

# **Elliott Bay Regional Background Workshop**

## **Early Development of the Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan**

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# Goals for Today

## Work collaboratively to:

- Gather information to guide our development of a draft sampling & analysis plan (SAP) to establish regional background.
- Develop a SAP Conceptual Site Model.
- Understand feasibility of proposed alternatives for the SAP considering:
  - Financial resources
  - Ecology (and stakeholder) staff resources
  - Time frames
  - Regulatory definition of regional background

# Today's Agenda

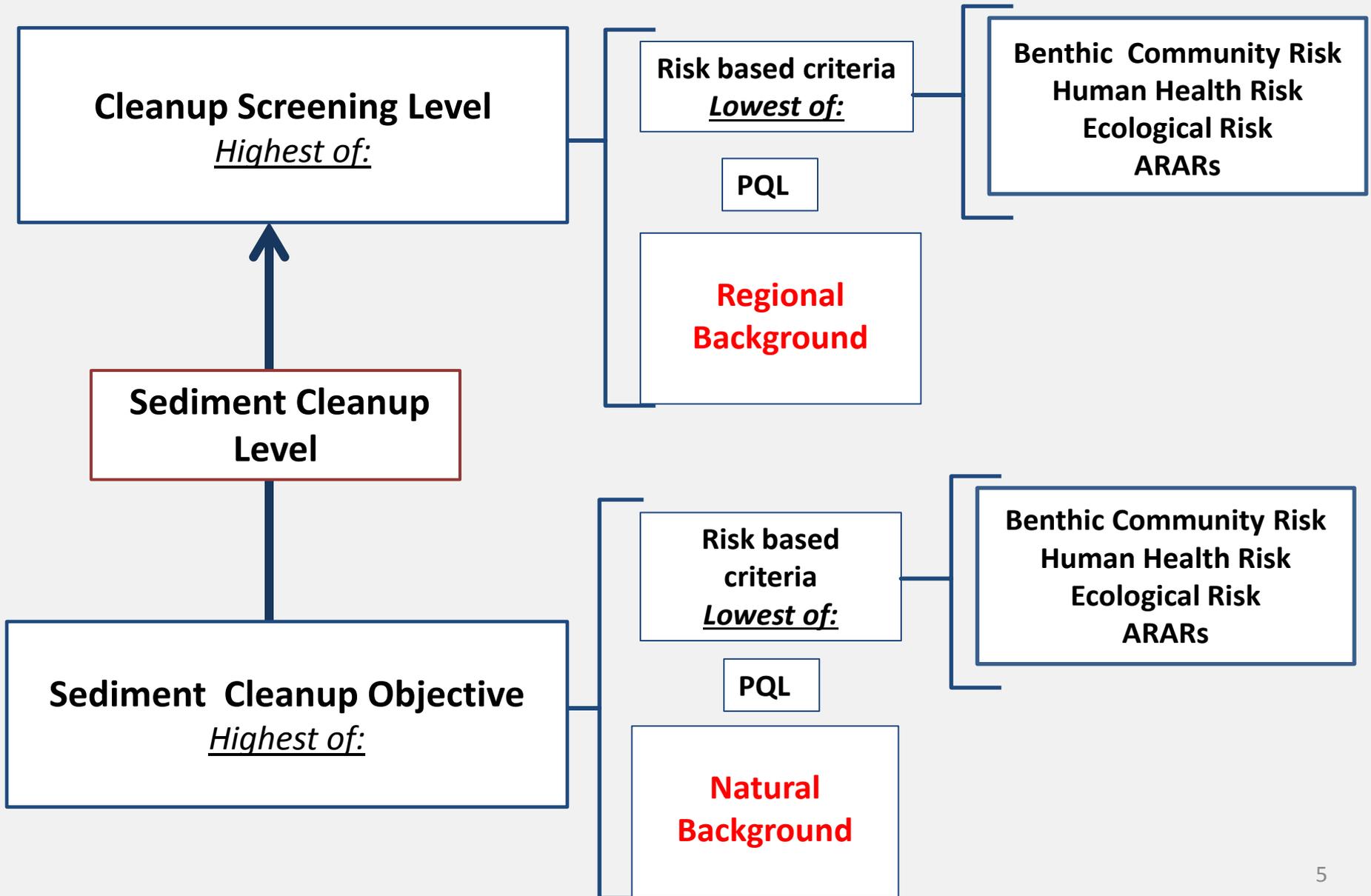
- **Morning Session – Information Sharing:**
  - Provide high level summaries of past and current studies in Elliott Bay and Duwamish River area.
  - Determine if or how this information can be used to:
    - Develop a Conceptual Site Model.
    - Complement implementing the proposed alternatives.
- **Lunch** – Working session to review alternatives (see handout).
- **Afternoon Session – Work Session/Discussion of Alternatives:**
  - Feasibility/technical implementability.
  - Pros and cons.
  - Consistency with SMS rule definition.

# Sediment Management Standards

## Context & Bit O'History

- Revised rule adopted February 22, 2013.
- Revised rule effective September 1, 2013.
- Includes concepts of background:
  - Natural background as part of the **Sediment Cleanup Objective**
  - Regional background as part of the **Cleanup Screening Level**
- The rule advisory groups consistently advised Ecology to lead the development of background.
- Elliott Bay is one of three where Ecology is currently working to establish regional background.

# How Background Fits - Establishing Cleanup Levels



# SMS Background Definitions (in a nutshell)

- **Natural Background WAC 173-204-505(11):**

*...the concentration of a hazardous substance consistently present in the environment that has not been influenced by localized human activities.*

- **Regional Background WAC 173-204-505(16):**

*...the concentration of a contaminant within a department defined geographic area that is primarily attributable to diffuse sources, such as atmospheric deposition or storm water, not attributable to a specific source or release.*

- **Difference:** Globally distributed contaminants from global sources versus locally distributed contaminants from diffuse sources such as storm water, atmospheric deposition, etc.

# Regional Background Definition expanded nutshell

## **WAC 173-204-560(5):**

- Ecology establishes background.
- Ecology defines the geographic area. Can include an embayment, stretch of a river, watershed.
- Regional background expected to be > natural background.
- Ecology can default to natural background if regional background is not established or if regional background concentrations are not elevated above natural background.

# Intent of Regional Background

- To address the reality of ubiquitous contaminants continuously entering the environment that are:
  - Not able to be technically or physically controlled or eliminated:
    - Contaminants from vessel traffic, automobiles, septic systems, backyards.
    - Contaminants in the atmosphere from diffuse, un-definable sources.
  - Not able to be controlled or eliminated in any practicable or timely manner:
    - Contaminants in stormwater that cannot be treated with current technology (due to type of contaminant, load, volume of stormwater, inordinate cost).
    - Contaminants from orphan pilings.

# Intent of Regional Background

- Includes the concentrations that are primarily from diffuse sources.
- Can include some influence from definable sources such as piped stormwater, but not the direct influence (that is, the primary contributor).
- To provide a technically implementable structure to meet and maintain cleanup standards given the potential for recontamination from the above mentioned sources.

# Regional Background - What it is NOT

- Not primary influenced by definable sources, such as a cleanup site.
- Not defined by “recontamination potential” primarily from definable sources.
- Cannot sample within an area of elevated concentrations due to the direct impact of a definable source. For example:
  - Within the depositional zone of an outfall (akin to the SMS Sediment Impact Zone area).
  - Within an established cleanup site.
- Not natural background – if there’s a statistically significant difference between regional and natural background.

# Regional Background

## How can it be used under the SMS rule?

- To establish the Cleanup Screening Level, if it is higher than risk based concentrations and the PQL.
- As the potential upper bound for establishing a sediment cleanup level.
- To identify a cleanup site – the areas where cleanup needs to be done.
- To identify the areas of a cleanup site for active cleanup.
- To identify areas for interim actions.

# Questions and Discussion



# Elliott Bay - summary of existing chemistry data

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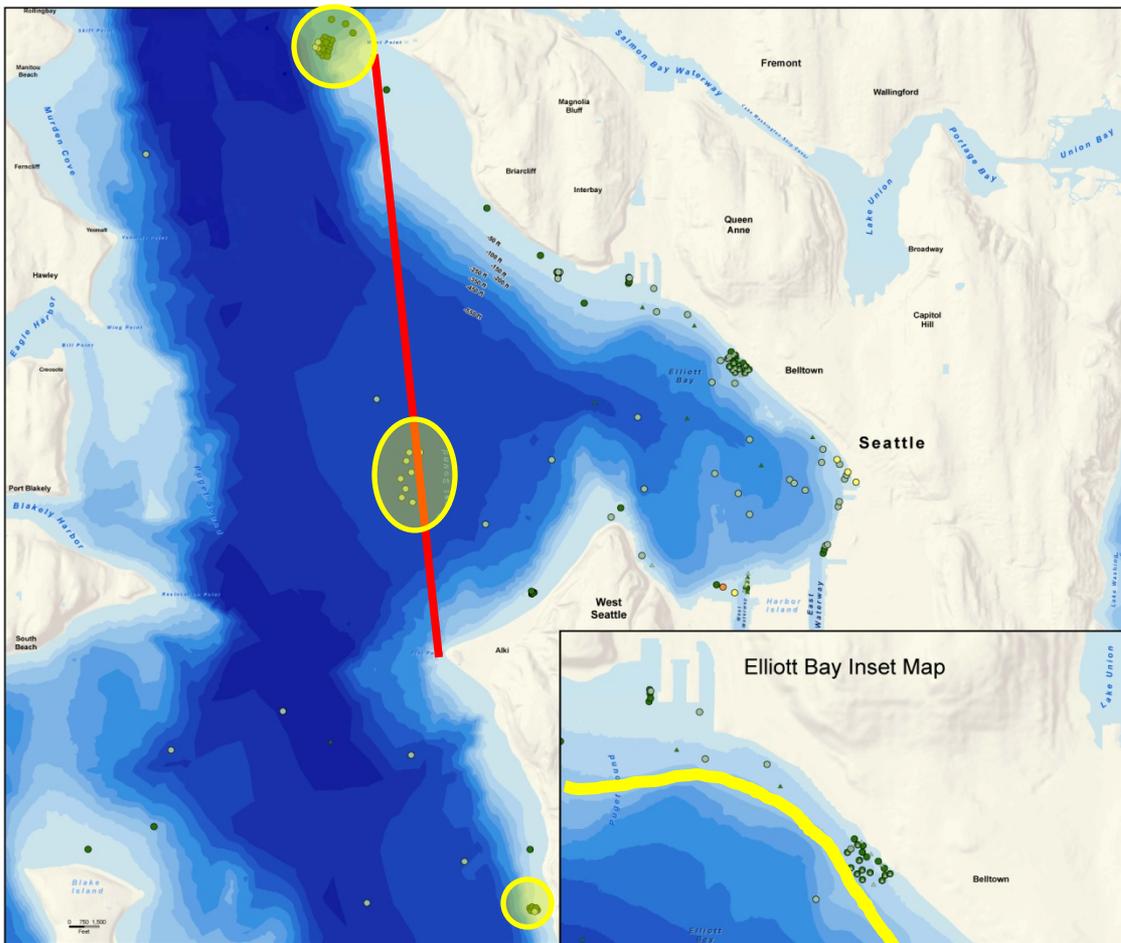
# Overview

- This presentation is a summary of existing data and data trends to assist in later discussions
- It is NOT presenting data or statistics for use as regional background values
- Presentation will cover:
  - Data selection
  - Data processing
  - Preliminary evaluations
  - Box plots for selected parameters

# Data Selection

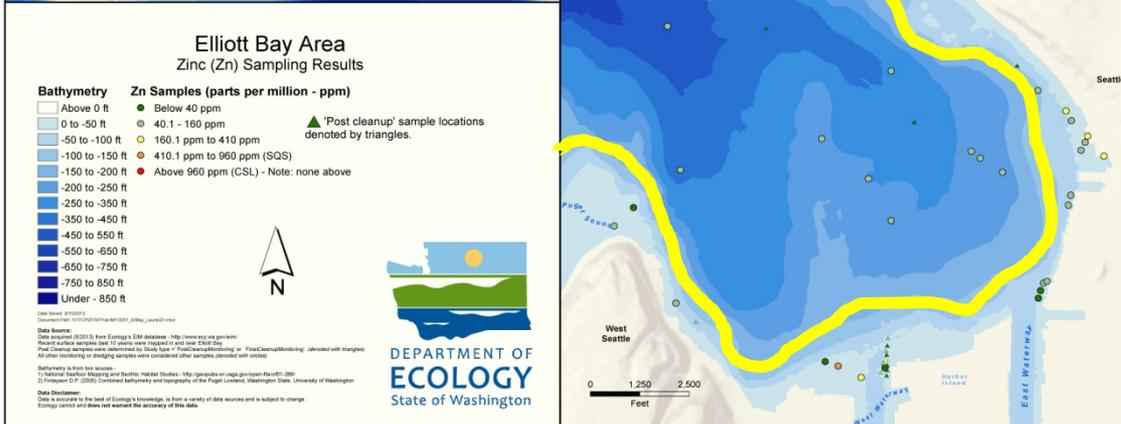
- Physical parameters: Depth, TOC, % fines
- Chemical parameters:
  - PCBs (Aroclor)- insufficient congener data
  - Dioxin- sum TEQ
  - cPAHs
  - Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (BEHP)
  - Metals (Arsenic, Copper, Mercury, Zinc)
- Includes surface but not limited to top 10 cm
- Less than 10 years old





- “Basin” is data from east of the line from West Point to Alki Point, and deeper than 120 ft.
  - Includes outfall data if deeper than 120 ft

- “Near shore” is data from east of the line from West Point to Alki Point, and shallower than 120 ft
  - Includes outfall data shallower than 120 ft



# Data processing

- Data downloaded from EIM
- Since MyEIM analytical tools do not have Kaplan Meier capabilities, data analysis here is based on 0.5 DL substitution for non-detects. PCB summing follows standard Aroclor summation rules.

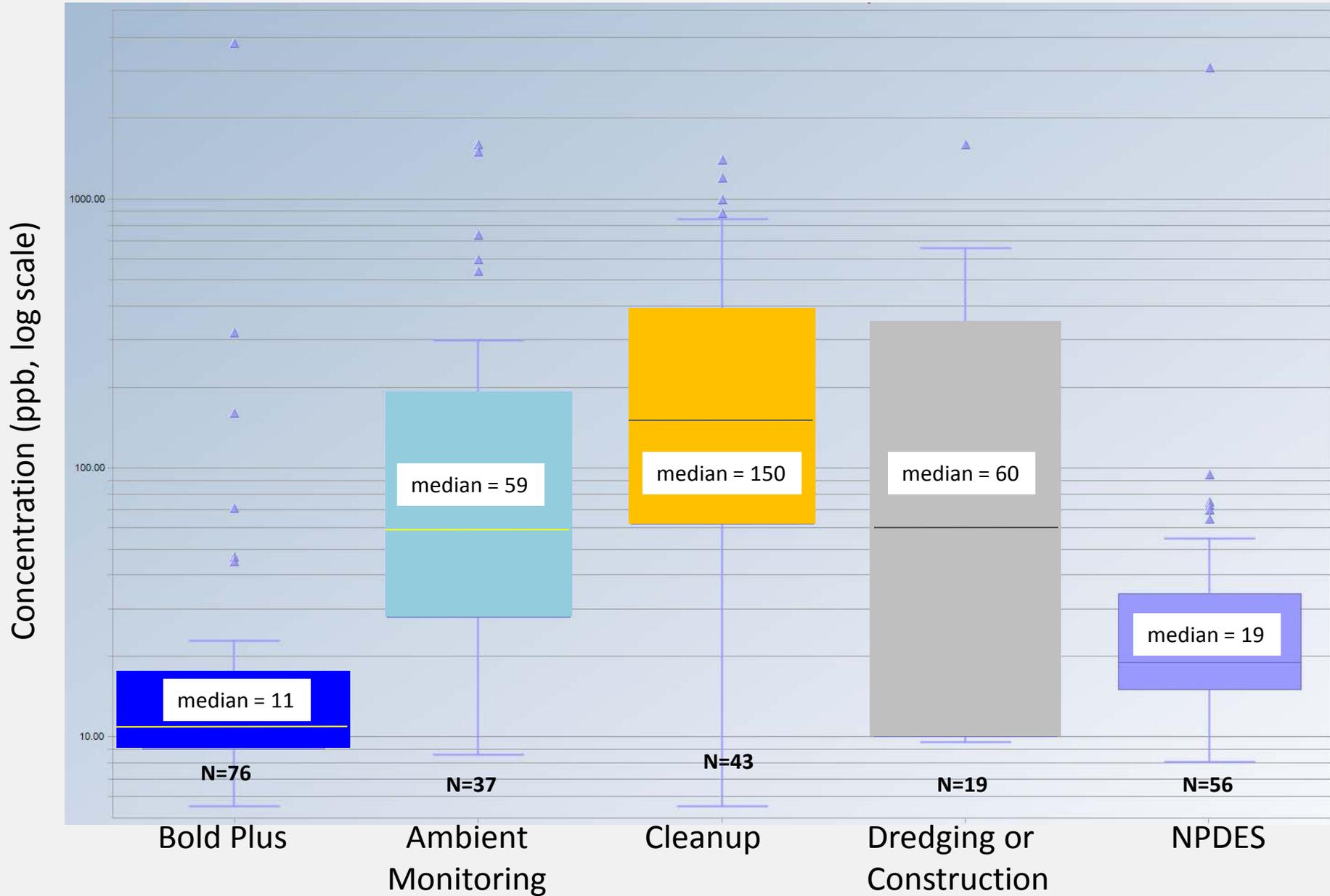
QUESTION: Since data was collected for different purposes, can they be combined?

# Preliminary Data Analysis

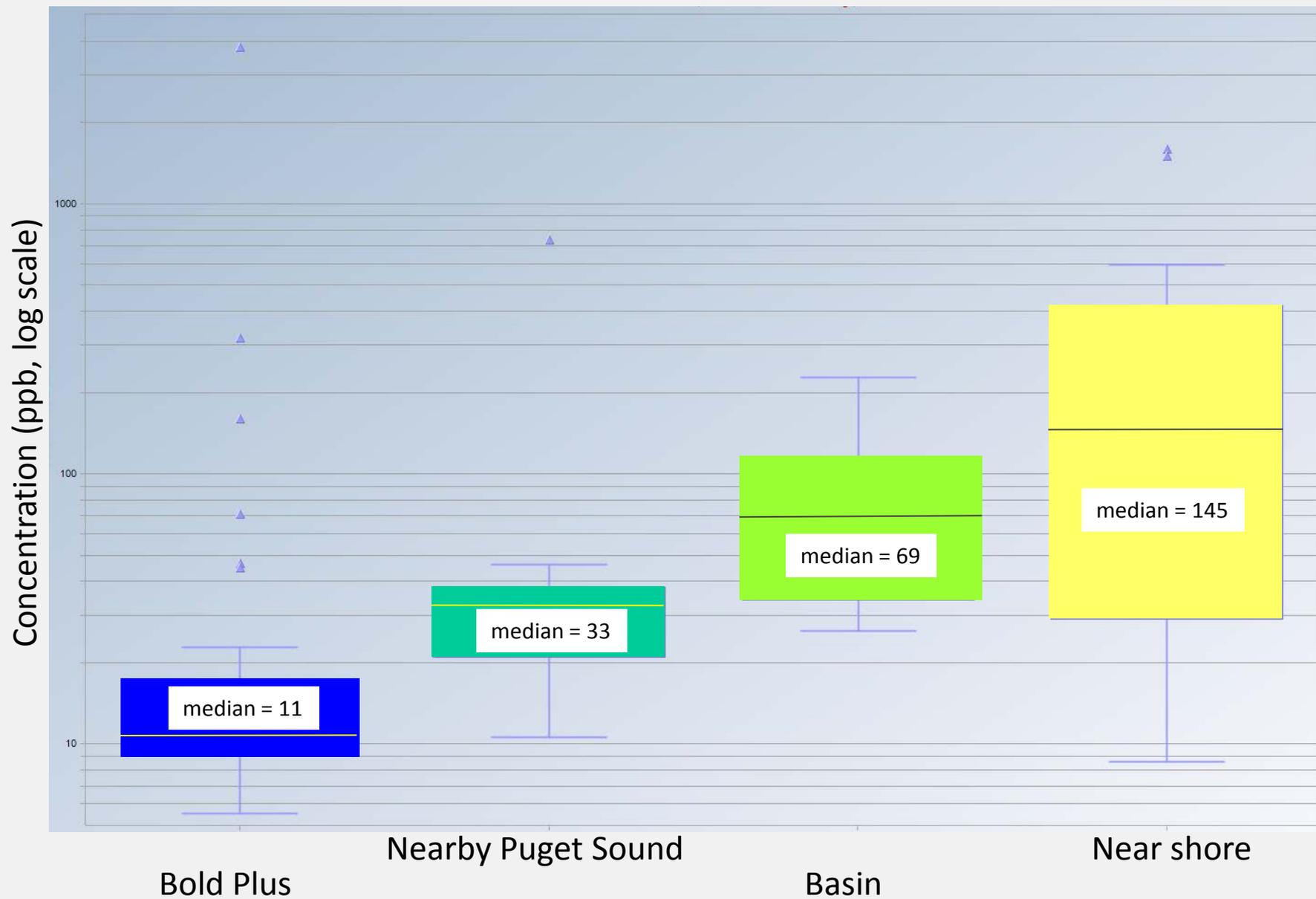
- Exploratory analyses were conducted to determine if the data from the various studies could be combined (Is there a difference in data collected for different purposes?)
  - Ambient monitoring
  - NPDES permit monitoring
  - Cleanup (post cleanup monitoring, final cleanup monitoring)
  - Dredging/construction sediment evaluations
  - Analysis conducted on all analytes plus % fines and %TOC, but is presented only for Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (BEHP) which had the most data for organic compounds
  - Calculated means, and generated box plot comparisons for each study type
- Calculated means, generated box plot comparisons for ambient monitoring. (Are there trends based on sample depth/locations?)
  - Comparison of Bold, nearby Puget Sound, Basin, and Near Shore
  - NPDES and Cleanups had basin and near shore data, Dredging only had near shore data.



# Preliminary data example results: BEHP, by study type



# Preliminary data example results: BEHP, ambient monitoring data only





# Preliminary Data Analysis, Summary

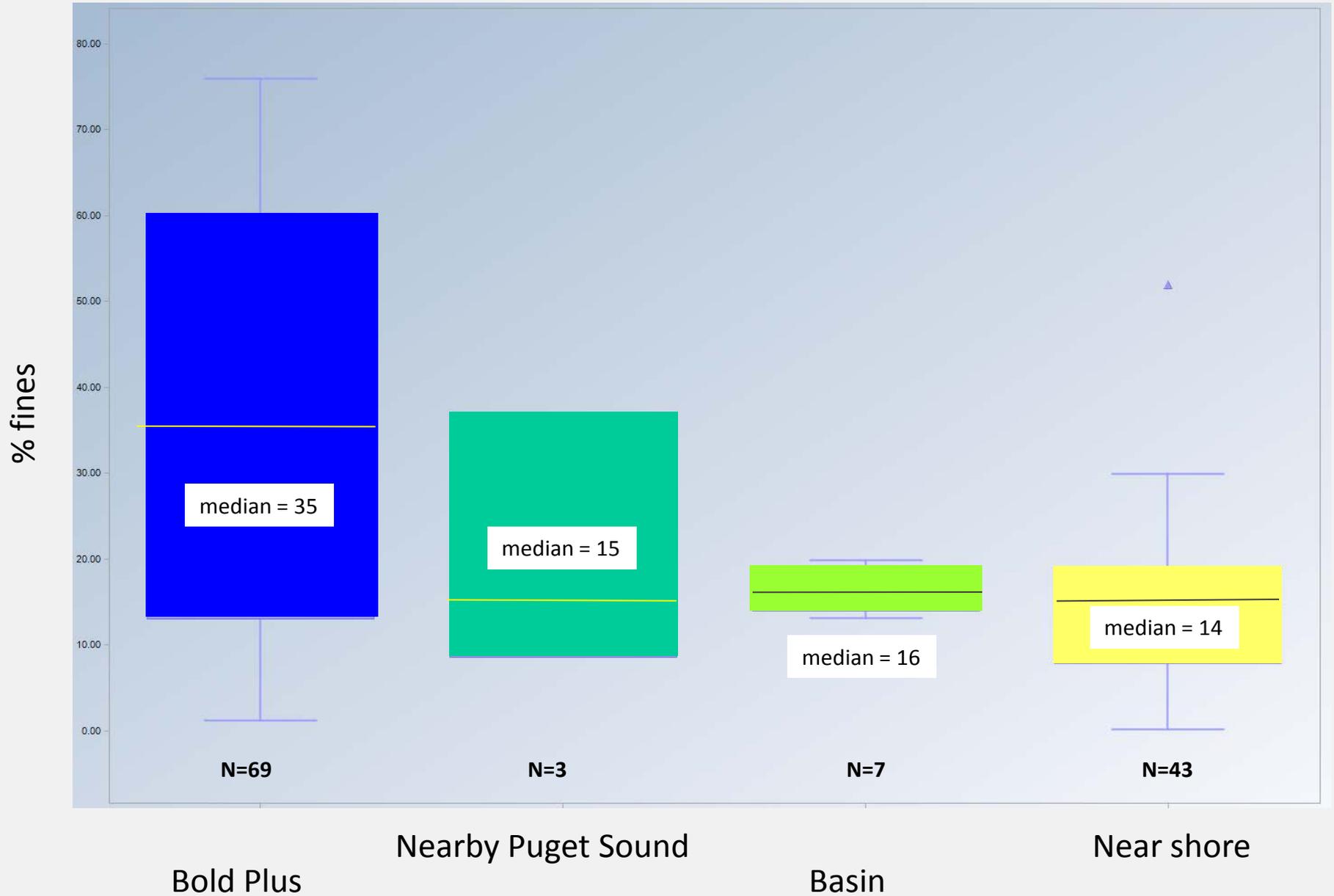
- DID STUDY TYPE IMPACT DATA?
  - In all cases where data was available, NPDES data were similar to or lower than the Bold Plus dataset.
  - Cleanup data had similar distribution as ambient monitoring and other study types
  - ALL STUDY TYPES CAN BE COMBINED FOR THIS ANALYSIS
- WERE THERE TRENDS IN THE AMBIENT MONITORING DATA WITH RESPECT TO DISTANCE FROM SHORE?
  - cPAHs, BEHP, cPAHs, dioxins, had increasing concentrations as sample location moved inshore.
  - Arsenic, copper, mercury and zinc showed no trends as sample locations moved inshore.

# Data Analysis- combined data

- Following slides are box plots for the selected parameters.
- Data for each parameter are presented broken into four groups, moving from off shore to inshore.
  - Bold plus
  - Nearby Puget Sound
  - Basin
  - Less than 120 ft deep (near shore)

