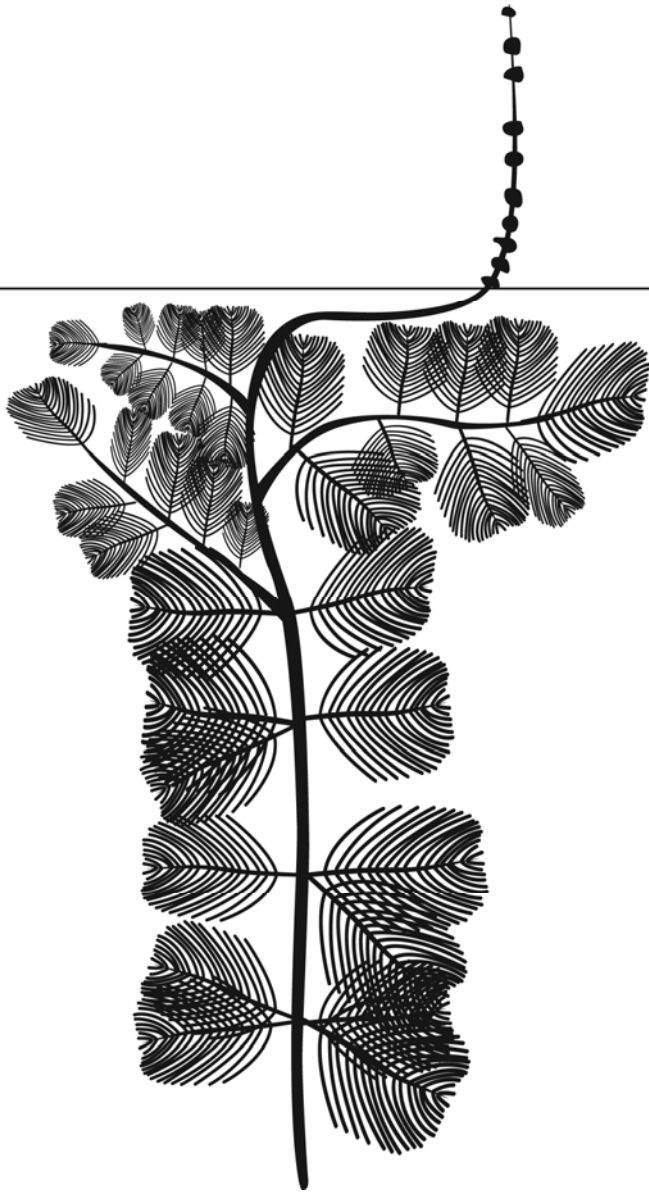


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INTRODUCTION

The 2008 season represented the final year of the five-year Integrated Management Plan that was initiated in 2004 with a whole-lake Sonar (fluridone) treatment to control Eurasian watermilfoil. Management activities performed in 2008 included spot-treatment of eight areas totaling approximately 79 acres with Renovate OTF herbicide, diver hand-pulling, diver assisted suction harvesting and aquatic vegetation monitoring.

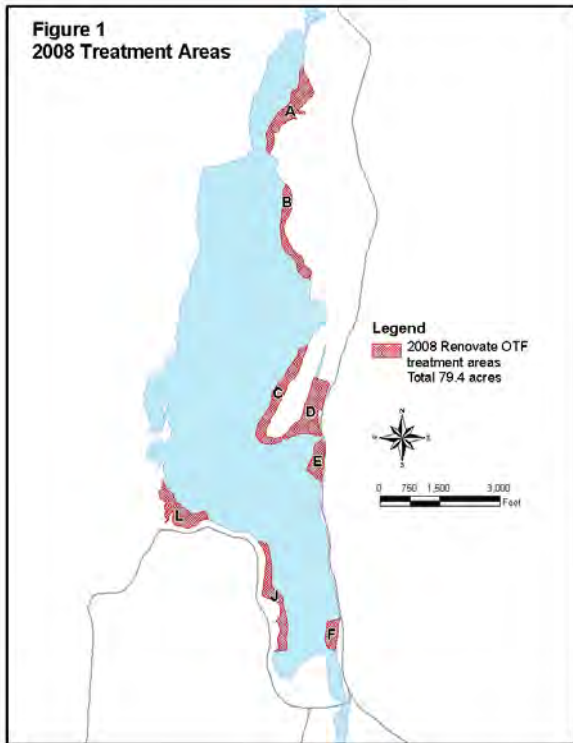
The following report summarizes the results of 2008 Renovate OTF treatment, details findings from the comprehensive aquatic plant survey and provides recommendations for the 2009 season. Specific information on the 2008 diver hand-pulling and diver assisted suction harvesting efforts will be provided by the Lake St. Catherine Association (LSCA) under separate cover.

HERBICIDE TREATMENT PROGRAM - 2008

Program Chronology

A chronology of the 2008 treatment program is provided below:

- DEC permit issuance (ANC 2008-C02)..... April 28
- Pre-treatment inspection and finalize treatment areas..... May 1
- Treatment of approximately 79 acres with Renovate OTF May 20
- Herbicide residue monitoring..... May 21, May 28/29, July 2
- Post-treatment inspections July 11, August 7
- Comprehensive aquatic plant survey September 24-25



2008 Treatment Scope

Potential treatment areas for the 2008 season were based on the milfoil distribution identified during the late season survey in 2007 and several other factors including: the potential for increased milfoil spread; the potential for effective treatment; and the overall benefit of milfoil control with respect to the lake, lake residents and other potential users.

Initially 14 areas, totaling approximately 131 acres were identified as priority treatment areas. There were also three contingency treatment areas in North Bay and along the northwest shoreline of the main lake that totaled an additional 19.2 acres. No treatment work was proposed for Lily Pond or Little Lake.

A pre-treatment survey was performed on May 1, 2008. Water temperatures were in the 53° F range to depths of 15 feet. Active milfoil growth was observed, but milfoil plants were generally within 1-3 feet of the bottom. There was not enough growth to warrant making any changes to the proposed treatment areas.

Final decisions on the 2008 treatment areas were based on the milfoil distribution and density recorded during 2007 late season survey. Additional factors considered included: targeting high-use areas to reduce the potential for fragmentation and further milfoil spread; targeting areas that were not judged to be effective for hand-pulling or suction harvesting; and priority areas identified by LSCA in consideration of budgetary constraints. Final treatment areas (Figure 1) were mostly found along the eastern shoreline and in two areas along the southwest shoreline. There were eight individual treatment areas that ranged from 4.5 acres to 16.3 acres. In total, approximately 79 acres were targeted for treatment.

Summary of 2008 Treatment

The treatment date of Tuesday, May 20, 2008 was selected to allow enough time to comply with the notification requirements of ANC Permit #2008-C02 and so that the two-day swimming restriction (day of treatment and one additional day) would not be imposed over a weekend.

Weather conditions on the day of treatment were partly sunny, with an air temperature ranging between 55-60° F. Wind was out of the south/southwest, estimated at 5 mph and did not interfere with treatment. Prior to treatment, water temperature was measured using a YSI Temperature/Dissolved Oxygen meter. Within proposed treatment areas along the west shore and at the south end of the lake, water temperature was nearly uniform at 57-58° F to depths of 15 feet.

The treatment was conducted using two boats, one airboat and one fiberglass work skiff. Both boats were outfitted with a granular eductor spray system that fed the granular herbicide into a stream of water using a calibrated venturi-type eductor. The mixture was then sprayed off the stern of each boat using fan-pattern nozzles. This system allowed for the granular herbicide to be evenly distributed throughout the treatment areas and “flash-mixing” the granules with water before application significantly reduced the potential for airborne dust and off-target drift. Again both boats were equipped with Differential/WAAS GPS navigation systems to insure that the herbicide was evenly applied to the designated treatment areas. The herbicide was applied in approximately 9 hours.

Herbicide Residue Testing

In compliance with conditions of the ANC Permit #2008-C02, water samples were collected from nine (9) locations in Lake St. Catherine following treatment for analysis of triclopyr concentrations (Appendix A). Samples were collected from each treatment plot and from one downstream location that was in the channel just north of Little Lake. Sampling instructions and sample bottles were provided to LSCA representatives by ACT and SePRO. Collected samples were shipped via overnight delivery to SePRO’s laboratory in Whittakers, North Carolina.

The highest in-lake concentration detected during the 24-hour sampling round (May 21) was 0.48 ppm (target concentrations applied were 1.75 ppm) in Hall’s Bay on the eastern shoreline, which was the most enclosed treatment area. One-week after treatment during the May 28/29 sampling round, the in-lake concentration was below 0.05 ppm at all tested locations and the drinking restriction was lifted. On July 2, the concentration was below the detectable limit of <1.0 ppb at all sampled sites and DEC lifted the restriction of using lake water for irrigation.

Post –Treatment Surveys

Treatment areas were surveyed on July 11 by Marc Bellaud and again on August 7 with representatives from SePRO and LSCA. All of the treatment areas were toured by boat to visually evaluate impacts to the targeted milfoil and to the non-target plants.

On July 11, milfoil density appeared to be reduced by 70-80% or more in all treatment areas. Better milfoil control appeared to be achieved in larger treatment plots along the east shoreline, Hall’s Bay in

particular. Remaining milfoil plants had lost leaflets or showed signs of epinasty (bending and twisting associated with triclopyr exposure). In general, the native plant community within the respective treatment areas appeared to be healthy and not adversely impacted by the treatment. Several species were observed including but not limited to: *Potamogeton amplifolius*, *P. Illinoensis*, *Elodea canadensis*, *P. epihydrus*, *P. zosteriformis* and *P. robbinsii*.

On August 7, no additional milfoil reductions were noted in the treatment areas that were inspected. In fact, there appeared to active or new growth on some plants suggesting that they were recovering. The native plant community looked equally diverse and robust.

LATE SEASON COMPREHENSIVE AQUATIC VEGETATION SURVEY

Survey Methods

The late season comprehensive aquatic vegetation survey conducted on September 24 and 25, 2008 replicated the methods that were employed in the previous years of this management program.

All three major lake basins were systematically toured by boat. Transect and data point locations established in 2001, were relocated using a Differential GPS system (Appendix B – Figure 1). The following information was recorded at each data point: aquatic plants present, dominant species, percent total plant cover, plant biomass and percent milfoil cover. Water depths that were recorded during the pre-treatment survey were checked using a high-resolution depth finder. In most cases, the water depth at the data point was within 1 foot of what was recorded during the pre-treatment inspection. The plant community was assessed through visual inspection, use of a long-handled rake and throw-rake, and with an Aqua-Vu underwater camera system. Plants were identified to genus and species level when possible. Plant cover was given a percentage rank based on the areal coverage of plants within an approximate 400 square foot area assessed at each data point. Generally, in areas with 100% cover, bottom sediments could not be seen through the vegetation. Percentages less than 100% indicated the amount of bottom area covered by plant growth. The percentage of Eurasian watermilfoil was also recorded at each data point. In addition to cover percentage, a plant biomass index was assigned at each data point to document the amount of plant growth vertically through the water column. Plant biomass was estimated on a scale of 0-4, as follows:

- 0 No biomass; plants generally absent
- 1 Low biomass; plants growing only as a low layer on the sediment
- 2 Moderate biomass; plants protruding well into the water column but generally not reaching the water surface
- 3 High biomass; plants filling enough of the water column and/or covering enough of the water surface to be considered a possible recreational nuisance or habitat impairment
- 4 Extremely high biomass; water column filled and/or surface completely covered, obvious nuisance conditions and habitat impairment severe

At a number of data points “0.5” was added to the biomass value recorded during the late season survey to indicate a discrepancy in the height of plant species at that point. In general, points where a “0.5” was added harbored growth of either *P. amplifolius* and/or *M. spicatum* that was considerably higher in the water column than other more dominant plants. For example, a data point dominated by low-growing *P. robbinsii* mixed with taller growing milfoil would be marked: “1.5”.

Field data recorded at each transect and data point location is provided in the Field Survey Data Table found in Appendix B.

Survey Findings

The overall distribution and quantitative measures of the aquatic plant community were comparable to prior years.

Table 1: Summary of Survey Data

LILY POND	2001	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Number of Data Points	24	24	24	22	24	24
Total Plant Cover	90%	80%	98%	88%	91%	98%
Milfoil Cover	9%	6%	2%	0%	2%	7%
Plant Biomass Index	3.1	2.5	3.3	2.5	2.8	3.3

LAKE ST. CATHERINE						
Total Number of Data Points	129	129	129	129	129	129
Total Plant Cover	66%	46%	51%	57%	58%	66%
Milfoil Cover	43%	16%	0%	4%	11%	4%
Plant Biomass Index	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.0

LITTLE LAKE						
Total Number of Data Points	43	43	43	43	43	43
Total Plant Cover	72%	66%	78%	83%	83%	77%
Milfoil Cover	15%	0%	0%	2%	7%	10%
Plant Biomass Index	2.3	2.1	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.7

With the exception of the marked increase in cover and distribution of *Elodea canadensis*, the species encountered and their frequency of occurrence were largely unchanged from previous years (Table 2). Distribution maps for individual species are provided in Appendix B.

