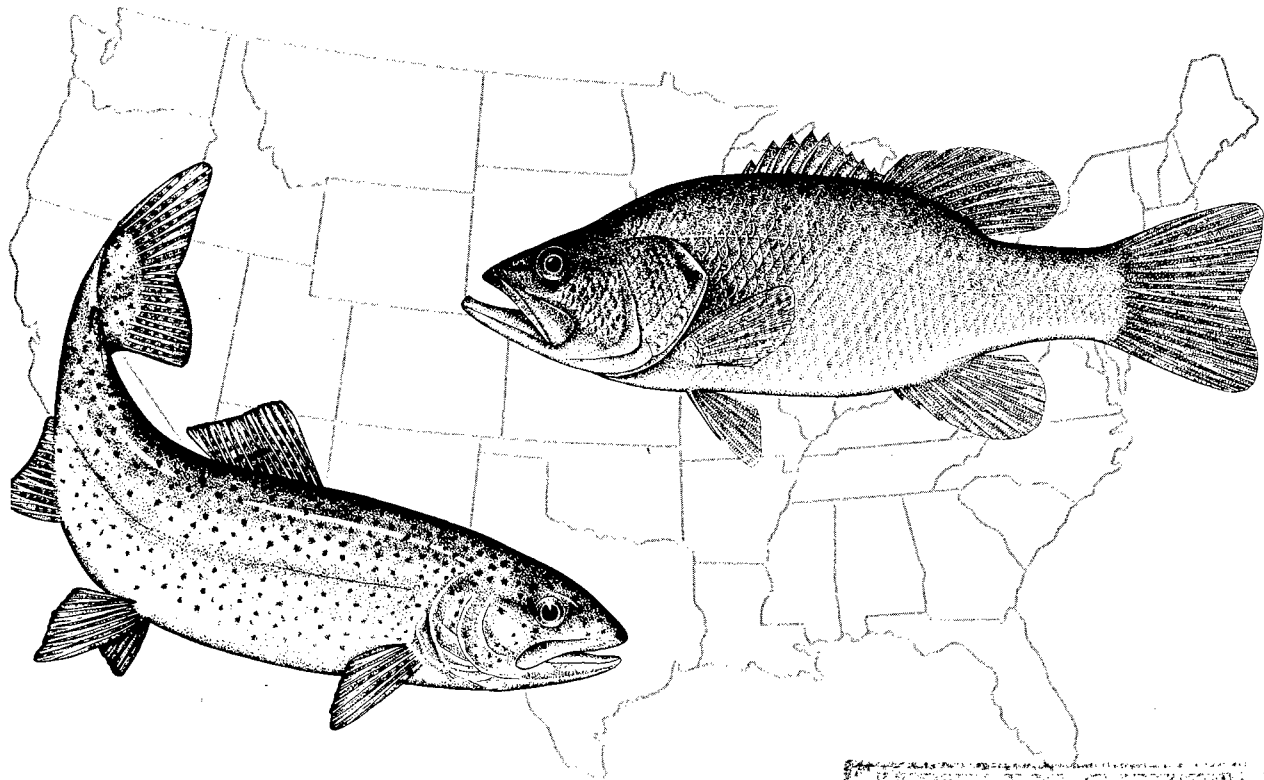


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## PREFACE

Until recently, attempts to monitor the condition of the Nation's waters have focused only on the physical and chemical characteristics of the water, while the components of the biological communities were largely ignored. Additionally, these physical and chemical data were not collected in the context of a statistically designed evaluation. A link between the physical and chemical characteristics and the associated health of the biological communities was clearly needed.

The National Fisheries Survey (Survey) represents the first statistically designed survey of the status of the Nation's waters, their fish communities, and the limiting factors affecting these fish communities. As such, the results of this Survey represent a baseline assessment of the biological quality of the Nation's waters. For the purposes of this report, the Nation's waters are defined as all flowing, freshwater streams and rivers and their associated impoundments in the contiguous 48 United States. Specifically excluded in this definition are wetlands, the Great Lakes, coastal waters, and tidal estuaries. This Survey report can serve as a valuable reference for all agencies responsible for or concerned about the quality of the Nation's waters and their associated fisheries and wildlife. The results presented are the culmination of a 5-year interagency agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They are preliminary in that the enormous data base collected by the Survey can be further analyzed to provide additional information on relationships between limiting factors and the sources associated with these factors. The Survey can also be repeated in the future to provide trend data useful in monitoring the status of the Nation's waters.

This report is the first in a three-volume series and is intended for use by professional fishery biologists and water quality management personnel; Federal and State decisionmakers and planners; and the general public. Volume II contains information on the statistical design used to select the Survey sample and to analyze the data (Glauz, W.D. 1984. 1982 National Fisheries Survey. Volume II: Survey design. U.S. Fish Wildl. Serv., FWS/OBS-84/14. 77pp.). Volume III contains the detailed implementation plan used to conduct the Survey (Judy, R.D., Jr. and P.N. Seeley. 1984. 1982 National Fisheries Survey. Volume III: Survey protocol. U.S. Fish Wildl. Serv., FWS/OBS-84/07. 43pp.).

The reader should keep in mind specific programs and agency needs relevant to this Survey and the fact that the Survey is intended as a National assessment. State-by-State and regional comparisons can not be made. In light of the results presented with this report, additional analyses of the data would be desirable and are strongly encouraged.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents initial results of the National Fisheries Survey, an assessment of the biological condition of the Nation's waters conducted jointly by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in 1982. Sport fish species, Federally-designated threatened and endangered fish species, and State-designated fish species of special concern were used as indicators of biological status. For the purposes of this Survey, the Nation's waters were defined as all flowing waters in the contiguous 48 United States, including main stem impoundments but excluding the Great Lakes, estuaries, coastal waters, and wetland areas.

The Survey was based on a statistically selected sample of 1,303 river segments from across the Nation using a questionnaire developed by the EPA, the FWS, and their contractors. The respondents were State fish management experts with an average of 9 years of experience in the selected cataloging units or watersheds. An assessment of the fisheries information collected shows that 40% of the reaches had been quantitatively or qualitatively sampled. Sampling occurred in surrounding cataloging units for an additional 33% of reaches. Twelve hundred and eighty-five questionnaires, 98.5% of the total distributed, were completed and returned to the Survey project team. The Survey design, the probability structure used to select the sample reaches, the experience level of the respondents, and the high response rate combine to provide reliable estimates of the status of the Nation's waters, accurate appraisals of their ability to support fish communities, and informed judgements on limiting factors affecting those fish communities.

The respondents were asked to provide information on four basic issues: the fish species occurring in each reach; the time of year during which the segment is usable as fish habitat; conditions adversely affecting fish in the reach; and trends in reach conditions. The respondents also described what kinds of fisheries data were available for the reach. In the analysis, estimates were derived for all waters and for perennial waters only.

This report is the first in a three-volume series and is intended for use by professional fishery biologists and water quality management personnel; Federal and State decisionmakers and planners; and the general public. Volume II contains information on the statistical design used to select the sample streams in the Survey and the analysis of the data. Volume III contains a detailed description of the procedure used to conduct the Survey, including measures followed to ensure consistent handling of data, questions asked, and tracking of questionnaires prior to their return to the Survey project team.

## Summary of Survey Results

The Survey is a National assessment and the following facts should be remembered as the Survey results are reviewed:

- . The Survey results are presented as National level estimates and no State-by-State comparisons can be made.
- . The Survey results are based only on the Nation's flowing waters and associated impoundments. The Great Lakes, estuaries, coastal waters, and wetlands were not included.
- . The respondents were experienced fishery biologists.
- . The focus of the Survey was the fish community and associated habitat.
- . The Survey results must be evaluated within the context of the questionnaire.
- . The Survey results are preliminary. Further analyses of these data are necessary to establish definitive relationships between characteristics.

Estimates derived from the Survey responses to a variety of different questions about fish populations, limiting factors such as water quality problems which affect those fish populations, and overall assessments of reach conditions, were found to largely confirm each other within an acceptable margin for error. The picture which emerges from these responses is of waters which, to a large degree, are able to support viable fish populations but which are nevertheless widely affected by pollution, especially from nonpoint sources, and by problems with water quantity, primarily natural low flows. Specific highlights of the Survey results are as follows:

Fish Distribution: Sport fish species which are generally thought to be intolerant of poor water quality are widely distributed, occurring in an estimated 73% of the Nation's waters. Anadromous sport fish species, such as salmon and steelhead trout, occur in 11% of the total stream miles. Commercial fish species occur in 17% of all waters, indicating that freshwater commercial fish populations are an important part of our overall aquatic resources. Nonsport fish species occur in 68% of the Nation's waters, with nonsport anadromous species, such as shad, occurring in only 2% of the total stream miles. Sport fish are abundant in 23% and common in 41% of all waters. The majority (67%) of streams are presently suitable as sport fish habitat.

Results of the Survey show that the two most prevalent sport fish species are the largemouth bass (Micropterus salmoides) and the rainbow trout (Salmo gairdneri), which occur in approximately half of the Nation's waters. The current distribution of these two species may be a result of intensive stocking efforts used in the past to broaden their ranges.

An attempt was made to determine whether sport fish occurrence was restricted to a portion, e.g., upper 25%, of each sample reach. In general, it was found that if sport fish occurred anywhere within the reach, they were distributed throughout the entire reach.

Overall, fish stocking to enhance or maintain sport fish populations does not presently occur in many of the Nation's waters. Less than 10% of the Nation's streams are being stocked at this time. Present stocking relies primarily on fingerlings and catchable-sized fish. Fingerlings are stocked in 8% of the streams, compared to catchable-sized fish in 7% of the streams.

The common carp (Cyprinus carpio), an introduced species, is the most prevalent nonsport fish species. Carp occur in 19% of the Nation's waters, followed closely by a native species, the creek chub (Semotilus atromaculatus), which occurs in 18% of the Nation's waters.

Only 0.8% of the Nation's waters contain Federally-designated threatened and endangered species, compared to 2.4% that contain State-listed species of special concern.

Twenty-one percent of the Nation's streams contain no fish. Most of these reaches, however, are dry during part or all of the year. In a normal water year, 69% of the Nation's waters have water usable all year around as fish habitat; 14% are not usable as fish habitat during any part of the year because of low or no flow. The remaining waters are usable as fish habitat during only part of the year, primarily in the spring and summer. Most of the waters that contain fish are used year-round for spawning, hatching, as nursery habitat and for overwintering. Twelve percent of the Nation's waters serve as migration routes.

Limiting Factors Affecting the Fish Community: A significant percentage (81%) of the Nation's fish communities are adversely affected by limiting factors which are linked to a variety of sources.

Water quality is reported to adversely affect the fish community in 56% of the Nation's waters. The predominant water quality factors are turbidity (affecting 34% of all waters); high water temperature (affecting 26% of all waters); nutrient surpluses (affecting 13% of waters); toxic substances (affecting 10% of waters); and low concentrations of dissolved oxygen (also affecting 10% of waters). More than one limiting factor can occur in each reach.

The major causes of water quality problems in order of number of stream miles affected are total nonpoint sources, agricultural sources, natural sources, and total point sources. Overall, nonpoint sources contribute to water quality problems in 38% of all waters and are ranked as major concerns in 19% of waters. Twenty-nine percent of all waters are adversely affected by agricultural sources of pollution, which are ranked as major concerns in 17% of waters. Natural sources are the third-ranked contributors to water quality degradation and occur in 22% of all waters.

Point sources of pollution also affect the quality of the Nation's waters. Although municipal and industrial point source dischargers are located on, or have the potential to affect, only about 20% of the Nation's

waters, the Survey found that over 10% of all waters are adversely affected by point sources, and that in 5% of all waters, point sources are ranked as major concerns.

Water quantity problems adversely affect the fish community in 68% of the Nation's waters and 41% of perennial waters. Major water quantity problems include: below optimum flows, occurring in 32% of waters; occasional low flows, occurring in 23% of waters; and excessive flow fluctuations occurring in 17% of waters. Natural conditions are the primary causes of these problems, and affect flow in half of the Nation's waters. Agricultural diversions adversely affect 14% of all waters.

Stream habitat conditions limit the fish community in at least 49% of the Nation's waters. The predominant limiting factors are a lack of adult and juvenile habitat (in 40% of the Nation's waters) and of egg and larvae habitat (in 28% of waters). Other major components of aquatic habitat, such as pools, spawning gravels, overhead cover, and riffles, are also absent or degraded in many waters. Major causes of habitat problems are, in decreasing order of importance, excessive siltation, bank erosion and sloughing, natural causes, and channelization.

Significant limiting factors also occur within the fish communities, including fish kills (15% of waters) and contamination of fish flesh (9% of waters). Probable sources of these problems are natural causes, pesticides, and other noxious or toxic substances.

Reach Conditions and Trends: The respondents were asked to evaluate each sample reach's ability to support healthy, reproducing sport fish populations. It was estimated that 67% of the Nation's waters have at least a minimum ability to support sport fish. Approximately 23% cannot support any fish populations at all. Ten percent are able to support populations of nonsport fish species, which are generally considered to be more tolerant of adverse aquatic conditions. Many of the waters which cannot support fish are intermittent and are not likely to improve.

The Survey was designed to elicit responses concerned with past, present, and future trends in the status and condition of the fish community in each reach. Although the responses were speculative, the resulting information provides insights into the effectiveness and direction of numerous water-related Federal programs.

The ability of the Nation's waters to support sport fish has not changed appreciably during the last 5 years. Overall, 91% of the streams have maintained their ability while 5% have been degraded and 4% have improved. Based on respondent speculations, comparisons with conditions projected 5 years in the future indicate that the Nation's waters may be degraded without controls on man-caused limiting factors that adversely affect fish communities.



These Survey results indicate that there are problems with the Nation's waters even though the majority of these waters presently support fish. Natural causes and agriculturally-related nonpoint sources of pollution appear to be a potential constraint to the continued viability of the sport fish communities.

#### Recommendations

Recommendations resulting from this Survey focus on additional data analyses that need to be conducted to provide further insight into relationships between sources and limiting factors. Additionally, recommendations are made concerning the use of this Survey methodology in conducting other similar surveys.

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## CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the initial results of a major effort to assess the biological conditions of streams in the United States by examining aquatic habitat and fish communities. For the purposes of the Survey, the Nation's waters were defined as all flowing fresh surface waters of the contiguous 48 United States, including impoundments, ditches, and canals shown on U.S. Geological Survey (GS) 1:500,000 scale Hydrologic Unit Series maps. Specifically excluded were the Great Lakes, wetlands, coastal waters, and estuaries. Approximately 1 million miles of streams served as the universe for the Survey.

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identified the need for a survey, based on existing information, for use in evaluating the biological status of the Nation's waters, pursuant to EPA's responsibilities under Sections 101(a) and 104(a)(5) of the Clean Water Act, P.L. 95-217. In July, 1978, the FWS and the EPA entered into a multiphased, 5-year interagency agreement to determine the availability of biological data and to identify limiting factors affecting aquatic communities. This interagency agreement also provided for the development of a statistical methodology to be used to select rivers of interest and to analyze fisheries data collected on a National scale. The interagency agreement was also the vehicle used for implementing and conducting the Survey. These efforts utilized the River Reach File (RRF) concept which was developed concurrently.

The RRF was developed by the EPA to catalogue all of the Nation's waters by assigning a unique alpha-numeric identifier to each stream segment or reach. The term "reach" refers to that portion of a stream or river which extends downstream from one confluence of a stream, river, or lake to the next confluence. Reaches are defined with reference to the specific map scale cited above.

Water bodies in the RRF were digitized from National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) aeronautical charts, labeled, linked hydrologically, and then computerized. Each reach was identified by an 11-digit code with the first 8 digits representing the GS cataloging unit code and the last three the unique river reach code.

An assessment of data availability was the second major task undertaken prior to the development of the Survey methodology. This assessment was conducted at an interagency workshop involving technical experts from State and Federal water resource agencies and universities and was designed to determine the availability of quantitative and qualitative descriptors of aquatic systems. The workshop also defined those descriptors which were desirable and feasible to collect for an assessment of the biological quality

of the Nation's waters. Results of the workshop were described in detail in the River Reach Phase II Report: A Standardized Method for Classifying Status and Types of Fisheries (Olson et al. 1981). A series of classification descriptors or criteria were proposed that could be used for classifying status and types of fisheries.

Based on the assessment of data availability, a pilot questionnaire was developed and tested in eight states. The results of the pilot testing were reported in the Draft Reach File Status Report: Pilot Survey Results (Olson and Nystrom 1982). The conclusions were that data availability on fish communities and other stream characteristics varied greatly among States and that the pilot questionnaire was too lengthy to be completed easily by State fishery biologists. The focus on obtaining quantified information for all reaches was dropped because these data were not generally available. A modified, shorter questionnaire that requested the kinds of information generally available in all States was developed. This modified questionnaire (Appendix A) was the basis for the present Survey effort.

## THE SURVEY

Objectives for the Survey were developed as a part of the interagency agreement. The objectives were:

- The production of statistically-based estimates of the ability of the Nation's water to support sport fish communities and species of special concern;
- The development of a method to assess fish community conditions that was feasible to implement and practical to use;
- The development of techniques that had Nationwide application;
- The compilation of predominantly existing data (where possible); and
- The development of a system that was amenable to updating and revision on a regular basis.

These objectives were the focus of the Survey and directed the type of data analyses and quality control procedures used.

The Survey used biological conditions as an indicator for several reasons. Presence or absence, abundance, and type of organisms present in a water body can provide useful information from a monitoring and management perspective. Displayed over time, trends in biological conditions can provide decisionmakers with information useful in making changes in management strategies for both fisheries and water quality.

The fish community, and, particularly, sport fish and fish species of special concern such as threatened and endangered species, were selected as the biological indicators for the Survey because they are generally present in most perennial water bodies and they react to changes in water quality, quantity, and other factors by mortality, migration, changes in community composition, and reproductive success. Fish effectively represent the bio-



logical community because their presence, abundance, and species' habitat needs reflect the physical and chemical conditions occurring in the water body. Additionally, most State Fish and Game Agencies have concentrated their efforts to acquire data on sport fish populations. Because of their expertise with sport fish species and species of special concern, staff within these agencies were chosen as the Survey respondents.

The Survey is closely related to other programs being conducted by the FWS and EPA. Generally, the relationship is one of data acquisition to support, monitor, and manage the Nation's natural resources. One related activity within the FWS is the National Hunting and Fishing Survey (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Bureau of the Census 1982), which focuses on the attitudes, activities, and desires of the public with regard to the fish and wildlife resources. Also related are the FWS Regional Resource Plans which, taken together, identify and assign priorities to the Nation's fish and wildlife resource problems and related management efforts. Presently the survey instrument serves as the basic structure for a FWS computerized fishery management tool called the River Reach Fisheries Information System (RRFIS).

The EPA programs that relate most closely to the Survey include the National Water Quality Inventory Report to Congress, which is a compilation and analysis of Section 305(b) reports on water quality conditions submitted to EPA by the States. These reports provide the Congress with a summary of water quality conditions and trends which can be useful in allocating resources for activities mandated by the Clean Water Act. The Survey is also commensurate with an increased emphasis in EPA on the use of biomonitoring for National assessments.

## CHAPTER 2. METHODOLOGY

### DESIGN OF THE SURVEY

The Survey was designed by the EPA and its contractors to gather information on fish communities, limiting factors and associated sources adversely affecting fish communities, and the ability of the Nation's waters to support fish communities. Reaches to be sampled were selected from the total number of reaches using a probability sampling design.

For a complete description of the statistics used in designing the sample strategy, see Volume II: Survey design (Glauz 1984).

The RRF concept was selected as the sampling frame because it met the statistical requirements of the survey design. However, the coverage in the RRF was inadequate for the purposes of the Survey and it would have been prohibitively expensive to modify it to the necessary level of detail. Therefore, a two-stage sampling design was chosen.

The first stage sample was selected from the universe of the 2,101 cataloging units (watersheds) in the contiguous United States. This first stage universe of GS cataloging units was stratified to ensure a representative distribution of the sample with the following stratification variables:

- . Large river systems, such as the lower Mississippi and lower Missouri River main stems;
- . Presence or absence of one or more cities of 100,000 population or more;
- . Dry or humid ecoregion;
- . Percentage of total area in irrigated cropland;
- . Percentage of total area in non-irrigated cropland; and
- . Percentage of total area in rangeland.

A sample of 302 cataloging units was selected from the 14 strata with probability proportional to size (total miles of water contained within the unit) and with minimum replacement. Figure 1 shows the distribution of these 302 cataloging units.

The RRF was expanded for these 302 cataloging units to include all reaches depicted on the GS 1:500,000 scale Hydrologic Unit Series maps. It was recognized that the use of such a large scale map could potentially omit

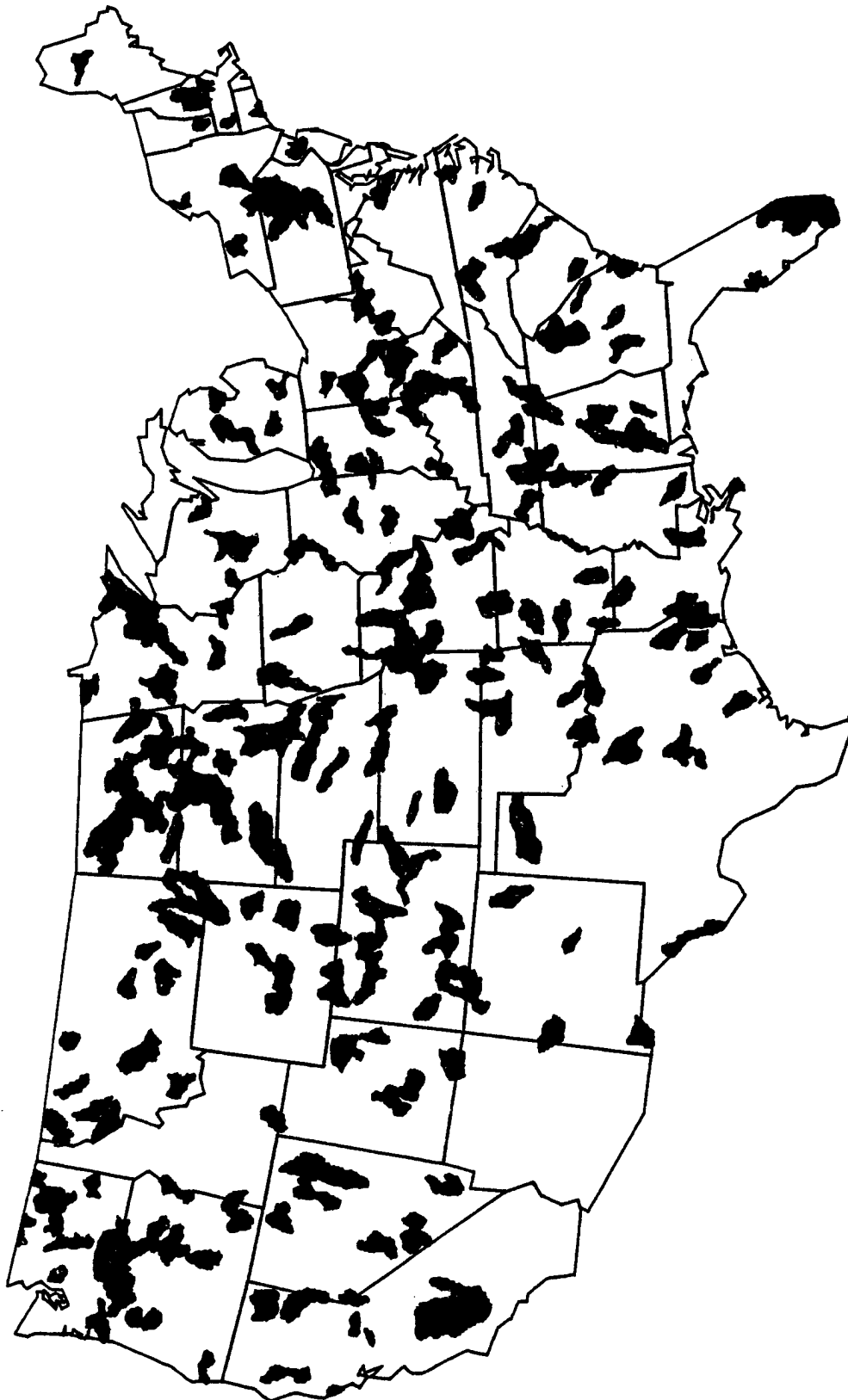


Figure 1. Distribution of cataloging units used in the National Fisheries Survey.

small perennial streams that may contain aquatic life. In order to estimate the percentages and types of streams that could be omitted, Keup (N.D.) compared the results of using 1:62,500 and 1:500,000 scale maps to estimate total stream lengths and volumes. Keup estimated that the 1:500,000 scale maps include between 65% and 75% of the Nation's river surface acres and between 96% and 98% of the total river volume. Because volume is closely associated with available fish habitat, using the RRF at the 1:500,000 scale was not considered to impose an important limitation on the Survey results. This is especially true for a Nationwide assessment.

The second stage of the sample design selected reaches from the first stage sample, again with probability proportional to their size and with minimum replacement. A total of 1,303 reaches were selected, each with a known probability of selection. These reaches represented the ultimate sample of reaches for the Survey.

The Survey questionnaire was based on the results of the pilot test and on input from a committee of biologists, survey statisticians, and questionnaire design experts.

The fish community was selected as the best indicator of biological conditions. Several quantitative measures of the fish community were considered but not used because, based on the vast differences in the fish community Nationwide and the lack of existing data, no one indicator would have resulted in acceptable estimates of the status of the Nation's waters with respect to their ability to support fish.

The final questionnaire (Appendix A) was a mix of questions that closely addressed the objectives of the Survey. The shortened version used in the Survey minimized the burden on the respondents and could be completed with existing information. These two factors were critical to ensuring a high response rate. The Survey questionnaire was also designed to lead each respondent through the questions in such a way that all information necessary to evaluate the conditions within a reach were adequately addressed prior to the actual evaluation of overall condition. The Survey questionnaire was approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paper Work Reduction Act (OMB Number 2000-0410).

## THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

To assist the reader in following the results, discussions, and conclusions presented in this report, a brief description of each question is presented.

Question 1 requested detailed information on all fish species present, their classes, the life stages that used the reach, their abundance and occurrence in the reach, whether or not they were stocked, and the frequency of stocking.

Question 2 requested information on whether or not the reach and/or surrounding cataloging unit had been sampled qualitatively and quantitatively and the dates of sampling.

Question 3 requested information on whether or not the reach contained water usable as habitat by fish in a normal water year. If it did not contain water all year, the biologist was asked to indicate the months that water was available.

Question 4 requested if the use, survival, or productivity of the fish community was adversely affected by man-caused or natural factors. It also requested information on the limiting factor(s) and associated source(s) that were thought to adversely affect the fish community in the reach. Four general response categories were included: water quality, water quantity, usable habitat, and problems in the fish community. Several limiting factors and sources were listed for each category. If a factor was checked, the biologist was asked to indicate whether it was a major or a minor concern.

Questions 5 through 9 requested the biologist to rate the reach with respect to its ability to support sport fish and species of special concern. These ratings were on a scale from 0 to 5. Zero represented a reach that would not support any fish. A rating of 5 indicated that the reach had maximum ability to support a community of sport fish or species of special concern.

Question 5 requested a rating of the reach at the present time. Question 6 involved ranking of the reach as it was 5 years ago. Questions 7 and 8 requested the respondent to speculate on future conditions in the reach. Question 7 involved a projection of how the reach would be in 5 years if present trends continued. Question 8 involved a projection of how the reach would rank in 5 years if any man-caused limiting factors were controlled. Question 9 asked for a ranking, on the same scale, of the reach in the same or adjacent cataloging unit or watershed that had the greatest ability to support sport fish. Data from Question 9 were not used in the analysis because the biologist's choice was not restricted to the same cataloging unit as the selected reach. Because of the large possible selection of cataloging units adjacent to the selected reach, inconsistencies in responses were noted and any comparative value of the responses was lost. Also, response to this question was below that which was necessary to derive informative estimates.

The analyses of the response to each of the questions asked by the Survey, excluding Question 9, are presented in Chapter 3.

## SURVEY IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of the Survey was dependent on cooperation between the FWS and State fishery management agencies (Appendix B). Care was taken to ensure that as many questionnaires as possible were returned and that questions concerning the Survey were responded to in a similar manner. For a complete description of the Survey protocol, see National Fisheries Survey Volume III: Survey protocol (Judy and Seeley 1984).

Returned questionnaires were edited as described in Volume III. The edited questionnaires were transmitted to the FWS, Western Energy and Land Use Team (WELUT) where the responses to each question were entered into a computer. A copy of the master data tape was sent to the EPA, Washington, DC

for data analysis. A List of Common and Scientific Names of Fishes from the United States and Canada (American Fisheries Society 1980) was used to standardize all fish species names. The list of fish species occurring in reaches sampled by the Survey is included in Appendix C.

## DATA ANALYSIS

All data analysis was provided by the EPA and its contractors. Responses to each question were weighted according to the sample weights determined by the sampling design used in sample selection. Some modification of the sampling weights was undertaken to compensate for missing data. The methods used to analyze the data are described in Volume II of the National Fisheries Survey (Glauz 1984). Estimates are presented in this report as the percentage of stream miles nationally.

Two types of data analyses were completed. The first analysis estimated the occurrence of each parameter of interest in all waters -- perennial and intermittent. The second analysis focused on streams that were perennial. These two analyses provided for the determination of conditions on an "all streams" basis and for "perennial streams" only. Thus, comparisons could be made between "all streams" and streams that would be more likely to contain fish communities.