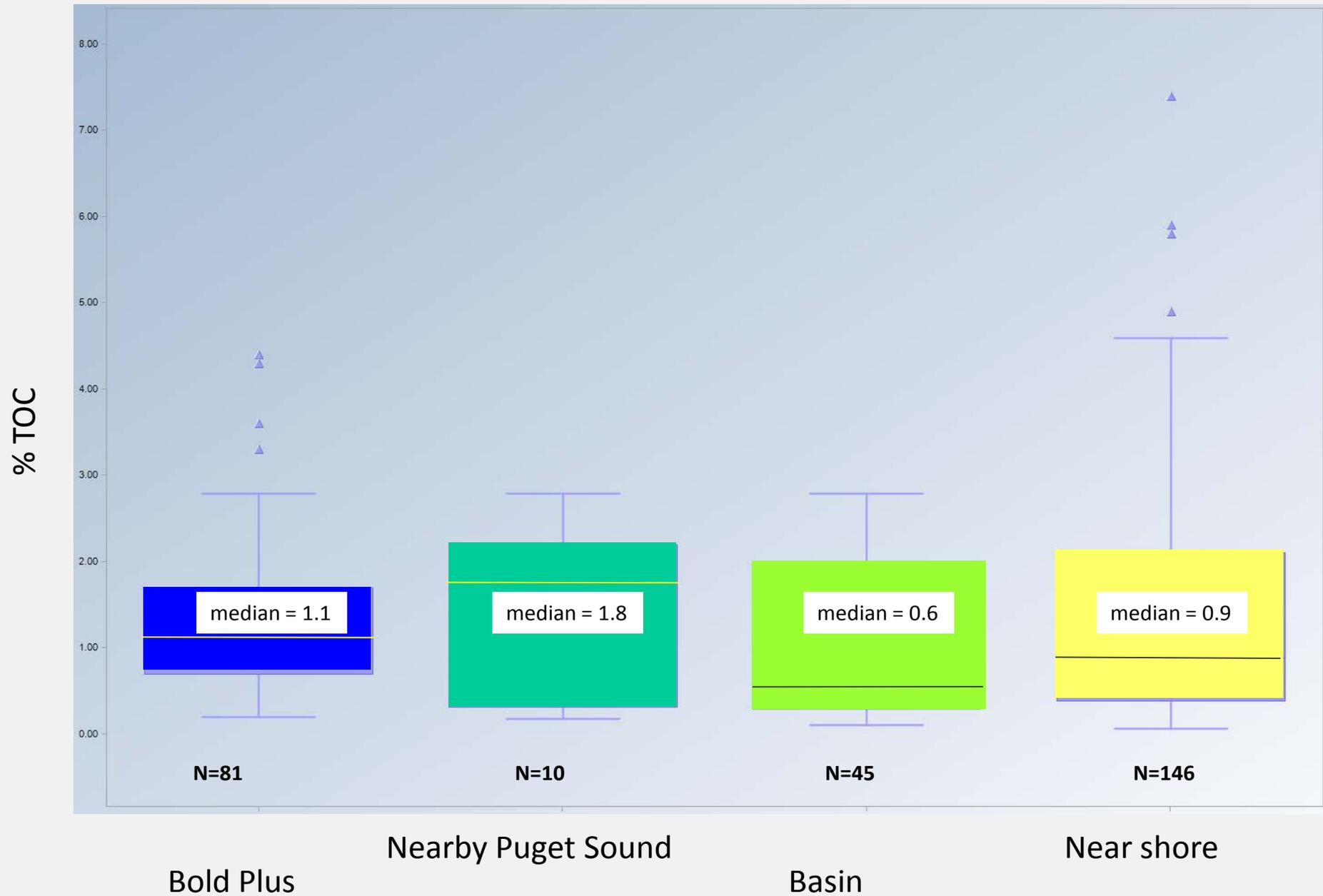


# Fines- all data



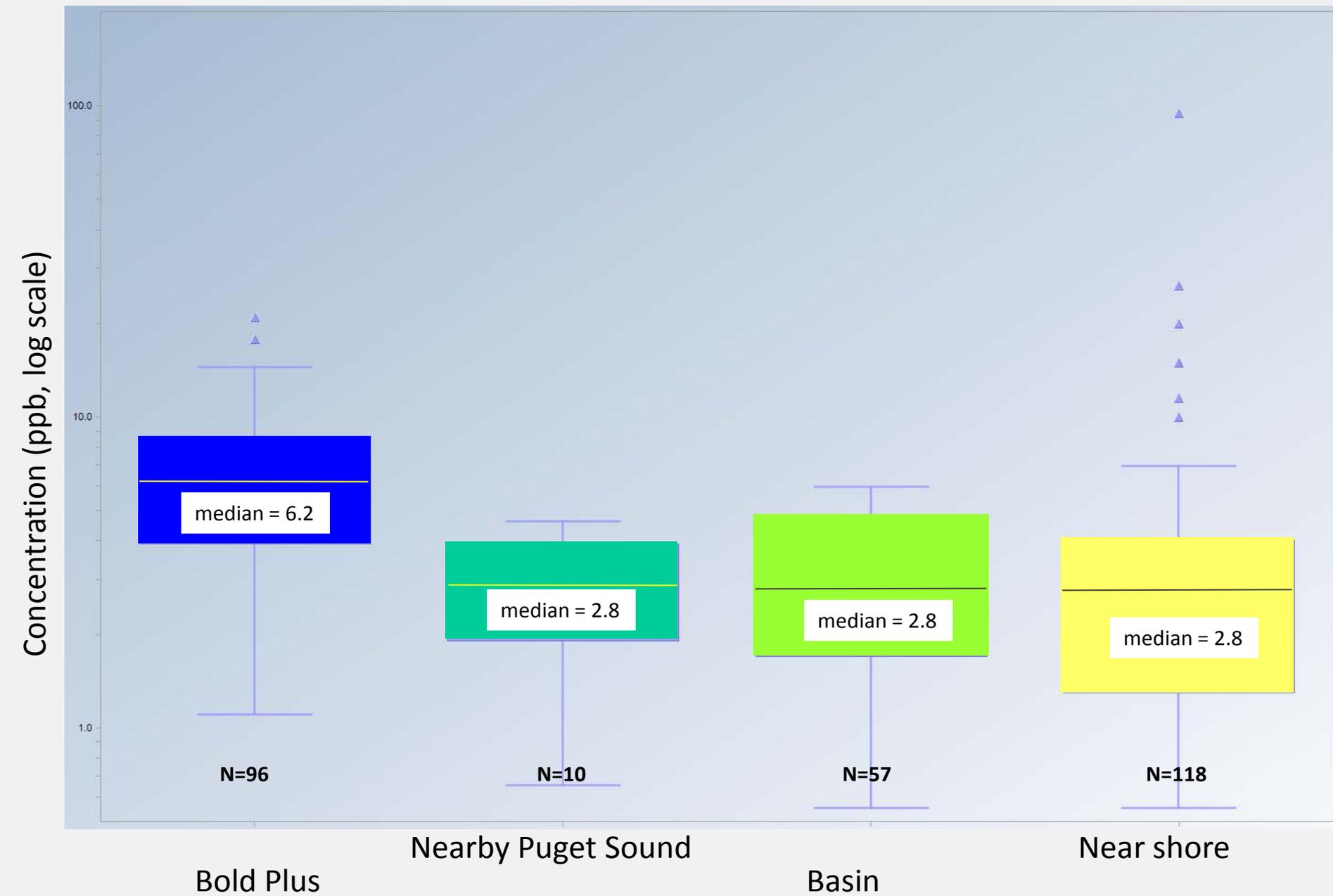


# TOC- all data



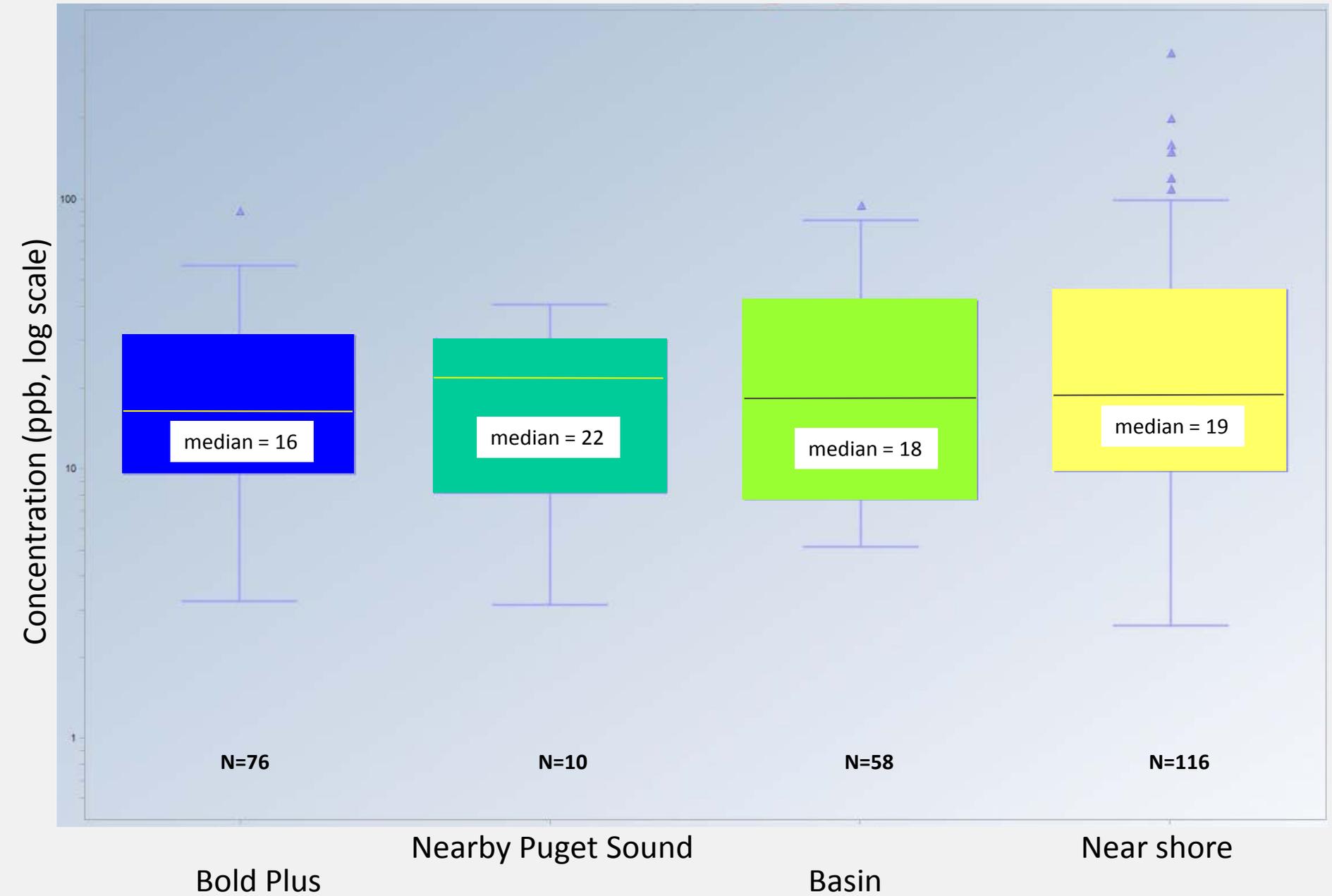


# Arsenic- all data



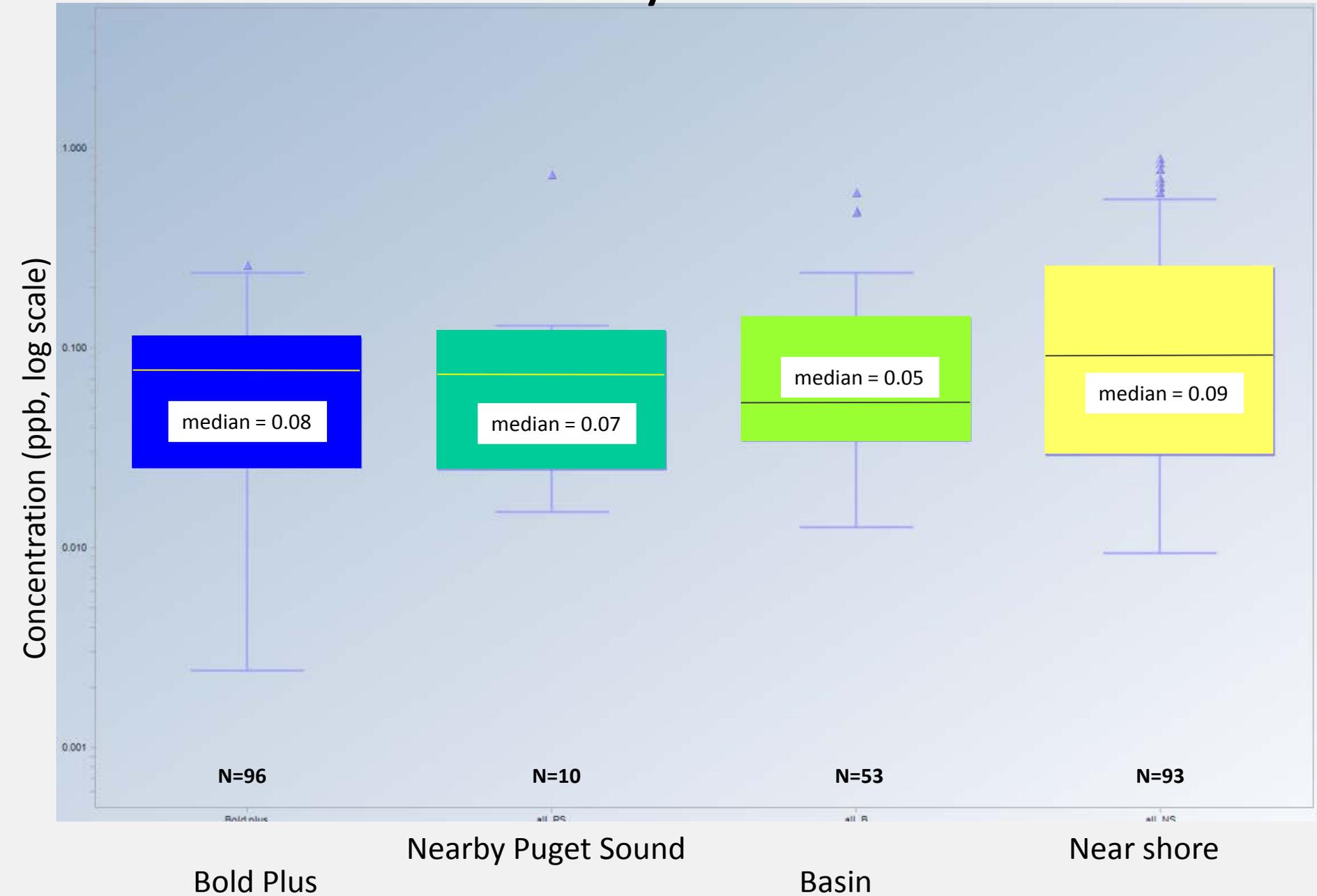


# Copper all data



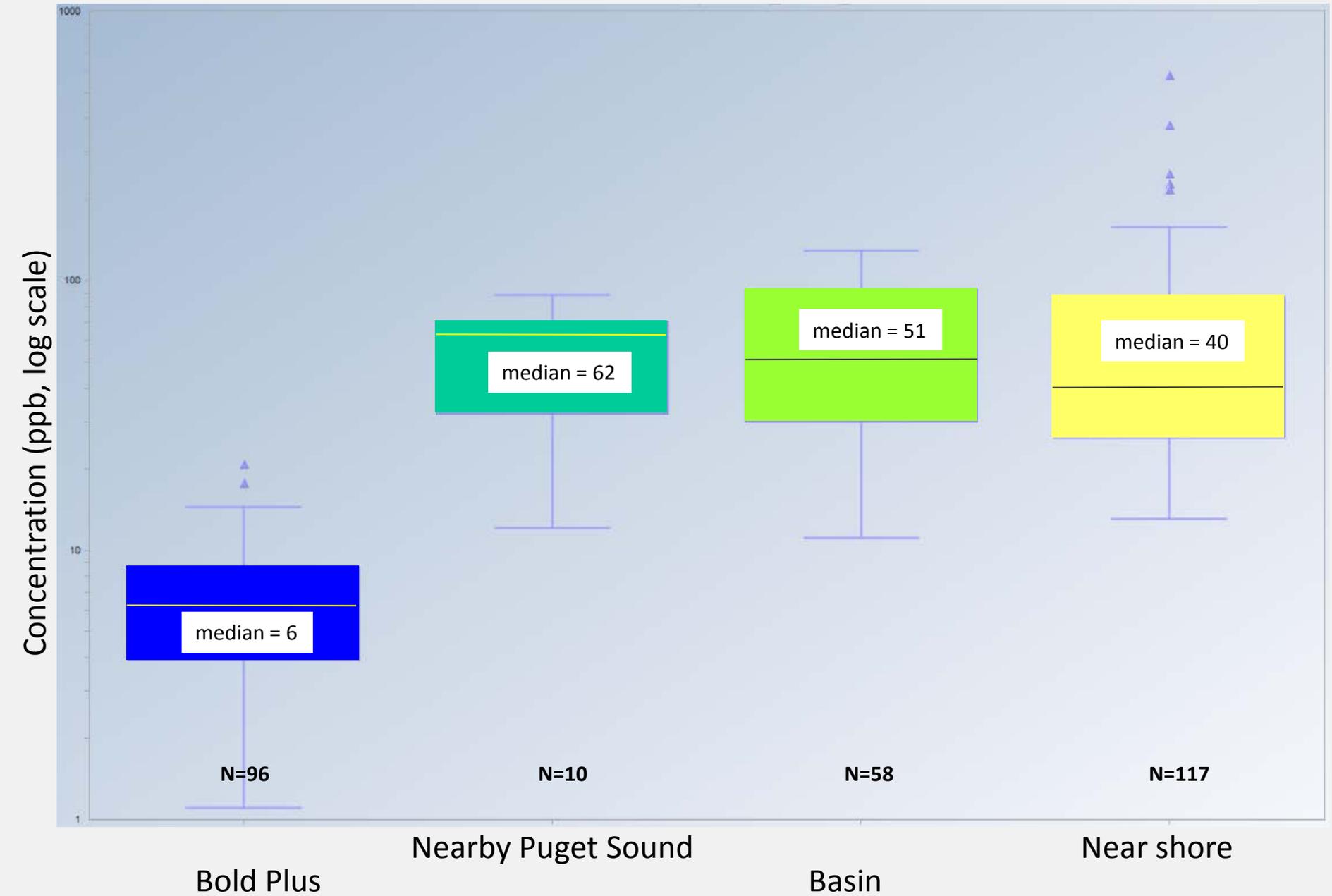


# Mercury- all data



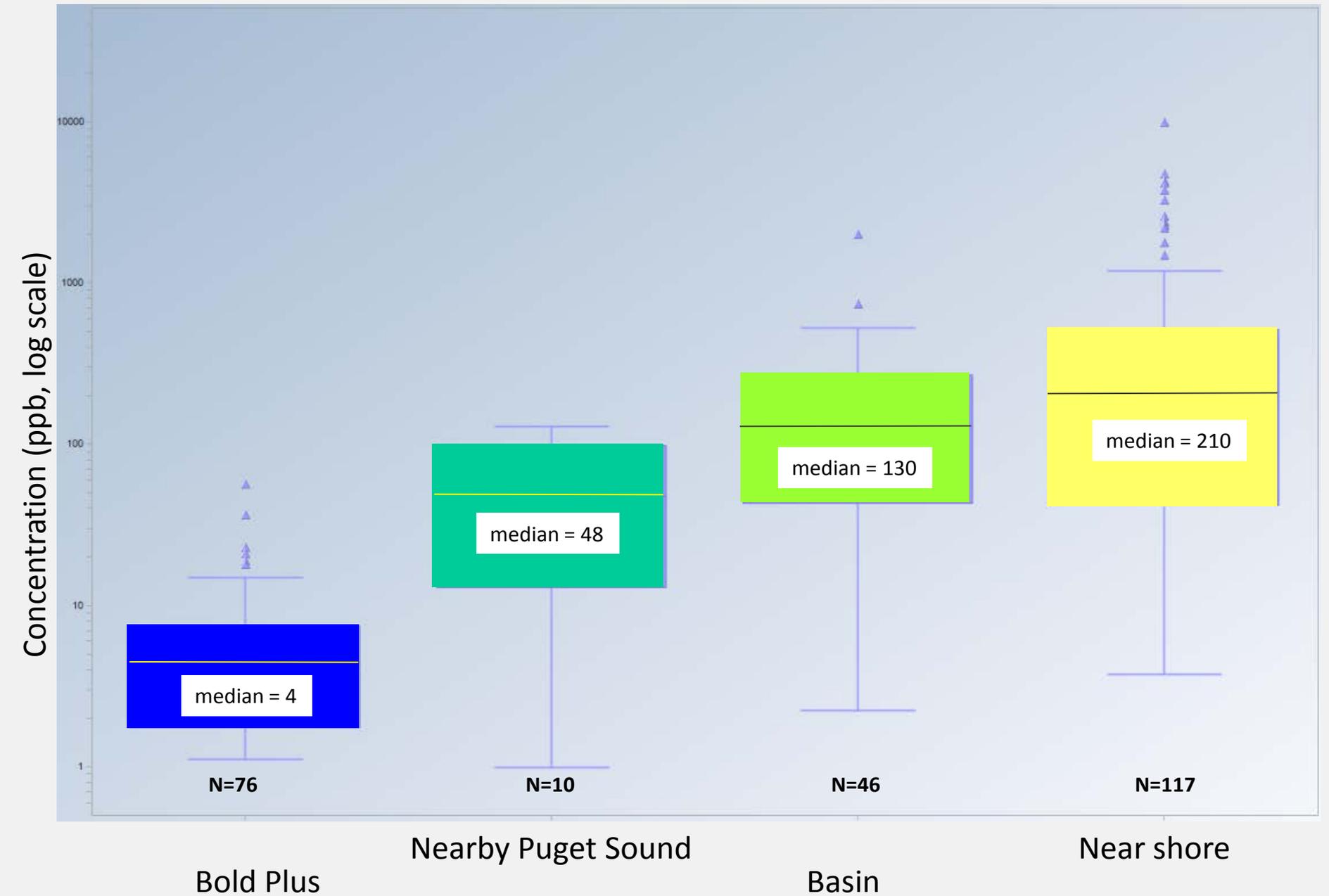


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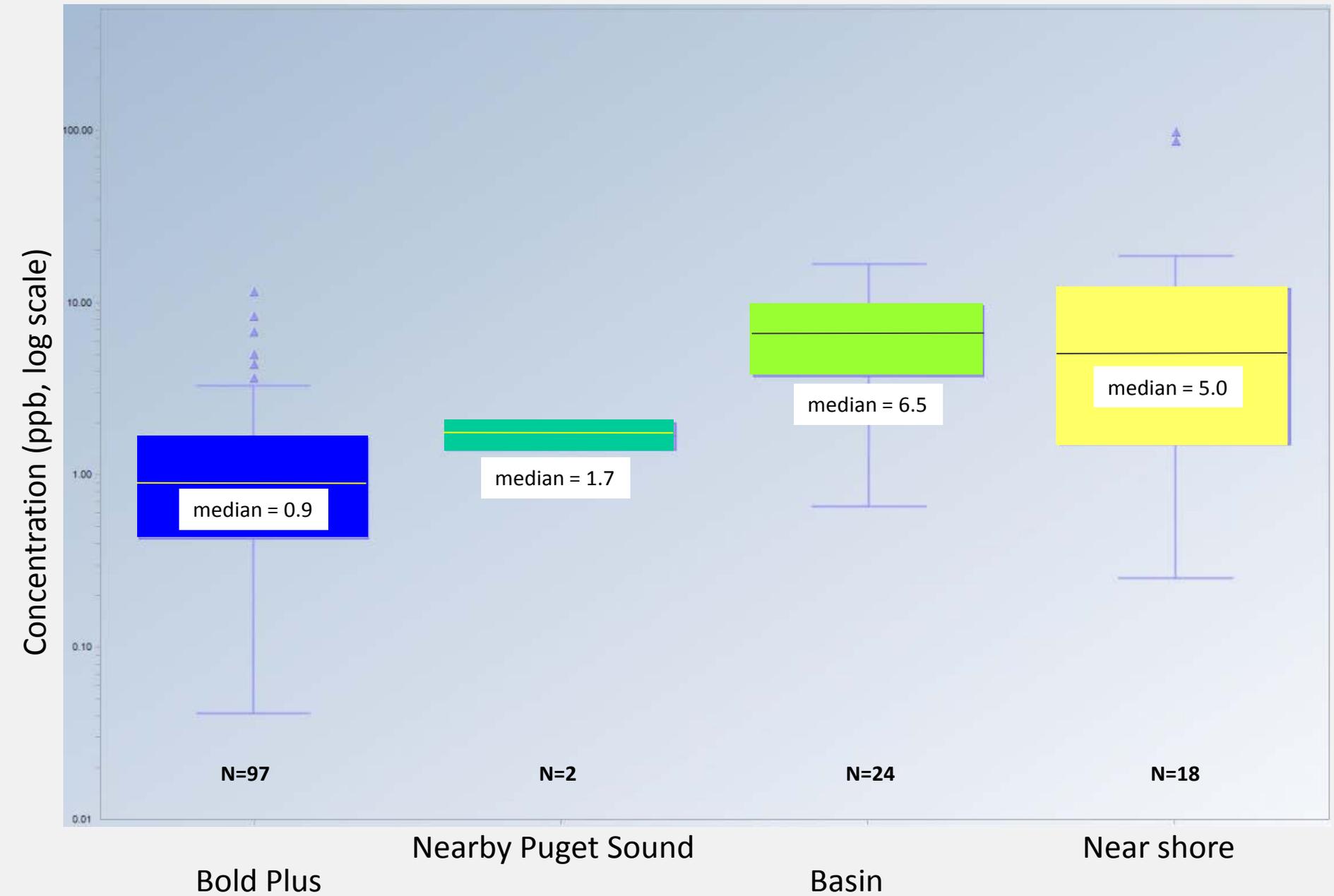




# cPAH- all data

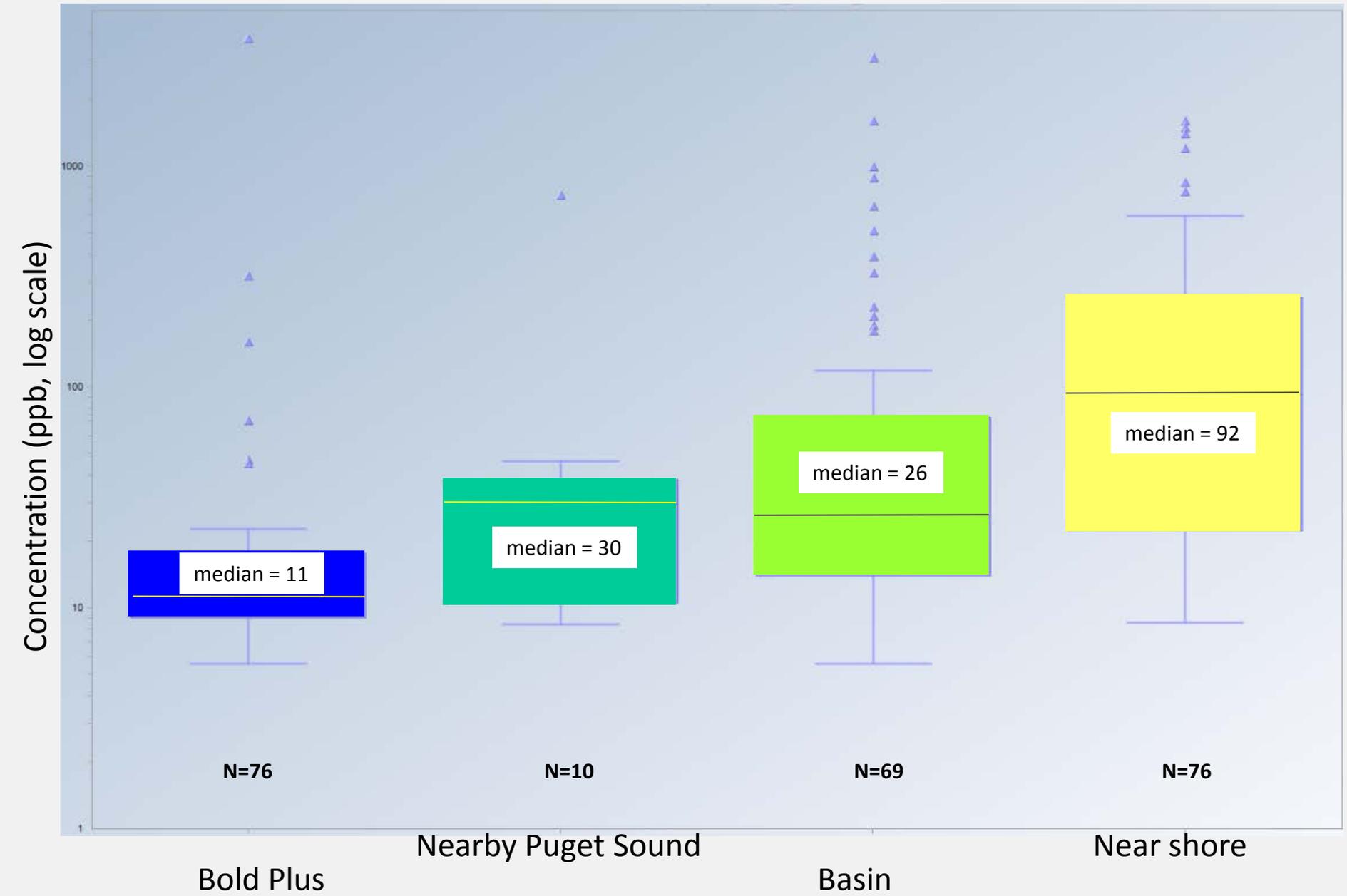


# Dioxin TEQ- all data

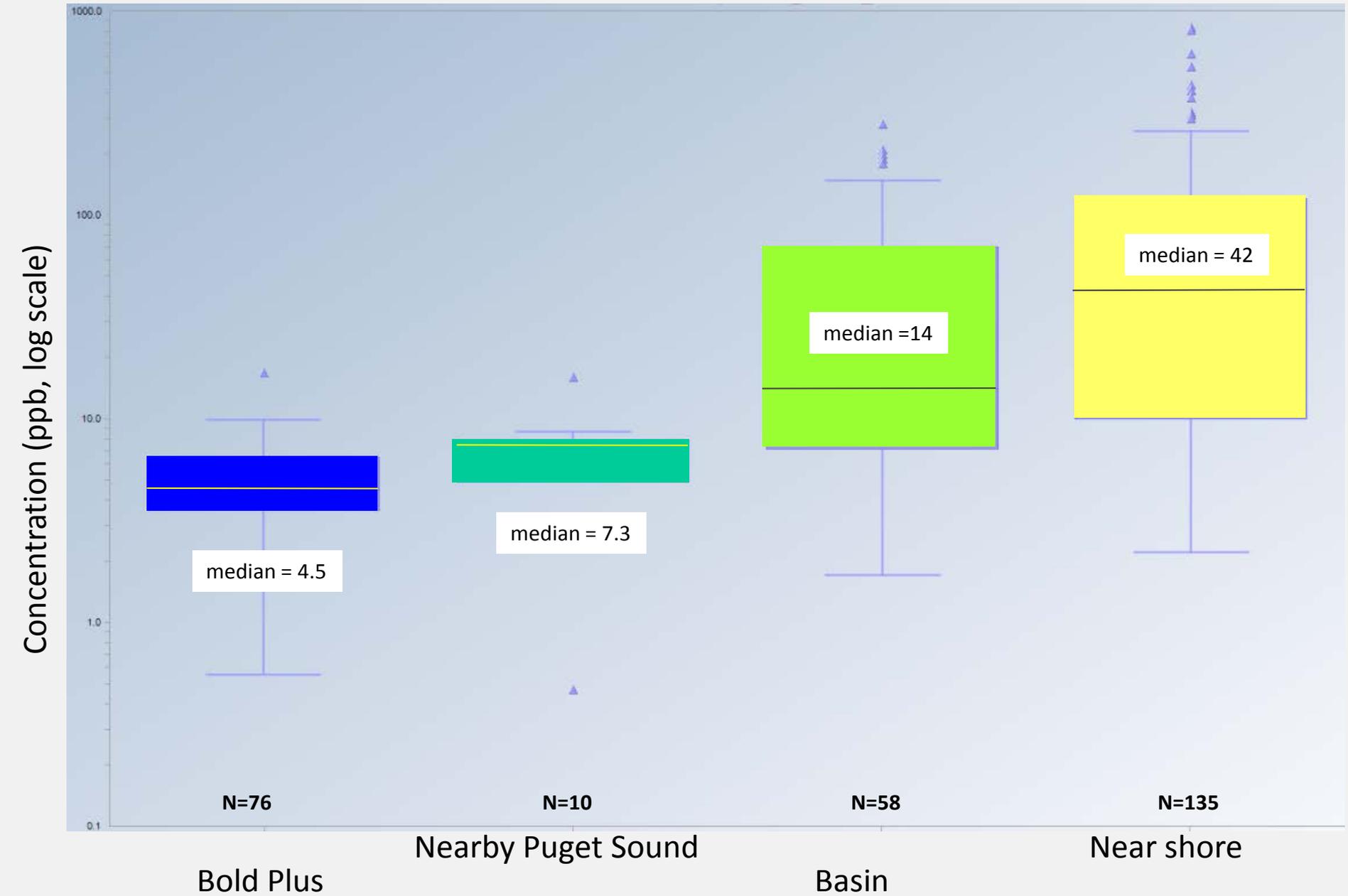




# BEHP-all data



# PCB (Aroclor)- all data



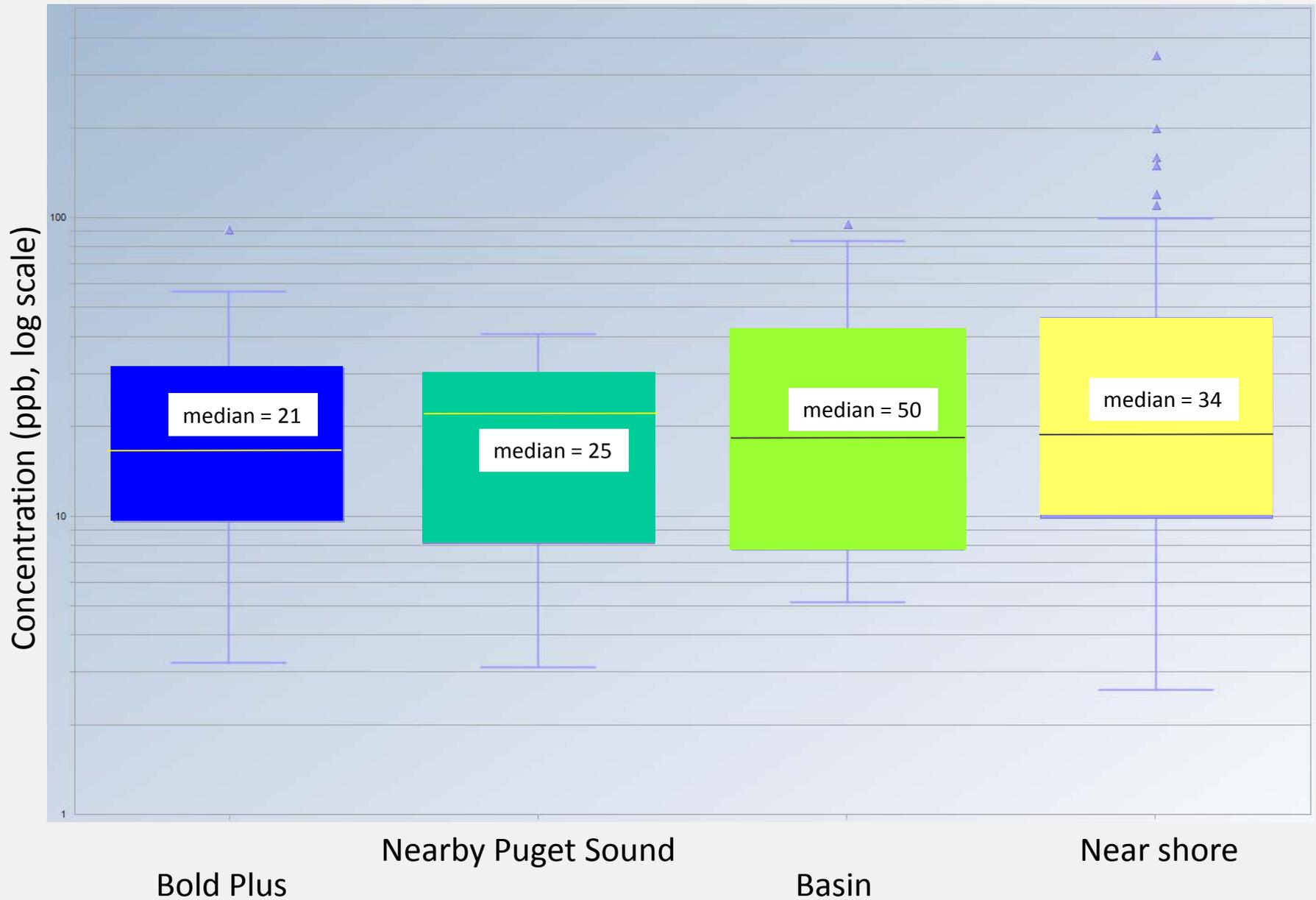
# Summary, combined data

- No trend:
  - % fines (Bold Plus had higher average and range than others)
  - Arsenic (Bold Plus slightly higher than other data)
  - % TOC
  - Copper
  - Mercury
- Bold Plus < Nearby=basin=near shore:
  - Zinc (~1 order of magnitude)
- Trend of increasing concentrations moving towards the shoreline:
  - cPAH
  - Dioxin
  - BEHP
  - PCB (sum Aroclor)
  - All about 1 order of magnitude range

