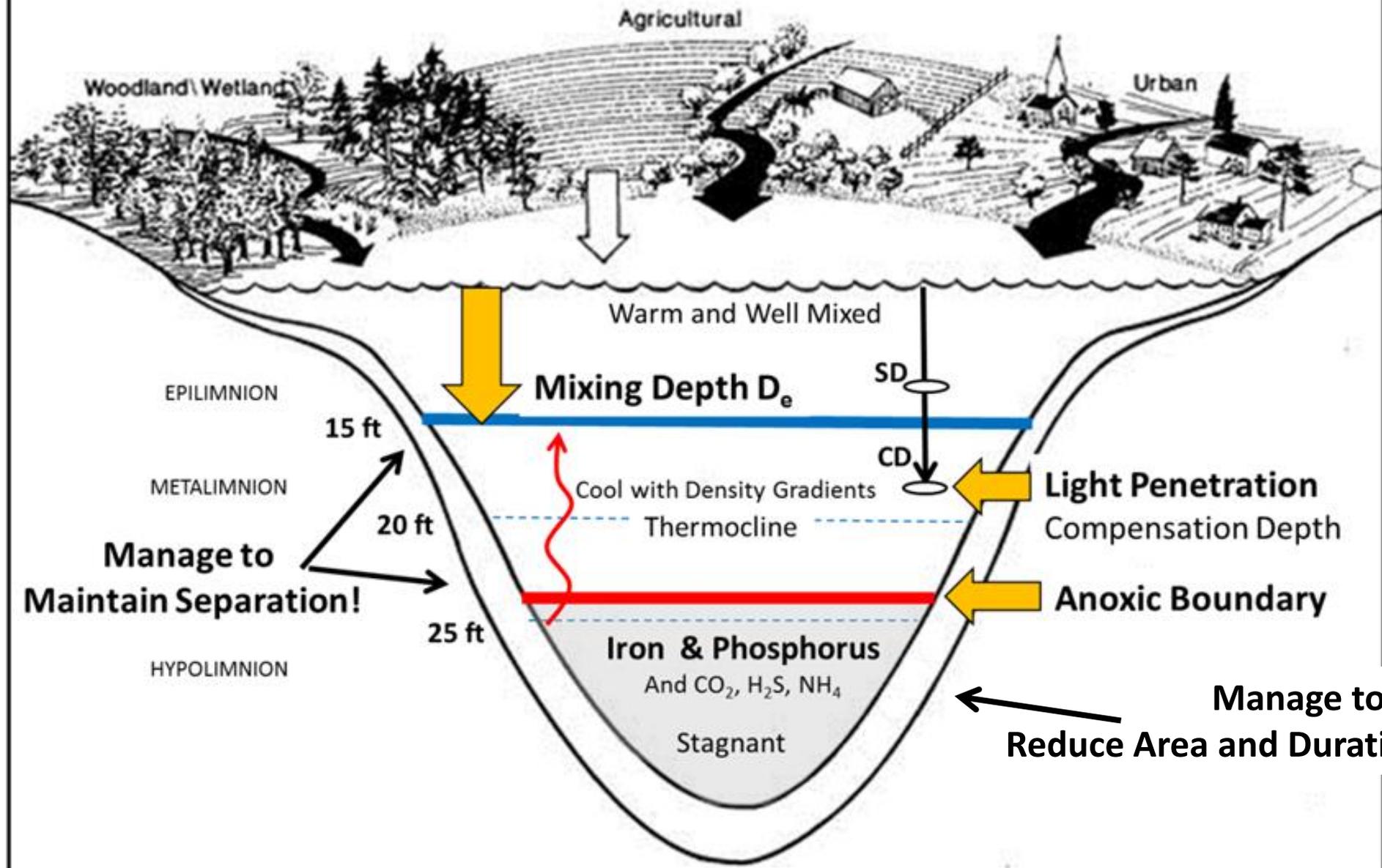


Anatomy of Thermal Stratification



Climate Change in the Northeast 1980 to 2018

<https://climatereanalyzer.org/>
Burpee, 2021

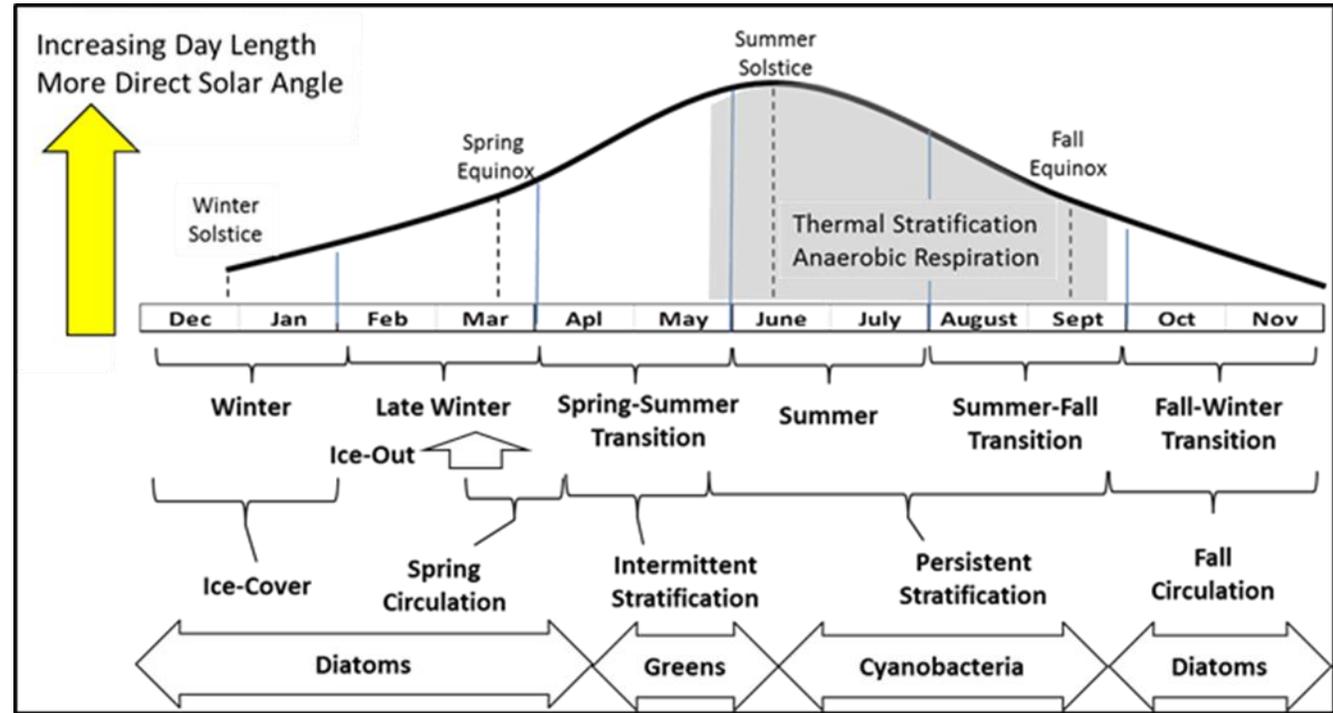
1980 to 2018

	Average Annual	DJF Winter	MAM Spring	JJA Summer	SON Autumn
Average Increase Temperature deg. C	1.5	2	0	1	2
Precipitation cm	4	5	-3	-1	3
Wind Speed meters/second	-0.8	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.6

- Average Temperature is increasing most rapidly during Winter and Autumn
- Stratification and Growing Seasons are Beginning Earlier and Ending later
- Precipitation is also increasing most rapidly during Winter and Autumn
 - Wind Speeds are Decreasing, with similar seasonal change
- Severe Storm Episodes and Mixing Events are becoming more frequent

(Burpee, 2021. Army Corps of Engineers presentation)

Six seasons in the lake, and it is a year-to-year continuum.



- Duration of Summer Stratification is increasing (on both ends)
 - Oxygen Loss is ascending higher and lasting longer
 - Internal Nutrient Loading from sediments is increasing
- Cyanobacteria is persisting through the mild winters in some years
- Seasonal Succession of different algae groups is being altered

