# **Enos Lake Water Quality Monitoring Program**

# 2023 Annual Report



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# **Executive Summary**

From February to November 2023, the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF) conducted water quality sampling in Enos Lake based on the monitoring schedule and sampling procedures outlined in the *Enos Lake Protection and Monitoring Program* (ELPMP). Data collection was completed by experienced BCCF staff, with assistance from two community volunteers interested in the conservation and protection of the lake and its ecosystem.

Following the monitoring plan, water quality sampling was carried out on a quarterly basis occurring in February, May, August, and November. Samples collected were assessed for phosphorus, orthophosphate, and chlorophyll-a concentrations.

Results were referred to a registered professional biologist for analysis and review. Results indicated that both chlorophyll-*a* and total phosphorous increased relative to the 2019 to 2022 data but were similar to results from 2017 and 2018. Both chlorophyll-a and total phosphorus have seen gradual increases over the last two years. The majority (92%) of total phosphorous samples exceeded the target value of 12 µg/L in 2023; as a result, the annual average was also above target. There have been no exceedances above the target value for chlorophyll-*a* since 2017. Dissolved oxygen results met the target for the epilimnion ( $\geq$ 5 mg/L) in all months, but did not meet the target for the hypolimnion ( $\geq$ 2 mg/L) in August 2023. This also occurred from 2017 – 2021, and is considered a natural condition of Enos Lake. However, the severity of oxygen depletion in the hypolimnion has increased since 2017 and, concerningly, was noted to extend up into the thermocline in August of the last three years. The progression of hypoxia beyond the hypolimnion should be closely monitored.

Per the recommendations of the ELPMP, water quality monitoring should continue annually until at least one year post-build-out within the Enos Lake watershed, following the template provided in the ELPMP. Suggestions for data accuracy and improvement include continuing with a QA/QC program to increase confidence in field data collection methods and lab analysis (e.g., duplicate and field blank samples, YSI readings on ascent and descent of probes) and additional Secchi readings throughout the year. Table of Contents

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# 1.0 Background

An annual water quality monitoring program for Enos Lake was established in 2017 by the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF), per the management recommendations of the Enos Lake Protection and Monitoring Plan (ELPMP) (PGL 2016).

This report summarizes the monitoring of select chemical and physical water quality parameters to evaluate the seasonal water quality and productivity status of Enos Lake in 2023.

# 2.0 Introduction

Enos Lake is a small, relatively productive lake located on Vancouver Island's Nanoose Peninsula (Fig. 1). The lake is approximately 18 ha and is surrounded by nearby ponds and wetlands, supporting a wide diversity of birds and aquatic life. The lake is approximately 12 metres deep and drains into Enos Creek via a weir established in 1956 at its north outlet (PGL 2016).

Enos Lake is most well-known for the presence of a unique benthic and limnetic stickleback species-pair, protected under the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA). The pair were designated as Threatened in 1988, then re-classified and split into two species, each listed as Endangered in 2002 and renewed in 2012 (Environment Canada 2011). Recent research has suggested the species-pair is collapsing due to habitat changes caused by crayfish and/or changes in lake productivity (Taylor et al. 2006; Taylor & Piercey 2018).

Enos Lake undergoes thermal stratification in the summer months, resulting in a very warm surface water layer (epilimnion); this layer is separated from the cooler, deeper water (hypolimnion) by a narrow zone of rapid temperature change (thermocline). Solar radiation and wind movement at the water's surface work together to warm the uppermost layer. In contrast, the water at depth receives very little sunlight and remains cool and dark. Density differences prevent these two layers from mixing during the summer months.

From fall through early spring, as air temperatures drop and the amount of solar radiation decreases, the warm surface waters gradually cool and densify. Denser water settles down into the hypolimnion and initiates mixing throughout the entire water column, a process known as fall turnover. While Enos Lake occasionally receives thin ice cover during winter cold snaps, it typically does not freeze for extended periods of time.

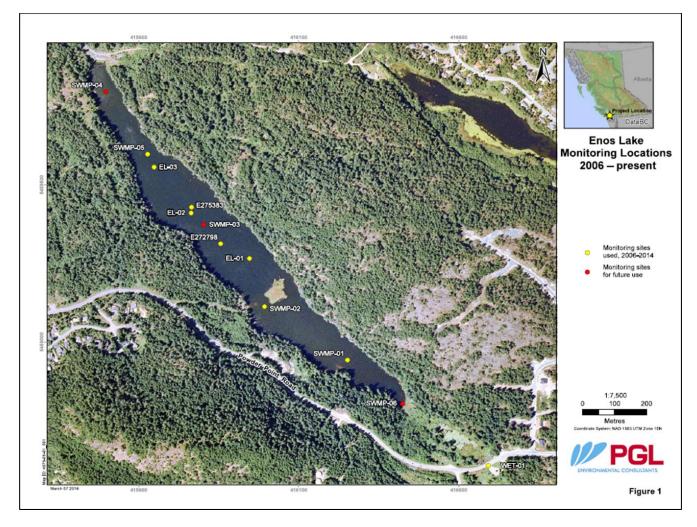


Figure 1: Enos Lake sampling locations (PGL 2016).

# 3.0 Methods

# 3.1 Scope of Work

BCCF was contracted to conduct water quality sampling as described in the ELPMP (Table 1) in 2023. Sampling occurred quarterly, and field crews consisted of one BCCF biologist and an additional volunteer or field technician. Water samples were collected from three depths at site SWMP-03 (Fig. 1), located at the deepest part of the lake. The site was accessed by boat with a small electric motor.

 Table 1: Proposed ELPMP Monitoring Schedule for 2018 (PGL 2016). Note. Sampling repeats on a 5-year cycle so 2023 is equivalent to 2018 in the annual cycle.

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Parameter	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dissolved Oxygen		F			F	2	i i	F		i i	F	1
Temperature	1	F		Ĵ	F		i i	F	1	1 1	F	
Redox potential		F		1	F	3	i i	F	Ĩ.	1	F	
pH		F	<u></u>		F	с. 		F	<u>[</u>		F	
Secchi Depth	e	F			F	é.		F	0	2 8	F	
Chlorophyl a	e	L	-		L	6		L			L	~
Phosphorhus	8 8	L			L	4		L			L	0
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Hardness	2 33		2	8) - S		2	89 - 3		6	8 - S		5
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# 3.2 Data Collection

# 3.2.1 In Situ Field Parameters

*In situ* water quality parameters were collected once per quarter, beginning in February at site SWMP-03. The YSI handheld sonde probes measuring Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Specific Conductivity and ORP were calibrated by a BCCF technician immediately prior to each sampling date, and calibration records were kept for reference. Probes were replaced if calibration results indicated deviation from standard Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) values. Results were recorded at 1 m intervals throughout the water column, down to approximately 10-12 m (total site depth). Parameters measured included:

- Temperature (°C)
- Dissolved oxygen (mg/L and %)
- pH
- Specific Conductivity (μS/cm)
- Redox potential (mV)

Weather and surface observations were noted, and a water clarity measurement was recorded using a Secchi disk between 10 am and 4 pm.

# 3.2.2 Laboratory Samples

Water samples were collected once per quarter, beginning in February at site SWMP-03 at 1, 5, and 10 m depths using a 1 L Van Dorn sampler. Samples were collected for chlorophyll-*a* (unfiltered), orthophosphate (raw water) and total phosphorous (preserved H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) analyses.

Water sampling procedures followed guidelines provided by ALS Laboratories, those outlined in the *Ambient Freshwater and Effluent Sampling Manual* (B.C. Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection 2003) and those provided in the ELPMP (PGL 2016). Sample bottles were pre-labelled and handled carefully to prevent interior cap contamination or bottle contamination. The Van Dorn was rinsed before each sampling event and allowed to remain at the desired sampling depth for 10 seconds before retrieving samples to ensure mixing within the sampling tube. Water samples were carefully transferred to the bottles provided by ALS, packed in a cooler with ice and completed COC form. Samples were immediately shipped to the ALS lab in Burnaby for analysis by ground courier.

# 3.2.3 Additional Monitoring

In 2023, the Friends of Enos Lake also undertook additional monitoring as part of a Level 1 lake monitoring program. This included 15 approximately biweekly water clarity (Secchi depth) measurements and depth profiles (Temperature-DO) at site SWMP-03 from May 1 to September 26. This monitoring was managed by the B.C. Lake Stewardship Society; more information about sampling methods can be found at: https://www.bclss.org/programs#bclsmp-monitoring-levels

### 3.3 Invasive Species and Wildlife

Incidental monitoring for invasive species occurred concurrently with water sampling, through visual observation and assessment of emergent/shallow submerged vegetation seen while travelling to the sample site and any plant matter attached to the boat anchor. Incidental wildlife observations were also noted.

### 3.4 Analysis

ALS Laboratories (Burnaby, BC) performed all sample analyses, including Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) for assessment methods. Results were received by BCCF two to three weeks after sample submission.

# 4.0 Results

Water quality targets as listed in the ELPMP are summarized in Table 2. Each parameter is discussed in detail below.

#### Table 2: Summary of Water Quality Monitoring Targets for data collected in 2023 (PGL 2016).

	Parameter (units)	Water Quality Target					
	Secchi depth (m)	None - supporting context only					
<i>In situ</i> parameters	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	≥5 mg/L epilimnion ≥2 mg/L hypolimnion					
oare	Conductivity (µS/cm)	None - supporting context only					
itu	Temperature (°C)	None - supporting context only					
In si	рН	None - supporting context only					
	Redox (mV)	None - supporting context only					
	Total phosphorous (μg/L or mg/L)	≤12 μg/L					
	Chlorophyll-a (µg/L)	Avoid any increase <sup>1</sup>					
ab result	Metals (various)	B.C. Water Quality Guidelines – Total Metals <sup>2</sup> , Freshwater Aquatic Life (both chronic & acute, where applicable)					
Га	PAHs (µg/mg or mg/kg)	B.C. Water Quality Guidelines – Freshwater Sediments					
	E. coli (#/mL)	B.C. Water Quality Guidelines – Recreation (Secondary contact) <sup>3</sup>					

<sup>1</sup> – Chlorophyll-*a* baseline data for Enos Lake (2009-2013) ranges from 0.17 to 19.8  $\mu$ g/L; values typically in the range of 4-5  $\mu$ g/L (PGL 2016).

<sup>2</sup> – Certain metals (e.g., copper and aluminum) have guidelines for dissolved metals, which are not addressed through sampling for total metals.

<sup>3</sup> – Secondary contact guidelines not available so Primary Contact guidelines used.

# 4.1 Air Temperature and Precipitation

Mean daily air temperature and precipitation data for 2016-2023 are summarized in Figure 2. A comparison of the mean monthly air temperature and precipitation for the summer period (June – September) is provided in Table 3.

Air temperatures from June to September of 2023 did not deviate far from temperatures observed in past years (Table 3). However, 2023 had less precipitation compared to the average recorded since 2016. July and September had approximately 30% of the average precipitation, and June had approximately 50%. August had slightly more precipitation compared to the average since 2016.