The data analysis provided estimates of the extent of a given area of interest with respect to the overall length of streams. They did not test for direct cause and effect relationships. The statistical tables generated during the data analyses are included in Appendix D.

### CHAPTER 3. RESULTS

Results are presented as estimates of the percent of total miles of streams in the Nation that possess a given characteristic. Although the term "stream miles" is used here for convenience, these mileages include sections of impoundments, ditches, and canals as well as streams and rivers. Perennial streams were described separately for some questions. The total estimated number of stream miles was used as the denominator in all calculations. Therefore, the estimated results for both "all" and "perennial" streams are a percentage of all streams in the Nation. The estimates of the occurrence of each characteristic include the confidence interval in miles, based on the sampling error in the estimate and the bias potential due to missing data. Because of category overlap and missing data, percentages do not necessarily total 100 percent in all cases.

The following facts should be remembered as the results are reviewed:

- The Survey results are presented as National level estimates and no State-by-State comparisons can be made.
- The Survey results are based only on the Nation's flowing waters and associated impoundments. The Great Lakes, estuaries, coastal waters, and wetlands were not included.
- The respondents were experienced fishery biologists.
- The focus of the Survey was the fish community and associated habitat.
- The Survey results must be evaluated within the context of the questionnaire.
- The Survey results are preliminary. Further analyses of these data are necessary to establish definitive relationships between reach characteristics.

An assessment of the fisheries information collected in the sample shows that 40.0% of the reaches were themselves quantitatively or qualitatively sampled. Where sampling had not occurred specifically in the reach, it did occur in the surrounding cataloging unit for another 33.0% of the reaches. In many cases, these reaches were adjacent to the selected reach segment. The characteristics of these reaches were believed applicable to the selected reach by the questionnaire respondents because of the similarity between fish species and habitat conditions. In the few cases where the respondent had

reservations about applying results from a similar reach in the cataloging unit to the selected reach, surveys were sometimes conducted to determine the biological condition and limiting factors. In total, fish community and limiting factor data had been collected on 73.0% of the selected reaches.

The remaining reaches were not sampled for fish community data, and data on similar reaches in the same cataloging unit were not available. It appears that the lack of data for these reaches corresponds to the fact that they are intermittent streams; State agencies responsible for fisheries management usually focus their resources on perennial streams.

The Survey questionnaire contained three questions related to the respondent's experience. The average fisheries experience of the respondents was 14 years, with a range from 2 to 34 years (Figure 2). Years in the current position ranged from 2 to 32, with an average of 8 years (Figure 3). Experience with streams in the selected cataloging units or watersheds ranged from 2 to 34 years, with an average of 9 years (Figure 4). These overall levels of experience indicate the high level of knowledge of the State respondents and greatly increased the validity of their responses.

#### QUESTION 1 - THE NATION'S FISH COMMUNITIES

Each respondent was requested to provide information on several aspects of the fish community. This information was used to evaluate the National distribution of fish species, the predominant fish classes (i.e., sport and nonsport), the abundance of fish, and whether or not stocking of the species is occurring on a major scale. The results for Question 1 are discussed based on these subdivisions.

##### Fish Species Present

Each respondent was requested to provide detailed information on the fish community present in the sample reach. National estimates were calculated for only the 10 most prevalent species for sport and nonsport fish (Table 1). Sport fish were defined as any fish with a legal limit (numbers, weight, or volume) set by the States. A complete list of the 425 fish species recorded present in the selected reaches is included with this report as Appendix C.

Results of the Survey, as shown in Table 1, indicate that the largemouth bass (Micropterus salmoides) and the rainbow trout (including steelhead) (Salmo gairdneri) are the most prevalent sport fish. Largemouth bass are estimated to be present in 27.3% of the Nation's waters while rainbow trout are present in 22.1%. Other prevalent sport fish species, in descending order of abundance, are bluegill (Lepomis macrochirus), channel catfish (Ictalurus punctatus), smallmouth bass (Micropterus dolomieu), green sunfish (Lepomis cyanellus), brook trout (Salvelinus fontinalis), black crappie (Pomoxis nigromaculatus), spotted bass (Micropterus punctulatus), and rock bass (Ambloplites rupestris).

The most prevalent nonsport fish species are the common carp (Cyprinus carpio) and the creek chub (Semotilus atromaculatus), which are present in 19.4% and 18.3% of the Nation's waters, respectively. Other prevalent nonsport fishes include the white sucker (Catostomus commersoni), gizzard shad



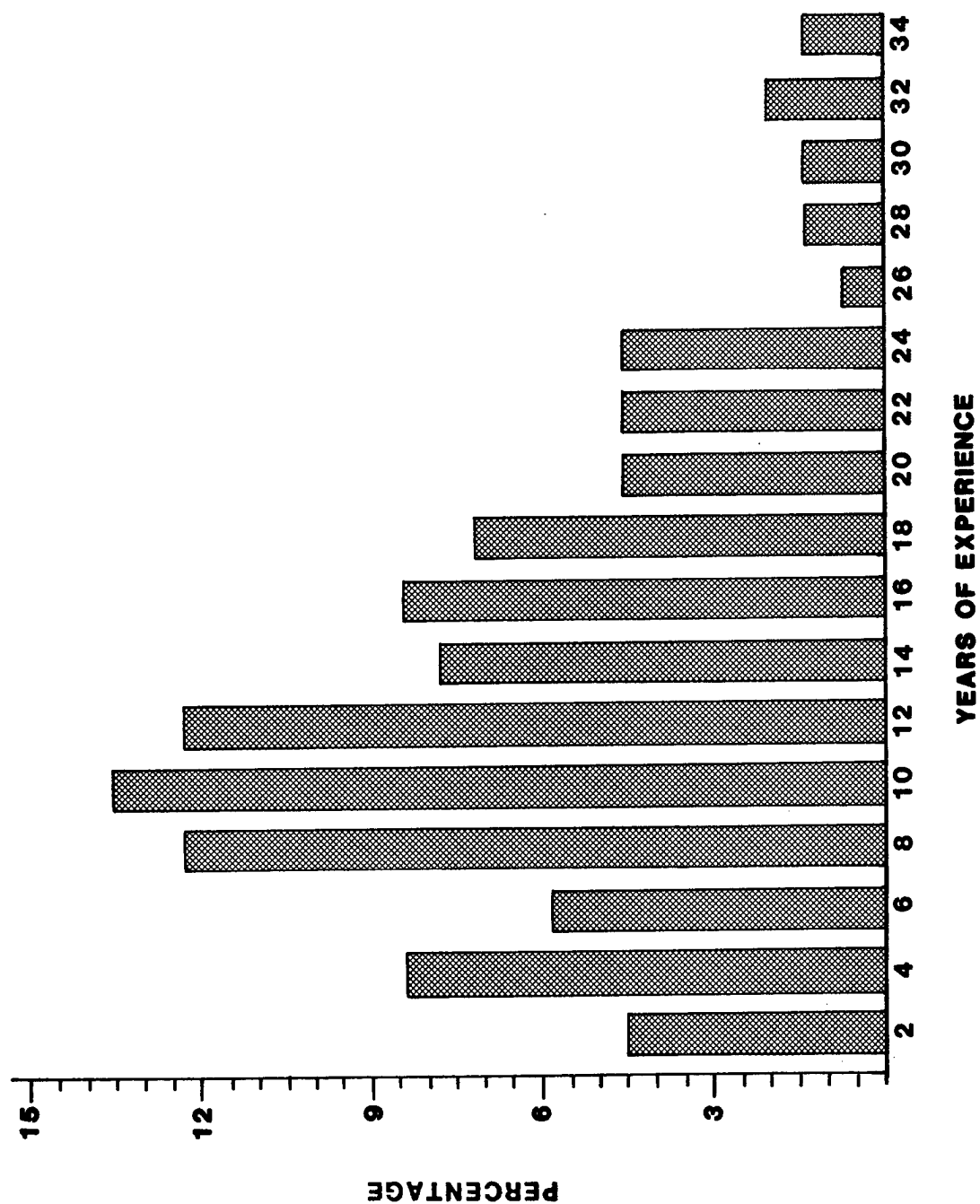


Figure 2. Years of experience of fishery biologists participating in the National Fisheries Survey.

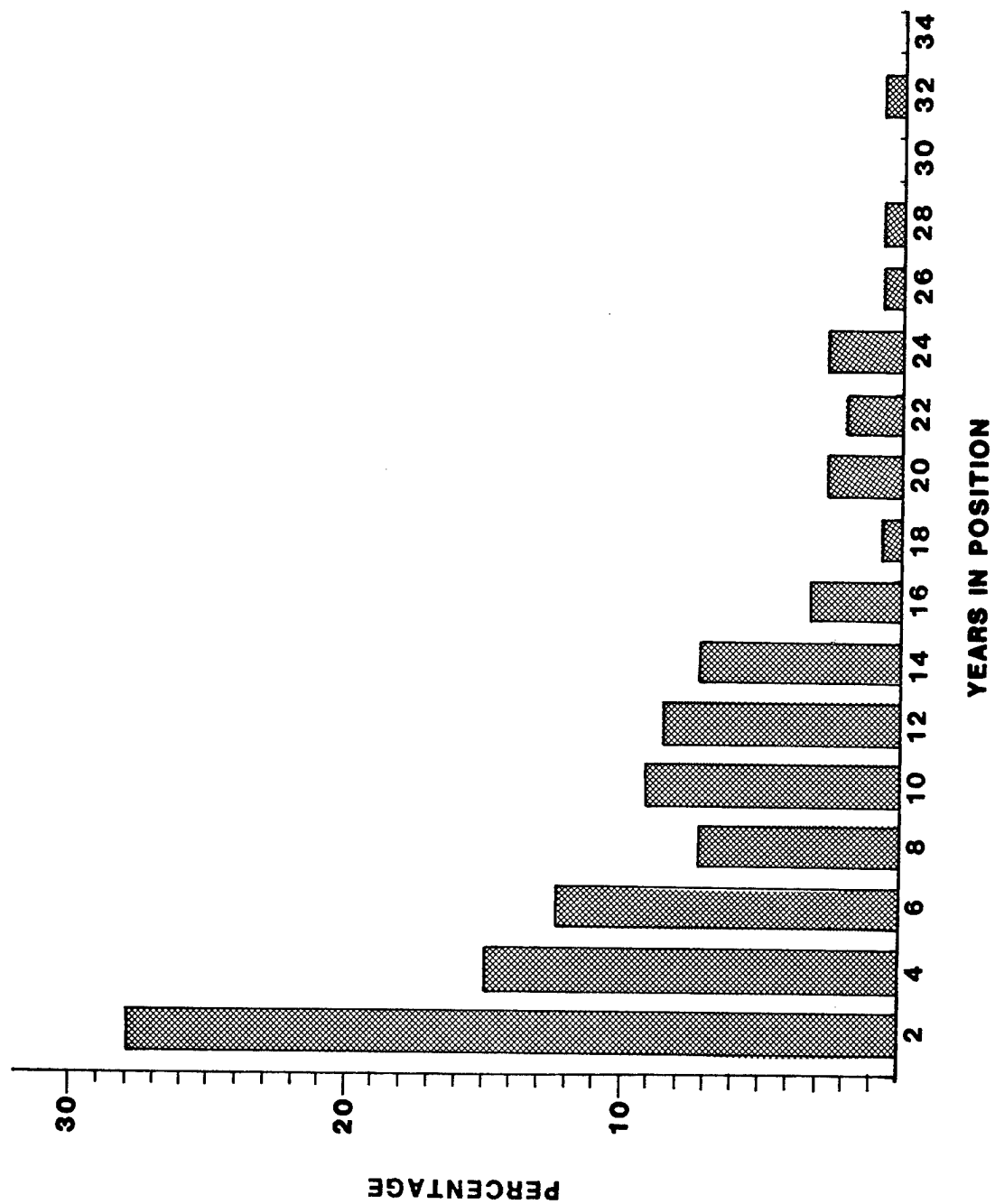


Figure 3. Years of experience in present position of fishery biologists participating in the National Fisheries Survey.

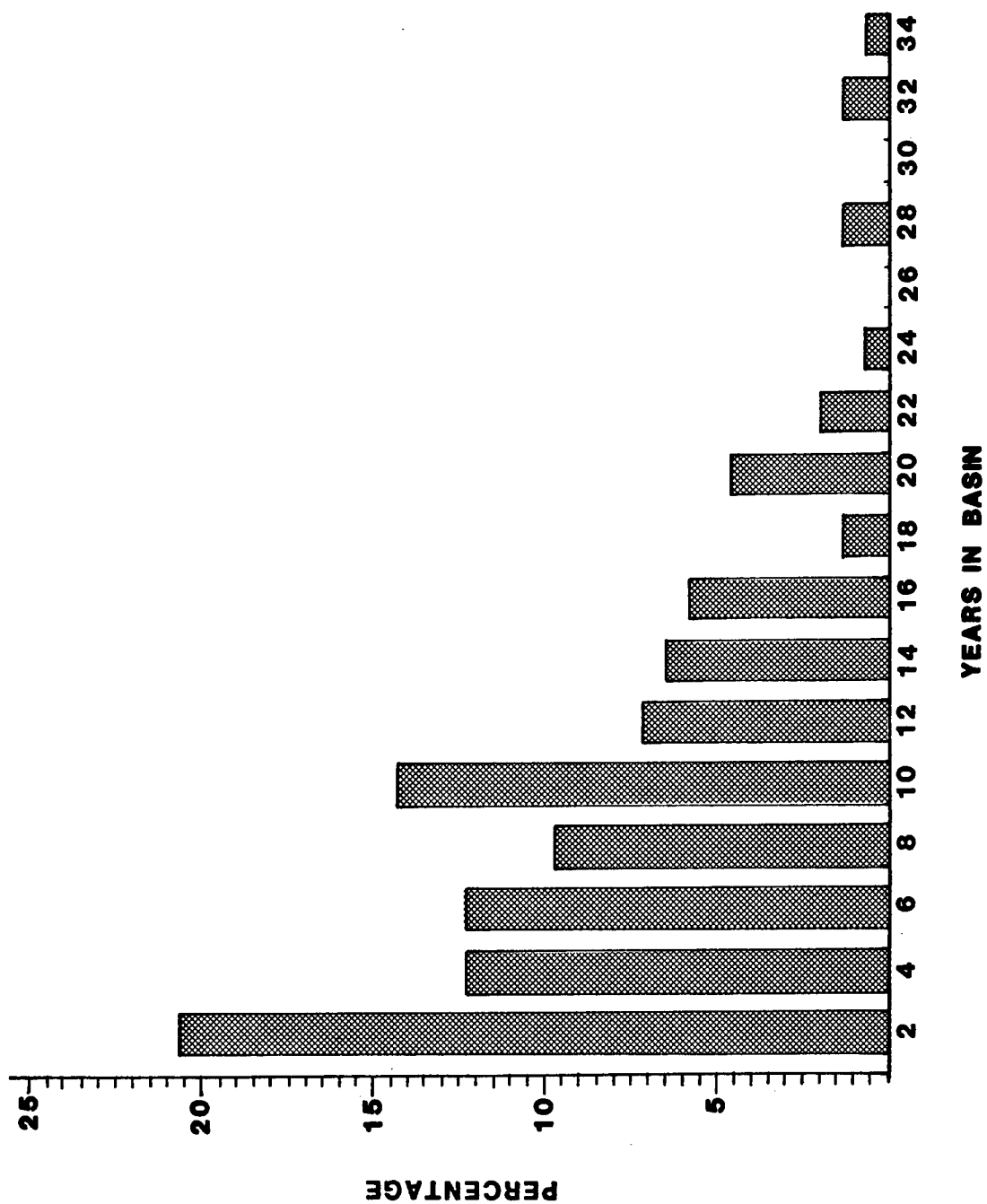


Figure 4. Years of experience in the selected river basins of fisheries biologists participating in the National Fisheries Survey.

Table 1. Ten most prevalent sport<sup>a</sup> and nonsport fish species occurring in the Nation's waters.

Species	Streams	
	Miles	Percentage <sup>b</sup>
Largemouth bass	263,859	27.3
Rainbow trout	213,461	22.1
Bluegill	188,495	19.5
Channel catfish	148,343	15.4
Smallmouth bass	142,142	14.7
Green sunfish	126,074	13.1
Brook trout	103,507	10.7
Black crappie	98,190	10.2
Spotted bass	98,129	10.2
Rock bass	94,682	9.8
Nonsport Fish Species		
Common carp	187,417	19.4
Creek chub	176,709	18.3
White sucker	166,823	17.3
Gizzard shad	131,730	13.6
Bluntnose minnow	126,665	13.1
Stone roller	122,337	12.7
Green sunfish	115,234	11.9
Common shiner	112,112	11.6
Fathead minnow	110,531	11.4
Golden shiner	106,602	11.0

<sup>a</sup>Additional statistics are presented in Appendix D, Table D-1a and b.

<sup>b</sup>Occurrences were not estimated separately for perennial streams.

(Dorosoma cepedianum), bluntnose minnow (Pimephales notatus), stoneroller (Campostoma anomalum), green sunfish (Lepomis cyanellus), common shiner (Notropis cornutus), fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas) and golden shiner (Notemigonus crysoleucas). The green sunfish is considered to be both a sport and nonsport fish species under the Survey definition and, therefore, occurs in both the sport and nonsport fish species lists.

### Fish Classes Present

Respondents were requested to list each fish species present and whether they were considered as sport, sport anadromous, commercial, nonsport, nonsport anadromous, nonsport endangered/threatened, or nonsport species of special concern (Table 2).

The results of the analysis of fish class distribution for "all streams" indicate that sport fish species are present in 72.6% of the Nation's waters, with anadromous sport species (such as salmon) present in 10.6%. Commercial species are found in 16.9% of "all streams." Commercial species can include both sport and nonsport fishes under the Survey definition because many states allow commercial fishing (i.e., fishing for profit) for both types of fish.

Nonsport fish species are estimated to occur in 68.1% of the Nation's waters. Nonsport anadromous species (e.g., shad) are present in approximately 2.1% of the streams, indicating that nonsport anadromous species are not widely distributed. Threatened and endangered species and species designated by the State as being of special concern are present in 0.8% and 2.4% of "all stream" miles, respectively. It should be noted that endangered and threatened species in this Survey included only species listed by the FWS under the Endangered Species Act. States are not responsible for sampling Federally-listed endangered species. State-designated threatened and endangered species, if different from the Federal species, are grouped as species of special concern. It was assumed, prior to the Survey, that these species would be nonsport fish under the Survey definition. However, many of the salmonid or trout species of State concern in the western United States are also sport fish. For example, Colorado River basin States classify the Colorado River cutthroat trout (Salmo clarki pleuriticus) as both a game fish and a threatened species.

Twenty-one percent of "all streams" are classified as containing "no fish." The category "no fish" is rarely found in perennial streams (1.9%). The difference in the "no fish" distribution is due largely to the lack of water in intermittent streams. Data for "perennial streams" show a similar distribution of fish classes as "all streams," except for the "sport fish" and "no fish" categories. "Sport fish" occur in 65.9% of "perennial streams" miles, a difference of approximately 7.0% from the "all streams" value.

### Reach Use by Fish Class and Activity

Species are not reported individually with respect to reach use in this report. Rather, they are segregated by the major fish classes of sport and

Table 2. Occurrence of fish by class in the Nation's waters.<sup>a</sup>

<u>Fish Class</u>	<u>All Streams</u>		<u>Perennial Streams</u>	
	<u>Stream Miles</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Stream Miles</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Sport Fish	701,780	72.6	636,260	65.9
Anadromous sport fish	102,145	10.6	100,216	10.4
Commercial fish	163,005	16.9	153,377	15.9
Nonsport fish	657,606	68.1	582,895	60.3
Anadromous nonsport fish	20,198	2.1	19,540	2.0
Threatened/Endangered fish	7,720	0.8	7,720	0.8
Species of special concern	23,204	2.4	21,450	2.2
No fish	204,074	21.1	18,298	1.9

<sup>a</sup> Complete Statistics are provided in Appendix D, Table D-2a and b.

nonsport (Table 3). No separate analysis of "perennial streams" was conducted for this category. Use, in this context, refers to biological activity such as the following:

- . Year-round resident. A fish species that lives and reproduces in the reach for the entire year.
- . Spawns elsewhere. A fish species that lives in the reach but leaves the reach for the purpose of spawning.
- . Spawning and hatching. A fish species that lays eggs in the reach. The rest of the life cycle is completed elsewhere.
- . Nursery. A fish species that uses the reach as an area for rearing its young.
- . Migration route. The fish species uses the reach as a corridor to another area for the purpose of spawning or other life cycle stages.
- . Overwintering. The reach is used by the fish species as a wintering area.

Table 3. Estimates of reach use by fish class<sup>a</sup>.

Reach Use	Stream	
	Miles	Percentage <sup>b</sup>
<b>Sport Fish</b>		
Year-round resident	633,635	65.6
Spawns elsewhere	96,413	10.0
Spawning/hatching	657,376	68.0
Nursery	653,968	67.7
Migration route	115,184	11.9
Overwintering	640,921	66.3
<b>Nonsport Fish</b>		
Year-round resident	600,946	62.3
Spawns elsewhere	65,553	6.8
Spawning/hatching	616,794	64.0
Nursery	611,247	63.4
Migration route	37,956	3.9
Overwintering	602,539	62.5

<sup>a</sup> Additional statistics are presented in Appendix D, Table D-3a.

<sup>b</sup> Data for "perennial streams" were not analyzed.

In general, reach use by year-round sport and nonsport fish classes is approximately equal to or less than the values for fish class distribution. Sport fish occur year-round in 65.6% of the Nation's waters. This value is exceeded by the number of miles used for spawning and hatching (68.0%) and as overwintering habitat (66.3%).

Nonsport fish are year-round residents in approximately 62.3% of "all streams." Spawning/hatching and nursery areas are represented by 64.0% and 63.4% of all miles, respectively. Nonsport fish overwinter in approximately the same number of miles of streams (62.5%) as nonsport year-round residents (62.3%).

### Fish Class Abundance

The abundance of sport and nonsport fish was analyzed both for "all streams" and for "perennial streams" (Table 4). No single quantifiable description of abundance was possible because of the variability that exists in different types of streams in different parts of the Nation and in the types of data collected by each State (Olson and Nystrom 1982). Subjective descriptors of abundance included abundant, common, uncommon, rare, expected, and unknown.

Table 4. National estimates of fish class abundance for "all streams" and "perennial streams"<sup>a</sup>.

Fish Class Abundance	All Streams		Perennial Streams	
	Stream Miles	Percentage	Stream Miles	Percentage
Sport Fish				
Abundant	221,694	23.0	208,263	21.6
Common	391,757	40.6	354,024	36.7
Uncommon	52,582	5.5	45,118	4.7
Rare	12,228	1.3	10,196	1.1
Expected	65,619	6.8	59,984	6.2
Nonsport Fish				
Abundant	334,700	35.1	306,363	32.2
Common	303,713	31.9	270,771	28.4
Uncommon	22,344	2.3	13,874	1.5
Rare	4,727	0.5	3,758	0.4
Expected	60,414	6.3	53,286	5.6

<sup>a</sup>See Appendix D, Tables D-4a and b for additional statistics on these fish class abundances.

In "all streams," sport fish are abundant in 23.0% of the stream miles and common in 40.6%. Therefore, 63.6% of the Nation's waters are suitable as sport fish habitat. Waters in which sport fish are uncommon or rare are 5.5% and 1.3%, respectively. The respondents expect sport fish species in an additional 6.8% of "all streams."



Nonsport fish in "all streams" are estimated as abundant in 35.1% of the stream miles, common in 31.9%, uncommon in 2.3%, rare in 0.5%, and expected in 6.3%.

"Perennial streams" exhibit similar fish use characteristics as do "all streams," although all values for occurrence and percentages are slightly less. These data suggest that none of the fish classes occur in intermittent streams to any great degree.

#### Percentage of the Reach that Supports Fish

The analysis of the percentage of the reach that supports fish focused entirely on sport and nonsport classes of fish (Table 5). These results indicate that if fish are present they generally occur in 100% of the reach. Additionally, these results strongly suggest that river reaches are good sampling units regarding the fish community. In the analysis, "all streams" have a greater percentage of streams not supporting fish than do "perennial streams," which may be due to the influence of considering intermittent streams.

Table 5. Estimates of the percentage of each reach that supports sport and nonsport fish classes<sup>a</sup>

	<u>Percentage of Reach that Supports Fish</u>				
	0	1-24	25-49	50-74	75-100
<b>All Streams</b>					
Total Sport Fish (percent)	35.4	3.3	3.8	9.9	47.6
Total Nonsport Fish (percent)	36.0	1.6	1.9	7.6	53.0
<b>Perennial Streams</b>					
Total Sport Fish (percent)	13.3	2.1	3.5	8.5	44.9
Total Nonsport Fish (percent)	12.5	0.9	1.0	6.6	48.9

<sup>a</sup>For additional statistics on estimated percentages, see Appendix D, Tables D-5a and b.

#### Fish Stocking

Each respondent was requested to provide information on whether or not the species listed are stocked and, if so, the life stage stocked and frequency of stocking. Stocking has often been used as a management tool to provide sufficient numbers of fish for harvest by both commercial and sport fishing interests. It was assumed that, except for experimental programs, stocking was directed at sport fish species (Table 6).

Table 6. National estimates of fish stocking programs for all streams<sup>a</sup>.

Life Stage Stocked	Stream Miles	Percentage
All Streams		
Sport Fish		
Eyed eggs	0.0	0.0
Larvae	786	0.08
Fingerlings	78,596	8.1
Subcatchables	15,424	1.6
Catchables	65,186	6.8
More than one life stage	19,520	2.0
Nonsport Fish	0.0	0.0
Perennial Streams		
Sport Fish		
Eyed eggs	0.0	0.0
Larvae	786	0.08
Fingerlings	73,978	7.7
Subcatchables	15,424	1.6
Catchables	64,235	6.7
More than one life stage	19,520	2.0
Nonsport Fish	0.0	0.0

<sup>1</sup>Complete Statistics are given in Appendix D, Table D-6a and b.

Data indicate that present stocking programs rely heavily on fingerling and catchable-size fish. Eight percent of "all streams" and 7.7% of "perennial streams" are stocked with fingerlings. Seven percent of "all streams" and 6.7% of "perennial streams" are stocked with catchable-size fish. All other life stages stocked are less than 2.0%. No major differences in life stage of fish stocked exist between "all streams" and "perennial streams."

Stocking frequencies were divided into three categories: (1) less than once annually; (2) annually; and (3) more than once annually (Table 7). For those waters that are stocked, stocking rarely occurs more frequently than once annually.

Table 7. National estimates of frequency of stocking for maintenance of sport fish species<sup>a</sup>.

Stocking Frequency	Stream Miles	Percentage
All Streams		
Sport Fish		
Less than once annually	64,906	6.7
Annually	71,798	7.4
More than once annually	30,040	3.1
Nonsport Fish	0	0.0
Perennial Streams		
Sport Fish		
Less than once annually	63,342	6.6
Annually	68,014	7.0
More than once annually	29,089	3.0
Nonsport Fish	0	0.0

<sup>a</sup> Additional statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D-6a and b.

## QUESTION 2 - FISH COMMUNITY SAMPLING EFFORTS

No comparisons were made between quantitative and qualitative fish sampling in "all streams" and "perennial streams." The sampling effort appears to have been approximately equal between quantitative and qualitative methods. Thirty-one percent and 24.6% of the Nation's waters were sampled quantitatively or qualitatively for fish, respectively. Twenty-eight percent had definitely been qualitatively sampled for fish, while 2.9% were thought to have been qualitatively sampled. Respondents reported reaches to be definitely sampled if records existed, and thought to have been sampled if they were part of a river system that had been sampled for fish. Because some of the reaches were sampled by both quantitative and qualitative methods, the total percentage of reaches sampled for fish is approximately 40%.

### QUESTION 3 - WATER AS USABLE FISH HABITAT

A determinant of the distribution of fish species is the amount and quality of usable stream habitat. A major component of fish habitat is stream flow (Tennant 1975). Each respondent was asked to indicate the months that the reach had water usable as fish habitat during a normal water year (Figure 5).

Sixty-nine percent of "all streams" contain year-round fish habitat. Streams with no usable habitat during the entire year account for 14.1%. The remainder are waters suitable as habitat during part of the year, with the majority having water during March, April, May, and June, probably the result of spring rains and snowmelt.

### QUESTION 4 - FACTORS AND SOURCES ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE FISH COMMUNITY

Each respondent was asked to indicate whether or not the survival, productivity, or use of the reach by the fish community was adversely affected by natural or man-caused conditions. These conditions were grouped into four general categories: water quality, water quantity, usable habitat, and the fish community (Table 8). A list of limiting factors for each category was included. The respondent was also requested to indicate whether the appropriate limiting factors were of major or minor concern.

Table 8. Estimated distribution of major classes of problems adversely affecting fish in the Nation's waters<sup>a</sup>.

Class	All Streams		Perennial Streams	
	Stream Miles	Percentage	Stream Miles	Percentage
Water Quality	535,084	56.0	433,987	45.4
Water Quantity	649,102	68.0	387,874	40.6
Usable Habitat	464,885	48.7	387,024	40.5
Fish Community	309,630	32.4	261,018	27.3
Total Adversely				
Affected	773,330	81.0	508,332	53.3
No Adverse				
Effects	180,327	18.9	157,831	16.5

<sup>a</sup>Additional statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D-7a and b.