Table 2: Species List and Frequency of Occurrence (entire lake system)

Macrophyte Species	Common Name	Abbreviation (used in field data table)	2001 pre	2004 YOT	2005 YAT	2006 2YAT	2007 3YAT	2008 4YAT
<i>Potamogeton robbinsii</i>	Pondweed	Pr	52%	76%	88%	74%	77%	68%
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil	Ms	94%	44%	17%	33%	74%	65%
<i>Potamogeton amplifolius</i>	Large-leaf	Pa	33%	38%	43%	49%	52%	53%
<i>Najas flexilis</i>	Naiad	Nf	22%	0%	8%	39%	34%	22%
<i>Potamogeton illinoensis</i>	Illinois pondweed	Pi	4%	1%	2%	9%	23%	39%
<i>Potamogeton zosteriformis</i>	Flat-stem pondweed	Pz	28%	3%	29%	29%	23%	19%
<i>Zosterella dubia</i>	Water stargrass	Zd	1%	1%	9%	8%	23%	17%
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	Coontail	Cd	20%	8%	11%	12%	21%	18%
<i>Nitella / Chara</i>	Stonewort	Ni	17%	6%	36%	40%	14%	14%
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	White waterlily	Ny	16%	5%	11%	10%	11%	11%
<i>Valisneria americana</i>	Wild celery/Tapegrass	Va	29%	13%	2%	4%	9%	8%
<i>Brasenia schreberi</i>	Watershield	B	4%	8%	7%	7%	7%	6%
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	Common bladderwort	Uv	8%	9%	2%	6%	7%	7%
<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	Waterweed	Ec	32%	1%	1%	1%	5%	43%
<i>Chlorophyta</i>	Filamentous green algae	Fa	2%	37%	26%	7%	4%	8%
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	Curly-leaf pondweed	Pc	2%	1%	7%	5%	3%	1%
<i>Potamogeton epihydrus</i>	Ribbon-leaf pondweed	Pe	2%	6%	7%	3%	3%	5%
<i>Nuphar variegatum</i>	Yellow waterlily	Nu	5%	5%	5%	2%	2%	1%
<i>Potamogeton gramineus</i>	Variable pondweed	Pg	23%	1%	6%	6%	2%	4%
<i>Isoetes sp.</i>	Quillwort	I	2%	6%	2%	5%	2%	3%
<i>Utricularia gibba</i>	Creeping bladderwort	Ug	2%	0%	1%	5%	1%	1%
<i>Eleocharis sp.</i>	Spikerush	Eo	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Lemna minor</i>	Duckweed	L	7%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
<i>Megalodonta beckii</i>	Water marigold	Mb	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Lily Pond

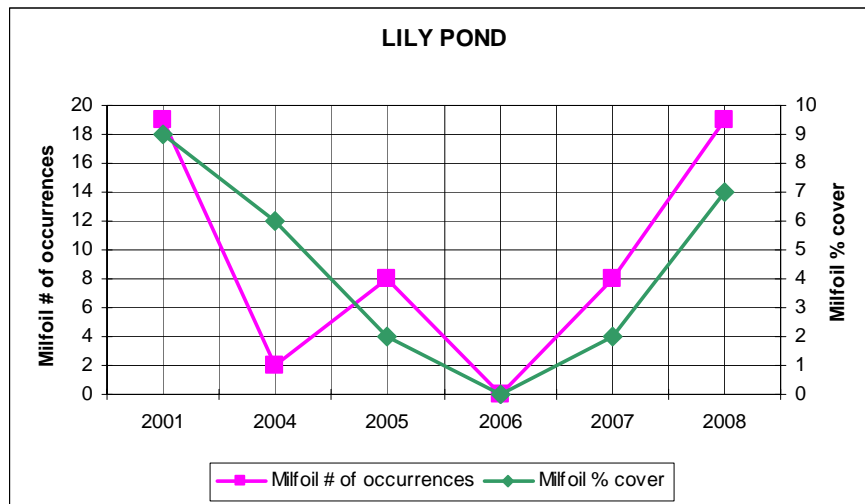
No herbicide treatments were performed in Lily Pond in 2008. Native species in this basin appeared similar to what was recorded in 2005 and additional gains in the distribution and cover of some native species were apparent, following the reduced frequency of native plants recorded after the 2006 Renovate 3 treatment. The most noteworthy increases in this regard were exhibited by increases in *P. zosteriformis*, *Utricularia vulgaris* and *Elodea canadensis*.

Table 3: Lily Pond – Species List and Frequency of Occurrence

Macrophyte Species	Lily Pond					
	2001 pre	2004 YOT	2005 YAT	2006 2YAT	2007 3YAT	2008 3YAT
<i>Potamogeton robbinsii</i>	95.8%	91.7%	95.8%	95.5%	91.7%	87.5%
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	70.8%	4.2%	50.0%	45.5%	83.3%	83.3%
<i>Potamogeton amplifolius</i>	33.3%	100.0%	91.7%	77.3%	79.2%	87.5%
<i>Potamogeton illinoensis</i>	0.0%	4.2%	8.3%	9.1%	45.8%	41.7%
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	79.2%	8.3%	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	79.2%
<i>Potamogeton zosteriformis</i>	58.3%	8.3%	62.5%	0.0%	25.0%	45.8%
<i>Zosterella dubia</i>	4.2%	0.0%	37.5%	0.0%	25.0%	20.8%
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	62.5%	16.7%	29.2%	9.1%	20.8%	25.0%
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.5%	12.5%	0.0%
Chlorophyta	0.0%	29.2%	95.8%	31.8%	8.3%	29.2%
<i>Eloдея canadensis</i>	29.2%	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%	8.3%	29.2%
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	29.2%	37.5%	0.0%	27.3%	4.2%	12.5%
<i>Chara sp. / Nitella sp.</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	4.2%	0.0%
<i>Wolffia sp.</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	4.2%	0.0%
<i>Potamogeton epiphydrus</i>	0.0%	12.5%	4.2%	0.0%	4.2%	4.2%
<i>Potamogeton gramineus</i>	16.7%	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%
<i>Utricularia gibba</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.9%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Potamogeton natans</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	8.3%
<i>Lemna minor</i>	45.8%	8.3%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Brasenia schreberi</i>	4.2%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Isoetes sp.</i>	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Najas flexilis</i>	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Nuphar variegatum</i>	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vallisneria americana</i>	33.3%	45.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Milfoil was again widespread throughout Lily Pond being encountered at 19 of the 24 (79%) data point locations. Milfoil density was still fairly low (7% cover), but has nearly returned to the pre-management distribution and density that was documented in 2001.

Chart 1: *Myriophyllum spicatum* Number of Occurrences and Percent Cover



Lake St. Catherine (Main Basin)

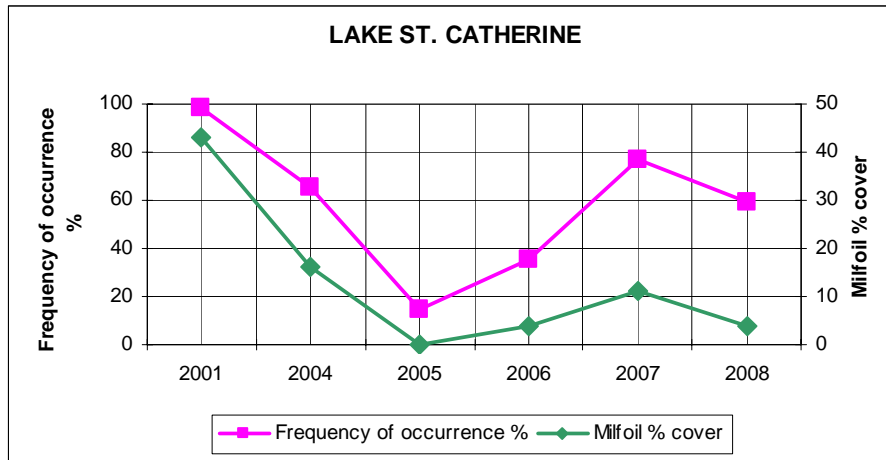
The distribution of native plant species in the main basin of Lake St. Catherine was consistent with previous findings. Again, the most notable change in the vegetative community was the increased density and distribution of *Elodea canadensis* which increase in frequency from almost 5% in 2007 to over 50% in 2008.

Table 4: Lake St. Catherine – Species List and Frequency of Occurrence (main basin)

Macrophyte Species	Lake St. Catherine					
	2001 pre	2004 YOT	2005 YAT	2006 2YAT	2007 3YAT	2008 4YAT
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	98.4%	65.1%	14.7%	35.7%	76.7%	58.9%
<i>Potamogeton robbinsii</i>	31.0%	65.1%	82.2%	62.0%	66.7%	58.1%
<i>Najas flexilis</i>	19.4%	0.0%	12.4%	56.6%	50.4%	34.1%
<i>Potamogeton amplifolius</i>	28.7%	14.7%	25.6%	34.1%	38.8%	38.0%
<i>Potamogeton zosteriformis</i>	24.0%	2.3%	31.0%	41.9%	27.9%	18.6%
<i>Zosterella dubia</i>	0.0%	0.8%	4.7%	11.6%	27.9%	21.7%
<i>Chara sp. / Nitella sp.</i>	1.6%	17.1%	62.0%	57.4%	20.9%	21.7%
<i>Potamogeton illinoensis</i>	6.2%	0.8%	0.8%	8.5%	15.5%	34.1%
<i>Potamogeton pusillus</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.4%	12.4%	6.3%
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	10.9%	10.9%	6.2%	7.0%	10.9%	10.1%
<i>Vallisneria americana</i>	14.0%	3.1%	0.8%	3.1%	8.5%	9.3%
<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	27.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	4.7%	51.9%
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	3.1%	1.6%	2.3%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%
<i>Brasenia schreberi</i>	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%
<i>Chlorophyta</i>	0.0%	43.4%	14.7%	3.1%	2.3%	3.9%
<i>Isoetes sp.</i>	2.3%	8.5%	0.8%	6.2%	2.3%	4.7%
<i>Potamogeton gramineus</i>	17.8%	0.0%	4.7%	1.6%	2.3%	6.2%
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	1.6%	0.0%	9.3%	5.4%	1.6%	0.8%
<i>Potamogeton epiphydrus</i>	2.3%	3.1%	5.4%	2.3%	0.8%	3.9%
<i>Nuphar variegatum</i>	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%
<i>Lemna minor</i>	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%
<i>Megalodonta beckii</i>	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Some decrease in milfoil cover was realized between 2007 and 2008 (likely a result of the 2008 Renovate OTF treatments), however, milfoil was still regularly encountered, found at nearly 60% of the data points surveyed in the main basin. However, most of the milfoil was scattered, low-density growth, averaging only 4% cover across the 129 data points surveyed in the main basin. This represents less than half of the milfoil cover that was recorded in 2007 (11%) and a ten-fold reduction from the 2001 milfoil cover (43%).

Chart 2: *Myriophyllum spicatum* Frequency of Occurrence and Percent Cover



Little Lake

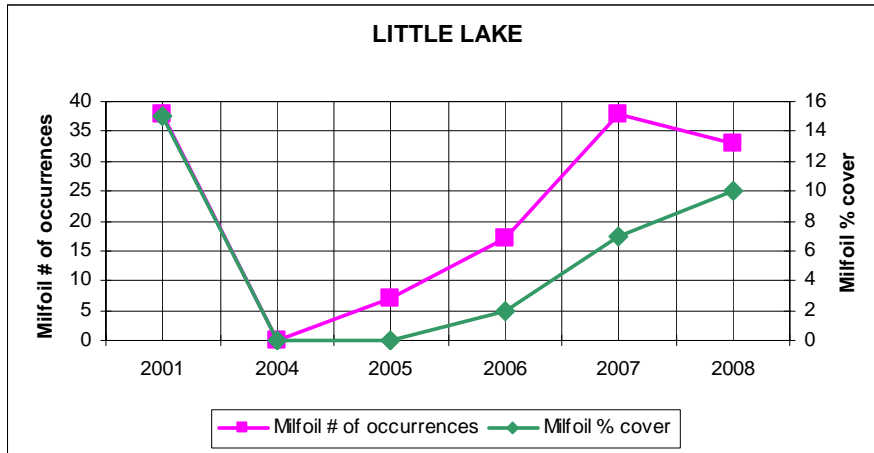
The aquatic plant community in Little Lake continues to be dominated by abundant growth of *Potamogeton robbinsii* and *P. amplifolius*. These two broad-leaved pondweeds were found throughout the basin and accounted for a majority of the plant density recorded during the survey. In general growth of these two plants was nearing or at the water surface throughout the basin.