**QUESTIONS?**

# SUPPLEMENTARY SLIDES

# Exploratory data example results: Copper, all data



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Variable	NumObs	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Variance	SD	MAD/0.675	Skewness	Kurtosis	CV	
All fines	53	0.086	52	15.4	15	88.7	9.418	5.93	1.196	3.479	0.612	
Ambient (AMB)	23	0.086	37	15.43	17	85.2	9.23	7.413	0.0876	0.288	0.598	
AMB-PS	2	8.6	37	22.8	22.8	403.3	20.08	21.05	N/A	N/A	0.881	
AMB-NS	21	0.086	29	14.73	17	67.6	8.222	5.93	-0.545	-0.301	0.558	
CLEANUP (CU)	28	2.6	52	15.41	14.5	101.4	10.07	7.265	1.891	5.507	0.654	
CU-PS	1	15	15	15	15	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
CU-B	7	13	20	16.43	16	6.952	2.637	2.965	0.112	-1.638	0.16	
CU-NS	20	2.6	52	15.07	11.5	141.4	11.89	9.414	1.774	3.825	0.789	
Dredging/construction	2	15	15	15	15	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	
Bold plus	69	1.1	76	37.14	35	644.7	25.39	35.58	-0.00239	-1.66	0.684	
all_PS	3	8.6	37	20.2	15	221.9	14.9	9.489	1.379	N/A	0.737	
all_B	7	13	20	16.4	16	6.952	2.637	2.965	0.112	-1.638	0.16	
all_NS	43	0.086	52	14.9	15	96.18	9.807	8.599	1.223	3.585	0.658	

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All TOC	201	0.049	7.4	1.316	0.84	1.522	1.234	0.964	1.563	3.519	0.938
Ambient (AMB)	61	0.06	5.8	1.043	0.66	0.964	0.982	0.504	2.204	7.823	0.942
AMB-PS	9	0.16	2.8	1.63	1.9	0.769	0.877	0.445	-0.819	-0.122	0.538
AMB-B	12	0.55	2.3	1.639	1.8	0.375	0.612	0.593	-0.659	-1.1	0.373
AMB-NS	40	0.06	5.8	0.731	0.545	0.932	0.965	0.274	4.156	20.18	1.32
CLEANUP (CU)	60	0.049	5.9	1.916	1.9	1.727	1.314	1.534	0.515	0.0738	0.686
CU-PS	1	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
CU-B	3	0.2	0.27	0.23	0.22	0.0013	0.0361	0.0297	1.152	N/A	0.157
CU-NS	56	0.049	5.9	2.037	2	1.631	1.277	1.483	0.484	0.244	0.627
Dredging/construction	29	0.39	7.4	1.841	1.6	2.076	1.441	0.89	2.406	7.412	0.783
NPDES all	51	0.073	2.8	0.638	0.31	0.58	0.762	0.237	1.762	1.727	1.193
NPDES-B	30	0.095	2.8	0.879	0.41	0.807	0.898	0.23	1.103	-0.504	1.022
NPDES-NS	21	0.073	1.2	0.295	0.21	0.0704	0.265	0.104	2.346	6.214	0.9
Bold plus	81	0.19	4.4	1.34	1.1	0.814	0.902	0.741	1.276	1.875	0.673
all_PS	10	0.16	2.8	1.489	1.75	0.882	0.939	0.667	-0.478	-1.196	0.631
all_B	45	0.095	2.8	1.038	0.55	0.786	0.886	0.549	0.593	-1.346	0.854
all_NS	146	0.049	7.4	1.39	0.875	1.775	1.332	0.986	1.583	3.174	0.959

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All As	185	0.55	95	3.803	2.8	54.92	7.411	2.076	10.49	126.4	1.949
Ambient (AMB)	76	0.55	95	4.514	3.175	114.9	10.72	2.595	8.227	70.2	2.375
AMB-PS	9	1.2	4.65	3.039	3.25	1.422	1.192	1.408	-0.198	-1.433	0.392
AMB-B	20	2.8	6	4.808	4.975	0.751	0.866	0.778	-0.602	-0.282	0.18
AMB-NS	47	0.55	95	4.671	1.8	186.3	13.65	1.408	6.572	44.3	2.922
CLEANUP (CU)	37	0.55	26.5	3.899	3.5	17.54	4.188	2.224	4.53	24.68	1.074
CU-PS	1	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
CU-B	3	0.55	0.8	0.65	0.6	0.0175	0.132	0.0741	1.458	N/A	0.204
CU-NS	33	0.85	26.5	4.292	3.7	18.25	4.272	1.779	4.598	24.31	0.995
Dredging/construction	17	3	20	6.265	3.5	28.47	5.336	0.741	1.715	1.772	0.852
NPDES all	55	0.8	5	1.995	1.65	1.431	1.196	0.445	1.526	1.042	0.599
NPDES-B	34	1.55	5	2.507	1.775	1.588	1.26	0.334	1.071	-0.699	0.503
NPDES-NS	21	0.8	1.65	1.167	1.05	0.0763	0.276	0.371	0.227	-1.316	0.237

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Bold Plus As all detected	96	1.1	21	6.575	6.15	11.49	3.39	3.558	1.381	3.403	0.516
all_PS	10	0.65	4.65	2.8	2.825	1.834	1.354	1.52	-0.21	-1.292	0.484
all_B	57	0.55	6	3.217	2.8	2.753	1.659	1.853	0.137	-1.55	0.516
all_NS	118	0.55	95	4.171	2.75	84.52	9.193	2.15	8.573	83.08	2.204

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All Cu	184	2.6	350	32.53	18.5	1566	39.57	17.94	3.962	24.27	1.216	
Ambient (AMB)	75	3.1	350	36.94	26	2033	45.09	20.76	4.944	31.9	1.22	
AMB-PS	9	3.1	41	22.13	27	166.3	12.9	16.31	-0.102	-1.268	0.583	
AMB-B	20	19	95	49.55	44	402.7	20.07	18.53	0.771	0.0505	0.405	
AMB-NS	46	5.7	350	34.35	18	3022	54.97	12.16	4.664	25.13	1.6	
CLEANUP (CU)	36	4.9	110	36.22	31.5	692.4	26.31	27.43	0.951	0.653	0.727	
CU-PS	1	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
CU-B	3	5.4	8	6.267	5.4	2.253	1.501	0	1.732	N/A	0.24	
CU-NS	32	9.1	110	40.01	35.5	648.4	25.46	28.91	0.948	0.739	0.636	
Dredging/construction	17	12	200	68.06	37	3726	61.04	37.06	0.799	-0.583	0.897	
NPDES all	56	2.6	44	13.47	7.95	155.9	12.49	4.003	1.648	1.265	0.927	
NPDES-B	35	5.1	44	16.75	8.7	206.4	14.37	4.151	1.132	-0.516	0.858	
NPDES-NS	21	2.6	24	8.005	6.4	27.74	5.267	2.817	1.852	3.478	0.658	
Variable	NumObs	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Variance	SD	MAD/0.67	Skewness	Kurtosis	CV	
Bold plus	76	3.2	91.2	21.47	16.15	252.4	15.89	13.64	1.535	3.772	0.74	
all_PS	10	3.1	41	20.41	21.5	177.5	13.32	16.98	0.107	-1.477	0.653	
all_B	58	5.1	95	27.52	18	522.7	22.86	18.38	0.964	0.342	0.831	
all_NS	116	2.6	350	36.08	18.5	2181	46.7	16.46	3.619	18.51	1.294	

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All Hg	156	0.0093	0.89	0.155	0.0865	0.0385	0.196	0.0912	2.029	3.586	1.267	
Ambient (AMB)	144	0.01	0.85	0.161	0.105	0.0363	0.191	0.111	1.934	3.156	1.187	
AMB-PS	9	0.015	0.74	0.146	0.1	0.0515	0.227	0.0808	2.783	8.046	1.55	
AMB-B	12	0.12	0.6	0.259	0.17	0.0272	0.165	0.0593	1.308	0.164	0.636	
AMB-NS	18	0.031	0.85	0.228	0.14	0.0543	0.233	0.128	1.702	2.169	1.02	
CLEANUP (CU)	50	0.01	1.9	0.313	0.135	0.183	0.428	0.159	2.245	5.001	1.366	
CU-PS	1	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
CU-B	6	0.03	0.2	0.0848	0.0535	0.00483	0.0695	0.0334	1.174	-0.117	0.819	
CU-NS	43	0.01	1.9	0.352	0.18	0.202	0.45	0.222	2.035	3.948	1.277	
Dredging/construction	17	0.01	2.2	0.394	0.23	0.316	0.562	0.304	2.387	6.421	1.425	
NPDES all	56	0.0093	0.14	0.047	0.035	0.0018	0.0424	0.0289	1.277	0.111	0.903	
NPDES-B	35	0.0125	0.14	0.0619	0.043	0.00221	0.047	0.0423	0.677	-1.329	0.76	
NPDES-NS	21	0.0093	0.047	0.0223	0.016	1.68E-04	0.013	0.00741	0.808	-0.94	0.582	
Variable	NumObs	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Variance	SD	MAD/0.675	Skewness	Kurtosis	CV	
Bold plus	96	0.0024	0.26	0.079	0.077	0.00359	0.0599	0.0741	0.888	0.409	0.758	
all_PS	10	0.015	0.74	0.134	0.073	0.0474	0.218	0.0708	2.914	8.849	1.63	
all_B	53	0.0125	0.6	0.109	0.052	0.0144	0.12	0.0578	2.494	7.149	1.101	
all_NS	93	0.0093	0.89	0.183	0.090	0.05	0.224	0.11	1.644	1.868	1.221	

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All Zn	185	11	580	64.74	43	3964	62.96	29.65	4.155	27.08	0.973	
Ambient (AMB)	76	13	580	72.59	54	5213	72.2	42.25	4.917	32.75	0.995	
AMB-PS	9	17	89	59.11	69	617.4	24.85	28.17	-0.481	-0.825	0.42	
AMB-B	20	54	130	95.6	95	570.6	23.89	22.24	-0.262	-1.052	0.25	
AMB-NS	47	13	580	65.38	37	7838	88.53	20.76	4.656	25.6	1.354	
CLEANUP (CU)	36	11	380	70.42	58.5	4305	65.62	52.63	3.104	13.81	0.932	
CU-PS	1	12	12	12	12	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
CU-B	3	11	15	12.33	11	5.333	2.309	0	1.732	N/A	0.187	
CU-NS	32	19	380	77.69	66.5	4369	66.1	49.67	3.194	14.05	0.851	
Dredging/construction	17	23	230	100.6	87	5896	76.79	87.47	0.604	-1.086	0.763	
NPDES all	56	15	95	39.54	30.5	546.6	23.38	8.154	1.683	1.45	0.591	
NPDES-B	35	20	95	45.77	32	721.2	26.86	7.413	1.185	-0.409	0.587	
NPDES-NS	21	15	56	29.14	27	95.53	9.774	8.895	1.191	1.53	0.335	
Variable	NumObs	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Variance	SD	MAD/0.67	5	Skewness	Kurtosis	CV
Bold plus	96	1.1	21	6.575	6.15	11.49	3.39	3.558	1.381	3.403	0.516	
all_PS	10	12	89	54.4	62	770.7	27.76	34.84	-0.333	-1.267	0.51	
all_B	58	11	130	61.22	50.5	1308	36.16	38.55	0.379	-1.35	0.591	
all_NS	117	13	580	67.36	40	5563	74.59	25.2	3.884	21.03	1.107	

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Ambient (AMB)	46	0.98	2600	326.9	160	277773	527	204.6	3.2	10.93	1.612	
AMB-PS	9	0.98	130	62.22	76	2427	49.27	80.06	-0.0161	-2.007	0.792	
AMB-B	12	130	740	290	255	32545	180.4	111.2	1.702	2.851	0.622	
AMB-NS	25	4.6	2600	439.8	190	464867	681.8	249.1	2.355	5.149	1.55	
CLEANUP (CU)	52	4.5	4800	772.3	335	1331713	1154	464.8	2.105	3.769	1.494	
CU-PS	1	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
CU-B	6	5.1	2000	462.8	146.5	601920	775.8	207.2	2.153	4.781	1.677	
CU-NS	45	4.5	4800	830.6	390	1445270	1202	449.2	2.02	3.266	1.447	
Dredging/construction	18	3.7	10000	1258	330	5980208	2445	469.2	3.08	10.32	1.944	
NPDES all	48	2.2	530	95.7	53.5	13652	116.8	35.58	2.268	5.31	1.221	
NPDES-B	28	2.2	530	127.9	54	20215	142.2	60.19	1.575	1.98	1.112	
NPDES-NS	20	4.4	160	50.6	44	1374	37.06	31.88	1.283	2.795	0.733	
Variable	NumObs	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Variance	SD	MAD/0.67	Skewness	Kurtosis	CV	
Bold plus	76	1.1	57	6.805	4.3	71.9	8.479	3.855	3.652	17.46	1.246	
all_PS	10	0.98	130	56.55	47.5	2479	49.79	65.62	0.21	-1.972	0.881	
all_B	46	2.2	2000	213.9	130	101367	318.4	153.4	4.193	22.26	1.489	
all_NS	117	3.7	10000	635.8	210	1675298	1294	281.7	4.307	24.59	2.036	

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dioxin, ambient	36	0.66	98	11.28	6.4	419.8	20.49	4.893	3.782	13.96	1.816	
AMB-PS	2	1.4	2	1.7	1.7	0.18	0.424	0.445	N/A	N/A	0.25	
AMB-B	18	1.5	14	7.311	7.1	11.3	3.361	2.965	0.0608	-0.292	0.46	
AMB_NS	16	0.66	98	16.95	5.45	901.2	30.02	6.004	2.387	4.59	1.771	
dredging	2	0.25	5.4	2.825	2.825	13.26	3.642	3.818	N/A	N/A	1.289	
disposal site	6	0.65	17	6.242	4.4	39.48	6.283	5.078	1.135	0.626	1.007	
Variable	NumObs	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Variance	SD	MAD/0.67	5	Skewness	Kurtosis	CV
Bold plus	97	0.041	11.59	1.4	0.877	2.996	1.731	0.893	3.35	14.75	1.236	
all_PS	2	1.4	2	1.7	1.7	0.18	0.424	0.445	N/A	N/A	0.25	
all_B	24	0.65	17	7.044	6.5	17.16	4.142	4.448	0.434	0.0636	0.588	
All_NS	18	0.25	98	15.38	4.95	816.8	28.58	5.263	2.571	5.588	1.858	

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All BEHP	155	5.5	3100	186.6	38	148201	385	41.51	4.268	23.85	2.063	
Ambient (AMB)	37	8.5	1600	200.6	59	135712	368.4	71.91	2.986	8.899	1.836	
AMB-PS	9	10.5	740	106.4	32.5	56589	237.9	17.05	2.985	8.935	2.235	
AMB-B	12	26	230	85.92	69	4434	66.59	57.45	1.237	0.738	0.775	
AMB-NS	16	8.5	1600	339.7	145	255811	505.8	197.6	1.977	3.01	1.489	
CLEANUP (CU)	43	5.5	1400	288.7	150	112855	335.9	163.1	1.822	2.856	1.163	
CU-PS	1	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
CU-B	9	5.5	1000	356.2	210	142386	377.3	301.9	0.861	-0.624	1.059	
CU-NS	33	18	1400	278.8	150	108687	329.7	131.9	2.2	4.671	1.182	
Dredging/construction	19	9.5	1600	238.7	60	153886	392.3	74.13	2.61	7.922	1.643	
NPDES all	56	8	3100	81.25	19	169061	411.2	7.784	7.459	55.75	5.06	
NPDES-B	35	8	3100	112.4	18	270491	520.1	11.86	5.907	34.93	4.626	
NPDES-NS	21	13.5	95	29.29	19.5	545.3	23.35	5.189	1.891	2.528	0.797	
Variable	NumObs	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Variance	SD	MAD/0.67	Skewness	Kurtosis	CV	
Bold plus	76	5.5	3800	69.83	11	189584	435.4	3.706	8.611	74.68	6.235	
all_PS	10	8.3	740	96.63	29.5	51264	226.4	18.9	3.144	9.913	2.343	
all_B	69	5.5	3100	159	26	197458	444.4	23.72	5.086	29.83	2.795	
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All cPAH	203	0.47	840	80.31	33	15999	126.5	40.62	3.209	13.26	1.575	
Ambient (AMB)	77	3.5	320	84.05	54	6012	77.54	66.12	0.979	0.101	0.922	
AMB-PS	9	4.9	16	7.889	7.3	10.91	3.303	1.334	2.128	5.543	0.419	
AMB-B	20	14	280	114.3	101.5	5552	74.51	78.58	0.521	-0.612	0.652	
AMB-NS	48	3.5	320	85.75	53.5	5973	77.28	64.49	1.084	0.478	0.901	
CLEANUP (CU)	53	0.47	810	132.8	52	31420	177.3	48.93	2.008	3.943	1.335	
CU-PS	1	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
CU-B	3	3	14	6.833	3.5	38.58	6.212	0.741	1.719	N/A	0.909	
CU-NS	49	2.2	810	143.2	58	32569	180.5	57.82	1.918	3.527	1.26	
Dredging/construction	17	3.9	840	111.9	34	42932	207.2	44.63	3.088	10.37	1.851	
NPDES all	56	1.7	190	15.87	6.9	1043	32.3	4.818	4.423	20.29	2.035	
NPDES-B	35	1.7	190	21.09	8.4	1587	39.84	6.82	3.489	12.08	1.889	
NPDES-NS	21	2.4	34	7.167	5.4	43.65	6.607	0.741	3.682	14.97	0.922	
Variable	NumObs	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Variance	SD	MAD/0.67	Skewness	Kurtosis	CV	
Bold plus	76	0.55	17	5.124	4.475	5.457	2.336	1.668	1.826	7.704	0.456	
all_PS	10	0.47	16	7.147	7.3	15.2	3.899	1.705	0.884	3.395	0.546	
all_B	58	1.7	280	52.48	14	4852	69.66	16.01	1.536	1.346	1.327	
all_NS	135	2.2	840	97.69	42	21014	145	51.74	2.863	9.82	1.484	



# *Elliott Bay Waterfront Recontamination Study*



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# *Study Goals*

- Determine rates of sedimentation, recontamination, and/or natural recovery
- Identify and quantify the components of recontamination
- Model recontamination processes and their effects on sediment cleanup
- Identify source control and resuspension measures to minimize recontamination
- Provide recommendations on whether cleanup along the Seattle waterfront was feasible

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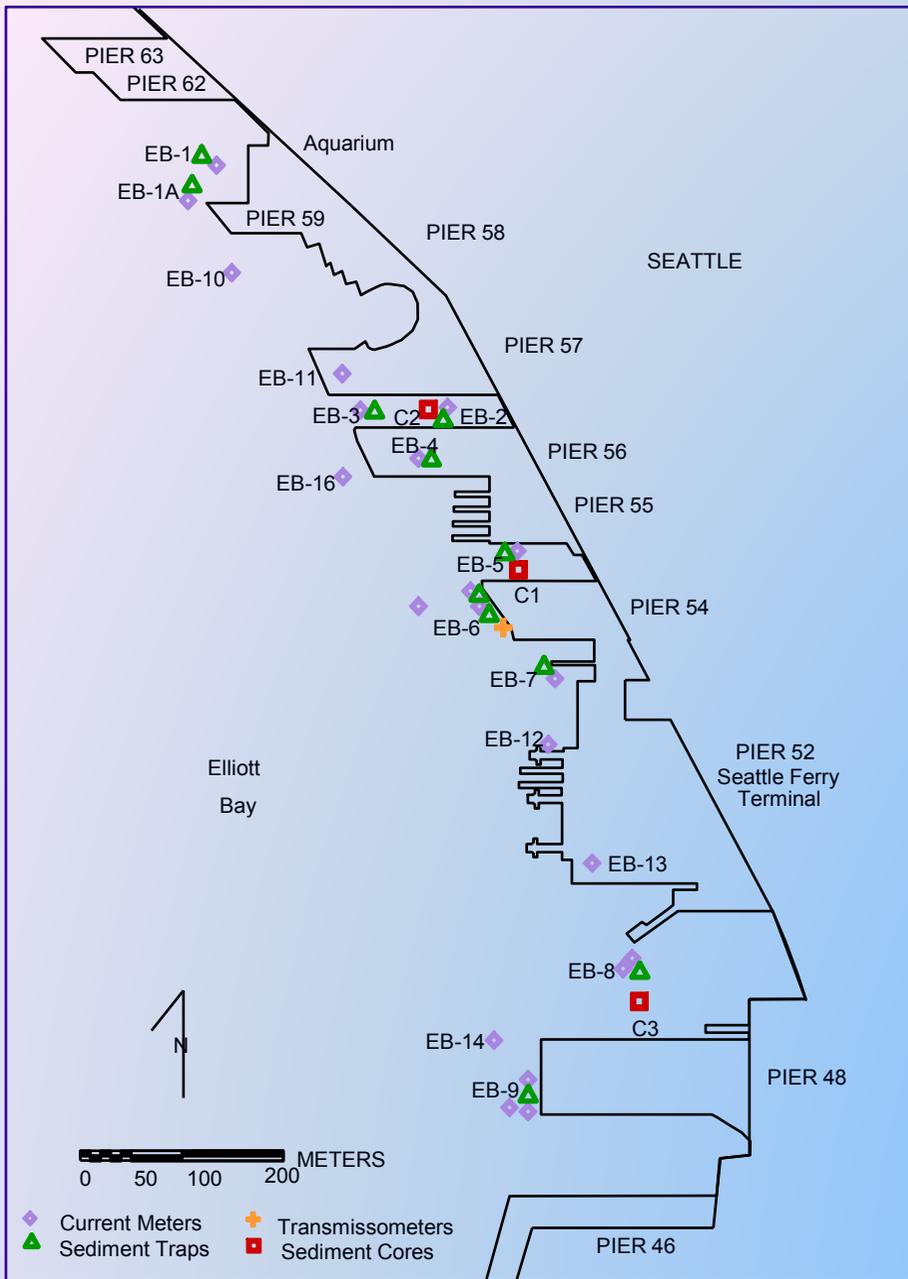
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Sampling Locations and Instrumentation

## Field Instrumentation

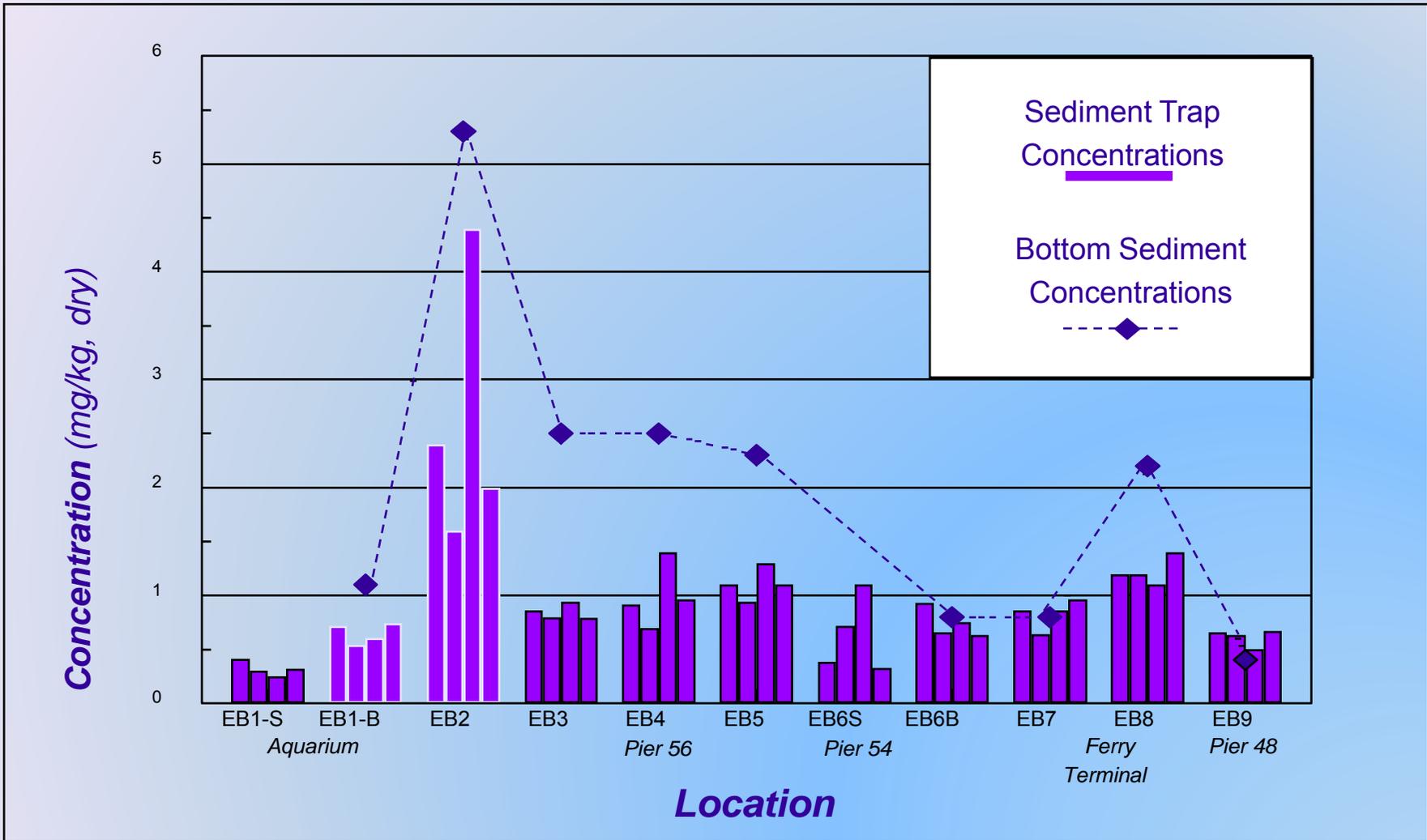
- 3 Core samples for radiometric dating, chemistry
- 69 Surface sediment samples for grain size
- Sediment traps – 9 bottom, 2 surface
- Quarterly analysis for conventionals, metals, SVOCs, PCBs,  $^{210}\text{Pb}$
- Current meters, surface and bottom, ~21 stations
- 2 Transmissometers
- Bathymetric survey

## Data Evaluation & Modeling

- Point and nonpoint source evaluation and modeling, including Duwamish River
- Resuspension, deposition, and net sedimentation rates
- Current circulation and sediment transport patterns
- Vessel specifications and movements
- Prop wash resuspension modeling
- Wind wave/wake modeling
- Recommendations for cleanup

# *Conclusions – Sources/Contaminants*

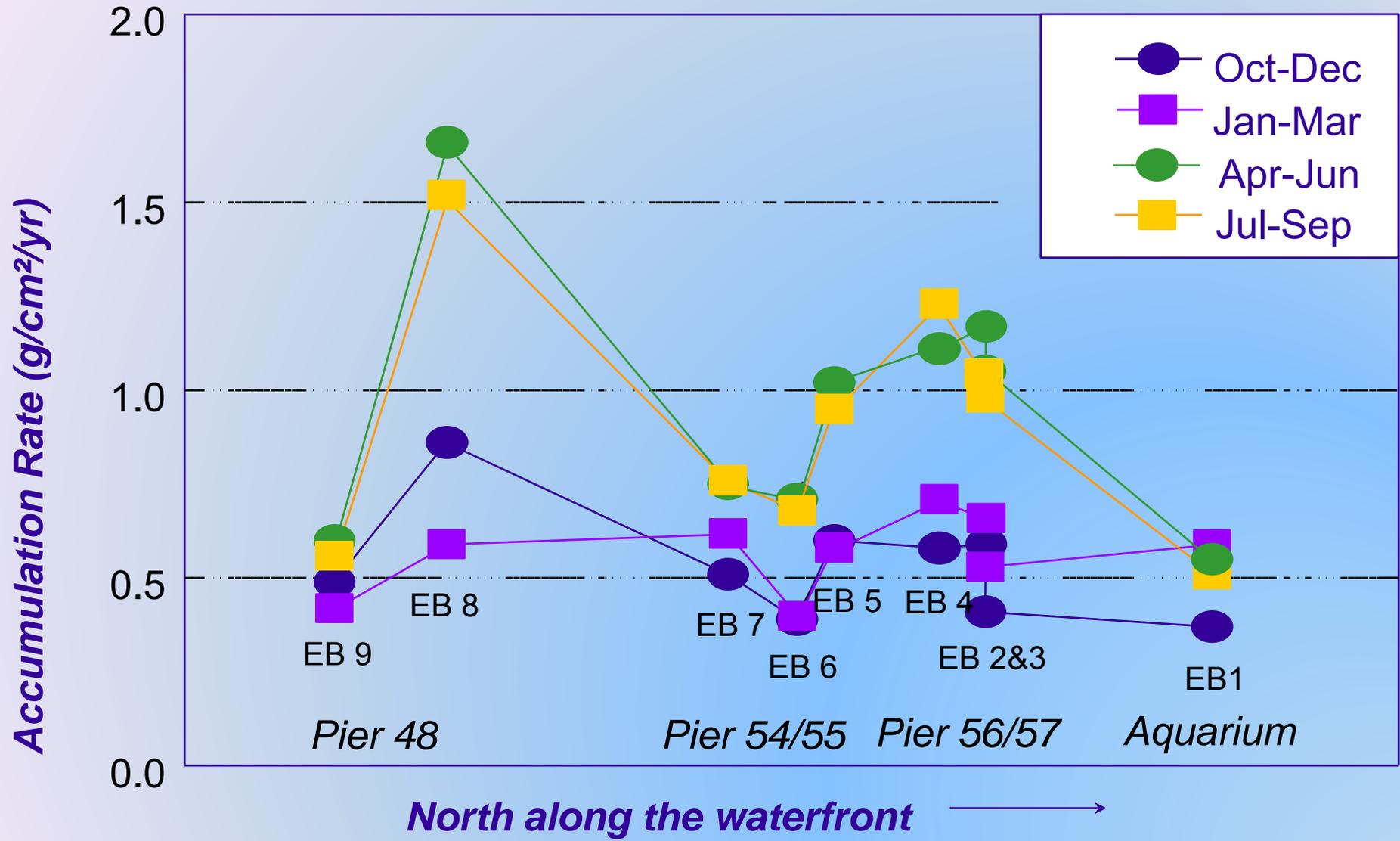
- Contaminants are present on particles in the water column above CSLs
- Duwamish River surface plume does not contribute substantially to this area
- King St. and Denny Way CSOs were potential ongoing sources to limited areas
- Surface sources of LPAHs were found but not expected to substantially impact sediments
- Vast majority of contaminants on particulates were from legacy sediment contamination



