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Executive Summary

This report on the water quality of Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA) includes data gathered by the Northeast Temperate Network (NETN) in the 2014 monitoring season and displays these results in graphic form, accompanied by a brief interpretation. The data address the NETN objective to detect change in the status of physical, chemical, or biological attributes of park freshwater bodies.

The NETN Freshwater Monitoring Protocol calls for a total of one park pond and two streams to be sampled monthly from May through October at SAGA. Staff measured physical and in-situ water chemistry parameters each month and periodically collected water samples for analysis at the University of Maine's Sawyer Environmental Chemistry Research Laboratory.

Monthly sampling parameters included in-situ water quality measures (pH, specific conductance, temperature, and dissolved oxygen), transparency and light penetration (pond site only), stream turbidity, weather, stream flow (discharge), and stream and pond stage. In May (stream only), June (pond only) and August (both sites), water samples were obtained and analyzed for acid neutralizing capacity (ANC), color, nutrients, dissolved organic carbon (DOC), chloride, sulfate, and chlorophyll a (pond only).

All 2014 water quality parameters for the pond and streams monitored in Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site were within state standards, and majority of values were within the ranges of the historic NETN monitoring data from SAGA. Apparent color and turbidity were relatively high at Blow-Me-Down Brook and Pond in May, and all 2014 total phosphorus levels for these two sites were above the EPA's non-regulatory criterion, but chlorophyll a values from the pond do not indicate any evidence of a major algal bloom. Chloride levels also continued to be high at these sites, suggesting runoff of salt from the nearby road. Light penetration profiles of Blow-Me-Down Pond showed that clarity was lowest during the month of July, similar to patterns in the previous two years of light monitoring.

Introduction

This report on the water quality of Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA) generated by the Northeast Temperate Network (NETN) Water Quality Monitoring Program includes data gathered in the 2014 monitoring season and displays these results in graphic form, accompanied by a brief interpretation. Appendix A contains tabular data collected in 2014.

The vital signs for freshwater bodies included in the original NETN Freshwater Monitoring Protocol (Lombard et al. 2006) are water chemistry, nutrient enrichment, water quantity, and the detection of invasive plant species. These metrics were chosen to address the NPS Inventory and Monitoring Program objective to detect change in the status of physical, chemical, or biological attributes of the ecosystem.

The NETN Freshwater Monitoring Protocol calls for a total of one park pond and two streams to be sampled monthly from May through October at SAGA. Two NETN Student Conservation (SCA) interns measured physical and in-situ water chemistry parameters each month and periodically collected water samples for analysis at the University of Maine's Sawyer Environmental Chemistry Research Laboratory. All monitoring data are incorporated into a series of comprehensive databases that ultimately feed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "STORET" data system, the repository for all NPS water quality and quantity data.

Sampling Sites

Three water quality monitoring sites have been selected at SAGA for the long-term monitoring program (Table 1). The three sites were selected to represent the two streams and the single impoundment in the park and they are all water quality sites that have been measured by the park since 1997 (Walasewicz 2003). The site behind the impoundment on Blow-Me-Down Pond (SAGAPA) was the park's historic Site 5. The stream site on Blow-Me-Up Brook (SAGASA) was historic Site 1, and the site on Blow-Me-Down Brook (SAGASB), located below the confluence with Blow-Me-Up Brook, was historic Site 3 (Figure 1).

Table 1. Water quality monitoring sites at Saint-Gaudens NHS.

Waterbody	NETN Site Code	Latitude	Longitude	Site Remarks
Blow-Me-Down Pond (Pond A)	SAGAPA	43.4972500	-72.3754000	
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	SAGASA	43.5018833	-72.3708333	Cold water fisheries - includes trout
Blow-Me-Down Brook (Stream B)	SAGASB	43.5033333	-72.3790833	Warm water fisheries- includes sunfish

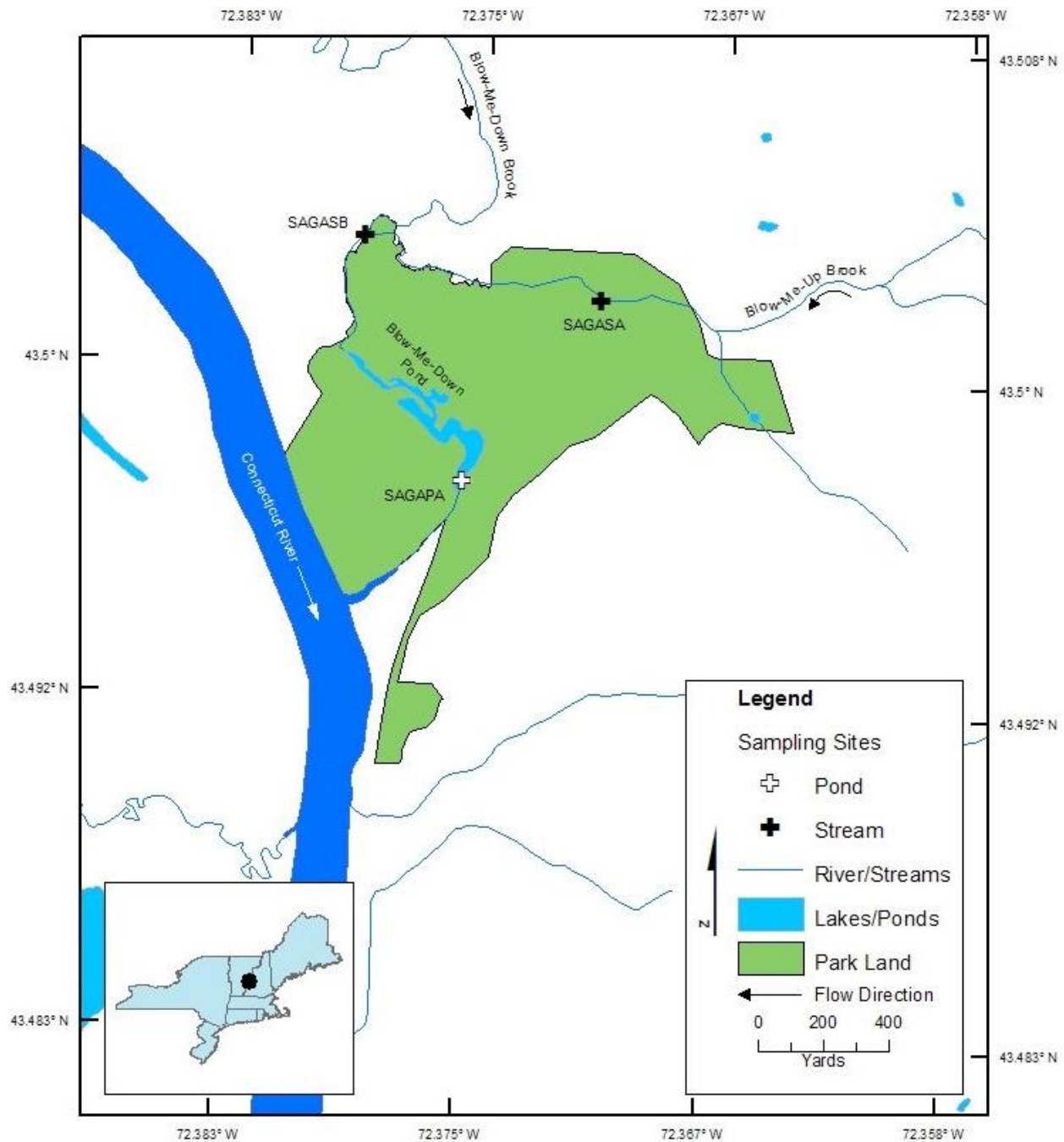


Figure 1. NETN water monitoring sites at Saint-Gaudens NHS.