Table 5: Little Lake – Species List and Frequency of Occurrence

Macrophyte Species	Little Lake					
	2001 pre	2004 YOT	2005 YAT	2006 2YAT	2007 3YAT	2008 4YAT
<i>Potamogeton robbinsii</i>	88.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	88.4%
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	88.4%	0.0%	16.3%	39.5%	88.4%	76.7%
<i>Potamogeton amplifolius</i>	44.2%	72.1%	69.8%	76.7%	74.4%	76.7%
<i>Potamogeton illinoensis</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.3%	32.6%	46.5%
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	16.3%	18.6%	7.0%	11.6%	30.2%	18.6%
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	30.2%	9.3%	25.6%	30.2%	27.9%	10.1%
<i>Brasenia schreberi</i>	14.0%	30.2%	30.2%	23.3%	25.6%	20.9%
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	20.9%	0.0%	2.3%	9.3%	16.3%	7.0%
<i>Vallisneria americana</i>	72.1%	25.6%	7.0%	9.3%	14.0%	9.3%
<i>Potamogeton zosteriformis</i>	23.3%	2.3%	4.7%	4.7%	7.0%	4.7%
<i>Zosterella dubia</i>	2.3%	2.3%	4.7%	0.0%	7.0%	2.3%
<i>Potamogeton pusillus</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	7.0%	2.3%
Chlorophyta	7.0%	20.9%	20.9%	4.7%	7.0%	9.3%
<i>Nuphar variegatum</i>	9.3%	14.0%	11.6%	7.0%	7.0%	2.3%
<i>Potamogeton epiphydrus</i>	0.0%	11.6%	14.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
<i>Utricularia gibba</i>	7.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	4.7%	2.3%
<i>Najas flexilis</i>	39.5%	0.0%	0.0%	4.7%	2.3%	0.0%
<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	46.5%	4.7%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	23.3%
<i>Chara sp. / Nitella sp.</i>	7.0%	4.7%	7.0%	11.6%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Potamogeton gramineus</i>	41.9%	4.7%	9.3%	23.3%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Isoetes sp.</i>	0.0%	0.0%	4.7%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Polygonum sp.</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Eleocharis sp.</i>	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Megalodonta beckii</i>	7.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Consistent with the other two basins, milfoil was widely distributed throughout Little Lake at low densities. Only a few areas of higher density milfoil growth ($\geq 20\%$ cover) were encountered and were confined to the northeastern and northwestern extent of the basin where milfoil growth has historically been problematic. However, the overall milfoil cover was increased from 2007 and this trend is expected to continue in subsequent years.

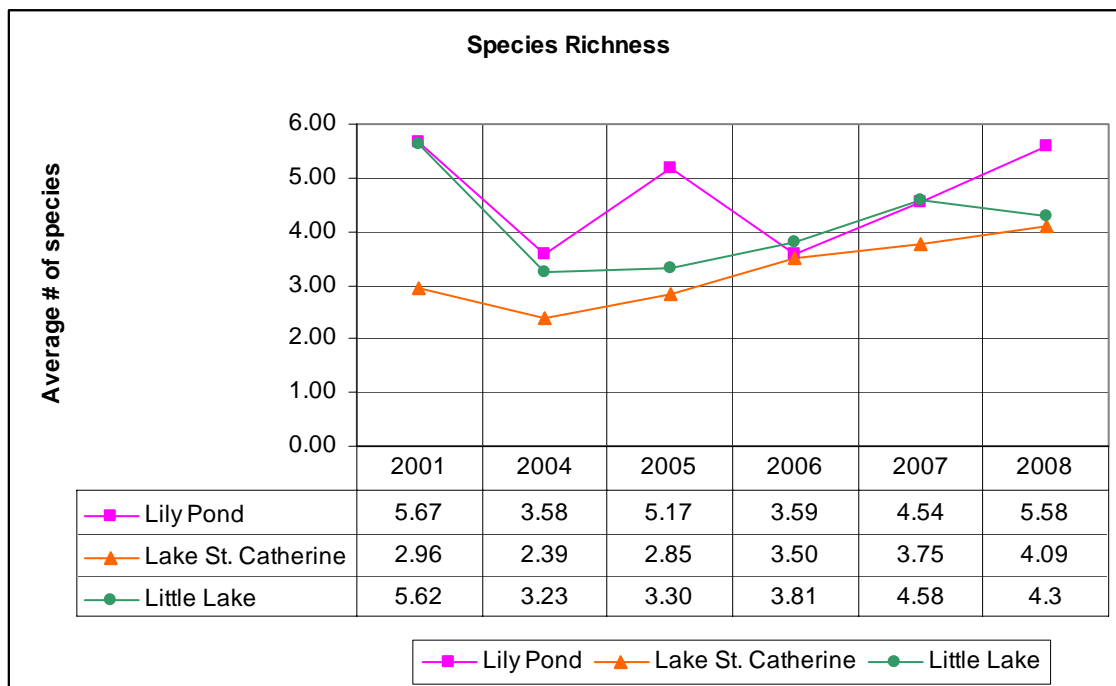
Chart 3: *Myriophyllum spicatum* Number of Occurrences and Percent Cover



Species Richness

Species richness was consistent in all three basins findings from the past two years. It does not appear that the triclopyr herbicide treatments have adversely impacted species richness or native plant diversity.

Table 6: Species Richness by Basin



Evaluation of 2008 Treatment Areas

As previously stated, during the July 11 inspection milfoil appeared to be responding favorably to the treatment. However, instead of seeing additional milfoil die-back on August 7, many of the milfoil plants appeared to be showing signs of recovery. Milfoil recovery was further confirmed by findings of the comprehensive late season aquatic plant survey.

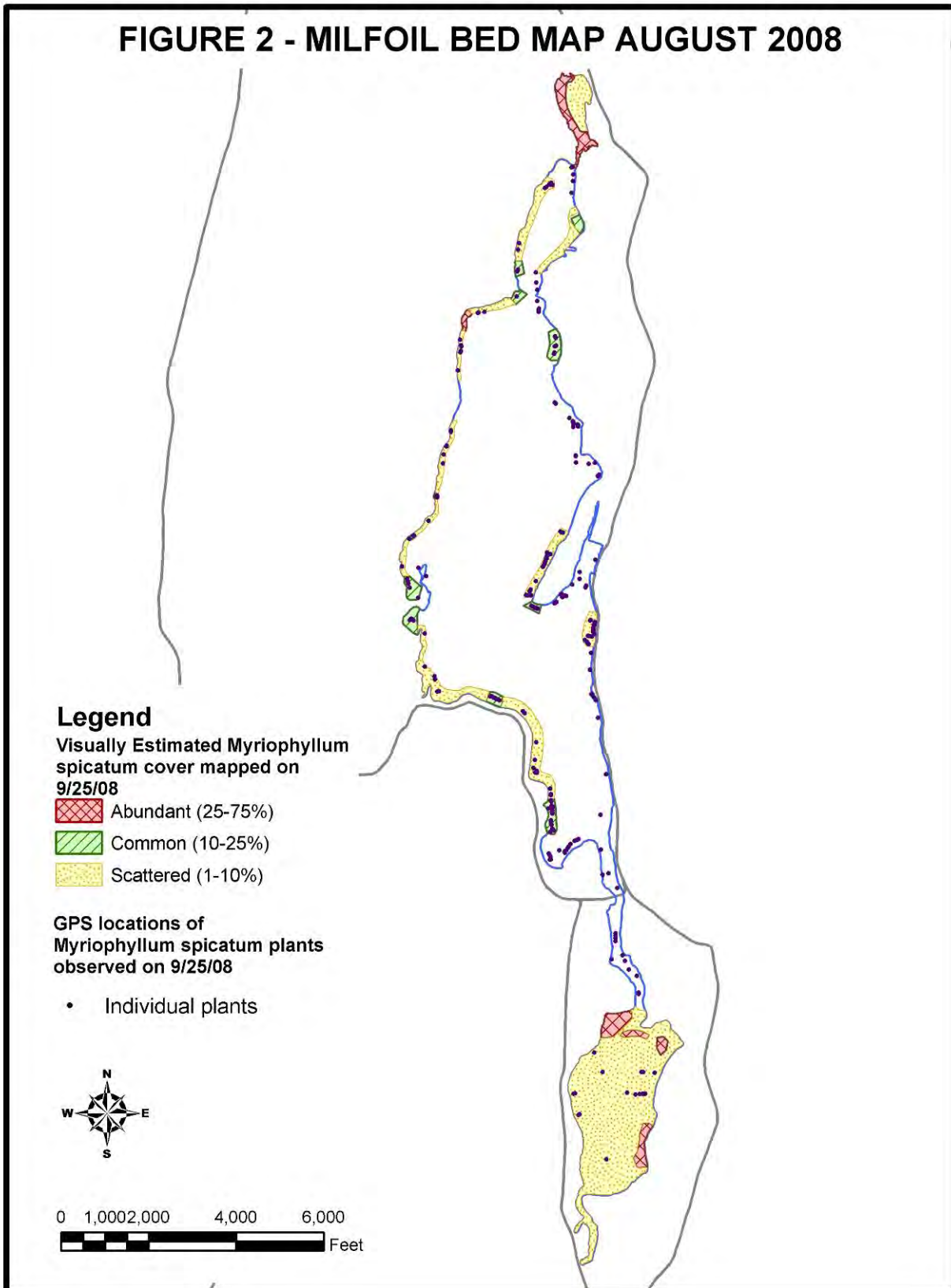
Comparing 2007 and 2008 late season survey data from the 60 data points located within the 2008 treatment areas, it is apparent that the 2008 Renovate OTF treatment did reduce both distribution and density of milfoil. Milfoil frequency of occurrence was reduced from 81.7% (2007) frequency to 49.2% (2008). Average milfoil cover was reduced from approximately 13.3% (2007) to 2.6% (2008). This represents a 40% reduction in milfoil distribution and an 80% reduction in milfoil density (cover).

Aside from a significant increase in frequency of *Elodea canadensis* (from 8.3% to 57.6%), native plant cover within the treatment areas remained relatively unchanged between 2007 & 2008, consisting largely of *P. robbinsii*, *P. amplifolius*, *Najas flexilis*, *P. zosteriformis*, *Zosterella dubia*. And, although a slight drop in biomass was recorded (from 2.2 to 1.8) both overall plant cover and species richness increased in the treatment areas from 65.3% (2007) to 72.2% (2008) and 3.98 (2007) to 4.12 (2008), respectively.

Late Season Milfoil Bed Mapping

Milfoil beds were visually surveyed and mapped during the late season survey. This occurred on September 25. Visibility was excellent with sunny skies and little or no wind. The entire perimeter of the main basin of Lake St. Catherine was toured by boat. The deep water extent of milfoil bed areas were recorded using a Differential GPS. In areas where milfoil was more widely scattered, locations of individual plants were recorded. The milfoil beds were categorized as either Scattered – generally 1-10% cover, Common – generally 10-25% cover and Abundant – generally 25-75% cover. A map of the milfoil beds located during the course of this effort follows.

FIGURE 2 - MILFOIL BED MAP AUGUST 2008



SUMMARY OF 2008 AQUATIC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Renovate OTF Herbicide Treatments

The 2008 Renovate OTF treatments did reduce milfoil density and distribution, but were less effective than anticipated. The reduced level of response seen in 2008 is believed to be the result of two factors:

1. Exposure to a sub-lethal dose of triclopyr
2. Insufficient active milfoil growth to insure adequate triclopyr uptake

Comparing the results of all the triclopyr treatments performed at Lake St. Catherine, Lake Morey, Lake Hortonia, and Burr Pond during the 2006, 2007 and 2008 seasons, it is evident that both dose and treatment timing are critical when using triclopyr herbicide due to the relatively short period of exposure that the plants have for herbicide uptake.

The 2007 Renovate OTF treatments performed at Lake St. Catherine provided good milfoil control during the year-of-treatment and good carryover milfoil control through the year-after-treatment. Milfoil cover recorded in Cold Spring Bay and Forest House Bay (both treated in 2007) was less than 1% at the time of the 2008 survey. For purposes of comparison it is important to recognize that these areas were treated later in the season (July 17, 2007) when there was more mature (but not flowering) milfoil plants and response was favorable during both the year-of-treatment and year-after-treatment.

