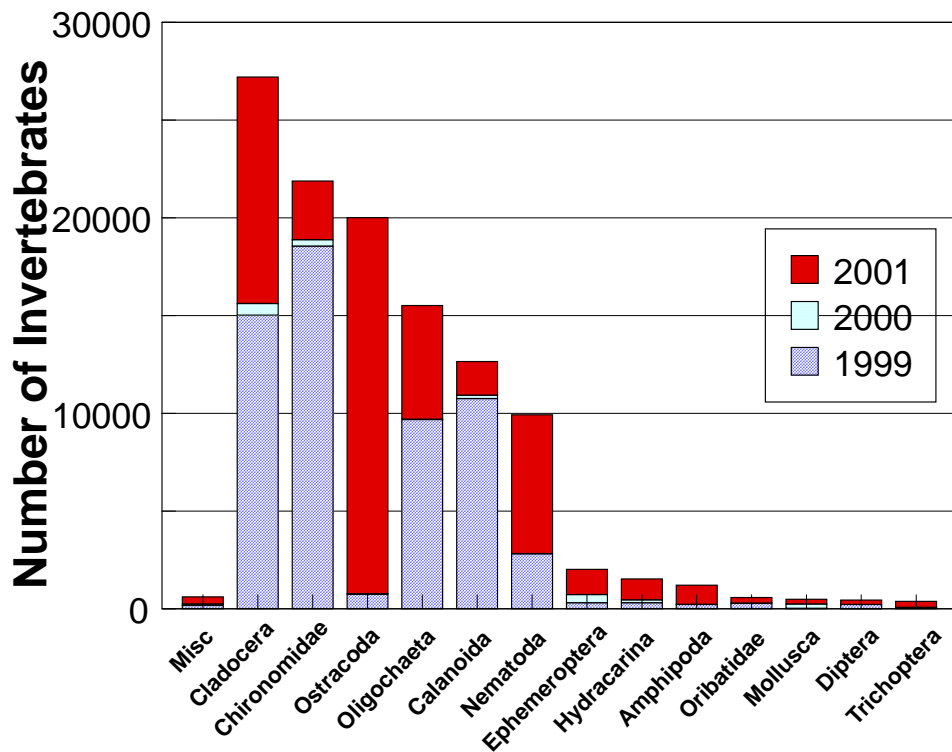


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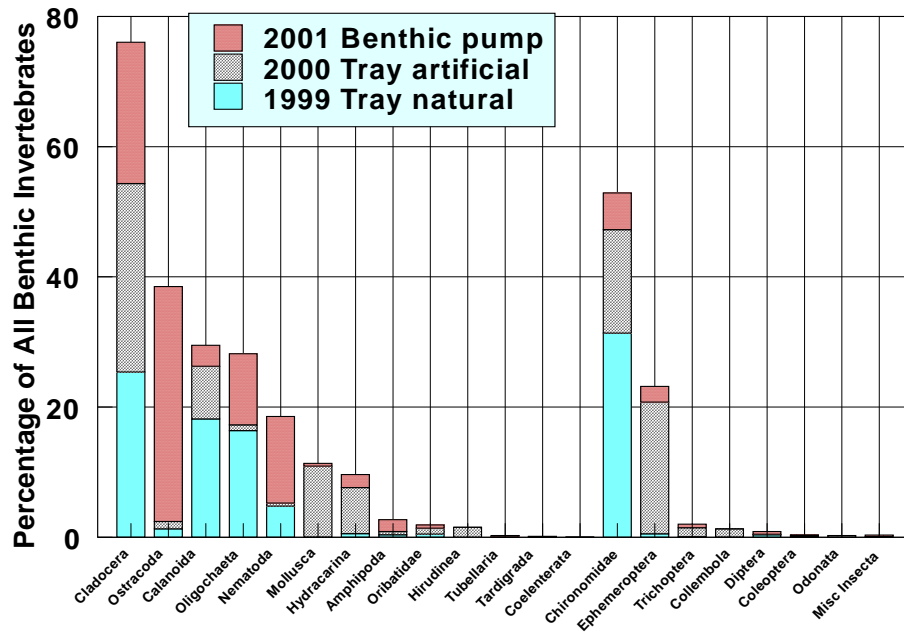


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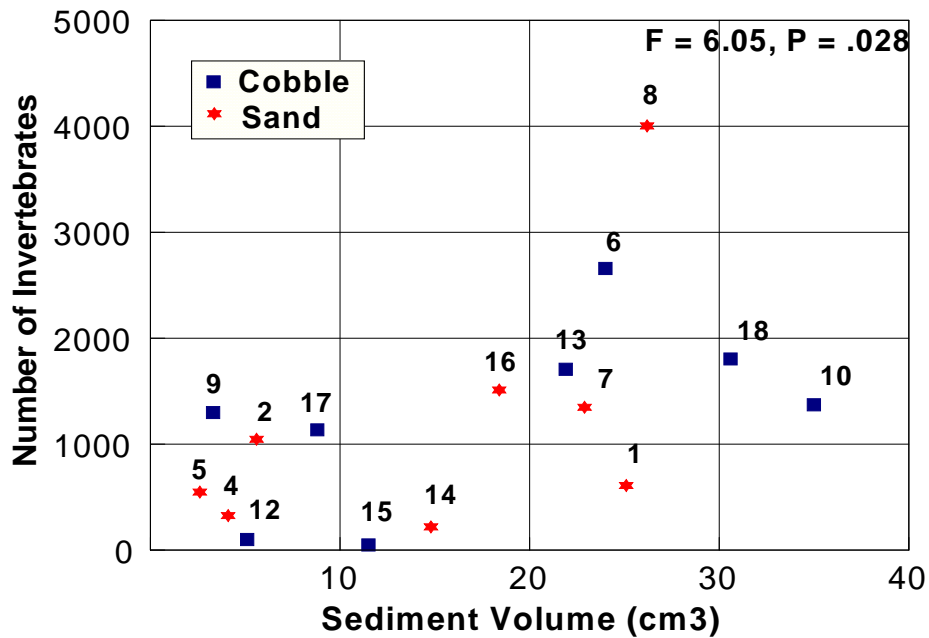