Blow-Me-Up Brook is classified as a cold water fishery, loosely defined as water that can support, on a year-round basis, wild and stocked brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) or other species requiring similar conditions. Blow-Me-Down Brook is considered a warm water fishery, capable of supporting bass, pickerel, sunfish, and similar species.

Methods

Detailed descriptions of all monitoring methods are found in the original protocol (Lombard et al. 2006) and the most recent protocol update (Gawley et al. 2014). Monthly sampling parameters included in-situ water quality measures (pH, specific conductance, temperature, and dissolved oxygen) determined with a YSI 600XL sonde, transparency and light penetration (pond site only), stream turbidity, weather, stream flow (discharge), and stream and pond stage. In May (stream only), June (pond only) and August (both sites), water samples were obtained and analyzed for acid neutralizing capacity (ANC), color, and nutrients. Beginning in 2012, fractions of these water samples were also analyzed for dissolved organic carbon (DOC), chloride, sulfate, and chlorophyll *a*. The pond sampling procedure entailed collecting all in-situ measurements and water samples from the deepest point of the pond (approximately 3 meters). Nutrient chemistry parameters were analyzed from a half-meter grab sample, obtained by submerging the sample bottle directly in the pond with a gloved hand.

Stream discharge was measured using U.S. Geological Survey protocols (Rantz et al. 1982), employing a measuring tape, wading rod, and a SonTek FlowTracker current meter (a Price Pygmy current meter may be used when conditions are not suitable for a FlowTracker) to measure a particular cross-sectional area of the stream and the velocity of the water at that cross section. Stream and pond stage were measured by using a measuring tape or folding ruler to “tape down” or “tape up” from a fixed datum point to the surface of the water, or by reading the water level off of a staff gauge. Bolts were installed to permanently mark several stream datum points in July 2012. A staff gauge was installed at Blow-Me-Down Brook (SAGASB) in August 2014.

In-situ stream water chemical and physical measurements and water samples were collected within 5 meters of the location of the discharge measurement. Sonde measurements were taken in the main stream flow with care taken that the sonde was not resting directly on the stream bottom. Grab samples were obtained by submerging the sample bottle directly in the stream with a gloved hand.

Water Quality Standards

Surface waters of National Forests and surface waters designated as natural are considered outstanding resource waters (ORW) in New Hampshire. “Water quality shall be maintained and protected in surface waters that constitute ORW” (New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services 2008). Class A is the most protective surface water classification in New Hampshire’s Surface Water Quality Regulations (New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services 2008).

According to the standards, “Class A waters shall have a dissolved oxygen content of at least 75% saturation, based on a daily average, and an instantaneous minimum of at least 6 mg/l at any place or time except as naturally occurs... For the period from October 1st to May 14th, in areas identified by the fish and game department as cold water fish spawning areas of species whose early life stages are not directly exposed to the water, the 7-day mean dissolved oxygen concentration shall be at least 9.5 mg/l and the instantaneous minimum dissolved oxygen concentration shall be at least 8 mg/l...”

surface waters within the top 25 percent of depth of thermally unstratified lakes, ponds, impoundments and reservoirs or within the epilimnion shall contain a dissolved oxygen content of at least 75 percent saturation, based on a daily average and an instantaneous minimum dissolved oxygen content of at least 5 mg/l.”

The standards state that Class A waters shall contain no color, turbidity, phosphorus, or nitrogen “unless naturally occurring.” Additionally, “there shall be no change in temperature in class A waters, unless naturally occurring... The pH of Class A waters shall be as naturally occurs. The pH of Class B waters shall be 6.5 to 8.0, unless due to natural causes” (New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services 2008). The standards also provide criteria for ammonia that vary by pH, temperature and the animal species of concern for toxicity (general, salmonids, or fish; New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services 2008).

Table 2. New Hampshire stream water quality standards.

Water Body	Minimum Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	pH range (standard units)	Maximum Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	Maximum Total Phosphorus (µg/L)
Streams	6.0	6.5-8.0	As naturally occurs	As naturally occurs
Lakes and Ponds	5.0	6.5-8.0	As naturally occurs	As naturally occurs

EPA Ecoregion 8 water quality criteria (Table 2; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2000a, 2000b) are also used as a benchmark in this report. EPA water quality criteria for nutrients help translate narrative criteria within State or Tribal water quality standards by establishing values for causal variables (e.g., total nitrogen and total phosphorus) and response variables (e.g., turbidity and chlorophyll *a*). Causal variables are necessary to provide sufficient protection of designated uses before impairment occurs and to maintain downstream uses. Early response variables are necessary to provide warning signs of possible impairment and to integrate the effects of variable and potentially unmeasured nutrient loads (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2002).

Table 3. EPA Ecoregion 8 nutrient criteria.

Nutrient Criteria	Streams	Lakes
Total Phosphorus	10 µg/L	8 µg/L
Total Nitrogen	0.38 mg/L	0.24 mg/L
Chlorophyll <i>a</i>	0.63 µg/L	2.43 µg/L
Secchi disk depth	N/A	4.93 m

These criteria were developed specifically for Ecoregion 8 (which includes the entire states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont) and are designed to represent conditions of surface waters that are minimally impacted by human activities and thus protect against the adverse effects of nutrient over-

enrichment from cultural eutrophication. The values are EPA's scientific recommendations regarding ambient concentrations of nutrients that protect aquatic resource quality. They do not have any regulatory impact or meaning.

For lakes (water bodies greater than 10 acres and with mean water residence time of 14 or more days; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2000a), the criteria were established based on the lower 25th percentile of lakes that EPA found data for. This percentile of all lakes is expected to approximately correspond to the 75th percentile of reference (undisturbed) lakes. In other words, 75% of lakes in the ecoregion do not meet the criteria, nor do roughly 25% of reference lakes. For streams and rivers, a parallel approach was used to establish the nutrient criteria (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2000b).

Results

Monitoring results for 2014 are displayed in scatter-plot graphs showing all data for each site for a given parameter. The scatter plots of 2014 data are overlaid on box plots representing the overall range and distribution of data values collected from 2006 through 2014 for the specified parameter and site (Appendix A contains all data in tabular form). A box plot (Figure 2) is a summary plot that graphs data as a box representing statistical values. The boundary of the box closest to zero indicates the 25th percentile, a line within the box marks the median, and the boundary of the box farthest from zero indicates the 75th percentile. Whiskers (error bars) above and below the box indicate the 90th and 10th percentiles respectively. Outliers are displayed as black filled circles. At least nine data points are required to compute the 5th, 10th, 90th and 95th percentiles. If a percentile point cannot be computed, that set of points is not drawn. If EPA or other water quality criteria exist for a particular parameter they are displayed on the graphs as specification lines.