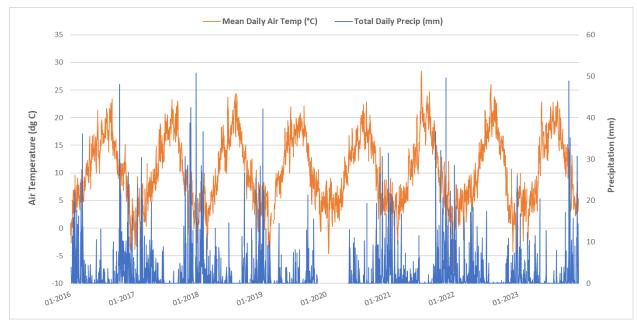


Figure 1: Mean daily air temperature and precipitation for the Qualicum Beach Airport, 2016-2023 (Environment Canada 2023).

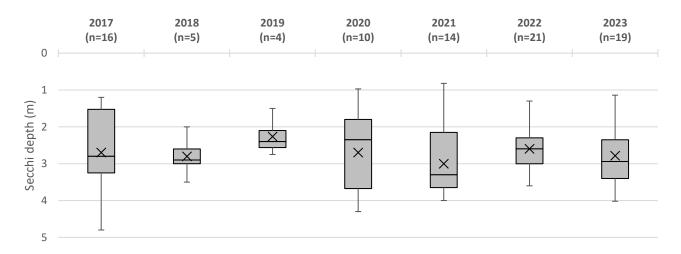
Table 3: Mean monthly air temperature and precipitation for the Qualicum Beach Airport, June-
September 2016-2023 (Environment Canada 2023).

ХХ	xx Warmest mean monthly air temperature (since 2016)								
June	luno								
June	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Air Temp (°C)	15.8	15.3	15.2	16.1	14.9	17.8	15.1	16.2	
Precipitation (mm)	1.2	0.6	1.2	0.4	1.8	1.3	1.3	0.5	
July	July								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Air Temp (°C)	17.9	18.0	19.3	17.8	17.6	19.7	19.0	19.2	
Precipitation (mm)	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.0	1.1	0.1	
August									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Air Temp (°C)	18.7	19.2	18.8	18.4	17.1	18.9	20.1	19.1	
Precipitation (mm)	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	
September									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Air Temp (°C)	13.6	15.5	14.0	14.6	15.9	14.4	16.0	14.4	
Precipitation (mm)	1.5	0.7	3.0	2.5	1.0	3.5	0.1	0.5	

## 4.2 In situ Field Parameters

### 4.2.1 Water Clarity

Water clarity is evaluated using Secchi depth. In 2023, Secchi depth ranged between a minimum of 1.1 m on May 1 to a high of 4.0 m on July 21 and September 14. This pattern is consistent with a phytoplankton bloom in May, which appears to be a frequent occurrence for Enos Lake as seen in previous years. The average annual Secchi depth since 2017 is approximately 2.7 m (Fig. 3).



# Figure 3: Annual Secchi depth values, 2017-2023. X represents the mean, and the horizontal bar represents the median.

#### 4.2.2 Temperature

In 2023, water temperature varied with the season. The lake was relatively isothermal (between 5-9°C) in February and November; however, strong thermal stratification was exhibited in May and August. The maximum water temperature recorded by BCCF was 23.7°C, measured at the surface (0.5 m) on August 15 at 12:40 pm (Fig. 3). The Friends of Enos Lake conducted additional weekly depth profiles during August and observed a maximum surface temperature of 25.8°C on July 21 at 1:10 pm.

From 2017 to 2023, the epilimnion ranged from 12-22°C and 20-24°C in May and August, respectively, while the hypolimnion remained below 10°C (Fig. 4). Patterns of thermocline development are relatively consistent, with the greatest annual variation seen for spring surface temperatures. The thermocline is defined as the zone where water temperature changes  $\geq$  1°C with every meter of lake depth.

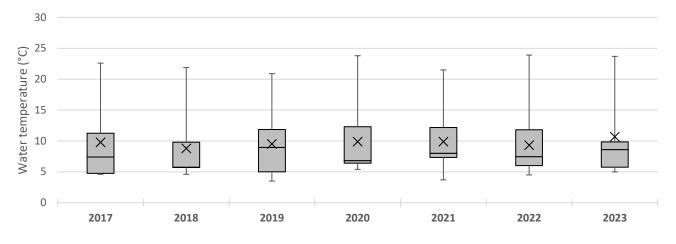


Figure 4: Mean annual water temperature values (n=4 samples per year), 2017-2023. X represents the mean, and the horizontal bar represents the median.

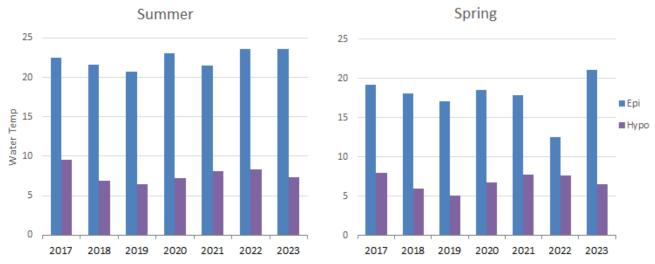


Figure 5: Mean annual water temperature for stratified layers in Enos Lake, 2017-2023. The blue bar represents the epilimnion, while the purple bar represents the hypolimnion.



Figure 6: Measured thermocline depths for Enos Lake, 2017-2023. Dots represent the maximum and minimum recorded depths of the thermocline.

### 4.2.3 Dissolved Oxygen

In 2023, the dissolved oxygen (D.O.) water quality target ( $\geq$  5 mg/L for the epilimnion) was met throughout the year; however, the D.O. target for the hypolimnion ( $\geq$  2 mg/L) was not met in the summer. The D.O. was depleted below the thermocline by mid-May, with severe anoxic conditions developing upwards to 7 m from the surface by mid-August. The mean hypolimnion D.O. was slightly higher during the 2023 summer than the past five years; however, this remained below the target (Fig. 7).

The epilimnion has not dropped below the D.O. target since sampling began in 2017; however, the hypolimnion is consistently below target in summer; this is mentioned in the ELPMP, which noted that D.O. concentrations are "often below 1.0 mg/L" and that it is a natural existing condition of the lake (PGL 2016) and is due to the decomposition of organic matter (Deniseger 2022).

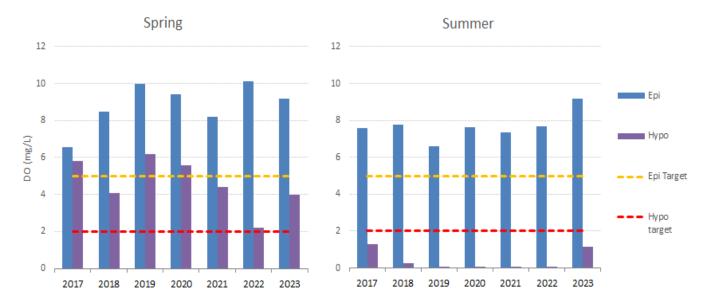


Figure 7: Stratified layer mean dissolved oxygen concentrations for Enos Lake, 2017-2023. The blue bar represents the epilimnion, while the purple bar represents the hypolimnion. The yellow dashed line is the D.O. target for the epilimnion, while the red dashed line is the D.O. target for the hypolimnion.

### 4.3 Laboratory Samples

### 4.3.1 Phosphorous

In 2023, the mean annual total phosphorous (total P) was 16.1  $\mu$ g/L (*SD* = 3.6), which is above the water quality target of 12  $\mu$ g/L. Individual samples exceeded the target threshold on 11 occasions from May to November of 2023 (Table 4).

In 2021 and 2019, the mean annual total P was below target at 10.68  $\mu$ g/L (*SD* = 4.27) and 7.3  $\mu$ g/L (*SD* = 5.0), respectively. In 2020, 2022, 2018, and 2017, the averages were at or above target at 12.0  $\mu$ g/L (*SD* = 2.5), 14.4  $\mu$ g/L (*SD* 6.8), 16.6  $\mu$ g/L (*SD* = 10.6), and 20.4  $\mu$ g/L (*SD* = 11.1), respectively (Fig. 8).

Orthophosphate was undetectable in 2023, with values below the laboratory Reporting Detection Limit (RDL) of 1  $\mu$ g/L for all samples.

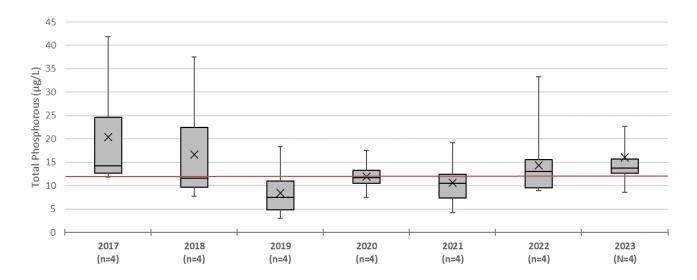


Figure 8: Mean annual total phosphorous values, 2017-2023. Red line shows the threshold target (12  $\mu$ g/L).

### 4.3.2 Chlorophyll-a

In 2023, chlorophyll-*a* concentrations were above the upper limit of 19.8  $\mu$ g/L as specified in the ELPMP on three occasions. The maximum chlorophyll-*a* concentration was 22.3  $\mu$ g/L, collected on May 15, 2023, at 5 m depth (Table 4).

The mean annual chlorophyll-*a* concentration across all depths and dates in 2023 was 11.7  $\mu$ g/L (*SD* = 6.4). This is the highest annual mean since monitoring began in 2017 and 1  $\mu$ g/L higher than the next highest which was observed in 2022 (Fig. 9).

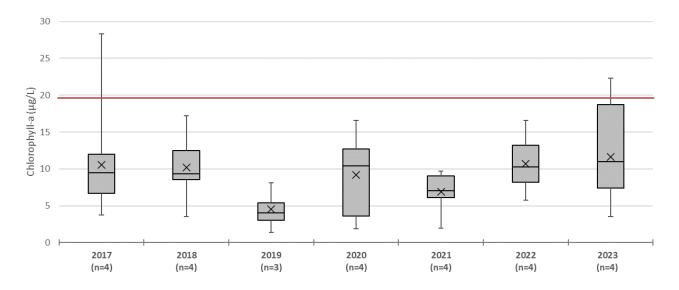


Figure 9: Mean annual chlorophyll-a results for Enos Lake, 2017-2023. Red line shows the threshold target (19.8 μg/L).