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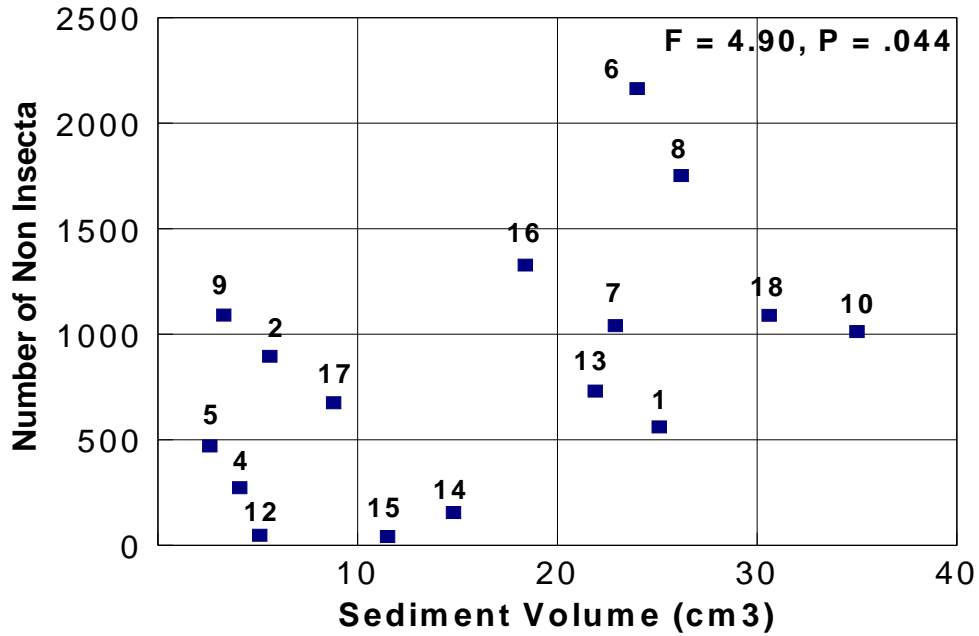


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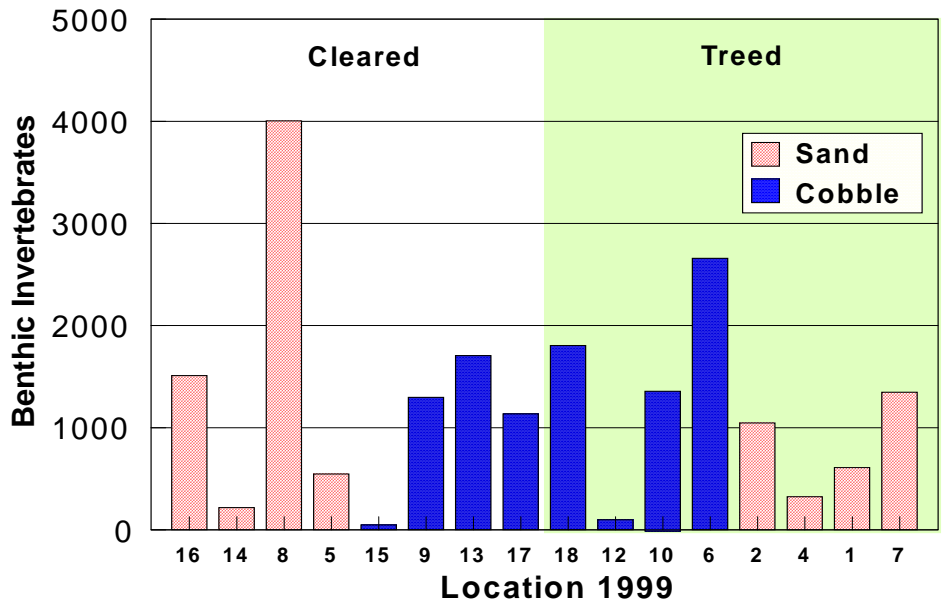