It is estimated that 81.0% of the Nation's waters have fish communities that are adversely affected by a variety of factors. These include water quality in 56.0%, water quantity in 68.0%, usable fish habitat in 48.7%, and problems in the fish community in 32.4% of the Nation's waters.

Data indicate that a smaller number of "perennial stream" miles are adversely affected by all problem categories than are "all stream" miles. The major differences between "perennial streams" and "all streams" are in the miles affected by water quality and quantity problems. These differences are generally attributable to low water flow in intermittent streams.

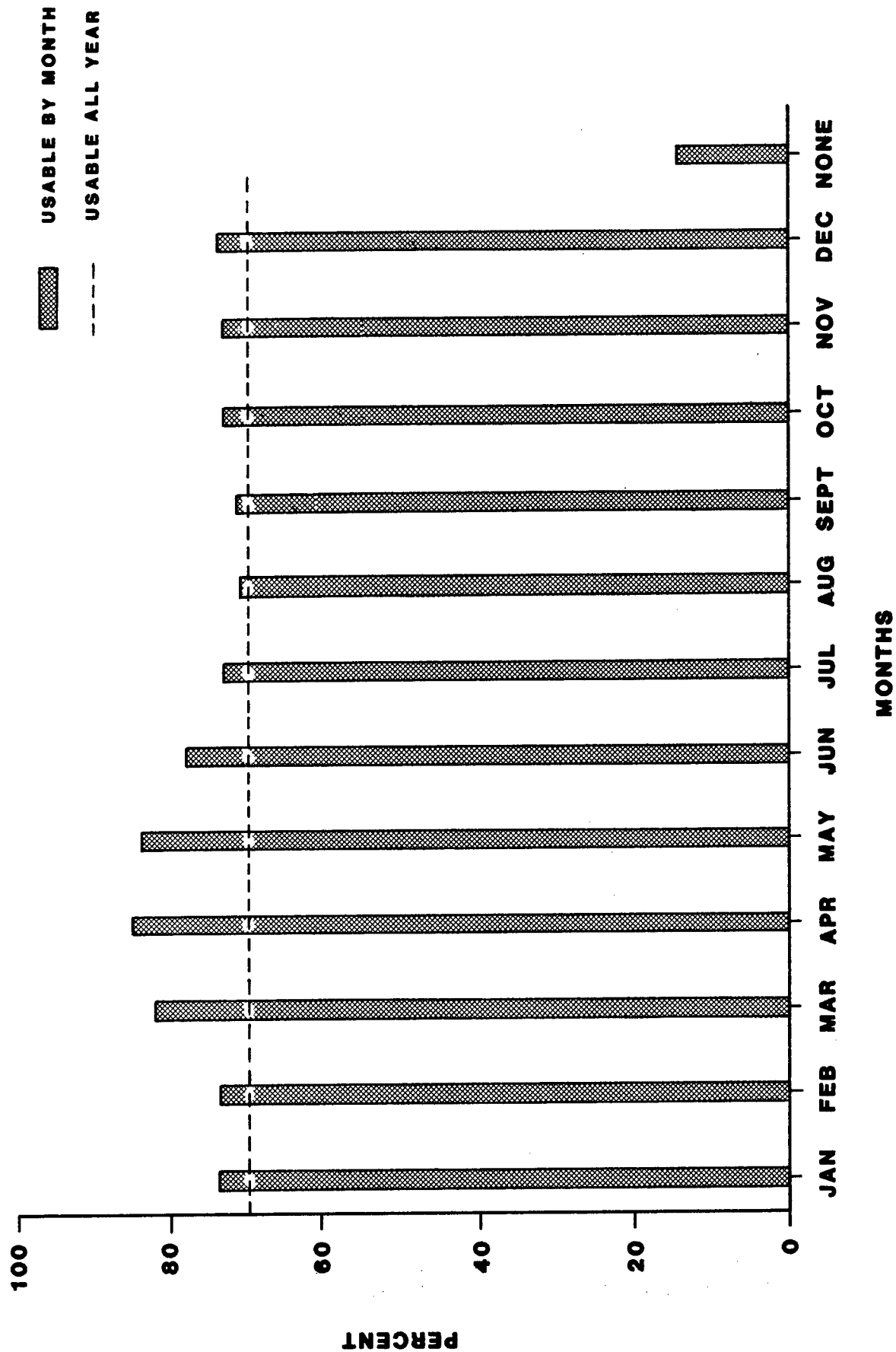


Figure 5. Months of usable habitat.

Because many intermittent streams had not been sampled, the respondents were asked whether or not they definitely knew a problem existed or if the problems were suspected. Results of this analysis show that, in all cases, problems that were definitely known to exist affect a larger percentage of stream miles than those suspected in both "all streams" and "perennial streams" (Table 9).

Table 9. Estimates of the respondents' confidence of the occurrence of major problem classes as percentages of the total stream miles<sup>a</sup>.

Class	All Streams Percentage	Perennial Streams Percentage
Water Quality (Definitely)	34.4	26.3
Water Quality (Suspected)	21.6	19.1
Water Quantity (Definitely)	49.2	26.0
Water Quantity (Suspected)	18.8	14.6
Usable Habitat (Definitely)	30.3	24.3
Usable Habitat (Suspected)	18.4	16.2
Fish Community (Definitely)	21.1	17.3
Fish Community (Suspected)	11.3	10.0

<sup>a</sup> Additional statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D-7a and b. The percentages presented in Tables D-7a and b represent the additive total for each class.

#### Water Quality Factors

Respondents were asked to provide information on water quality factors and sources that adversely affect fish communities (Table 10 and Figure 6). Limiting factors were ranked in order from highest to lowest number of stream miles affected and as a percentage of both "all streams" and "perennial streams."

High turbidity conditions occur in 34.4% of "all streams" and 29.0% of "perennial streams." High turbidity (high suspended solids) directly affects fish survival by clogging gill membranes and indirectly affects survival by smothering fish eggs and covering spawning areas. High turbidity can result in increased water temperature, resulting in decreased levels of dissolved oxygen (Hynes 1970).

High water temperatures occur in 26.2% of "all streams" and 19.1% of "perennial streams." High water temperature can affect both cold-water and warm-water fish species. The generally accepted upper limit for cold-water species, most notably trout, is 20°C, while the upper limit for most warm-water species ranges from 30°C to 35°C (U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 1976). These upper limits are extremes and are for the most part higher than those needed for optimum growth (U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 1976).

Nutrient surpluses occur in 12.5% of "all streams" and 11.3% of "perennial streams." Nutrient surpluses can adversely affect water quality by contributing to excessive growths of algae and aquatic plants. While these

Table 10. Water quality factors affecting the Nation's fisheries<sup>a</sup>.

Factor	Stream Miles	Percentage
All Streams		
Turbidity	328,261	34.4
High water temperature	250,187	26.2
Nutrient surplus	119,519	12.5
Toxic substances	93,602	9.8
Dissolved oxygen problem	91,022	9.5
Nutrient deficiency	40,603	4.3
Low water temperature	29,877	3.1
Other	26,685	2.8
pH too acidic	24,793	2.6
Low flow	24,364	2.6
Salinity	17,217	1.8
Sedimentation <sup>b</sup>	14,378	1.5
Siltation	9,644	1.0
Gas supersaturation	5,500	0.6
Intermittent water	4,839	0.5
Herbicides and pesticides <sup>b</sup>	4,356	0.5
pH too basic <sup>b</sup>	3,998	0.4
Channelization <sup>b</sup>	2,937	0.3
Perennial Streams		
Turbidity	276,943	29.0
High water temperature	187,251	19.1
Nutrient surplus	107,434	11.3
Toxic substances	86,549	9.1
Dissolved oxygen problem	75,368	7.9
Nutrient deficiency	37,126	3.9
Low water temperature	27,710	2.9
pH too acidic	23,502	2.5
Other	23,211	2.4
Salinity	14,571	1.5
Sedimentation <sup>b</sup>	14,378	1.5
Siltation	7,889	0.8
Low flow	7,079	0.7
Gas supersaturation	5,500	0.6
Herbicides and pesticides <sup>b</sup>	4,356	0.5
pH too basic <sup>b</sup>	2,475	0.3
Channelization <sup>b</sup>	1,701	0.2
Intermittent water <sup>b</sup>	0	0.0

<sup>a</sup>Additional statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D 8a and b.

<sup>b</sup>These additional categories were developed from clarification by the respondent under the "other" category.

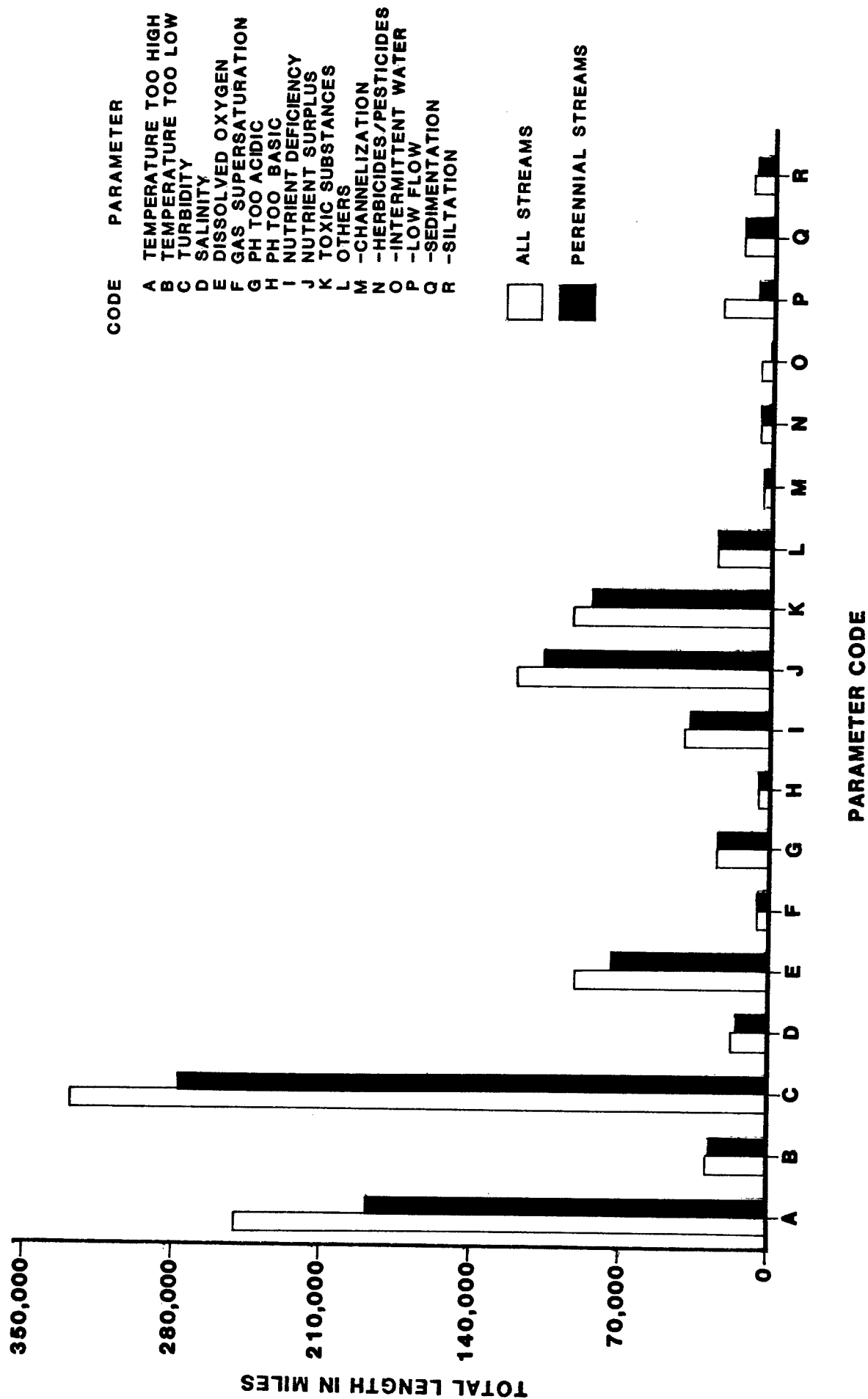


Figure 6. Water quality factors adversely affecting fish communities in the Nation's waters.



organisms themselves may not be detrimental, the increased consumption of dissolved oxygen (DO) during nighttime respiration, coupled with a concurrent decrease in photosynthesis, can greatly reduce the DO available to fish (Hynes 1970). Nutrients in flowing waters that enter natural lakes or impoundments can cause adverse changes in water quality, termed "cultural eutrophication," that result in the accelerated aging of a standing water body.

Toxic substances occur in 9.8% of "all streams" and 9.1% of "perennial streams." Toxic substances affect fish directly by causing death and indirectly by interference with life functions such as reproduction and growth (U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 1976). Toxic substances include heavy metals, such as zinc and mercury, and organic compounds.

Dissolved oxygen problems occur in 9.5% of "all streams" and 7.9% of "perennial streams." Adequate concentrations of dissolved oxygen are important to fish respiration. Dissolved oxygen problems can result from excessive turbidity, high water temperatures, aquatic plant blooms, or decaying organic matter.

Other limiting factors reported, such as nutrient deficiency, low pH, salinity, and gas supersaturation, each occur in less than 5% of "all streams."

Limiting factors are approximately evenly divided between being considered a major and minor concern for both "all streams" and "perennial streams." Turbidity is a major concern in 16.9% and a minor concern in 17.3% of "all streams." High temperatures are a major problem in 13.7% of "all streams" and a minor problem in 12.4%. Toxic substances are a major concern in 3.6% and a minor concern in 6.2% of "all streams." Nutrient surpluses and dissolved oxygen are also relatively equally divided between major and minor concerns. "Perennial streams" reflect the same trend in distribution of concerns between major and minor for all of these limiting factors.

#### Sources Associated with Water Quality Factors

Probable sources of adverse water quality factors include a wide variety of point and nonpoint sources. Point sources are defined as originating from a pipe or conduit. Nonpoint sources are all diffuse sources, such as runoff from urban, agricultural, and natural areas. Identified pollution sources were ranked in descending order of frequency by stream miles and by the percentage of all streams affected (Table 11 and Figure 7).

The total nonpoint source contribution accounts for the greatest percentage of water quality problems: 38.4% of "all streams" and 34.6% of "perennial streams." Specifically, agricultural activities are identified as causing adverse effects in 29.5% of "all streams" and 26.3% of "perennial streams." Natural sources adversely affect 22.2% of "all streams" and 15.7% percent of "perennial streams."

Table 11. Probable sources of National water quality problems expressed in total stream miles and as percentages of total miles in the Nation's waters<sup>a</sup>.

Probable Source	Stream Miles	Percentage
<b>All Streams</b>		
Total nonpoint source contribution	367,244	38.4
Agricultural sources	281,241	29.5
Natural sources	212,389	22.2
Total point source contribution	117,684	12.3
Silviculture/logging	71,736	7.5
Municipal point sources	63,816	6.7
Feed lots	59,947	6.3
Individual sewage disposal	47,823	5.0
Industrial point sources	47,097	4.9
Urban runoff	40,376	4.2
Mining (nonpoint)	31,847	3.3
Combined sewers	29,246	3.1
Construction activity	29,110	3.1
Mining (point)	28,686	3.0
Grazing	21,970	2.3
Other	19,445	2.0
Dam releases	19,314	2.0
Landfill leachate <sup>b</sup>	5,504	0.6
Bedload movement <sup>b</sup>	5,299	0.6
Roads <sup>b</sup>	3,569	0.4
<b>Perennial Streams</b>		
Total nonpoint source contribution	330,840	34.6
Agricultural sources	250,637	26.3
Natural sources	149,893	15.7
Total point source contribution	116,572	12.2
Silviculture/logging	68,981	7.2
Municipal point sources	62,703	6.6
Feed lots	53,775	5.6
Industrial point sources	47,097	4.9
Individual sewage disposal	46,069	4.8
Urban runoff	38,027	4.0
Mining (nonpoint)	30,894	3.2
Combined sewers	29,246	3.1
Construction activity	29,110	3.1
Mining (point)	28,686	3.0
Grazing	19,515	2.0
Dam releases	19,314	2.0
Other	18,524	1.9
Landfill leachate <sup>b</sup>	5,504	0.6
Bedload movement <sup>b</sup>	5,299	0.6
Roads <sup>b</sup>	3,569	0.4

<sup>a</sup> Additional statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D-10a and b.

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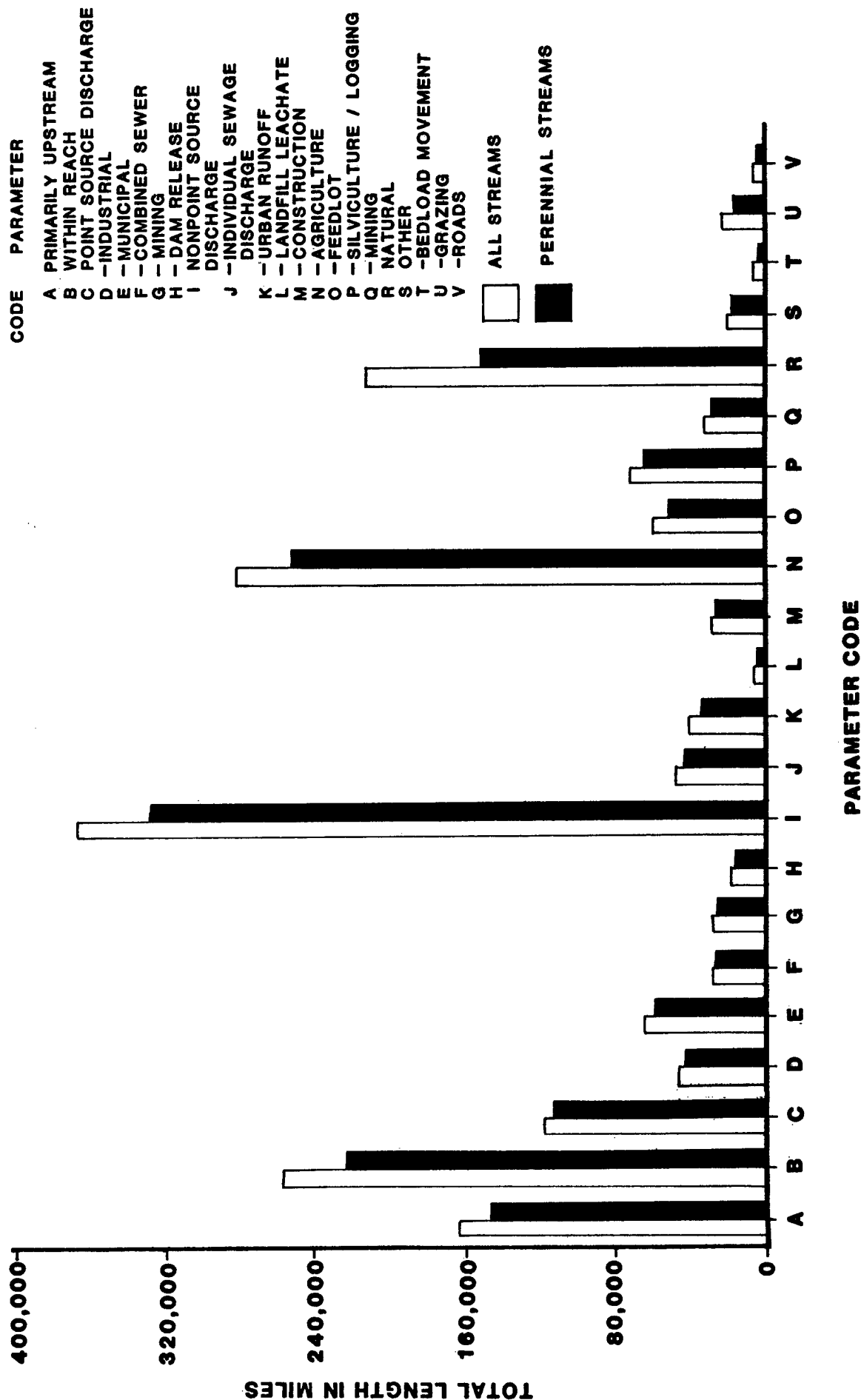


Figure 7. Probable sources of water quality factors adversely affecting fish communities in the Nation's waters.

Although point sources are located on, or have the potential to affect, only about 20% of the Nation's waters, the survey found that over 12.3% of "all waters" are adversely affected by total point source contribution. Specifically, municipal sources were found to adversely affect 6.7% of the waters and industrial sources were found in 4.9%. Other identified pollution sources each account for less than 8% of the sources of adverse water quality factors in the Nation's waters.

It is estimated that nonpoint sources of pollution are considered a major concern in 18.9% and a minor concern in 15.1% of "all streams." Agricultural sources are ranked as a major concern in 17.3% and a minor concern in 12.1% of the Nation's waters. Natural causes rank as a major concern in 14.2% and as a minor concern in 7.9% of the Nation's waters. Point source discharges are a major concern in 5.0% and a minor concern in 5.6% of the Nation's waters. The pattern of major and minor concerns was similar for "perennial streams."

### Water Quantity Factors

Each respondent was requested to indicate whether water quantity was a limiting factor adversely affecting the fish community. The water quantity factors most frequently associated with adverse effects on the fish community in "all streams" are below optimum flows, occasional low flows, and excessive flow fluctuations (Table 12 and Figure 8). Below optimum flows occur in 31.5% of "all streams" and 19.7% of "perennial streams." Occasional low flows occur in 22.6% of "all streams" and 18.7% of "perennial streams." Excessive flow fluctuations occur in 16.6% of "all streams" and 12.4% of "perennial streams." All other limiting flow factors, such as above optimum flows and loss of flushing flows, each occur in less than 10% of both "all streams" and "perennial streams."

The major difference between "all streams" and "perennial streams" is the magnitude of adverse water quantity factors. All water quantity problems and, especially, below optimum flows, occur in fewer "perennial streams" than in the "all streams" category. This is because of the influence of including intermittent streams in the "all streams" category.

Water quantity factors were also analyzed in the context of being a major or minor problem. Data indicate that below optimum flows are rated as a major problem in 22.8% and as a minor problem in 8.6% of "all streams." Occasional low flows are rated as a major problem in 9.0% and a minor problem in 13.5% of "all streams." Excessive flow fluctuations are identified more often as a major problem, 11.5%, versus 5.1% as a minor problem in "all streams." Water quantity limitations in intermittent and dry streams rated as major problems in 9.6% and 5.1% of "all streams," respectively, as compared to rating as minor concerns in 0.07% and 0.01%, respectively. Other water quantity factors are rated as major and minor concerns in 1% or less of "all streams." "Perennial streams" follow the same pattern.

### Sources Associated with Water Quantity Factors

Each respondent was requested to indicate the probable sources of water quantity factors adversely affecting the reaches selected in the Survey (Table 13 and Figure 9). The Survey results indicate that in

Table 12. Water quantity factors adversely affecting the Nation's fish communities<sup>a</sup>.

Factor	Stream Miles	Percentage
All Streams		
Below optimum flows	300,370	31.5
Occasional low flows	215,945	22.6
Excessive flow fluctuations	158,874	16.6
Intermittent	92,562	9.7
Dry <sup>b</sup>	49,403	5.2
Other	43,465	4.6
Above optimum flows	29,354	3.1
Loss of flushing flows	13,431	1.4
Dewatered <sup>b</sup>	7,462	0.8
Low flows <sup>b</sup>	7,384	0.8
Perennial Streams		
Below optimum flows	187,979	19.7
Occasional low flows	178,676	18.7
Excessive flow fluctuations	118,402	12.4
Above optimum flows	27,845	2.9
Intermittent <sup>b</sup>	17,203	1.8
Loss of flushing flows	13,431	1.4
Other	12,413	1.3
Low flows <sup>b</sup>	5,944	0.6
Dewatered <sup>b</sup>	4,968	0.5
Dry <sup>b</sup>	2,788	0.3

<sup>a</sup> Additional statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D-12a and b.

<sup>b</sup> These additional categories were developed from clarification by the respondent under the "Other" category.

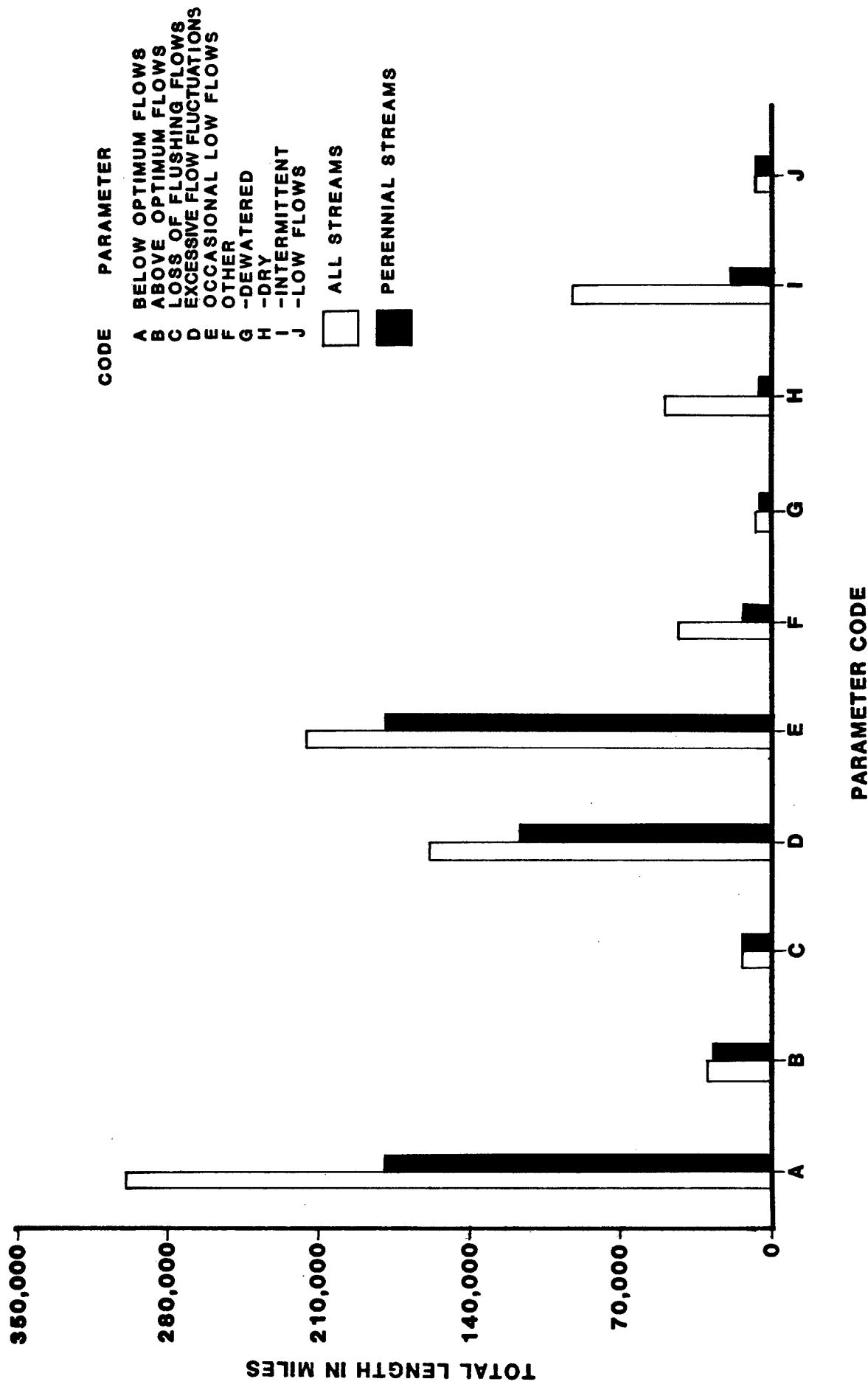


Figure 8. Water quantity factors adversely affecting fish communities in the Nation's waters.

Table 13. Sources of water quantity problems adversely affecting the Nation's waters<sup>a</sup>.

Source	Stream Miles	Percentage
All Streams		
Natural conditions	477,791	50.1
Diversions (agricultural)	130,223	13.6
Dam(s) (water storage)	32,901	3.5
Dam(s) (flood control)	28,002	2.9
Dam(s) (power)	24,821	2.6
Other	18,851	2.0
Diversions (municipal)	10,694	1.1
Channelization	10,629	1.1
Floods/low flows <sup>b</sup>	10,527	1.1
Irrigation <sup>b</sup>	8,897	0.9
Logging <sup>b</sup>	6,271	0.7
Ditches	5,335	0.6
Diversions (industrial)	3,292	0.3
Perennial Streams		
Natural conditions	245,678	25.7
Diversions (agricultural)	104,659	11.0
Dam(s) (water storage)	30,817	3.2
Dam(s) (flood control)	26,899	2.8
Dam(s) (power)	24,821	2.6
Other	16,279	1.7
Diversions (municipal)	10,694	1.1
Channelization	10,178	1.1
Floods/low flows <sup>b</sup>	8,773	0.9
Irrigation <sup>b</sup>	6,387	0.7
Ditches <sup>b</sup>	5,335	0.6
Logging	4,408	0.5
Diversions (industrial)	3,292	0.3

<sup>a</sup>Additional statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D-14a and b.