		Date		13-	eb-23			15-1	May-23			15-/	Aug-23			14-	Nov-23	
		Site		SW	MP-03			SW	MP-03			SW	MP-03			SW	MP-03	
	Units	RDL ⁵	1 m	5 m	10 m	Duplicate 1 m	1 m	5 m	10 m	Duplicate 10 m	1 m	5 m	10 m	Duplicate 5 m	1 m	5 m	10 m	Duplicate 10 m
Plant pigments																		
Chlorophyll-a	μg/L	0.5	18.0	20.9	21.7	19.0	5.3	22.3	14.5	6.6	3.6	5.9	7.9	6.3	11.4	10.5	10.6	12.0
Anions & Nutrients																		
Orthophosphate Dissolved (as P)	mg/L	0.0	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total Phosphorus (P)	mg/L	0.0	0.0155	0.0133	0.0141	0.0139	0.0122	0.0129	0.0163	0.0122	0.0086	0.0227	0.0203	0.0162	0.0135	0.0143	0.0122	0.0135

<sup>5</sup> – RDL = Reportable Detection Limit

### 4.4 Invasive Species and Wildlife Observations

No aquatic invasive species were noted during field sampling in 2023. Several species of waterfowl and birds of prey were observed on or near the lake, along with otter scat on the banks. These wildlife observations are consistent with previous years.

# 5.0 Discussion

The primary intent of the Enos Lake monitoring program is to better understand the lake's productivity trends (PGL 2016; Deniseger 2022) and to build a consistent, long-term database to assess the overall health of Enos Lake concerning ongoing development, land use, and increasing population within the

watershed (Deniseger 2020; Nordin 2017; PGL 2016). The general management objective for Enos Lake is to maintain pre-development water quality and to avoid eutrophication (PGL 2016).

Watershed disturbances such as logging, road building, development, and climate change impacts all have the potential to shift the lake's trophic status through increased stormwater runoff, nutrient loading, rising air and water temperatures, and seasonal variability in precipitation. Therefore, it is important to take surrounding land use and seasonal climate patterns into account when interpreting the water quality trends of Enos Lake.

## 5.1 In situ Field Parameters

### 5.1.1 Water Quality

Secchi depth is a relatively simple measure of clarity, which can provide insight into lake health and productivity (Deniseger 2021). The Secchi readings collected in 2023 followed a similar trend as in the last three years, indicating an early spring phytoplankton bloom occurred in late February. The advantage of additional Secchi depth observations collected by the Friends of Enos Lake throughout the year is that it allows for a broader understanding of Enos Lake's ecological dynamics. Monthly Secchi readings should continue, as they are a relatively inexpensive and simple way to gain additional insight into blooms or sediment loading.

### 5.1.2 Temperature

Water temperature influences the lake's susceptibility to watershed activities and disturbance. Also, it affects several chemical and physical water quality parameters and has a significant and pronounced effect on stratification and mixing (Deniseger 2021). Enos Lake usually begins to thermally stratify as early as March and April and undergoes fall turnover between October and November (Nordin 2017 and Deniseger 2018). In 2023, isothermal mixing was noted in February, while stratification was observed in May, suggesting adherence to this typical pattern. Stratification continued through late summer, contributing to the strongly anoxic conditions observed below 6 m depth in August. The additional results collected by Friends of Enos Lake suggest stratification persisted into October. By November, the lake was fully mixed.

### 5.1.3 Dissolved Oxygen

Since sampling began in 2017, the epilimnion has not dropped below the D.O. target; however, the hypolimnion is consistently below the target in summer. This is mentioned in the ELPMP as a natural existing condition of the lake (PGL 2016). The anoxic conditions in the hypolimnion are due to a combination of isolation from the atmosphere and decomposition of organic matter (Deniseger 2022). It is highly likely that the summer droughts and heat that have occurred over recent years have exacerbated the lack of oxygen at depth (Deniseger 2022). Although the dissolved oxygen recorded on August 15, 2023, was slightly higher than the summer averages seen in last five years, it remained below the target. Additional readings conducted by the Friends of Enos showed anoxic conditions in the hypolimnion starting as early as May and lasting until September. Enos Lake is susceptible to a late summer fish kill if wind-induced mixing draws deeper anoxic water to the surface (Deniseger 2022). This presents a risk for the Enos Lake stickleback species.

# 5.2 Laboratory Samples

### 5.2.1 Phosphorous

Phosphorous is an important nutrient and key indicator of productivity in lakes. Excessive phosphorous can result in blooms and low D.O. levels, which impacts water quality and fish health (Deniseger 2021).

Total phosphorous levels in 2023 exceeded guidelines in the majority (92%) of the samples and appear to have increased compared to the past four years. The max concentration recorded was lower than in 2022, and concentrations during the spring, summer, and fall were similar; however, higher concentrations recorded during the February sampling brought the mean above that seen in 2022. Concentrations during the August sampling were 22.7  $\mu$ g/L at 5 m and 20.3  $\mu$ g/L at 10 m, indicating internal loading of phosphorous caused by strongly anoxic conditions, similar to 2022 (Deniseger 2022).

Once lakes become eutrophic or hypereutrophic, it is challenging to reverse this process. Prevention is a far more effective tool for protecting lake water quality (Deniseger 2022). Preventative measures include limiting nutrient loading caused by land disturbance and runoff, which can be achieved through the preservation of native vegetation and wide riparian buffers, avoidance of pavement or large landscapes in favour of permeable pavements or forested landscapes, sediment mitigation measures during construction, and a stormwater management plan to capture and treat runoff (WDNR 2006).

### 5.2.2 Chlorophyll-a

Chlorophyll-a is a major photosynthetic pigment of algae; thus, concentrations within lakes can be used to indicate algae quantities and as a parameter to gauge biological productivity. A target for Enos Lake outlined in the ELPMP was to avoid any increase in chlorophyll-*a* over time from the baseline values ranging from  $0.17 - 19.8 \mu g/L$  (Table 2). The guidelines target has been met based on the data gathered over the last seven years. Although concentrations were recorded above this on three occasions in 2023, the average across all depths was 11.7  $\mu g/L$ .

General trophic status classification using total P and chlorophyll-*a* is summarized in Table 5 below, per comments in Deniseger (2021).

#### Table 5: Summary of trophic status classification based on chlorophyll-*a* and total phosphorous.

sno	<10 µg/L 1	Oligotrophic
Total phosphorous	10 - 30 μg/L <sup>1</sup>	Mesotrophic
pho	>30 µg/L <sup>1</sup>	Eutrophic
II-a	<2 µg/L	Oligotrophic
Chlorophyll- <i>a</i>	2 - 7 μg/L	Mesotrophic
Chlo	>7 µg/L	Eutrophic

Using the assessment values in Table 5 for mean annual total P, Enos Lake would be considered mesotrophic (or moderately productive) from 2017 to 2018 and 2020 to 2023, but oligotrophic (low productivity) in 2019. Enos Lake would be considered mesotrophic in 2019 and 2021 but eutrophic (or highly productive) in 2017 to 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2023 using the assessment method for mean annual chlorophyll-a.

Year-to-year variability highlights the importance of building a long-term dataset to illustrate trends over time. As lakes become more eutrophic (more biologically productive), algal blooms (including blue-green algae) can become more prevalent, which leads to lower D.O. concentrations, impaired water quality, and impacts on recreational use and drinking water (Deniseger 2022).

Climate change will present further challenges as summer water temperatures increase, prompting further growth of algae and phytoplankton. The past two years are likely examples of the transition to more extreme summer conditions predicted in the future (Deniseger 2022).

## 5.3 Invasive Species and Wildlife Observations

No aquatic invasive species were noted during field sampling in 2023. Several species of waterfowl and birds of prey were observed on or near the lake, along with otter scat on the banks. These observations reaffirm that Enos Lake provides important habitat for wildlife.

# 6.0 Recommendations

- Ongoing monitoring and water quality protection efforts will help prevent Enos Lake from undergoing significant detrimental changes in productivity. Future monitoring should, at minimum, follow the suggested schedule and guidelines as laid out in the ELPMP (PGL 2016).
- 2. Of specific concern, the trend of intensifying hypoxia at depth and extending into the thermocline requires close attention to late summer mixing that could result in fish die-offs in the coming years.
- 3. 2023 again showed the value of additional Secchi measurements. This should continue year-round, as volunteer capacity allows.
- 4. A water budget for Enos Lake is recommended in order to support long-term watershed management planning.
- 5. Additional suggestions for data accuracy include continuing to implement a QA/QC program to increase confidence in field data collection methods and lab analysis results (e.g., duplicate and field blank samples, duplicate YSI readings on ascent & descent of probes).

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# 8.0 Appendix – Laboratory Results

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS							
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Project	: 1303094	Date Samples Received	: 14-Feb-2023 09:07				
PO	:	Date Analysis Commenced	: 15-Feb-2023				
C-O-C number	: 20-1041242	Issue Date	: 23-Feb-2023 09:15				
Sampler	: AA, TR						
Site	:						
Quote number	: VA23-BCCF100-001 (Enos Lake Project)						
No. of samples received	: 4						
No. of samples analysed	: 4						

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This Certificate of Analysis contains the following information:

- General Comments
- Analytical Results

Additional information pertinent to this report will be found in the following separate attachments: Quality Control Report, QC Interpretive report to assist with Quality Review and Sample Receipt Notification (SRN).

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#### **General Comments**

The analytical methods used by ALS are developed using internationally recognized reference methods (where available), such as those published by US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, ISO, Environment Canada, BC MOE, and Ontario MOE. Refer to the ALS Quality Control Interpretive report (QCI) for applicable references and methodology summaries. Reference methods may incorporate modifications to improve performance.

Where a reported less than (<) result is higher than the LOR, this may be due to primary sample extract/digestate dilution and/or insufficient sample for analysis.

Where the LOR of a reported result differs from standard LOR, this may be due to high moisture content, insufficient sample (reduced weight employed) or matrix interference. Please refer to Quality Control Interpretive report (QCI) for information regarding Holding Time compliance.

Key :	CAS Number: Chemical Abstracts Services number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances
	LOR: Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

Unit	Description
µg/L	micrograms per litre
mg/L	milligrams per litre

<: less than.

>: greater than.

Surrogate: An analyte that is similar in behavior to target analyte(s), but that does not occur naturally in environmental samples. For applicable tests, surrogates are added to samples prior to analysis as a check on recovery.

Test results reported relate only to the samples as received by the laboratory.

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED on SRN or QCI Report, ALL SAMPLES WERE RECEIVED IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION.

#### **Analytical Results**

Sub-Matrix: Water			Cl	ient sample ID	SWMP 03-1m	SWMP 03-1m	SWMP 03-5m	SWMP 03-10m	
(Matrix: Water)						rep.			
Client sampling date / time					13-Feb-2023 11:10	13-Feb-2023 11:14	13-Feb-2023 11:22	13-Feb-2023 11:26	
Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	VA23A3323-001	VA23A3323-002	VA23A3323-003	VA23A3323-004	
					Result	Result	Result	Result	
Anions and Nutrients									
Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.0010	mg/L	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	
Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.0020	mg/L	0.0155	0.0139	0.0133	0.0141	
Plant Pigments									
Chlorophyll a	479-61-8	E870	0.010	µg/L	18.0	19.0	20.9	21.7	

Please refer to the General Comments section for an explanation of any qualifiers detected.