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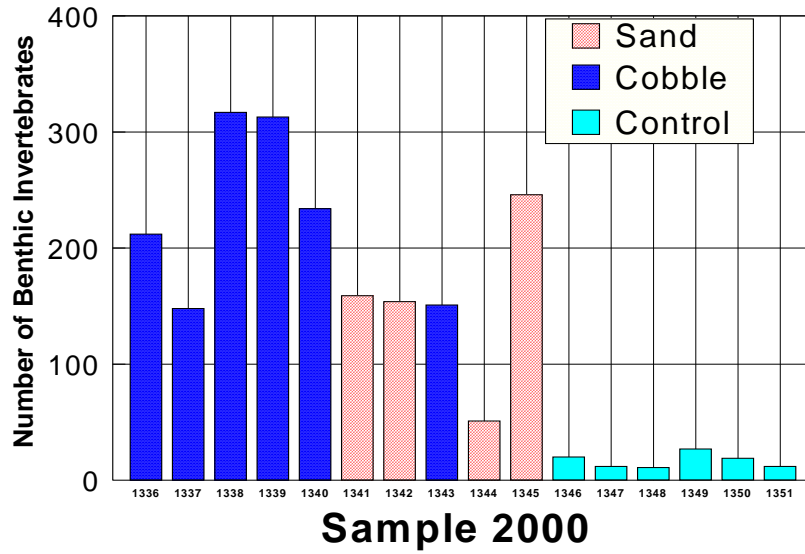


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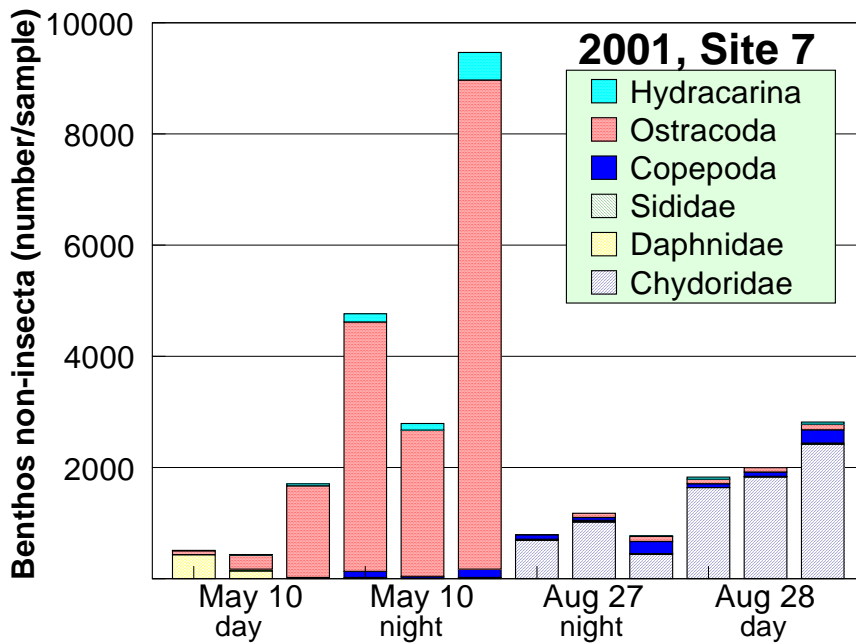


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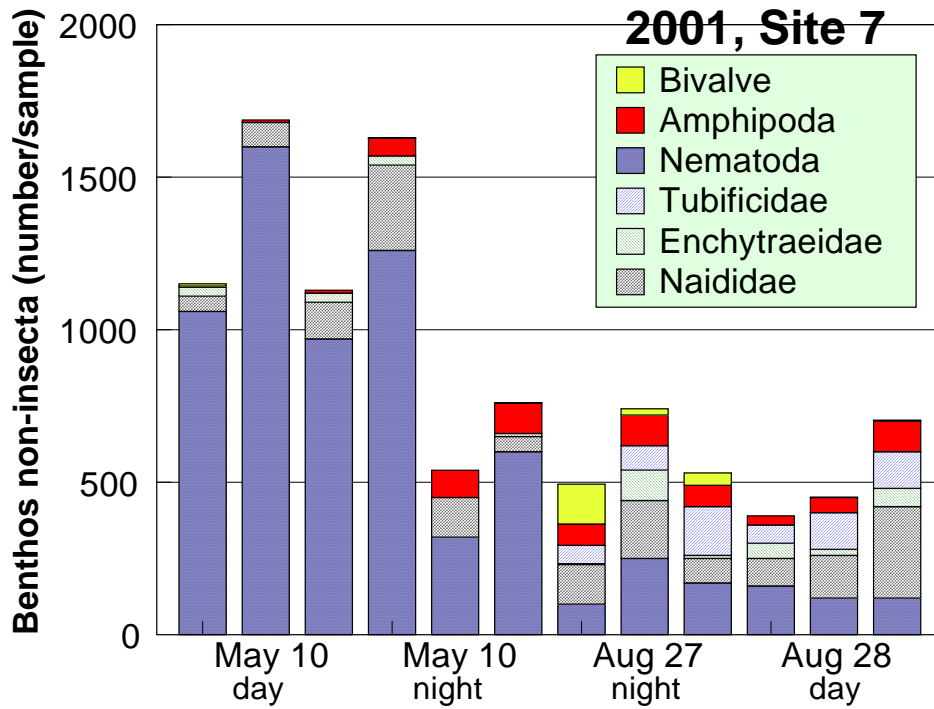