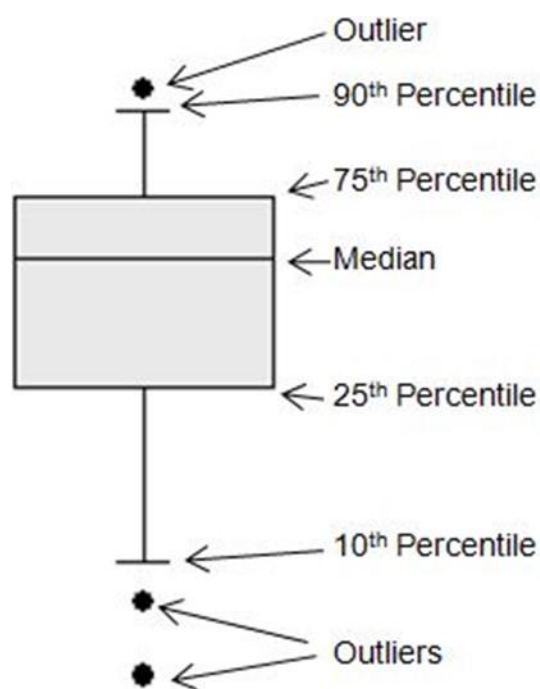


Figure 2. Explanation of box plot graph.

Water Quality

Measures of water quality include specific conductance, pH, water temperature, dissolved oxygen (DO), acid neutralizing capacity (ANC), and apparent color. Assessment of water quality data aids in the interpretation of the biotic condition and ecological processes of surface water resources.

Specific Conductance

Specific conductance (Figure 3) is a measure of the ability of water to carry an electrical current, and is directly related to the level of dissolved ions in the water. An increase in specific conductance can be an indicator of pollutants in the water. Naturally occurring values range from less than 20 to more than 1,000 microsiemens per centimeter ($\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$). Specific conductance values from 2014 were

distributed throughout the historic range for each site, with the September readings for Blow-Me-Down Brook and pond being slightly above the 90 percentile.

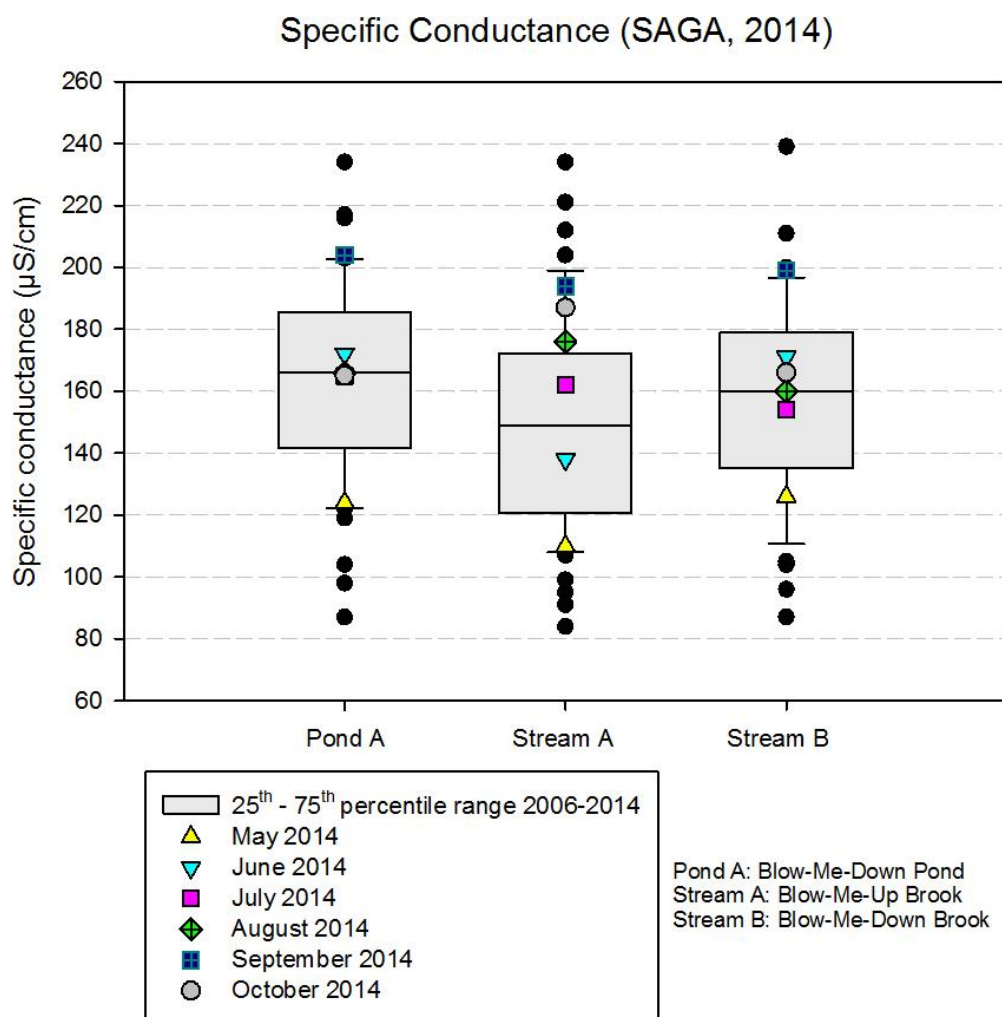


Figure 3. Specific conductance from 2014 YSI sonde in-situ measurements overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2006-2014.

pH

The pH of a water body reflects how acidic or basic the water is, measured on a scale of 1 to 14, with 7 being neutral. Acid waters are below 7, and alkaline waters are above 7. A one unit change in pH represents a 10-fold change in acidity or alkalinity. New Hampshire water quality standards, similar to those of most northeast states, indicate that a pH between 6.5 and 8.0 is within the acceptable range. The pH values from the 2014 monitoring season (Figure 4) were basic, with all values between the upper and lower New Hampshire water quality standards. Four measures (August and September at Blow-Me-Down Brook; July Blow-Me-Up Brook; and, October Blow-Me-Down Pond) were below the 10th percentile threshold. All other measures were within the historic range for the three locations.