<sup>b</sup>These additional categories were developed from clarification by the respondents under the "Other" category

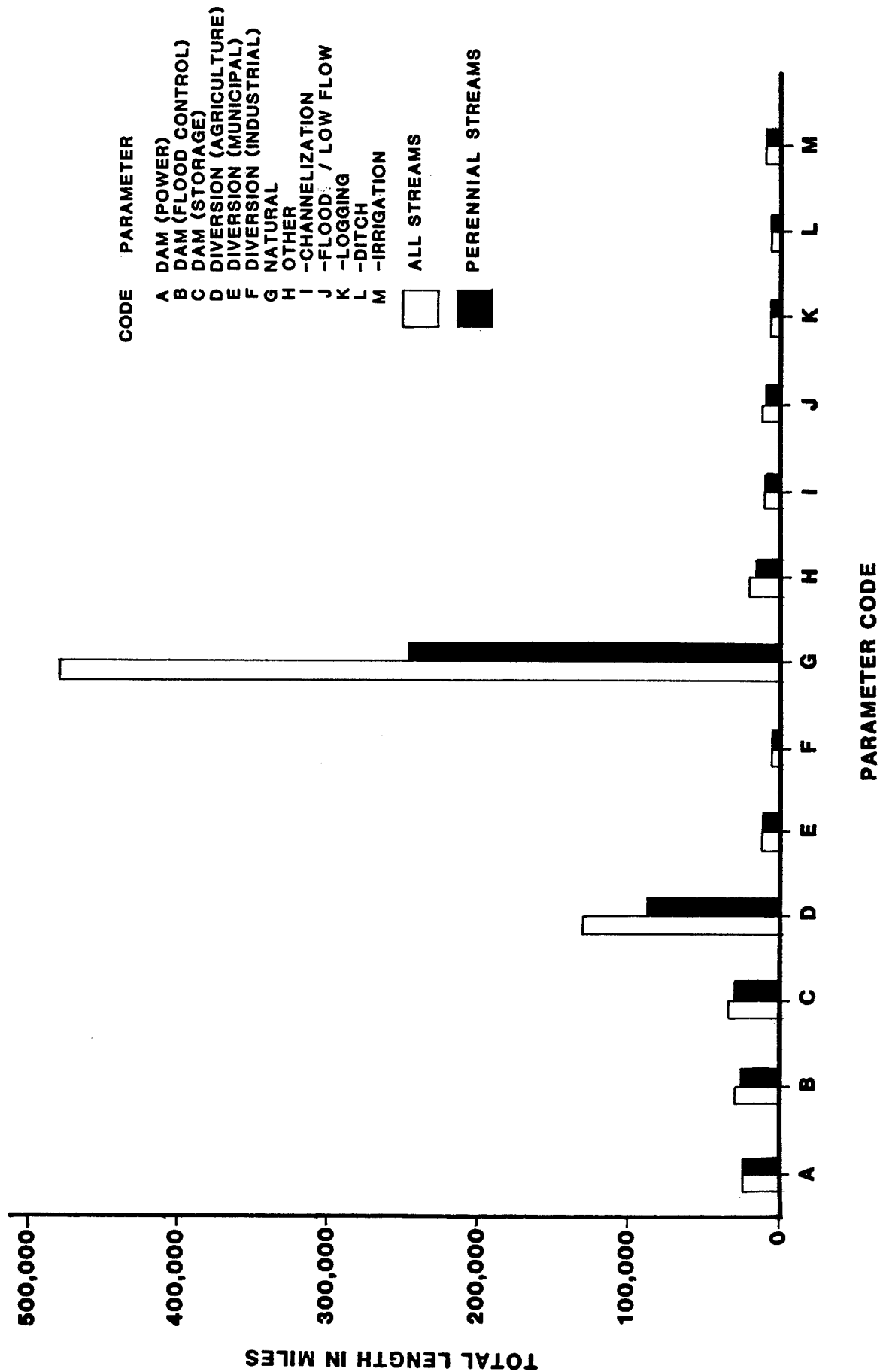


Figure 9. Probable sources of water quantity factors adversely affecting fish communities in the Nation's waters.



natural causes are the principal source associated with water quantity factors. Agricultural diversions are also a principal source. Natural conditions adversely affect the quantity of water in 50.1% of "all streams" and 25.7% of "perennial streams." Agricultural diversions have adverse effects in 13.6% of "all streams" and 11.0% of "perennial streams." All other sources each occur in less than 4% of "all streams."

The sources of water quantity problems in "perennial streams" occur in the same order of importance as in "all streams," but at a decreased magnitude. This is especially true for natural conditions, which occur in approximately one-half as many miles for "perennial streams" as for "all streams." Natural conditions, the largest overall contributor to the lack of water as fish habitat, is rated as a major concern in 37.7% and a minor concern in 12.4% of "all stream" miles. Agricultural diversions are major concerns in 8.2% of "all stream" miles and minor concerns in 5.4%.

#### Usable Habitat Factors

Each respondent was requested to indicate whether habitat was limiting the use of the reach by the fish community (Table 14 and Figure 10). Odum (1971) states that: "The habitat of an organism is the place where it lives or the place where one would go to find it. Habitat may also refer to the place occupied by an entire community."

Four principal habitat factors were found to adversely affect the fish community: overall adult/juvenile habitat (40.4% of "all streams"), overall egg/larvae habitat (28.3% of "all streams"), specific habitat-pools (20.7% of "all streams"), and specific habitat-gravel substrate (16.4% of "all streams"). Pools or fish resting areas are generally thought of as adult/juvenile habitat. Gravel substrate is a necessary component for successful spawning of most stream fishes.

Overhead cover (e.g., trees over the water) and riffles (i.e., shallow rapids) are protective and food producing components of the aquatic system. Overhead cover is inadequate in 14.1% of "all streams" and riffles are inadequate in 13.5% of "all streams." The lack of these habitat components can add to predation, high water temperatures, and decreased food availability (Hynes 1970).

Results for "perennial streams" parallel those for "all streams," except for the magnitude of each limiting factor. In all cases, the limitations of these characteristics affected a smaller length and percentage of "perennial stream" miles than "all streams" miles.

Inadequate adult and juvenile habitat is ranked as a major concern in 22.7% and as a minor concern in 16.3% of "all stream" miles. Inadequate egg and larvae habitat follows a similar pattern, ranking as a major concern in 15.5% and as a minor concern in 11.3% of "all stream" miles. Lack of pools and gravel substrate have similar results. All other limiting habitat factors are equally divided between major and minor concerns. Results for "perennial streams" parallel those for "all streams."

Table 14. Habitat factors adversely affecting the Nation's fisheries<sup>a</sup>.

Factor	Stream Miles	Percentage
All Streams		
Adult/juvenile habitat	385,394	40.4
Egg/larvae habitat	269,972	28.3
Pools	197,533	20.7
Gravels	156,540	16.4
Overhead cover	134,232	14.1
Riffles	129,090	13.5
Undercut banks	103,692	10.9
Plants/plant debris	62,412	6.5
Snags	61,866	6.5
Boulders	51,768	5.4
Other	31,374	3.3
Intermittent flow <sup>b</sup>	11,498	1.2
Low flows <sup>b</sup>	3,434	0.4
Perennial Streams		
Adult/juvenile habitat	324,954	34.0
Egg/larvae habitat	243,822	25.5
Pools	162,276	17.0
Gravels	143,049	15.0
Overhead cover	116,608	12.2
Riffles	110,125	11.5
Undercut banks	91,158	9.5
Plants/plant debris	54,757	5.7
Snags	51,242	5.4
Boulders	46,889	4.9
Other	25,317	2.7
Intermittent flow <sup>b</sup>	2,807	0.3
Low flows <sup>b</sup>	1,310	0.1

<sup>a</sup>Additional statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D-16a and b.

<sup>b</sup>These additional categories were developed from clarification by the respondents under the "Other" category.

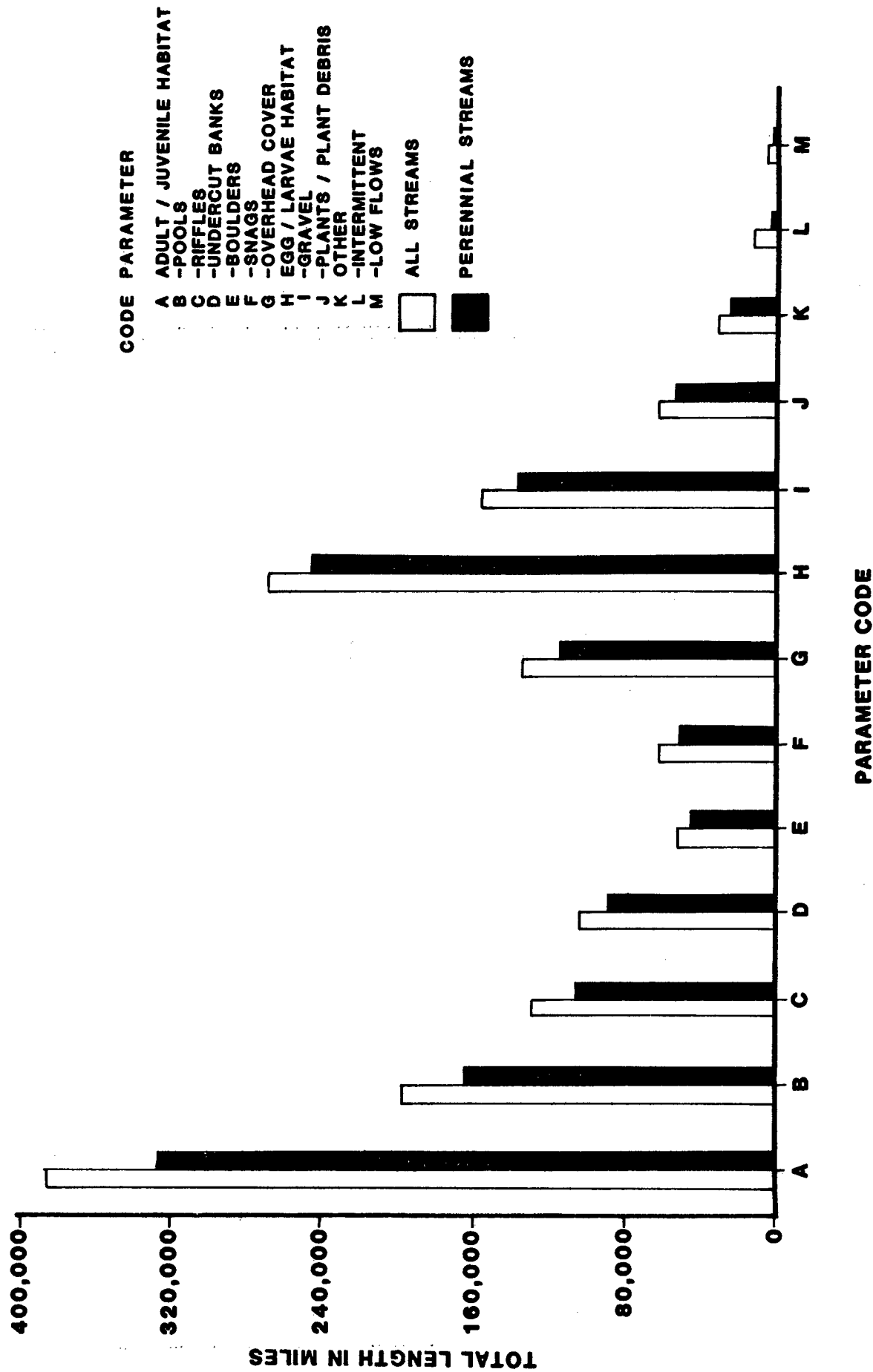


Figure 10. Usable habitat factors adversely affecting fish communities in the Nation's waters.

### Sources Associated with Usable Habitat Factors

Respondents were requested to provide information on the probable sources of factors affecting usable habitat within the Nation's waters. Information on the probable sources of usable habitat problems can provide insight into methods to minimize and correct these problems. The Survey results are presented in Table 15 and Figure 11. Excessive siltation occurs in 27.9% of "all streams" and 24.8% of "perennial streams." Bank erosion and sloughing occur in 18.1% of "all streams" and 16.0% of "perennial streams." Natural causes occur in 17.6% of "all streams" and 13.4% of "perennial streams." Channelization occurs in 11.6% of "all streams" and 10.3% of "perennial streams." All other factors limiting usable habitat, such as channel modifications other than channelization and migration blockages, each occur in less than 5.0% of "all streams" and "perennial streams."

Excessive siltation is ranked as a major concern in 17.9% and a minor concern in 9.9% of "all streams." Bank erosion and sloughing are ranked approximately equally as a major concern (10.0%) and as a minor concern (8.2%) in "all streams." Natural causes are a major concern in 10.6% of "all streams," and a minor concern in 6.8%. Channelization is a major concern in 7.8% of "all streams" versus a minor concern in 3.8%. Other channel modifications and all other sources are generally ranked as minor concerns. Data for "perennial streams" follow the same pattern as for "all streams."

### Fish Community Factors

The respondents were requested to indicate whether problems within the fish community were limiting fishery potential (Table 16 and Figure 12). Fish kills and contamination of fish flesh are the most prevalent factors, with fish kills affecting 15.3% and contamination of fish flesh affecting 9.4% of "all streams." All other factors, such as diseases, parasites, overharvest, and poaching, are each estimated to occur in less than 4.0% of "all streams."

Data for "perennial streams" indicate that fish kills and contamination of fish flesh occur in 12.1% and 8.6% of these streams, respectively. All other factors occur in less than 4.0% of all "perennial stream" miles.

The degree of concern expressed by the respondents about each of these limiting features suggests that these fish community problems are not significant on a National basis. Fish kills are more often considered a minor problem (8.4%) than a major one (6.9%) in "all streams." Contamination also follows this pattern. All other factors are considered minor problems in "all streams." Results for "perennial streams" are similar to those for "all streams" for all limiting factors.

### Sources Associated with Fish Community Factors

Each respondent was requested to indicate the probable sources of limiting factors occurring in the fish community (Table 17 and Figure 13). Three sources were found to contribute the most to the problem: natural causes, pesticides, and other noxious or toxic substances.

Table 15. Sources of factors adversely affecting the Nation's fishery habitat<sup>a</sup>.

Source	Stream Miles	Percentage
All Streams		
Excessive siltation	265,169	27.9
Bank erosion/sloughing	172,960	18.1
Natural causes	167,308	17.6
Channelization	110,352	11.6
Other channel modifications	46,046	4.8
Migration blockage	45,007	4.7
Other	43,306	4.6
Bank encroachment <sup>b</sup>	12,776	1.3
Low flows <sup>b</sup>	4,182	0.4
Silviculture <sup>b</sup>	4,117	0.4
Grazing <sup>b</sup>	3,351	0.4
Perennial Streams		
Excessive siltation	236,094	24.8
Bank erosion/sloughing	152,405	16.0
Natural causes	127,781	13.4
Channelization	98,068	10.3
Other channel modifications	45,396	4.8
Other	41,080	4.3
Migration blockage	39,744	4.2
Bank encroachment <sup>b</sup>	8,975	0.9
Silviculture <sup>b</sup>	4,117	0.4
Grazing <sup>b</sup>	1,678	0.2
Low flows <sup>b</sup>	1,470	0.2

<sup>a</sup>Additional statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D-18a and b.

<sup>b</sup>These additional categories were developed from clarification by the respondents under the "Other" category.

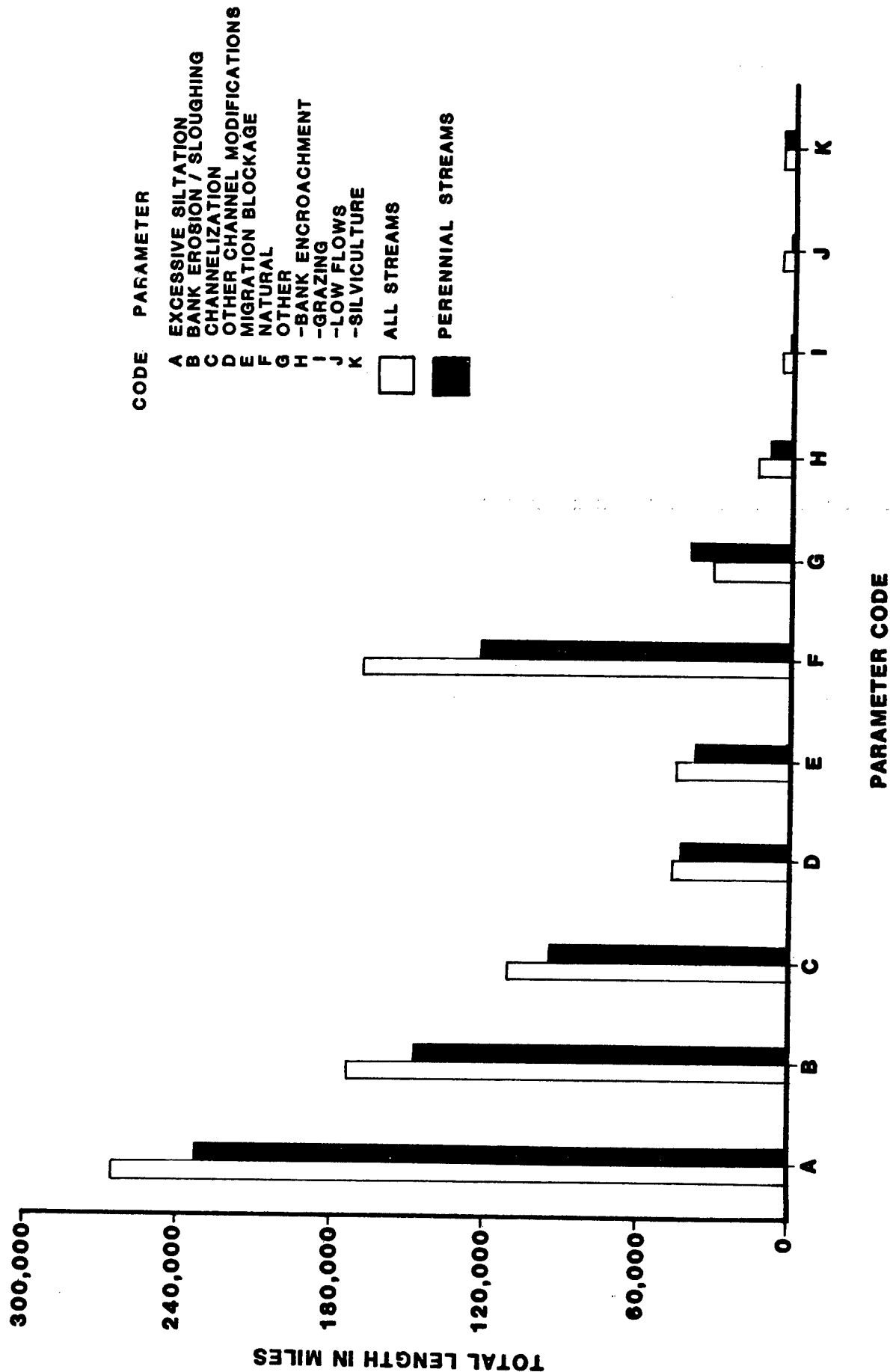


Figure 11. Probable sources of usable habitat factors adversely affecting fish communities in the Nation's waters.

Table 16. Limiting factors adversely affecting the Nation's fish communities<sup>a</sup>

Factor	Stream Miles	Percentage
<b>All Streams</b>		
Fish kills	115,435	12.1
Contamination	81,927	8.6
Overharvest	35,566	3.7
Poaching	28,145	2.9
Diseases/parasites	21,873	2.3
Fish stocking	19,350	2.0
Other <sup>b</sup>	18,063	1.9
Habitat <sup>b</sup>	14,213	1.5
Underharvest <sup>b</sup>	12,714	1.3
Competition <sup>b</sup>	10,836	1.1
Water quality <sup>b</sup>	5,879	0.6
Tumors/lesions <sup>b</sup>	5,101	0.5
Low flow <sup>b</sup>	3,194	0.3
Small channel capacity <sup>b</sup>	1,657	0.2
<b>Perennial Streams</b>		
Fish kills	145,827	15.3
Contamination	90,187	9.7
Overharvest	35,566	3.7
Poaching	29,447	3.1
Diseases/parasites	24,530	2.5
Other	20,880	2.2
Fish stocking	19,350	2.0
Habitat	15,834	1.6
Underharvest <sup>b</sup>	13,671	1.4
Competition <sup>b</sup>	10,836	1.1
Water quality <sup>b</sup>	5,879	0.6
Tumors/lesions <sup>b</sup>	5,101	0.5
Low flow <sup>b</sup>	5,009	0.5
Small channel capacity <sup>b</sup>	3,702	0.4

<sup>a</sup>Additional statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D-20 and 21, a and b.

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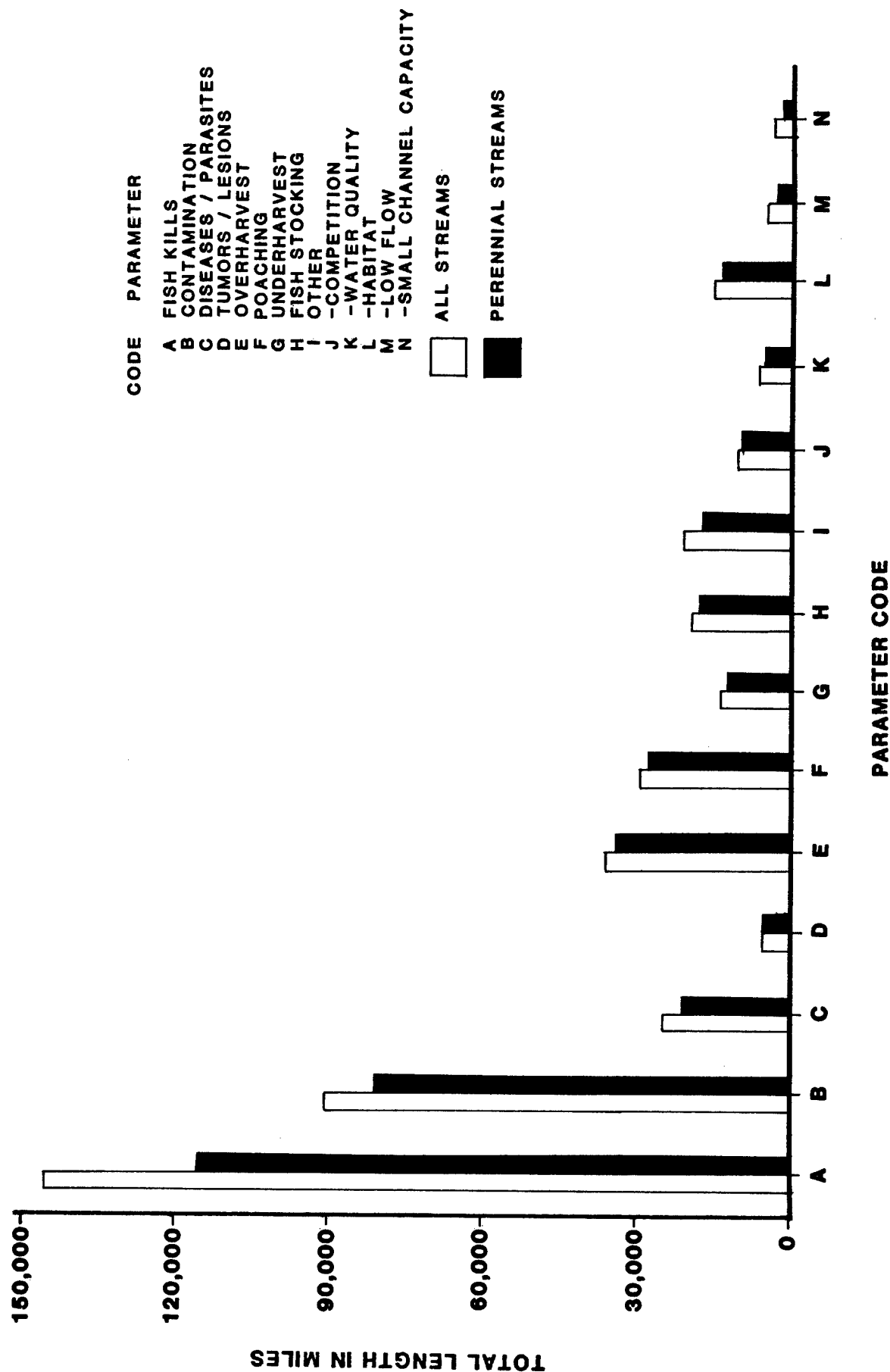


Figure 12. Limiting factors adversely affecting fish communities in the Nation's waters.



Table 17. Sources of limiting factors adversely affecting the Nation's fish communities.

Source	Stream Miles	Percentage
All Streams		
Heavy metals	20,334	2.1
Pesticides	72,586	7.5
Other noxious/toxic substances	68,945	7.2
Crowding	25,678	2.7
Other stress	33,868	3.5
Natural	132,415	13.8
Other	41,794	4.4
Angling pressure <sup>b</sup>	6,633	0.7
Dewatering <sup>b</sup>	6,876	0.7
Humans	8,741	0.9
Lack of access <sup>b</sup>	6,094	0.6
Municipal effluent <sup>b</sup>	7,144	0.7
Perennial Streams		
Heavy metals	19,382	2.0
Pesticides	64,670	6.7
Other noxious/toxic substances	64,633	6.7
Crowding	21,962	2.3
Other stress	30,258	3.2
Natural	98,662	10.3
Other	37,873	3.9
Angling pressure <sup>b</sup>	6,633	0.7
Dewatering <sup>b</sup>	6,876	0.7
Humans	8,741	0.9
Lack of access <sup>b</sup>	6,094	0.6
Municipal effluent <sup>b</sup>	7,144	0.7

<sup>a</sup>Additional statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D-22 and 23, a and b.

<sup>b</sup>These additional categories were developed from clarification by the respondents under the "Other" category.

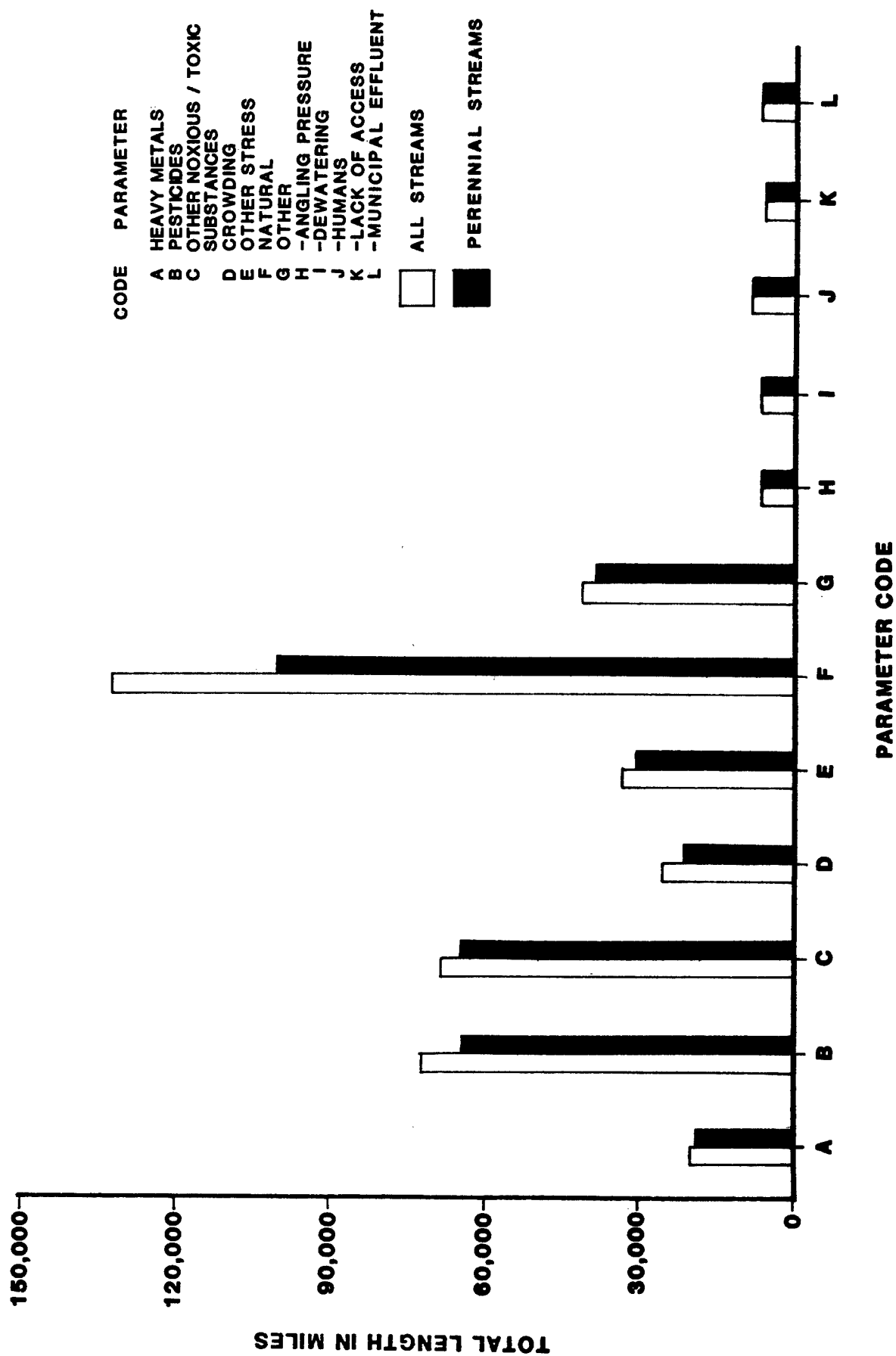


Figure 13. Probable sources of limiting factors adversely affecting fish communities in the Nation's waters.

The results for "all streams" show that natural causes (e.g., low flows that cause water temperatures to rise above lethal limits) occur in almost twice as many miles (13.8%) as the next ranked source, pesticides. Pesticides are a probable source in 7.6% of the Nation's waters. Other noxious or toxic substances are limiting in 7.2% of the Nation's waters.