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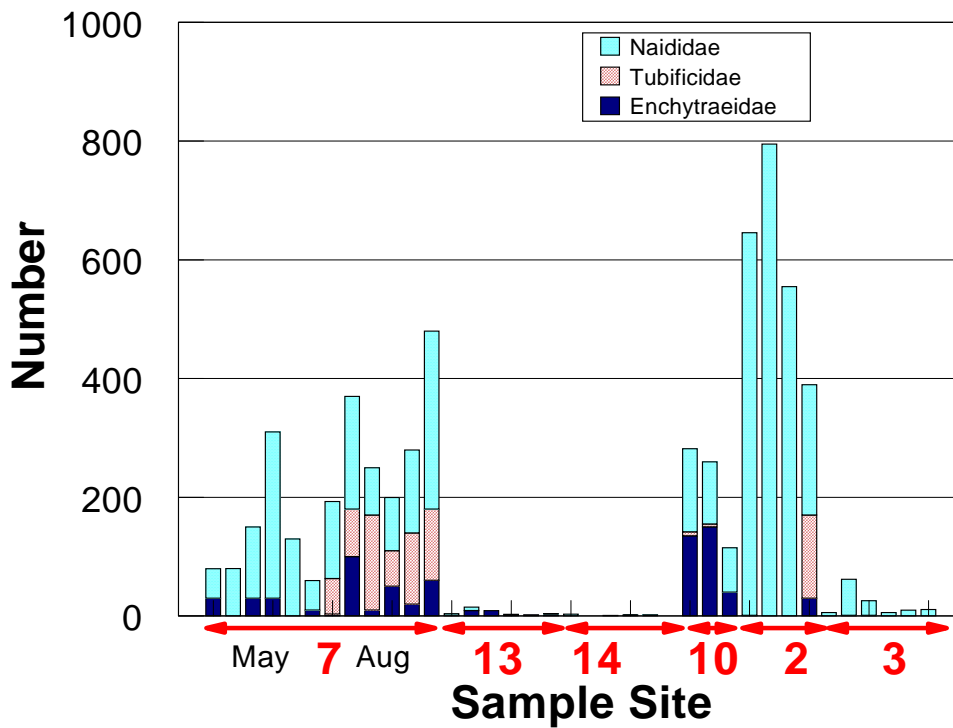


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37 Samples (April 26 to August 28)

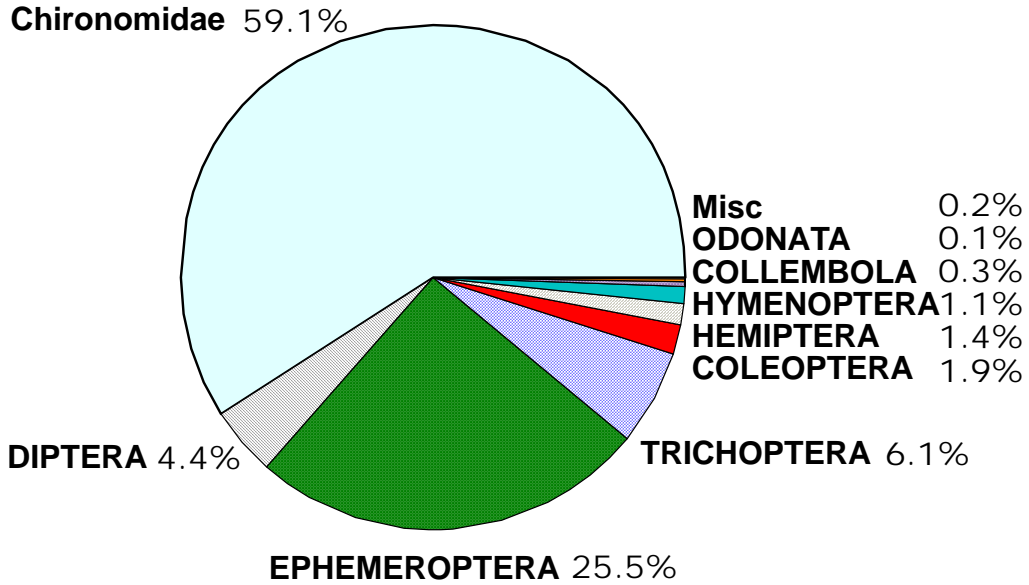


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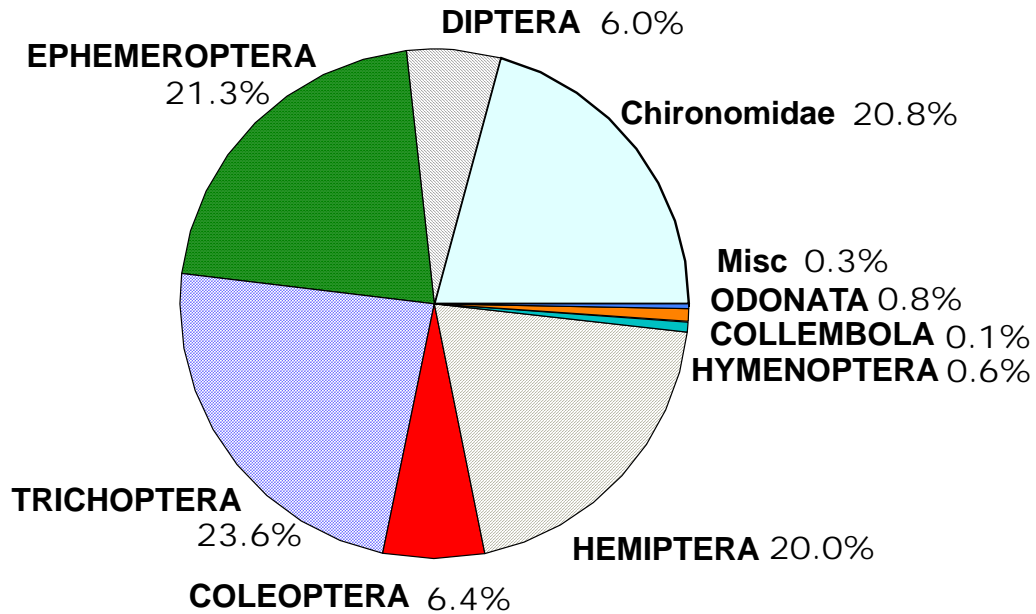