# QUALITY CONTROL INTERPRETIVE REPORT

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C-O-C number	: 20-1041242		
Sampler	: AA, TR		
Site	:		
Quote number	: VA23-BCCF100-001 (Enos Lake Project)		
No. of samples received	:4		
No. of samples analysed	:4		

This report is automatically generated by the ALS LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System) through evaluation of Quality Control (QC) results and other QA parameters associated with this submission, and is intended to facilitate rapid data validation by auditors or reviewers. The report highlights any exceptions and outliers to ALS Data Quality Objectives, provides holding time details and exceptions, summarizes QC sample frequencies, and lists applicable methodology references and summaries.

#### Key

Anonymous: Refers to samples which are not part of this work order, but which formed part of the QC process lot.

CAS Number: Chemical Abstracts Service number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances.

DQO: Data Quality Objective.

LOR: Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

RPD: Relative Percent Difference.

#### Workorder Comments

Holding times are displayed as "---" if no guidance exists from CCME, Canadian provinces, or broadly recognized international references.

#### **Summary of Outliers** Outliers : Quality Control Samples

- No Method Blank value outliers occur.
- No Duplicate outliers occur.
- No Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) outliers occur
- No Matrix Spike outliers occur.
- No Test sample Surrogate recovery outliers exist.

#### **Outliers: Reference Material (RM) Samples**

• No Reference Material (RM) Sample outliers occur.

# Outliers : Analysis Holding Time Compliance (Breaches) • • No Analysis Holding Time Outliers exist.

### **Outliers : Frequency of Quality Control Samples**

• Quality Control Sample Frequency Outliers occur - please see following pages for full details.



#### Analysis Holding Time Compliance

This report summarizes extraction / preparation and analysis times and compares each with ALS recommended holding times, which are selected to meet known provincial and /or federal requirements. In the absence of regulatory hold times, ALS establishes recommendations based on guidelines published by organizations such as CCME, US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, or Environment Canada (where available). Dates and holding times reported below represent the first dates of extraction or analysis. If subsequent tests or dilutions exceeded holding times, qualifiers are added (refer to COA).

If samples are identified below as having been analyzed or extracted outside of recommended holding times, measurement uncertainties may be increased, and this should be taken into consideration when interpreting results.

Where actual sampling date is not provided on the chain of custody, the date of receipt with time at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

Where only the sample date without time is provided on the chain of custody, the sampling date at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

Matrix: Water					Eva	aluation: × =	Holding time exce	edance ; 🔹	<pre>/ = Within</pre>	Holding Tim
Analyte Group	Method	Sampling Date	Ext	traction / Pr	reparation			Analys	sis	
Container / Client Sample ID(s)			Preparation	Holdin	g Times	Eval	Analysis Date	Holding	g Times	Eval
			Date	Rec	Actual			Rec	Actual	
Anions and Nutrients : Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Le	vel 0.001									
HDPE SWMP 03-10m	E378-U	13-Feb-2023	15-Feb-2023				16-Feb-2023	3 days	2 days	~
Anions and Nutrients : Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Le	vel 0.001									
HDPE SWMP 03-1m	E378-U	13-Feb-2023	15-Feb-2023				16-Feb-2023	3 days	2 days	~
Anions and Nutrients : Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Le	vel 0.001									
HDPE SWMP 03-1m rep.	E378-U	13-Feb-2023	15-Feb-2023				16-Feb-2023	3 days	2 days	✓
Anions and Nutrients : Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Le	vel 0.001									
HDPE SWMP 03-5m	E378-U	13-Feb-2023	15-Feb-2023				16-Feb-2023	3 days	2 days	~
Anions and Nutrients : Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)										
Amber glass total (sulfuric acid) SWMP 03-10m	E372-U	13-Feb-2023	21-Feb-2023				21-Feb-2023	28 days	8 days	1
Anions and Nutrients : Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)										
Amber glass total (sulfuric acid) SWMP 03-1m	E372-U	13-Feb-2023	21-Feb-2023				21-Feb-2023	28 days	8 days	1



Analyte Group	Method	Sampling Date	Ex	traction / Pr	reparation			Analys	sis	
Container / Client Sample ID(s)			Preparation	Holding	g Times	Eval	Analysis Date	Holding	, Times	Eval
			Date	Rec	Actual	-		Rec	Actual	
Anions and Nutrients : Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)										
Amber glass total (sulfuric acid) SWMP 03-1m rep.	E372-U	13-Feb-2023	21-Feb-2023				21-Feb-2023	28 days	8 days	1
Anions and Nutrients : Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)										
Amber glass total (sulfuric acid) SWMP 03-5m	E372-U	13-Feb-2023	21-Feb-2023				21-Feb-2023	28 days	8 days	✓
Plant Pigments : Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry										
Opaque HDPE SWMP 03-10m	E870	13-Feb-2023	15-Feb-2023	2 days	2 days	*	21-Feb-2023	672 hrs	6 days	✓
Plant Pigments : Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry									I I	
Opaque HDPE SWMP 03-1m	E870	13-Feb-2023	15-Feb-2023	2 days	2 days	*	21-Feb-2023	672 hrs	6 days	1
Plant Pigments : Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry									1 1	
Opaque HDPE SWMP 03-1m rep.	E870	13-Feb-2023	15-Feb-2023	2 days	2 days	4	21-Feb-2023	672 hrs	6 days	1
Plant Pigments : Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry						<u> </u>				
Opaque HDPE SWMP 03-5m	E870	13-Feb-2023	15-Feb-2023	2 days	2 days	*	21-Feb-2023	672 hrs	6 days	~

Legend & Qualifier Definitions

Rec. HT: ALS recommended hold time (see units).



## **Quality Control Parameter Frequency Compliance**

The following report summarizes the frequency of laboratory QC samples analyzed within the analytical batches (QC lots) in which the submitted samples were processed. The actual frequency should be greater than or equal to the expected frequency.

Matrix: Water		Evaluatio	on: × = QC frequ	ency outside sp	ecification; 🗸 =	QC frequency wit	hin specificatio
Quality Control Sample Type		·	Co	ount	Frequency (%)		
Analytical Methods	Method	QC Lot #	QC	Regular	Actual	Expected	Evaluation
Laboratory Duplicates (DUP)							
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	835508	1	10	10.0	5.0	✓
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	840651	1	8	12.5	5.0	~
Laboratory Control Samples (LCS)							
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	835150	1	14	7.1	5.0	✓
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	835508	1	10	10.0	5.0	~
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	840651	1	8	12.5	5.0	~
Method Blanks (MB)							
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	835150	1	14	7.1	5.0	1
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	835508	1	10	10.0	5.0	✓
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	840651	1	8	12.5	5.0	~
Matrix Spikes (MS)							
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	835508	1	10	10.0	5.0	✓
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	840651	0	8	0.0	5.0	x



### Methodology References and Summaries

The analytical methods used by ALS are developed using internationally recognized reference methods (where available), such as those published by US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, ISO, Environment Canada, BC MOE, and Ontario MOE. Reference methods may incorporate modifications to improve performance (indicated by "mod").

Analytical Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002	E372-U	Water	APHA 4500-P E (mod).	Total Phosphorus is determined colourimetrically using a discrete analyzer after heated
mg/L)				persulfate digestion of the sample.
	Vancouver -			
	Environmental			
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry	E378-U	Water	APHA 4500-P F (mod)	Dissolved Orthophosphate is determined colourimetrically on a sample that has been lab
(Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)				or field filtered through a 0.45 micron membrane filter.
	Vancouver -			
	Environmental			Field filtration is recommended to ensure test results represent conditions at time of
				sampling.
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	Water	EPA 445.0 (mod)	Chlorophyll a is determined by solvent extraction followed with analysis by fluorometry
				using the non-acidification procedure. This method is not subject to interferences from
	Vancouver -			chlorophyll b.
	Environmental			
Preparation Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions
Digestion for Total Phosphorus in water	EP372	Water	APHA 4500-P E (mod).	Samples are heated with a persulfate digestion reagent.
	Vancouver -			
	Environmental			
Chlorophyll-a Extraction	EP870	Water	EPA 445.0 (mod)	Chlorophyll-a solvent extraction.
	Vancouver -			
	Environmental			

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#### **QUALITY CONTROL REPORT** Work Order Page : 1 of 4 :VA23A3323 Client : The British Columbia Conservation Foundation Laboratory : Vancouver - Environmental : Thea Rodgers Account Manager : Sneha Sansare Contact Address Address : 105 - 1885 Boxwood Rd :8081 Lougheed Highway Nanaimo BC Canada V9S 5X9 Burnaby, British Columbia Canada V5A 1W9 Telephone Telephone :+1 604 253 4188 Project : 1303094 Date Samples Received :14-Feb-2023 09:07 PO **Date Analysis Commenced** :15-Feb-2023 :----C-O-C number Issue Date :20-1041242 :23-Feb-2023 09:15 Sampler : AA, TR 250-390-2525 Site · \_\_\_\_ Quote number : VA23-BCCF100-001 (Enos Lake Project) No. of samples received :4 No. of samples analysed : 4

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This Quality Control Report contains the following information:

- Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report; Relative Percent Difference (RPD) and Data Quality Objectives
- Matrix Spike (MS) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives
- Method Blank (MB) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives
- Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives

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#### **General Comments**

The ALS Quality Control (QC) report is optionally provided to ALS clients upon request. ALS test methods include comprehensive QC checks with every analysis to ensure our high standards of quality are met. Each QC result has a known or expected target value, which is compared against predetermined Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) to provide confidence in the accuracy of associated test results. This report contains detailed results for all QC results applicable to this sample submission. Please refer to the ALS Quality Control Interpretation report (QCI) for applicable method references and methodology summaries.

Key :

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DQO = Data Quality Objective.

LOR = Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

RPD = Relative Percent Difference

# = Indicates a QC result that did not meet the ALS DQO.

#### Workorder Comments

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#### Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report

A Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) is a randomly selected intralaboratory replicate sample. Laboratory Duplicates provide information regarding method precision and sample heterogeneity. ALS DQOs for Laboratory Duplicates are expressed as test-specific limits for Relative Percent Difference (RPD), or as an absolute difference limit of 2 times the LOR for low concentration duplicates within ~ 4-10 times the LOR (cut-off is test-specific).

Sub-Matrix: Water						Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report							
Laboratory sample ID	Client sample ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Original Result	Duplicate Result	RPD(%) or Difference	Duplicate Limits	Qualifier		
Anions and Nutrient													
VA23A3284-001	Anonymous	Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.0010	mg/L	0.0111	0.0109	2.12%	20%			
Anions and Nutrient	Anions and Nutrients (QC Lot: 840651)												
KS2300477-001	Anonymous	Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.0020	mg/L	0.0391	0.0388	0.745%	20%			



#### Method Blank (MB) Report

A Method Blank is an analyte-free matrix that undergoes sample processing identical to that carried out for test samples. Method Blank results are used to monitor and control for potential contamination from the laboratory environment and reagents. For most tests, the DQO for Method Blanks is for the result to be < LOR.