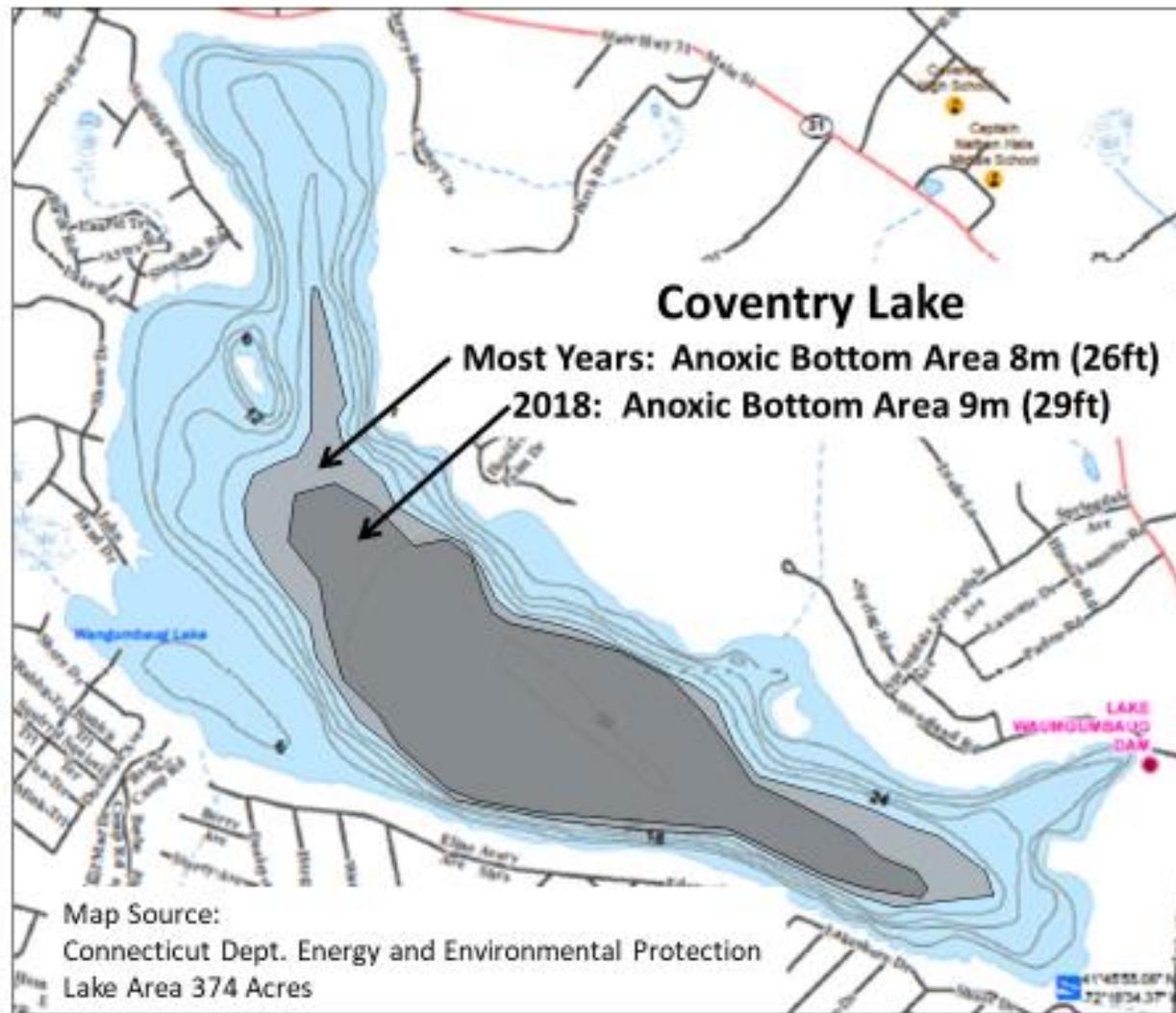
(Kortmann, 2020. Journal New England Water Works Association)