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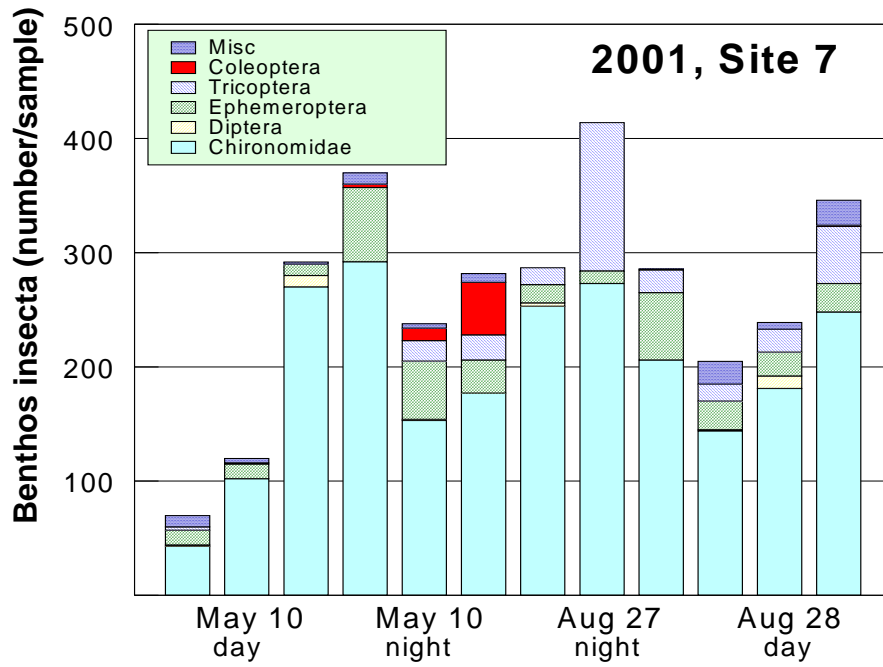


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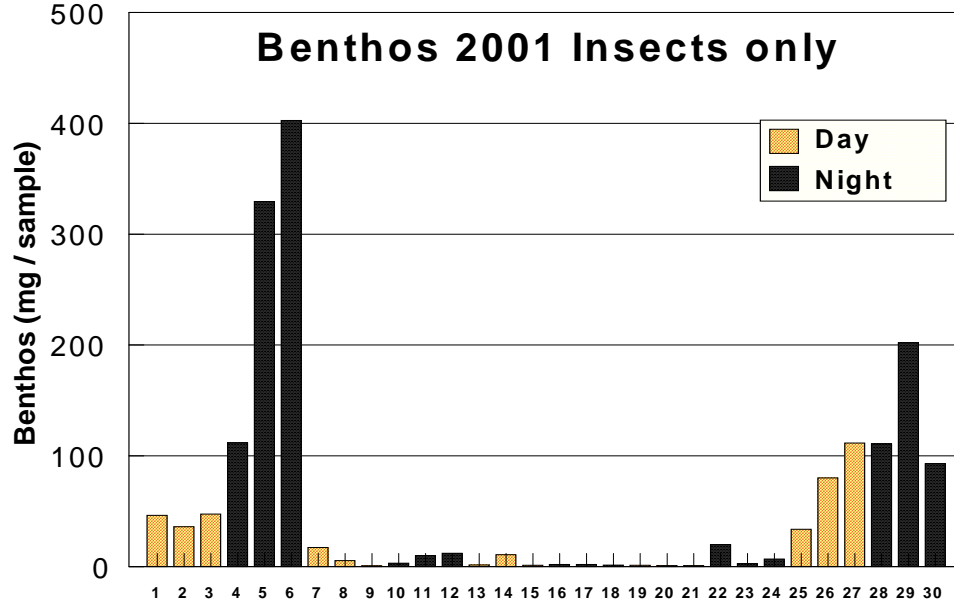