CAS Number Met	hod	LOR	Unit	Result	Qualifier
14265-44-2 E37	'8-U	0.001	mg/L	<0.0010	
7723-14-0 E37	'2-U	0.002	mg/L	<0.0020	
479-61-8 E87	0	0.01	µg/L	<0.010	
	14265-44-2 E37 7723-14-0 E37	CAS Number         Method           14265-44-2         E378-U           7723-14-0         E372-U           479-61-8         E870	14265-44-2 E378-U 0.001 7723-14-0 E372-U 0.002	14265-44-2       E378-U       0.001       mg/L         7723-14-0       E372-U       0.002       mg/L	14265-44-2       E378-U       0.001       mg/L       <0.0010

#### Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report

A Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) is an analyte-free matrix that has been fortified (spiked) with test analytes at known concentration and processed in an identical manner to test samples. LCS results are expressed as percent recovery, and are used to monitor and control test method accuracy and precision, independent of test sample matrix.

Sub-Matrix: Water					Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report					
					Spike	Recovery (%)	Recovery	Limits (%)		
Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Concentration	LCS	Low	High	Qualifier	
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 835508)										
Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.001	mg/L	0.03 mg/L	95.3	80.0	120		
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 840651)										
Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.002	mg/L	0.05 mg/L	91.8	80.0	120		
Plant Pigments (QCLot: 835150)										
Chlorophyll a	479-61-8	E870	0.01	µg/L	5 µg/L	106	80.0	120		

#### Matrix Spike (MS) Report

A Matrix Spike (MS) is a randomly selected intra-laboratory replicate sample that has been fortified (spiked) with test analytes at known concentration, and processed in an identical manner to test samples. Matrix Spikes provide information regarding analyte recovery and potential matrix effects. MS DQO exceedances due to sample matrix may sometimes be unavoidable; in such cases, test results for the associated sample (or similar samples) may be subject to bias. ND – Recovery not determined, background level >= 1x spike level.

Sub-Matrix: Water		Matrix Spike (MS) Report								
		Spike		Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)					
Laboratory sample ID	Client sample ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method	Concentration	Target	MS	Low	High	Qualifier
Anions and Nutri	ents (QCLot: 835508)									
VA23A3323-001	SWMP 03-1m	Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.0358 mg/L	0.03 mg/L	119	70.0	130	

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	Nanaimo BC Canada V9S 5X9		Burnaby BC Canada V5A 1W9				
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Project	: 1304015	Date Samples Received	: 16-May-2023 08:15				
PO	:	Date Analysis Commenced	: 17-May-2023				
C-O-C number	: 20-1018401	Issue Date	: 30-May-2023 10:10				
Sampler	: AA/PL						
Site	:						
Quote number	: VA23-BCCF100-001 (Enos Lake Project)						
No. of samples received	: 4						
No. of samples analysed	: 4						

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This Certificate of Analysis contains the following information:

- General Comments
- Analytical Results

Additional information pertinent to this report will be found in the following separate attachments: Quality Control Report, QC Interpretive report to assist with Quality Review and Sample Receipt Notification (SRN).

#### Signatories

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#### **General Comments**

The analytical methods used by ALS are developed using internationally recognized reference methods (where available), such as those published by US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, ISO, Environment Canada, BC MOE, and Ontario MOE. Refer to the ALS Quality Control Interpretive report (QCI) for applicable references and methodology summaries. Reference methods may incorporate modifications to improve performance.

Where a reported less than (<) result is higher than the LOR, this may be due to primary sample extract/digestate dilution and/or insufficient sample for analysis.

Where the LOR of a reported result differs from standard LOR, this may be due to high moisture content, insufficient sample (reduced weight employed) or matrix interference. Please refer to Quality Control Interpretive report (QCI) for information regarding Holding Time compliance.

Key :	CAS Number: Chemical Abstracts Services number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances
	LOR: Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

Unit	Description
µg/L	micrograms per litre
mg/L	milligrams per litre

<: less than.

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Surrogate: An analyte that is similar in behavior to target analyte(s), but that does not occur naturally in environmental samples. For applicable tests, surrogates are added to samples prior to analysis as a check on recovery.

Test results reported relate only to the samples as received by the laboratory.

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED on SRN or QCI Report, ALL SAMPLES WERE RECEIVED IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION.

#### **Analytical Results**

Sub-Matrix: Water			Cl	ient sample ID	SWMP 03-1m	SWMP 03-1m	SWMP03 -5m	SWMP 03-10m	
(Matrix: Water)						rep			
			Client samp	ling date / time	15-May-2023 11:55	15-May-2023 11:58	15-May-2023 12:00	15-May-2023 12:05	
Analyte	CAS Number	Method/Lab	LOR	Unit	VA23B0623-001	VA23B0623-002	VA23B0623-003	VA23B0623-004	
					Result	Result	Result	Result	
Anions and Nutrients									
Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U/VA	0.0010	mg/L	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	
Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U/VA	0.0020	mg/L	0.0122	0.0122	0.0129	0.0163	
Plant Pigments									
Chlorophyll a	479-61-8	E870/VA	0.010	µg/L	5.34	6.56	22.3	14.5	

Please refer to the General Comments section for an explanation of any result qualifiers detected.

Please refer to the Accreditation section for an explanation of analyte accreditations.

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Project	: 1304015	Date Samples Received	: 16-May-2023 08:15
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C-O-C number	: 20-1018401		
Sampler	: AA/PL		
Site			
Quote number	: VA23-BCCF100-001 (Enos Lake Project)		
No. of samples received	:4		
No. of samples analysed	:4		

This report is automatically generated by the ALS LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System) through evaluation of Quality Control (QC) results and other QA parameters associated with this submission, and is intended to facilitate rapid data validation by auditors or reviewers. The report highlights any exceptions and outliers to ALS Data Quality Objectives, provides holding time details and exceptions, summarizes QC sample frequencies, and lists applicable methodology references and summaries.

#### Key

Anonymous: Refers to samples which are not part of this work order, but which formed part of the QC process lot.

CAS Number: Chemical Abstracts Service number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances.

DQO: Data Quality Objective.

LOR: Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

RPD: Relative Percent Difference.

#### Workorder Comments

Holding times are displayed as "---" if no guidance exists from CCME, Canadian provinces, or broadly recognized international references.

#### **Summary of Outliers** Outliers : Quality Control Samples

- No Method Blank value outliers occur.
- No Duplicate outliers occur.
- No Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) outliers occur
- No Matrix Spike outliers occur.
- No Test sample Surrogate recovery outliers exist.

#### **Outliers: Reference Material (RM) Samples**

• No Reference Material (RM) Sample outliers occur.

# Outliers : Analysis Holding Time Compliance (Breaches) Analysis Holding Time Outliers exist - please see following pages for full details.

#### **Outliers : Frequency of Quality Control Samples**

• <u>No</u> Quality Control Sample Frequency Outliers occur.



#### Analysis Holding Time Compliance

This report summarizes extraction / preparation and analysis times and compares each with ALS recommended holding times, which are selected to meet known provincial and /or federal requirements. In the absence of regulatory hold times, ALS establishes recommendations based on guidelines published by organizations such as CCME, US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, or Environment Canada (where available). Dates and holding times reported below represent the first dates of extraction or analysis. If subsequent tests or dilutions exceeded holding times, qualifiers are added (refer to COA).

If samples are identified below as having been analyzed or extracted outside of recommended holding times, measurement uncertainties may be increased, and this should be taken into consideration when interpreting results.

Where actual sampling date is not provided on the chain of custody, the date of receipt with time at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

Where only the sample date without time is provided on the chain of custody, the sampling date at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

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Container / Client Sample ID(s)			Preparation	Holdin	g Times	Eval	Analysis Date	Holding	g Times	Eval
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Anions and Nutrients : Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Lo	evel 0.001									
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Amber glass total (sulfuric acid)										
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Analyte Group	Method	Sampling Date	Ex	traction / Pr	reparation			Analys	is	
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Plant Pigments : Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry										
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Legend & Qualifier Definitions

EHT: Exceeded ALS recommended hold time prior to analysis.

Rec. HT: ALS recommended hold time (see units).



### **Quality Control Parameter Frequency Compliance**

The following report summarizes the frequency of laboratory QC samples analyzed within the analytical batches (QC lots) in which the submitted samples were processed. The actual frequency should be greater than or equal to the expected frequency.

Matrix: Water		Evaluati	on: × = QC frequ	ency outside sp	ecification; 🗸 =	QC frequency wit	hin specificatio	
Quality Control Sample Type			C	ount	Frequency (%)			
Analytical Methods	Method	QC Lot #	QC	Regular	Actual	Expected	Evaluation	
Laboratory Duplicates (DUP)								
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	944877	1	20	5.0	5.0	✓	
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	954262	1	12	8.3	5.0	~	
Laboratory Control Samples (LCS)								
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	941913	1	20	5.0	5.0	✓	
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	944877	1	20	5.0	5.0	~	
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	954262	1	12	8.3	5.0	~	
Method Blanks (MB)								
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	941913	1	20	5.0	5.0	1	
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	944877	1	20	5.0	5.0	✓	
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	954262	1	12	8.3	5.0	~	
Matrix Spikes (MS)								
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	944877	1	20	5.0	5.0	✓	
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	954262	1	12	8.3	5.0	~	



#### Methodology References and Summaries

The analytical methods used by ALS are developed using internationally recognized reference methods (where available), such as those published by US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, ISO, Environment Canada, BC MOE, and Ontario MOE. Reference methods may incorporate modifications to improve performance (indicated by "mod").

Analytical Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002	E372-U	Water	APHA 4500-P E (mod).	Total Phosphorus is determined colourimetrically using a discrete analyzer after heated
mg/L)				persulfate digestion of the sample.
	Vancouver -			
	Environmental			
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry	E378-U	Water	APHA 4500-P F (mod)	Dissolved Orthophosphate is determined colourimetrically on a sample that has been lab
(Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)				or field filtered through a 0.45 micron membrane filter.
	Vancouver -			
	Environmental			Field filtration is recommended to ensure test results represent conditions at time of
				sampling.
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	Water	EPA 445.0 (mod)	Chlorophyll a is determined by solvent extraction followed with analysis by fluorometry
				using the non-acidification procedure. This method is not subject to interferences from
	Vancouver -			chlorophyll b.
	Environmental			
Preparation Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions
Digestion for Total Phosphorus in water	EP372	Water	APHA 4500-P E (mod).	Samples are heated with a persulfate digestion reagent.
	Vancouver -			
	Environmental			
Chlorophyll-a Extraction	EP870	Water	EPA 445.0 (mod)	Chlorophyll-a solvent extraction.
	Vancouver -			
	Environmental			

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This Quality Control Report contains the following information:

- Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report; Relative Percent Difference (RPD) and Data Quality Objectives
- Matrix Spike (MS) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives
- Method Blank (MB) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives
- Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives

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#### **General Comments**

The ALS Quality Control (QC) report is optionally provided to ALS clients upon request. ALS test methods include comprehensive QC checks with every analysis to ensure our high standards of quality are met. Each QC result has a known or expected target value, which is compared against predetermined Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) to provide confidence in the accuracy of associated test results. This report contains detailed results for all QC results applicable to this sample submission. Please refer to the ALS Quality Control Interpretation report (QCI) for applicable method references and methodology summaries.