It was hoped that early season treatment with Renovate OTF in 2008 would provide more effective milfoil control than previous treatments, reduce conflicts with lake users, and pose less potential impact on non-target plants, not yet in their most active phase of growth. At the time of treatment milfoil plants were actively growing, but were generally within 2-4 feet of the bottom. Similar growth of milfoil was observed at Lake Morey and Lake Hortonia, both of which were treated approximately the same time (mid May) as Lake St. Catherine, and yielded similar results. By contrast, the 2007 Renovate OTF treatments at all three waterbodies were performed between late June and late July when the milfoil plants were generally within 1-2 feet of the surface in water depths of 7-10 feet.

The target application rate remained the same all three waterbodies for the 2007 and 2008 treatments (1.85 ppm at Lake Morey; and 1.75 ppm at Lake Hortonia and Lake St. Catherine – all calculated based on the bottom 4 feet of the water column). The treatment areas were expanded beyond the extent of the milfoil beds to help overcome the effects of dilution. Treatment timing or stage of plant growth was probably the most significant difference between the 2008 treatments and prior triclopyr treatments in Vermont.

The request to increase the Renovate OTF application rate to 2.0-2.5 ppm (to be determined on a site by site basis) was not approved in the 2008 permit (ANC Permit #2008-C02) due to stated concerns over the potential for adverse impacts to non-target plants. Ultimately, the milfoil was either exposed to sub-lethal triclopyr concentrations or did not have enough active tissue growth to absorb sufficient levels of triclopyr. We expect that both were causes of the reduced treatment efficacy seen in 2008.

Probably our best regional comparison of a Renovate OTF treatment for Eurasian watermilfoil control comes from Saratoga Lake, New York where approximately 300 acres of this 4000-acre lake were treated in 2008. Even though one contiguous bed along the eastern shoreline was treated, the treatment area still represented less 10% of the Saratoga Lake's total surface area. The principal differences with the 2008 Renovate OTF treatments in Vermont were the treatment timing and application rate. At Saratoga, milfoil plants were estimated to be between 5-7 feet tall and rapidly growing at the time of treatment

during the last week of May. The application rate also ranged between 2.0 ppm and 2.25 ppm (calculated on the bottom 4 feet) throughout the treatment area, as compared to the 1.75 ppm to 1.85 ppm rates used in Vermont. Treatment response was excellent. Milfoil plants had collapsed and almost completely decomposed within six weeks of the treatment and no significant regrowth had occurred by the end of the summer. There was no obvious adverse impact to non-target plants. Robust growth of several pondweed (*Potamogeton spp.*) species, coontail (*Ceratophyllum demersum*), elodea (*Elodea canadensis*), wild celery (*Vallisneria americana*) and water starwort (*Zosterella dubia*) was evident within six weeks of treatment and persisted throughout the summer. Vegetation was surveyed lake-wide by the Darrin Fresh Water Institute in August 2008, but the final report is not yet available. Native plant growth was so dense in some areas that mechanical weed harvesters were used to cut boating lanes for shoreline residents. During the year-of-treatment, it would appear that the higher triclopyr application rate and later treatment date used at Saratoga Lake resulted in significantly better milfoil control without causing adverse impacts to non-target native plants.

Spread Prevention and Non-Chemical Control Activities

As required by the DEC Permit, non-chemical milfoil control activities continued at Lake St. Catherine during the 2008 season. Efforts included volunteer monitoring, volunteer and paid hand harvesting and diver assisted suction harvesting. Details of the non-chemical control efforts will be provided by LSCA under separate cover.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2009 AND BEYOND

Milfoil cover remains significantly reduced from what was documented in Lake St. Catherine prior to the 2004 Sonar treatment, (estimated total cover of all three basins 2001 - 49%, 2008 – 5%), but the spatial distribution of milfoil has increased steadily over the past four years. The spot-treatments with Renovate 3 (liquid) and Renovate OTF (flake) performed over the past three years have demonstrated the potential for effective and highly-selective milfoil control. However, the 2008 treatment results were somewhat disappointing. Still spot-treatment with triclopyr herbicide continues to be the recommended strategy for management of widespread, high density milfoil growth at Lake St. Catherine. Continued use of non-chemical control strategies, specifically diver hand-pulling and suction harvesting, are recommended for areas of lower-density milfoil growth.

The following recommendations should be considered to improve efficacy for future triclopyr treatments performed at Lake St. Catherine:

1. Delay treatment until there is more active milfoil growth to improve herbicide uptake. Treatment timing cannot be dictated by the 60° F water temperature guideline. Milfoil plants need to be actively growing, with substantial new growth of stems and foliage. Additional milfoil biomass is expected to provide more surface area for herbicide uptake and may help limit dilution caused by water movement.
2. Increase the Renovate OTF (flake) application rate to at least 2.0-2.5 ppm calculated on the bottom 4 feet (rate to be determined by application site). This is especially critical if deeper (>7 ft.) exposed areas are to be treated where potential for dilution is increased. The current Renovate OTF label now allows for the treatment dose to be calculated on the entire water volume of the area being treated; it is no longer limited to the bottom 4 feet.
3. Continue to evaluate the flake and liquid formulations of triclopyr. The flake formulation has only been available since 2007 and information is still being learned on its field dissipation rates. It is clear that sufficient exposure to lethal concentrations of triclopyr will provide highly-

selective control of milfoil, but the narrow shoreline beds of milfoil found throughout much of Lake St. Catherine have proven to be especially challenging. See if any additional concentration-exposure-time data from actual field treatments is available, to help determine which formulation or combination offers the greatest potential for success at Lake St. Catherine.

Future milfoil management efforts in the Lake St. Catherine system will be further complicated by the dense growth of native plants that are creating nuisance conditions for residents in Lily Pond, Little Lake and in the northern portion of North Bay. Milfoil is found in these areas, but is mixed in with robust growth of broad-leaved pondweeds and water lilies. Milfoil could be selectively controlled in these areas with triclopyr herbicide, but the remaining native plant growth is still expected to reach nuisance densities. The demonstration suction harvesting performed around boat docks in Little Lake in 2008 was reportedly successful, but it did not address the middle of the lake or the heavy water lily growth found along the northwest and northeast shorelines.

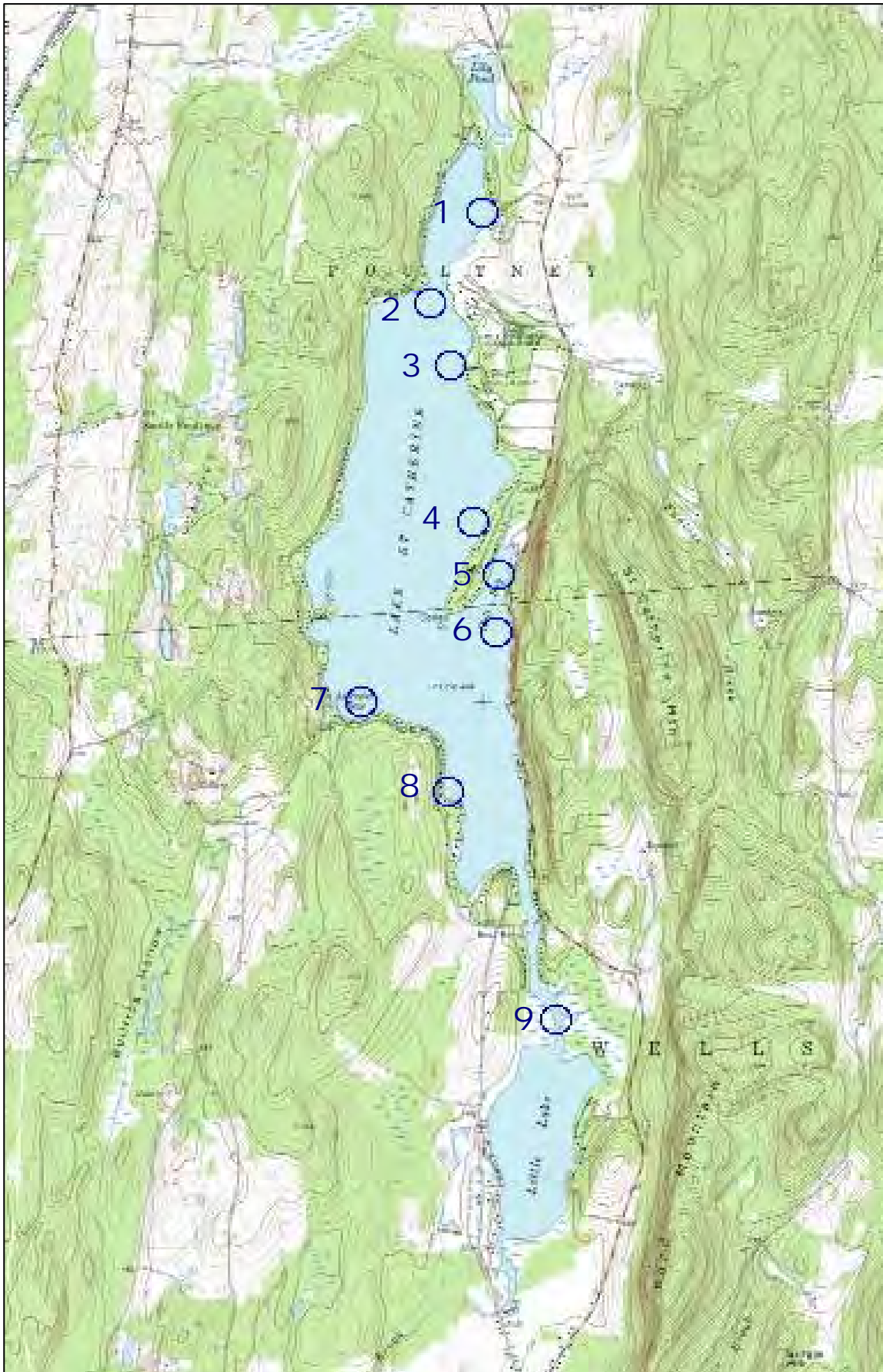
Areas with abundant native plant growth will need to be managed with either (1) an integrated approach using triclopyr herbicide to selectively control milfoil and mechanical techniques (suction harvesting, hydro-raking or conventional harvesting) to manage native plant growth, or (2) use of alternate herbicides that will control milfoil and provide some suppression of native plant growth.

APPENDIX A

Herbicide Residue Testing Results

- Sampling Location Map – Attachment D of ANC 2008-C02 prepared by DEC
- SePRO Laboratory Report – 5/21/08 sampling round
- SePRO Laboratory Report – 5/28 & 5/29/08 sampling round
- SePRO Laboratory Report – 7/2/08 sampling round

APPENDIX D – Sample Site Locations (Permit #2008-C02)
Revised by DEC and annotated by ACT



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Territory:	Sutton	MA	01590-
Sarah Miller			

Sample	Date(s) Treated	Sonar	Date Collected	Rate Applied	Acres Treated	Sample Location Description	Results PPB
1.						run #TR0005 correlation 0.999 recovery 92%	
2.	05/20/08		5/21/2008	1.75 ppm	15	1	.30 ppm
3.	05/20/08		5/21/2008	1.75 ppm	2	2	.03 ppm
4.	05/20/08		5/21/2008	1.75 ppm	10.4	3	.02 ppm
5.	05/20/08		5/21/2008	1.75 ppm	14.5	4	.12 ppm
6.	05/20/08		5/21/2008	1.75 ppm	16.3	5	.48 ppm
7.	05/20/08		5/21/2008	1.75 ppm	6.3	6	.24 ppm
8.	05/20/08		5/21/2008	1.75 ppm	6.5	7	.02 ppm
9.	05/20/08		5/21/2008	1.75 ppm	7.6	8	.03 ppm
10.	05/20/08		5/21/2008	1.75 ppm		9	<1 ppb

Depth Sample Collected: **Date Sample Received:**

Storage Conditions: **Condition of Sample(s) Box/Water Containers:**

Date Shipped to SePRO: **Date Analysis was Performed:**

How would you like results sent to you? Fax Regular Mail **Date Results Sent to Cooperator:**

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Name of Waterbody:

Average Depth in Feet:

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Size of Waterbody in Acres:

Target Plant(s) to Control:

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Sample	Date(s) Treated	Sonar	Date Collected	Rate Applied	Acres Treated	Sample Location Description	Results PPB
1.						run #TR0011 correlation 0.999 recovery 88%	
2.	05/20/08	Renovat	5/28/2008	1.75 ppm	15	1	.03 ppm
3.	05/20/08	Renovat	5/29/2008	1.75 ppm		2	.03 ppm
4.	05/20/08	Renovat	5/29/2008	1.75 ppm		3	<1.0 ppb
5.	05/20/08	Renovat	5/28/2008	1.75 ppm	10.4	4	.03 ppm
6.	05/20/08	Renovat	5/28/2008	1.75 ppm	16.3	5	.03 ppm
7.	05/20/08	Renovat	5/28/2008	1.75 ppm	6.3	6	.03 ppm
8.	05/20/08	Renovat	5/29/2008	1.75 ppm		7	.02 ppm
9.	05/20/08	Renovat	5/29/2008	1.75 ppm		8	.02 ppm
10.	05/20/08	Renovat	5/29/2008	1.75 ppm		9	.03 ppm

Depth Sample Collected: 4 ft from bottom **Date Sample Received:** 6/2/2008

Storage Conditions: Analyzed upon receipt **Condition of Sample(s) Box/Water Containers:** Excellent

Date Shipped to SePRO: 5/30/2008 **Date Analysis was Performed:** 6/2/2008

How would you like results sent to you? Fax No Regular Mail Yes **Date Results Sent to Cooperator:** 6/3/2008

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Name of Waterbody: Lake St. Catherine	Size of Waterbody in Acres:
Average Depth in Feet: 10	Target Plant(s) to Control: Eurasian watermilfoil

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Sample	Date(s) Treated	Herbicide	Date Collected	Rate Applied	Acres Treated	Sample Location Description	Results	UOM
1.	05/20/08	Renovate 3	7/2/2008	1.75ppm		2	<1.0	ppb
2.						6	<1.0	ppb
3.						8	<1.0	ppb
4.						9	<1.0	ppb
5.								
6.								
7.								
8.								
9.								
10.								