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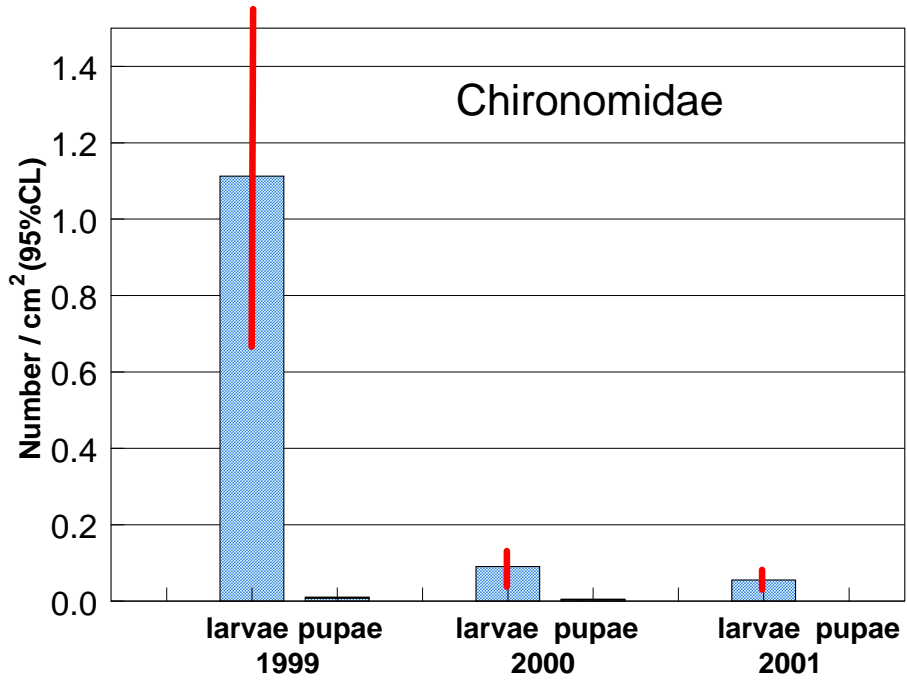


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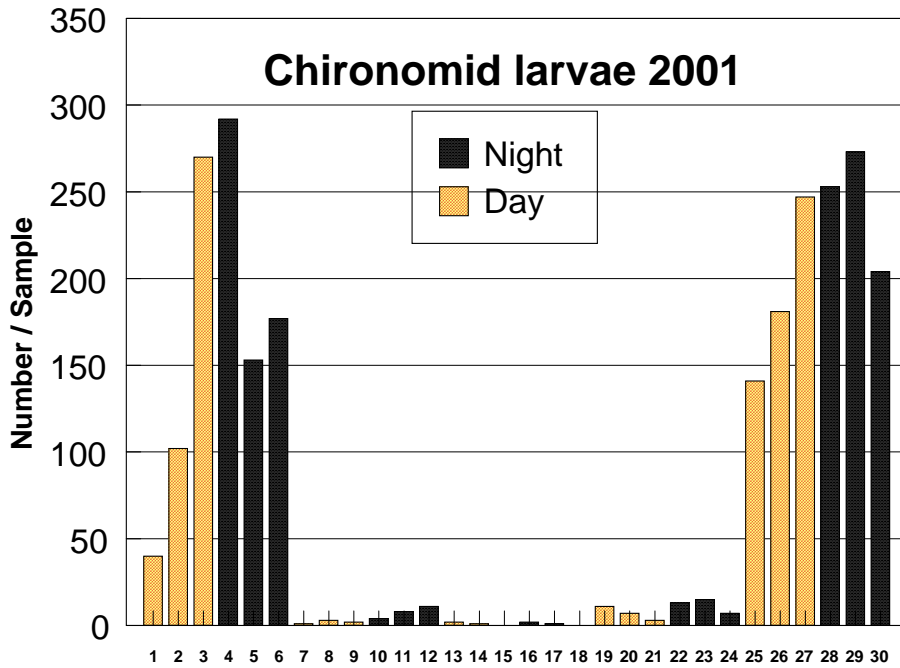


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Group	Family	Genus
COELENTERATA		<i>Hydra</i>
TURBELLARIA		
NEMATODA		
BRYOZOA		
OLIGOCHAETA	Enchytraeidae	<i>Chaetogaster</i>
	Naididae	<i>Nais</i>
		<i>Pristina foreli</i>
		<i>Stylaria lacustris</i>
		<i>Vejdovskyella</i>
		<i>Slavinia appendicularia</i>
	Tubificidae	
	Lumbriculidae	
	Lumbricidae	
HIRUDINEA		<i>Piscicola salmositica</i>
		<i>Dina parva</i>
		<i>Helobdella stagnalis</i>
TARDIGRADA		
ARACHNIDA		
HYDRACHNIDIA(Hydracarina)		<i>Hydracarina</i> #1
		<i>Frontipoda</i>
		<i>Torrenticola</i>
		<i>Forellia</i>
	Oribatidae	<i>Hydrozetes</i>
OSTRACODA		<i>Candona</i>
		<i>Cyclocypris</i>
		<i>Limnocythere</i>
		<i>Cypria</i>
		<i>Cypris</i>
		<i>Cypricercus elongata</i>
COPEPODA		
	Calanoida	<i>Cyclops scutifer</i>
		<i>Eucyclops agilis</i>
		<i>Leptodiptomus</i>
		<i>Epsichura nevadensis</i>
		<i>Macrocylops ater</i>
	Cyclopoida	<i>Cyclops capillatus</i>
	Harpacticoida	
	Canthocamptidae	
CLADOCERA		
	Daphnidae	<i>Daphnia</i>
		<i>Ceriodaphnia</i>