Climate Change effects on Lakes and Reservoirs

Cause



Effect

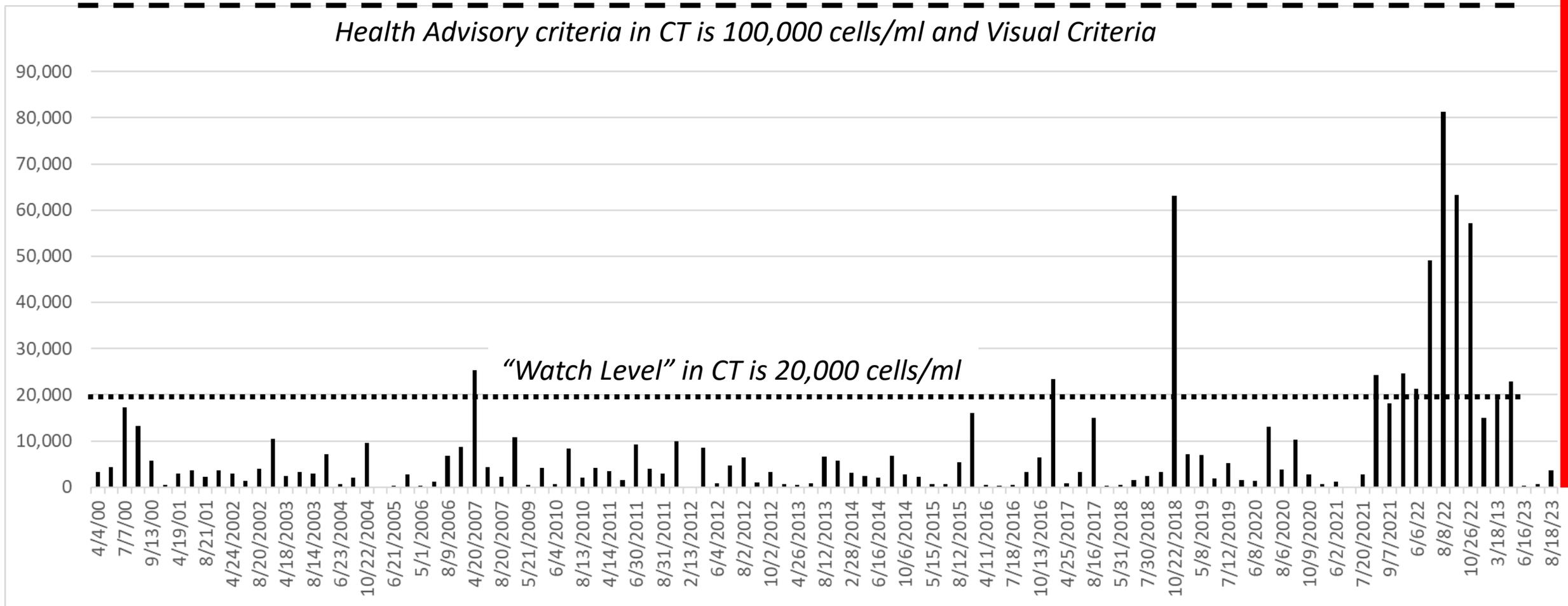


Critical Natural Features for Nutrient Loading from Sediments:

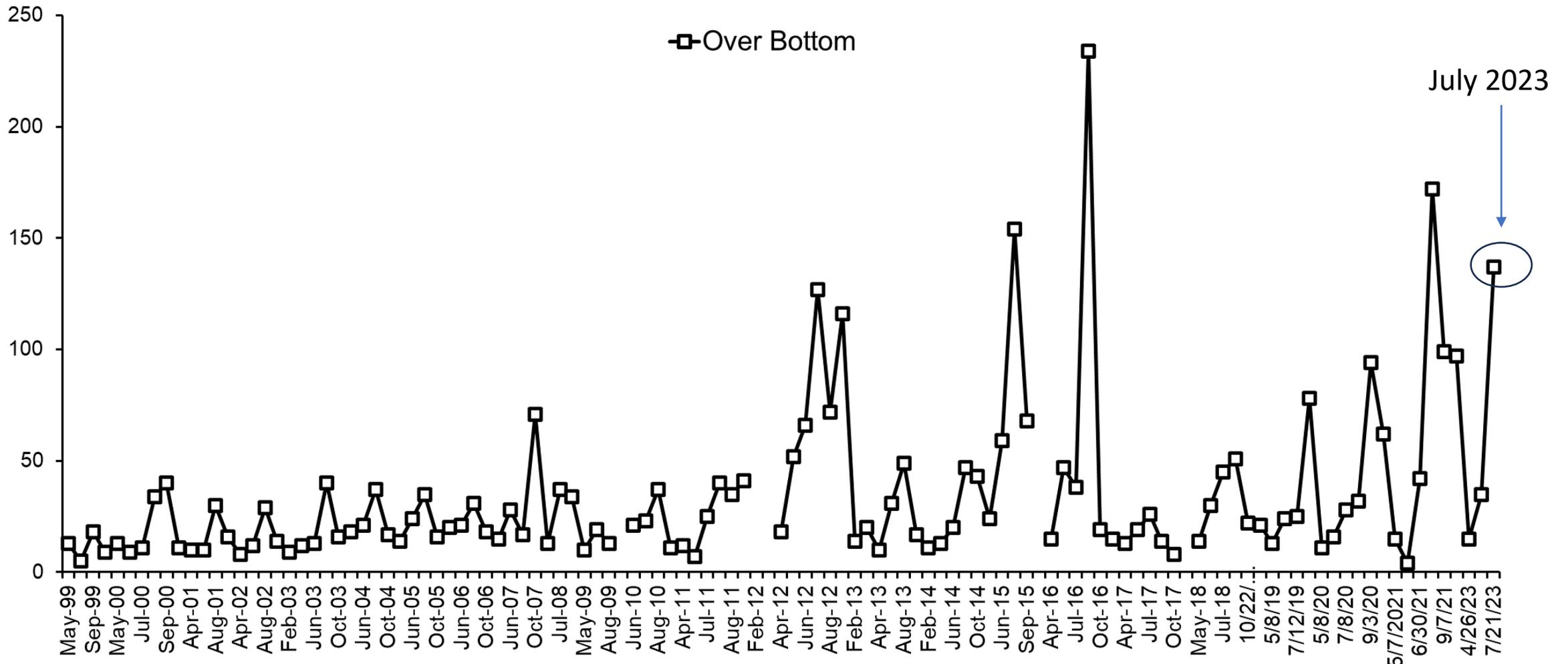
- Bottom Area that becomes devoid of oxygen
 - Duration of oxygen loss over-bottom
- Ascent of the Oxygen Loss Boundary up into the water column (approaching the surface water mixing depth)