**Example: Mercury Concentrations in Bottom Sediments and Sediment Traps**

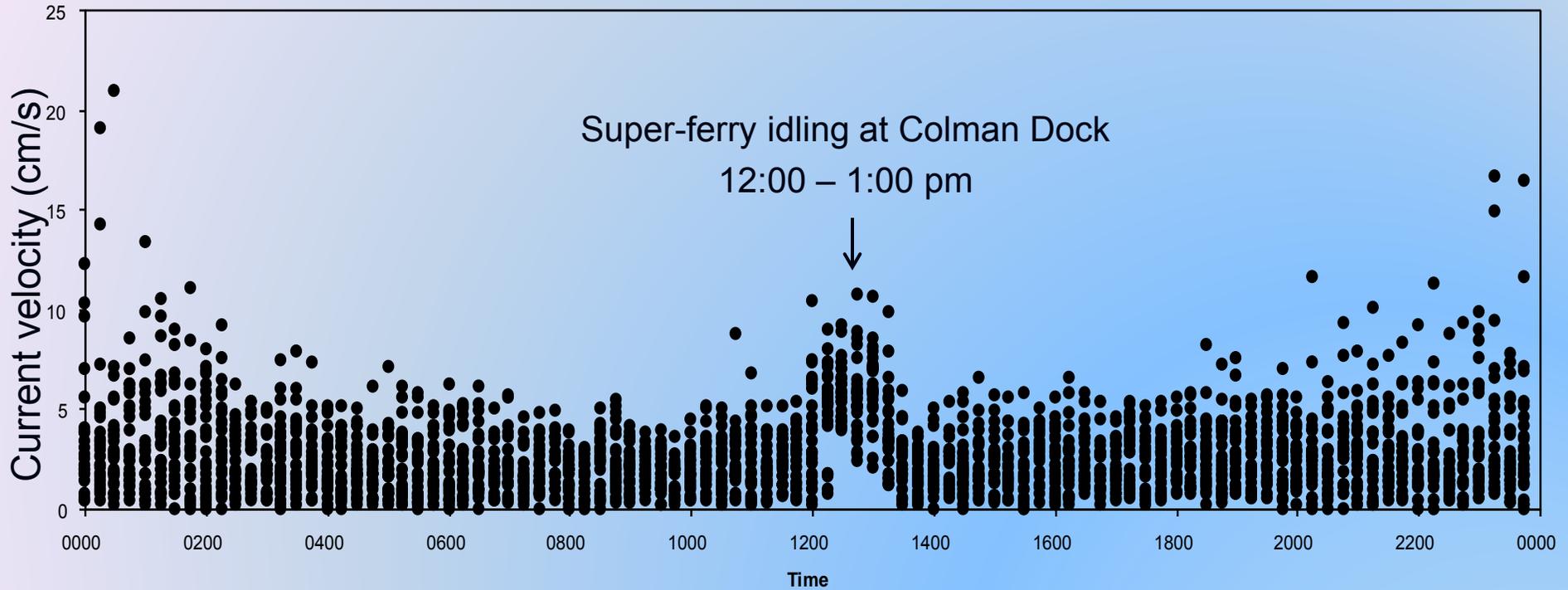
# *Conclusions – Resuspension*

- Minor resuspension from wind waves/wakes near the seawall (fall/winter)
- Vessel traffic is responsible for most resuspension of contaminated sediments
- Resuspension higher in summer months due to increased vessel traffic
- Current spikes correlated to vessel movements
- Super-ferries, passenger ferries, tour boats, fire boats, tug boats can all cause resuspension
- Resuspension incidents associated with construction (large or small projects) can also be significant

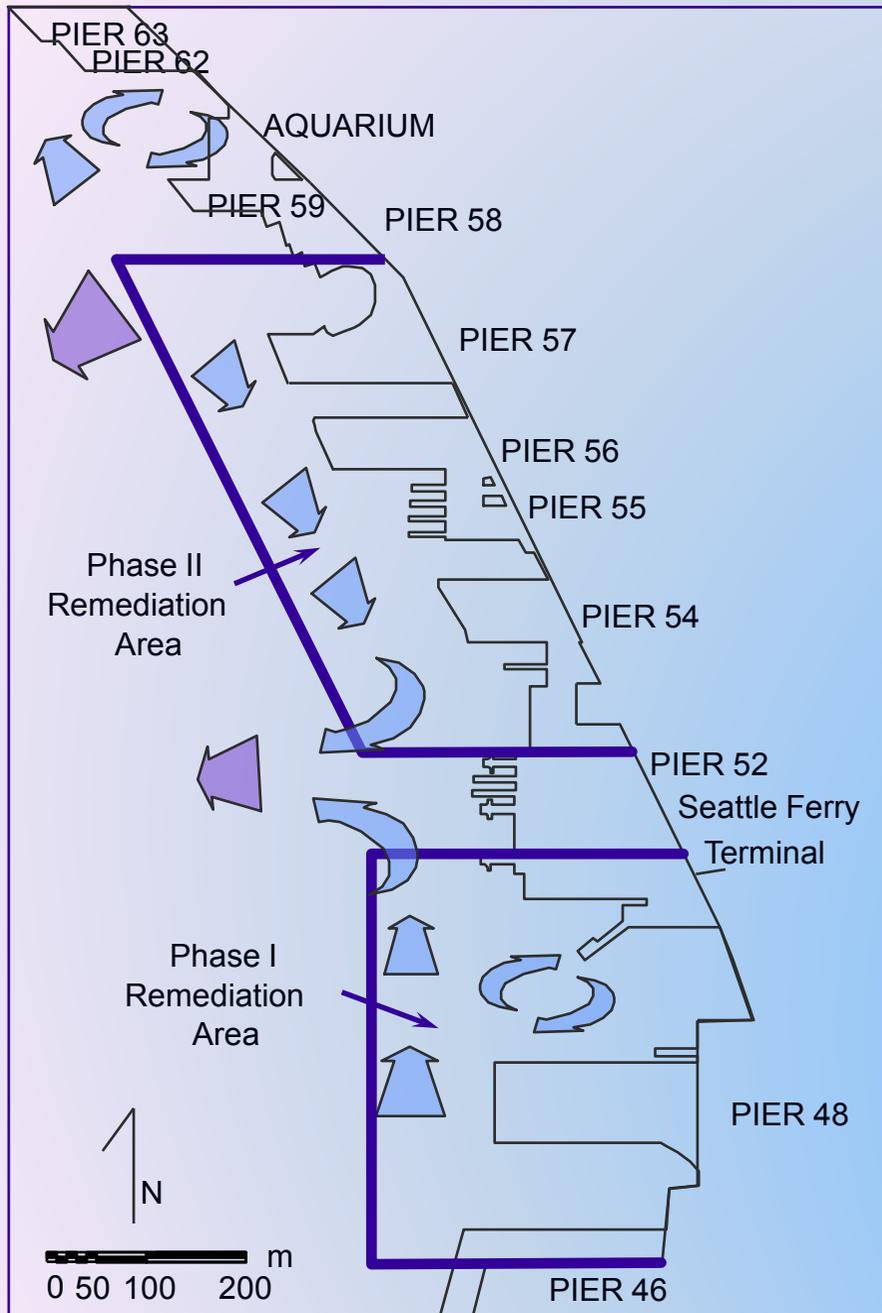


**Quarterly Accumulation Rates in Sediment Traps**

Station EB 14 June 16 - July 13, 1994



*Correlation of Current Meter Records with Vessel Traffic*



Seattle Waterfront Currents and Remediation Areas

## Conclusions – Currents and Sediment Transport

- Legacy contaminants are resuspended into the water column by vessel traffic
- Natural bottom currents are weak and variable
- Bottom currents are overwhelmed by super-ferries, which induce large net gyres along the waterfront
- Gyres result in mixing and redeposition of historic contaminated sediments throughout large areas of the waterfront
- Ferries move a lot of water (3x Duwamish River flow) offshore and may also distribute nearshore contaminants offshore

# *Conclusions – Cleanup*

- Waterfront dynamics must be understood prior to attempting cleanup, or the risk of recontamination from legacy contamination is high
- Cleanup must be designed to accommodate the working waterfront by addressing vessel traffic patterns and coordinating with planned construction activities

*Considerations for regional background sampling and application?*

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# Near-field Modeling: Depositional Patterns at Outfalls

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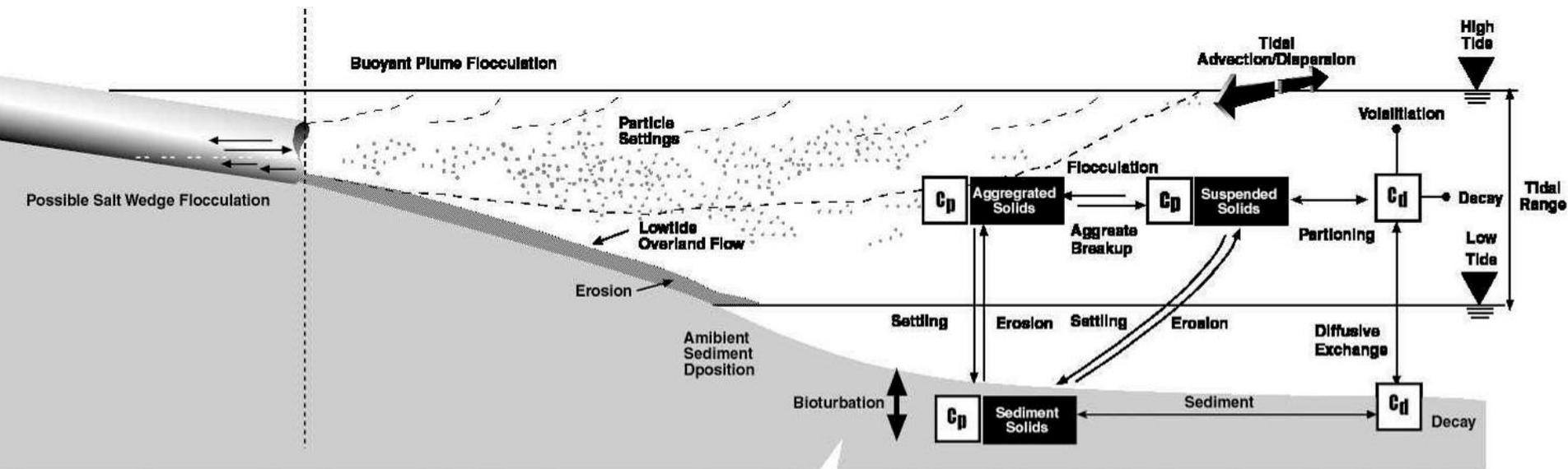


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# Background

- Objective to predict the spatial distribution of constituents of concern close to a CSO outfall
- Conceptual Model of sediment deposition from CSOs created with Foster Wheeler, Ecology, EPA (~2002)



Consultant and modeling team to develop model

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Bruce Nairn, Kevin Schock, Jeff Stern, King County

# Near-field Modeling Approach

- EFDC selected as model / approach, covered most conceptual processes
  - Particle settling
  - Buoyant plumes / stratified flows
  - Tidal advection / dispersion
  - Chemical partitioning to solids
  - Sediment transport
  - spatially refined cells around discharge point
- Conducted sensitivity analyses and refined modeling approach
- EFDC modeling compared to sediment data at Brandon
- EFDC simulations (surface discharge) in simple channel to evaluate sensitivity
- **3-D hydrodynamic model can be predictive if receiving body cells at the scale of discharge**
  - **Cell size ~ pipe diameter near outfall**

# Predicted Sediment Concentration

Battelle work showed particles with settling velocities less than 0.025 cm/s ( $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  m/s) didn't have significant deposition, so 0.1 cm/s is above this threshold.

Fate & Transport Model  
(EFDC)

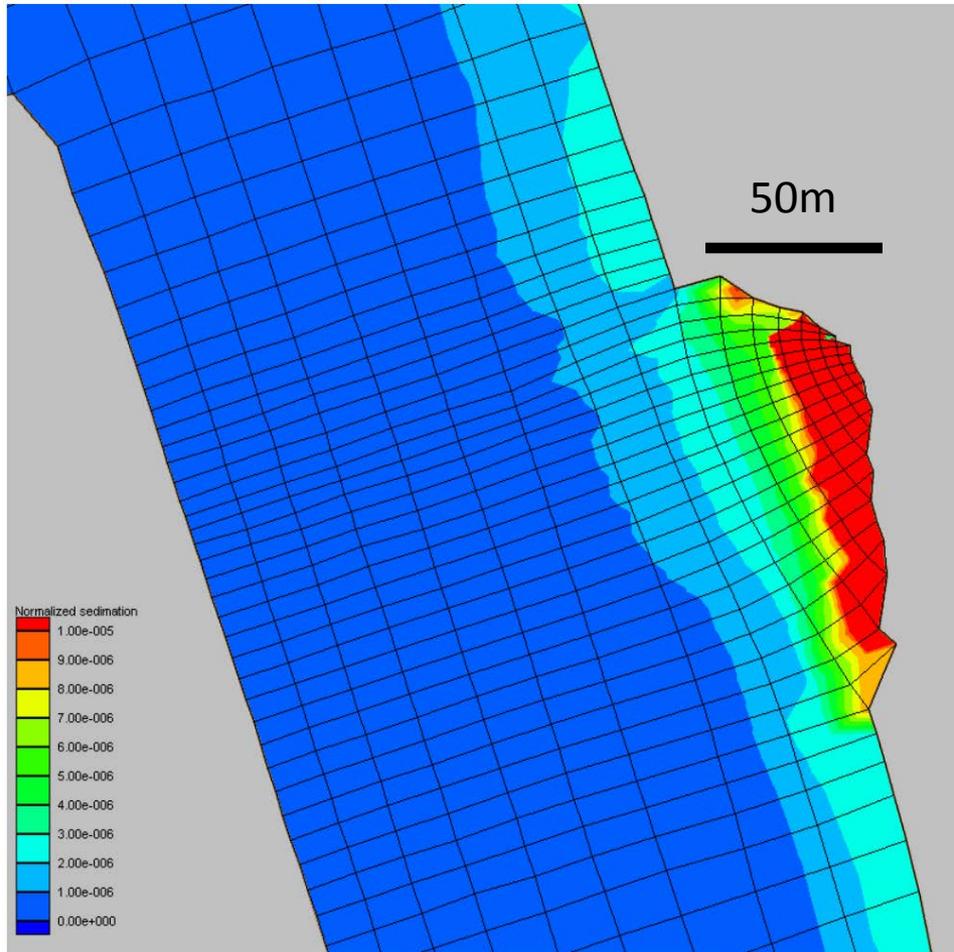


Sediment Mixing Model



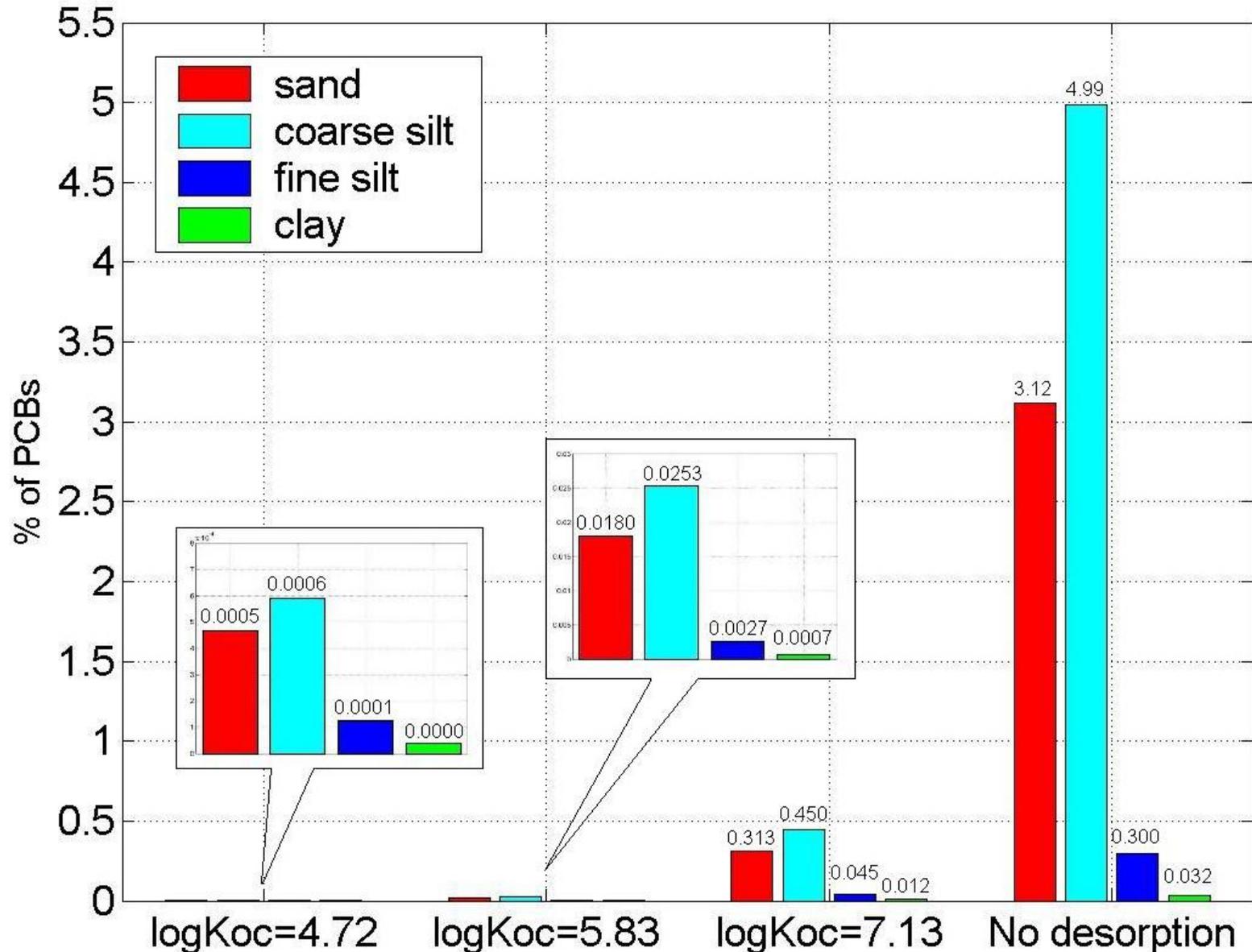
Predicted Sediment  
Concentrations

Normalized Concentration



Simulation  
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and  
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# Model Sensitivity: Effect of Partition Coefficient

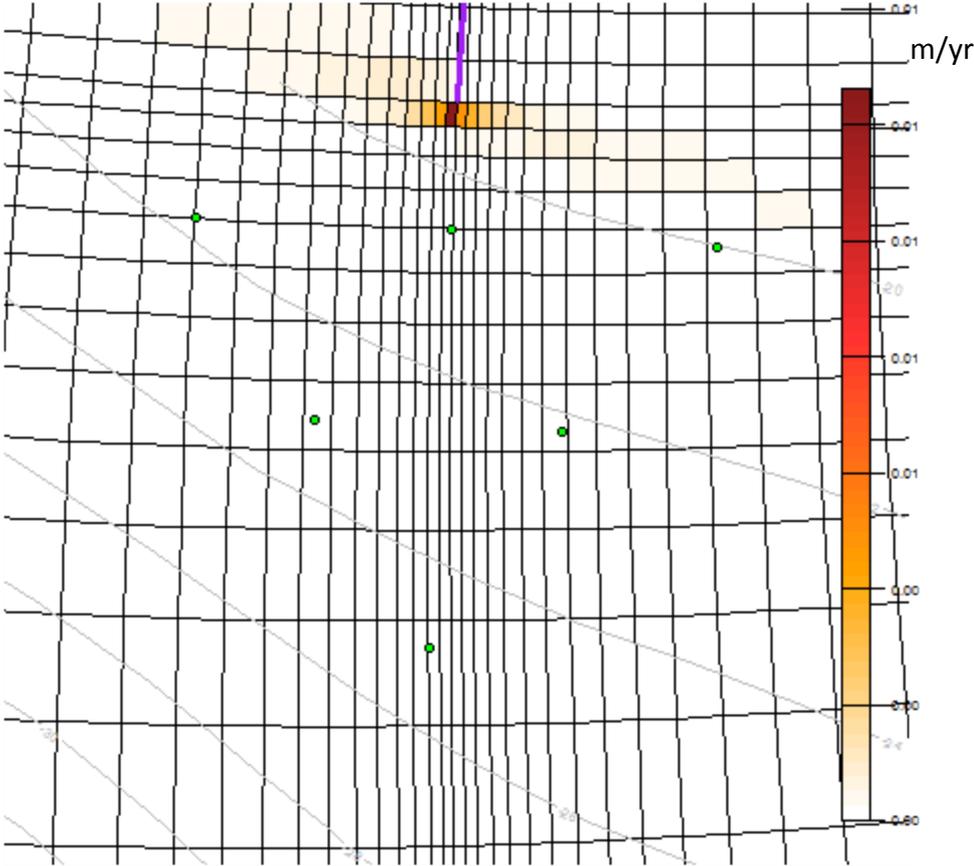


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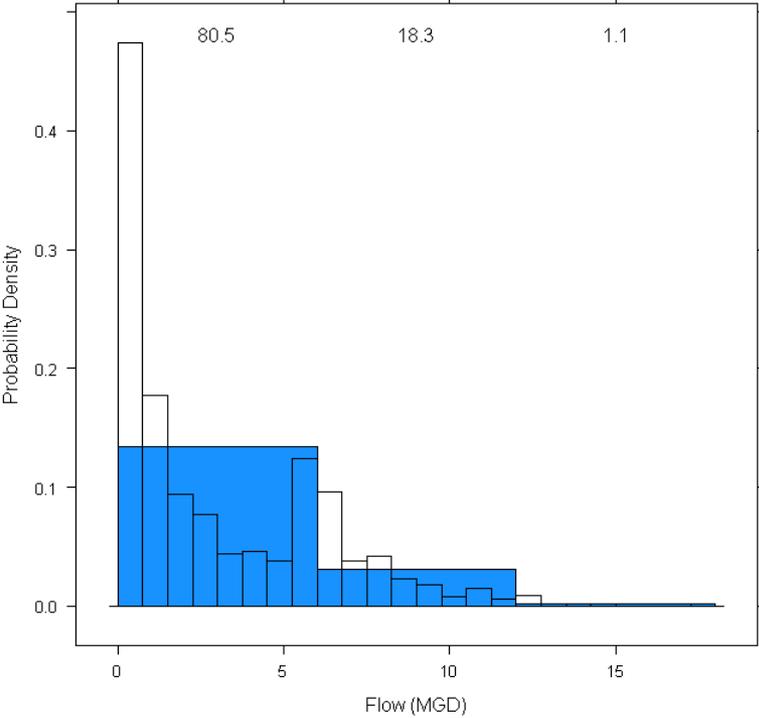
- 3-D hydrodynamic model (EFDC) to predict sediment accumulation
  - Locally enhance grid resolution near discharge points
  - 10 vertical layers
  - Several actual CSO discharge locations
  - 6 sediment size (settling velocity) classes
    - settling velocity from CSO samples at Denny, Henderson/MLK, and Norfolk
  - Assume no desorption of chemicals during release and sedimentation

# Magnolia

Magnolia Overflow Model

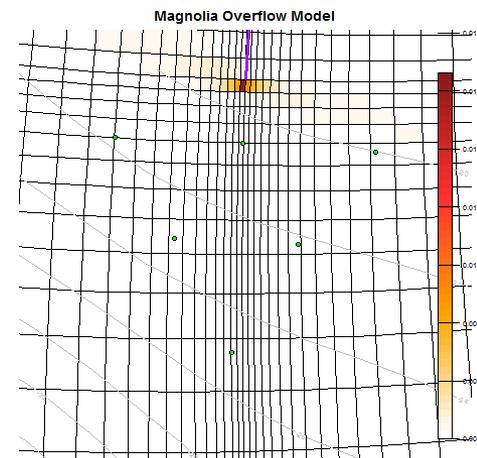


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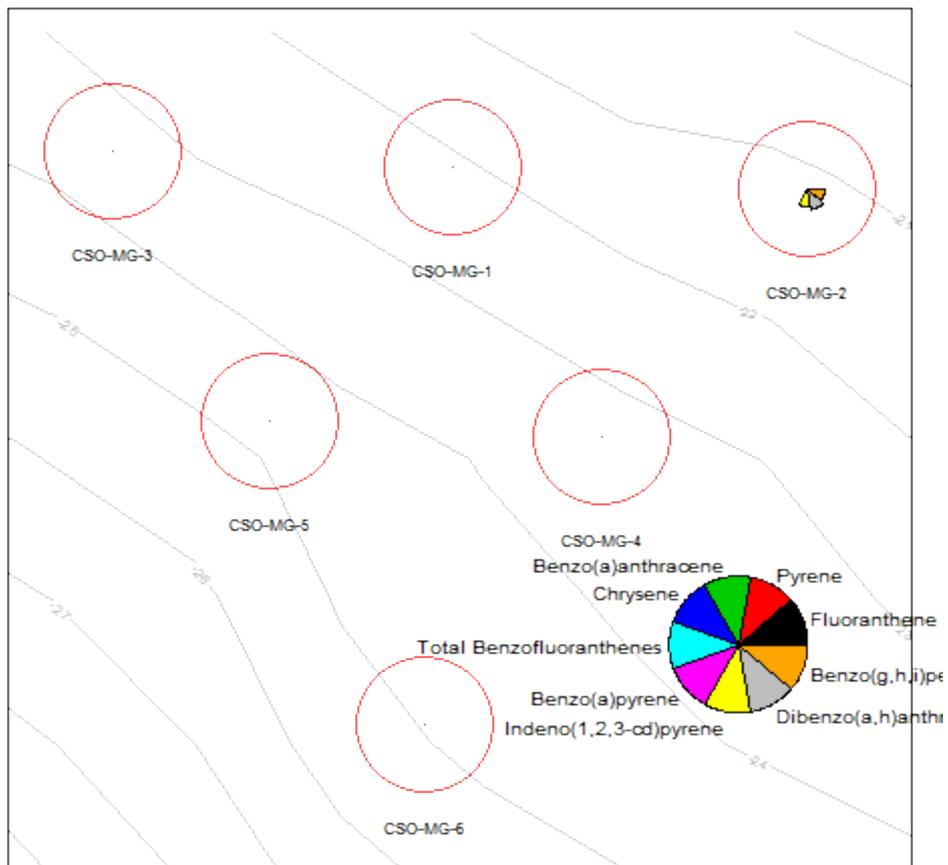