		<i>Scapholeberis mucronata</i>
		<i>Scapholeberis rammneri</i>
	Leptodoridae	
		<i>Leptodora kindti</i>
	Macrothricidae	
		<i>Ilyocryptus spinifer</i>
	Chydoridae	
		<i>Acroperus harpae</i>
		<i>Alona costata</i>
		<i>Alona guttata</i>
		<i>Alonella excisa</i>
		<i>Camptocercus rectorostris</i>
		<i>Chydorus sphaericus</i>
		<i>Eurycercus lamellatus</i>
		<i>Pleuroxus denticulatus</i>
		<i>Pleuroxus procurvatus</i>
		<i>Graptoleberis testudinaria</i>
	Sididae	
		<i>Sida crystallina</i>
	Polyphemidae	
		<i>Polyphemus pediculus</i>
AMPHIPODA		
		<i>Hyalella azteca</i>
INSECTA		
DIPTERA		
	Chironomidae	
	Tanypodinae	
		<i>Paramerina</i>
		<i>Procladius</i>
		<i>Thiennemannimyia</i>
	Chironominae	
	Tanytarsini	
		<i>Micropsectra</i>
		<i>Cladotanytarsus</i>
		<i>Paratanytarsus</i>
		<i>Rheotanytarsus</i>
		<i>Stempellina</i>
		<i>Tanytarsus</i>
		<i>Stempellinella</i>
	Chironomini	
		<i>Chironomus</i>
		<i>Demicryptochironomus</i>
		<i>Paratendipes</i>
		<i>Microtendipes</i>
		<i>Paracladopelma</i>
		<i>Stictochironomus</i>
		<i>Phaenopsectra</i>
		<i>Polypedilum (pentapedilum)</i>
	Orthoclaadiinae	
		<i>Corynoneura</i>
		<i>Cardiocladius</i>
		<i>Cricotopus</i>
		<i>Epoicocladius</i>
		<i>Orthocladus</i>
		<i>Eukiefferiella</i>

	<i>Heterotrissocladius</i>
	<i>Paracladius</i>
	<i>Psectrocladius</i>
	<i>Thienemanniella</i>
Diamesinae	
	<i>Potthastia</i>
Podonomidae	
	<i>Trichotanypus</i>
Ceratopogonidae	
	<i>Bezzia</i>
	<i>Probezzia</i>
Muscidae	
	<i>Limnophora</i>
Tabanidae	
	<i>Tabanus</i>
Cecidomyiidae	
Empididae	
	<i>Phyllodromia</i>
Phoridae	
	<i>Megaselia</i>
Sciomyzidae	
Dolichopodidae	
	<i>Rhaphium</i>
HYMENOPTERA	
Chalcoidea	
Formicidae	
Tenthredinidae	
Encyrtidae	
HOMOPTERA	
Aphididae	
COLEOPTERA	
Haliplidae	
	<i>Haliplus</i>
Dytiscidae	
	<i>Brachyvatus</i>
	<i>Hydroporus</i>
	<i>Oreodytes</i>
Curculionidae	
Staphylinidae	
Phalactidae	
Gyrinidae	
	<i>Gyrinus</i>
LEPIDOPTERA	
EPHEMEROPTERA	
Baetidae	
	<i>Baetis tricaudatus</i>
	<i>Procloeon</i>
Heptageniidae	
	<i>Heptageneia</i>
	<i>Cinygmula</i>
	<i>Heptagenia solitaria</i>
Leptophlebiidae	
	<i>Choroerpes albiannulata</i>
	<i>Paraleptophlebia bicornuta</i>
	<i>Paraleptophlebia temporalis</i>

	Ephemeridae	<i>Leptophlebia</i>
		<i>Ephemera simulans</i>
		<i>Hexagenia limbata</i>
	Caenidae	<i>Caenis simulans</i>
	Ephemerellidae	<i>Ephemerella inermis</i>
	Tricorythidae	<i>Tricorythodes minutus</i>
	Ameletidae	<i>Ameletus</i>
PLECOPTERA	Chloroperlidae	
	Perlodidae	<i>Suwallia</i>
TRICHOPTERA	Hydroptilidae	<i>Agraylea</i>
	Lepidostomatidae	<i>Hydroptila</i>
		<i>Lepidostoma</i>
	Leptoceridae	<i>Mystacides</i>
		<i>Nectopsyche</i>
	Brachycentridae	<i>Onocosmoecus</i>
	Limnephilidae	<i>Brachycentrus</i>
HEMIPTERA	Corixidae	<i>Corisella</i>
THYSANOPTERA		
COLLEMBOLA	Hypogasturidae	<i>Anurida</i>
	Isotomidae	<i>Isotoma</i>
	Sminthuridae	<i>Sminthurus</i>
ODONATA	<i>Anisoptera</i>	
	Aeschnidae	<i>Aeschna umbrata</i>
	Coenagridae	<i>Enallagma sp.</i>
	<i>Zygoptera</i>	<i>Enallagma cythigerum</i>
MOLLUSCA	Gastropoda	
	Planorbidae	<i>Gyraulus</i>
	Lymnaeidae	<i>Stagnicola</i>
		<i>Lymnaea</i>
	Physidae	