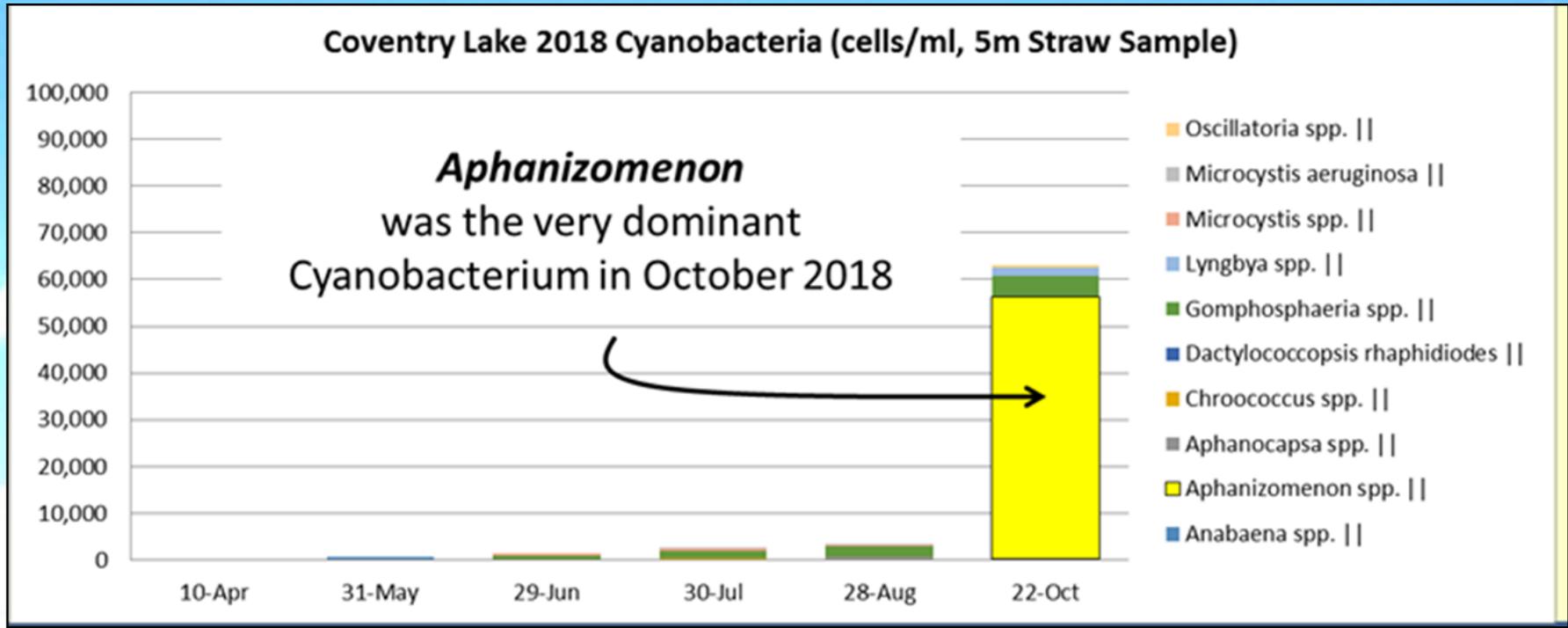
Total Cyanobacteria at 30 ft deep August 18, 2023 161,000 Cells/ml →