Natural causes are the greatest source of limiting factors in fish communities in "perennial streams," occurring in 10.3%, followed by pesticides and other noxious or toxic substances. This is similar to the "all streams" analysis. All other sources occur with the same general distribution as in "all streams."

Natural causes are considered a major concern in 9.7% and a minor concern in 4.1% of "all streams." Pesticides and other noxious or toxic substances are fairly evenly split between being considered a major and a minor concern. Data for "perennial streams" follow the same pattern.

#### STATUS OF THE NATION'S WATERS AS REFLECTED BY THE FISH COMMUNITIES

Respondents ranked the status of each reach with respect to its ability to support fish, particularly sport fish and species of special concern. The rankings were from 0 to 5, with 0 defined as no ability to support any fish population and 5 defined as the maximum ability to support populations of sport fish and species of special concern. The ranks from 1 to 4 represented intermediate positions. This ranking was made after the respondents had considered all potential limiting factors, and their possible sources, affecting the ability of the stream to support fish. Respondents ranked the current condition of the reach (Question 5) and the condition 5 years ago (Question 6). They were then asked to speculate on the condition 5 years in the future if present trends in the reach continued (Question 7), and the likely condition 5 years in the future if the man-caused limiting factors were controlled or eliminated (Question 8).

#### Question 5 - Present Status of the Nation's Waters as Reflected by the Fish Communities

Each respondent was requested to rank the current condition of each reach using the evaluation criteria previously described. Results of the analysis of the current condition of each reach are presented in Table 18. For the category "all streams," 23.1% of the streams have a 0 ranking. This compares with 3.1% of "perennial streams." Ten percent of "all streams" are ranked as 1 (ability to support a nonsport fish population only), compared to 5.2% of "perennial streams." An estimated 21% of "all streams" are ranked as 2 (minimally able to support sport fish populations, species of special concern, or both); 17.2% of the "perennial streams" are ranked 2. Forty-six percent of "all streams" are ranked as a 3, 4, or 5 compared to 44% of "perennial streams." A small percentage of streams (3.9% of both "all streams" and "perennial streams") are able to support sport fish, species of special concern, or both at a maximum level (rank 5). The major differences between the "all streams" and "perennial streams" categories are the percentage of streams with no ability to support fish (rank 0) and streams with the ability to support only nonsport species of fish (rank 1).

Table 18. Current condition of the Nation's waters related to their ability to support fish<sup>a</sup>.

Current Condition	Stream Length (miles)	Percentage
All Streams		
0	221,029	23.1
1	92,482	9.7
2	203,157	21.3
3	239,556	25.1
4	161,922	17.0
5	37,009	3.9
Perennial Streams		
0	29,872	3.1
1	49,311	5.2
2	166,306	17.3
3	228,660	23.9
4	156,239	16.4
5	36,130	3.8

<sup>a</sup>Additional comparison statistics are in Appendix D, Tables D-24a and b.

#### Question 6 - Past and Present Trends by Comparing Status of the Nation's Fish Communities.

Estimates were made to determine the ability of the Nation's waters to support fish communities 5 years ago (Table 19). Past condition was then compared with present conditions to determine changes in the ability of the Nation's waters to support fish populations (Figure 14). The diagonal line on the figure represents no change in rank. Above the diagonal line conditions have degraded during the past 5 years while below the diagonal line conditions have improved. For example, 15,000 stream miles have improved from a ranking of 2, 5 years ago, to a current ranking of 3. Overall, 91% of the streams kept the same rank, 4% have improved rank, and 5% have degraded rank.

#### Question 7 - Future Conditions if Present Trends in the Reach Continue

Respondents were asked to speculate on the condition of the reach in 5 years if present trends in the reach continue (Table 20). The results for both the "all stream" and "perennial stream" categories indicate that the respondents believe the ability of the Nation's waters to support sport fish species, species of special concern, or both, may decline in the next 5

Table 19. Past condition of the Nation's waters related to their ability to support fish.<sup>a</sup>

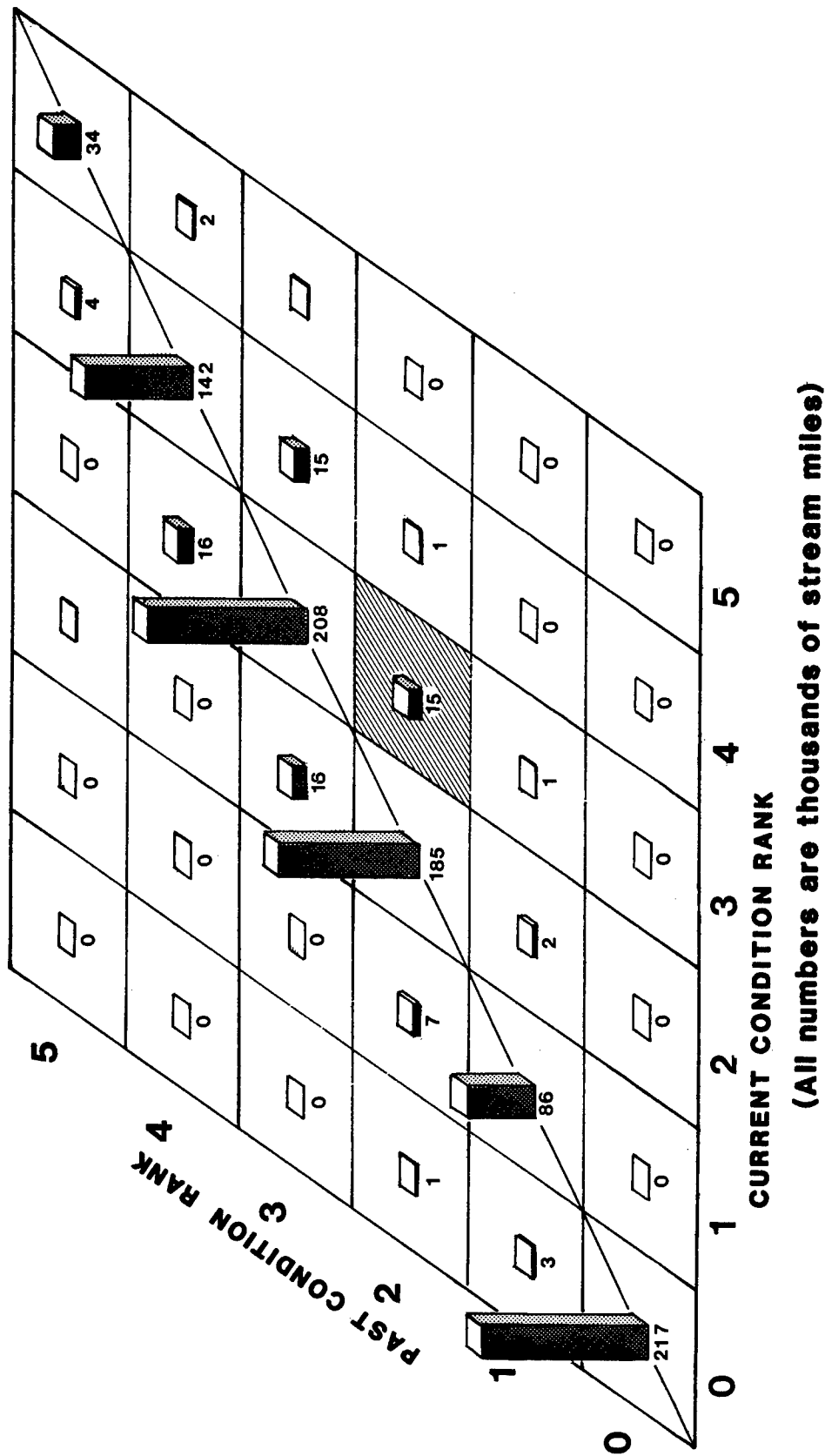
Past Condition	Stream Length (miles)	Percentage
All Streams		
0	216,853	22.7
1	91,757	9.6
2	207,999	21.8
3	239,121	25.0
4	160,348	16.8
5	39,078	4.1
Perennial Streams		
0	29,872	3.1
1	48,790	5.1
2	170,066	17.8
3	224,024	23.4
4	155,567	16.3
5	38,199	4.0

<sup>a</sup> See Appendix D, Tables D-24a and b for additional statistics.

years (Figure 15). In this figure, improvement is above the diagonal while degradation is below. For example, 41,000 miles of stream will degrade from an intermediate ability to support sport fish (rank 3) to a minimal ability to support sport fish (rank 2). Streams that will not support any fish will increase from 23.1% to 24.0% of "all streams" and from 3.1% to 3.5% of "perennial streams." Streams with a rank of 1 (only support non-sport fish species) will increase in "all streams" from 9.7% to 12.0%. In "perennial streams," rank 1 streams will increase from 5.2% to 7.4%. Streams with an intermediate ability to support fish (rank 3) will decline from 25.1% to 22.2% of "all streams" and 23.9% to 21.1% of "perennial streams."

#### Question 8 - Future Conditions with Controls on Man-Caused Limiting Factors

The Survey results indicate that in the view of the respondents there could be improvements in the Nation's waters over current and projected future conditions if man-caused limiting factors were controlled or eliminated (Table 20, previously presented). If the man-caused limiting factors affecting the fish communities are controlled, the number of streams ranked 0, 1, and 2 (those with minimal ability to support fish) would decrease, with a concomitant increase in the number of higher-ranked stream miles.



NOTE: IN READING THE GRAPH, THE DIAGONAL LINE REPRESENTS NO CHANGE IN STATUS. ABOVE THE DIAGONAL LINE INDICATES DEGRADATION WHILE BELOW THE DIAGONAL LINE SHOWS IMPROVEMENT IN REACH CONDITIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, 15,000 STREAM MILES HAVE IMPROVED FROM RANK 2 TO RANK 3 IN THE PAST 5 YEARS.

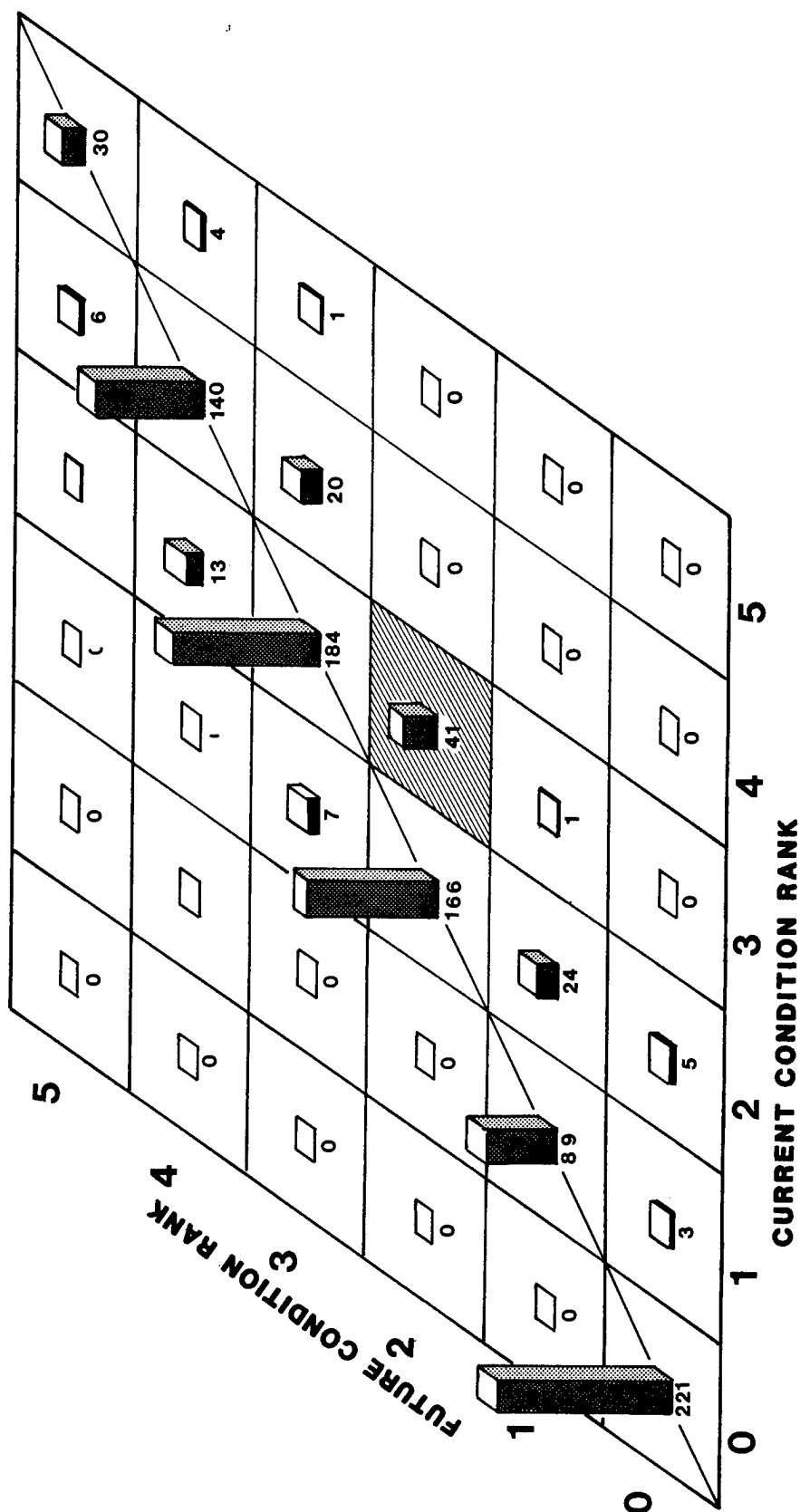
Figure 14. Comparison of current and past reach condition with respect to the ability of the reach to support sport fish.

Table 20. Respondents' speculative assessment of future reach condition without and with controls on man-caused limiting factors.

Future Condition Without Control	Stream Length (miles)	Percentage	Future Condition With Controls	Stream Length (miles)	Percentage
All Streams					
0	229,245	24.0	0	119,776	12.8
1	114,628	12.0	1	42,176	4.5
2	206,872	21.6	2	124,019	13.3
3	211,917	22.2	3	255,367	27.4
4	157,038	16.4	4	294,116	31.4
5	36,515	3.8	5	97,251	10.4
Perennial Streams					
Perennial Streams					
0	33,270	3.5	0	30,681	3.3
1	70,735	7.4	1	27,239	2.9
2	173,936	18.2	2	90,476	9.7
3	202,264	21.1	3	236,958	25.4
4	151,984	15.9	4	279,815	30.0
5	35,644	3.7	5	92,349	9.9

<sup>a</sup>See Table D-25a and b, Appendix D for additional statistics.

<sup>b</sup>See Tables D-26a and b, Appendix D for additional statistics.



**(All numbers are thousands of stream miles)**

NOTE: IN READING THE GRAPH, THE DIAGONAL LINE REPRESENTS NO CHANGE IN STATUS, ABOVE THE DIAGONAL LINE INDICATES IMPROVEMENT, WHILE BELOW THE DIAGONAL LINE SHOWS DEGRADATION IN REACH CONDITIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, 41,000 MILES OF STREAM ARE PREDICTED TO DECREASE IN QUALITY FROM RANK 3 TO RANK 2 IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS IF CURRENT TRENDS CONTINUE.

Figure 15. Comparison of current and future reach condition with respect to the ability of the reach to support sport fish.



## CHAPTER 4. DISCUSSION

The National Fisheries Survey is significant in that it was the first survey designed to relate the quality of the Nation's waters to the health and viability of the biotic communities dependent on those water resources. The fish community was selected as the best indicator of the biological conditions of the Nation's waters for the following reasons:

"Fish act as continuous monitors of water quality in contrast to standard sampling and testing programs which fail to identify brief episodes of polluted conditions. Fish generally have long life cycles, so that infrequent fish census may provide more information than more frequent counts of other organisms with shorter life cycles" (National Commission on Water Quality 1975).

The Survey design, the probability structure used to select the sample reaches, the experience level of the respondents, and the high response rate combined to provide reliable estimates of the status of the Nation's waters, their ability to support fish communities, and informed judgment on limiting factors affecting those fish communities.

The number and extent of data analysis were limited for this report by available resources. Further analysis of the data could be conducted. Recommendations for additional analyses are presented in Chapter 5. The following points highlight our initial interpretations of the data:

- ° Results of the Survey show that the two most prevalent sport fish species, largemouth bass and rainbow trout, respectively occur in 27% and 22% of the Nation's waters. These species are representative of warm-water and cold-water fish communities and are intolerant of poor water quality (Hynes 1970). Both species occupy the top of the aquatic food chain. Their wide distribution suggests that conditions in the majority of the Nation's waters are generally suitable for these two broad fish community types. At least one species of sport fish is present in 73% of the Nation's stream miles. Twenty-one percent of the Nation's total stream miles contain no fish. Many of these streams are intermittent or dry.
- ° Where nonsport fish occur, they are more abundant than sport fish. Three possible reasons exist for this greater abundance. First, the term nonsport fish encompasses a wide array of primary and intermediate level consumers that are used by sport fish as food. Primary consumers are expected to occur in greater numbers than secondary consumers (Odum 1971). Second, nonsport fish include

species that are tolerant of less than favorable habitat conditions and, therefore, may exhibit a wider distribution. For example, carp can breathe atmospheric oxygen in order to survive periods of low dissolved oxygen in the water. The third possibility is the Survey definition of sport fish as a fish species with a legal limit set by the State; many States consider some fish species without limits as sport fish.

- ° The results of the Survey indicate that important components of fish habitat are limiting in almost half of the total stream miles. This condition has implications regarding the ability of the Nation's waters to continue supporting viable fish populations. This must also be considered in the context that "any modification of inland waters which produces displacement of ecosystem structure or function is to be regarded as a degradation of ecological integrity" (Cairns 1978).
- ° A large portion of the Nation's streams, approximately 46%, are rated fair in terms of their ability to support sport fish populations. About one-third of the Nation's streams fall into the poor category. Many of these latter streams are intermittent and have little potential for improvement. Whether or not these streams can be managed effectively to improve their fisheries depends entirely on the site-specific cause of the adverse factors. Agricultural nonpoint sources appear to influence water quality on more stream miles than any other category of sources. Continued management through increased implementation of erosion controls and agricultural best management practices may be the most effective method of improving stream habitat conditions. These efforts would also contribute to an overall improvement in the Nation's water quality.
- ° Habitat problems and water quality factors appear to be related. Specifically, there appears to be a direct relationship between loss of adult, juvenile, larval, and egg habitat and excessive siltation and bank erosion. Whether these sources are natural or man-caused was not determined in the Survey. However, Survey responses on water quality indicate that turbidity problems are largely associated with natural and agricultural sources. This is consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ's) Report, Environmental Quality (1981), which states that 50% of the Nation's water quality problems are a function of nonpoint source runoff and that the single largest cause of these problems is agricultural practices.
- ° The status of the Nation's fisheries has not changed appreciably during the last 5 years. This is consistent with the CEQ's determination that water quality was maintained at a stable level during the 5 years preceding 1981, even though population and other growth pressures increased (Council on Environmental Quality 1981). The CEQ also concluded that evidence of improvement in water quality would not be immediate. The States, through their biennial reports to Congress, agree with this conclusion.

- ° In 1975, the National Commission on Water Quality estimated the percentage of areas suitable for sport fish populations without exercising best available technologies for eliminating pollution in the Nation's streams. In the 5 regions they examined, the range varied from 20% (Midwest Region) to 90% (Gulf of Alaska). The average National percentage of areas suitable for sport fish populations was 56.3%. The Commission projected that, by 1983, best available technology practices could raise this average percentage figure to 70.6%. If all discharges were eliminated, the average percentage was projected to be 72.6%. These percentages are similar to the National Fisheries Survey estimation that 67% of the Nation's stream miles have at least a minimal ability to support sport fish communities.
- ° The State fishery biologists responding to this Survey speculate that without control of man-caused sources of limiting factors, a dramatic decrease in the Nation's fish communities could occur in streams whose present capabilities are marginal (rank 3). Higher ranked streams would also be expected to decline in numbers. A commensurate increase in the number of streams that cannot support fish and in streams with a minimal ability to support sport fish would be expected.
- ° Because management of naturally-caused adverse conditions may be limited, management of man-caused adverse conditions appears to be the key to maintaining, and possibly improving, the status of the Nation's fish communities. The State fishery biologists responding to the Survey speculate that the capability of the Nation's waters to support sport fish could be greatly increased over present conditions if man-caused limiting factors were controlled.

The cooperation of the FWS, the EPA, and the States in the conduct of this project is in the spirit of recommendations by the CEQ Intraagency Task Force. The Task Force was formed in 1977 to assess needs in environmental data and monitoring programs (Council on Environmental Quality 1981). The level of cooperation in this project is a foundation upon which other agencies that are responsible for water quality and fishery quality can build to enhance the overall value and economy of Federal biological monitoring. The overall objective of the Survey was the development of estimates of the biological quality of the Nation's waters, as mandated by the Clean Water Act. This objective has been successfully met.

## CHAPTER 5. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL ANALYSES

This Survey is the first step in a continuing effort to increase our knowledge of the status of the Nation's waters, including their physical, chemical, and, especially, biological quality. The recommendations presented in this chapter describe several additional statistical analyses that could be performed on the existing Survey data. These analyses would enable a more definitive assessment of the relationships among limiting factors and sources that would further assist in interpretation of the results and formulation of conclusions. Additional analyses would benefit both fishery and water quality managers and planners as they attempt to allocate decreasing resources to areas of greatest need and greatest potential return.

### DETERMINATION OF ASSOCIATIONS AMONG FACTORS AND CAUSES

The major area recommended for further analysis is the relationship among factors that adversely affect the Nation's waters and their sources. These analyses would identify direct relationships among the factors and sources. Statistical cross tabulations are especially recommended for the "major" factors and "major" sources defined by this report. These "major" factors and sources are those which occur in the most stream miles. Of special interest are the factors associated with point and nonpoint sources of pollution, especially those related to agricultural practices. These additional analyses would provide a basis for examining potential management options for both fish communities and water quality.

### COMPARISON OF FACTORS AND CAUSES WITH A STREAM'S ABILITY TO SUPPORT FISH

The determination of associations among factors and causes could be compared with the stream rankings in terms of their ability to support fish communities. While this report draws some general inferences about the past, present, and predicted future status of the Nation's fisheries, it was unable to demonstrate specific adverse factors affecting the Nation's waters and sources associated with these estimates. With the ability to derive fairly good estimates of factors adversely affecting the Nation's waters and the sources of these factors, fish management programs, such as stocking, could be analyzed in terms of the percentage of rank 2 through rank 5 streams that are threatened with agricultural nonpoint sources of pollution and are also maintained by stocking. Other analyses, similar to this example, should also be conducted.

### COMPARISON OF RESULTS WITH DESIGNATED USE CLASSIFICATIONS

The results of the comparison of factors, causes, and the ability of a stream to support fish populations could also be compared with designated

stream uses set by individual States. These designated uses, such as drinking water supply, industrial water supply, and fishery protection, are the uses set by the State's water quality standards. The results of this analysis could provide more insight into how well the Nation's water quality goals (i.e., fishable, swimmable) are being met. Reach conditions 5 years in the future, with and without control of man-caused factors, could be analyzed to further determine trends in the Nation's waters with respect to the attainment of designated use. The analysis would provide an estimate of whether the goals are attainable. The results would provide Federal, State, and local water quality management decisionmakers and planners with better information on the efficacy of existing regulations and the need for revisions.

#### GEOGRAPHICAL AND REGIONAL DIFFERENCES

Data on the geographical and regional differences in limiting factors, causes, and the past, present, and future status of the Nation's waters could be analyzed to provide additional clarification of problems and potential management strategies within known geographical boundaries. Boundaries could include ecoregion, major river basins, or other appropriate geographical divisions.

These analyses would provide needed data for consideration in planning priorities and allocation of resources. Specifically, these analyses could be used in the development of FWS Regional Resource Plans. Consistent use of the Survey sample design in each region, with expansion of the number of reaches sampled, could provide one of the first integrated assessments of regionally significant problems facing the Nation's water quality and fisheries resources. An expansion of the number of reaches sampled would be required because the existing sample data contain too few sampling points to have much ability to discover even important, large differences.

#### COMPARISON OF RESULTS WITH OTHER NATIONAL SURVEYS

The results of the Survey could be compared to the results of other National surveys such as the FWS National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife - Associated Recreation (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Bureau of the Census 1982). Comparisons could include the public demand for quality fishing versus the ability to supply the demand. Economic evaluations relating potential losses in revenue to a wide variety of economic sectors as a result of not meeting the demand for quality fishing could also be conducted. Cost-benefit analyses of controlling significant factors adversely affecting stream fishery resources in areas of high public demand for quality fishing, e.g., urban areas, could also be investigated. These types of analyses would probably require an expansion of the existing Survey data base to take into account regional differences.

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Appendix A. Survey instrument.

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**NATIONAL FISHERIES SURVEY**

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
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If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this questionnaire, please call the National Fisheries Survey toll-free number 1-800-525-2041. In Colorado, call 1-455-4427.

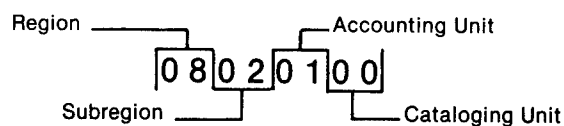
The reach described above was selected by a statistical sampling procedure. This reach is highlighted on the map on the following page for your reference when answering the questions.

OFFICE USE ONLY

FR _____	FWSR _____
FEd _____	KP _____
DR _____	2ED _____
DEd _____	DEd _____

## Appendix A. (Continued.)

### Hydrologic Unit Code



### LEGEND

- County seat
- City, town, or village
- ✈ Scheduled service airport

### INTRODUCTION

This questionnaire is part of a combined U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) effort to understand better the biological conditions of the nation's waters and to initiate the first nationwide fisheries data base. You have been selected to participate in the study because of your knowledge and expertise in the field of fisheries biology especially for the reach identified in this questionnaire.

The reach highlighted on the map was randomly selected from a national list of reaches contained in the EPA River Reach File. This file will also serve as the framework for the FWS fisheries data base.

The questions asked of you in this questionnaire were developed jointly by the FWS and the EPA, and were finalized based upon a pretest of the questionnaire conducted in the Fall of 1981. The principal focus of the questionnaire is on sport fish; this is not because sport fish are the only contributors to the value of the reach, but because the majority of available fisheries information concerns these species, and their presence or absence generally indicates conditions of prevailing water quality.

Because only a small number of reaches has been selected for this study, the participation of each scientist selected is extremely important. Please answer all questions. The information that you provide will be used only for statistical analysis of fisheries at the national level. You and your agency will receive copies of the final report of this National Fisheries Survey.



## Appendix A. (Continued.)

For question 1, please print in the left hand column the scientific names of all species that occur in the reach at any time. Use additional names (e.g., *salmo gairdneri* – steelhead) if necessary to identify exactly the species present. Check or code all columns of the matrix that are applicable to these species. You may base your answer on personal experience through field sampling, discussion with colleagues or professional judgment.

For the purpose of answering this question, the following definitions apply:

- **Sport fish:** any fish with a legal limit (numbers, weight, or volume) set by your state's fishing regulations.
- **Special concern:** any fish species that is of particular concern to the state for preservation and management; included are state-listed threatened or endangered species, native species receiving special management attention, and other species of special concern for study and management; excluded are species receiving special management strictly to improve or diversify recreational fishing.
- Federal threatened or endangered species should be so indicated in the columns provided.

1.

POPULATION CODES	
<b>A – Presence</b> A = Abundant C = Common U = Uncommon R = Rare E = Expected X = Unknown	
<b>B – Percentage of Reach with Species</b> 1, 10, 20, etc.	
<b>C – Lifestage stocked</b> (if not stocked, leave blank) E = Egg L = Larvae F = Fingering S = Subcatchable C = Catchable	
<b>D – Frequency of stocking</b> 1 = Less than once annually 2 = Annually 3 = More than once annually	

List the genus/species/subspecies, race, etc., for all fish species.

	Check all that apply to the species.												Refer to population codes in box at left.				
	Fish Classes						Reach Description or Use						Population				
	Sport	Anadromous	Endangered (Federal)	Threatened (Federal)	Special concern (State)	Commercial	Nonsport	Year round resident	Spawn elsewhere	Spawn and hatch	Nursery	Migration route	Over winter	Presence	Percentage of reach with species	Lifestage stocked	Frequency of stocking
1. _____																	
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If you need more lines to complete the species list, use the back of the last page.																	

## Appendix A. (Continued.)

Question 2 is concerned with the type of information you have available to complete this questionnaire. For the purpose of completing these questions, the following definitions apply:

- **Qualitative sampling:** this includes visual reconnaissance surveys and techniques which indicate only a species' presence or absence.
- **Quantitative sampling:** this includes techniques which produce numerical data in the form of population and productivity estimates, relative abundance ratings, biomass estimates, nest or redd counts, etc.

2. Has fish sampling occurred within this reach? CIRCLE ONE NUMBER

- |                      |   |              |
|----------------------|---|--------------|
| Yes, definitely..... | 1 | } → ANSWER A |
| Yes, suspected.....  | 2 |              |
| Doubtful.....        | 3 | } → ANSWER B |
| No, definitely.....  | 4 |              |
| Unknown.....         | 5 |              |

IF SAMPLING OCCURRED (YES, DEFINITELY OR SUSPECTED)

A. List the year(s) of sampling for each type of survey within this reach.

Qualitative \_\_\_\_\_

Quantitative \_\_\_\_\_

IF REACH WAS NOT SAMPLED (NO, DEFINITELY OR DOUBTFUL)

B. Has fish sampling occurred within the cataloging unit? CIRCLE ONE NUMBER

- |                      |   |                |
|----------------------|---|----------------|
| Yes, definitely..... | 1 | } → ANSWER C   |
| Yes, suspected.....  | 2 |                |
| Doubtful.....        | 3 | } → GO TO Q. 3 |
| No, definitely.....  | 4 |                |
| Unknown.....         | 5 |                |

IF SAMPLING OCCURRED (YES, DEFINITELY OR SUSPECTED)

C. List the year(s) of sampling for each type of survey within this cataloging unit.

Qualitative \_\_\_\_\_

Quantitative \_\_\_\_\_

3. Check the months the reach has water usable as fish habitat during a normal water year.

All	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	None
year													
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## Appendix A. (Continued.)