Ave. Volume 12MG/yr  
 Deposition represents ~3 years release

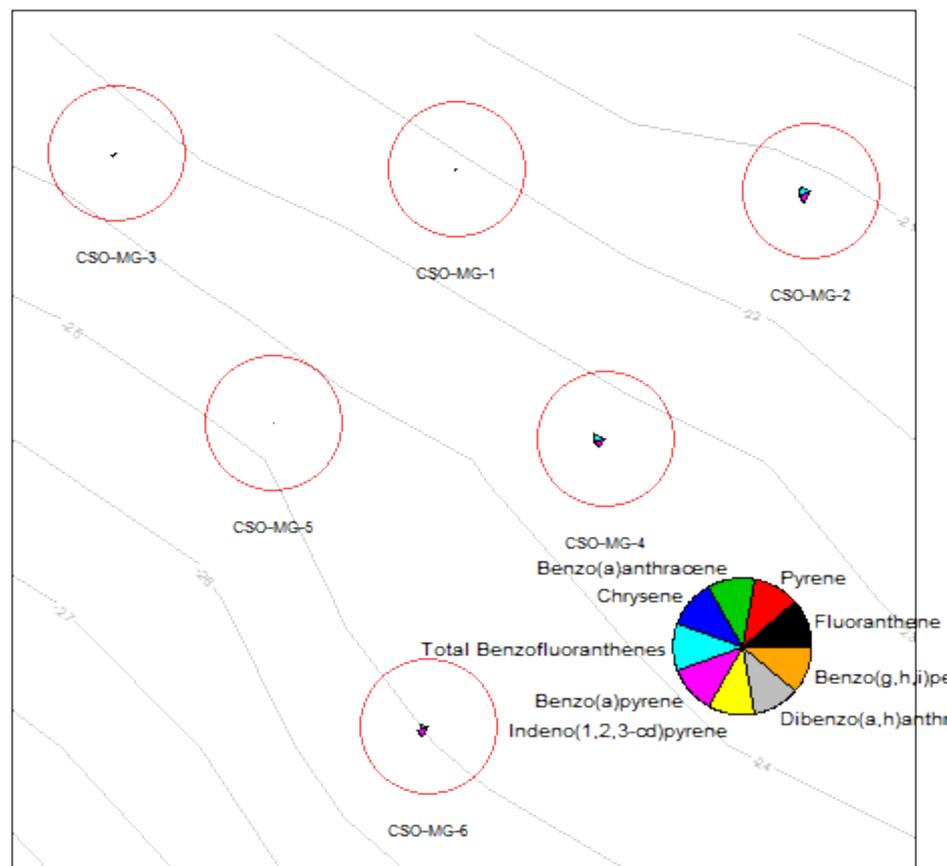
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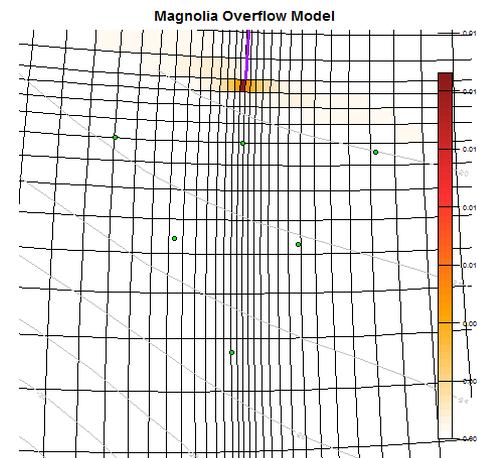
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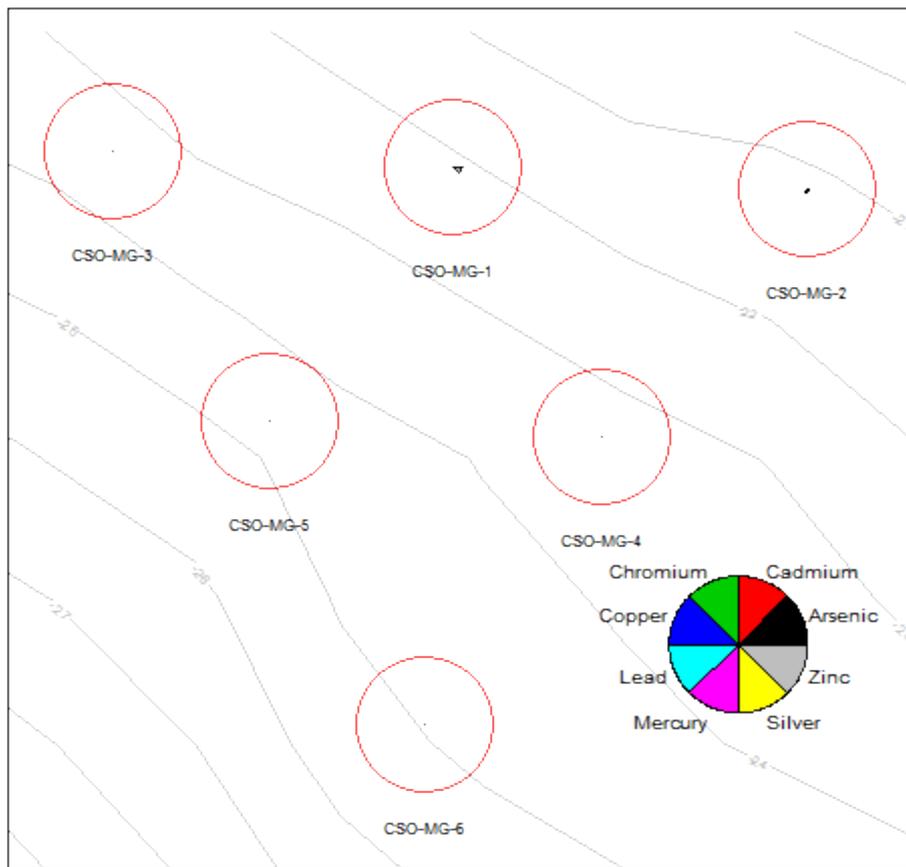
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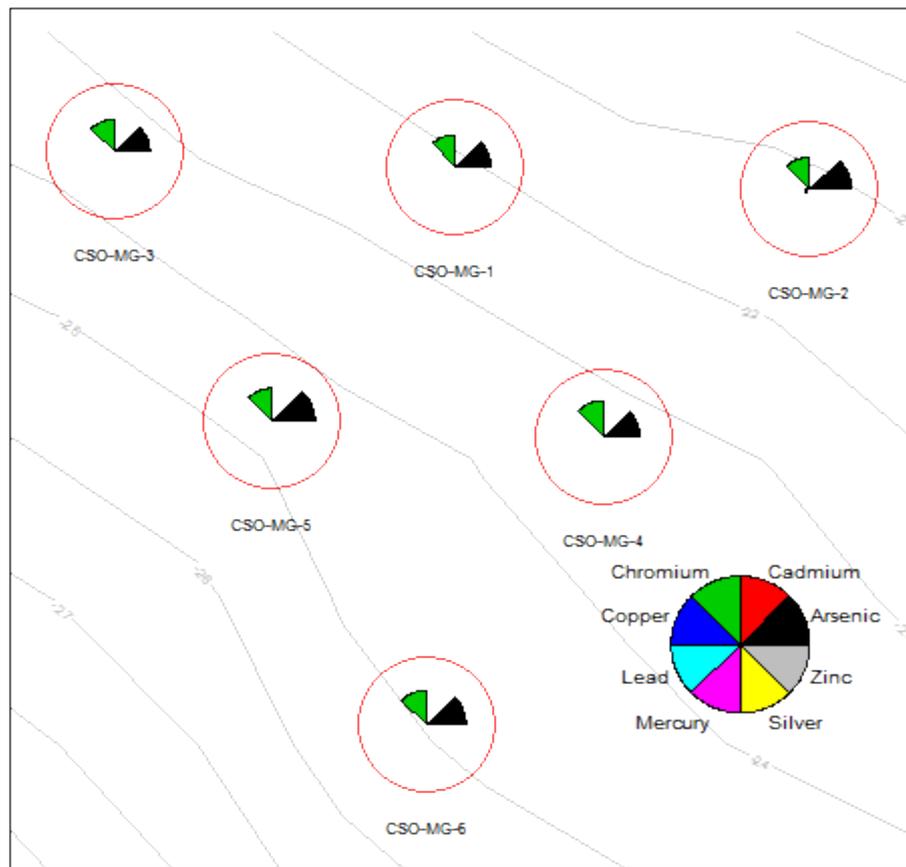
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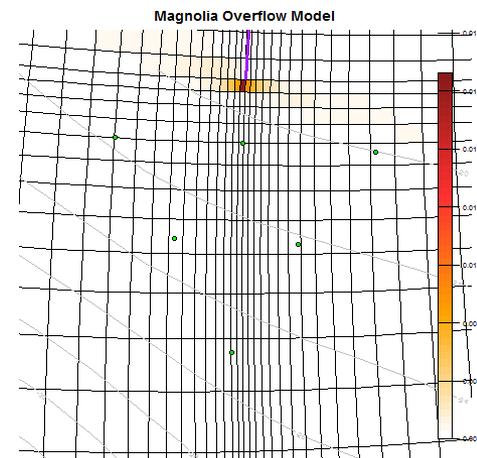
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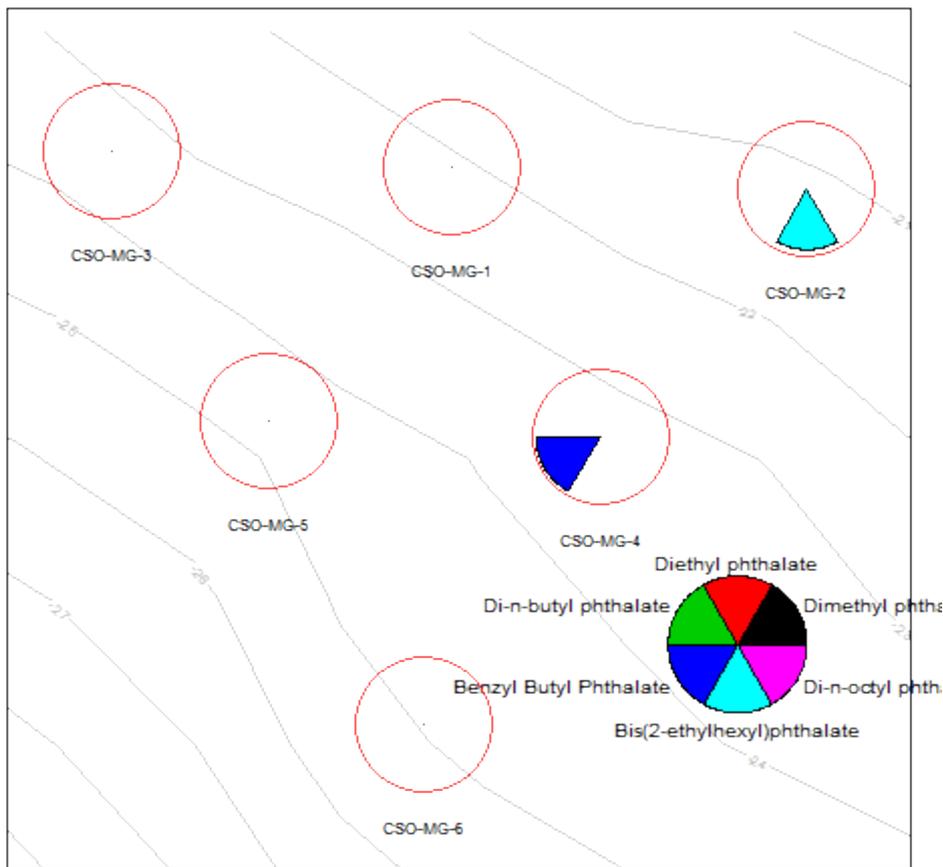
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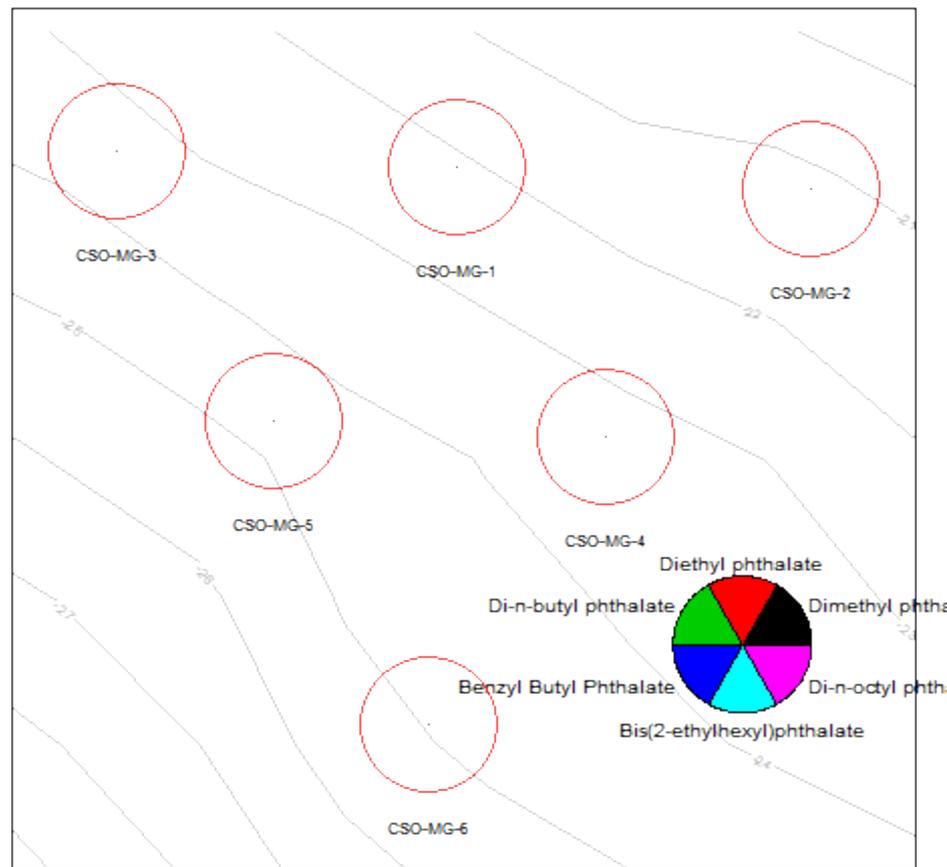
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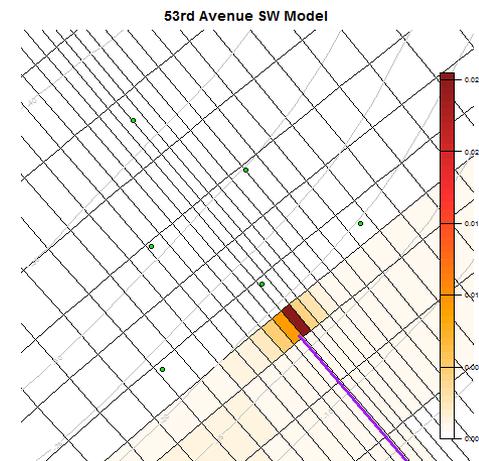


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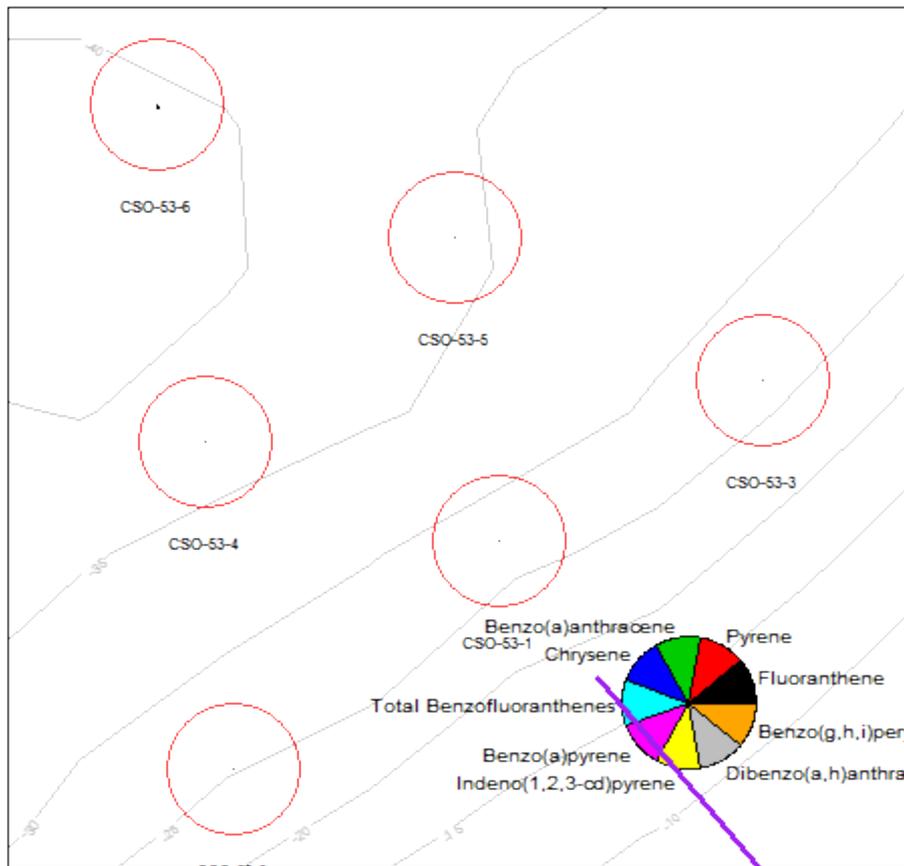




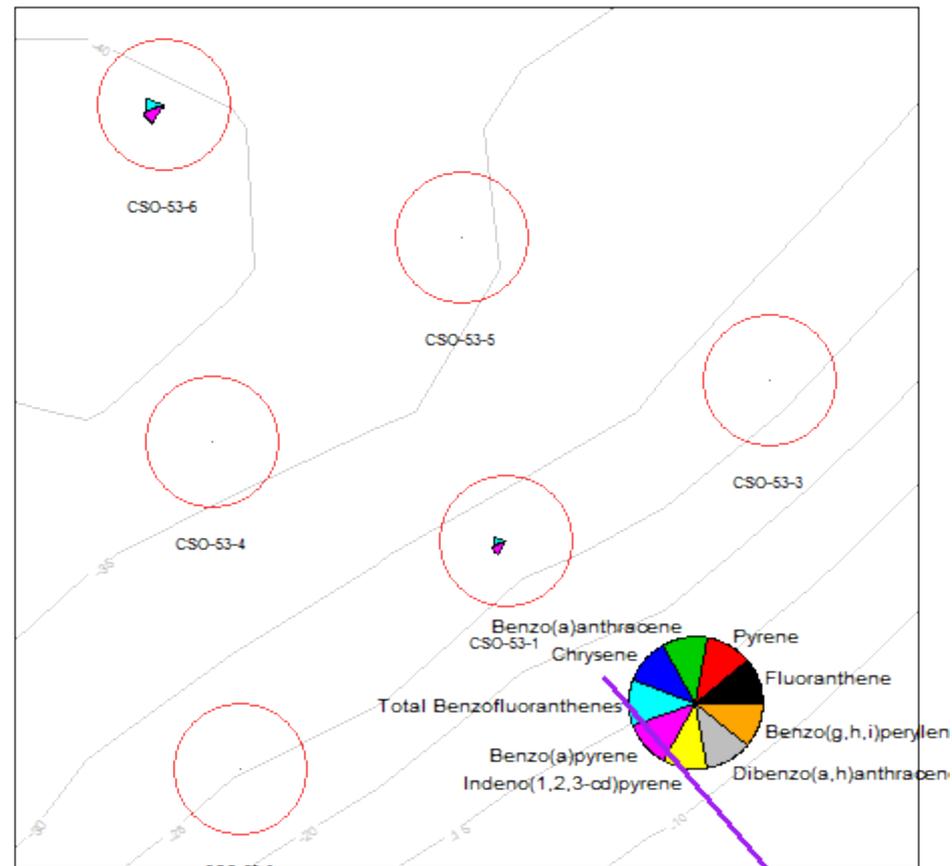
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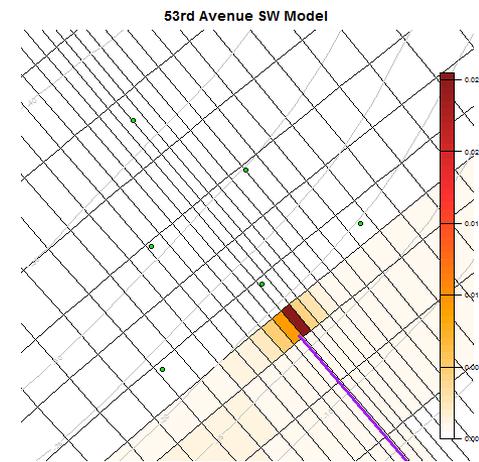
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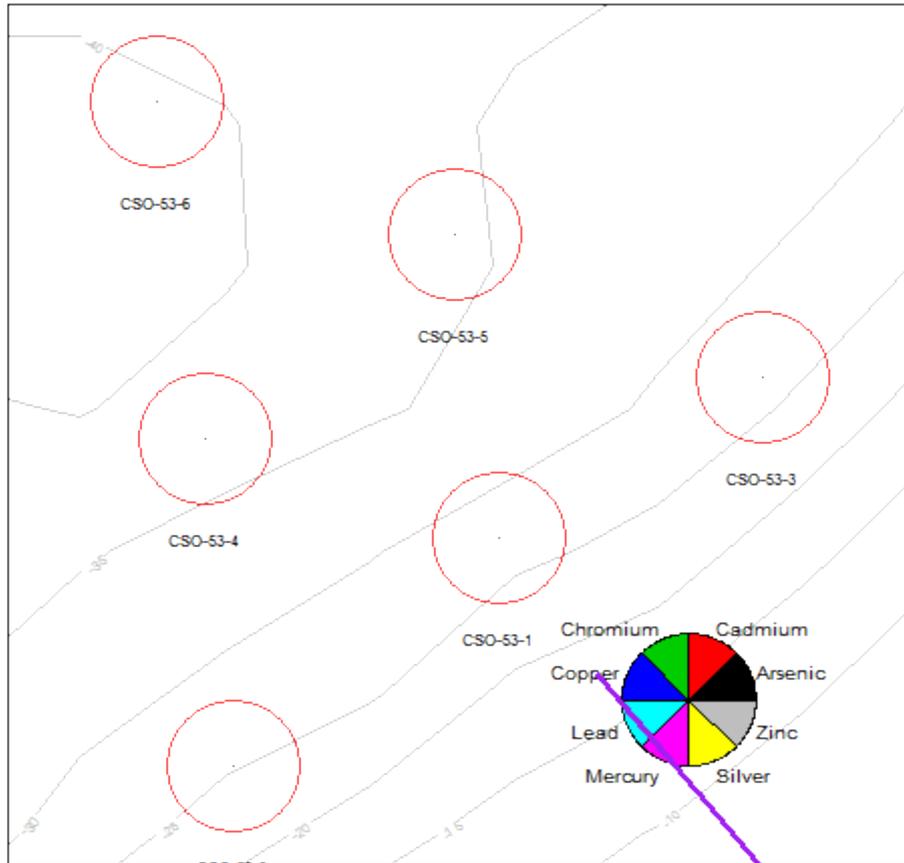
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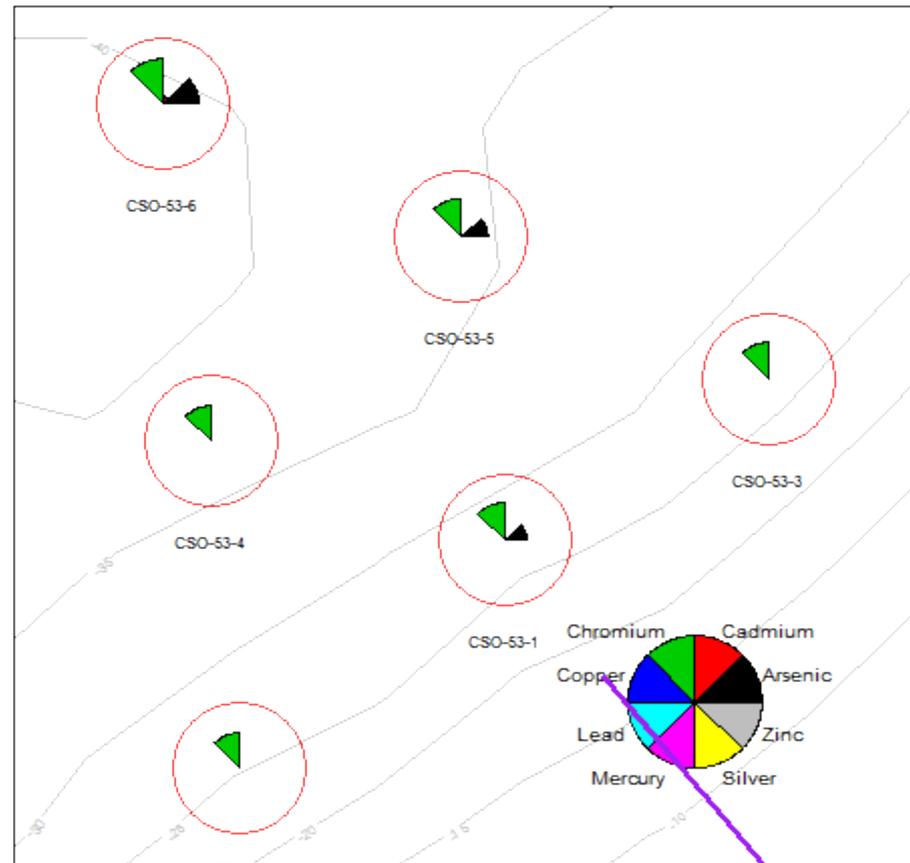
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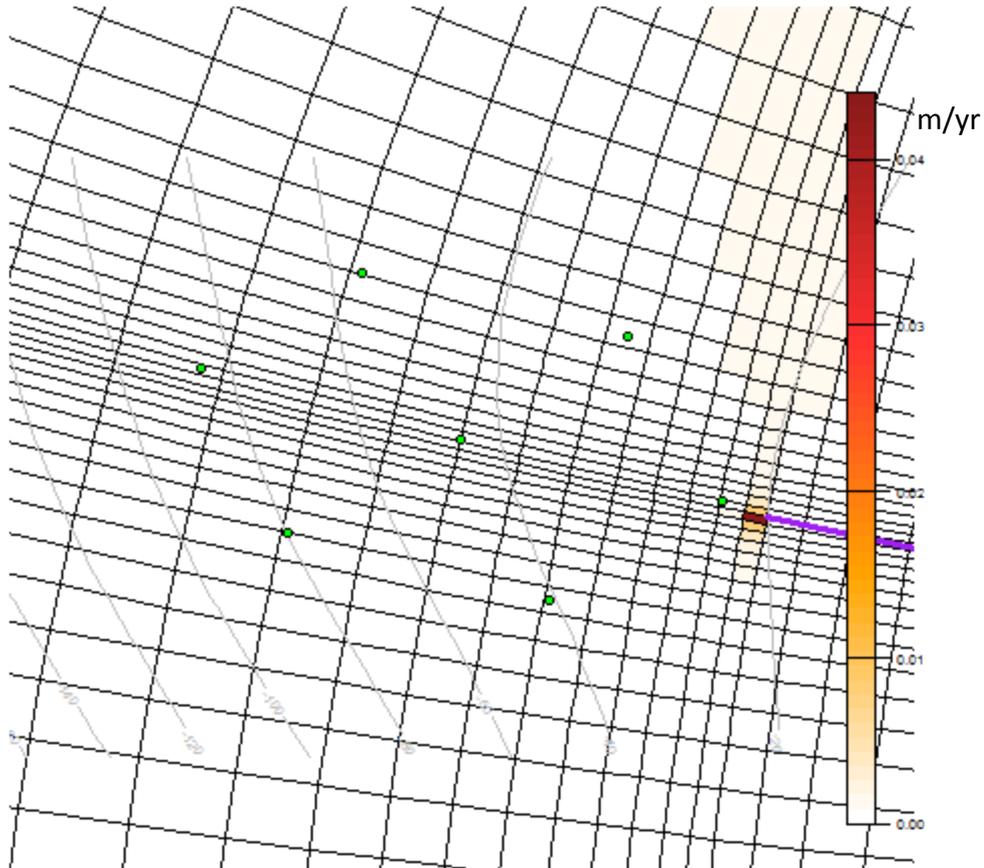


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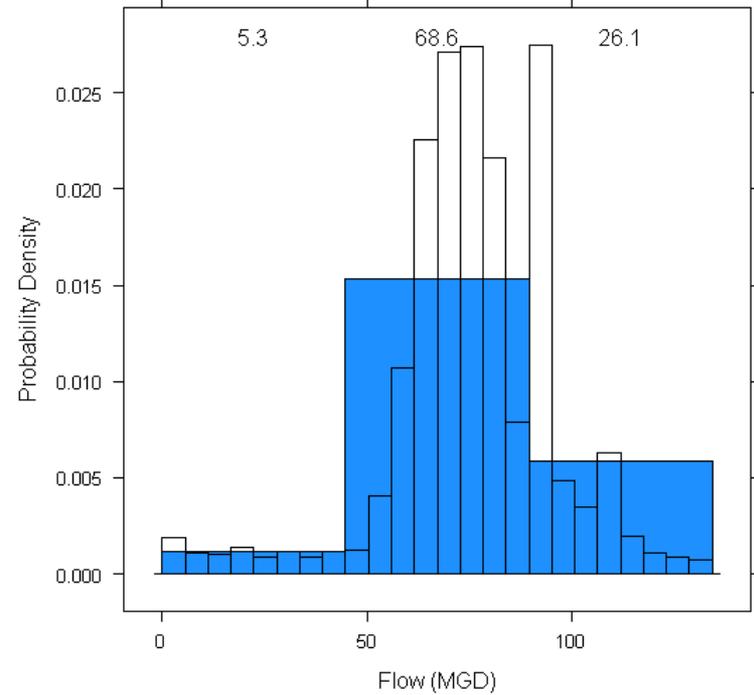


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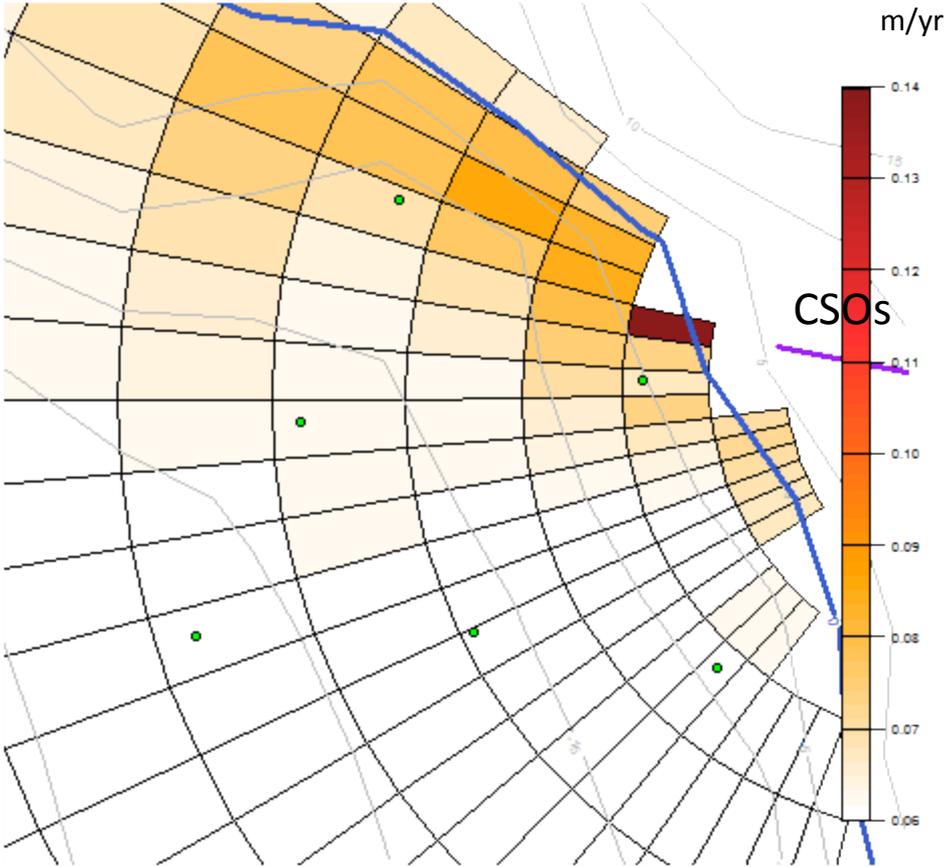
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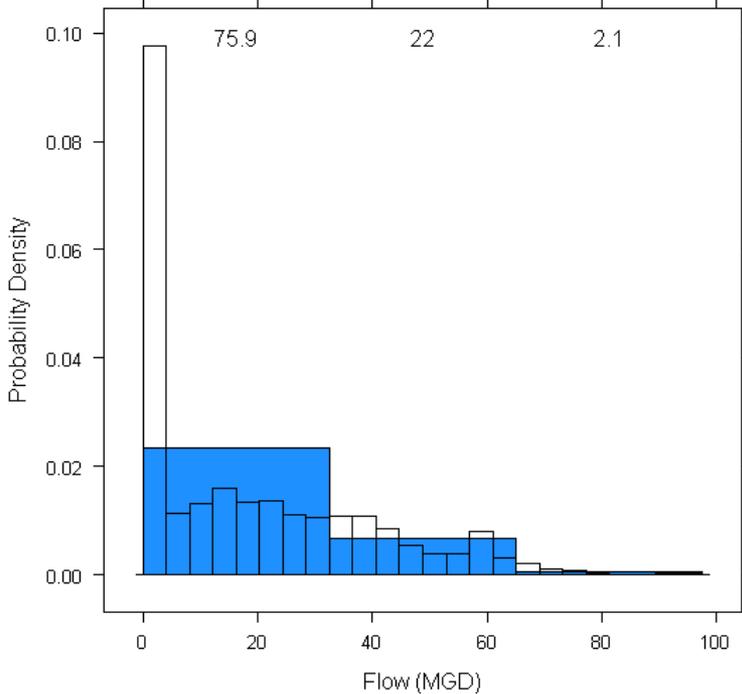
Ave. Volume 25MG/yr  
Deposition represents ~28 years release

# Brandon

Brandon Street Model



Brandon 2009-2011

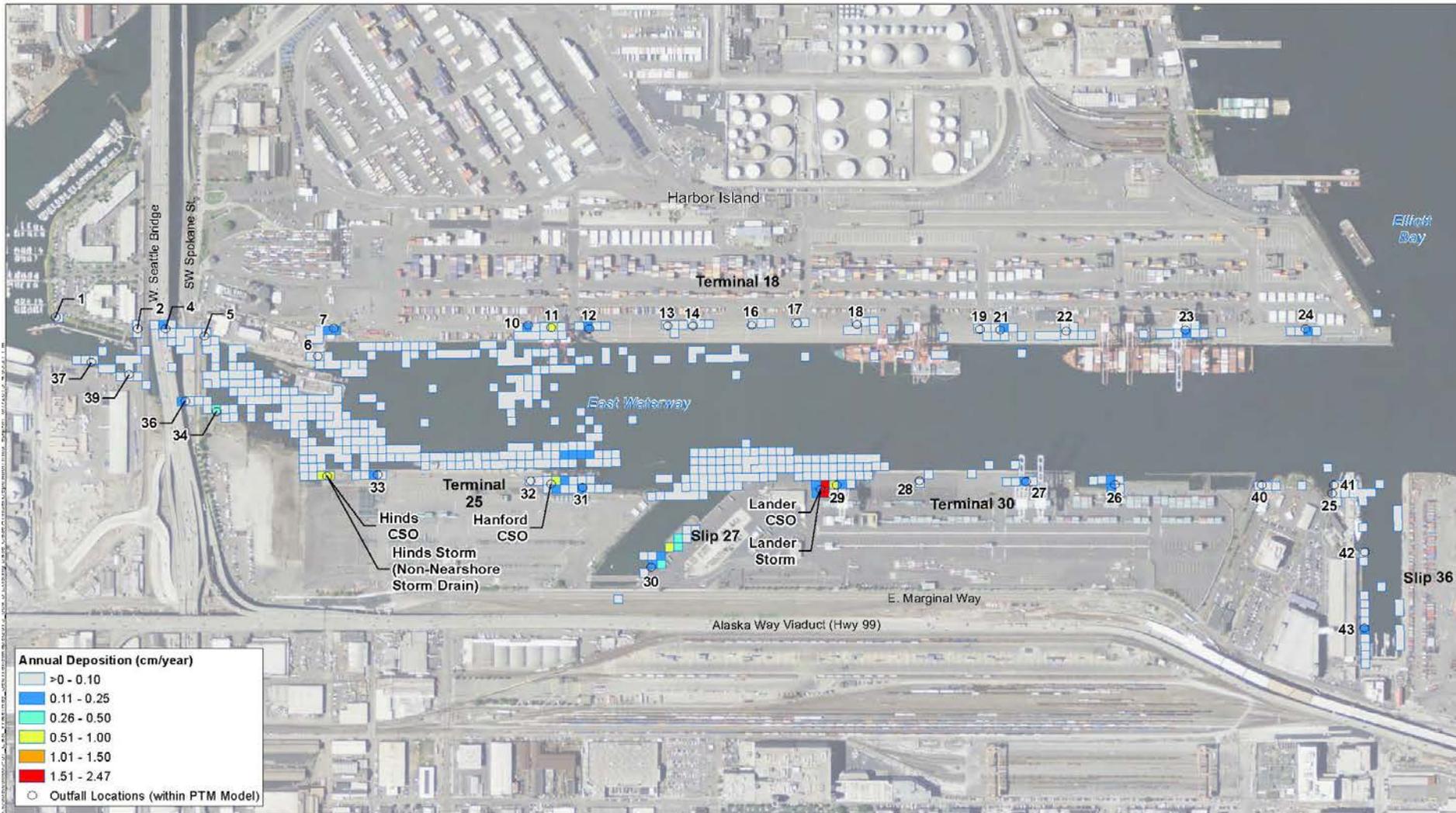


Ave. Volume 30MG/yr  
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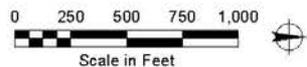
# Results from Another Modeling Effort used to Compare Stormwater Depositional Patterns

- Particle Tracking Model (USACE) used for East Waterway Discharges
- Lower Duwamish EFDC model used for hydrodynamics
  - Modified to have finer grid resolution in East Waterway
- Tracked initial deposition of 4 particle sizes
  - PSD Data from LDW stormwater and container terminal studies
  - TSS varied by land use
  - No resuspension (hydrodynamics suggest threshold velocities not exceeded)

# PTM Results for East Waterway Outfalls



- NOTES:**
1. Horizontal Datum: WA State Plane North, NAD83, Meters.
  2. Raster cell size is 50' x 50'.
  3. Aerial photo is NAIP, 2011.