Valvatidae
Pelecypoda
Sphaeriidae

Physa

Valvata sincera sincera

Sphaerium

Pisidium

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Location	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	11	11	11	12	12	12	11	11	11		
Date	July 31	July 31	July 31	July 31	July 31	July 31	July 31	Aug 01	Aug 01	Aug 01	July 31	July 31	July 31	Aug 01	Aug 01	Aug 01		
Sample No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
ATS no.	1336	1337	1338	1339	1340	1341	1342	1343	1344	1345	1346	1347	1348	1349	1350	1351		
Substrate	cobble		cobble		cobble		sand		sand		cobble		water		water		water	
Recovery Depth (cm)	70	77	68	68	62	69	60	40	31	45								
Species	Stage																Total	Sub
Turbellaria					1												1	1
Nematoda		1	3		1	1		2	1								10	10
Tardigrada																	1	1
Oligochaeta	egg	5		1													6	6
Oligochaeta	juv	3			1			1									5	5
Lumbriculidae			1		1			1									4	4
Lumbriculidae		1															1	19
Hirudinea																	0	0
Pisicola salmositica	juv						10	5									15	15
Pisicola salmositica		1	1	2		2	2		2	3	4						17	32
Hydracarina		19	10	26	15	28	7	9	4	6	22	1		1			148	148
Oribatida		1		1		1	3	9		1							18	18
Forella		1															1	19
Ostracoda																	0	0
Candona		1		2	1							1					7	7
Cycloypis		2		1	1		5	4									14	14
Gypricercus elongata				1			2										3	24
Calanoida																	0	0
Cyclops scutifer				2	3			1									6	6
Eucyclops agilis		2		2	1												5	5
Leptodiaptomus		5		1	5	1	3		7	2	1	5	4	1	7	12	64	64
Epischura nevadensis				1		1											2	2
Cyclopoida	cop	7	2	9	6	4	4	5	9	9	27	2	1	1	5		91	91
Harpacticoida																	0	0
Canthocamptidae			1														1	169
Cadocera																	0	0
Daphnidae																	0	0
Daphniisp.																	3	3
Scapholeberis mucronata				1					3	1	1	2			4	1	14	14
Macrothricidae																	0	0
Ilyocypris spinifer			3	2	1												6	6
Chydoridae																	0	0
Acroporus harpae					1												1	1
Alona (costata?)		5	2	1	1	1					1						13	13
Chydorus sphaericus		1	2	7	2	1	2	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	23	23
Graptobertus testudinaria			1	1			1										4	4
Sida																	0	0
Sida crystallina		38	26	141	116	98	8	7	34	3	46	8	3	4	8	1	541	604
Amphipoda																	0	0
Hyalina azteca		3		1	1		1			1	9						10	10
Gastropoda	juv/dm	4		6	17	7	9	14	41		10						108	108
Stagnicoda		3	2	2	1			1									9	9
Physa										1	1						2	2
Gyralus		7	1	2	14	12	24	48									108	227
Insecta																	0	0
Chironomidae	L*	2	4	5	4	3			1	2	1						22	22
Chironomidae	P	1						1									2	2
Tanytarsinae	P							1									1	1
Parameirina	L			2													2	2
Thienemannimyia	L	10	4		8	2	6	2	1								33	33
Tanytarsini	L*	6	16	4	13	2	3		3	2	16						67	67
Microsectia	L	6	3		6	2	1		1		7						26	26
Paratanytarsus	L				2	1	1				3						5	5
Rheotanytarsus	P										1						1	1
Stempellina	L			1	1	4			7		9						22	22
Stempellina	P			1					2		4						7	7
Tanytarsus	P					1					1						1	1
Tanytarsus	L				2						2						4	4
Chironomini	L*							2			1						9	9
Chironomini	P										1						1	1
Demicryptochironomus	L							1		1	2				1		7	7
Microtandipes	L			1					2		11						15	15
Phaenopsocira	L								1		1						2	2
Orthocladinae	L*	1			4				1	1	1						8	8
Orthocladinae	P				1		1										2	2
Corynoneura	L	6	3	9		10	2	4	10	4	17			2			67	67
Corynoneura	A	1							1								2	2
Heterotrissocladius	L	1	2		2				2	2	4	1					14	14
Orthocladus	L																0	0
Psectrocladius	L	1							1		2						4	4
Thienemannella	L		2		1	1					1						5	532
Diptera																	0	0
Empididae	A	2															2	2
Coleoptera																	0	0
Dytiscidae																	0	0
Hydrocorus	L									1							1	1
Hydroporus	A									1	1						3	4
Ephemeroptera	N*			2		2	1		4		7						16	16
Baetidae	N*			1		2	1		4	1	13						22	22
Leptophlebiidae	N*	23	25	29	35	19	12	30	1		174						174	174
Choroterpes albannulata	N	19	11	27	27	29	23	4	4	3	5						152	152
Paraleptophlebia bicornuta	N	3	12	4	2		15	3			39						39	39
Paraleptophlebia temporaria	N	2	2	4	1						9						9	9
Ephemeridae	N										0						0	0
Hexagenia limbata	N									1	2						3	3
Caenidae	N										0						0	0
Caenis sp.	N							2		1	4						7	422
Trichoptera	L*	2	1	1	7	2	3	1			1						19	19
Trichoptera	A																0	0
Leptoceridae	L*	1			1	1		2		1							7	7
Mystacidae	L		1						1		1						3	29
Thysanoptera	N							1									1	1
Thysanoptera	A							1									1	2
Collembola																	0	0
Isotoma		14	3	6													23	23
Sminthurus		1															1	26
Dicranata																	0	0
Aeschnidae																	0	0
Aeschna umbrata	N			4	1												5	5
Zygoptera																	0	0
Enallagma cyathigerum	N																0	5
	212	148	317	313	234	159	154	151	51	245	20	12	11	27	19	12	2086	2086