Question 4 concerns adverse conditions that may be affecting fish in the reach. Note that natural conditions are included in the tables. The tables should be completed one at a time. For example, if a reach is dammed and several adverse conditions result, each table (water quality, water quantity, usable habitat, fish community) should be completed as a unit. If the dam is causing gas supersaturation in the reach, #6 and #46 should be checked; if the dam blocks fish access to spawning gravel upstream, #27 and #71 should be checked. Check "other" only when necessary to explain reach conditions; keep explanations brief.

4. Is the survival, productivity, or use of the fish community being adversely affected by natural or man-made conditions in the reach? CIRCLE ONE NUMBER

Yes, definitely.....	1	} → ANSWER A
Yes, suspected.....	2	
Doubtful .....	3	} → GO TO Q. 5
No, definitely.....	4	
Unknown .....	5	

IF YES (DEFINITELY OR SUSPECTED):

- A. Please complete the following tables by checking appropriate factors and sources. If possible, indicate if the factors and sources are of major or minor concern.

**TABLE I.**  
**WATER QUALITY**

Check all applicable categories and circle 1 (Major) or 2 (Minor) in each category checked.

**A. LIMITING FACTOR**

	Major	Minor
1___ Temperature too high.....	1	2
2___ Temperature too low.....	1	2
3___ Turbidity.....	1	2
4___ Salinity.....	1	2
5___ Dissolved oxygen.....	1	2
6___ Gas supersaturation.....	1	2
7___ pH too acidic.....	1	2
8___ pH too basic.....	1	2
9___ Nutrient deficiency.....	1	2
10___ Nutrient surplus.....	1	2
11___ Toxic substances .....	1	2
12___ Other (specify below)		
_____	1	2

**B. PROBABLE SOURCE**

	Major	Minor
39___ Primarily upstream.....	1	2
40___ Within reach.....	1	2
41___ Point source discharge.....	1	2
42___ Industrial .....	1	2
43___ Municipal.....	1	2
44___ Combined sewer.....	1	2
45___ Mining .....	1	2
46___ Dam release.....	1	2
47___ Nonpoint source discharge.....	1	2
48___ Individual sewage disposal.....	1	2
49___ Urban runoff.....	1	2
50___ Landfill leachate.....	1	2
51___ Construction.....	1	2
52___ Agriculture .....	1	2
53___ Feedlot.....	1	2
54___ Silviculture/logging.....	1	2
55___ Mining .....	1	2
56___ Natural .....	1	2
57___ Unknown .....	1	2
58___ Other (specify below)		
_____	1	2

## Appendix A. (Continued.)

**TABLE II.**  
**WATER QUANTITY**

Check all applicable categories and circle 1 (Major) or 2 (Minor) in each category checked.

**C. LIMITING FACTOR**

	Major	Minor
13___ Below optimum flows .....	1	2
14___ Above optimum flows .....	1	2
15___ Loss of flushing flows .....	1	2
16___ Excessive flow fluctuation .....	1	2
17___ Occasional low flow .....	1	2
18___ Other (specify below) .....	1	2

**D. PROBABLE SOURCE**

	Major	Minor
59___ Dam (power) .....	1	2
60___ Dam (flood control) .....	1	2
61___ Dam (storage) .....	1	2
62___ Diversion (agriculture) .....	1	2
63___ Diversion (municipal) .....	1	2
64___ Diversion (industrial) .....	1	2
65___ Natural .....	1	2
66___ Other (specify below) .....	1	2

**TABLE III.**  
**USABLE HABITAT**

Check all applicable categories and circle 1 (Major) or 2 (Minor) in each category checked.

**E. LIMITING FACTOR**

	Major	Minor
19___ Adult/juvenile habitat .....	1	2
20___ Pools .....	1	2
21___ Riffles .....	1	2
22___ Undercut banks .....	1	2
23___ Boulders .....	1	2
24___ Snags .....	1	2
25___ Overhead cover .....	1	2
26___ Egg/larvae habitat .....	1	2
27___ Gravel .....	1	2
28___ Plants, plant debris .....	1	2
29___ Other (specify below) .....	1	2

**F. PROBABLE CAUSE**

	Major	Minor
67___ Excessive siltation .....	1	2
68___ Bank erosion/sloughing .....	1	2
69___ Channelization .....	1	2
70___ Other channel modifications .....	1	2
71___ Migration blockage .....	1	2
72___ Natural .....	1	2
73___ Unknown .....	1	2
74___ Other (specify below) .....	1	2

**TABLE IV.**  
**FISH COMMUNITY**

Check all applicable categories and circle 1 (Major) or 2 (Minor) in each category checked.

**G. LIMITING FACTOR**

	Major	Minor
30___ Fish kills .....	1	2
31___ Contamination .....	1	2
32___ Diseases/parasites .....	1	2
33___ Tumors/lesions .....	1	2
34___ Overharvest .....	1	2
35___ Poaching .....	1	2
36___ Underharvest .....	1	2
37___ Fish stocking .....	1	2
38___ Other (specify below) .....	1	2

**H. PROBABLE SOURCE**

	Major	Minor
75___ Heavy metals .....	1	2
76___ Pesticides .....	1	2
77___ Other noxious/toxic substances .....	1	2
78___ Crowding .....	1	2
79___ Other stress .....	1	2
80___ Natural .....	1	2
81___ Unknown .....	1	2
82___ Other (specify below) .....	1	2

## Appendix A. (Continued.)

The next few questions are a subjective but necessary part of this survey. To provide some standardization for response, a "ladder" is shown below describing the spectrum of conditions that could exist in an aquatic ecosystem in terms of the fish community. At the top of the ladder is the ideal situation of maximum ability to support a fish community of high interest, i.e., a community of sport fish or other species of special concern. The bottom of the ladder represents a reach that is incapable of supporting any fish community. Please use this ladder as a reference in answering questions 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

5	
4	
3	
2	
1	
0	

The reach exhibits a maximum ability to support a community of sport fish, species of special concern, or both.

The reach exhibits a minimum ability to support a community of sport fish, species of special concern, or both.

The reach exhibits an ability to support a nonsport fish population only.

The reach has no ability to support any fish population.

Appendix A. (Continued.)

CHECK ONE BOX FOR EACH QUESTION

5. Using the scale shown on the opposite page, how would you rank the current conditions of the reach?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0	1	2	3	4	5

6. Again using this scale, how would you rank the conditions of the reach five years ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0	1	2	3	4	5

7. If present trends in the reach continue, how will it rank five years from now?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0	1	2	3	4	5

8. Should the man-caused limiting factors (if previously indicated in question 4A) be eliminated or controlled, how will the reach rank five years from now?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0	1	2	3	4	5

9. Considering, as a standard, a reach in the same or adjacent cataloging unit with the greatest ability to support sport fish, how would you rate that reach on the scale?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0	1	2	3	4	5

# Appendix A. (Continued.)

USE THIS PAGE ONLY IF YOU NEED TO LIST MORE THAN 11 SPECIES OF FISH IN QUESTION 1.

**POPULATION CODES**

**A — Presence**  
 A = Abundant  
 C = Common  
 U = Uncommon  
 R = Rare  
 E = Expected  
 X = Unknown

**B — Percentage of Reach with Species**  
 1, 10, 20, etc.

**C — Lifesage stocked**  
 (if not stocked, leave blank)  
 E = Egg  
 L = Larvae  
 F = Fingering  
 S = Subcatchable  
 C = Catchable

**D — Frequency of stocking**  
 1 = Less than once annually  
 2 = Annually  
 3 = More than once annually

List the genus/species/subspecies, race, etc., for all fish species.

	Check all that apply to the species.												Refer to population codes in box at left.					
	Fish Classes							Reach Description or Use					Population					
	Sport	Anadromous	Endangered (Federal)	Threatened (Federal)	Special concern (State)	Commercial	Nonsport	Year round resident	Spawn elsewhere	Spawn and hatch	Nursery	Migration route	Over winter	Presence	A	B	C	D
12.																		
13.																		
14.																		
15.																		
16.																		

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**RESPONDENT IDENTIFICATION**

(to be filled out by the person who completed the questionnaire)\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

State and Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Division \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Years in this position \_\_\_\_\_

Years in the field of fisheries \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Please list the names of any additional people who assisted in completing the questionnaire.

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# APPENDIX C. NATIONAL FISHERIES SURVEY LISTING OF FISH SPECIES

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME
ACANTHARCHUS POMOTIS	MUD SUNFISH
ACIPENSER FULVESCENS	LAKE STURGEON
ACIPENSER OXYRHYNCHUS	ATLANTIC STURGEON
ACROCHEILUS ALUTACEUS	CHISELMOUTH
ALOSA AESTIVALIS	BLUEBACK HERRING
ALOSA CHRYSOCHLORIS	SKIPJACK HERRING
ALOSA MEDIOCRIS	HICKORY SHAD
ALOSA PSEUDOHARENGUS	ALEWIFE
ALOSA SAPIDISSIMA	AMERICAN SHAD
AMBLOPLITES ARIOMMUS	SHADOW BASS
AMBLOPLITES CONSTELLATUS	OZARK BASS
AMBLOPLITES RUPESTRIS	ROCK BASS
AMIA CALVA	BOWFIN
AMMOCRYPTA ASPRELLA	CRYSTAL DARTER
AMMOCRYPTA BEANI	NAKED SAND DARTER
AMMOCRYPTA MERIDIANA	SOUTHERN SAND DARTER
AMMOCRYPTA VIVAX	SCALY SAND DARTER
AMPHISTICHUS RHODOTERUS	REDTAIL SURFPERCH
ANCHOA MITCHILLI	BAY ANCHOVY
ANGUILLA ROSTRATA	AMERICAN EEL
APHREDODERUS SAYANUS	PIRATE PERCH
APLODINOTUS GRUNNIENS	FRESHWATER DRUM
ARCHOSARGUS PROBATOCEPHALUS	SHEEPSHEAD
ARIUS FELIS	HARDHEAD CATFISH
BAGRE MARINUS	GAFFTOPSAIL CATFISH
BAIRDIELLA CHRYSOURA	SILVER PERCH
BREVOORTIA GUNTERI	FINESCALE MENHADEN
BREVOORTIA TYRANNUS	ATLANTIC MENHADEN
CAMPOSTOMA ANOMALUM	CENTRAL STONEROLLER
CAMPOSTOMA OLIGOLEPIS	LARGESCALE STONEROLLER
CARASSIUS AURATUS	GOLDFISH
CARPIODES CARPIO	RIVER CARPSUCKER
CARPIODES CYPRINUS	QUILLBACK
CARPIODES SP.	CARPSUCKERS
CARPIODES VELIFER	HIGHFIN CARPSUCKER
CATOSTOMUS CATOSTOMUS	LONGNOSE SUCKER
CATOSTOMUS COLUMBIANUS	BRIDGELIP SUCKER
CATOSTOMUS COMMERSONI	WHITE SUCKER
CATOSTOMUS DISCOBOLUS	BLUEHEAD SUCKER
CATOSTOMUS LATIPINNIS	FLANNELMOUTH SUCKER
CATOSTOMUS MACROCHEILUS	LARGESCALE SUCKER
CATOSTOMA MICRIPS	MODOC SUCKER
CATOSTOMUS PLEBEIUS	RIO GRANDE SUCKER
CATOSTOMUS SP.	SUCKERS
CATOSTOMUS SYNCHILUS	FINE-SCALED SUCKER
CATOSTOMUS TAHOENSIS	TAHOE SUCKER
CENTRARCHUS MACROPTERUS	FLIER
CENTROPOMUS SP.	SNOOK

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CHOLOGASTER CORNUTA  
 CLARIAS BATRACHUS  
 CLINOSTOMUS ELONGATUS  
 CLINOSTOMUS FUNDULOIDES  
 CLUPEA HARENGUS HARENGUS  
 COREGONUS CLUPEAFORMIS  
 COREGONUS SP.  
 COTTUS ASPER  
 COTTUS BAIRDI  
 COTTUS CAROLINAE  
 COTTUS COGNATUS  
 COTTUS CONFUSUS  
 COTTUS GIRARDI  
 COTTUS GULOSUS  
 COTTUS RHOZEUS  
 COTTUS SP.  
 COUESIUS PLUMBEUS  
 CTENOPHARYNGODON IDELLA  
 CULAEA INCONSTANS  
 CYCLEPTUS ELONGATUS  
 CYPRINUS CARPIO  
 CYPRINODON RUBROFLUVIATILIS  
 DORMITATOR MACULATUS  
 DOROSOMA CEPEDIANUM  
 DOROSOMA PETENENSE  
 DOROSOMA SP.  
 ELASSOMA SP.  
 ELASSOMA ZONATUM  
 ELOPS SAURUS  
 ENNEACANTHUS CHAETODON  
 ENNEACANTHUS GLORIOSUS  
 ENNEACANTHUS OBESUS  
 ERICYMBA BUCCATA  
 ERIMYZON OBLONGUS  
 ERIMYZON SP.  
 ERIMYZON SUCETTA  
 ERIMYZON TENUIS  
 ESOX AMERICANUS AMERICANUS  
 ESOX AMERICANUS VERMICULATUS  
 ESOX LUCIUS  
 ESOX MASQUINONG-LUCIUS(HY)  
 ESOX MASQUINONGY  
 ESOX NIGER  
 ESOX SP.  
 ETHEOSTOMA ASPRIGENE  
 ETHEOSTOMA BLENNIOIDES  
 ETHEOSTOMA CAERULEUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA CHLOROBANCHIUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA CHLOROSOMUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA COLLETTEI  
 ETHEOSTOMA EDWINI  
 ETHEOSTOMA FLABELLARE

SWAMPFISH  
 WALKING CATFISH  
 REDSIDE DACE  
 ROSYSIDE DACE  
 ATLANTIC HERRING  
 LAKE WHITEFISH  
 CISCO  
 PRICKLY SCULPIN  
 MOTTLED SCULPIN  
 BANDED SCULPIN  
 SLIMY SCULPIN  
 SHORHEAD SCULPIN  
 POTAMAC SCULPIN  
 RIFFLE SCULPIN  
 TORRENT SCULPIN  
 SCULPINS  
 LAKE CHUB  
 GRASS CARP  
 BROOK STICKLEBACK  
 BLUE SUCKER  
 COMMON CARP  
 RED RIVER PUFFISH  
 FAT SLEEPER  
 GIZZARD SHAD  
 THREADFIN SHAD  
 SHADS  
 PYGMY SUNFISH  
 BANDED PYGMY SUNFISH  
 LADYFISH  
 BLACKBANDED SUNFISH  
 BLUESPOTTED SUNFISH  
 BANDED SUNFISH  
 SILVERJAW MINNOW  
 CREEK CHUBSUCKER  
 CHUBSUCKER  
 LAKE CHUBSUCKER  
 SHARPFIN CHUBSUCKER  
 PICKEREL  
 GRASS PICKEREL  
 NORTHERN PIKE  
 TIGER MUSKY (HYBRID)  
 MUSKELLUNGE (MUSKY)  
 CHAIN PICKEREL  
 PICKEREL  
 MUD DARTER  
 GREENSIDE DARTER  
 RAINBOW DARTER  
 GREENFIN DARTER  
 ASHY DARTER  
 CREOLE DARTER  
 CHERRY DARTER  
 FANTAIL DARTER

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ETHEOSTOMA FRICKSIUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA FUSIFORME  
 ETHEOSTOMA GRACILE  
 ETHEOSTOMA HISTRIO  
 ETHEOSTOMA INSCRIPTUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA JORDANI  
 ETHEOSTOMA NIGRUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA OBEYENSE  
 ETHEOSTOMA OLMSTEDI  
 ETHEOSTOMA PALIDIDORSUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA PARVIPINNE  
 ETHEOSTOMA PROLIARE  
 ETHEOSTOMA PUNCTULATUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA RADIOSUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA RUFILINEATUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA RUPESTRE  
 ETHEOSTOMA SERRIFERUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA SP.  
 ETHEOSTOMA SPECTABILE  
 ETHEOSTOMA STIGMAEUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA SWAINI  
 ETHEOSTOMA ULOCENTRA  
 ETHEOSTOMA VARIATUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA VIRGATUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA VITREUM  
 ETHEOSTOMA WHIPPLEI  
 ETHEOSTOMA ZONALE  
 EXOGLOSSUM MAXILLINGUA  
 FUNDULUS CATENATUS  
 FUNDULUS CHRYSOTUS  
 FUNDULUS DIAPHANUS  
 FUNDULUS LINEOLATUS  
 FUNDULUS NOTATUS  
 FUNDULUS NOTTI  
 FUNDULUS OLIVACEUS  
 FUNDULUS SP.  
 FUNDULUS ZEBRINUS  
 GAMBUSIA AFFINIS  
 GASTEROSTEUS ACULEATUS  
 GILA BICOLOR  
 GILA COPEI  
 GILA ROBUSTA  
 GOBIOMORUS DORMITOR  
 HESPEROLEUCUS PARVIPINNIS  
 HIODON ALOSOIDES  
 HIODON TERGISUS  
 HYBOPSIS AESTIVALIS  
 HYBOPSIS AMBLOPS  
 HYBOGNATHUS ARGYRITIS  
 HYBOPSIS DISSIMILIS  
 HYBOPSIS GELIDA  
 HYBOPSIS GRACILIS

SAVANNAH DARTER  
 SWAMP DARTER  
 SLOUGH DARTER  
 HARLEQUIN DARTER  
 TURQUOISE DARTER  
 GREENBREAST DARTER  
 JOHNNY DARTER  
 BARCHEEK DARTER  
 TESSELLATED DARTER  
 PALEBACK DARTER  
 GOLDSTRIPE DARTER  
 CYPRESS DARTER  
 STIPPLED DARTER  
 ORANGEBELLY DARTER  
 REDLINE DARTER  
 ROCK DARTER  
 SAWCHEEK DARTER  
 DARTERS  
 ORANGETHROAT DARTER  
 SPECKLED DARTER  
 GULF DARTER  
 \*UNDESCRIBED\*  
 VARIEGATED DARTER  
 STRIPED DARTER  
 GLASSY DARTER  
 REDFIN DARTER  
 BANDED DARTER  
 CUTLIPS MINNOW  
 NORTHERN STUDDFISH  
 GOLDEN TOPMINNOW  
 BANDED KILLIFISH  
 LINED TOPMINNOW  
 BLACKSTRIPE TOPMINNOW  
 STARHEAD TOPMINNOW  
 BLACKSPOTTED TOPMINNOW  
 TOPMINNOW  
 PLAINS KILLIFISH  
 MOSQUITOFISH  
 THREESPINE STICKLEBACK  
 TUI CHUB  
 LEATHERSIDE CHUB  
 ROUNDTAILED CHUB  
 BIGMOUTH SLEEPER  
 HYBRID  
 GOLDEYE  
 MOONEYE  
 SPECKLED CHUB  
 BIGEYE CHUB  
 WESTERN SILVERY MINNOW  
 STREAMLINE CHUB  
 STURGEON CHUB  
 FLATHEAD CHUB



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HYBOGNATHUS HANKINSONI  
 HYBOGNATHUS HAYI  
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 HYBOPSIS HYP SINOTUS  
 HYBOPSIS LABROSA  
 HYBOGNATHUS NUCHALIS  
 HYBOGNATHUS REGIUS  
 HYBOPSIS RUBRIFRONS  
 HYBOGNATHUS SP.  
 HYBOPSIS SP.  
 HYBOPSIS STORERIANA  
 HYPENTELIUM ETOWANUM  
 HYPENTELIUM NIGRICANS  
 HYPOMESUS TRANSPACIFICUS  
 ICHTHYOMYZON CASTANEUS  
 ICHTHYOMYZON GAGEI  
 ICHTHYOMYZON UNICUSPIS  
 ICTALURUS CATUS  
 ICTALURUS FURCATUS  
 ICTALURUS MELAS  
 ICTALURUS NATALIS  
 ICTALURUS NEBULOSUS  
 ICTALURUS PLATYCEPHALUS  
 ICTALURUS PUNCTATUS  
 ICTALURUS SERRACANTHUS  
 ICTALURUS SP.  
 ICTIOBUS BUBALUS  
 ICTIOBUS CYPRINELLUS  
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 ICTIOBUS SP.  
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 LAMPETRA AEPYPTERA  
 LAMPETRA APPENDIX  
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 LEPISTOSTEUS OCULATUS  
 LEPISTOSTEUS OSSEUS  
 LEPISTOSTEUS PLATOSTOMUS  
 LEPISTOSTEUS PLATYRHINCUS  
 LEPISTOSTEUS SPATULA  
 LEPOMIS AURITUS  
 LEPOMIS CYANELLUS  
 LEPOMIS GIBBOSUS  
 LEPOMIS GULOSUS  
 LEPOMIS HUMILUS  
 LEPOMIS MACROCHIRUS  
 LEPOMIS MARGINATUS  
 LEPOMIS MEGALOTIS  
 LEPOMIS MICROLOPHUS  
 LEPOMIS PUNCTATUS  
 LEPOMIS SP.  
 LEPOMIS SYMMETRICUS  
 LOTA LOTA

BRASSY MINNOW  
 CYPRESS MINNOW  
 CYPRESS MINNOW  
 HIGHBACK CHUB  
 THICKLIP CHUB  
 MISSISSIPPI SILVERY CHUB  
 EASTERN SILVERY MINNOW  
 ROSYFACE CHUB  
 MINNOWS  
 CHUB  
 SILVER CHUB  
 ALABAMA HOG SUCKER  
 NORTHERN HOG SUCKER  
 DELTA SMELT  
 CHESTNUT LAMPREY  
 SOUTHERN BROOK LAMPREY  
 SILVER LAMPREY  
 WHITE CATFISH  
 BLUE CATFISH  
 BLACK BULLHEAD  
 YELLOW BULLHEAD  
 BROWN BULLHEAD  
 FLAT BULLHEAD  
 CHANNEL CATFISH  
 SPOTTED BULLHEAD  
 CATFISH  
 SMALLMOUTH BUFFALO  
 BIGMOUTH BUFFALO  
 BLACK BUFFALO  
 BUFFALOS  
 BROOK SILVERSIDE  
 LEAST BROOK LAMPREY  
 AMERICAN BROOK LAMPREY  
 SPOT  
 SPOTTED GAR  
 LONGNOSE GAR  
 SHORTNOSE GAR  
 FLORIDA GAR  
 ALLIGATOR GAR  
 REDBREAST SUNFISH  
 GREEN SUNFISH  
 PUMPKINSEED  
 WARMOUTH  
 ORANGESPOTTED SUNFISH  
 BLUEGILL  
 DOLLAR SUNFISH  
 LONGEAR SUNFISH  
 REDEAR SUNFISH  
 SPOTTED SUNFISH  
 SUNFISH  
 BANTAM SUNFISH  
 BURBOT

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LUCANIA PARVA  
 LUTJANUS GRISEUS  
 MEGALOPS ATLANTICUS  
 MENIDIA AUDENS  
 MENIDIA BERYLLINA  
 MICROPTERUS COOSAE  
 MICROPTERUS DOLOMIEUI  
 MICROPTERUS PUNCTULATUS  
 MICROPTERUS SALMOINDES  
 MICROPOGON UNDULATUS  
 MINYTREMA MELANOPS  
 MORONE AMERICANA  
 MORONE CHRYSOPS  
 MORONE MISSISSIPPIENSIS  
 MORONE SAXATILUS  
 MOXOSTOMA ANISURUM  
 MOXOSTOMA CARINATUM  
 MOXOSTOMA CONGESTUM  
 MOXOSTOMA DUQUESNEI  
 MOXOSTOMA ERYTHRURUM  
 MOXOTOMA LACHNERI  
 MOXOSTOMA MACROLEPIDOTUM  
 MOXOSTOMA POECILURUM  
 MOXOTOMA ROBUSTUM  
 MOXOSTOMA RUPISCARTES  
 MOXOSTOMA SP.  
 MOXOSTOMA VALENCIENNESI  
 MUGIL CEPHALUS  
 MYLOCHEILUS CAURINUS  
 MYLOPHARODON CONOCEPHALUS  
 NOCOMIS BIGUTTATUS  
 NOCOMIS LEPTOCEPHALUS  
 NOCOMIS MICROPOGON  
 NOTEMIGONUS CRYSOLEUCAS  
 NOTROPIS ALBORUS  
 NOTROPIS ALTIPINNIS  
 NOTROPIS AMNIS  
 NOTROPIS AMOENUS  
 NOTROPIS ANALOSTANUS  
 NOTROPIS ARDENS  
 NOTROPIS ARIOMMUS  
 NOTROPIS ASPERIFRONS  
 NOTROPIS ATHERINOIDES  
 NOTROPIS ATROCAUDALIS  
 NOTROPIS BAILEYI  
 NOTROPIS BAIRDI  
 NOTROPIS BELLUS  
 NOTROPIS BIFRENATUS  
 NOTROPIS BLENNIUS  
 NOTROPIS BOOPS  
 NOTROPIS BUCHANANI  
 NOTROPIS CALLISEMA

RAINWATER KILLIFISH  
 GRAY SNAPPER  
 TARPON  
 MISSISSIPPI SIVERSIDE  
 INLAND SILVERSIDE  
 REDEYE BASS  
 SMALLMOUTH BASS  
 SPOTTED BASS  
 LARGE MOUTH BASS  
 ATLANTIC CROAKER  
 SPOTTED SUCKER  
 WHITE PERCH  
 WHITE BASS  
 YELLOW BASS  
 STRIPED BASS  
 SILVER REDHORSE  
 RIVER REDHORSE  
 GRAY REDHORSE  
 BLACK REDHORSE  
 GOLDEN REDHORSE  
 GREATER JUMPROCK  
 SHORHEAD REDHORSE  
 BLACKTAIL REDHORSE  
 SMALLFIN REDHORSE  
 STRIPED JUMPROCK  
 SUCKERS  
 GREATER REDHORSE  
 STRIPED MULLET  
 PEAMOUTH  
 HARDHEAD  
 HORNYHEAD CHUB  
 BLUE HEAD CHUB  
 RIVER CHUB  
 GOLDEN SHINER  
 WHITEMOUTH SHINER  
 HIGHFIN SHINER  
 PALLID SHINER  
 COMELY SHINER  
 SATINFIN SHINER  
 ROSEFIN SHINER  
 POPEYE SHINER  
 BURRHEAD SHINER  
 EMERALD SHINER  
 BLACKSPOT SHINER  
 ROUGH SHINER  
 RED RIVER SHINER  
 PRETTY SHINER  
 BRIDLE SHINER  
 RIVER SHINER  
 BIGEYE SHINER  
 GHOST SHINER  
 OCMULGEE SHINER

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NOTROPIS CALLISTIUS  
 NOTROPIS CALLITAENIA  
 NOTROPIS CAMURUS  
 NOTROPIS CHALYBAEUS  
 NOTROPIS CHILITICUS  
 NOTROPIS CHLORISTIIUS  
 NOTROPIS CHROSOMUS  
 NOTROPIS CHRYSOCEPHALUS  
 NOTROPIS CORNUTUS  
 NOTROPIS CUMMINGSAE  
 NOTROPIS DORSALIS  
 NOTROPIS EMILAE  
 NOTROPIS FUMEUS  
 NOTROPIS GALACTURUS  
 NOTROPIS HARPERI  
 NOTROPIS HETERODON  
 NOTROPIS HETEROLOPIS  
 NOTROPIS HUDSONIUS  
 NOTROPIS HYPSELOPTERUS  
 NOTROPIS LEUCIODUS  
 NOTROPIS LIRUS  
 NOTROPIS LONGIROSTRIS  
 NOTROPIS LUTIPINNIS  
 NOTROPIS LUTRENSIS  
 NOTROPIS MACULATUS  
 NOTROPIS NIVEUS  
 NOTROPIS NUBILUS  
 NOTROPIS OXYRHYNCHUS  
 NOTROPIS PETERSONI  
 NOTROPIS PHOTOGENIS  
 NOTROPIS PILSBRYI  
 NOTROPIS POTTERI  
 NOTROPIS PROCNE  
 NOTROPIS PYRRHOMELAS  
 NOTROPIS ROSEIPINNIS  
 NOTROPIS RUBELLUS  
 NOTROPIS SABINAE  
 NOTROPIS SCEPTICUS  
 NOTROPIS SHIPPLEI  
 NOTROPIS SHUMARDI  
 NOTROPIS SIGNIPINNIS  
 NOTROPIS SIMUS  
 NOTROPIS SP.  
 NOTROPIS SPILOPTERUS  
 NOTROPIS STILBIUS  
 NOTROPIS STRAMINEUS  
 NOTROPIS TELESCOPUS  
 NOTROPIS TEXANUS  
 NOTROPIS TRICHROISTIIUS  
 NOTROPIS UMBRATILIS  
 NOTROPIS VENUSTUS  
 NOTROPIS VOLUCELLUS

ALABAMA SHINER  
 BLUESTRIPE SHINER  
 BLUNTFACE SHINER  
 IRONCOLOR SHINER  
 REDLIP SHINER  
 GREENFIN SHINER  
 RAINBOW SHINER  
 STRIPED SHINER  
 COMMON SHINER  
 DUSKY SHINER  
 BIGMOUTH SHINER  
 PUGNOSE MINNOW  
 RIBBON SHINER  
 WHITETAIL SHINER  
 REDEYE CHUB  
 BLACKCHIN SHINER  
 BLACKNOSE SHINER  
 SPOTTAIL SHINER  
 SAILFIN SHINER  
 TENNESSEE SHINER  
 MOUNTAIN SHINER  
 LONGNOSE SHINER  
 YELLOWFIN SHINER  
 RED SHINER  
 TAILLIGHT SHINER  
 WHITEFIN SHINER  
 OZARK MINNOW  
 SHARPNOSE SHINER  
 COASTAL SHINER  
 SILVER SHINER  
 DUSKYSTRIPE SHINER  
 CHUB SHINER  
 SWALLOWTAIL SHINER  
 FIERYBLACK SHINER  
 CHERRYFIN SHINNER  
 ROSYFACE SHINER  
 SABINE SHINER  
 SANDBAR SHINER  
 STEELCOLOR SHINER  
 SILVERBAND SHINER  
 FLAGFIN SHINER  
 BLUNTNOSE SHINER  
 SHINERS  
 SPOTFIN SHINER  
 SILVERSTRIPE SHINER  
 SAND SHINER  
 TELESCOPE SHINER  
 WEED SHINER  
 TRICOLOR SHINER  
 REDFIN SHINER  
 BLACKTAIL SHINER  
 MIMIC SHINER

Appendix C. (Continued.)