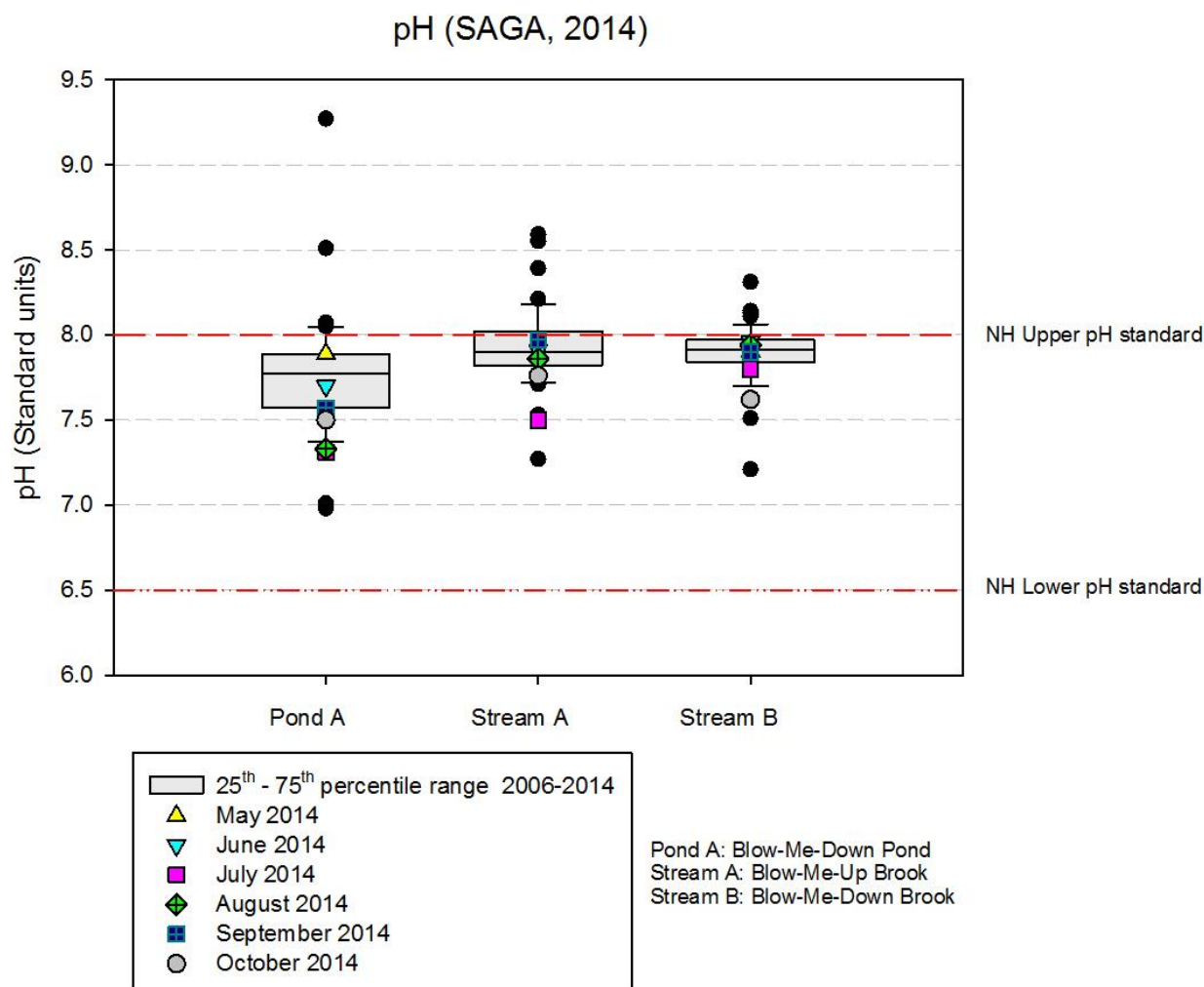


Figure 4. pH from 2014 YSI sonde in-situ measurements overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2006-2014.

Temperature

Temperature can affect water chemistry and biology. For example, the amount of oxygen that water can hold is directly related to the temperature of the water. The higher the temperature, the less oxygen water can hold, which can be observed in both diel (day and night) and seasonal shifts. Oxygen will naturally decline during the summer months as water temperatures rise. Temperature can also determine the kinds of plants and animals found in the lake or pond. Certain species of fish, insects, and algae will predominate during the cooler temperatures of the spring and fall, yet be less apparent during the warmer temperatures of summer. Surface water temperatures (Figure 5) are generally within the normal range of variability in 2014 for all sites, with only October falling below the 10th percentile at Blow-Me-Down Pond.

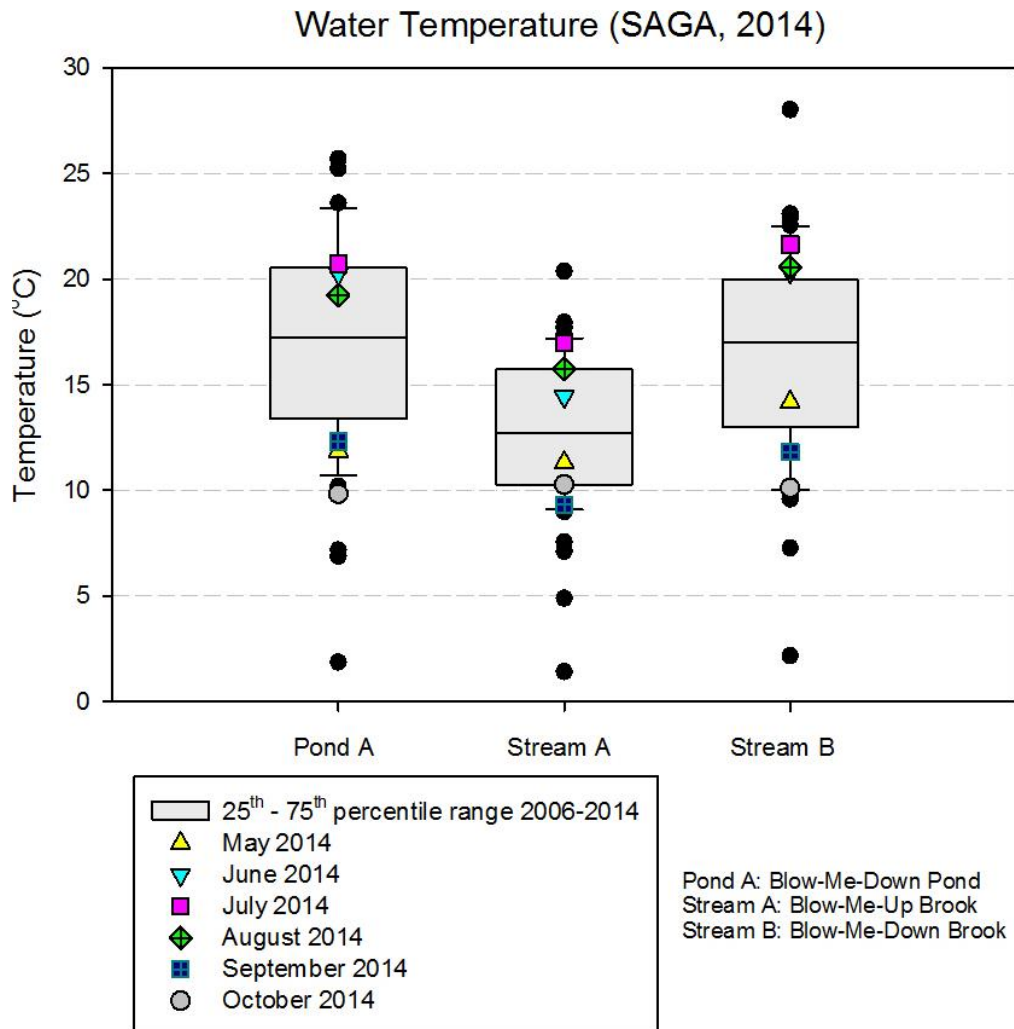


Figure 5. Water temperature (surface) from 2014 YSI sonde in-situ measurements overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2006-2014.