Key :

Anonymous = Refers to samples which are not part of this work order, but which formed part of the QC process lot. CAS Number = Chemical Abstracts Service number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances.

DQO = Data Quality Objective.

LOR = Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

RPD = Relative Percent Difference

# = Indicates a QC result that did not meet the ALS DQO.

#### Workorder Comments

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#### Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report

A Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) is a randomly selected intralaboratory replicate sample. Laboratory Duplicates provide information regarding method precision and sample heterogeneity. ALS DQOs for Laboratory Duplicates are expressed as test-specific limits for Relative Percent Difference (RPD), or as an absolute difference limit of 2 times the LOR for low concentration duplicates within ~ 4-10 times the LOR (cut-off is test-specific).

Sub-Matrix: Water	b-Matrix: Water						Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report									
Laboratory sample ID	Client sample ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Original Result	Duplicate Result	RPD(%) or Difference	Duplicate Limits	Qualifier					
Anions and Nutrients (QC Lot: 944877)																
KS2301585-001	Anonymous	Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.0010	mg/L	<0.0010	<0.0010	0	Diff <2x LOR						
Anions and Nutrient	Anions and Nutrients (QC Lot: 954262)															
VA23B0623-001	SWMP 03-1m	Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.0020	mg/L	0.0122	0.0118	0.0004	Diff <2x LOR						



#### Method Blank (MB) Report

A Method Blank is an analyte-free matrix that undergoes sample processing identical to that carried out for test samples. Method Blank results are used to monitor and control for potential contamination from the laboratory environment and reagents. For most tests, the DQO for Method Blanks is for the result to be < LOR.

CAS Number M	lethod	LOR	Unit	Result	Qualifier
14265-44-2 E	378-U	0.001	mg/L	<0.0010	
7723-14-0 E	372-U	0.002	mg/L	<0.0020	
479-61-8 E	870	0.01	µg/L	<0.010	
	14265-44-2 E 7723-14-0 E	CAS Number         Method           14265-44-2         E378-U           7723-14-0         E372-U           479-61-8         E870	14265-44-2 E378-U 0.001 7723-14-0 E372-U 0.002	14265-44-2 E378-U 0.001 mg/L 7723-14-0 E372-U 0.002 mg/L	14265-44-2     E378-U     0.001     mg/L     <0.0010       7723-14-0     E372-U     0.002     mg/L     <0.0020

#### Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report

A Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) is an analyte-free matrix that has been fortified (spiked) with test analytes at known concentration and processed in an identical manner to test samples. LCS results are expressed as percent recovery, and are used to monitor and control test method accuracy and precision, independent of test sample matrix.

Jb-Matrix: Water					Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report								
					Spike	Recovery (%)	Recovery	Limits (%)					
Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Concentration	LCS	Low	High	Qualifier				
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 944877)													
Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.001	mg/L	0.03 mg/L	99.2	80.0	120					
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 954262)													
Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.002	mg/L	0.05 mg/L	90.2	80.0	120					
Plant Pigments (QCLot: 941913)													
Chlorophyll a	479-61-8	E870	0.01	µg/L	5 µg/L	96.2	80.0	120					

#### Matrix Spike (MS) Report

A Matrix Spike (MS) is a randomly selected intra-laboratory replicate sample that has been fortified (spiked) with test analytes at known concentration, and processed in an identical manner to test samples. Matrix Spikes provide information regarding analyte recovery and potential matrix effects. MS DQO exceedances due to sample matrix may sometimes be unavoidable; in such cases, test results for the associated sample (or similar samples) may be subject to bias. ND – Recovery not determined, background level >= 1x spike level.

Sub-Matrix: Water	Matrix: Water					Matrix Spike (MS) Report									
					Spi	ke	Recovery (%)	Recovery	Limits (%)						
Laboratory sample ID	Client sample ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method	Concentration	Target	MS	Low	High	Qualifier					
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 944877)															
KS2301586-001	Anonymous	Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.0234 mg/L	0.03 mg/L	78.1	70.0	130						
Anions and Nutrie	Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 954262)														
VA23B0623-002	SWMP 03-1m rep	Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.0468 mg/L	0.05 mg/L	93.6	70.0	130						

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS						
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Project	: 1304015	Date Samples Received	: 16-Aug-2023 08:45			
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C-O-C number	: 20-1065177	Issue Date	: 24-Aug-2023 10:20			
Sampler	: AA		•			
Site	:					
Quote number	: VA23-BCCF100-001 (Enos Lake Project)					
No. of samples received	: 4					
No. of samples analysed	: 4					

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This Certificate of Analysis contains the following information:

- General Comments
- Analytical Results

Additional information pertinent to this report will be found in the following separate attachments: Quality Control Report, QC Interpretive report to assist with Quality Review and Sample Receipt Notification (SRN).

#### Signatories

This document has been electronically signed by the authorized signatories below. Electronic signing is conducted in accordance with US FDA 21 CFR Part 11.

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#### **General Comments**

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Where a reported less than (<) result is higher than the LOR, this may be due to primary sample extract/digestate dilution and/or insufficient sample for analysis.

Where the LOR of a reported result differs from standard LOR, this may be due to high moisture content, insufficient sample (reduced weight employed) or matrix interference. Please refer to Quality Control Interpretive report (QCI) for information regarding Holding Time compliance.

Key :	CAS Number: Chemical Abstracts Services number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances
	LOR: Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

Unit	Description
µg/L	micrograms per litre
mg/L	milligrams per litre

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Surrogate: An analyte that is similar in behavior to target analyte(s), but that does not occur naturally in environmental samples. For applicable tests, surrogates are added to samples prior to analysis as a check on recovery.

Test results reported relate only to the samples as received by the laboratory.

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED on SRN or QCI Report, ALL SAMPLES WERE RECEIVED IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION.

#### **Analytical Results**

Sub-Matrix: Water Client sample ID				SWMP 03-1m	SWMP 03-5m	SWMP	SWMP 03-10M		
(Matrix: Water)							03-5m(REP)		
			Client samp	ling date / time	15-Aug-2023 12:53	15-Aug-2023 12:58	15-Aug-2023 01:05	15-Aug-2023 00:00	
Analyte	CAS Number	Method/Lab	LOR	Unit	VA23B8904-001	VA23B8904-002	VA23B8904-003	VA23B8904-004	
					Result	Result	Result	Result	
Anions and Nutrients									
Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U/VA	0.0010	mg/L	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	
Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U/VA	0.0020	mg/L	0.0086	0.0227	0.0162	0.0203	
Plant Pigments									
Chlorophyll a	479-61-8	E870/VA	0.010	µg/L	3.55	5.89	6.25	7.88	

Please refer to the General Comments section for an explanation of any result qualifiers detected.

Please refer to the Accreditation section for an explanation of analyte accreditations.

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### QUALITY CONTROL INTERPRETIVE REPORT

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This report is automatically generated by the ALS LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System) through evaluation of Quality Control (QC) results and other QA parameters associated with this submission, and is intended to facilitate rapid data validation by auditors or reviewers. The report highlights any exceptions and outliers to ALS Data Quality Objectives, provides holding time details and exceptions, summarizes QC sample frequencies, and lists applicable methodology references and summaries.

#### Key

Anonymous: Refers to samples which are not part of this work order, but which formed part of the QC process lot.

CAS Number: Chemical Abstracts Service number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances.

DQO: Data Quality Objective.

LOR: Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

RPD: Relative Percent Difference.

#### Workorder Comments

Holding times are displayed as "---" if no guidance exists from CCME, Canadian provinces, or broadly recognized international references.

#### **Summary of Outliers** Outliers : Quality Control Samples

- <u>No</u> Method Blank value outliers occur.
- No Duplicate outliers occur.
- No Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) outliers occur
- No Matrix Spike outliers occur.
- <u>No</u> Test sample Surrogate recovery outliers exist.

#### **Outliers: Reference Material (RM) Samples**

• No Reference Material (RM) Sample outliers occur.

# Outliers : Analysis Holding Time Compliance (Breaches) Analysis Holding Time Outliers exist - please see following pages for full details.

#### **Outliers : Frequency of Quality Control Samples**

• <u>No</u> Quality Control Sample Frequency Outliers occur.



#### Analysis Holding Time Compliance

This report summarizes extraction / preparation and analysis times and compares each with ALS recommended holding times, which are selected to meet known provincial and /or federal requirements. In the absence of regulatory hold times, ALS establishes recommendations based on guidelines published by organizations such as CCME, US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, or Environment Canada (where available). Dates and holding times reported below represent the first dates of extraction or analysis. If subsequent tests or dilutions exceeded holding times, qualifiers are added (refer to COA).

If samples are identified below as having been analyzed or extracted outside of recommended holding times, measurement uncertainties may be increased, and this should be taken into consideration when interpreting results.

Where actual sampling date is not provided on the chain of custody, the date of receipt with time at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

Where only the sample date without time is provided on the chain of custody, the sampling date at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

Matrix: Water					E٧	aluation: × =	Holding time exce	edance ; 🔹	= Within	Holding Tim
Analyte Group	Method	Sampling Date	Ex	traction / Pr	eparation			Analys	sis	
Container / Client Sample ID(s)			Preparation	Holding	g Times	Eval	Analysis Date	Holding	g Times	Eval
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Anions and Nutrients : Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Lo	evel 0.001									
HDPE										
SWMP 03-10M	E378-U	15-Aug-2023	18-Aug-2023	3 days	3 days	✓	19-Aug-2023	3 days	4 days	¥ EHT
Anions and Nutrients : Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace L	evel 0.001									
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Anions and Nutrients : Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)										
Amber glass total (sulfuric acid) SWMP 03-1m	E372-U	15-Aug-2023	22-Aug-2023	28 days	7 days	1	23-Aug-2023	28 days	8 days	1
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Anions and Nutrients : Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 m	g/L)									
Amber glass total (sulfuric acid)										
SWMP 03-10M	E372-U	15-Aug-2023	22-Aug-2023	28	7 days	1	23-Aug-2023	28 days	9 days	1
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Anions and Nutrients : Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 m	g/L)									
Amber glass total (sulfuric acid)										
SWMP 03-5m(REP)	E372-U	15-Aug-2023	22-Aug-2023	28	7 days	1	23-Aug-2023	28 days	9 days	1
				days						
Plant Pigments : Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry										
Opaque HDPE										
SWMP 03-1m	E870	15-Aug-2023	17-Aug-2023	2 days	2 days	*	21-Aug-2023	672 hrs	4 days	~
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Plant Pigments : Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry										
Opaque HDPE										
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Opaque HDPE										
SWMP 03-10M	E870	15-Aug-2023	16-Aug-2023	2 days	2 days	1	21-Aug-2023	672 hrs	5 days	~
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SWMP 03-5m(REP)	E870	15-Aug-2023	16-Aug-2023	2 days	2 days	1	21-Aug-2023	672 hrs	5 days	1

Legend & Qualifier Definitions

EHT: Exceeded ALS recommended hold time prior to analysis.