Coventry Lake Cyanobacteria Abundance over the past 23 Years

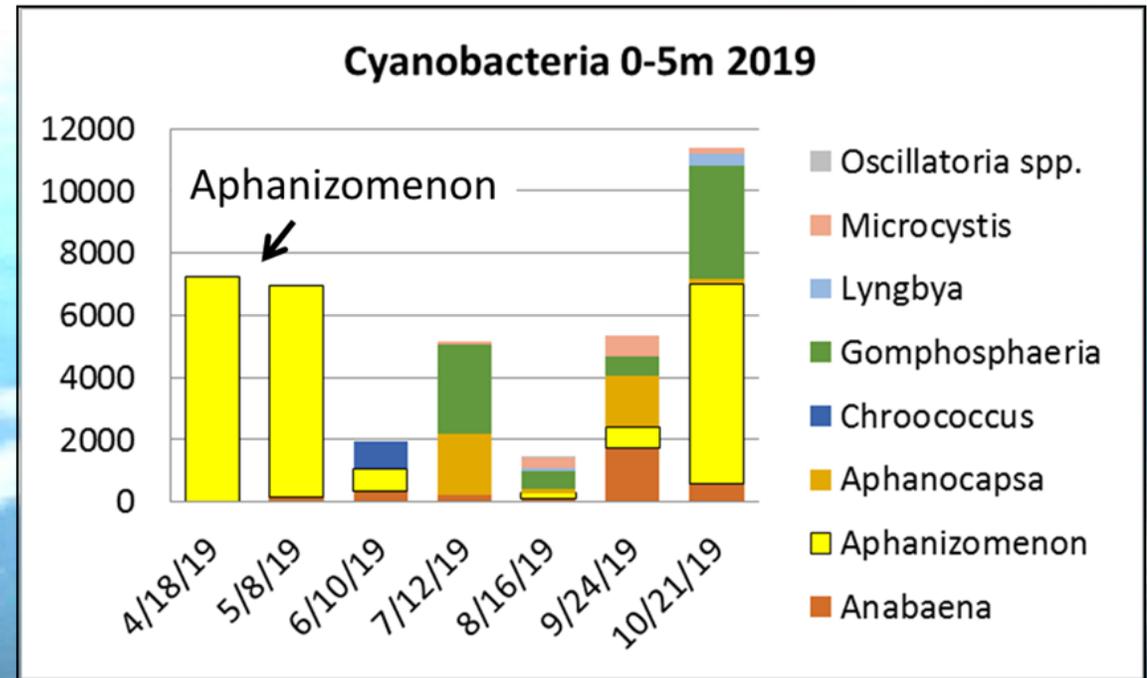


Coventry Lake Total Phosphorus ($\mu\text{g/L}$) 1999-2023





Very Low Cyanobacteria Density in Surface 5m during Summer,
Highest Fall Cyanobacteria Density since 1974 in 2018,
Cyanobacteria Persisted Through Winter to Spring 2019.