Dissolved Oxygen

Dissolved oxygen (DO) is a critical indicator of water quality because aquatic life generally needs DO concentrations at or above 5 mg/L to thrive. Low oxygen can directly kill or stress organisms such that they will not be able to successfully reproduce or grow. Water with less than 1 part per million (ppm) of oxygen is considered anoxic (no oxygen present). The 2014 DO measurements at SAGA (Figure 6) showed the surface water was well oxygenated and above the more stringent (6 mg/L) state stream DO standard. October DO values were consistently in the upper ranges for 2014 and likely reflect the cooler water temperatures. Complete data from pond water column profiles can be found in Appendix A.

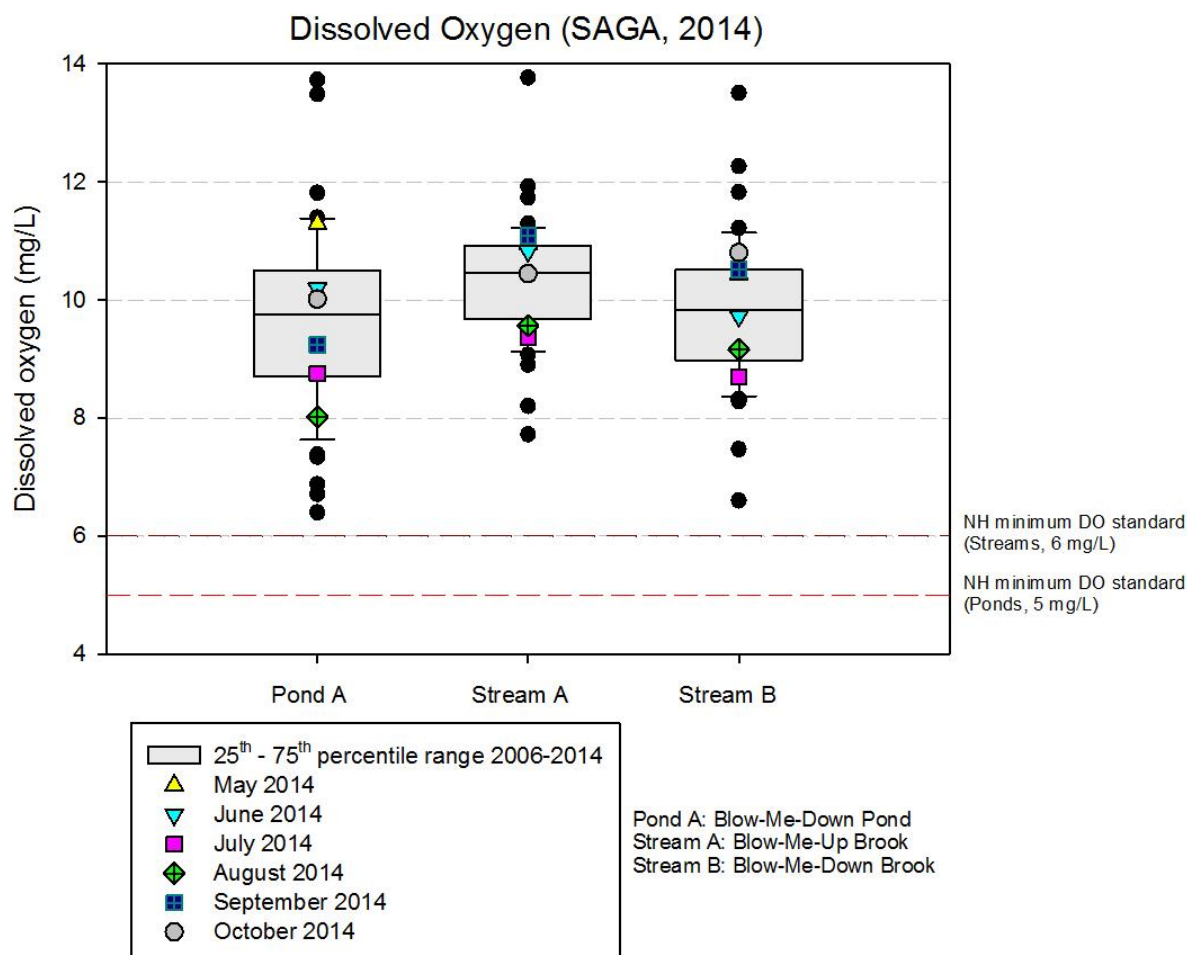


Figure 6. Dissolved oxygen (surface) from 2014 YSI sonde in-situ measurements overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2006-2014.

Acid Neutralizing Capacity

Acid neutralizing capacity (ANC) is also known as alkalinity, or buffering capacity. It is due primarily to the presence of naturally available bicarbonate, carbonate, and hydroxide ions, with bicarbonate being the major form. Most states do not have numerical criteria for ANC in their water-quality standards. ANC values greater than 100 $\mu\text{eq/L}$ are considered well-buffered, while values less than zero typify acidic waters (Stoddard et al. 2003). Acid neutralizing capacity measured in the 2014 samples (Figure 7) is generally lower in the spring than August (summer). All sites were very well-buffered, likely due to the underlying geology.