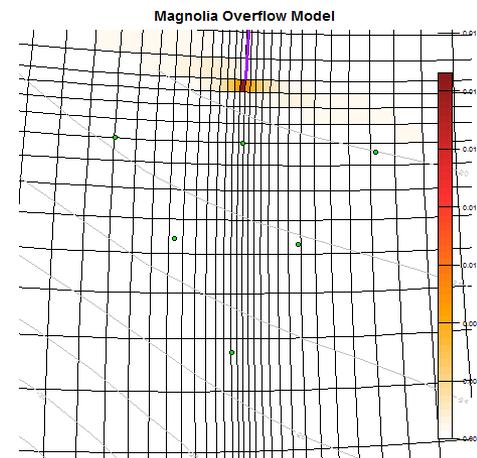
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# Summary of Results

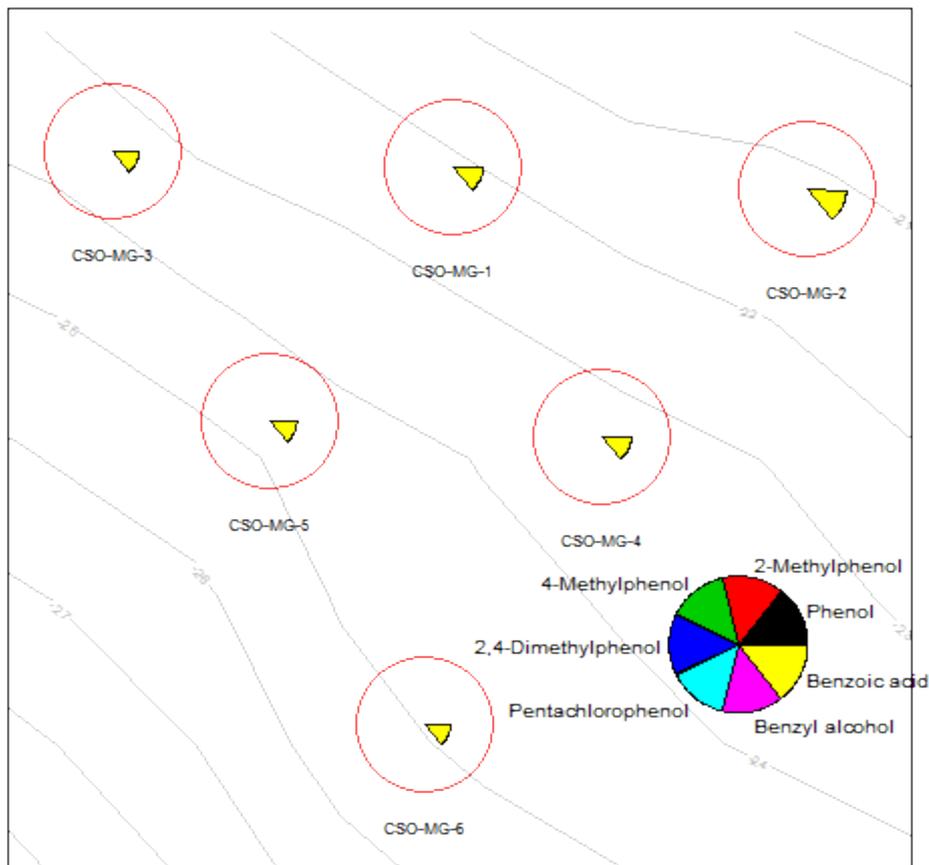
- CSOs
  - Measurable deposition directly in front of pipe
  - Deposition rates fall off by an order of magnitude within 10's of feet
  - Chemistry is noticeable only at stations within 35 -100 feet
  - Depth to bed decreases near-field accumulations
- Stormwater
  - Similar patterns seen although the slightly larger-skewed particle size distribution

# Remainder of Chemistry Results

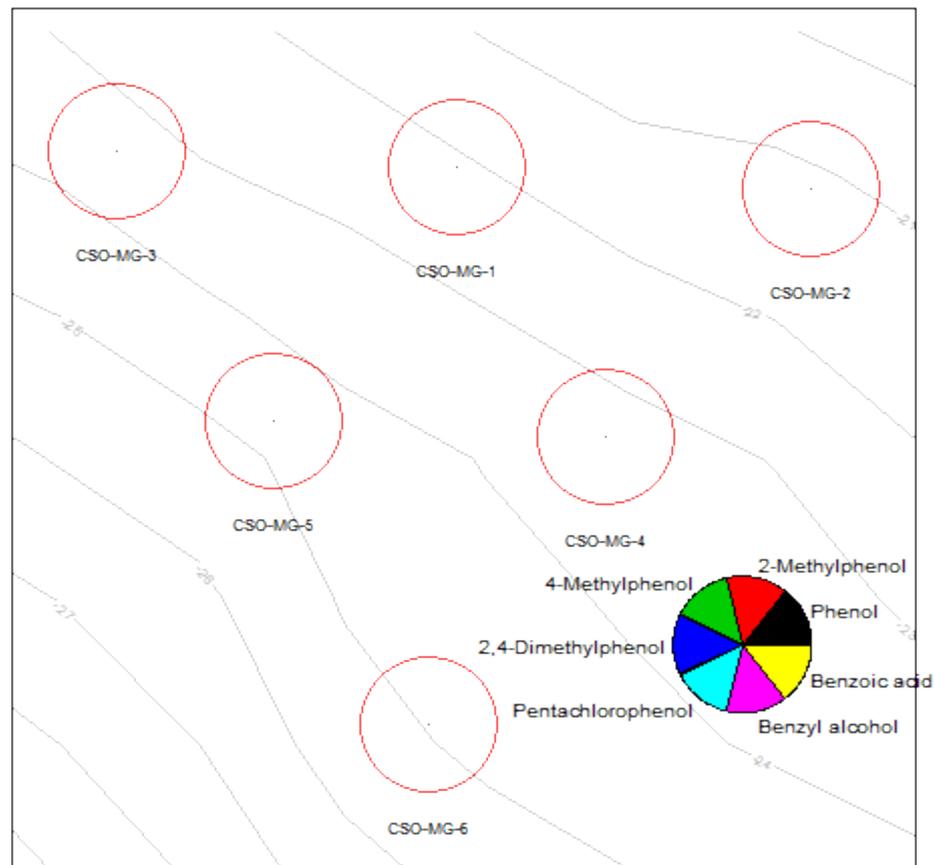
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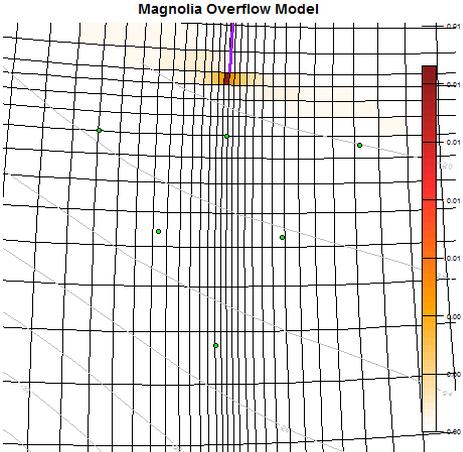
Magnolia Overflow Acid Organics



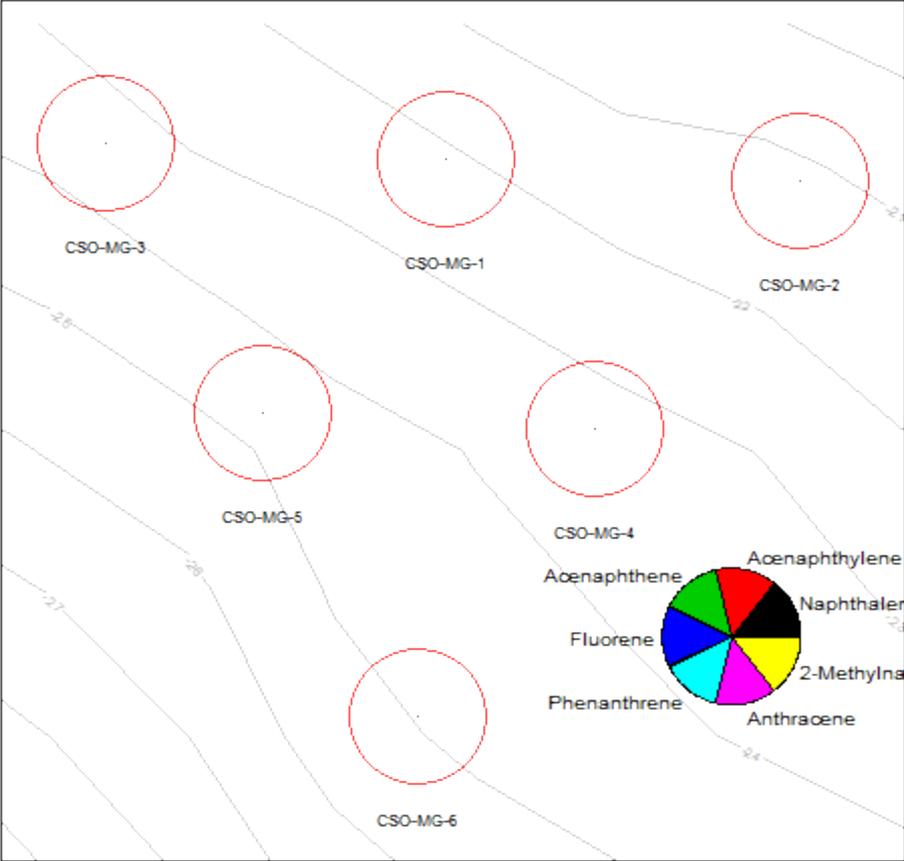
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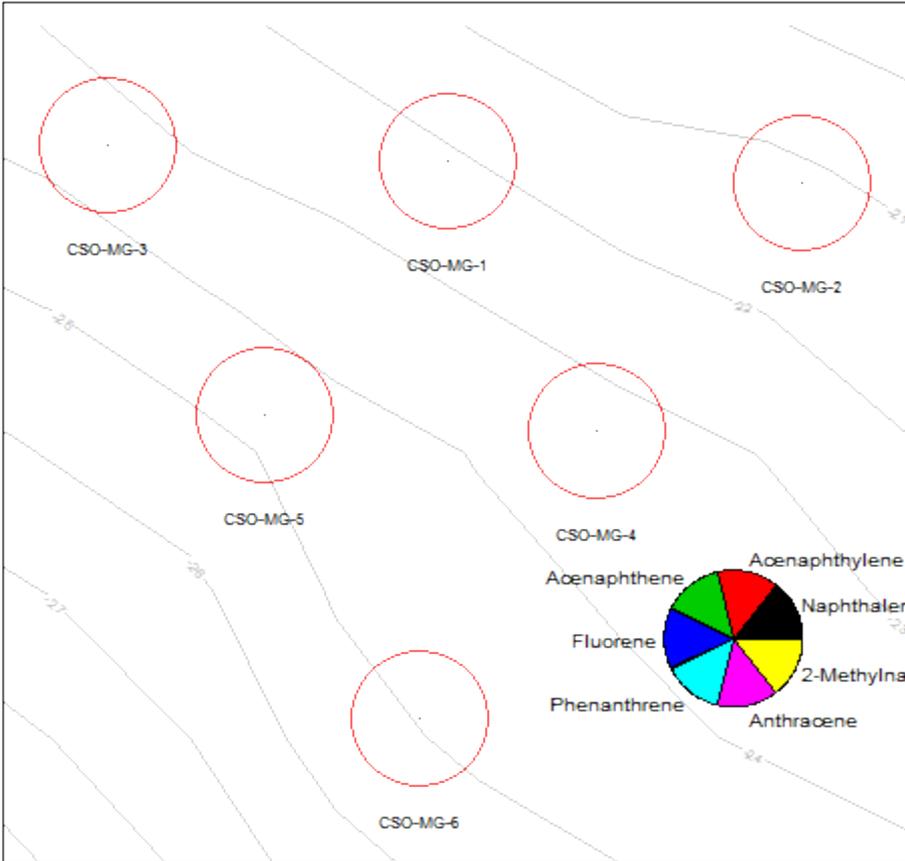
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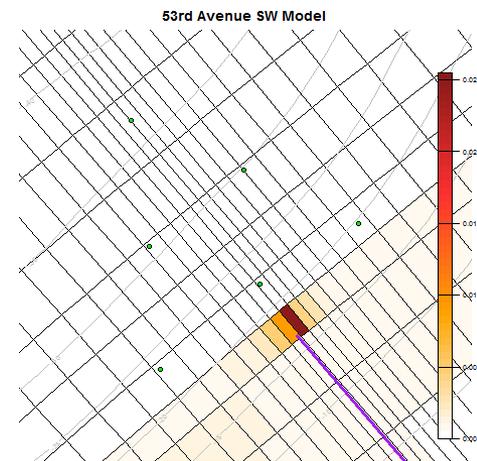
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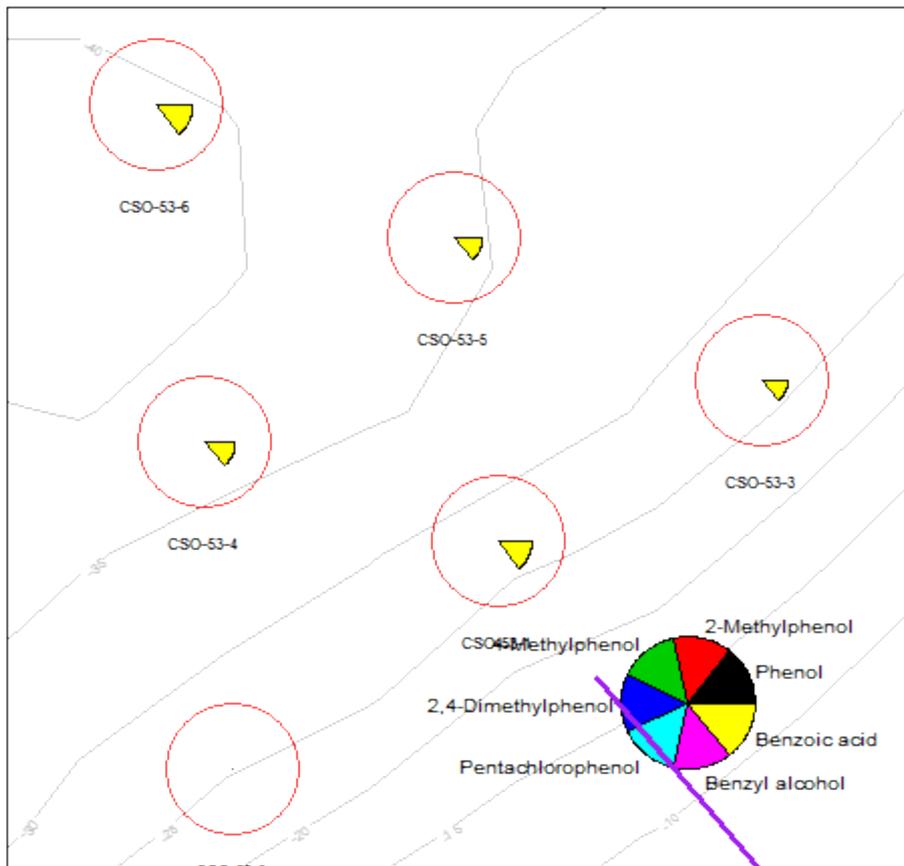
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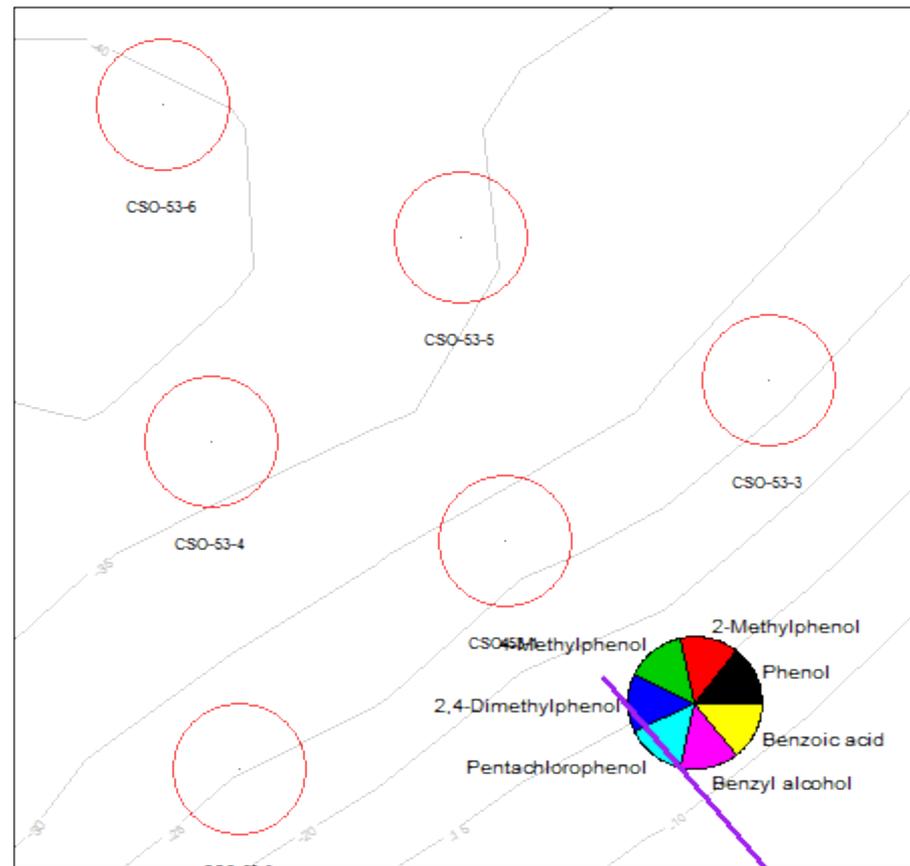
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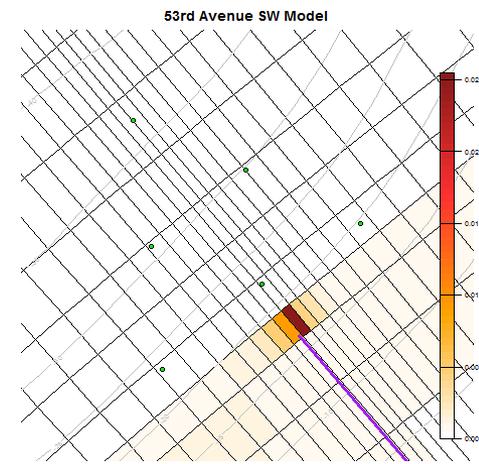
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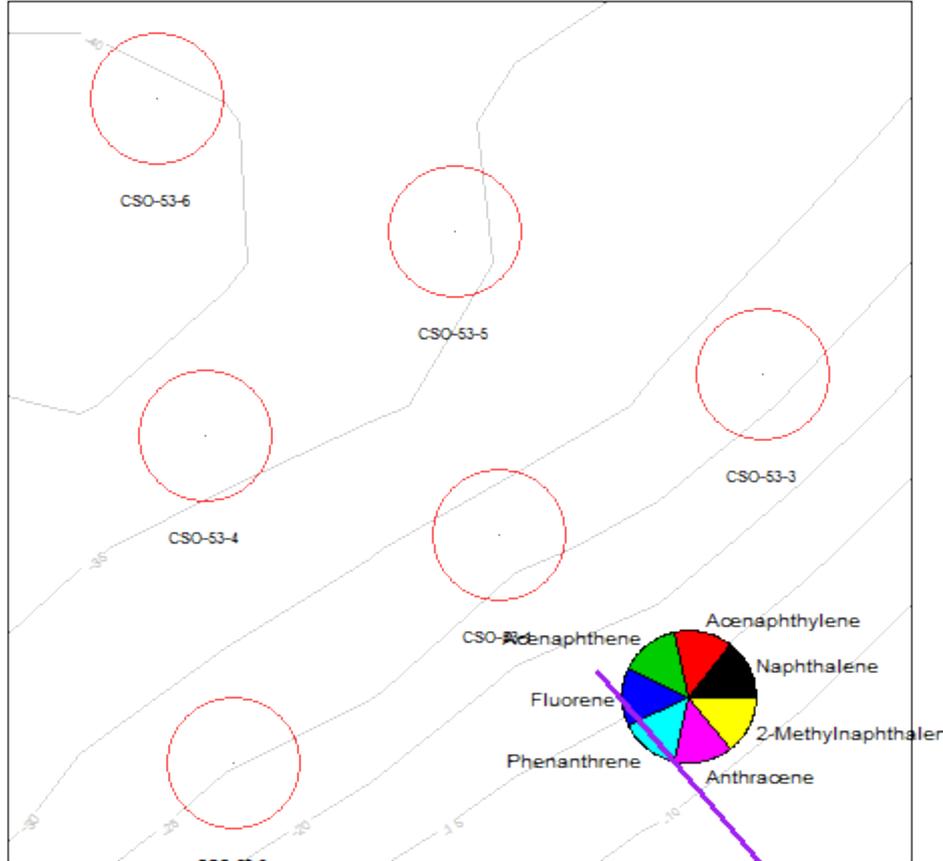
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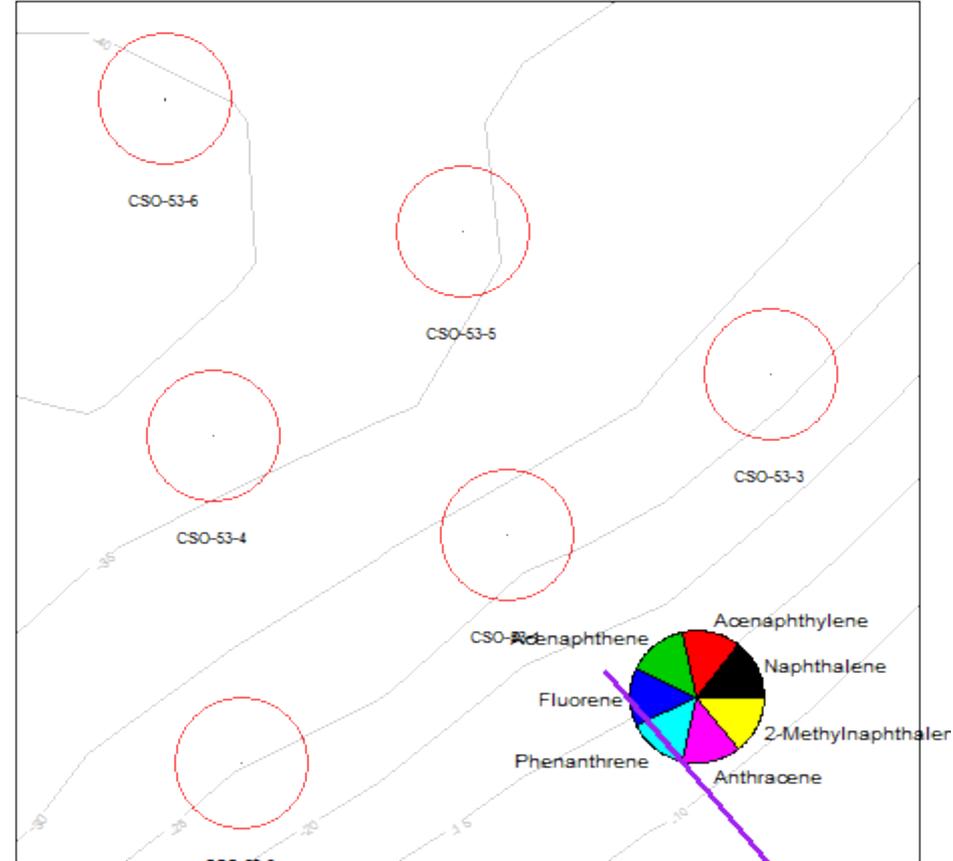
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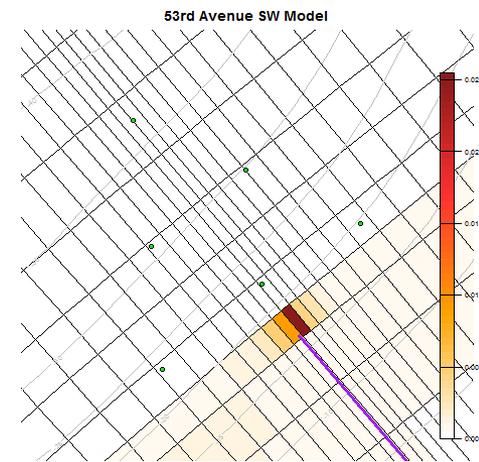
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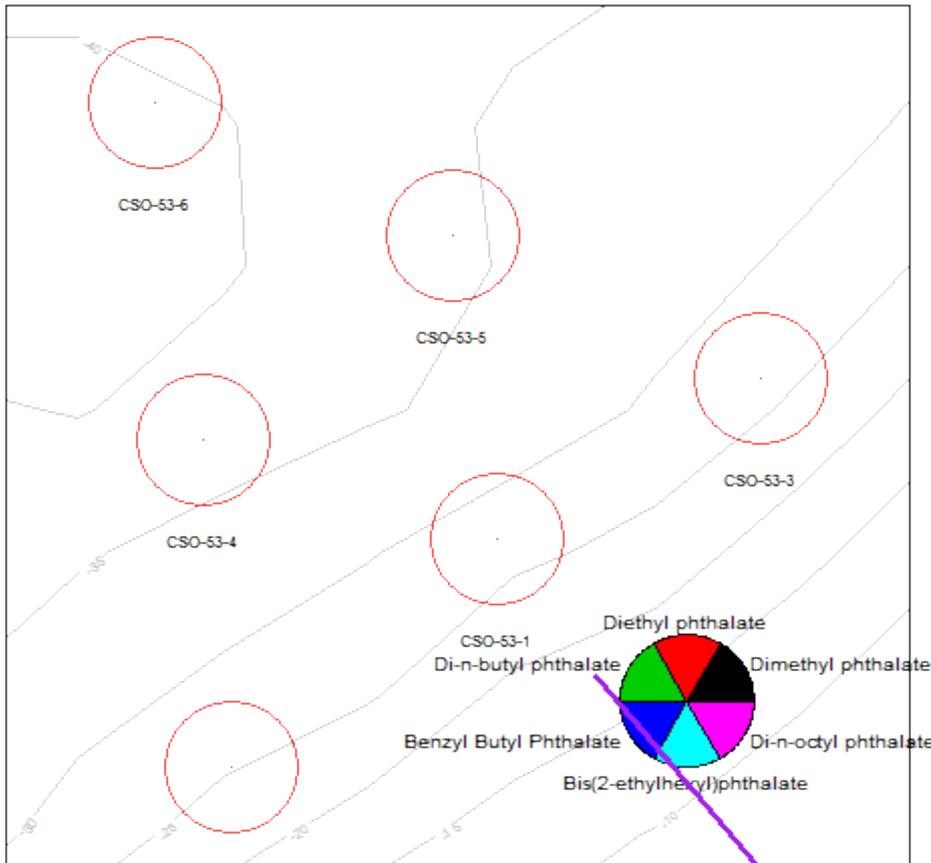
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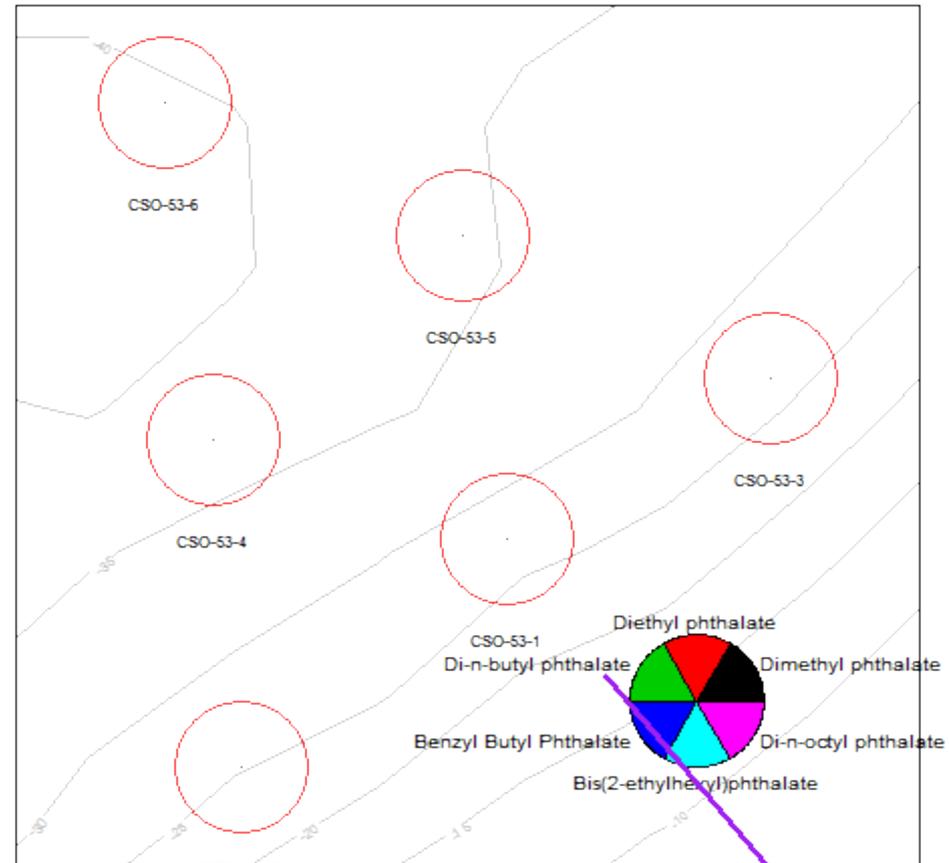
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53rd Avenue SW Phthalates



53rd Avenue SW Phthalates relative to [CSO]



# Details of Modeling Runs

# Modeling Simulation Design

- Separate EFDC grid for each discharge
- Model discharged particulate fate
  - particle size distribution / settling velocity from CSO samples
  - discharge geometry specific to each CSO
- Apply contaminant concentrations to accumulated sediment
  - no dissolution
  - no resuspension / dispersion after initial deposition
  - concentrations from inline “CSO-like” samples, primarily Hanford, Michigan, Brandon
- Mix with ambient sedimentation (assume rate; use chemistry from reference sampling stations)

# EFDC model grids

- Model grid width = diameter of discharge pipe
  - model grid width increases away from discharge point
- Model grid typically 3:1 aspect ratio
  - grid length = 3x discharge pipe diameter
  - grid expands away from discharge point
- Model grid typically extends ~ 1 km from discharge point
- Model grid is semi-circular for most discharges; rectangular for ship canal locations

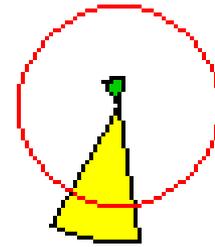
# Model Boundary Conditions

- Puget Sound discharges:
  - Simplified tide (M2, K1) applied at boundary
  - Minimal stratification (November density profiles)
- Ship Canal discharges:
  - constant elevation difference specified between boundaries
- Duwamish discharges:
  - Simplified tide (M2, K1) plus constant elevation difference between boundaries
  - Minimal stratification (November density profiles)



# Sampling Results

- Sediment Quality is shown as a pie-chart for each location
- colour denotes compound (see key)
- length of pie slice denotes concentration
  - Concentration plotted as log scale:  $\log([x]/[x_{scale}])+1$
  - values less than 10% of reference scale are not shown
- Red circle denotes the scale, either:
  - SQS standards (dry or OC normalized, as appropriate)
  - CSO discharge concentration, average of:
    - Hanford Sed traps
    - Michigan and Brandon in-line samples



## Example:

- Red circle is SQS concentration
- two compounds detected (at > 10% of SQS)
- Green compound is less than SQS (15% of SQS)
- Yellow compound exceeds SQS (215% of SQS)
  - note LOG scale



# Elliott Bay and Duwamish Conceptual Site Model, Modeling Efforts, and Data Inputs



Presentation for  
Elliott Bay Regional Background Workshop Meeting  
September 3, 2013 (hosted by Ecology)

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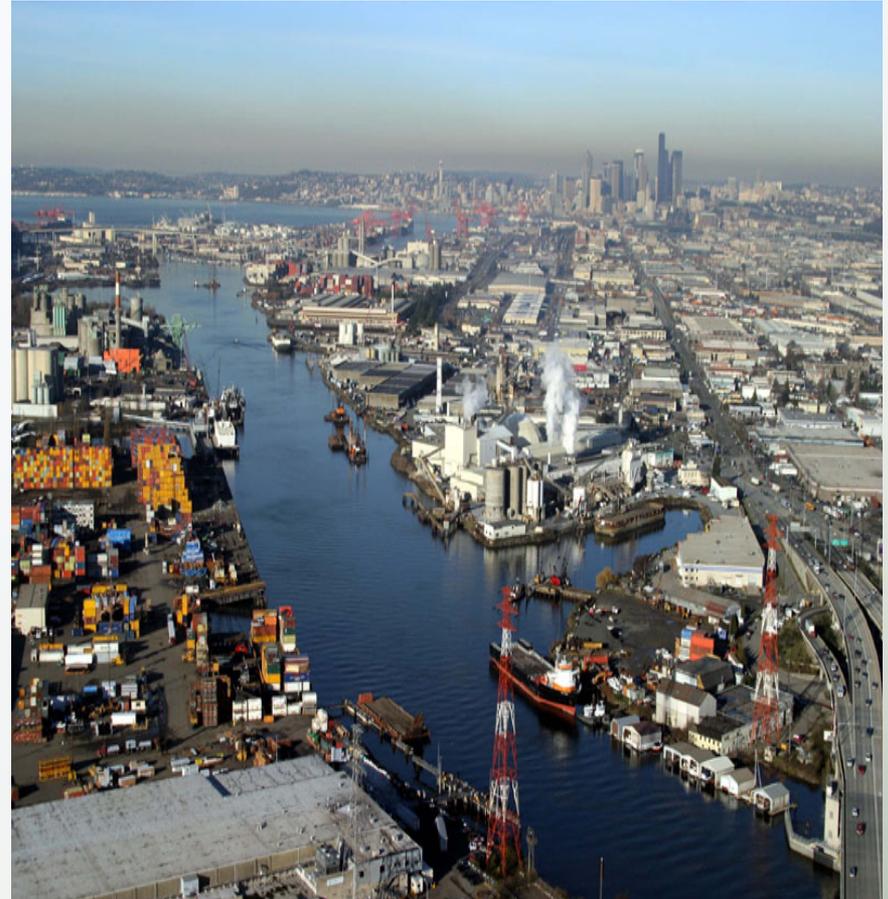


# Overview

1. Modeling Options and Work Completed To Date
2. Duwamish Models/Conceptual Site Model
3. Empirical Data Compiled for Input to Duwamish Model
4. Comparisons to Background Data

# Objectives of Presentation

1. Understand what tools and data already exist that could be used to help develop regional background.
2. Review empirical data used for model inputs.
3. Review our understanding of the conceptual site model.
4. Compare results to other background studies.