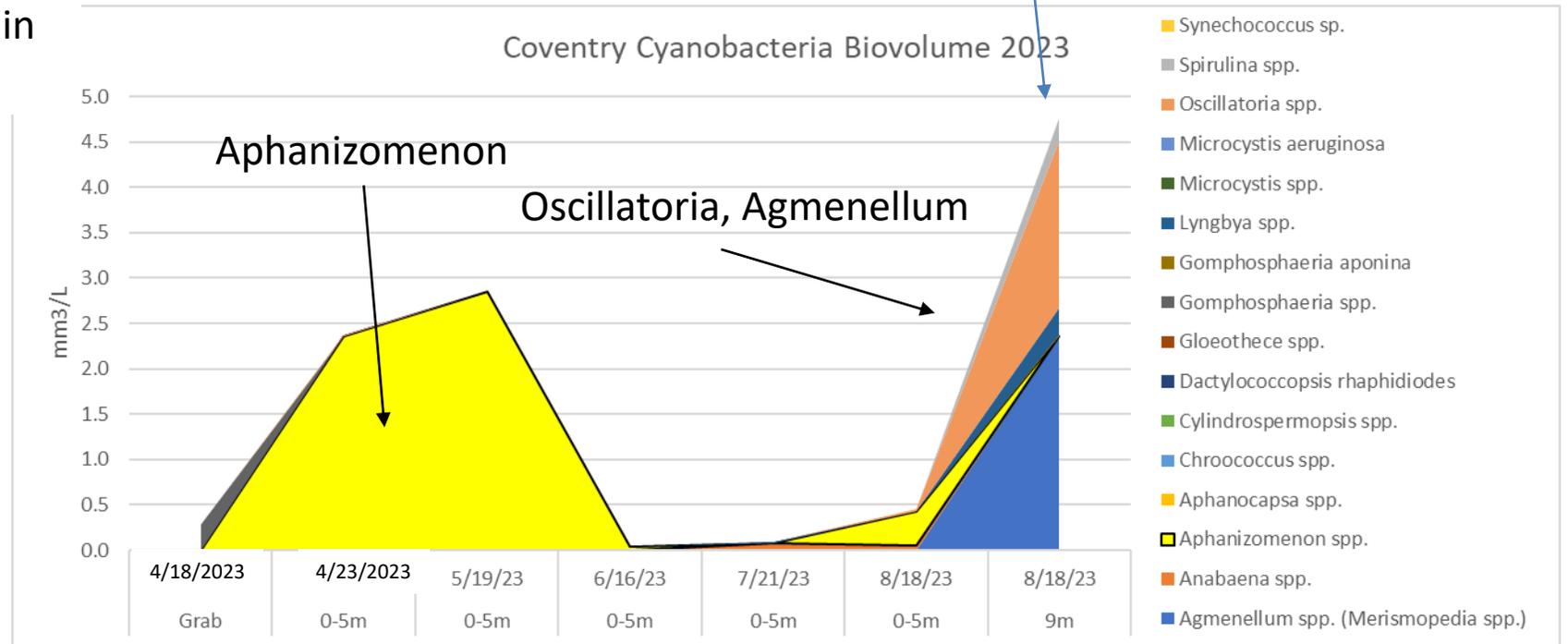
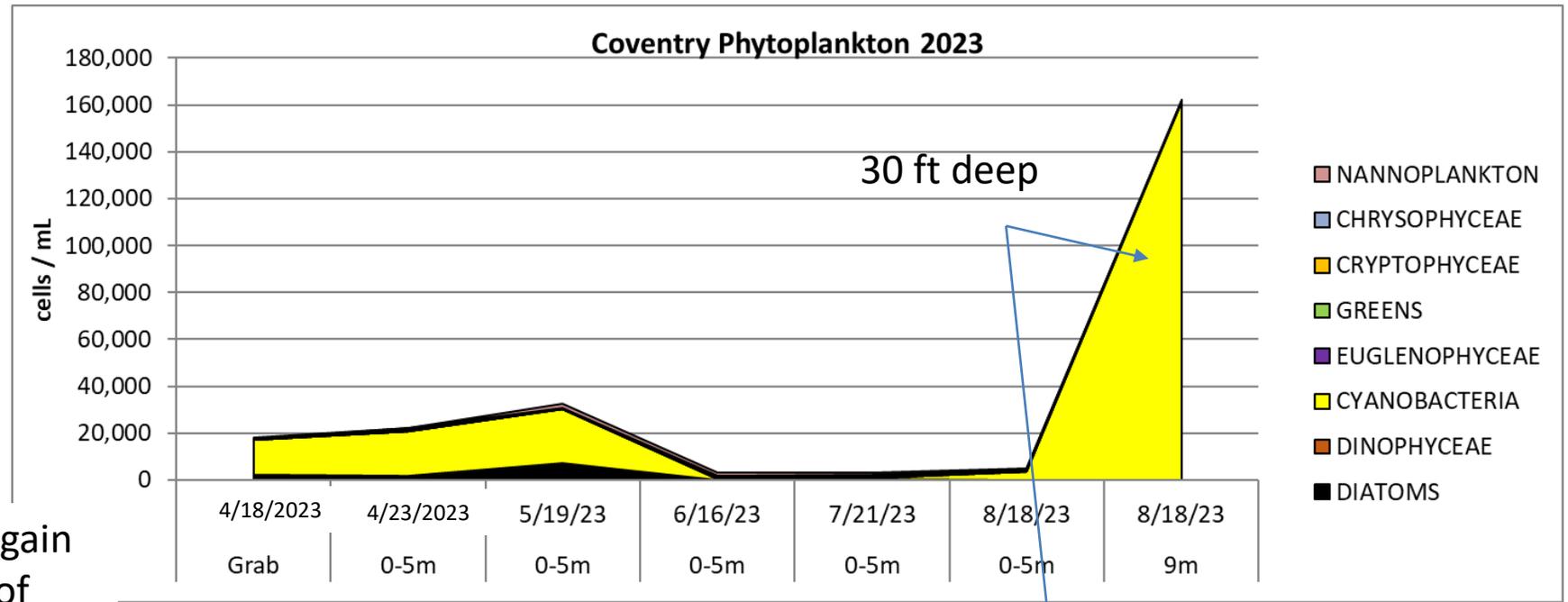
Aphanizomenon persisted through the winter

