



Plate 43.—Classification: SYSTEM Lacustrine, SUBSYSTEM Littoral, CLASS Unconsolidated Shore, SUBCLASS Sand, WATER REGIME Intermittently Flooded, WATER CHEMISTRY Fresh. Water levels in the Great Lakes generally fluctuate little during a single year, but they may rise and fall considerably over a period of several years. The water level in Lake Michigan was at an all-time high when this photo was taken. As a result of long-term changes in lake levels and seiches produced by storms, lake waters inundate part or all of this beach on an irregular basis. (Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Porter County, Indiana; May 1985; Photo by F. C. Golet)