Depth Sample Collected: 10

Date Sample Received: 7/3/2008

Storage Conditions: Refrigerated

Condition of Sample(s) Box/Water Containers: Excellent excellent

Date Shipped to SePRO: 7/2/2008

Date Analysis was Performed: 7/8/2008

Run #: 34 % Control Rec: 97 Correlation: 0.999

Date Results Sent to Cooperator: 7/10/2008

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Name of Waterbody: Lake St Catherine

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Size of Waterbody in Acres:

Average Depth in Feet: 4

Target Plant(s) to Control: Eurasian watermilfoil

APPENDIX B

Comprehensive Aquatic Vegetation Survey Information

- Data Point Sampling Location Map
- Field Data Table
- Overall Vegetation Density Map
- Vegetation Species Distribution Maps

Lake St. Catherine

Poultney & Wells, VT

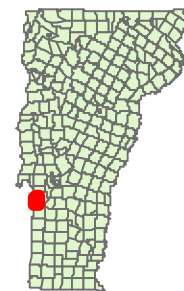
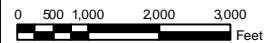
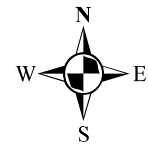
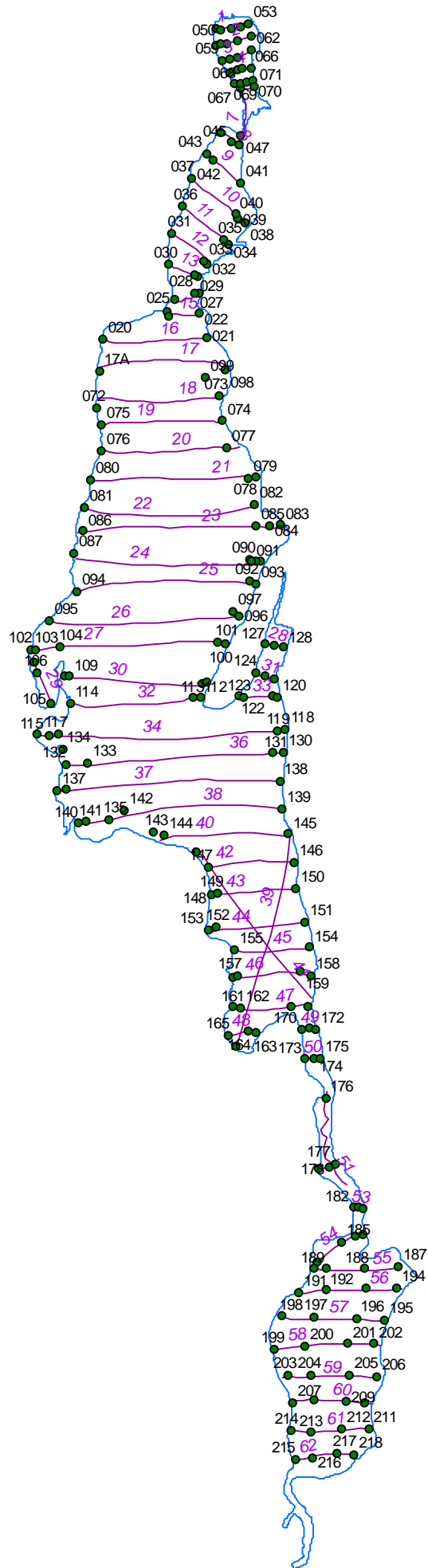
Transects & Data Point Locations
for Vegetation Survey

FIGURE:	SURVEY DATE:	MAP DATE:
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● Data point locations recorded with GPs unit during ACT/ ReMetrix 2001 survey. Sampling replicated during ACT 2007 survey. Data points relocated with DGPS unit with sub-meter accuracy.

— Transects recorded during ACT/ ReMetrix 2001 survey using DGPS.



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PLANTS ENCOUNTERED DURING SURVEYS (2001-2008)

Macrophyte Species	Common Name	Abbreviation used in Field Data Table
<i>Brasenia schreberi</i>	Watershield	B
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	Coontail	Cd
<i>Chara</i> sp.	Muskgrass	Ca
<i>Chlorophyta</i>	Filamentous green algae	Fa
<i>Eleocharis</i> sp.	Spikerush	Eo
<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	Waterweed	Ec
<i>Isoetes</i> sp.	Quillwort	I
<i>Lemna minor</i>	Duckweed	Lm
<i>Megalodonta beckii</i>	Water marigold	Mb
<i>Musci</i> spp.	Aquatic moss	Mu
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> - viable	Eurasian watermilfoil	Ms
<i>Najas flexilis</i>	Naiad	Nf
<i>Najas guadalupensis</i>		Ng
<i>Nitella</i> sp.	Stonewort	Ni
<i>Nuphar variegatum</i>	Yellow waterlily	Nu
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	White waterlily	Ny
<i>Polygonum</i> sp.	Smartweed	Po
<i>Potamogeton amplifolius</i>	Large-leaf	Pa
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	Curly-leaf pondweed	Pc
<i>Potamogeton epihydrus</i>	Ribbon-leaf pondweed	Pe
<i>Potamogeton gramineus</i>	Variable pondweed	Pg
<i>Potamogeton illinoensis</i>	Illinois pondweed	Pi
<i>Potamogeton natans</i>	Floatingleaf pondweed	Pn
<i>Potamogeton praelongus</i>	Whitestem pondweed	Pprae
<i>Potamogeton pusillus</i>	Thin-leaf pondweed	Pp
<i>Potamogeton robbinsii</i>	Pondweed	Pr
<i>Potamogeton zosteriformis</i>	Flat-stem pondweed	Pz
<i>Utricularia gibba</i>	Creeping bladderwort	Ug
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	Common bladderwort	U
<i>Valisneria americana</i>	Wild celery/Tapegrass	V
<i>Wolffia</i> sp.	Watermeal	W
<i>Zosterella (Heteranthera) dubia</i>	Water stargrass	Hd / Zd

Transect	Point #	Distance from Shore	Depth (ft)	% Cover	% Ms Cover	Biomass	Species/Point (Richness)	Pr	Ms	Pa	Ec	Pi	Nf	Pz	Cd	Zd	Ca	Ny	Mu	V	Fa	Pp	U	B	Pe	Pg	I	Pn	Ug	Nu	Pc	Lm	Pprae				
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		Average	3.7	76.51	9.51	2.67	4.30																														

Little Lake Totals

	Pr	Ms	Pa	Ec	Pi	Nf	Pz	Cd	Zd	Ca	Ny	Mu	V	Fa	Pp	U	B	Pe	Pg	I	Pn	Ug	Nu	Pc	Lm	Pprae
Present	7	28	32	10	19	0	2	3	1	0	12	0	4	4	1	8	7	3	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	0
Dominant	31	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Total	38	33	33	10	20	0	2	3	1	0	13	0	4	4	1	8	9	3	0	0	0	1	1	9	0	0
% frequency	52%	45%	45%	14%	27%	0%	3%	4%	1%	0%	18%	0%	5%	5%	1%	11%	12%	4%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	12%	0%	0%

Averages for entire waterbody

Depth (ft)	% Cover	Biomass	% Ms	Richness
5.88	72.55	2.26	5.37	4.32

LAKE TOTALS

	Pr	Ms	Pa	Ec	Pi	Nf	Pz	Cd	Zd	Ca	Ny	Mu	V	Fa	Pp	U	B	Pe	Pg	I	Pn	Ug	Nu	Pc	Lm	Pprae
Present	49	121	97	62	67	27	36	27	33	15	21	5	14	14	13	13	10	9	7	6	2	2	0	1	1	1
Dominant	85	7	6	22	7	17	2	9	1	13	2	13	2	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Total	134	128	103	84	74	44	38	36	34	28	23	18	16	16	14	13	12	9	8	6	2	2	1	1	1	1
% frequency	68%	65%	53%	43%	38%	22%	19%	18%	17%	14%	12%	9%	8%	8%	7%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

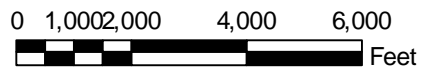
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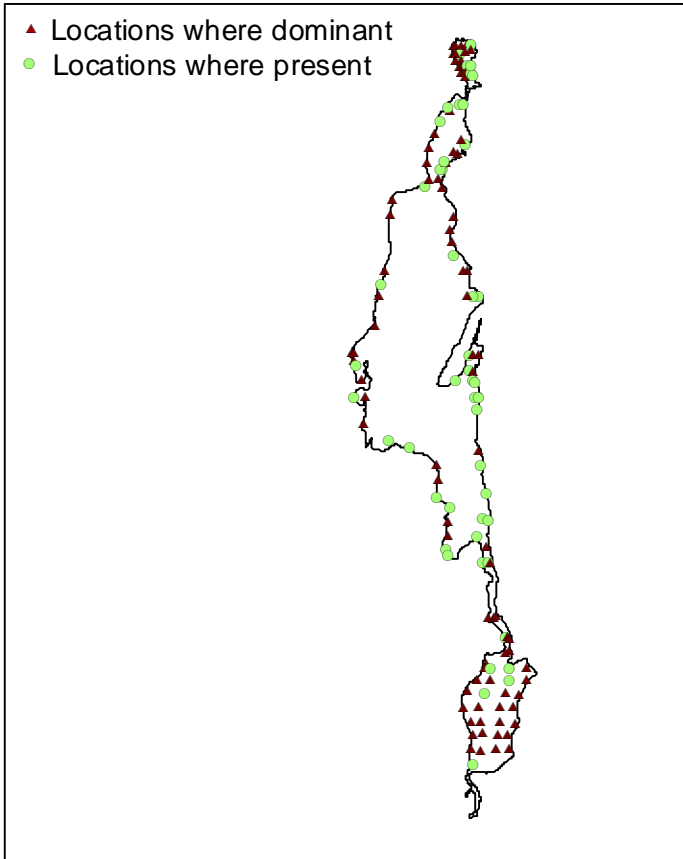
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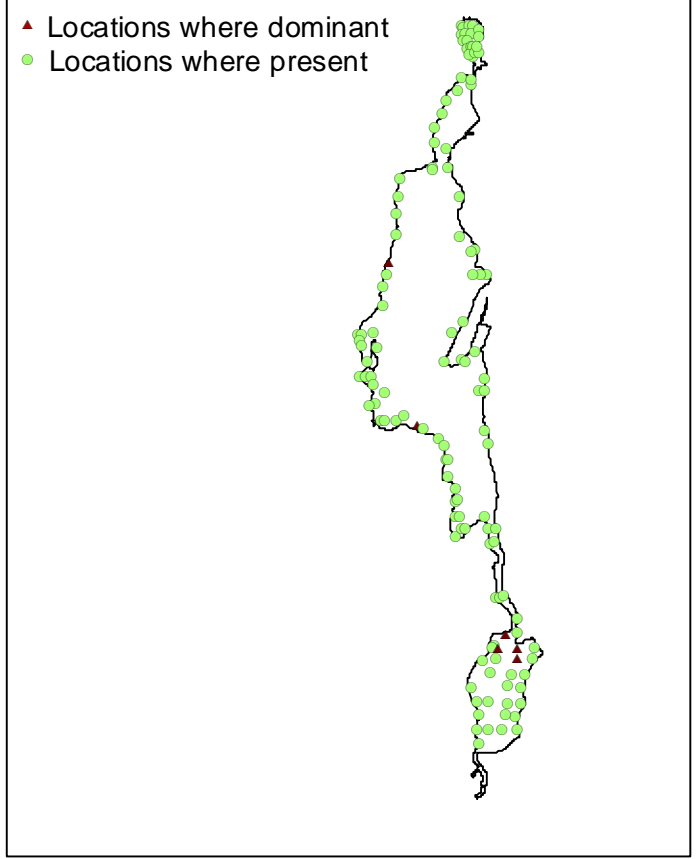
- 1 - low biomass (along bottom)
- 2 - moderate biomass (in water column)
- 3 - high biomass (approaching surface)
- 4 - extremely high biomass (topped out)