Rec. HT: ALS recommended hold time (see units).



### **Quality Control Parameter Frequency Compliance**

The following report summarizes the frequency of laboratory QC samples analyzed within the analytical batches (QC lots) in which the submitted samples were processed. The actual frequency should be greater than or equal to the expected frequency.

Matrix: Water		Evaluatio	on: × = QC frequ	ency outside sp	ecification; 🗸 =	QC frequency wit	hin specificatio
Quality Control Sample Type		·	C	ount		Frequency (%)	
Analytical Methods	Method	QC Lot #	QC	Regular	Actual	Expected	Evaluation
Laboratory Duplicates (DUP)							
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	1091772	1	17	5.8	5.0	✓
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	1096420	1	15	6.6	5.0	~
Laboratory Control Samples (LCS)							
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	1088660	2	26	7.6	5.0	✓
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	1091772	1	17	5.8	5.0	~
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	1096420	1	15	6.6	5.0	~
Method Blanks (MB)							
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	1088660	2	26	7.6	5.0	✓
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	1091772	1	17	5.8	5.0	✓
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	1096420	1	15	6.6	5.0	~
Matrix Spikes (MS)							
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	1091772	1	17	5.8	5.0	1
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	1096420	1	15	6.6	5.0	~



#### Methodology References and Summaries

The analytical methods used by ALS are developed using internationally recognized reference methods (where available), such as those published by US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, ISO, Environment Canada, BC MOE, and Ontario MOE. Reference methods may incorporate modifications to improve performance (indicated by "mod").

Analytical Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002	E372-U	Water	APHA 4500-P E (mod).	Total Phosphorus is determined colourimetrically using a discrete analyzer after heated
mg/L)				persulfate digestion of the sample.
	ALS Environmental -			
	Vancouver			
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry	E378-U	Water	APHA 4500-P F (mod)	Dissolved Orthophosphate is determined colourimetrically on a sample that has been lab
(Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)				or field filtered through a 0.45 micron membrane filter.
	ALS Environmental -			
	Vancouver			Field filtration is recommended to ensure test results represent conditions at time of
				sampling.
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	Water	EPA 445.0 (mod)	Chlorophyll a is determined by solvent extraction followed with analysis by fluorometry
				using the non-acidification procedure. This method is not subject to interferences from
	ALS Environmental -			chlorophyll b.
	Vancouver			
Preparation Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions
Digestion for Total Phosphorus in water	EP372	Water	APHA 4500-P E (mod).	Samples are heated with a persulfate digestion reagent.
	ALS Environmental -			
	Vancouver			
Chlorophyll-a Extraction	EP870	Water	EPA 445.0 (mod)	Chlorophyll-a solvent extraction.
	ALS Environmental -			
	Vancouver			

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This Quality Control Report contains the following information:

- Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report; Relative Percent Difference (RPD) and Data Quality Objectives
- Matrix Spike (MS) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives
- Method Blank (MB) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives
- Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives

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Client	:	The British Columbia Conservation Foundation
Project	:	1304015



#### **General Comments**

The ALS Quality Control (QC) report is optionally provided to ALS clients upon request. ALS test methods include comprehensive QC checks with every analysis to ensure our high standards of quality are met. Each QC result has a known or expected target value, which is compared against predetermined Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) to provide confidence in the accuracy of associated test results. This report contains detailed results for all QC results applicable to this sample submission. Please refer to the ALS Quality Control Interpretation report (QCI) for applicable method references and methodology summaries.

Key :

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DQO – Data Quality Objective.

LOR = Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

RPD = Relative Percent Difference

# = Indicates a QC result that did not meet the ALS DQO.

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#### Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report

A Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) is a randomly selected intralaboratory replicate sample. Laboratory Duplicates provide information regarding method precision and sample heterogeneity. ALS DQOs for Laboratory Duplicates are expressed as test-specific limits for Relative Percent Difference (RPD), or as an absolute difference limit of 2 times the LOR for low concentration duplicates within ~ 4-10 times the LOR (cut-off is test-specific).

ub-Matrix: Water						Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report							
Laboratory sample ID	Client sample ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Original Result	Duplicate Result	RPD(%) or Difference	Duplicate Limits	Qualifier		
Anions and Nutrient	Anions and Nutrients (QC Lot: 1091772)												
KS2303026-001	Anonymous	Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.0100	mg/L	0.160	0.158	1.26%	20%			
Anions and Nutrient	Anions and Nutrients (QC Lot: 1096420)												
VA23B8904-001	SWMP 03-1m	Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.0020	mg/L	0.0086	0.0066	0.0019	Diff <2x LOR			



#### Method Blank (MB) Report

A Method Blank is an analyte-free matrix that undergoes sample processing identical to that carried out for test samples. Method Blank results are used to monitor and control for potential contamination from the laboratory environment and reagents. For most tests, the DQO for Method Blanks is for the result to be < LOR.

Sub-Matrix: Water									
Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Result	Qualifier			
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1091772)									
Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.001	mg/L	<0.0010				
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1096420)									
Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.002	mg/L	<0.0020				
Plant Pigments (QCLot: 1088660)									
Chlorophyll a	479-61-8	E870	0.01	µg/L	<0.010				
Plant Pigments (QCLot: 1090973)									
Chlorophyll a	479-61-8	E870	0.01	µg/L	<0.010				

#### Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report

A Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) is an analyte-free matrix that has been fortified (spiked) with test analytes at known concentration and processed in an identical manner to test samples. LCS results are expressed as percent recovery, and are used to monitor and control test method accuracy and precision, independent of test sample matrix.

Sub-Matrix: Water					Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report						
					Spike	Recovery (%)	Recovery	· Limits (%)			
Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Concentration	LCS	Low	High	Qualifier		
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1091772)											
Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.001	mg/L	0.03 mg/L	107	80.0	120			
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1096420)											
Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.002	mg/L	0.05 mg/L	91.2	80.0	120			
Plant Pigments (QCLot: 1088660)											
Chlorophyll a	479-61-8	E870	0.01	μg/L	5 µg/L	91.1	80.0	120			
Plant Pigments (QCLot: 1090973)											
Chlorophyll a	479-61-8	E870	0.01	μg/L	5 µg/L	91.0	80.0	120			



#### Matrix Spike (MS) Report

A Matrix Spike (MS) is a randomly selected intra-laboratory replicate sample that has been fortified (spiked) with test analytes at known concentration, and processed in an identical manner to test samples. Matrix Spikes provide information regarding analyte recovery and potential matrix effects. MS DQO exceedances due to sample matrix may sometimes be unavoidable; in such cases, test results for the associated sample (or similar samples) may be subject to bias. ND – Recovery not determined, background level >= 1x spike level.

Sub-Matrix: Water	b-Matrix: Water						Matrix Spike (MS) Report							
						ke	Recovery (%)	Recovery	Limits (%)					
Laboratory sample ID	Client sample ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method	Concentration	Target	MS	Low	High	Qualifier				
Anions and Nutri	Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1091772)													
VA23B8904-001	SWMP 03-1m	Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.0318 mg/L	0.03 mg/L	106	70.0	130					
Anions and Nutri	Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1096420)													
VA23B8904-002	SWMP 03-5m	Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.0446 mg/L	0.05 mg/L	89.2	70.0	130					

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This Certificate of Analysis contains the following information:

- General Comments
- Analytical Results

Additional information pertinent to this report will be found in the following separate attachments: Quality Control Report, QC Interpretive report to assist with Quality Review and Sample Receipt Notification (SRN).

#### Signatories

This document has been electronically signed by the authorized signatories below. Electronic signing is conducted in accordance with US FDA 21 CFR Part 11.

Signatories	Position	Laboratory Department
Leon Yang	Analsyt	Inorganics, Burnaby, British Columbia



#### **General Comments**

The analytical methods used by ALS are developed using internationally recognized reference methods (where available), such as those published by US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, ISO, Environment Canada, BC MOE, and Ontario MOE. Refer to the ALS Quality Control Interpretive report (QCI) for applicable references and methodology summaries. Reference methods may incorporate modifications to improve performance.

Where a reported less than (<) result is higher than the LOR, this may be due to primary sample extract/digestate dilution and/or insufficient sample for analysis.

Where the LOR of a reported result differs from standard LOR, this may be due to high moisture content, insufficient sample (reduced weight employed) or matrix interference. Please refer to Quality Control Interpretive report (QCI) for information regarding Holding Time compliance.

Key :	CAS Number: Chemical Abstracts Services number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances
	LOR: Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

Unit	Description
µg/L	micrograms per litre
mg/L	milligrams per litre

<: less than.

>: greater than.

Surrogate: An analyte that is similar in behavior to target analyte(s), but that does not occur naturally in environmental samples. For applicable tests, surrogates are added to samples prior to analysis as a check on recovery.

Test results reported relate only to the samples as received by the laboratory.

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED on SRN or QCI Report, ALL SAMPLES WERE RECEIVED IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION.

#### **Analytical Results**

Sub-Matrix: Water			Cl	ient sample ID	SWMP 03 -1m	SWMP 03 -1m	SWMP 03 -5m	SWMP 03 -10m	
(Matrix: Water)						(rep)			
Client sampling date / time					14-Nov-2023 12:40	14-Nov-2023 12:40	14-Nov-2023 12:47	14-Nov-2023 12:50	
Analyte	CAS Number	Method/Lab	LOR	Unit	VA23C7438-001	VA23C7438-002	VA23C7438-003	VA23C7438-004	
					Result	Result	Result	Result	
Anions and Nutrients									
Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U/VA	0.0010	mg/L	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	
Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U/VA	0.0020	mg/L	0.0135	0.0133	0.0143	0.0122	
Plant Pigments									
Chlorophyll a	479-61-8	E870/VA	0.010	µg/L	11.4	12.0	10.5	10.6	

Please refer to the General Comments section for an explanation of any result qualifiers detected.

Please refer to the Accreditation section for an explanation of analyte accreditations.

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### QUALITY CONTROL INTERPRETIVE REPORT

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No. of samples received	:4		
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This report is automatically generated by the ALS LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System) through evaluation of Quality Control (QC) results and other QA parameters associated with this submission, and is intended to facilitate rapid data validation by auditors or reviewers. The report highlights any exceptions and outliers to ALS Data Quality Objectives, provides holding time details and exceptions, summarizes QC sample frequencies, and lists applicable methodology references and summaries.

