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**COMMENT:**

A search of Cusimano (1997) did not indicate availability of fecal coliform bacteria data at station Snodry33 (Union Slough (UNS33)). Cusimano (1995) <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/95338.pdf> did contain fecal coliform data for this station. Results shown in Appendix B for August 16 and 17 of 2003, indicate that only two samples were obtained at this location. The individual results were 100 and 60 cfu/100ml respectively. The basis for listing is upon a calculated geometric mean. The listing policy for bacteria under category 5 indicates that the calculated geometric mean assesment method does not apply to dtasets of fewer than 5 samples values. The basis for listing should be changed to use of individual samples which exceeded the primary contract recreation standard for marine waters of 43 colonies/100ml, as allowed by the water quality assessment policy.