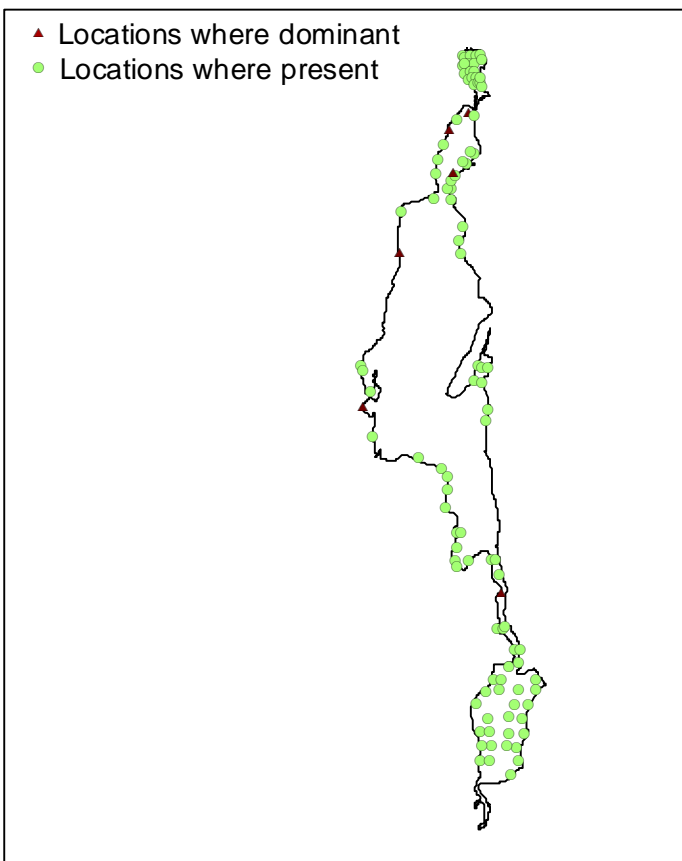
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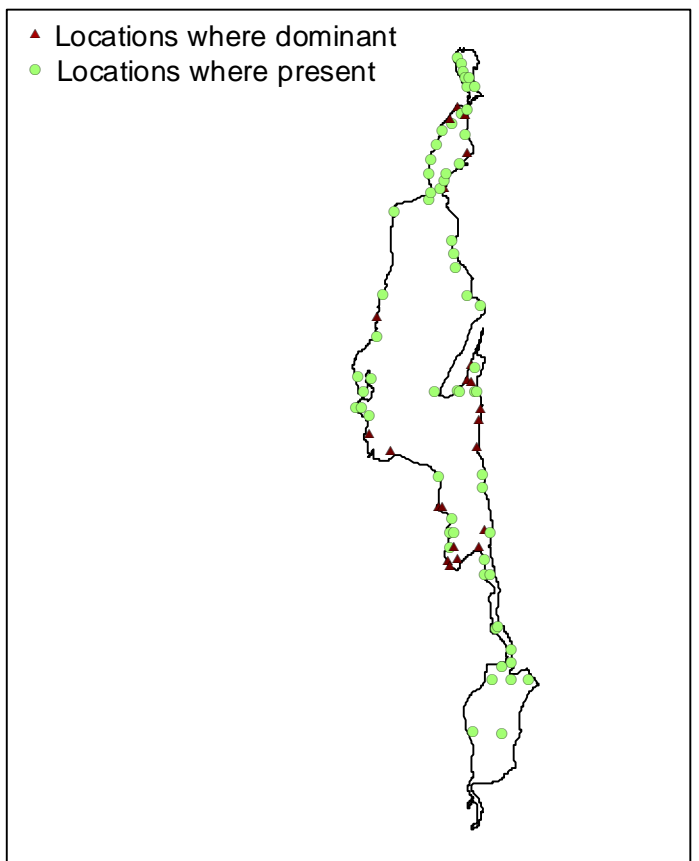
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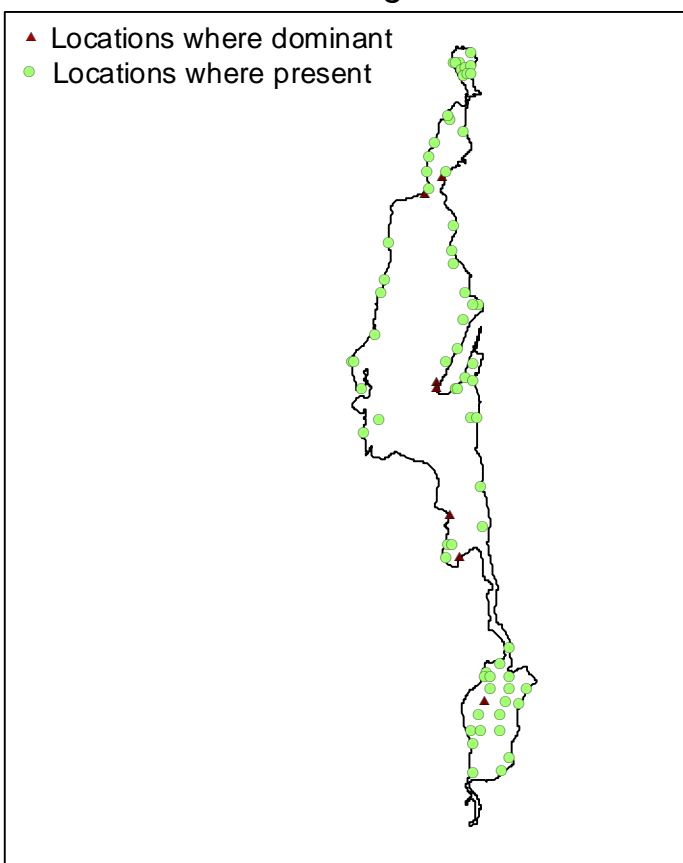
Distribution of *Potamogeton amplifolius*