NOTROPIS WHIPPLEI	STEELCOLOR SHINER
NOTROPIS XAENOCEPHALUS	COOSA SHINER
NOTROPIS XAENURUS	ALTAMAHA SHINER
NOTROPIS ZONATUS	BLEEDING SHINER
NOTROPIS ZONISTIUS	BANDFIN SHINER
NOTURUS ALBATER	OZARK MADTOM
NOTURUS EXILIS	SLENDER MADTOM
NOTURUS FLAVUS	STONECAT
NOTURUS FUNEBRIS	BLACK MADTOM
NOTURUS GYRINUS	TADPOLE MADTOM
NOTURUS INSIGNIS	MARGINED MADTOM
NOTURUS LEPTACANTHUS	SPECKLED MADTOM
NOTURUS MIURUS	BRINDLED MADTOM
NOTURUS NOCTURNUS	FRECKLED MADTOM
NOTURUS PHAEUS	BROWN MADTOM
NOTURUS SP.	MADTOMS
OSMERUS MORDAX	RAINBOW SMELT
PARALICHTHYS LETHOSTIGMA	SOUTHERN FLOUNDER
PERCINA CAPRODES	LOGPERCH
PERCINA COPELANDI	CHANNEL DARTER
PERCINA CRASSA	PIEDMONT DARTER
PERCINA EVIDES	GILT DARTER
PERCA FLAVESCENS	YELLOW PERCH
PERCINA LINTICULA	FRECKLED DARTER
PERCINA MACROCEPHALA	LONGHEAD DARTER
PERCINA MACULATA	BLACKSIDE DARTER
PERCINA NIGROFASCIATA	BLACKBANDED DARTER
PERCOPSIS OMISCOMAYCUS	TROUT PERCH
PERCINA OUACHITAE	SADDLEBACK DARTER
PERCINA PELTATA	SHIELD DARTER
PERCINA PHOXOCEPHALA	SLENDERHEAD DARTER
PERCINA SCIERA	DUSKY DARTER
PERCINA SHUMARDI	RIVER DARTER
PERCINA SQUAMATA	OLIVE DARTER
PERCOPSIS TRANSMONTANA	SAND ROLLER
PERCINA URANIDAE	STARGAZING DARTER
PETROMYZON MARINUS	SEA LAMPREY
PHENACOBIOUS CATOSTOMUS	RIFFLE MINNOW
PHENACOBIOUS MIRABILIS	SUCKERMOUTH MINNOW
PHOXINUS EOS	NORTHERN REDBELLY DACE
PHOXINUS ERYTHROGASTER	SOUTHERN REDBELLY DACE
PIMEPHALES NOTATUS	BLUNTNOSE MINNOW
PIMEPHALES PROMELAS	FATHEAD MINNOW
PIMEPHALES SP.	MINNONS
PIMEPHALES VIGILAX	BULLHEAD MINNOW
POECILIA MEXICANA	SHORTFIN MOLLY
POGONIAS CROMIS	BLACKDRUM
POLYODON SPATHULA	PADDLEFISH
POMATOMUS SALTATRIX	BLUEFISH
POMOXIS ANNULARIS	WHITE CRAPPIE
POMOXIS NIGROMACULATUS	BLACK CRAPPIE
POMOXIS SP.	CRAPPIE

Appendix C. (Concluded.)

PROSOPIUM COULTERI  
PYLODICTUS OLIVARIS  
RHINICHTHYS ATRATULUS  
RHINICHTHYS CATARACTAE  
RHINICHTHYS FALCATUS  
RHINICHTHYS OSCULUS  
RHINICHTHYS SP.  
RICHARDSONIUS BALTEATUS  
RICHARDSONIUS EGREGIUS  
SALMO GAIRDNERI  
SALMO SALAR  
SALMO SALAR  
SALMO TRUTTA  
SALVELINUS CONFLUENTUS  
SCAPHIRHYNCHUS ALBUS  
SCAPHIRHYNCHUS PLATORYNCHUS  
SCIAENOPS OCELLATUS  
SEMOTILUS ATROMACULATUS  
SEMOTILUS CORPORALIS  
SEMOTILUS MARGARITA  
SPIRINCHUS THALEICHTHYS  
STIZOSTEDION CANADENSE  
STIZOSTEDION VITREUM VITREUM  
STRONGYLURA MARINA  
THALEICHTHYS PACIFICUS  
TINCA TINCA  
TRINECTES MACULATUS  
UMBRA LIMI  
UMBRA PYGMAEA  
XIPHOPHORUS VARIATUS  
XYRAUCHEN TEXANUS

PYGMY WHITEFISH  
FLATHEAD CATFISH  
BLACKNOSE DACE  
LONGNOSE DACE  
LEOPARD DACE  
SPECKLED DACE  
DACE  
REDSIDE SHINER  
LAHONTON REDSIDE  
RAINBOW (NOT ANADROMOUS)  
ATLANTIC SALMON  
ATLANTIC SALMON (LAND LOCKED)  
BROWN TROUT  
BULL TROUT  
PALLID STURGEON  
SHOVELNOSE STURGEON  
RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS)  
CREEK CHUB  
FALLFISH  
PEARL DACE  
LONGFIN SMELT  
SAUGER  
WALLEYE  
ATLANTIC NEEDLEFISH  
EULACHON  
TENCH  
HOGCHOKER  
CENTRAL MUDMINNOW  
EASTERN MUDDMINNOW  
VARIABLE PLATYFISH  
RAZORBACK SUCKER

APPENDIX D. NATIONAL FISHERIES SURVEY SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Table D-1a. Ten most prevalent sports fish species in the Nation's waters (all streams).

Common Name	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Largemouth bass	263859	20951	221957	305761	27.31
Rainbow trout steelhead	213461	24645	164171	262751	22.09
Bluegill	188495	21232	146031	230959	19.51
Channel catfish	148343	18647	111049	185637	15.35
Smallmouth bass	142142	16821	108500	175784	14.71
Green sunfish	126074	17616	90842	161306	13.05
Brook trout	103507	14811	73885	133129	10.71
Black crappie	98190	14777	68636	127744	10.16
Spotted bass	98129	16317	65495	130763	10.16
Rockbass	94682	16318	62046	127318	9.80

Table D-1b. Ten most prevalent nonsport fish species in the Nation's waters (all streams).

Common Name	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Common carp	187417	18303	150811	224023	19.4
Creek chub	176709	18221	140267	213151	18.29
White sucker	166823	19354	128115	205531	17.27
Gizzard shad	131730	17422	96886	166574	13.63
Bluntnose minnow	126665	20228	86209	167121	13.11
Stoneroller	122337	17370	87597	157077	12.66
Green sunfish	115234	19274	76686	153782	11.93
Common shiner	112112	16671	78770	145454	11.6
Fathead minnow	110531	16685	77161	143901	11.44
Golden shiner	106602	15996	74610	138594	11.03

Table D-2a. Distribution of fish types by class (all streams).

Fish Class	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Sport	701780	29806	642168	502956	770104
Anadromous	102145	18485	65175	53428	299640
Commercial	163005	19396	124213	98406	342762
Nonsport	657606	26869	603868	473696	731984
Anadromous	20198	8250	3698	3266	225384
Endangered/threatened	7720	4420	0	0	215147
Special concern	23204	6317	10570	8571	228147
None	204074	20069	163936	132139	378967
					21.12



Table D-2b. Extent of fish classes (perennial streams).

Fish Classes	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Sport	636260	28987	578286	657915	65.86
Anadromous	100216	18291	63634	233746	10.37
Commercial	153377	18394	116589	270179	15.88
Nonsport	582895	25987	530921	612967	60.33
Anadromous	19540	8070	3400	158635	2.02
Endangered/threatened	7720	4420	0	148959	.8
Special concern	21450	5963	9524	160449	2.22
None	18298	4968	8362	155964	1.89

Table D-3a. Reach use by sport and nonsport fish (all streams).

Reach Use	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence interval			Percent	
			Unbiased	(95%)	Biased		
Year round sport fish	633635	29986	573663	693607	450504	718020	65.59
Sport fish spawning elsewhere	96413	15023	66367	126459	51930	286690	9.98
Sport fish spawning and hatching	657376	29958	597460	717292	469003	736341	68.04
Sport fish nursery	653968	29802	594364	713572	466836	734046	67.69
Sport fish migration	115184	18441	78302	152066	63102	308570	11.92
Sport fish overwintering	640921	29630	581661	700181	456141	722441	66.34
Nonsport fish year round	600946	27526	545894	655998	428772	690862	62.31
Nonsport fish spawning elsewhere	65553	12011	631531	679575	33463	266548	6.8
Nonsport fish spawning and hatching	616794	27550	561694	1850382	441197	703211	63.95
Nonsport fish nursery	611247	27444	556359	666135	437400	699079	63.37
Nonsport fish migration	37956	9420	19116	56796	15852	244457	3.94
Nonsport fish overwintering	602539	27423	547693	657385	430074	691849	62.47

Table D-4a. Abundance of the Nation's fish species (all streams).

Fish Abundance	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent		
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			
Sport fish species abundant	221694	25039	171616	271772	123107	446706	22.98
Sport fish species common	391757	25335	341087	442427	244028	558691	40.61
Sport fish species uncommon	52582	8075	36432	68732	25035	310396	5.45
Sport fish species rare	12228	4749	2730	21726	1898	283978	1.27
Sport fish species expected	65619	11078	43463	87775	30734	321628	6.8
Nonsport fish species abundant	334700	25956	282788	386612	194188	548841	35.13
Nonsport fish species common	303713	26001	251711	355715	173055	525676	31.88
Nonsport fish species uncommon	22344	5473	11398	33290	8333	327934	2.34
Nonsport fish species rare	4727	2487	0	9701	0	316013	.5
Nonsport fish species expected	60414	11466	37482	83346	26881	356813	6.34

Table D-4b. Abundance of fish species (perennial streams).

Fish Abundance	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Sport fish species abundant	208263	24026	160211	114856	353136
Sport fish species common	354024	24136	305752	220034	448200
Sport fish species uncommon	45118	7396	30326	59910	20751
Sport fish species rare	10196	4292	1612	18780	1047
Sport fish species expected	59984	10730	38524	81444	27404
Nonsport fish species abundant	306363	24082	258199	354527	177501
Nonsport fish species uncommon	13874	4202	5470	22278	3916
Nonsport fish species rare	3758	2290	0	8338	0
Nonsport fish species expected	53286	10006	33274	73298	23944
					273470
					21.59
					36.72
					4.68
					1.06
					6.22
					32.16
					1.46
					.39
					5.59

Table D-5a. Proportion of each given reach supporting fish species (all streams).

	Sport Fish 0				Sport Fish 1-24			
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		
Nonsport fish 0	0.3668	0.0269	0.2135 - 0.6188	0.0	0.0	0.0	- 0.3624	
Nonsport fish 1-24	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.3624	0.0085	0.0035	0.0010 - 0.3680		
Nonsport fish 25-49	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.3624	0.0041	0.0029	0.0	- 0.3644	
Nonsport fish 50-74	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.3624	0.0059	0.0036	0.0	- 0.3656	
Nonsport fish 75-100	0.0021	0.0021	0.0 - 0.3637	0.0147	0.0042	0.0039 - 0.3713		
Sport Fish total	0.3536	0.0258	0.2301 - 0.5535	0.0334	0.0070	0.0136 - 0.2953		

Table D-5a. (continued).

	Sport Fish 25-49				Sport Fish 50-74			
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		
Nonsport fish 0	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.3624	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.3624		
Nonsport fish 1-24	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.3624	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.3624		
Nonsport fish 25-49	0.0050	0.0030	0.0 - 0.3658	0.0060	0.0027	0.0004 - 0.3662		
Nonsport fish 50-74	0.0117	0.0042	0.0019 - 0.3693	0.0376	0.0080	0.0147 - 0.3884		
Nonsport fish 75-100	0.0235	0.0057	0.0076 - 0.3774	0.0561	0.0088	0.0254 - 0.3993		
Sport Fish total	0.0381	0.0071	0.0172 - 0.3003	0.0994	0.0121	0.0566 - 0.3493		

Table D-5a. (concluded).

	Sport Fish 75-100				Nonsport fish total		
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval	
Nonsport fish 0	0.0019	0.0014	0.0 - 0.3637	0.3601	0.0263	0.2279 - 0.5870	
Nonsport fish 1-24	0.0922	0.0016	0.0 - 0.3637	0.0159	0.0045	0.3252 - 0.0051	
Nonsport fish 25-49	0.0025	0.0018	0.0 - 0.3638	0.0185	0.0054	0.0052 - 0.3259	
Nonsport fish 50-74	0.0171	0.0071	0.0018 - 0.3750	0.0757	0.0130	0.0348 - 0.3689	
Nonsport fish 75-100	0.4342	0.0242	0.2577 - 0.6565	0.5298	0.0245	0.3392 - 0.6933	
Sport Fish total	0.4755	0.0253	0.3233 - 0.6452				

Table D-5b. Proportion of each given reach supporting fish species (perennial streams).

	Sport Fish 0				Sport Fish 1-24			
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		
Nonsport fish 0	0.1240	0.0176	0.0604 - 0.3555	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.2657		
Nonsport fish 1-24	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.2657	0.0039	0.0023	0.0 - 0.2682		
Nonsport fish 25-49	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.2657	0.0018	0.0018	0.0 - 0.2668		
Nonsport fish 50-74	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.2657	0.0059	0.0036	0.0 - 0.2689		
Nonsport fish 75-100	0.0021	0.0021	0.0 - 0.2670	0.0123	0.0037	0.0031 - 0.2732		
Sport Fish total	0.1327	0.0184	0.0717 - 0.2929	0.0209	0.0055	0.0071 - 0.1978		



Table D-5b. (continued).

	Sport Fish 25-49				Sport Fish 50-74			
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		
Nonsport fish 0	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.2657	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.2657		
Nonsport fish 1-24	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.2657	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.2657		
Nonsport fish 25-49	0.0037	0.0027	0.0 - 0.2682	0.0048	0.0024	0.0 - 0.2688		
Nonsport fish 50-74	0.0106	0.0039	0.0016 - 0.2720	0.0317	0.0075	0.0109 - 0.2668		
Nonsport fish 75-100	0.0222	0.0056	0.0070 - 0.2799	0.0469	0.0084	0.0203 - 0.2967		
Sport Fish total	0.0352	0.0068	0.0155 - 0.2095	0.0846	0.0117	0.0460 - 0.2494		

Table D-5b. (concluded).

	Sport Fish 75-100				Nonsport fish Total			
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		
Nonsport fish 0	0.0019	0.0014	0.0 - 0.2671	0.1254	0.0172	0.0680 - 0.3336		
Nonsport fish 1-24	0.0022	0.0016	0.0 - 0.2670	0.0087	0.0031	0.0019 - 0.2406		
Nonsport fish 25-49	0.0010	0.0010	0.0 - 0.2665	0.0102	0.0039	0.0016 - 0.2418		
Nonsport fish 50-74	0.0171	0.0071	0.0018 - 0.2785	0.0661	0.0125	0.0287 - 0.2826		
Nonsport fish 75-100	0.4117	0.0238	0.2430 - 0.5487	0.4888	0.0242	0.3113 - 0.5886		
Sport Fish total	0.4486	0.0250	0.3038 - 0.5425	—	—	—		

Table D-6a. Extent and frequency of stocking sport fish in the Nation's waters (all streams).

Sport Fish Community	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Stocked with eggs	0	*	0	0	0
Stocked with larvae	786	786	0	0	.08
Stocked fingerlings	78596	11937	54722	42985	8.13
Stocked with subcatchables	15424	4403	6618	5313	1.6
Stocked with catchables	65186	10562	44062	34787	6.75
More than one stage stocked	19520	5705	8110	5791	2.02
Stocked less than once annually	64906	9529	45848	35707	6.72
Stocked annually	71798	10747	52740	39757	7.43
Stocked more than once annually	30040	6804	16432	12981	3.11

Table D-6b. Estimated extent and frequency of stocking of sport fish (perennial streams).

Sport Fish Community Is:	Length (Miles)	Error	Standard Unbiased (95%)	Confidence Interval	
				Biased	Percent
Stocked with eggs	0		0	0	141083
Stocked with larvae	786		786	0	141551
Stocked with fingerlings	73978		11154	51670	96286
Stocked with subcatchables	15424		4403	6618	24230
Stocked with catchables	64235		10545	43145	85325
More than one stage stocked	19520		5706	8108	30932
Stocked less than once annually	63342		9484	44374	82310
Stocked annually	68014		9875	48264	87764
Stocked more than once annually	29089		6748	15593	42585
				12322	165261
					3.01

Table D-7a. Reaches where the fish community is being adversely affected (all streams).

Adverse Effects	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased	Biased	
Water quality	535084	29283	476518	396335	56.02
Water quantity	649102	30670	587762	498055	67.95
Usable habitat	464885	28219	408447	335707	48.67
Fish community	309630	25352	258926	211050	32.41
Total adversely affected	773330	29328	714674	600912	81.01
No adverse effects	180327	17700	144927	118020	18.89

Table D-7b. Reaches where the survival, productivity or use of the fish community are adversely affected (perennial streams).

Adverse Effects	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Water quality	433987	27496	378995	310991	513283
Water quantity	387874	27074	333726	276158	476200
Usable habitat	387024	25870	335284	273754	471316
Fish community	261018	23059	214900	173288	263059
Total adversely affected	508332	28329	451674	371050	577303
No adverse effects	157831	17206	123419	100558	275287

Table D-8a. Water quality factors adversely affecting fish (all streams).

Limiting Factor	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Temperature too high	250187	23371	203445	170151	392638
Temperature too low	29877	12721	4435	3670	200455
Turbidity	328261	28662	270937	223253	456696
Salinity	17217	4337	8543	6891	184976
Dissolved oxygen	91022	15491	60040	49512	249198
Gas supersaturation	5500	2505	490	10510	273
pH - Too acidic	24793	8080	8633	40953	7035
pH - too basic	3998	1767	464	7532	430
Nutrient deficiency	40603	13368	13867	67339	11896
Nutrient surplus	119519	16166	87187	151851	70826
Toxic substances	93602	15429	62744	124460	50332
Other	26685	6304	14077	39293	11739
Channelization	2937	1453	31	173278	41
Herbicides and pesticides	4356	4356	0	13068	0
Intermittent	4839	2403	33	9645	0
Low flows	24364	6783	10798	37930	9042
Sedimentation	14378	7660	0	29698	0
Siltation	9644	5749	0	21142	0

Table D-8b. Adverse conditions affecting fish - water quality parameters (perennial streams).

Limiting Factor	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Temperature too high	187251	19361	148529	122719	304441
Temperature too low	27710	12480	2750	2261	168244
Turbidity	276943	26537	223869	181988	381144
Salinity	14571	3992	6587	5254	152255
Dissolved oxygen	75368	13362	48644	39675	205366
Gas supersaturation	5500	2505	490	273	143994
pH - Too acidic	23502	7974	7554	6063	160000
pH - too basic	2475	1430	0	0	142019
Nutrient deficiency	37126	13129	10868	9299	176154
Nutrient surplus	107434	14768	77898	62579	231590
Toxic substances	86549	13958	58633	46963	214754
Other	23211	5651	11909	9880	160031
Channelization	1701	1209	0	0	141461
Herbicides and pesticides	4356	4356	0	0	142812
Intermittent	0	0	0	0	139835
Low flows	7079	2536	2007	1699	143914
Sedimentation	14378	7660	0	0	152286
Siltation	7889	4202	0	0	146445



Table D-9a. Adverse conditions affecting fish - water quality parameters (all streams).

Limiting Factor	Factor a Major Concern			Factor a Minor Concern		
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval Unbiased (95%) Biased	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval Unbiased (95%) Biased
Temperature too high	.1367	.0175	.1017 .1717	.1241	.0161	.0919 .1563
Temperature too low	.0175	.0095	0 .0365	.0138	.0047	.0044 .0232
Turbidity	.1692	.0181	.133 .2054	.1734	.0206	.1322 .2146
Salinity	.0045	.0023	0 .0091	.0135	.0039	.0057 .0213
Dissolved oxygen	.0516	.0117	.0282 .075	.0438	.0124	.019 .0686
Gas supersaturation	.001	.001	0 .003	.0028	.002	0 .0068
pH - too acidic	.0146	.0076	0 .0298	.0096	.0035	.0026 .0166
ph - too basic	.0026	.0015	0 .0056	.0016	.0011	0 .0038
Nutrient deficiency	.019	.0098	0 .0386	.0228	.0055	.0118 .0338
Nutrient surplus	.0586	.0138	.031 .0862	.0666	.0101	.0464 .0868
Toxic substances	.0358	.0107	.0144 .0572	.0623	.0099	0 .0821
Other	.0215	.0056	.0103 .0327	.0057	.0026	.0005 .0109
Channelization	.0023	.0014	0 .0051	0	0	0 0
Herbicides and pesticides	.0046	.0046	0 .0138	0	0	0 0
Intermittent	.0051	.0025	.0001 .0101	0	0	0 0
Low flows	.0244	.007	.0104 .0384	.0012	.0012	0 .0036
Sedimentation	.0132	.0074	0 .028	.0019	.0013	0 .0045
Siltation	.0073	.0056	0 .0185	.0028	.0021	0 .007
						0 .1853

Table D-9b. Adverse conditions affecting fish - water quality parameters (perennial streams).

Limiting Factor	Factor a Major Concern					Factor a Minor Concern				
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Biased	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Biased
			Unbiased (95%)	Unbiased (95%)				Unbiased (95%)	Unbiased (95%)	
Temperature too high	.0896	.014	.0616	.1176	.0519	.2331	.1061	.0144	.0773	.1349
Temperature too low	.016	.0094	0	.0348	0	.1652	.013	.0047	.0036	.0224
Turbidity	.1338	.0166	.1006	.167	.0825	.2663	.1557	.0194	.1169	.1945
Salinity	.0017	.0012	0	.0041	0	.1513	.0135	.0039	.0037	.0213
Dissolved oxygen	.0416	.0102	.0212	.062	.0174	.1875	.0373	.0106	.0161	.0585
Gas supersaturation	.001	.001	0	.003	0	.1505	.0028	.002	0	.0068
pH - too acidic	.0146	.0076	0	.0298	0	.1619	.0083	.0032	.0019	.0147
pH - too basic	.0026	.0015	0	.0056	0	.1521	0	0	0	.0015
Nutrient deficiency	.0178	.0096	0	.037	0	.1659	.0204	.0054	.0096	.0312
Nutrient surplus	.0552	.0123	.0306	.0798	.0255	.1983	.0573	.0094	.0385	.0761
Toxic substances	.0318	.0096	.0126	.051	.009	.1774	.0588	.09	0	.2388
Other	.0195	.005	.0095	.0295	.0082	.1668	.0048	.0021	.0006	.009
Channelization	.001	.001	0	.003	0	.1507	0	0	0	.0005
Herbicides and pesticides	.0046	.0046	0	.0138	0	.153	0	0	0	.0005
Intermittent	0	0	0	0	0	.1498	0	0	0	.0005
Low flows	.0063	.0024	.0015	.0111	.0013	.1555	.0012	.0012	0	.0036
Sedimentation	.0132	.0074	0	.028	0	.161	.0019	.0013	0	.0045
Siltation	.0055	.0039	0	.0133	0	.1539	.0028	.0021	0	.007
										.007
										.1527

Table D-10a. Probable sources of water quality factors adversely affecting fish (all streams).

Probable Sources	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent		
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			
Primary upstream	162859	17288	128283	197435	104749	311475	17.05
Within reacj	257029	23702	209625	304433	170675	392346	26.92
Point source discharge	117684	14266	89152	146216	72110	273183	12.33
Industrial	47097	8491	30115	64079	23905	213469	4.93
Municipal	63816	9602	44612	83020	35841	227791	6.69
Combined sewer	29246	6304	16638	41854	13860	200082	3.06
Mining	28686	10749	7188	50184	6045	201287	3.01
Dam release	19314	4191	10932	27696	8665	189724	2.02
Nonpoint source discharge	367244	26747	313750	420738	2555109	484567	38.43
Individual sewage disposal	47823	15053	17717	77929	14432	216484	5.01
Urban runoff	40376	8260	23856	56896	19100	210482	4.23
Landfill leachate	5504	2213	1078	9930	800	178452	.58
Construction	29110	8335	12440	45780	10166	200362	3.05
Agriculture	281241	22143	236955	325527	191044	407492	29.46
Feedlot	59947	11959	36029	83865	29473	225055	6.28
Silvic./logging	71736	13811	44114	99358	37821	240722	7.51
Mining	31847	9579	12689	51005	10600	203102	3.34
Natural	212389	22053	168283	256495	144207	366967	22.24
Other	19445	4289	10867	28023	8724	190799	2.04
Bedload movement	5299	2811	0	10921	0	179148	.56
Grazing	21970	8212	5546	38394	4194	196216	2.3
Roads	3569	2214	0	7997	0	177493	.37

Table D-10b. Sources of adverse conditions affecting fish - water quality parameters (perennial streams).

Probable Source	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent		
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			
Primarily upstream	146954	15847	115260	178648	93890	266420	15.39
Within reach	226659	21706	183247	270071	148874	335939	23.74
Point source discharge	116572	14234	88104	145040	71230	241282	12.21
Industrial	47097	8491	30115	64079	23905	181896	4.93
Municipal	62703	9544	43615	81791	35008	195473	6.57
Combined sewer	29246	6304	16638	41854	13860	168379	3.06
Mining	28686	10749	7188	50184	6045	169566	3.01
Dam release	19314	4191	10932	27696	8665	157577	2.02
Nonpoint source discharge	330840	25705	279430	425243	226344	425243	34.62
Individual sewage disposal	46069	13889	18291	73847	14625	183152	4.83
Urban runoff	38027	8104	21819	54235	17321	175764	3.98
Landfill leachate	5504	2213	1078	9930	800	146317	.58
Construction	29110	8335	12440	45780	10166	168603	3.05
Agriculture	250637	20559	209519	291755	168064	352585	26.25
Feedlot	53775	10768	32239	75311	26165	187970	5.63
Silvic/logging	68981	13475	42031	95931	36097	206743	7.22
Mining	30894	9550	11794	49994	9885	170580	3.24
Natural	149893	19605	110683	189103	92740	277115	15.69
Other	18524	4216	10092	26956	8102	158097	1.94
Bedload movement	5299	2811	0	10921	0	147059	.56
Grazing	19515	8092	3331	35699	2402	162749	2.04
Roads	3569	2214	0	7997	0	145083	.37





Table D-12a. Water quantity factors adversely affecting fish (all streams).

Limiting Factors	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent		
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			
Below optimum flows	300370	24653	251064	349676	215129	441746	31.47
Above optimum flows	29354	8129	13096	45612	10406	194493	3.08
Loss of flushing flows	13431	4342	4747	22115	4028	182316	1.41
Excessive flow fluctuation	158874	21627	115620	202128	96359	311494	16.64
Occasional low flow	214945	19817	176311	255579	147234	358367	22.62
Other	43465	8884	25697	61233	22037	209876	4.55
Dwatered	7462	4567	0	16596	0	177499	.78
Dry	49403	10888	27627	71179	25336	221319	5.18
Intermittent	92562	16065	60432	124692	50544	254619	9.7
Low flows	7384	2592	2200	12568	1853	176782	.77

Table D-12b. Adverse conditions affecting fish - water quantity parameters (perennial streams).

Limiting Factor	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased	Biased	
Below optimum flows	187979	19053	149873	126018	307547
Above optimum flows	27845	8106	11633	9241	162950
Lows of flushing water	13431	4342	4747	4028	151690
Excessive flow fluctuation	118402	19025	80352	65212	244799
Occasional low flow	178676	17736	143204	119202	296619
Other	12413	3209	5995	4677	149740
Dewatered	4968	3188	0	0	144400
Dry	2788	1689	0	0	142448
Intermittent	17203	5607	5989	5058	155693
Low flows	5944	2423	1098	899	144858



Table D-13a. Adverse conditions affecting fish-water quantity parameters (all streams).