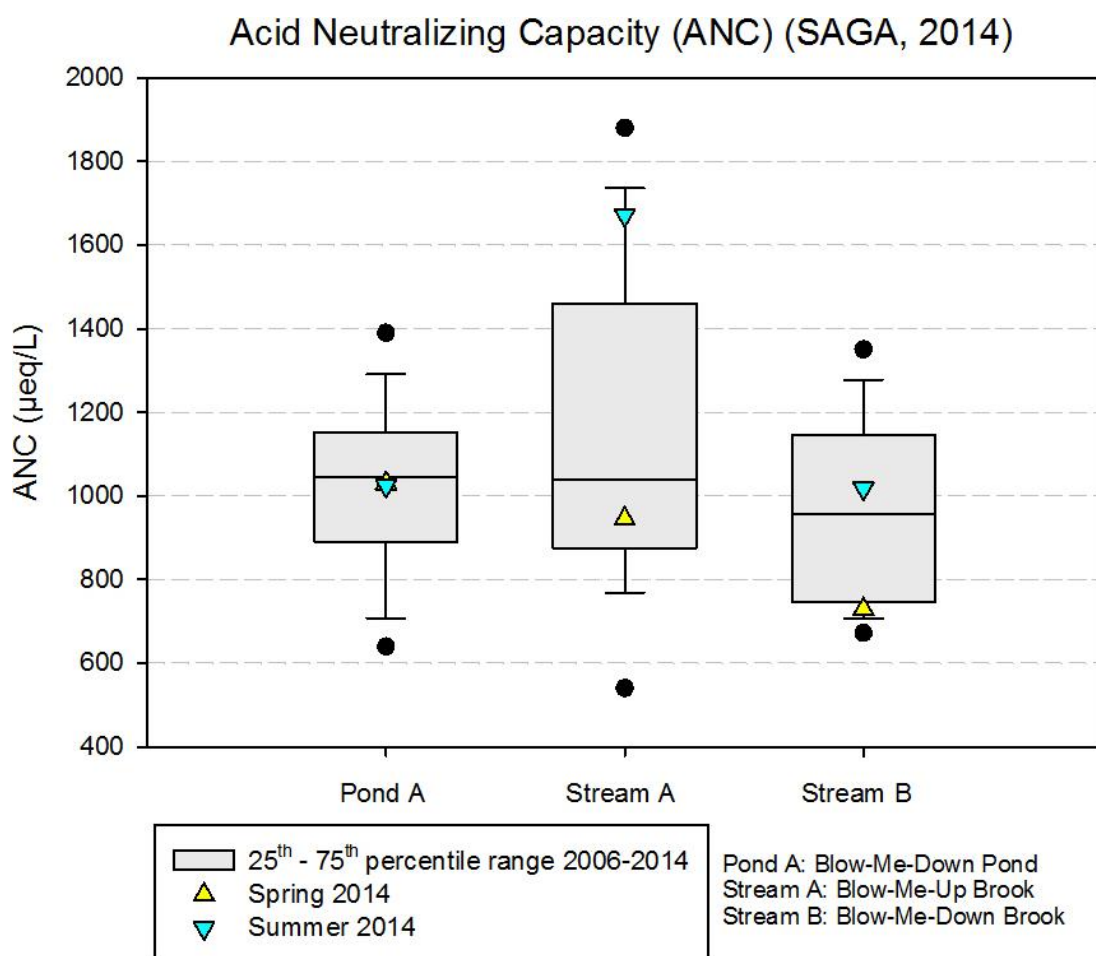


Figure 7. Acid neutralizing capacity from 2014 water samples overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2006-2014.

Apparent Color

Color in pond and stream water is caused by natural metallic ions, humus and peat materials, plankton, weeds, and industrial wastes. Color is reported in Pt-Co units (PCU). True color is the color measurement of water from which suspended particles have been removed by filtration. Apparent color (the measurement method utilized by NETN) is determined on original samples without filtration. Color can be a rough indicator for organic acidity.

Water bodies with apparent color values of greater than 25 PCU are considered to be highly colored, and often exhibit reduced water clarity and high phosphorus concentrations. Values of color are usually not included in water quality standards, except to note that they should be “as naturally occurs”.

Color values from Blow-Me-Up-Brook (Stream A) were low in 2014 samples, and consistent with prior samples (Figure 8). Blow-Me-Down-Brook (Stream B) and Blow-Me-Down-Pond (Pond A) were highly colored. Although these two systems characteristically have higher DOC (a major contributor to water color) concentrations than Stream A, apparent color values can also be affected by runoff and sediment input, since the samples were not filtered before analysis. The fact that the

May turbidity value from Blow-Me-Down Brook was the highest measured at that site to date also suggests that high flow and runoff from surrounding areas may be factors contributing to elevated color readings at Blow-Me-Down Brook and Pond.

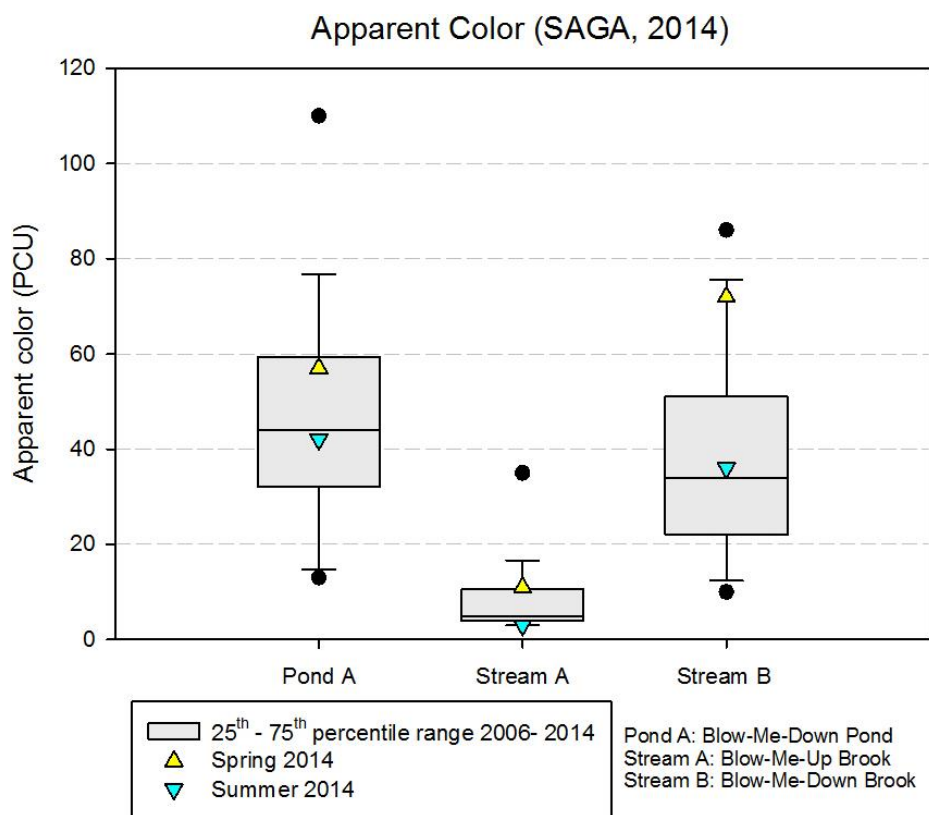


Figure 8. Apparent color from 2014 water samples overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2006-2014.

Dissolved Organic Carbon

NETN began measuring dissolved organic carbon in 2012. Carbon is a nutrient required for biological processes. Sources of organic carbon in water include humic substances from plant and soil organic matter, wetland peat deposits, and atmospheric deposition. Certain forms of DOC can contribute to “tea” color in water, which can affect light attenuation. DOC is also an important part of the energy balance and acid-base chemistry in many freshwater systems. It also affects the transport (solubility and bioavailability) of metals, including mercury, in aquatic systems.

The DOC concentrations in most lakes and streams range from 1 mg/L to 20 mg/L, with a mean of 5.75 mg/L in streams (Meybeck 1982) and a mean of 7.58 in lakes (Sobek, et al 2007). SAGA DOC concentrations (Figure 9) were low in 2014.