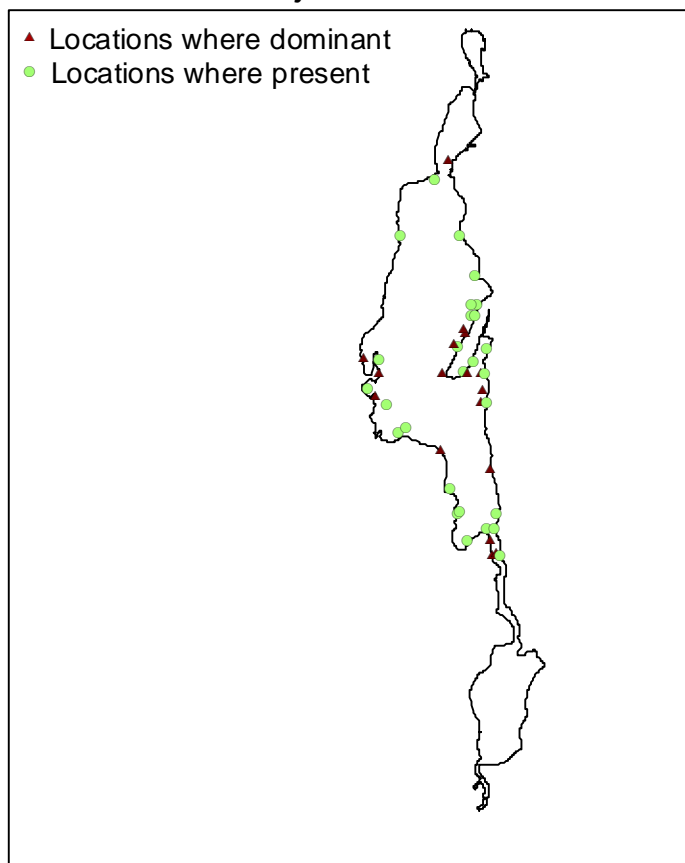
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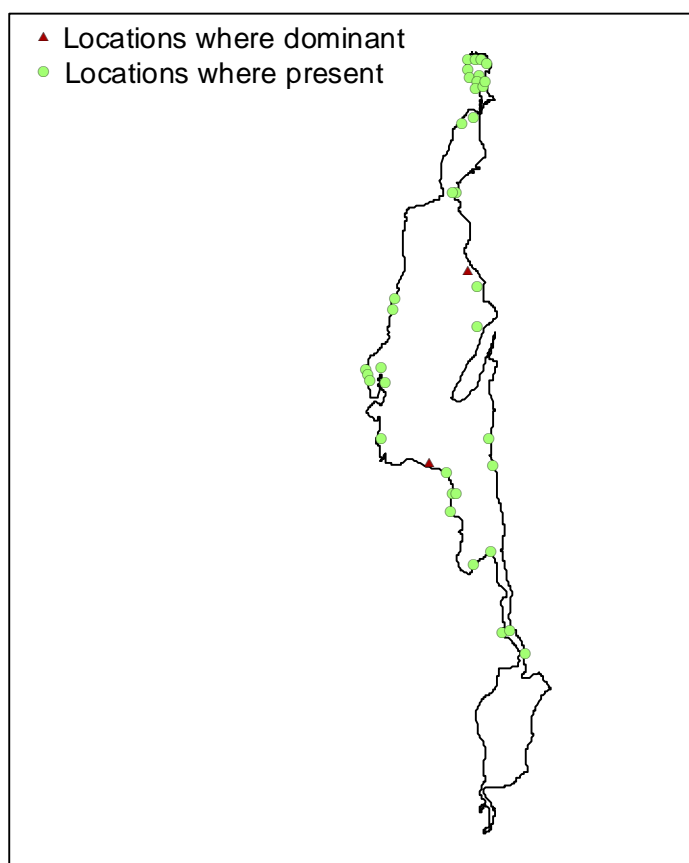
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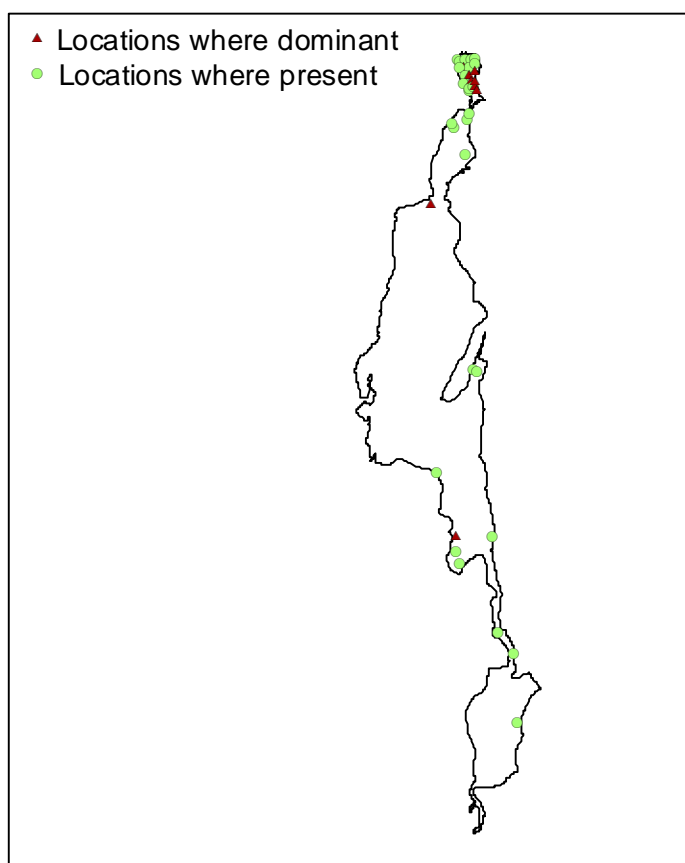
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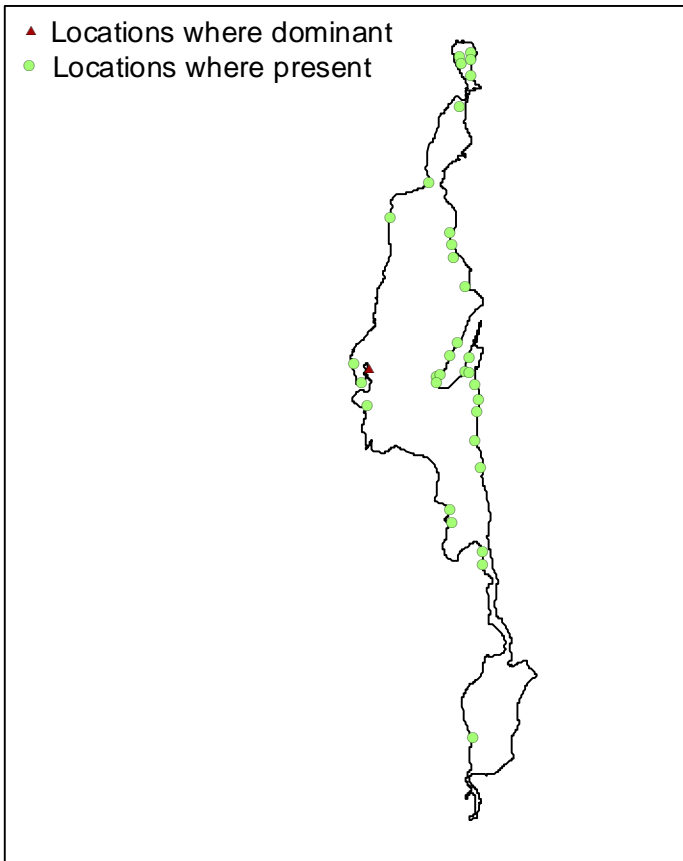
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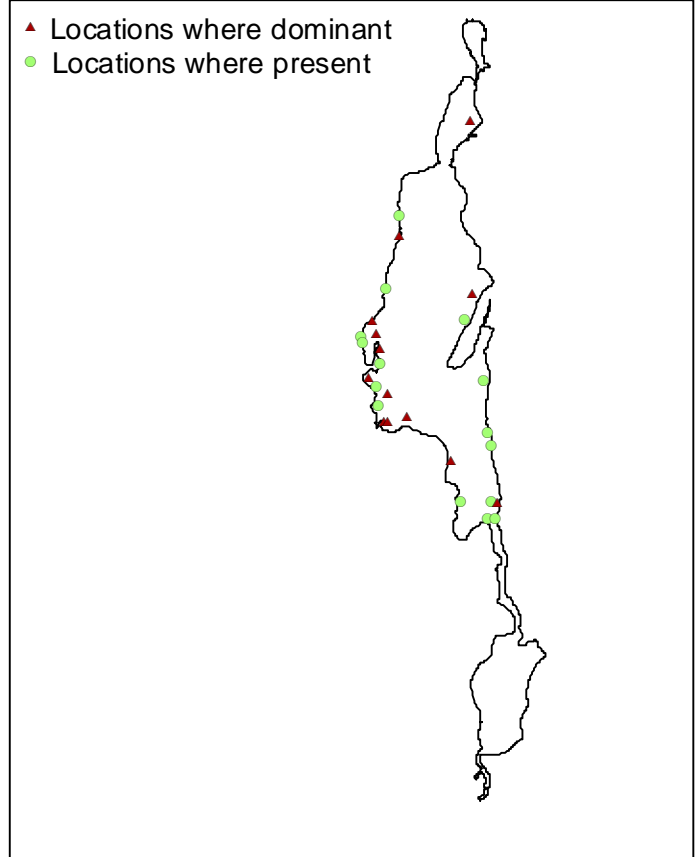
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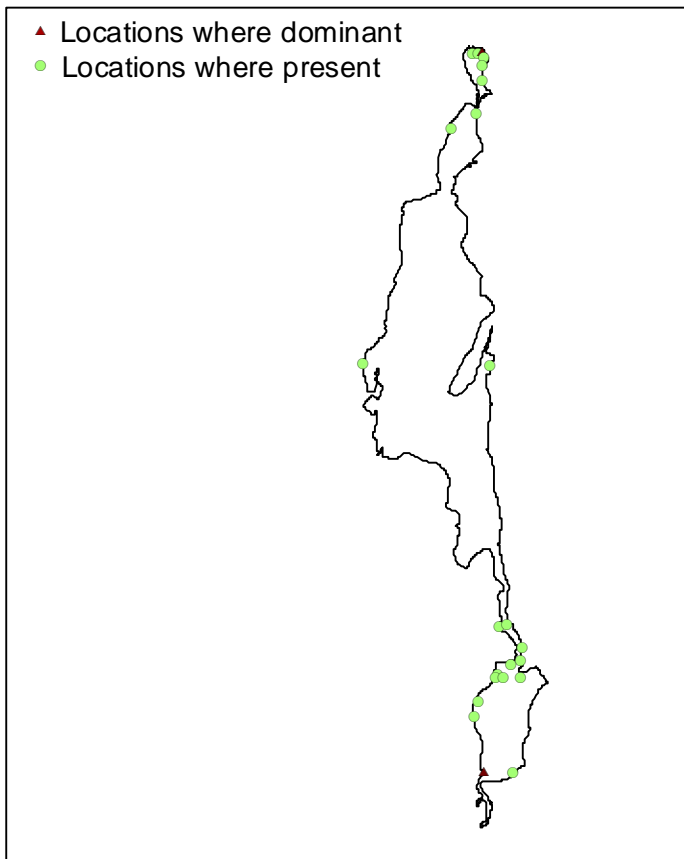
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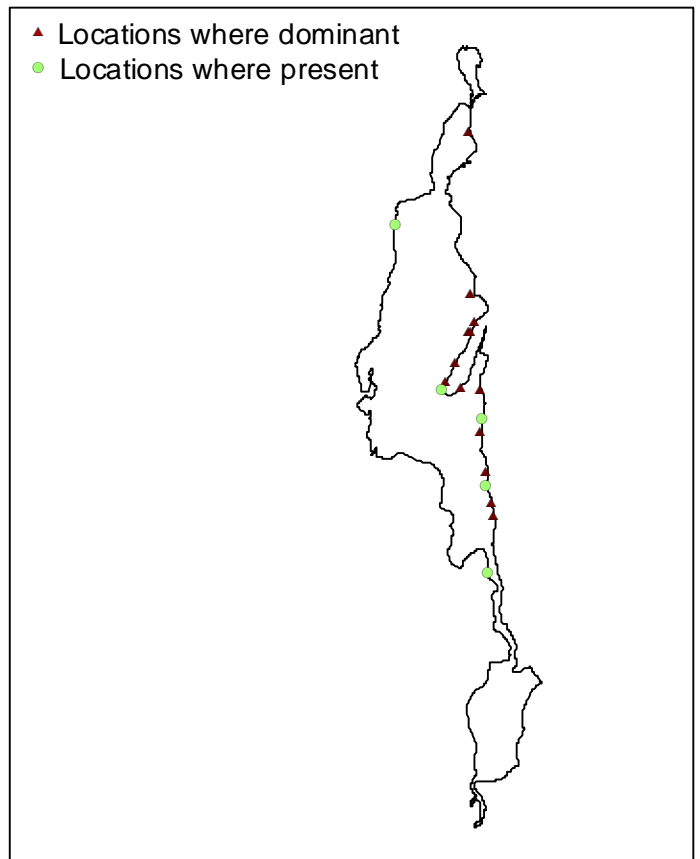
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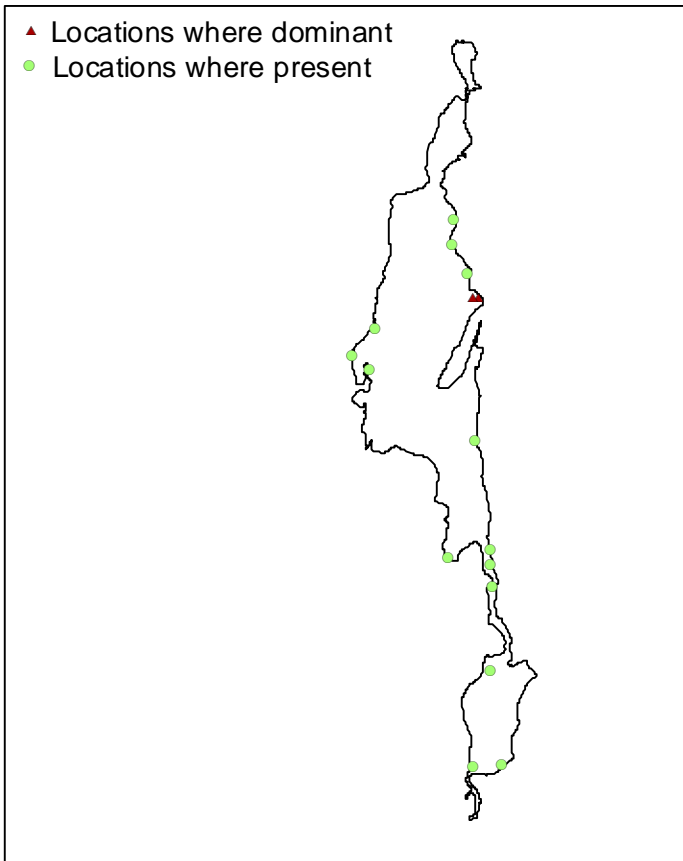
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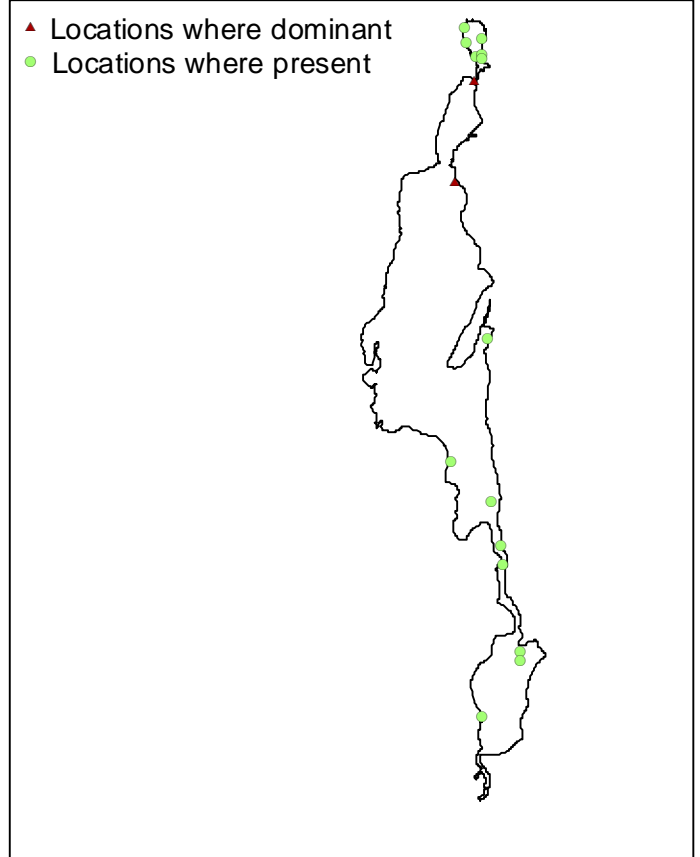
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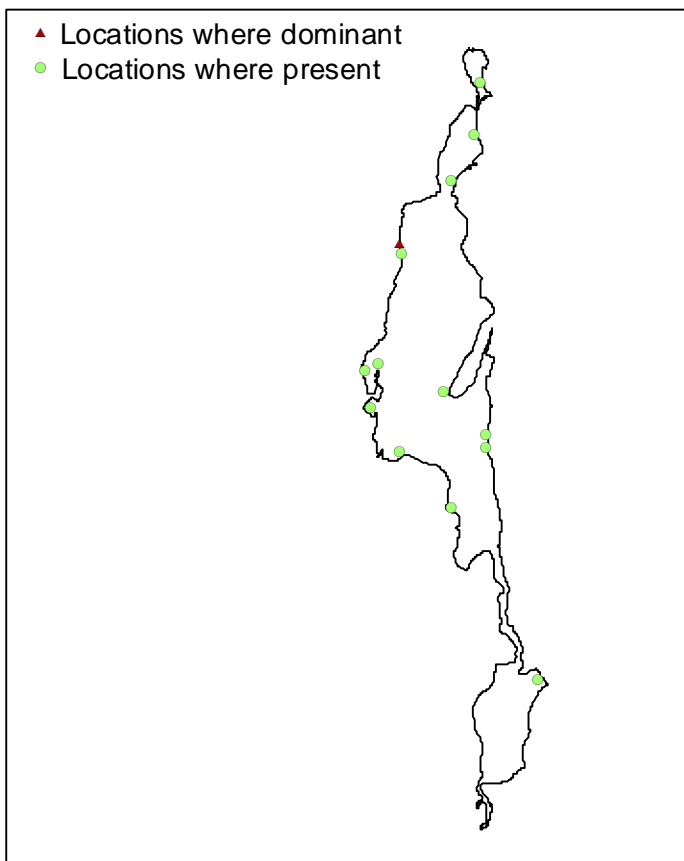
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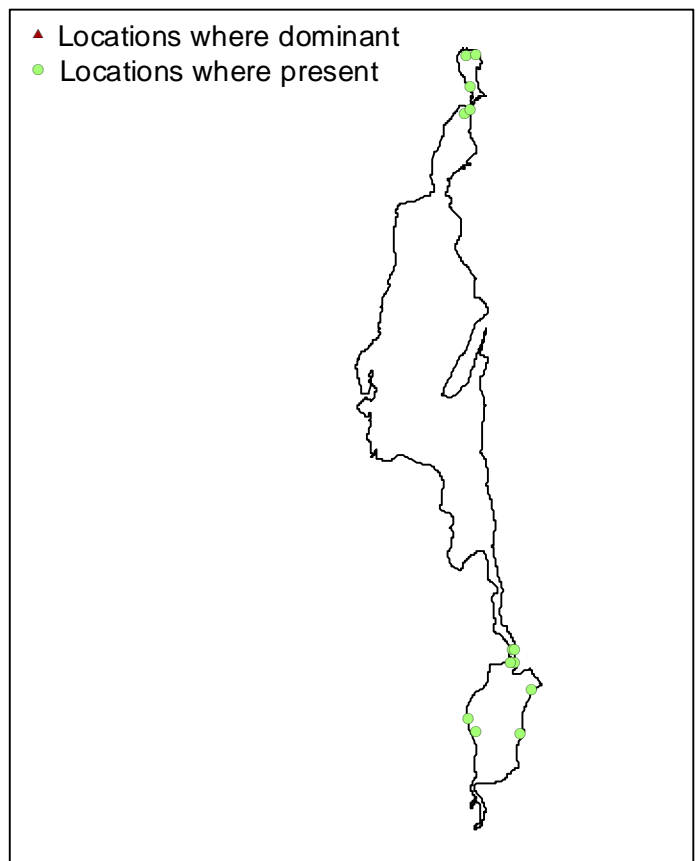
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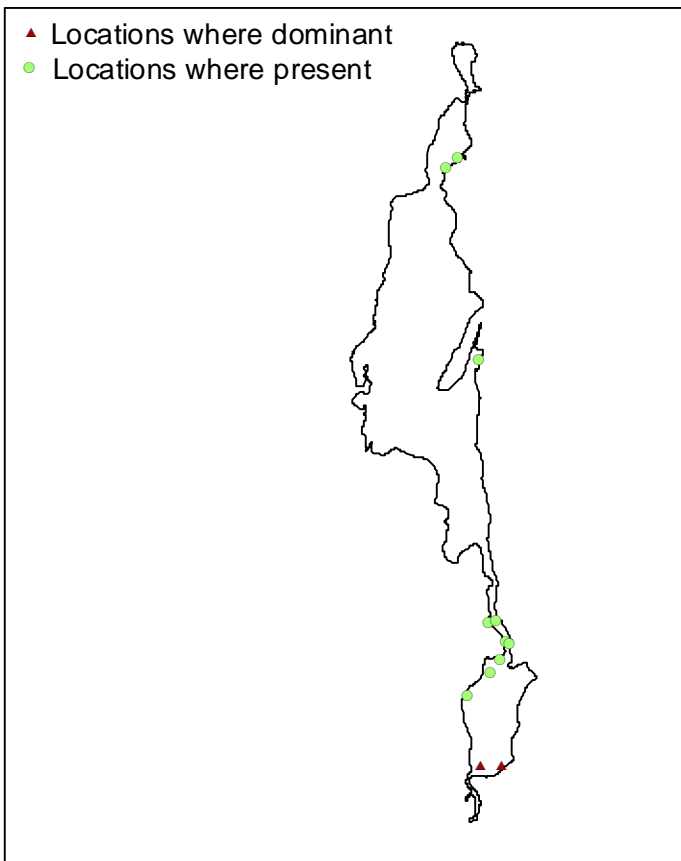
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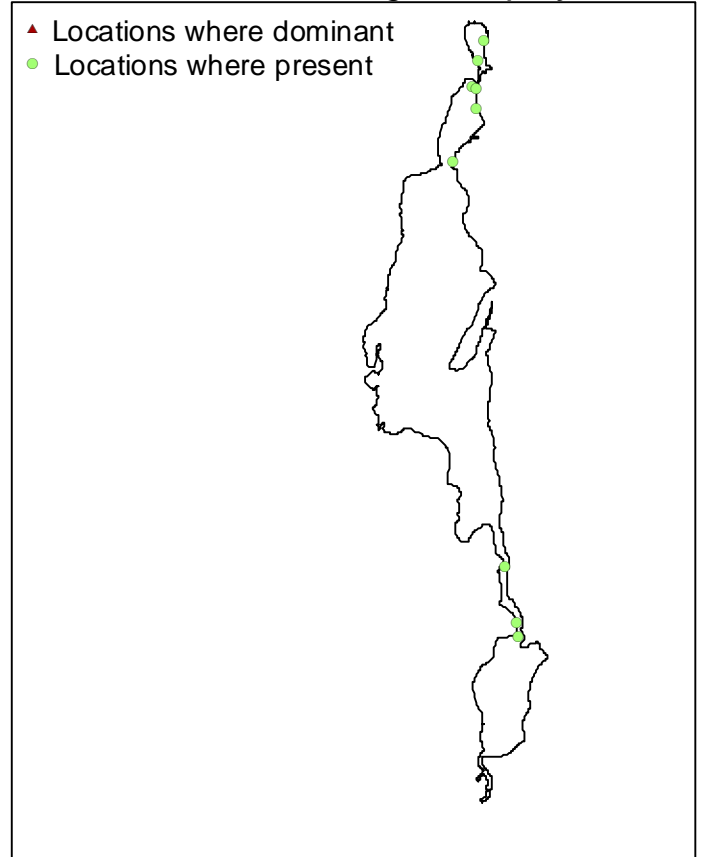
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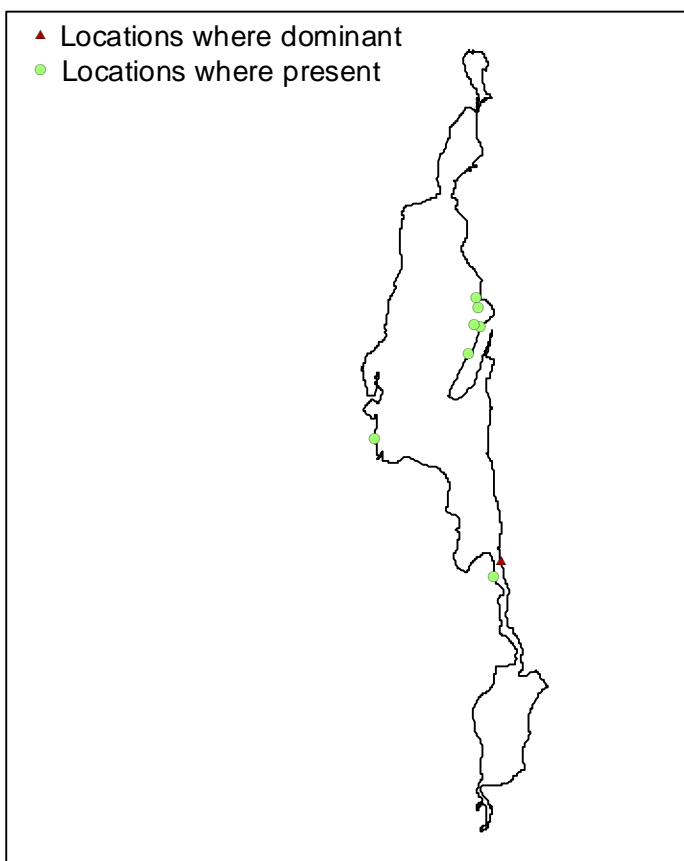
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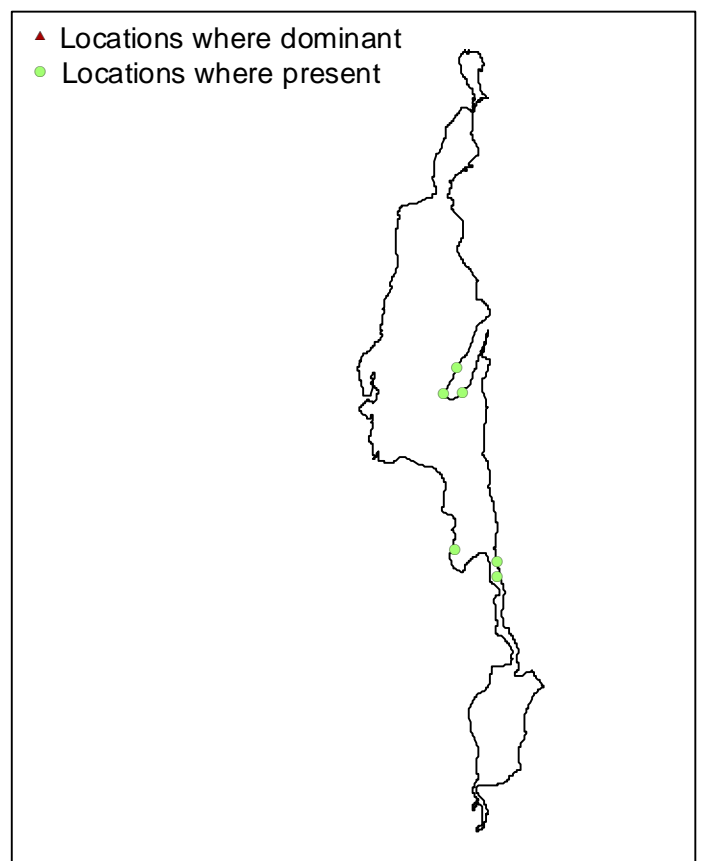
Distribution of *Potamogeton epihydrus*