Limiting Factor	Factor a Major Concern			Factor a Minor Concern		
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval (95%)	Unbiased	Standard Error	Confidence Interval (95%)
			Unbiased	Biased		
Below optimum flows	.2276	.0223	.183	.2722	.1611	.3968
Above optimum flows	.0105	.0046	.0013	.0197	.0008	.1909
Lows of flushing flows	.0059	.0036	0	.0131	0	.1883
Excessive flow fluctuation	.115	.0193	.0764	.1536	.0629	.284
Occasional low flow	.0898	.0116	.0666	.113	.0567	.2622
Other	.0189	.0058	.0073	.0305	.0057	.1984
Dewatered	.0051	.0033	0	.0117	0	.187
Dry	.0508	.0112	0	.0732	.0266	.2356
Intermittent	.0963	.0165	.0633	.1293	.0536	.2713
Low flows	.0077	.0027	.0023	.0131	.002	.1892

Limiting Factor	Factor a Major Concern			Factor a Minor Concern		
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval (95%)	Unbiased	Standard Error	Confidence Interval (95%)
			Unbiased	Biased		
Below optimum flows	.0861	.0129	.0603	.1119	.0514	.2577
Above optimum flows	.0202	.0057	.0088	.0316	.0073	.199
Lows of flushing flows	.0082	.0029	.0024	.014	.002	.1894
Excessive flow fluctuation	.051	.0096	.0318	.0702	.0277	.2292
Occasional low flow	.1352	.0155	.1042	.1662	.087	.3002
Other	.0019	.0013	0	.0045	0	.1838
Dewatered	.0015	.0015	0	.0045	0	.1839
Dry	.001	.001	0	.003	0	.1836
Intermittent	.0007	.0007	0	.0021	0	.1832
Low flows	0	0	0	0	0	.1825

Table D-13b. Adverse conditions affecting fish - water quantity parameters (perennial streams).

Limiting Factor	Factor a Major Concern				Factor a Minor Concern							
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval					
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			Unbiased (95%)	Biased				
Below optimum flows	.1145	.0153	.0839	.1451	.0722	.3968	.0812	.0123	.0566	.1058	.0481	.2212
Above optimum flows	.0097	.0045	.0007	.0187	.0003	.1577	.0194	.0057	.008	.0308	.0067	.1659
Lows of flushing flows	.0059	.0036	0	.0131	0	.1555	.0082	.0029	.0024	.014	.002	.1568
Excessive flow fluctuation	.0801	.0166	.0469	.1133	.0369	.219	.0434	.0087	.026	.0608	.0226	.1899
Occasional low flow	.0605	.0088	.0429	.0781	.0367	.2033	.1254	.0149	.0956	.1552	.08	.2608
Other	.0103	.003	.0043	.0163	.0035	.1583	.0019	.0013	0	.0045	0	.1511
Dewatered	.0025	.0018	0	.0061	0	.1519	.0015	.0015	0	.0045	0	.1512
Dry	.002	.0015	0	.005	.0	.1515	.001	.001	0	.003	0	.1509
Intermittent	.018	.0059	.0062	.0298	.0054	.1667	0	0	0	0	0	.1498
Low flows	.0062	.0025	.0012	.0112	.001	.1552	0	0	0	0	0	.1498

Table D-14a. Probable sources of water quantity factors adversely affecting fish (all streams).

Probable Sources	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent		
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			
Dam (power)	24821	5598	13625	36017	10721	190540	2.6
Dam (flood control)	28002	5895	16212	39792	12820	193661	2.93
Dam (storage)	32901	5479	21943	43859	17547	198438	3.45
Diversion (agriculture)	130223	14290	101643	158803	85861	285934	13.64
Diversion (municipal)	10694	3696	3302	18086	2773	180343	1.12
Diversion (industrial)	3292	1938	0	7168	0	173562	.34
Natural	477791	28890	420011	535571	361068	594252	50.05
Other	18851	5476	7899	29803	6420	185601	1.97
Channelization	10629	4942	745	20513	733	178714	1.11
Floods/low flows	10527	10527	0	31581	0	179445	1.1
Logging	6271	4025	0	14321	0	176261	.66
Ditches	5335	2720	0	10775	0	175355	.56
Irrigation	8897	3197	2503	15291	2023	177611	.93

Table D-14b. Sources of adverse conditions affecting fish - water quantity (perennial streams).

Probable Source	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval			Percent	
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			
Dam (power)	24821	5598	13625	36017	10721	159864	2.6
Dam (flood control)	26899	5855	15189	38609	11995	162318	2.82
Dam (storage)	30817	5371	20075	41559	16051	165048	3.23
Diversion (agriculture)	104659	12073	80513	128805	67832	233617	10.96
Diversion (municipal)	10694	3696	3302	18086	2773	149797	1.12
Diversion (industrial)	3292	1938	0	7168	0	142776	.34
Natural	245678	24076	197526	293830	165666	359559	25.74
Other	16279	4874	6531	26027	5201	152932	1.71
Channelization	10178	4921	336	20020	366	147725	1.07
Floods/low flows	8773	8773	0	26319	0	146990	.92
Logging	4408	3042	0	10492	0	143951	.46
Ditches	5335	2720	0	10775	0	144809	.56
Irrigation	6387	2408	1571	11203	1279	144911	.67

Table D-15a. Sources of adverse conditions affecting fish - water quantity (all streams).

Probable Source	Factor a Major Concern			Factor a Minor Concern		
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval Unbiased (95%) Biased	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval Unbiased (95%) Biased
Dam (power)	.0162	.0043	.0076 .0248 .006 .1956	.0098	.0037	.0024 .0172 .002 .1908
Dam (flood control)	.0189	.0051	.0087 .0291 .0068 .1982	.0104	.0032	.004 .0168 .0032 .1915
Dam (storage)	.0206	.0047	.0112 .03 .0092 .1996	.0138	.0035	.0068 .0208 .0056 .1943
Diversion (agriculture)	.0816	.0121	.0574 .1058 .0488 .2561	.0535	.0105	.0325 .0745 .0284 .2321
Diversion (municipal)	.0045	.0024	0 .0093 0 .1868	.0067	.0025	.0017 .0117 .0015 .1885
Diversion (industrial)	.0024	.0017	0 .0058 0 .1845	.0011	.0011	0 .0033 0 .1836
Natural	.3765	.0239	.2287 .4243 .2854 .5224	.1238	.0145	.0948 .1528 .0815 .2936
Other	.0145	.0052	.0041 .0249 .0035 .1945	.0043	.0021	.0001 .0085 0 .1859
Channelization	.0092	.005	0 .0192 0 .1898	.0014	.0014	0 .0042 0 .1835
Floods/low flows	.011	.011	0 .033 0 .1917	0	0	0 0 .1825
Logging	.0066	.0042	0 .015 0 .1886	0	0	0 0 .1825
Ditch	.0056	.0029	0 .0114 0 .1877	0	0	0 0 .1825
Irrigation	.0073	.0031	.0011 .0135 .001 .1883	.0015	.001	0 .0035 0 .1838

Table D-15b. Sources of adverse conditions affecting fish - water quantity (perennial streams).

Limiting Factor	Factor a Major Concern				Factor a Minor Concern			
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval	
			Unbiased	Biased			Unbiased	Biased
Dam (power)	.0162	.0043	.0076	.006	.0098	.0037	.0024	.002
Dam (flood control)	.0178	.0052	.0074	.006	.0104	.0032	.004	.0032
Dam (storage)	.0184	.0045	.0094	.0077	.0138	.0035	.0068	.0036
Diversion (agriculture)	.0608	.0096	.0416	.0354	.0474	.0094	.0286	.0249
Diversion (municipal)	.0045	.0024	0	.0093	.0067	.0025	.0017	.0015
Diversion (industrial)	.0024	.0017	0	.0058	.0011	.0011	0	.0033
Natural	.1522	.0192	.1138	.0959	.1053	.0136	.0781	.1325
Other	.0118	.0045	.0028	.0023	.0043	.0021	.0001	.0085
Channelization	.0092	.0032	0	.0196	.0014	.0014	0	.0042
Floods/low flows	.0092	.0091	0	.0274	0	0	0	0
Logging	.0046	.0032	0	.011	0	0	0	0
Ditch	.0056	.0029	0	.0114	0	0	0	0
Irrigation	.0056	.0024	.0008	.0007	.0006	.0006	0	.0018
								0
								.1502

Table D-16a. Factors adversely affecting usable fish habitat (all streams).

Limiting Factors	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Adult/juvenile habitat	385394	27351	330692	270754	500911
Pools	197533	21731	154071	125196	337638
Riffles	29090	17590	93910	74119	275952
Undercut banks	103692	15145	73402	133982	59322
Boulders	51768	10640	30488	73048	24289
Snags	61866	12871	36124	87608	27950
Overhead cover	134232	17417	99398	169066	80042
Egg/larvae habitat	269972	23205	223562	316382	182162
Gravel	156540	17417	121706	191374	98393
Plant, plant debris	62412	13517	35378	89446	28084
Other	31374	6599	18176	44572	14434
Intermittent	11498	5584	330	22666	84
Low flows	3434	1600	234	6634	242
					173265
					40.37
					20.7
					13.52
					10.86
					5.42
					6.48
					14.06
					28.28
					16.4
					6.54
					3.29
					1.2
					.36

Table D-16b. Adverse conditions affecting fish - usable habitat parameters (perennial streams).

Limiting Factor	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Adult/ juvenile habitat	324954	24914	275126	223899	419674
Pools	162276	19612	123052	99462	278349
Riffles	110125	15737	78651	61751	229838
Undercut banks	91158	14031	63096	50966	217741
Boulders	46889	10143	26603	21126	179665
Snags	51242	11268	28706	21936	179891
Overhead cover	116608	15726	85156	68170	238991
Egg/larvae habitat	243822	21624	200574	163321	248833
Gravel	143049	16569	109911	89080	262269
Plant, plant debris	54757	11469	31819	25212	182688
Other	25317	5634	14049	11152	161554
Intermittent	2807	1624	0	0	142418
Low flows	1310	895	0	0	140953



Table D-17a. Adverse conditions affecting fish - usable habitat parameters (all streams).

Limiting Factor	Factor a Major Concern			Factor a Minor Concern		
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval (95%)	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval (95%)
			Unbiased			Unbiased
			Biased			Biased
Adult/juvenile habitat	.2266	.0204	.1858	.1629	.0155	.1319
Pools	.1128	.0174	.078	.0941	.012	.0701
Riffles	.0748	.0125	.0498	.0605	.0101	.0403
Undercut banks	.0562	.0123	.0316	.0524	.009	.0344
Boulders	.0306	.0087	.0132	.0236	.0061	.0114
Snags	.0315	.0076	.0163	.0333	.0109	.0115
Overhead cover	.0759	.0146	.0467	.0648	.0102	.0444
Egg/larvae habitat	.1553	.0169	.1215	.1131	.0176	.0779
Gravel	.0958	.0132	.0694	.0681	.0103	.0475
Plants, plant debris	.0286	.0072	.0142	.0368	.0121	.0126
Other	.0193	.005	.0093	.0118	.005	.0018
Intermittent	.0101	.0057	0	.0009	.0009	0
Low flows	.0036	.0017	0	0	0	0
			.007			.0027
			.0002			0
			.1855			.1825



Table D-18a. Probable sources of factors adversely affecting usable fish habitat (all streams).

Probable Sources	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent		
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			
Excessive siltation	265169	23816	217537	312801	14712	399934	27.85
Bank erosion/sloughing	172960	20991	130978	214942	105935	321147	18.14
Channelization	110352	15810	78732	141972	62538	271242	11.6
Other channel modifications	4046	8984	28078	64014	22500	219001	4.84
Migration blockage	45007	9562	25883	64131	21404	218486	4.73
Natural	167308	18646	130016	204600	109275	323867	17.56
Other	43306	6872	29562	57050	23646	214238	4.55
Bank encroachment	12776	4288	4200	21352	3742	192177	1.34
Grazing	3351	2081	0	7513	0	183099	.35
Low flows	4182	1903	376	7988	292	183583	.44
Silviculture	4117	4117	0	12351	0	183912	.43

Table D-18b. Sources of adverse conditions affecting fish - usable habitat (perennial streams).

Probable Source	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		
			Unbiased	Biased	Percent
Excessive siltation	236094	21996	192102	154285	24.79
Bank erosion/ sloughing	152405	19398	113609	92179	15.98
Channelization	98068	14361	69346	55083	10.31
Other channel modifications	45396	8960	27476	21936	4.77
Migration blockage	39744	8383	22978	18949	4.18
Natural	127781	16070	95641	79992	13.41
Other	41080	6843	27394	22069	4.32
Bank encroachment	8975	3770	1435	1236	.94
Grazing	1678	1150	0	0	.18
Low flows	1470	1048	0	0	.15
Silviculture	4117	4117	0	0	.43



Table D-19b. Sources of adverse conditions affecting fish - usable habitat (perennial streams).

Limiting Factor	Factor a Major Concern				Factor a Minor Concern			
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval	
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			Unbiased (95%)	Biased
Excessive Siltation	.1631	.0192	.1247	.1015	.0848	.0107	.0634	.0515
Bank Erosion/Sloughing	.0875	.0157	.0561	.0466	.0723	.0107	.0509	.0421
Channelization	.0696	.0125	.0446	.0355	.0335	.0069	.0197	.0162
Other Channel Modifications	.0164	.0049	.0066	.0056	.0313	.0084	.0145	.0117
Migration Blockage	.0249	.0068	.0113	.0091	.0168	.0047	.0074	.0064
Natural	.0714	.0124	.0466	.0393	.0609	.0093	.0423	.0357
Other	.0313	.006	.0193	.0158	.011	.0033	.0044	.0037
Bank Encroachment	.0008	.0008	0	0	.0086	.0035	.0016	.0014
Grazing	.0018	.0012	0	0	0	0	0	0
Low Flows	.0015	.0011	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silviculture	.0043	.0043	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table D-20a. Fish community factors adversely affecting fish (all streams).

Limiting Factors	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased	
Fish kills	145827	18064	109699	88134	295292
Contamination	90187	16636	56915	46898	249135
Disease/parasites	24530	6908	10714	7665	192080
Tumors/lesions	5101	4253	0	0	175767
Overharvest	35566	8488	18590	15290	201648
Poaching	29447	9666	10115	8281	197538
Underharvest	13671	4308	5055	3963	182108
Fish stocking	19350	4792	9766	8191	87284
Other	20880	4860	11160	9095	188676
Competition	10836	4492	1852	1498	180465
Water quality	5879	5072	0	0	174590
Habitat	15834	7398	1038	955	185238
Low flow	5009	2278	453	342	174763
Small channel capacity	3702	2249	0	0	173963

Table D-20b. Adverse conditions affecting fish - fish community parameters (perennial streams).

Limiting Factors	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval			Percent	
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			
Fish kills	115435	15639	84157	146713	66288	237465	12.09
Contamination	81927	14966	51995	111859	42404	211559	8.58
Disease/parasites	21873	6377	9119	34627	6244	159041	2.29
Tumors/lesions	5101	4253	0	13607	0	145181	.53
Overharvest	35566	8488	18590	52542	15290	171270	3.73
Poaching	28145	9316	9513	46777	7807	165728	2.95
Underharvest	12714	4211	4292	21136	3402	150829	1.33
Fish stocking	19350	4792	9766	28934	8191	156902	2.03
Other	18063	4438	9187	26939	7426	155507	1.89
Competition	10836	4492	1852	19820	1498	149511	1.14
Water quality	5879	5072	0	16023	0	143900	.62
Habitat	14213	7315	0	28843	0	153423	1.49
Low flow	3194	1888	0	6970	0	142668	.33
Small channel capacity	1657	1152	0	3961	0	141391	.17







Table D-22a. Probable sources of adverse conditions affecting fish (all streams).

Probable Sources	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Percent		
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			
Heavy metals	20334	4971	10392	30276	7870	201729	2.12
Pesticides	72586	13076	46434	98738	34952	243563	7.56
Other noxious/toxic substances	68945	14397	40151	97739	31575	243670	7.18
Crowding	25678	6043	13592	37764	10402	206124	2.68
Other stress	33868	8970	15928	51808	12088	212526	3.53
Natural	132415	17447	97521	167309	78441	292453	13.78
Other	41794	7861	41794	57516	20306	219557	4.36
Angling pressure	6633	2756	1121	12145	857	191135	.69
Dewatering	6876	3364	148	13604	17	191084	.72
Humans	8741	4075	591	16891	543	193148	.91
Lack of access	6094	2753	588	11600	515	191020	.63
Municipal effluent	7144	4361	0	15866	0	191644	.74

Table D-22b. Sources of adverse conditions affecting fish - fish community (perennial streams).

Probable Source	Length (Miles)	Standard Error	Confidence Interval (95%)		Biased	Percent
			Unbiased	Biased		
Heavy metals	19382	4879	9624	29140	7271	167573
Pesticides	64670	11275	42120	87220	31637	203907
Other noxious/ toxic substances	64633	14075	36483	92783	28484	207120
Crowding	21962	5369	11224	32700	8568	169270
Other stress	30258	8057	14144	46372	10483	176337
Natural	98662	14910	68842	128482	54400	229534
Other	37873	7681	41794	53235	17505	183315
Angling pressure	6633	2756	1121	12145	857	157643
Dewatering	6876	3364	148	13604	17	157659
Humans	8741	4075	591	16891	543	159661
Lack of access	6094	2753	588	11600	515	157457
Municipal effluent	7144	4361	0	15866	0	158241



Table D-23b. Sources of adverse conditions affecting fish - fish community (perennial streams).

Limiting Factor	Factor a Major Concern				Factor a Minor Concern			
	Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval		Proportion	Standard Error	Confidence Interval	
			Unbiased (95%)	Biased			Unbiased (95%)	Biased
Heavy Metals	.0064	.0028	.0008	.0007	.0128	.0042	.0044	.0212
Pesticides	.0268	.0069	.013	.0406	.0398	.0086	.0226	.057
Other Noxious/Toxic Substances	.0311	.0092	.0127	.0495	.0362	.0099	.0164	.056
Crowding	.0089	.0034	.0021	.0157	.014	.0042	.0056	.0224
Other Stress	.0171	.0035	.0061	.0281	.0135	.0061	.0013	.0237
Natural	.0701	.0135	.0431	.0345	.0327	.0063	.0201	.0453
Other	.0206	.0051	.0104	.0308	.0151	.0046	.0059	.0243
Angling Pressure	.0033	.0019	0	.0071	.0029	.0021	0	.0071
De-watering	.0024	.0024	0	.0088	.0031	.0026	0	.0083
Humans	.0061	.0039	0	.0139	.0016	.0012	0	.004
Lack of Access	.0019	.0013	0	.0045	.0045	.0026	0	.0097
Municipal Effluent	.0037	.0036	0	.0109	.0038	.0027	0	.0092
				.0036				.0
				.1653				.1669

Table D-24a. Current reach conditions vs. past conditions (all streams).

Past conditions length (miles)	Current conditions - length (miles)						Past total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	34,357	3,993	0	728	0	0	39,078
4	1,841	142,455	16,052	0	0	0	160,348
3	811	14,572	208,072	15,665	0	0	239,121
2	0	902	14,833	184,563	6,655	1,046	207,999
1	0	0	599	2,201	85,827	3,130	91,757
0	0	0	0	0	0	216,853	216,853
Current total	37,009	161,922	239,556	203,157	92,482	221,029	-

Past conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Past total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	6,931	2,129	0	728	0	0	7,364
4	1,304	12,858	4,712	0	0	0	13,329
3	811	4,456	17,299	4,112	0	0	17,480
2	0	902	4,466	15,062	2,744	1,046	16,366
1	0	0	599	1,272	10,227	1,849	10,296
0	0	0	0	0	0	19,451	19,451

Table D-24a. (concluded).

Past conditions proportion	Current conditions - proportion						Past total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.9283	0.0246	0.0	0.0036	0.0	0.0	0.0409
4	0.0497	0.8798	0.0670	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1679
3	0.0219	0.0900	0.8686	0.0771	0.0	0.0	0.2503
2	0.0	0.0056	0.0619	0.9085	0.0720	0.0047	0.2178
1	0.0	0.0	0.0025	0.0108	0.9280	0.0142	0.0961
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9811	0.2270

Past conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Past total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.0404	0.0132	0.0	0.0036	0.0	0.0	0.0076
4	0.0351	0.0291	0.0193	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0139
3	0.0214	0.0264	0.0244	0.0194	0.0	0.0	0.0158
2	0.0	0.0056	0.0183	0.0203	0.0287	0.0047	0.0157
1	0.0	0.0	0.0025	0.0063	0.0287	0.0082	0.0107
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0089	0.0198



Table D-24b. Current reach conditions vs. past conditions,  
(perennial streams).

Past conditions length (miles)	Current conditions - length (miles)						Past total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	33,478	3,993	0	728	0	0	38,199
4	1,841	137,674	16,052	0	0	0	155,567
3	811	14,572	197,176	11,465	0	0	224,024
2	0	0	14,833	151,911	3,321	0	170,066
1	0	0	599	2,201	45,990	0	48,790
0	0	0	0	0	0	29,872	29,872
Current total	36,130	156,239	228,660	166,306	49,311	29,972	-

Past conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Past total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	6,875	2,129	0	728	0	0	7,311
4	1,304	12,664	4,712	0	0	0	13,176
3	811	4,456	16,683	3,303	0	0	16,892
2	0	0	4,466	14,055	1,923	0	14,936
1	0	0	599	1,272	7,222	0	7,287
0	0	0	0	0	0	6,999	6,999

Table D-24b. (concluded).

Past conditions proportion	Current conditions - proportion						Past total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.9266	0.0256	0.0	0.0044	0.0	0.0	0.0400
4	0.0509	0.8812	0.0702	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1629
3	0.0224	0.0933	0.8623	0.0689	0.0	0.0	0.2345
2	0.0	0.0	0.0649	0.9134	0.0674	0.0	0.1780
1	0.0	0.0	0.0026	0.0132	0.9316	0.0	0.0511
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0313

Past conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Past total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.0414	0.0137	0.0	0.0043	0.0	0.0	0.0075
4	0.0360	0.0296	0.0203	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0136
3	0.0219	0.0272	0.0257	0.0192	0.0	0.0	0.0153
2	0.0	0.0	0.0191	0.0206	0.0381	0.0	0.0146
1	0.0	0.0	0.0026	0.0077	0.0381	0.0	0.0076
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0072

Table D-25a. Current reach conditions vs. future conditions (all streams).

Future conditions length (miles)	Current conditions - length (miles)						Future total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	29,794	5,861	859	0	0	0	36,515
4	4,224	139,792	13,022	0	0	0	157,039
3	1,153	19,454	184,142	7,168	0	0	211,917
2	0	0	40,599	166,274	0	0	206,872
1	0	0	830	24,443	89,355	0	114,628
0	0	0	0	5,342	3,139	220,673	229,245

Future conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Future total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	6,292	3,272	859	0	0	0	6,990
4	1,987	12,978	3,894	0	0	0	13,669
3	1,153	5,601	17,117	2,340	0	0	17,830
2	0	0	7,852	13,897	0	0	15,748
1	0	0	830	4,902	10,599	0	11,987
0	0	0	0	3,090	1,555	19,915	20,792

Table D-25a. (concluded).

Future conditions proportion	Current conditions - proportion						Future total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.8471	0.0355	0.0036	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0382
4	0.1201	0.8467	0.0544	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1642
3	0.0328	0.1178	0.7690	0.0353	0.0	0.0	0.2216
2	0.0	0.0	0.1695	0.8182	0.0	0.0	0.2163
1	0.0	0.0	0.0035	0.1203	0.9661	0.0	0.1199
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0263	0.0339	1.0	0.2397

Future conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Future total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.0743	0.0197	0.0036	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0072
4	0.0532	0.0364	0.0162	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0140
3	0.0313	0.0324	0.0342	0.0115	0.0	0.0	0.0167
2	0.0	0.0	0.0314	0.0278	0.0	0.0	0.0155
1	0.0	0.0	0.0035	0.0222	0.0170	0.0	0.0120
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0148	0.0170	0.0	0.0212

Table D-25b. Current reach conditions vs. future conditions -  
(perennial streams).

Future conditions length (miles)	Current conditions - length (miles)						Future total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	28,923	5,861	859	0	0	0	35,644
4	4,224	134,738	13,022	0	0	0	151,984
3	1,153	18,815	175,128	7,168	0	0	202,264
2	0	0	38,720	135,216	0	0	173,937
1	0	0	830	21,293	48,613	0	70,735
0	0	0		2,704	704	29,862	33,270

Future conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Future total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	6,231	3,272	859	0	0	0	6,935
4	1,987	12,890	3,894	0	0	0	13,614
3	1,153	5,416	16,407	2,340	0	0	17,041
2	0	0	7,647	12,875	0	0	14,904
1	0	0	830	4,658	7,381	0	9,070
0	0	0	0	1,610	704	6,997	7,190

Table D-25b. (concluded).

Future conditions proportion	Current conditions - proportion						Future total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.8432	0.0368	0.0038	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0373
4	0.1232	0.8452	0.0570	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1589
3	0.0336	0.1180	0.7762	0.0431	0.0	0.0	0.2115
2	0.0	0.0	0.1694	0.8127	0.0	0.0	0.1819
1	0.0	0.0	0.0036	0.1280	0.9857	0.0	0.0740
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0162	0.0143	1.0	0.0348

Future conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Future total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.0760	0.0204	0.0037	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0072
4	0.0546	0.0369	0.0170	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0139
3	0.0320	0.0326	0.0351	0.0141	0.0	0.0	0.0159
2	0.0	0.0	0.0318	0.0299	0.0	0.0	0.0148
1	0.0	0.0	0.0036	0.0257	0.0143	0.0	0.0092
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0093	0.0143	0.0	0.0074

Table D-26a. Current reach conditions vs. future controlled conditions (all streams).

Future controlled conditions length (miles)	Current conditions - length (miles)						Controlled total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	36,216	37,972	15,693	5,746	0	1,624	97,251
4	3,990	145,054	119,373	20,194	5,506	0	294,116
3	0	0	137,777	114,179	3,411	0	255,367
2	0	0	3,172	75,000	39,516	6,331	124,019
1	0	0	0	2,392	38,627	1,157	42,176
0	0	0	0	0	2,673	117,103	119,776

Future controlled conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Controlled total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	7,828	7,517	6,563	4,055	0	1,624	13,397
4	2,405	15,535	15,075	4,482	2,701	0	21,359
3	0	0	16,902	14,546	1,993	0	21,499
2	0	0	3,172	10,352	8,654	3,810	13,372
1	0	0	0	1,727	8,043	1,157	8,317
0	0	0	0	0	1,958	21,303	21,584

Table D-26a. (concluded).

Future controlled conditions proportion	Current conditions - proportion						Controlled total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.9008	0.2075	0.0569	0.0264	0.0	0.0129	0.1043
4	0.0992	0.7925	0.4325	0.0928	0.0614	0.0	0.3153
3	0.0	0.0	0.4992	0.5249	0.0380	0.0	0.2738
2	0.0	0.0	0.0115	0.3448	0.4404	0.0502	0.1330
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0110	0.4305	0.0092	0.0452
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0298	0.9278	0.1284

Future controlled conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Controlled total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.0544	0.0384	0.0230	0.0184	0.0	0.0127	0.0142
4	0.0544	0.0384	0.0444	0.0205	0.0303	0.0	0.0214
3	0.0	0.0	0.0460	0.0436	0.0223	0.0	0.0209
2	0.0	0.0	0.0115	0.0415	0.0677	0.0303	0.0139
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0079	0.0692	0.0093	0.0086
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0213	0.0338	0.0220



Table D-26b. Current reach conditions vs. future controlled conditions (perennial streams).

Controlled conditions length (miles)	Current conditions -length (miles)						Controlled total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	34,668	37,972	12,339	5,746	0	1,624	92,349
4	3,990	137,662	118,426	17,194	2,543	0	279,815
3	0	0	130,914	102,636	3,411	0	236,958
2	0	0	3,172	58,195	26,020	3,090	90,476
1	0	0	0	951	26,288	0	27,239
0	0	0	0	0	1,698	28,983	30,681

Controlled conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Controlled total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	7,673	7,517	4,101	4,055	0	1,624	12,318
4	2,405	15,450	15,028	4,065	1,800	0	21,619
3	0	0	16,065	14,119	1,993	0	20,750
2	0	0	3,172	9,241	6,926	2,340	11,724
1	0	0	0	951	7,243	0	7,286
0	0	0	0	0	1,698	8,868	9,029

Table D-26b. (concluded).

Future controlled conditions proportion	Current conditions - proportion						Controlled total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.8968	0.2162	0.0466	0.0311	0.0	0.0482	0.0990
4	0.1032	0.7838	0.4471	0.0931	0.0424	0.0	0.3000
3	0.0	0.0	0.4943	0.5556	0.0569	0.0	0.2540
2	0.0	0.0	0.0120	0.3150	0.4340	0.0917	0.0970
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0051	0.4384	0.0	0.0292
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0283	0.8601	0.0329

Future controlled conditions standard error	Current conditions - standard error						Controlled total
	Class 5	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 0	
Class							
5	0.0564	0.0404	0.0153	0.0216	0.0	0.0477	0.0130
4	0.0564	0.0404	0.0447	0.0221	0.0301	0.0	0.0217
3	0.0	0.0	0.0459	0.0480	0.0331	0.0	0.0205
2	0.0	0.0	0.0120	0.0455	0.0850	0.0682	0.0124
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0052	0.0898	0.0	0.0076
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0272	0.0821	0.0094

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