Cyanobacteria in deep waters



Coventry Lake 2023 Cyanobacteria								
Cells/ml TOP 5M (Surface to 16 ft deep)								30 ft deep
	4/23/2023	4/18/2023	5/19/2023	6/16/2023	7/21/2023	8/18/2023		8/18/2023
<u>Agmenellum</u> spp. (Merismo)	0	0	0	0	0	0		87445
Anabaena spp.	0	0	0	0	359	229		0
Aphanizomenon spp.	18904	0	22837	271	0	2956		0
<u>Aphanocapsa</u> spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0		895
<u>Gomphosphaeria</u> spp.	0	15093	0	0	0	106		0
Lynqbya spp.	0	0	0	0	316	190		16099
Oscillatoria spp.	94	0	0	0	0	231		14757
<u>Spirulina</u> spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0		42564
TOTAL	18998	15093	22837	271	675	3712		161761
Biovolume mm3 /L TOP 5M (Surface to 16 ft deep)								
	4/23/2023	4/18/2023	5/19/2023	6/16/2023	7/21/2023	8/18/2023		30 ft deep
								8/18/2023
<u>Agmenellum</u> spp. (Merismo)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		2.361
Anabaena spp.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.083	0.053		0.000
Aphanizomenon spp.	2.360	0.000	2.851	0.034	0.000	0.369		0.000
<u>Aphanocapsa</u> spp.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		0.005
<u>Gomphosphaeria</u> spp.	0.000	0.284	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002		0.000
Lynqbya spp.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.004		0.303
Oscillatoria spp.	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.029		1.845
<u>Spirulina</u> spp.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		0.244
TOTAL	2.371	0.284	2.851	0.034	0.089	0.456		4.758

Cyanobacteria (Aphanizomenon) again persisted through the mild winter of 2022-23 and out-competed Diatoms in the Spring.



Cooperative Monitoring Program Data – Collected by Coventry Volunteers

	June 14, 2023	June 19, 2023	July 7, 2023	July 9, 2023	July 23, 2023	July 31, 2023	August 6, 2023	August 14, 2023	August 20, 2023	August 31, 2023	Sept 10, 2023
Time	3:40 pm	3:00 pm	4:00 pm	3:00 pm	2:30 pm	4:50 pm	3:45 pm	5:20 pm	3:50 pm	5:45 pm	1:00 pm
Cloud Cover %	90-100%	90-100%	0-5%	90-100%	0-5%	50-69%	0-5%	50-69%	0-5%	0-5%	90-100%
Light Conditions	Overcast	Cloudy-bright	Bright	Overcast	Bright	Cloudy-bright	Bright	Cloudy-bright	Bright	Bright	Overcast
Precipitation	None	Rain									
Wind Conditions	Breezy	Light	Light	Light	Light	Light to Breezy	Light	Light to Breezy	Light	Light	Light
Water Surface	Smooth or rippled to small wavelets										
Air Temp	70F 21C	76F 25C	84F 29C	80F 26.7C	82F 27.8C	80F 26.7C	81F 27.2C	80F 26.7C	80F 26.7C	70F 21C	76F 25C
Surface Water Temp	Unknown										
Sampling Platform	Boat/Canoe (Kayak)										
Side of Boat	“Shady” (Total cloud cover)	(Not Relevant)	(Not Relevant)	“Shady” (Total cloud cover)	(Not Relevant)	“Shady” (Total cloud cover)					
Water Depth	30 FT 6 IN 9.3 M	29 FT 8.8 M	30 FT 9.1 M	29 FT 8.8 M	28 FT 6 IN 8.68 M	28 FT 8.5 M	29 FT 6 IN 9 M	30 FT 9.1 M	30 FT 6 IN 9.3 M	29 FT 8.8 M	30 FT 9.1 M
Secchi Disk Reading #1	2.16 M 85 IN (7.08FT)	2.8 M 110 IN	3 M 118 IN	2.6 M 102 IN	2.7 M 106 IN	2.8 M 110 IN	3.1 M 122 IN	3.4 M 134 IN	3.4 M 134 IN	3.5 M 138 IN	3.6 M 142 IN
Secchi Disk Reading #2	2.26 M 89 IN (7.42FT)	2.6 M 103 IN	2.9 M 114 IN	2.5 M 98 IN	2.8 M 110 IN	2.7 M 106 IN	3.3 M 130 IN	3.2 M 126 IN	3.5 M 138 IN	3.6 M 142 IN	3.7 M 146 IN