Distribution of *Potamogeton gramineus*



Distribution of *Isoetes* spp.



Distribution of *Potamogeton natans*

- ▲ Locations where dominant
- Locations where present



Distribution of *Utricularia gibba*

- ▲ Locations where dominant
- Locations where present



Distribution of *Nuphar variegatum*

- ▲ Locations where dominant
- Locations where present

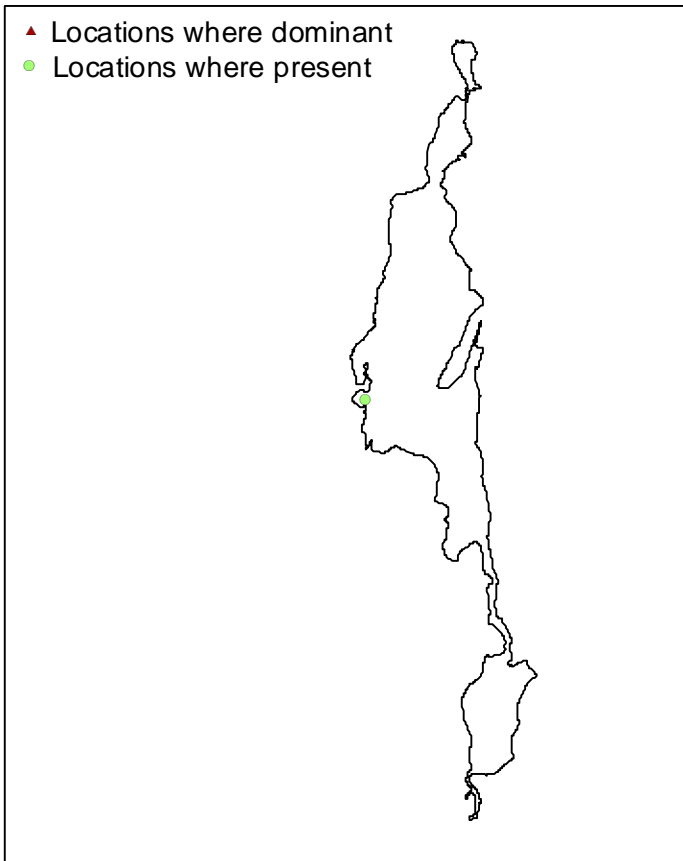


Distribution of *Potamogeton crispus*

- ▲ Locations where dominant
- Locations where present



Distribution of *Potamogeton praelongus*



Distribution of *Lemna spp.*