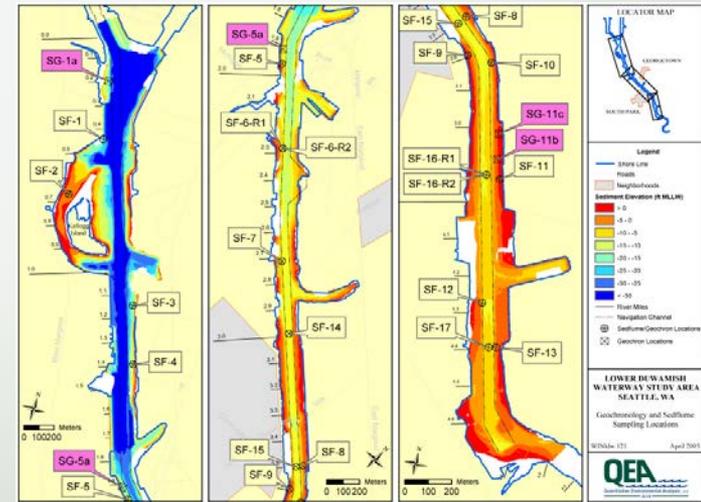
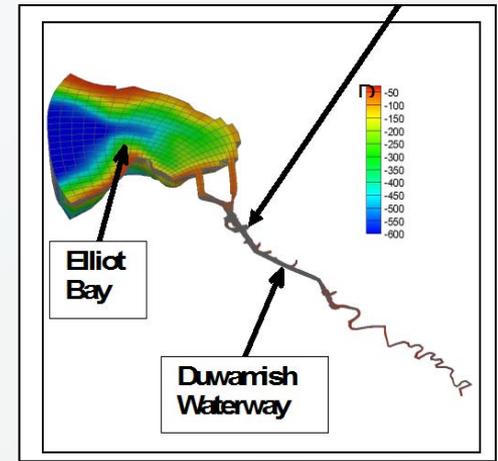
# King County Modeling Efforts

## Part 1



# General Classes of Models

- Hydrodynamics – Movement of Water
- Sediment Transport – Movement of Solids
- COC Fate
  - Simple Sediment Mixing
  - Box Models
  - EFDC Fate and Transport
  - Empirical / Multiple Linear Regression



# King County

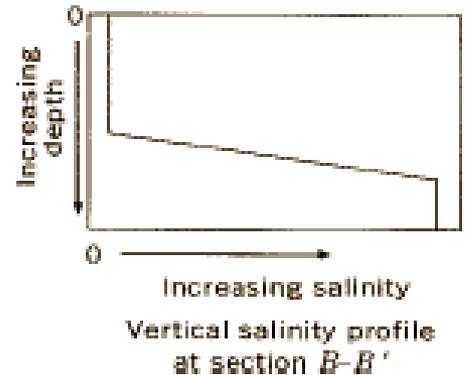
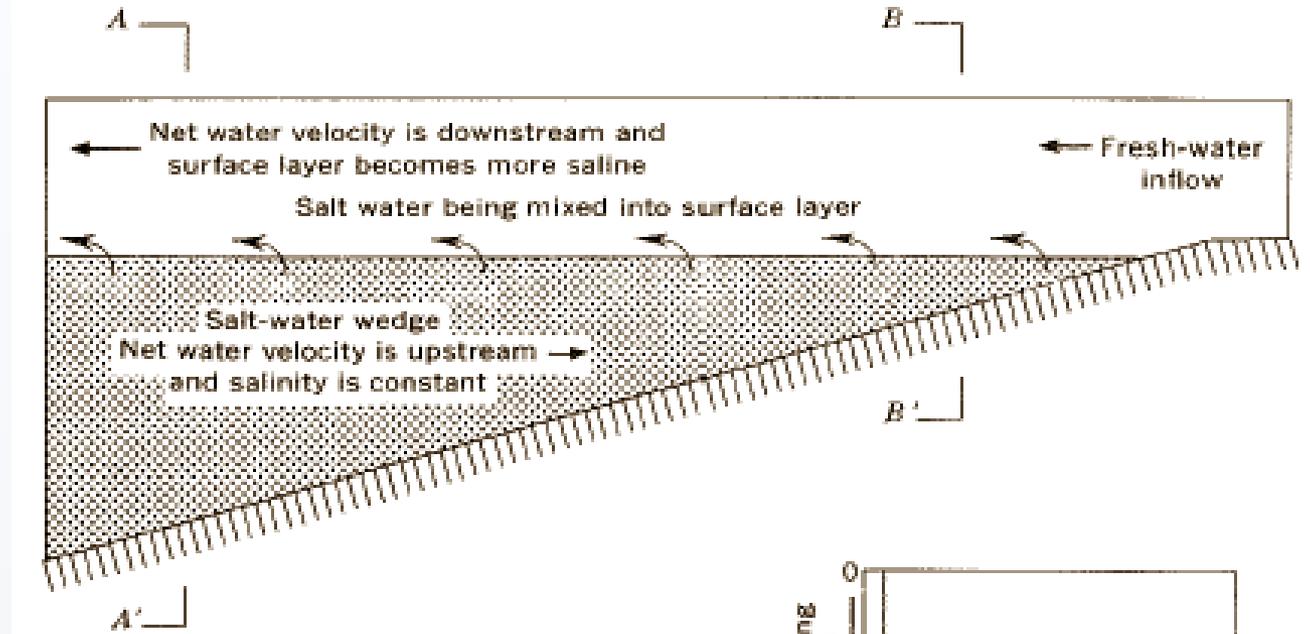
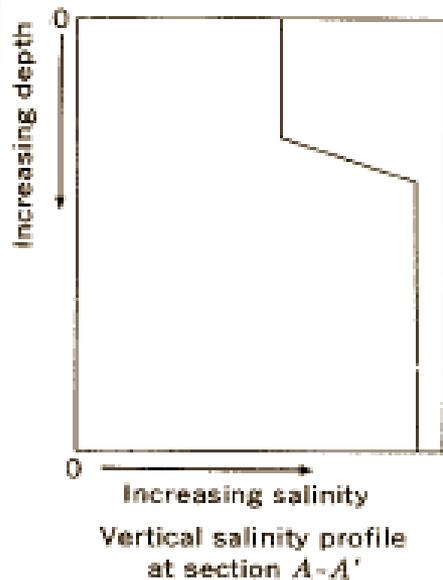
## CSO Water Quality Assessment (WQA) 1999

- Formal Model Selection Process
- Selected EFDC (Environmental Fluid Dynamics Code) as highest ranked model (circa 1996):
  - Three-Dimensional Hydrodynamics with Coupled Salinity and Temperature Transport
  - Directly Coupled Water Quality-Eutrophication Model
  - Directly Coupled Sediment and Toxic Contaminated Transport and Fate Model
  - Previous applications to estuaries
  - Source code available / non-proprietary

# EFDC CAPABILITIES

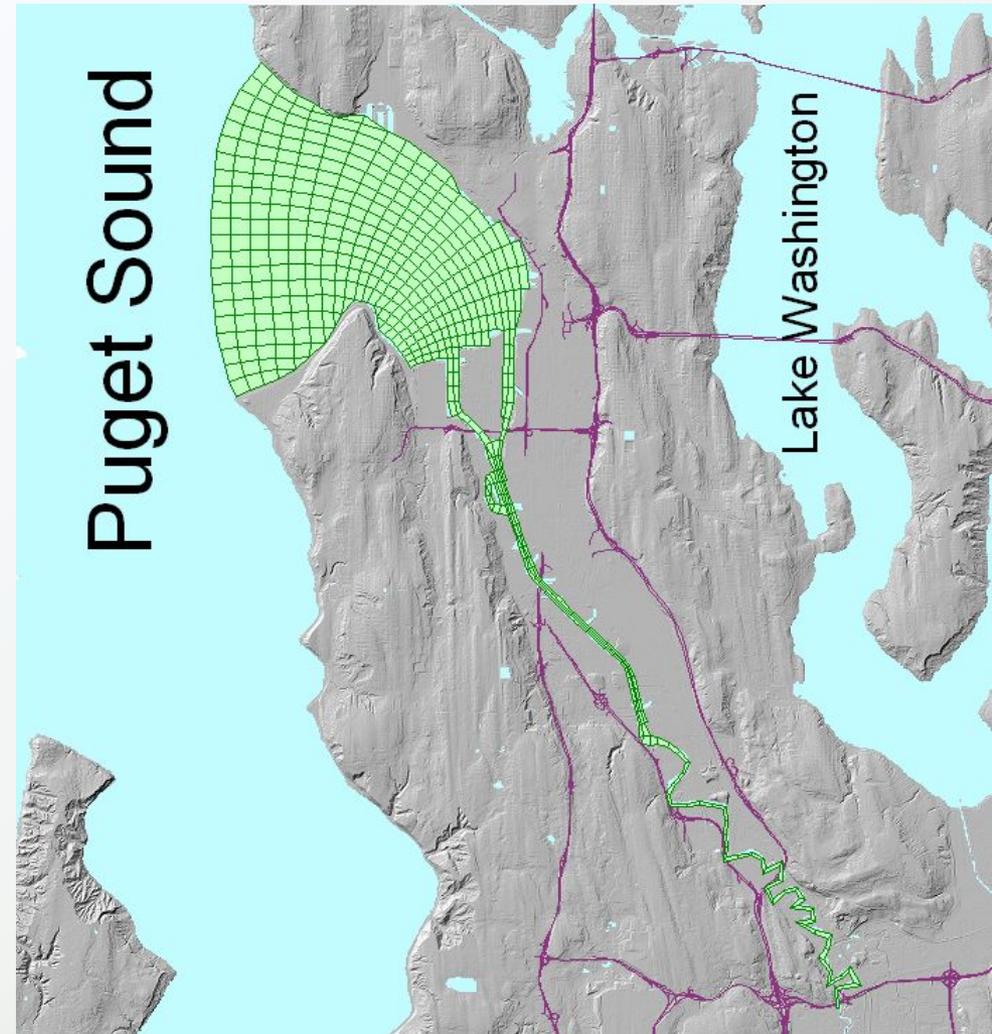
- Three-Dimensional Hydrodynamics with Coupled Salinity and Temperature Transport
- Directly Coupled Water Quality-Eutrophication Model
- Directly Coupled Sediment and Toxic Contaminated Transport and Fate Model
- Integrated Near-field Mixing Zone Model
- Preprocessing Software for Grid Generation and Input File Creation
- Postprocessing Software for Analysis, Graphic and Visualization
- Track Record for Surface Water Applications

# Conceptual Models: Salt-Wedge Estuary

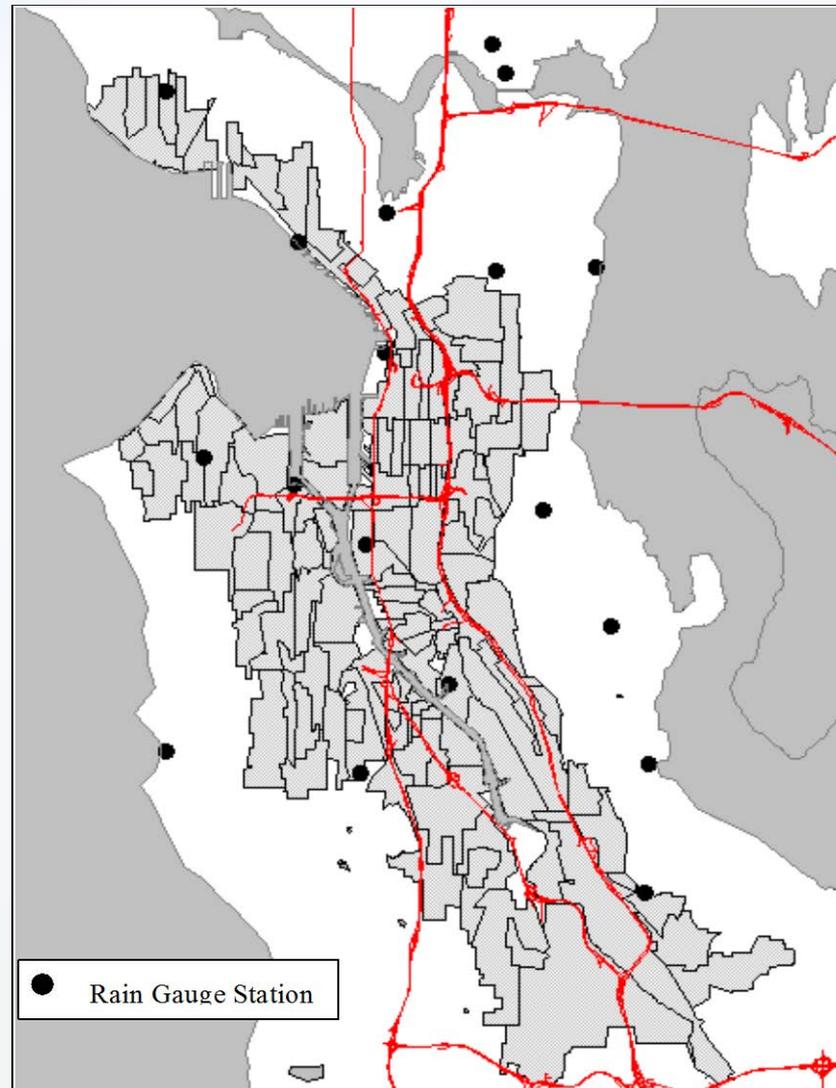


# Elliott Bay – Duwamish River Water Quality Assessment (1999)

- Evaluation of CSO impacts
- EFDC (Environmental Fluid Dynamics Computer Code)
- Simulated:
  - Sediments
  - Metals
  - Organics
  - Bacteria (Fecals)



# Watershed inputs



# Model Inputs

## ■ Geophysical

- Initial water depth
- Initial water velocity
- Bottom elevation (bathymetry)
- Initial suspended solid concentration
- Initial sediment depth (mass)
- Suspended solids settling velocity (usually spatially constant)
- Critical sediment resuspension and deposition shear stresses (usually spatially constant)
- Water elevations or flows over time (boundary condition)
- Wind speeds over time (boundary condition)
- Suspended solid concentrations over time (boundary condition)

## ■ Geochemical

- Initial chemical concentration in water and sediments
- Chemical partitioning in water and sediment columns (usually spatially constant)
- Chemical decay in water and sediment columns (usually spatially constant)
- Initial salinity
- Chemical and salinity concentrations over time (boundary condition)

# WQA Selected Chemicals

- Metals
  - arsenic
  - cadmium
  - copper
  - lead
  - nickel
  - zinc
  - mercury
  - tributyltin
- Fecal coliform bacteria
- Organics
  - 1,4 dichlorobenzene
  - 4 methylphenol
  - bis(2ethylhexyl)phthalate
  - fluoranthene
  - phenanthrene
  - total PCB
  - pyrene
  - benzo(k)fluoranthene
  - chrysene
  - benzo(b)fluoranthene

# WQA Output

- Results were incorporated into a risk assessment, presented as risk



Figure 4-4. Chronic Risks from Water Column Copper Concentrations to Aquatic Life

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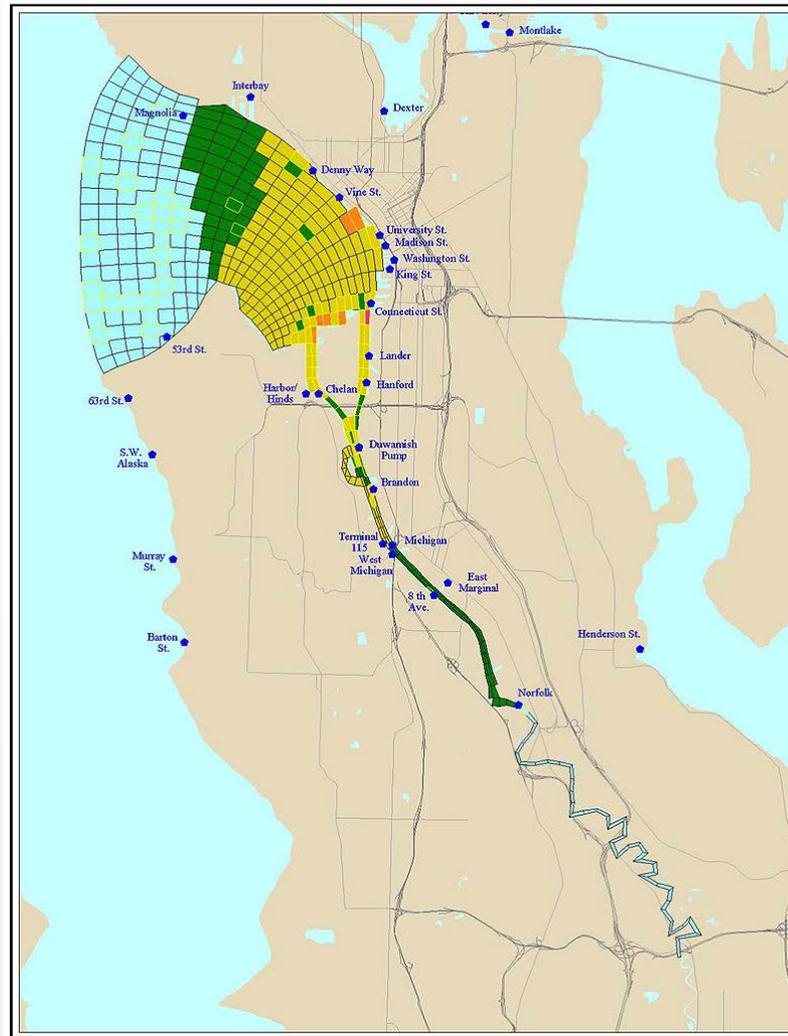
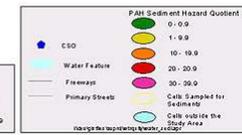


Figure 4-9. Chronic Risks from Sediment PAH Concentrations to Aquatic Life

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# Summary Points

- The EFDC model used by King County incorporates Duwamish, East/West Waterways, and Elliott Bay areas
  - Focuses on chemical fate and transport in the water column (not sediment disturbance)
  - Can track sources of sediment deposited
- Model could be used to estimate future water quality and sediment quality concentrations in Elliott Bay
- Not all sediment erosion processes are incorporated into the model

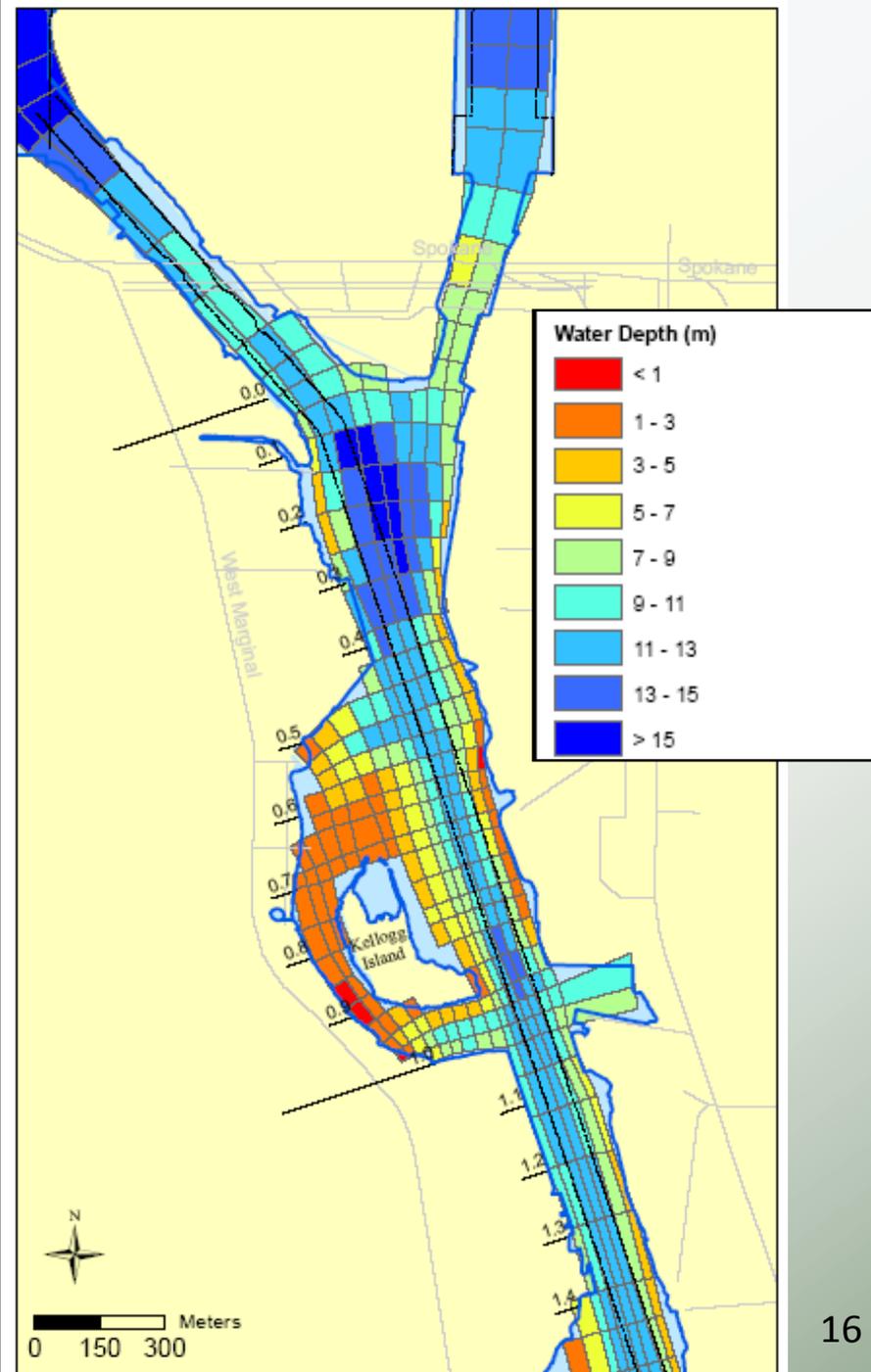
# LDW Modeling Efforts and Conceptual Site Model

## Part 2



# EFDC Water Quality Model Adapted for Duwamish

- Modifications made by EPA and QEA
  - Sediment scour/deposition added
  - 7 cells wide (from 3 cells)
  - 10 vertical layers
  - 1000 cells total (from 512)
  - Allocated lateral loads
- 21-year calibration period, which included a major storm event
- Consensus reached for model calibration and peer-reviewed by modeling work group

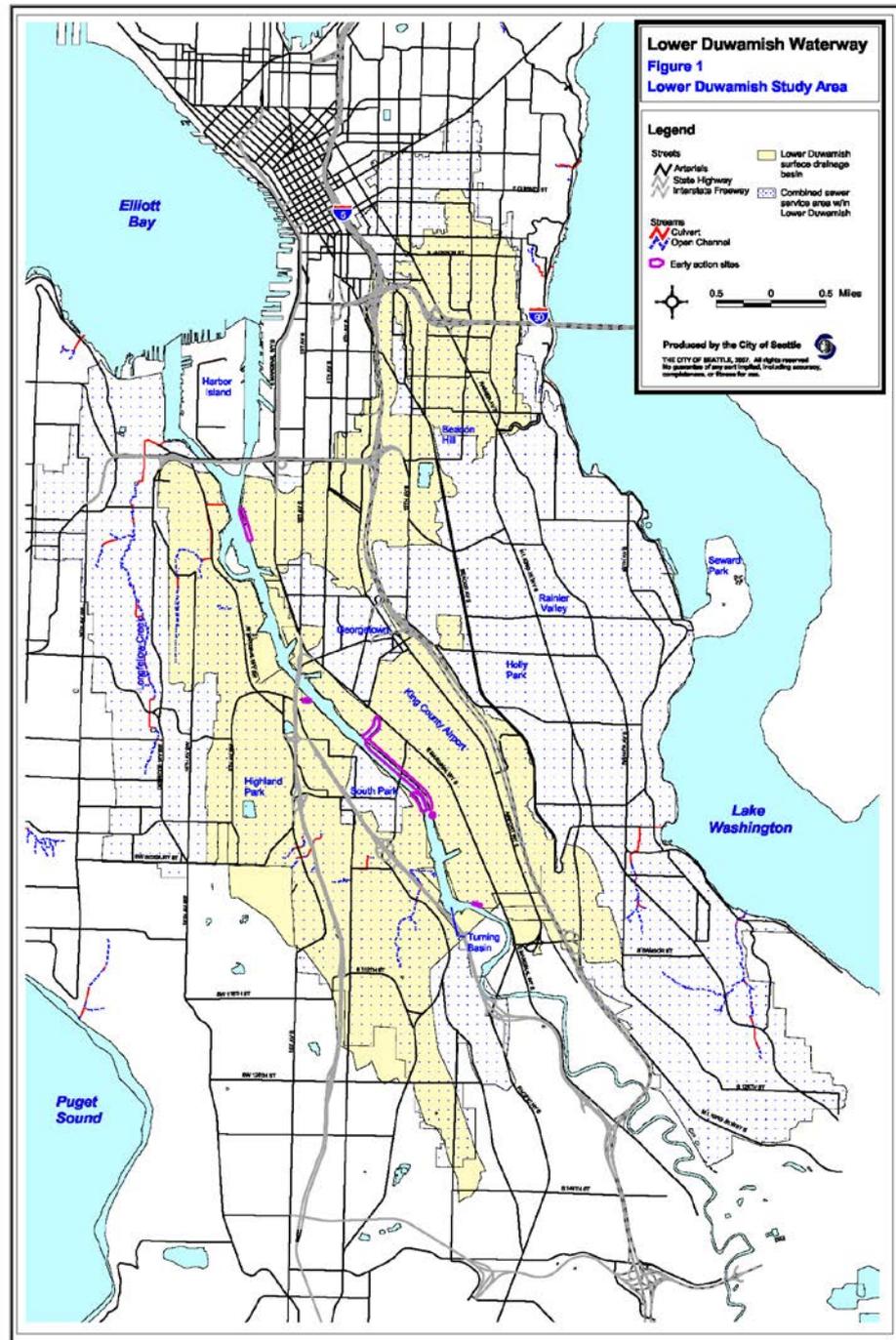


# LDW Study Area

Combined sewer service area:  
20,000 Ac

Storm drain basin:  
9,350 Ac

Outfalls:  
9 CSOs  
5 EOFs  
44 Municipal SDs  
149 Other outfalls



# Simplified Sediment Transport and Deposition in the LDW

To Elliott Bay and Puget Sound

~100,000 MT/yr  
590 MT/yr

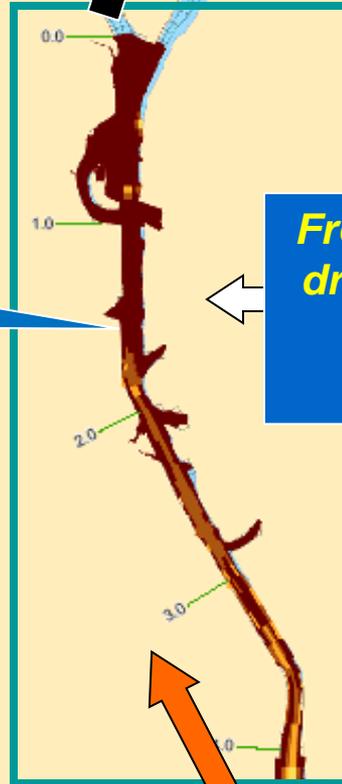
Elliott Bay

Seattle

~100,000 MT/yr  
660 MT/yr

Net deposition in the LDW is about 100,000 metric tons of sediment from upstream per year

From urban storm drains, CSOs, and streams  
1,250 MT/yr

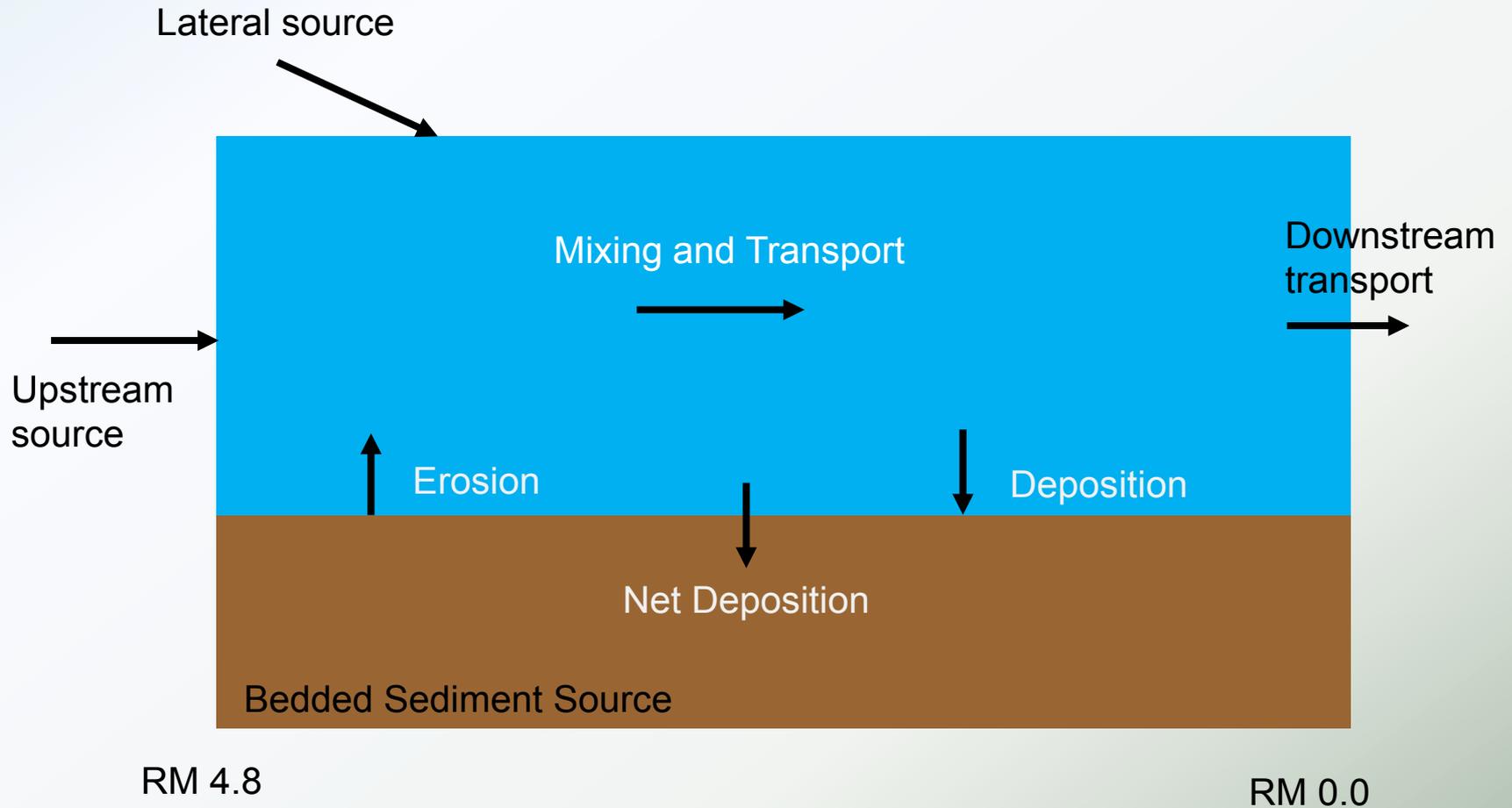


From Upstream Green/Duwamish River  
~200,000 MT/yr

CSOs = combined sewer overflows  
Unit in metric tons/yr, averaged over 10-yr period