#### Key

Anonymous: Refers to samples which are not part of this work order, but which formed part of the QC process lot.

CAS Number: Chemical Abstracts Service number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances.

DQO: Data Quality Objective.

LOR: Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

RPD: Relative Percent Difference.

#### Workorder Comments

Holding times are displayed as "---" if no guidance exists from CCME, Canadian provinces, or broadly recognized international references.

#### **Summary of Outliers** Outliers : Quality Control Samples

- <u>No</u> Method Blank value outliers occur.
- No Duplicate outliers occur.
- No Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) outliers occur
- No Matrix Spike outliers occur.
- No Test sample Surrogate recovery outliers exist.

#### **Outliers: Reference Material (RM) Samples**

• No Reference Material (RM) Sample outliers occur.

# Outliers : Analysis Holding Time Compliance (Breaches) <u>No</u> Analysis Holding Time Outliers exist.

## Outliers : Frequency of Quality Control Samples • No Quality Control Sample Frequency Outliers occur.



#### Analysis Holding Time Compliance

This report summarizes extraction / preparation and analysis times and compares each with ALS recommended holding times, which are selected to meet known provincial and /or federal requirements. In the absence of regulatory hold times, ALS establishes recommendations based on guidelines published by organizations such as CCME, US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, or Environment Canada (where available). Dates and holding times reported below represent the first dates of extraction or analysis. If subsequent tests or dilutions exceeded holding times, qualifiers are added (refer to COA).

If samples are identified below as having been analyzed or extracted outside of recommended holding times, measurement uncertainties may be increased, and this should be taken into consideration when interpreting results.

Where actual sampling date is not provided on the chain of custody, the date of receipt with time at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

Where only the sample date without time is provided on the chain of custody, the sampling date at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

Matrix: Water					E	valuation: × =	Holding time excee	edance ; 🔹	= Within	Holding Tim
Analyte Group : Analytical Method	Method	Sampling Date	Ext	raction / Pr	reparation			Analys	sis	
Container / Client Sample ID(s)			Preparation	Holdin	g Times	Eval	Analysis Date	Holding Times		Eval
			Date	Rec	Actual			Rec	Actual	
Anions and Nutrients : Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Le	evel 0.001 mg/L)									
HDPE SWMP 03 -10m	E378-U	14-Nov-2023	16-Nov-2023	3 days	2 days	4	16-Nov-2023	3 days	2 days	~
Anions and Nutrients : Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Le	evel 0.001 mg/L)									
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Anions and Nutrients : Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Le	evel 0.001 mg/L)									
HDPE SWMP 03 -1m (rep)	E378-U	14-Nov-2023	16-Nov-2023	3 days	2 days	~	16-Nov-2023	3 days	2 days	✓
Anions and Nutrients : Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Le	evel 0.001 mg/L)									
HDPE SWMP 03 -5m	E378-U	14-Nov-2023	16-Nov-2023	3 days	2 days	~	16-Nov-2023	3 days	2 days	✓
Anions and Nutrients : Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)										
Amber glass total (sulfuric acid) SWMP 03 -10m	E372-U	14-Nov-2023	22-Nov-2023	28 days	8 days	4	23-Nov-2023	28 days	9 days	~
Anions and Nutrients : Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)										
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Anions and Nutrients : Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)										
Amber glass total (sulfuric acid) SWMP 03 -5m	E372-U	14-Nov-2023	22-Nov-2023	28 days	8 days	✓	23-Nov-2023	28 days	9 days	✓
Plant Pigments : Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry										
Opaque HDPE SWMP 03 -10m	E870	14-Nov-2023	15-Nov-2023	2 days 1	1 days	4	16-Nov-2023	28 days	1 days	*
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#### Legend & Qualifier Definitions

Rec. HT: ALS recommended hold time (see units).



### **Quality Control Parameter Frequency Compliance**

The following report summarizes the frequency of laboratory QC samples analyzed within the analytical batches (QC lots) in which the submitted samples were processed. The actual frequency should be greater than or equal to the expected frequency.

Matrix: Water		Evaluatio	on: × = QC frequ	ency outside sp	ecification; 🗸 =	QC frequency wit	hin specificatio		
Quality Control Sample Type			C	ount		Frequency (%)			
Analytical Methods	Method	QC Lot #	QC	Regular	Actual	Expected	Evaluation		
Laboratory Duplicates (DUP)									
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	1240014	1	15	6.6	5.0	✓		
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	1248129	1	8	12.5	5.0	~		
Laboratory Control Samples (LCS)									
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	1237933	1	4	25.0	5.0	✓		
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	1240014	1	15	6.6	5.0	~		
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	1248129	1	8	12.5	5.0	~		
Method Blanks (MB)									
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	1237933	1	4	25.0	5.0	1		
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	1240014	1	15	6.6	5.0	✓		
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	1248129	1	8	12.5	5.0	~		
Matrix Spikes (MS)									
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry (Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)	E378-U	1240014	1	15	6.6	5.0	✓		
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002 mg/L)	E372-U	1248129	1	8	12.5	5.0	✓		



#### Methodology References and Summaries

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Analytical Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions
Total Phosphorus by Colourimetry (0.002	E372-U	Water	APHA 4500-P E (mod).	Total Phosphorus is determined colourimetrically using a discrete analyzer after heated
mg/L)				persulfate digestion of the sample.
	ALS Environmental -			
	Vancouver			
Dissolved Orthophosphate by Colourimetry	E378-U	Water	APHA 4500-P F (mod)	Dissolved Orthophosphate is determined colourimetrically on a sample that has been lab
(Ultra Trace Level 0.001 mg/L)				or field filtered through a 0.45 micron membrane filter.
	ALS Environmental -			
	Vancouver			Field filtration is recommended to ensure test results represent conditions at time of
				sampling.
Chlorophyll-a by Fluorometry	E870	Water	EPA 445.0 (mod)	Chlorophyll a is determined by solvent extraction followed with analysis by fluorometry
				using the non-acidification procedure. This method is not subject to interferences from
	ALS Environmental -			chlorophyll b.
	Vancouver			
Preparation Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions
Digestion for Total Phosphorus in water	EP372	Water	APHA 4500-P E (mod).	Samples are heated with a persulfate digestion reagent.
	ALS Environmental -			
	Vancouver			
Chlorophyll-a Extraction	EP870	Water	EPA 445.0 (mod)	Chlorophyll-a solvent extraction.
	ALS Environmental -			
	Vancouver			

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Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report; Relative Percent Difference (RPD) and Data Quality Objectives

• Matrix Spike (MS) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives

• Method Blank (MB) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives

Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives

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#### **General Comments**

The ALS Quality Control (QC) report is optionally provided to ALS clients upon request. ALS test methods include comprehensive QC checks with every analysis to ensure our high standards of quality are met. Each QC result has a known or expected target value, which is compared against predetermined Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) to provide confidence in the accuracy of associated test results. This report contains detailed results for all QC results applicable to this sample submission. Please refer to the ALS Quality Control Interpretation report (QCI) for applicable method references and methodology summaries.

Key :

Anonymous = Refers to samples which are not part of this work order, but which formed part of the QC process lot. CAS Number = Chemical Abstracts Service number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances.

DQO = Data Quality Objective.

LOR = Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

RPD = Relative Percent Difference

# = Indicates a QC result that did not meet the ALS DQO.

#### Workorder Comments

Holding times are displayed as "----" if no guidance exists from CCME, Canadian provinces, or broadly recognized international references.

#### Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report

A Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) is a randomly selected intralaboratory replicate sample. Laboratory Duplicates provide information regarding method precision and sample heterogeneity. ALS DQOs for Laboratory Duplicates are expressed as test-specific limits for Relative Percent Difference (RPD), or as an absolute difference limit of 2 times the LOR for low concentration duplicates within ~ 4-10 times the LOR (cut-off is test-specific).

ub-Matrix: Water						Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report					
Laboratory sample ID	Client sample ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Original Result	Duplicate Result	RPD(%) or Difference	Duplicate Limits	Qualifier
Anions and Nutrient	Anions and Nutrients (QC Lot: 1240014)										
KS2304377-001	Anonymous	Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.0100	mg/L	0.106	0.106	0.548%	20%	
Anions and Nutrient	Anions and Nutrients (QC Lot: 1248129)										
VA23C7438-001	SWMP 03 -1m	Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.0020	mg/L	0.0135	0.0128	0.0006	Diff <2x LOR	



#### Method Blank (MB) Report

A Method Blank is an analyte-free matrix that undergoes sample processing identical to that carried out for test samples. Method Blank results are used to monitor and control for potential contamination from the laboratory environment and reagents. For most tests, the DQO for Method Blanks is for the result to be < LOR.

Sub-Matrix: Water								
CAS Number M	ethod	LOR	Unit	Result	Qualifier			
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1240014)								
14265-44-2 ES	378-U	0.001	mg/L	<0.0010				
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1248129)								
7723-14-0 ES	372-U	0.002	mg/L	<0.0020				
Plant Pigments (QCLot: 1237933)								
479-61-8 E8	870	0.01	µg/L	<0.010				
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#### Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report

A Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) is an analyte-free matrix that has been fortified (spiked) with test analytes at known concentration and processed in an identical manner to test samples. LCS results are expressed as percent recovery, and are used to monitor and control test method accuracy and precision, independent of test sample matrix.

Sub-Matrix: Water	b-Matrix: Water						Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report						
					Spike	Recovery (%)	Recovery	Limits (%)					
Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Concentration	LCS	Low	High	Qualifier				
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1240014)													
Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	0.001	mg/L	0.03 mg/L	108	80.0	120					
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1248129)	Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1248129)												
Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.002	mg/L	0.05 mg/L	94.0	80.0	120					
Plant Pigments (QCLot: 1237933)													
Chlorophyll a	479-61-8	E870	0.01	μg/L	5 µg/L	95.6	80.0	120					

#### Matrix Spike (MS) Report

A Matrix Spike (MS) is a randomly selected intra-laboratory replicate sample that has been fortified (spiked) with test analytes at known concentration, and processed in an identical manner to test samples. Matrix Spikes provide information regarding analyte recovery and potential matrix effects. MS DQO exceedances due to sample matrix may sometimes be unavoidable; in such cases, test results for the associated sample (or similar samples) may be subject to bias. ND – Recovery not determined, background level >= 1x spike level.

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					Spi	ke	Recovery (%)	Recovery	Limits (%)			
Laboratory sample ID	Client sample ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method	Concentration	Target	MS	Low	High	Qualifier		
Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1240014)												
VA23C7347-001	Anonymous	Phosphate, ortho-, dissolved (as P)	14265-44-2	E378-U	ND mg/L	0.03 mg/L	ND	70.0	130			
Anions and Nutrie	Anions and Nutrients (QCLot: 1248129)											
VA23C7438-002	SWMP 03 -1m (rep)	Phosphorus, total	7723-14-0	E372-U	0.0460 mg/L	0.05 mg/L	92.0	70.0	130			

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