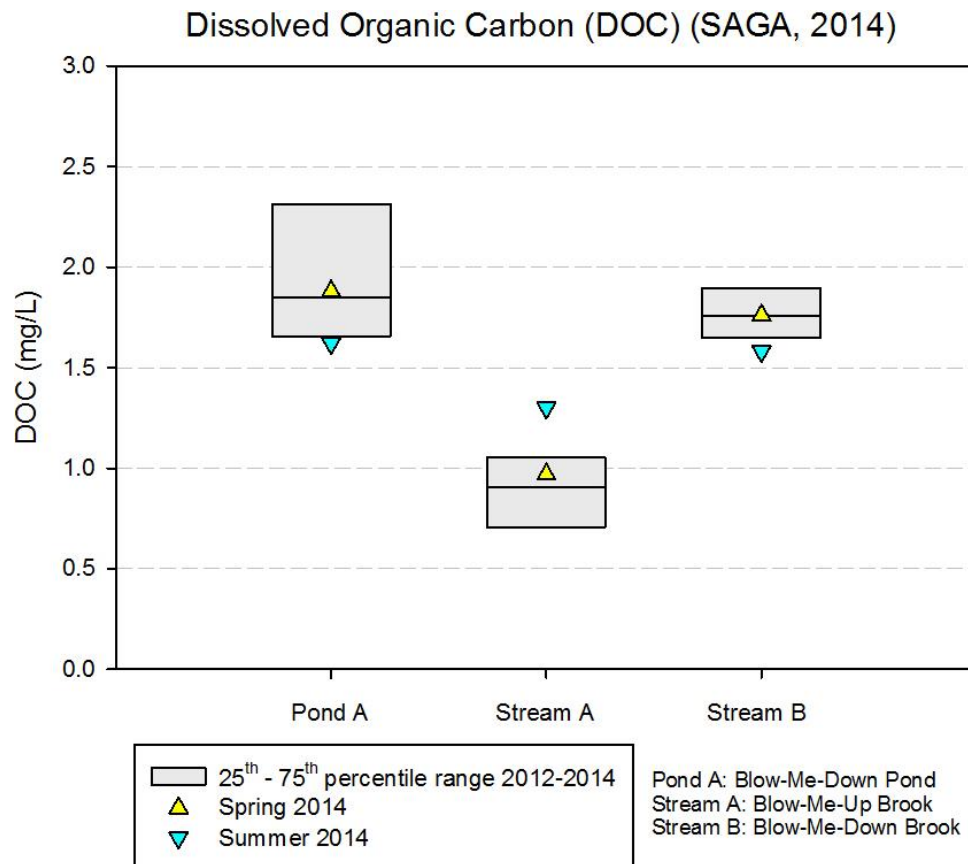


Figure 9. Dissolved organic carbon (DOC) from 2014 spring and summer water samples. The data are overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2012-2014.

Light Penetration Profiles

It is difficult to obtain transparency measurements with a Secchi disk in Blow-Me-Down Pond. Due to the pond's shallow depth, the disk hit the pond bottom before disappearing from the observer's view in all NETN measurements. Beginning in 2012, the NETN measured light attenuation in ponds. Light penetration profiles can tell us much about the conditions affecting lakes and ponds. Nearly all the energy that drives and controls lake processes is derived from solar energy, which is converted to chemical energy via photosynthesis. This chemical energy is then transported to other areas of the ecosystem as various forms of organic matter. Solar energy, absorbed by the lake and dissipated as heat, plays a large role in defining a lake's thermal structure, stratification, and circulation patterns. These factors in turn affect nutrient cycling and the distribution of dissolved gasses. By understanding the quantity and behavior of the light entering a lake system, we can learn more about how the light is utilized in the system (Wetzel and Likens 2000).

A light penetration profile is obtained using two solar radiation sensors and a datalogger to determine photosynthetically active radiation or "PAR". One of the sensors is lowered into the water column on a weighted lowering frame, while the second sensor ("deck cell") is left on the surface to record ambient light. The datalogger records and processes readings from both sensors, dividing the measurement of light reaching any given depth by the measurement of ambient light, to yield a

percentage. Measurements are taken at half-meter increments of the water column until the light penetration drops below 1% or the PAR cell reaches the pond bottom. The attenuation coefficient is formulated by using the depth and the percentage of the light transmitted. A light attenuation coefficient can be calculated through analysis of the profile data to quantify the loss of light transmission per meter of depth. A low attenuation coefficient denotes clear water and, conversely, a higher coefficient signifies reduced water clarity. Graphs of 2014 light penetration profiles and a listing of light attenuation coefficients are found in Figure 10.

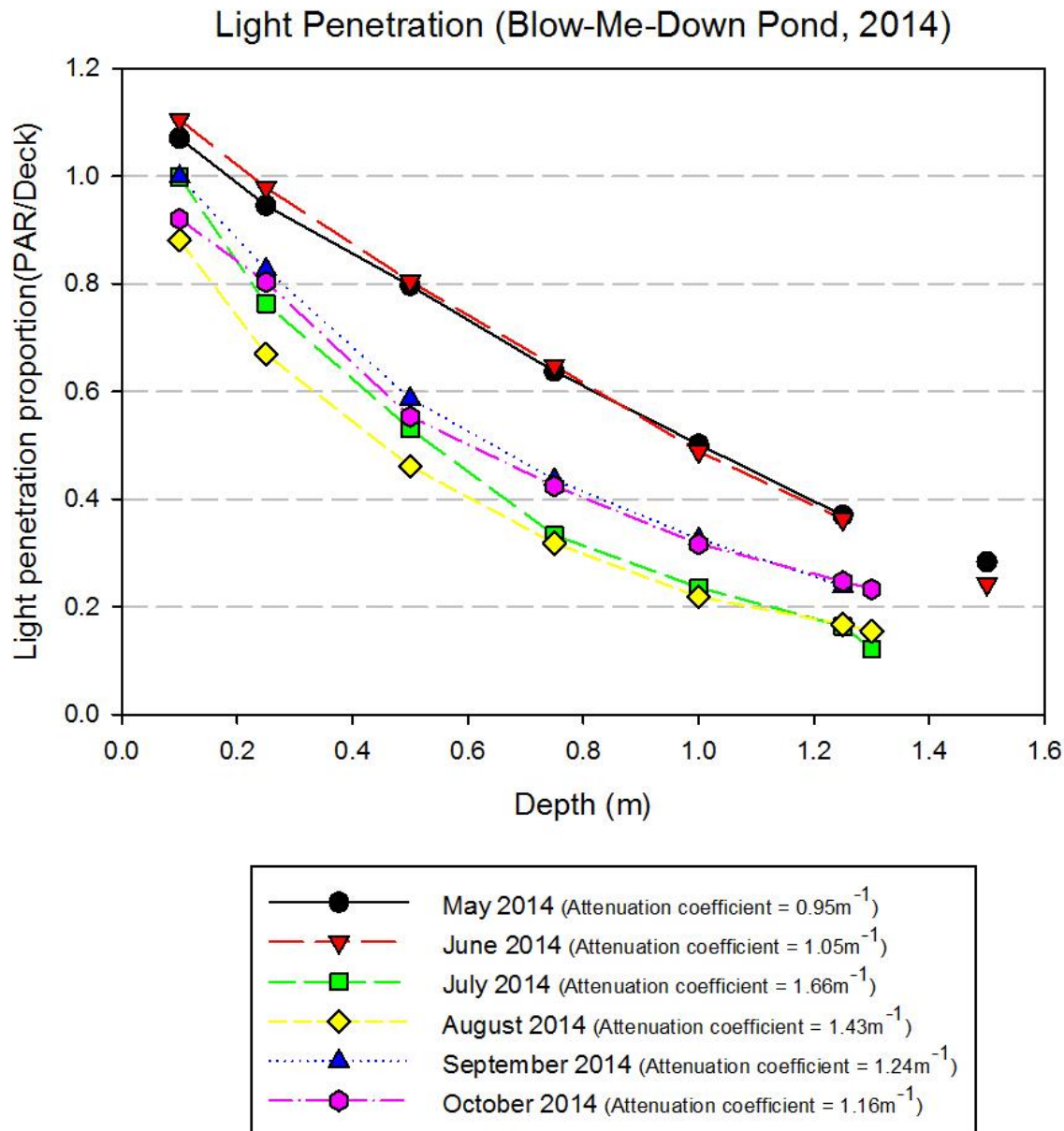


Figure 10. Light penetration profiles from Blow-Me-Down Pond.