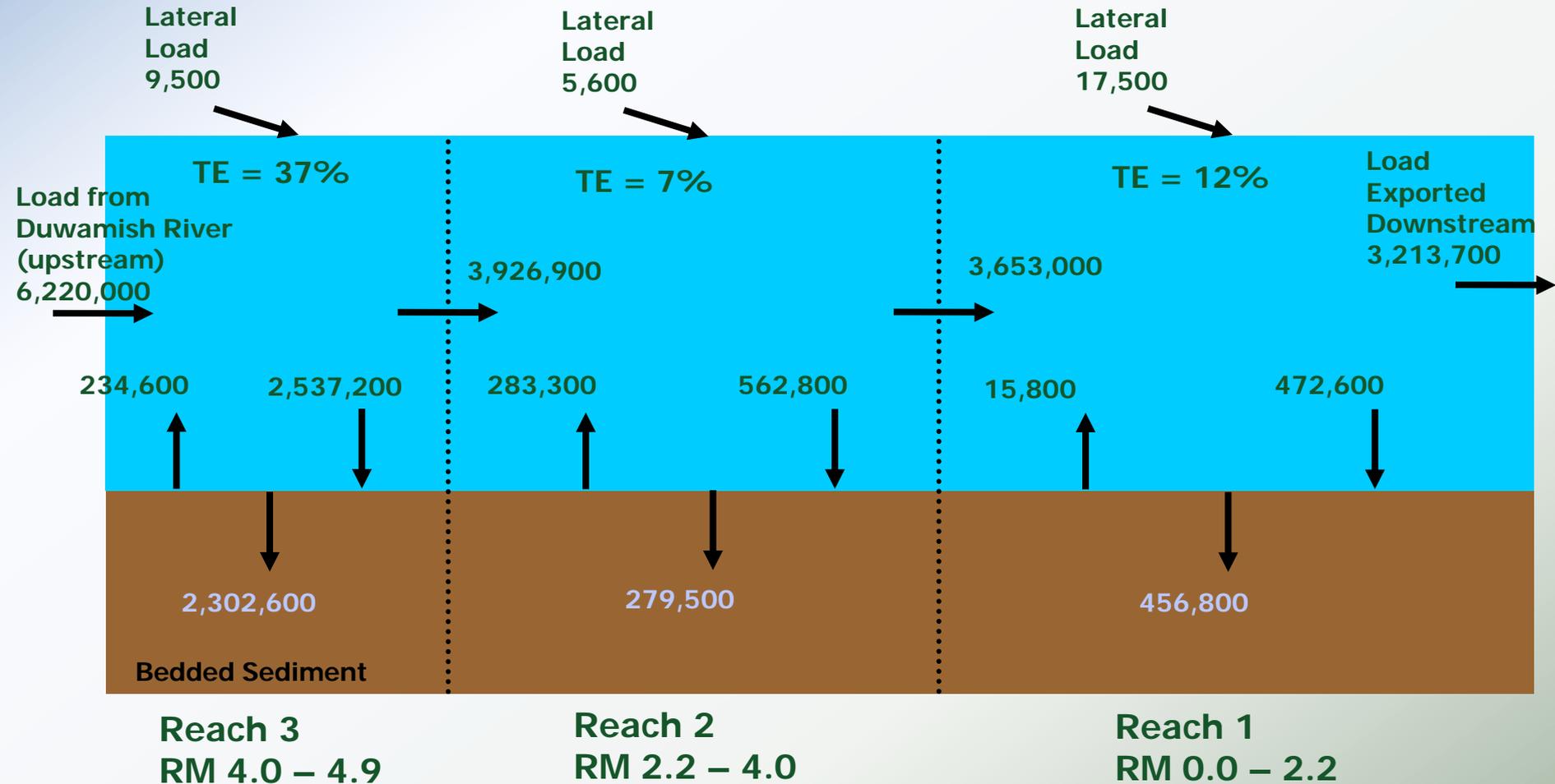
# Erosion/Transport Processes Modeled

Creates solids mass balance for entire LDW



# Duwamish Waterway Divided into Three Reaches

Over 99.5% of downstream sediment loads originate upstream of the LDW



- Units are in metric tons. Loads presented are totals over a 30-year period.
- TE= trapping efficiency.

# BCM Model Input Concentrations include high and low sensitivity runs

Chemical	Upstream Inputs			Lateral Inputs		
	Best Estimate	Sensitivity Range		Best Estimate	Sensitivity Range	
		Low	High		Low	High
PCBs µg/kg dw	35	5	80	300	100	1000
cPAHs µg TEQ/kg dw	70	40	270	1400	500	3400
Arsenic mg/kg dw	9	7	10	12	9	30
Dioxins/Furans µg TEQ/kg dw	4	2	8	20	10	40

- High = current source control efforts
- Low = 30-40 years with significant increase in resources; goals may not be achievable everywhere

BCM Output may have up to  
27 Combinations for each  
time period modeled

Lateral Inflow	Upstream Inflow	Bed Sediments	
low	low	low	
		medium	
		high	
	medium	medium	low
			medium
			high
	high	high	low
			medium
			high
medium	low	low	
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	medium	medium	low
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			high
	high	high	low
			medium
			high

27 outcomes  
per time period, per chemical



# Summary Points

- Conceptual Site Model includes three reaches
- The Duwamish sediment transport model and recovery (BCM) model incorporates several years of data and processes:
  - 200,000 metric tons solids enter LDW each year and ~ 50% settles in LDW
  - Localized areas may have recontamination near outfalls
  - Incorporated several recontamination processes
  - Chemistry dials for upstream and lateral inputs can be “turned”
- Model Tool can be used to estimate:
  - Effectiveness of future source control efforts
  - Future sediment concentrations in the Duwamish
  - Sediment quality being exported

# Sources of Chemical Data used in FS Models (Lateral and Upstream)

## Part 3



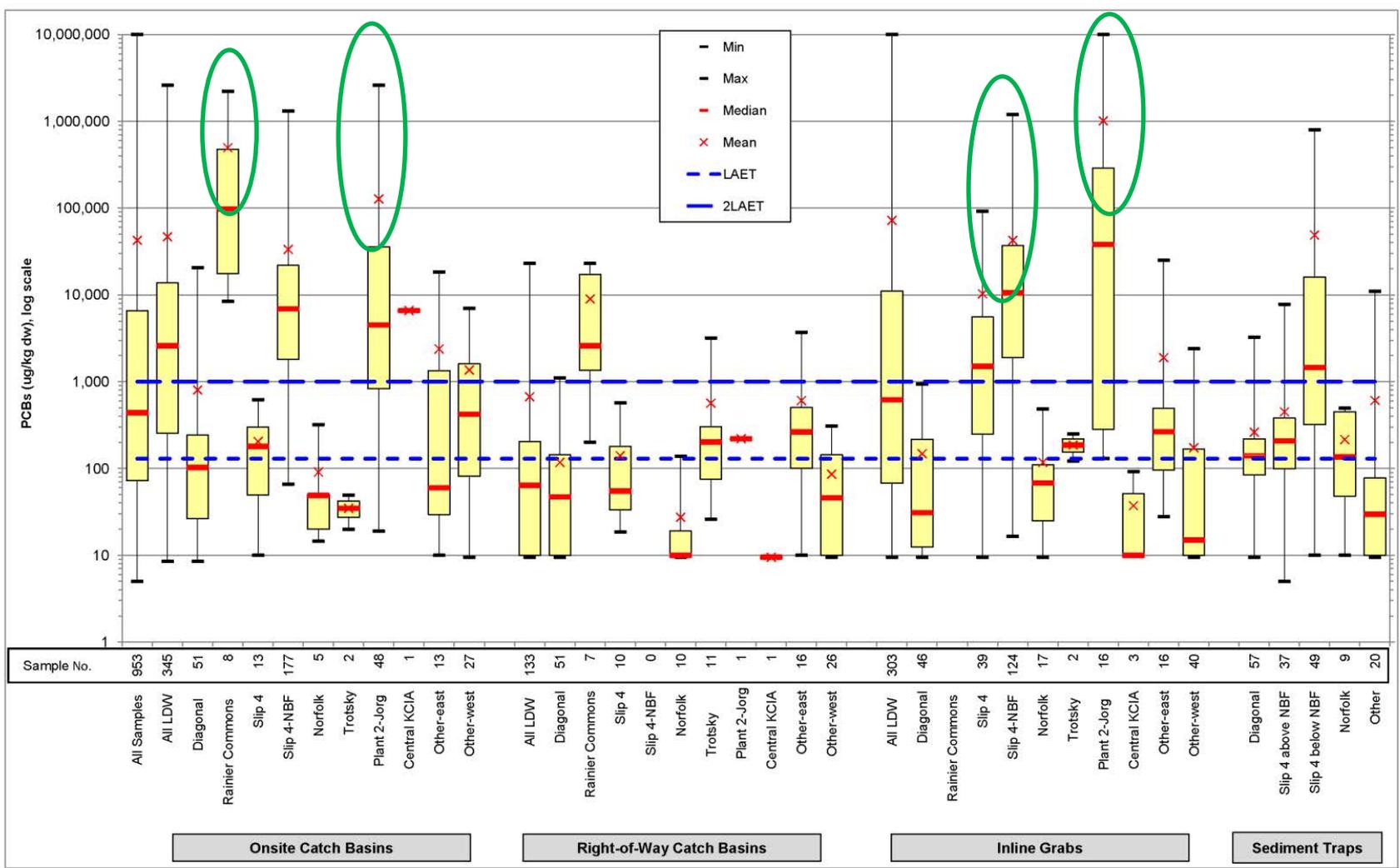
# Types of Field Data for Consideration as Model Inputs

Data Type	Parameter Sampled	Existing LDW Study, Locations Date / Sampling Frequency
Sediment Grab and Core Trends*	Chemistry, Pb210, Cs-137	> 50 cores
Bathymetry	Bed elevation changes	USACE various surveys; 2003 LDWG (incorporated into STM)
Sediment Traps	Settling particulate matter (amount and COC concentrations)	Harbor Island Suppl. RI, 5 locations, 1995, three months
Whole Water Green River* Samples	TSS, salinity, temp, TOC, DOC PCBs	KC Water Quality Assessment, 21 locations, Oct 1996 – June 1997, weekly, 4 storm events
	TSS, TSS 0.45um, TDS, TOC, DOC, salinity, temp, PCB congeners	KC Congener Survey, 4 locations, Aug 05 – July 06, monthly
CSO Samples*	TSS, TOC, PCBs (whole water TSS – normalized)	KC, Mar 96 – May 97, number of sampling events varied among locations, 20 samples
Storm Drain Samples*	Flow-weighted solids samples from on-site catch basins, in-line sediment grabs, right-of-way catch basins, and in-line sediment traps	City of Seattle and King County on-going study, data compiled from 2004-2009, 755 samples, several locations

# Lateral Data: compiled from several storm drain and CSO sampling events, and used for Model Input (see handout)

Study/Source	Total PCBs (µg/kg dw)				Arsenic (mg/kg dw)				cPAHs (µg TEQ/kg dw)				Dioxins/Furans (ng TEQ/kg dw)			
	Data Screened?	N	Avg	90 <sup>th</sup> %ile	Data Screened?	N	Avg	90 <sup>th</sup> %ile	Data Screened?	N	Avg	90 <sup>th</sup> %ile	Data Screened?	N	Avg	90 <sup>th</sup> %ile
<i>Lateral Inflow</i>																
City of Seattle Storm Drain Data	Minus samples >2,000	625	223	534	Minus samples >57	553	12	29	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Minus samples >5,000	692	315	718	Minus samples >93	563	13	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Minus samples >10,000	755	638	1,009	--	--	--	--	Minus samples >25,000	533	1,370	3,366	--	--	--	--
King County CSO Water Quality Data	TSS-normalized	28	580	920	TSS-normalized	21	9	13	TSS-normalized	26	1,051	2,728	--	--	--	--
Greater Seattle Sediment and SPU Catch Basin Solids	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	187 outlier excluded	23	22	48
Best-estimate Value Used in BCM Model (low-high range); FS Table 5-1b	300 (100 to 1,000)				13 (9 to 30)				1,400 (500 to 3,400)				20 (10 to 40)			

# Lateral sources have wide range of PCB concentrations



4 Major sources of PCBs identified: 1 has final cleanup pending under CERCLA, 2 have state/RCRA cleanups underway, 1 TSCA cleanup underway

# Upstream Data: compiled from four Lines of Evidence used for Model Input (see handout)

Study/Source		Total PCBs (µg/kg dw)				Arsenic (mg/kg dw)				cPAHs (µg TEQ/kg dw),				Dioxins/Furans (ng TEQ/kg dw)				
<i>Green/Duwamish River Inflow from Upstream</i>		Data Screened?	N	Avg	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Data Screened?	N	Avg	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Data Screened?	N	Avg	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Data Screened?	N	Avg	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile	
Green River Water Quality	King County Whole-Water	TSS-normalized	22	50	107	TSS-normalized	100	37	73	TSS-normalized	18	151	354	--	--	--	--	
	Ecology Centrifuged Solids	No	7	14	54	No	7	17	24	No	7	138	400	No	6	6		
	King County and Ecology Data Combined	No	29	42	120	No	--	--	--	No	25	135	330	--	--	--	--	
Upstream Surface Sediment (Above RM 5.0)	LDW RI Data	No	37	23	40	No	24	7	11	No	16	55	135	No	4	1.7 (median)	13	
	Ecology	Fines >30%	Yes	30	5	13	Yes	31	9	11	230 outlier not excluded	31	37	77	Yes	31	2	3
		Fines >50%	Yes	--	--	--	Yes	--	--	--		18	50	91	Yes	18	2	3
		All	Yes	73	3	6	Yes	74	7	10		74	18	57	Yes	74	1	3
	LDW RI and Ecology Data Combined	770 (outlier excluded)	110	8	23	No	98	7	10	No	90	25	73	No	--	--	--	
USACE Upper Turning Basin Cores	RM. 4.5 – 4.75 (1991-2009)	No	10	23	38	No	8	5	7	1052 outlier excluded	9	37	63	--	--	--	--	
RM. 4.3 – 4.75 (1991-2009)	No	20	36	56	No	18	7	12	1052 outlier excluded	19	73	180	No	2	2 and 2.8			
Best-estimate Value Used in BCM Model (low-high range)		35 (5 to 80)				9 (7 to 10)				70 (40 to 270)				6 (2 to 10)				



# Comparison

## Sediment Goals

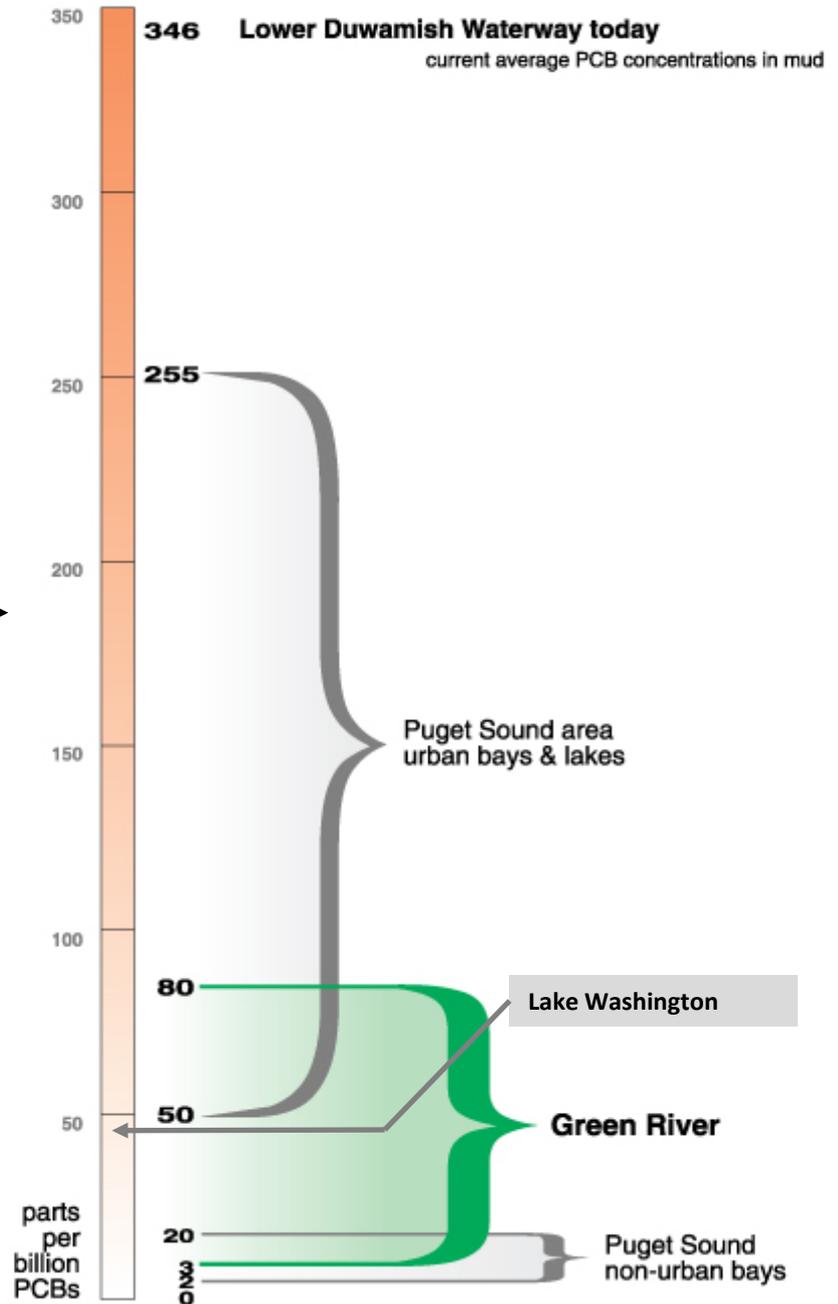
Early actions predicted to get waterway to this level

All alternatives in Feasibility Study predicted to get waterway to this level over time

(BCM output low/high range ~10 to 100)

EPA's proposed goal is 2 ppb total PCBs

## How does the Duwamish Waterway compare to other areas?



# Summary Points

- Lateral data compiled by City of Seattle includes ~800 samples over a several year period for suite of chemicals
  - Data screening already incorporate best estimate expectations regarding effectiveness of future source control efforts
  - High = what is currently being done; Mid= expectations for source control in next 10 to 15 years, Low = 30 to 40 year estimate but significant investments would need to be made, along with new technology developments, and they may not be achievable everywhere
- Upstream datasets each have some bias, best used collectively
- BCM input values and model predictions are similar to other urban areas of Puget Sound and observed nationally





# **Toxic Chemicals Transported by the Green River, WA: Suspended Sediment, Bed Sediment, and Whole Water Analysis**

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# USGS Study

*Duwamish River,  
Tukwila, WA (RM 10.8)*

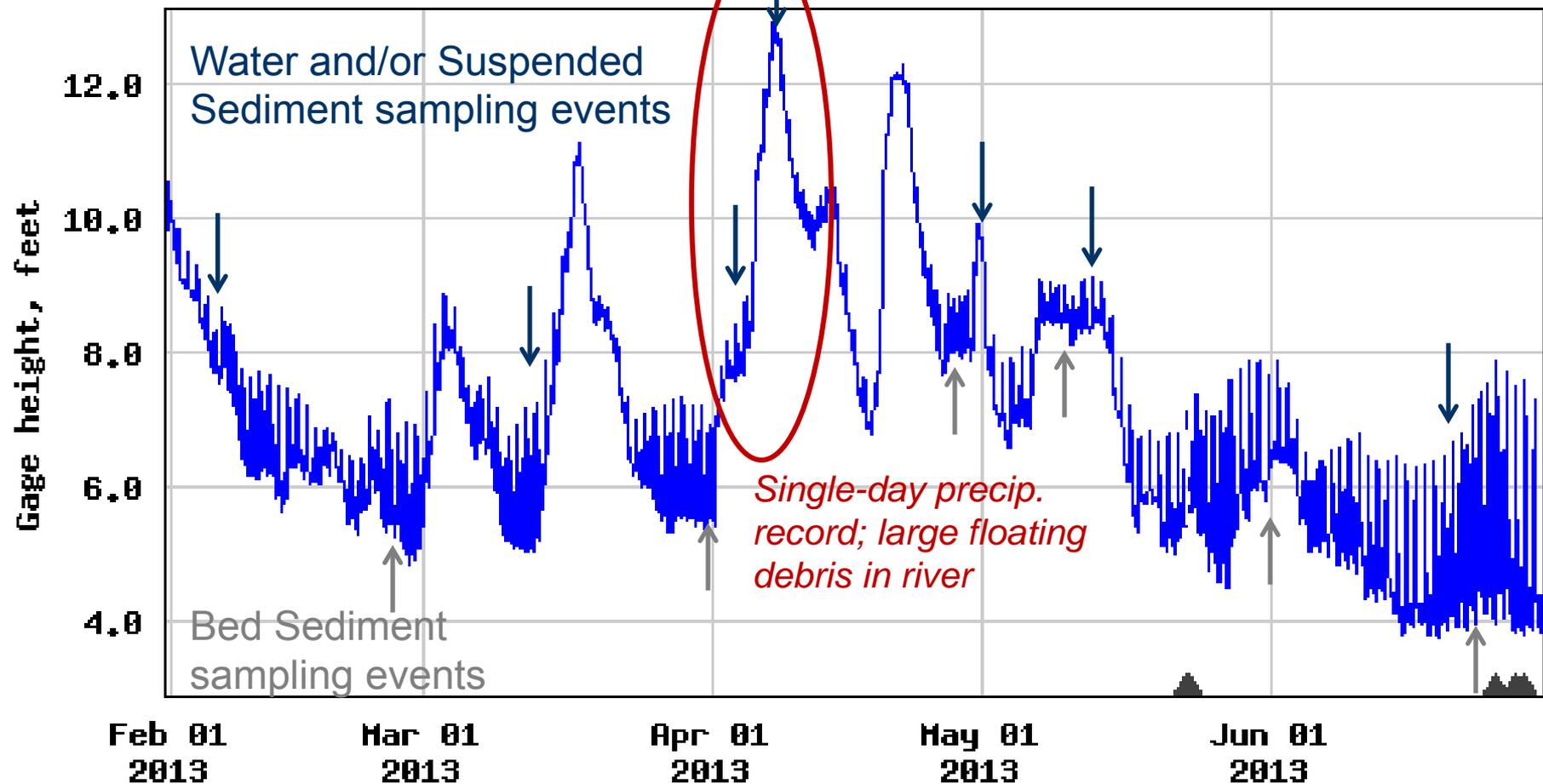
Objective – Quantify concentrations and instantaneous loadings of toxic chemicals from the Green River, WA



Monitoring Approach (see QAPP) –

- Collect representative samples of whole water, suspended sediment, and bed sediment
- Concurrently measure discharge and suspended sediment concentration (SSC)
- Sample during a range of flow and turbidity conditions
- Analyze samples for suite of analytes, including metals, PAHs, PCBs, and Dioxins/Furans

# USGS 12113350 GREEN RIVER AT TUKWILA, WA (1.4 mi. upstream of sampling site)



----- Provisional Data Subject to Revision -----

— Gage height

▲ Value exceeds "standard difference" threshold.

# Detections

- Compounds detected in water, suspended sediment, and bed sediment:
  - Metals
  - PCBs
  - Dioxins/Furans
  - PAHs (suspended sediment and bed sediment only)
- Not Detected / Rarely Detected (water and bed sediment); Insufficient Sample (suspended sediment):
  - Volatile organic compounds (few detections in bed sediment)
  - Semivolatile compounds (few detections in bed sediment)
  - Pesticides
  - Tributyl tin species
  - Hexavalent chromium

# Concentrations

- Water:

- Number of detected compounds was higher during rising limb and storm peak than low precip. events
  - More metals, D/F congeners, and PCB congeners detected
- Concentrations up to 3.5X higher during peak (PCBs)

- Suspended Sediment:

- High number of detected compounds during all events
  - ~85% of metals, PAHs, D/Fs, and PCBs
- Concentrations up to 2.5X higher during peak (D/F and PCBs)



*Low Precip.*



*Storm peak*

# Concentrations

- Suspended sediment and Fine bed sediment (<63 um) higher than Bulk bed sediment (<2 mm)
  - Average concentrations (range shown in parentheses):

Analyte	Unit	Suspended Sediment	Fine Bed Sediment <63 um	Bulk Bed Sediment <2 mm	Ecy 2008
		# Samples =2-4	# Samples = 3	# Samples = 6	#=70
TOC	%	4.77 (3.60-6.38)	2.06 (1.28-2.56)	1.78 (1.28-2.27)	-
Arsenic	mg/kg	12.8 (10.7-15.7)	9.40 (7.40-10.6)	5.57 (4.70-6.50)	7
Chromium	mg/kg	123 (75.0-170)	27.3 (24.0-31.0)	18.1 (15.9-20.0)	-
Copper	mg/kg	58.3 (32.0-86.0)	34.7 (32.0-39.0)	19.9 (18.2-21.9)	-
cPAHs (TEQ)	ug/kg	51.3 (47.6-54.9)	18.2 (14.8-22.0)	11.1 (5.9-17.6)	43
Total PCBs	ug/kg	3.98 (2.43-5.36)	6.08 (3.28-8.68)	2.39 (1.39-3.71)	3
Total D/Fs (TEQ)	ng/kg	2.85 (1.29-4.24)	3.11 (1.86-4.44)	0.683 (0.514-0.834)	2
% Fines	%	61 (44-78)	98 (97->99)	21 (15-25)	-

### Notes:

- Suspended sediment samples collected on different days (high flow) than bed sediment samples (low flow)
- Bed sediment sampling targeted fine material deposits



# Chemical Loads - Water

- Instantaneous whole water chemical loads (g/hr)

$$\text{Chemical Load} \left( \frac{g}{hr} \right) = C_s \left( \frac{g}{L} \right) \times Q \left( \frac{L}{hr} \right)$$

$C_s$  = Chemical concentration in whole water (g/L)

$Q$  = Instantaneous river discharge (L/hr)

Analyte	Low Precip. Events	Rising limb	Storm peak
	Precip $\leq$ 1 cm	Precip = 2.3 cm	Precip = 5.1 cm
	# Samples = 5	# Samples = 1	# Samples = 1
TOC	309,000	0	1,404,000
Arsenic	120	178	606
Chromium	0	0	758
Copper	291	355	1,515
Total D/Fs (TEQ)	1.75E-04	2.04E-04	4.30E-04
Total PCBs	0.016	0.063	0.126

Notes:

-- Non-detects assigned "0" value

-- Values for Low Flow Events represent average of 5 events

# Chemical Loads – Suspended Sediment

*Preliminary, subject to revision*

- Instantaneous suspended sediment chemical loads (g/hr)

$$\text{Chemical Load} \left( \frac{g}{hr} \right) = C_s \left( \frac{g}{kg} \times \frac{kg}{10^6 mg} \right) \times SSC \left( \frac{mg}{L} \right) \times Q \left( \frac{L}{hr} \right)$$

$C_s$  = Chemical concentration on suspended sediment (g/kg)  
 $SSC$  = Suspended sediment concentration (mg/L)  
 $Q$  = Instantaneous river discharge (L/hr)

Analyte	Low Precip. Events	Rising limb	Storm peak
	Precip ≤1 cm	Precip = 2.3 cm	Precip = 5.1 cm
	# Samples = 1	# Samples = 1	# Samples = 1
TOC	554,000	155,000	1,768,000
Arsenic	104	46	642
Chromium	0	324	6,955
Copper	747	138	2,332
cPAHs (TEQ)	-	0.240	1.95
Total D/Fs (TEQ)	3.46E-06	1.33E-05	1.74E-04
Total PCBs	0.0049	0.018	0.219

*Notes: Non-detects assigned "0" value*

# Preliminary Conclusions

- Metals, PCBs, and D/Fs (not PAHs) detected in water
  - More compounds detected during storm
  - Storm concentrations up to 3.5X higher (PCBs) than Low Precip.
- Metals, PAHs, PCBs, and D/Fs always detected on suspended sediment and bed sediment
  - Concentrations: Suspended sediment and Fine bed sediment (<63 um) higher than Bulk bed sediment (<2 mm)
- Instantaneous Loadings
  - Peak storm > Rising limb and Low Precip. Events
- Future Research
  - Capture fall/early winter storms, multi-year sampling ideal
  - Relate discrete samples to continuous records (discharge, turbidity) to estimate annual chemical loading
  - Compare to other Puget Sound rivers (i.e. Puyallup)

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# *Elliott Bay and Duwamish River Regional Background Alternatives*



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# *Goals for the afternoon*

Evaluate and discuss regional background alternatives for Elliott Bay and the Duwamish River in terms of:

- Consistency with rule definition of regional background
- Technical implementability (can it be done, if so where, how, other details)
- Practical implementability (staff resources, time, money)
- Are the results stand-alone or would approaches need to be combined (e.g., particulate data + modeling)

# *EB-1 Bedded sediment sampling*

- Ideas for where to sample
- Representativeness and data sufficiency
- Stratification of zones?
- Defining site and depositional zone boundaries
- Outfall modeling?
- Historical cap monitoring – useful?



## *EB-2 Other forms of sampling*

- Are Green/Duwamish particulate concentrations useful or relevant?
- How could particulate and/or sediment trap sampling be used?
- What other creative types of sampling are possible? What data are already available?
- Can these data be used alone or only as inputs to models?
- What are the resource requirements?



# *EB-3 Modeling*



- What types of modeling have already been done?
- Which models could be useful in Elliott Bay and for what purposes?
- What inputs are needed and are they available?
- What time, staff resources, and funding would be needed to extend models to Elliott Bay?

# *DR-1 Bedded sediment sampling*

- Ideas for where to sample
- Representativeness and data sufficiency
- Green River data – applicable or not?
- Historical dredged material monitoring – useful?



## *DR-2 Other forms of sampling*

- Green River particulate concentrations?
- What other creative types of sampling are possible? What data are already available?
- Can these data be used alone or only as inputs to models?
- What are the resource requirements?  
How long before we have enough data?



# *DR-3 Modeling*

- What type of modeling has already been done?
- Are the scenarios used representative of regional background? Can they be modified?
- Which models would be most appropriate?
- What inputs are needed and are they available?
- What time, staff resources, and funding would be needed?