Turbidity

Turbidity is the measure of the relative clarity of a liquid. It is measured by passing light through a water sample to determine how much light is scattered, and the results are reported in nephelometric turbidity units (NTU). Turbidity is caused by suspended matter or impurities that interfere with the clarity of the water. These impurities may include clay, silt, finely divided inorganic and organic matter, soluble colored organic compounds, and plankton and other microscopic organisms. In natural waters, turbidity is often used as an indicator of water quality and productivity. Turbidity is measured in the field using an electronic meter.

Turbidity in the water can create aesthetic, ecological, and health issues. Turbid water may indicate runoff from construction, roads, agriculture or other types of pollution. Suspended sediment can carry nutrients and pesticides throughout the water system. Suspended particles near the surface absorb additional heat from sunlight, raising the water temperature. High turbidity levels can reduce the amount of light reaching lower depths of lakes and streams, which can inhibit growth of submerged aquatic plants, and reduce dissolved oxygen levels. Suspended materials can clog fish gills, affecting fitness, growth, and reproduction (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1997). Turbidity values measured in 2014 (Figure 11), the 3rd year of NETN turbidity testing, were in the low range of dry-weather turbidity of surface waters, which normally ranges from 0 to 10 NTU (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1999). However, turbidity at Blow-Me-Down Brook measured nearly 5NTU in May, placing it well above the 90th percentile.

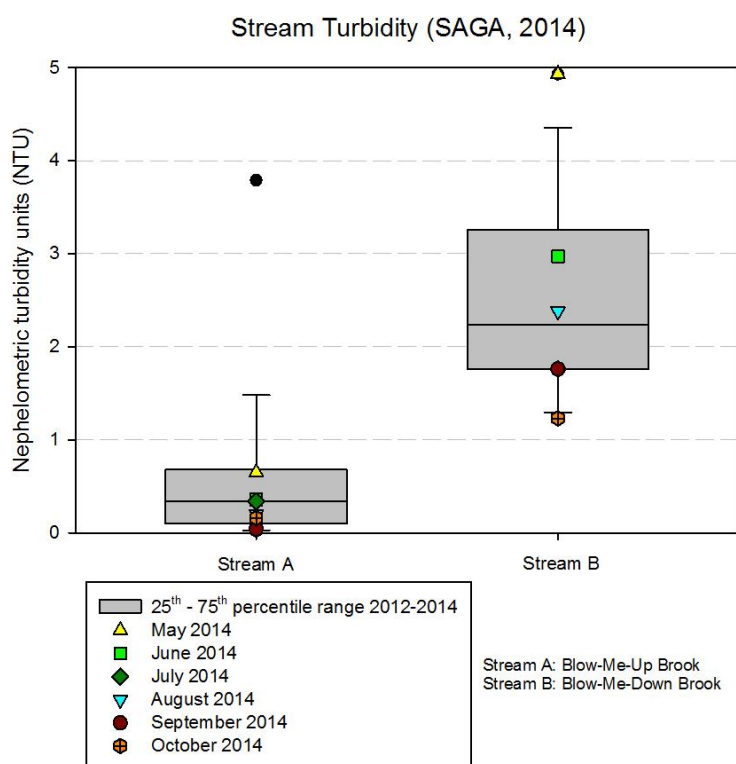


Figure 11. Stream turbidity from 2014 monthly measurements. The data are overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2012-2014.

Nutrient Enrichment

Nutrient enrichment and the acceleration of eutrophication have been identified in most NETN parks as one of the stressors of greatest concern. Total phosphorus and several forms of nitrogen are measured to give managers information regarding the trophic status and productivity of freshwater systems.

Phosphorus

Phosphorus (P) is one of the major nutrients needed for plant growth. It is generally present in small amounts in natural systems and limits the plant growth in streams and ponds. Total phosphorus (TP) is a measure of both inorganic and organic forms of phosphorus, and is the common water quality standard or criteria metric. Although several forms of phosphorus were tested individually since 2006, tests for total dissolved phosphorus (TDP) and soluble reactive phosphorus (SRP) were discontinued in 2012.

In 2014, most total phosphorus concentrations (Figure 10) were moderately high. The more elevated spring TP values in all sites indicate the possibility of runoff and sediment input to the water prior to the monitoring visit. All TP values for Blow-Me-Down Pond (Pond A) and Blow-Me-Down Brook (Stream B) were above the EPA Ecoregion 8 criteria of 10 µg/L and 8 µg/L for streams and ponds, respectively. Both TP values for Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A) were below the EPA Ecoregion 8 criteria. As described above (“Water Quality Standards”), the EPA criteria do not have any regulatory meaning. There is no numeric New Hampshire water quality standard for total phosphorus.

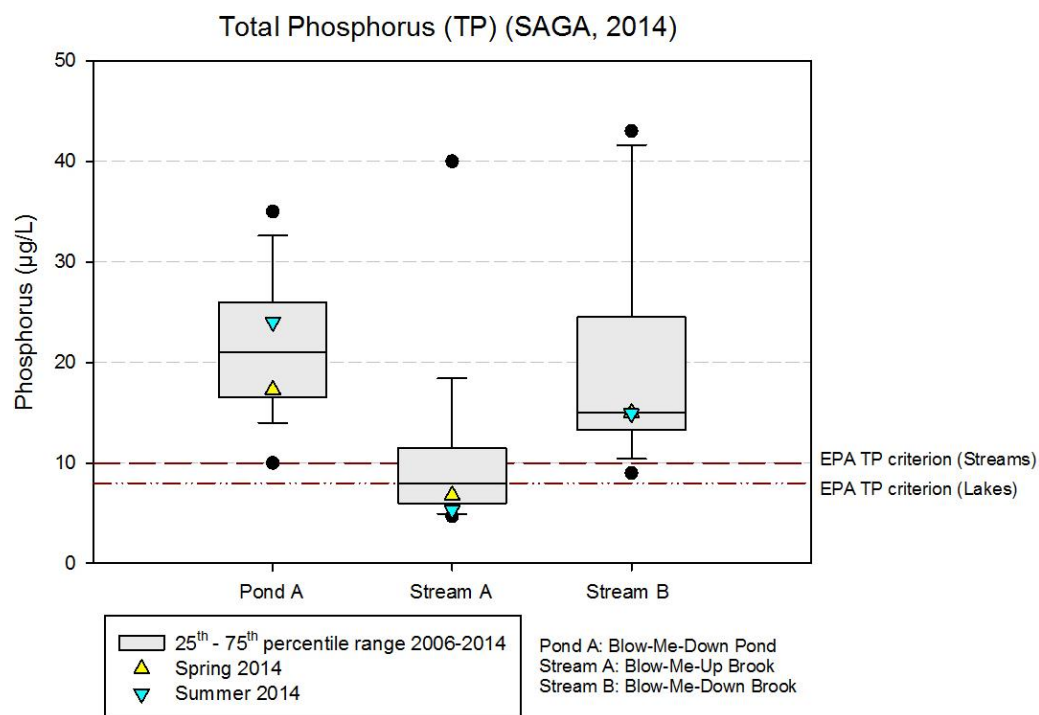


Figure 12. Total phosphorus (TP) from spring and summer water samples. The data are overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2006-2014.

Nitrogen

Total nitrogen (TN) is a measure of all forms of nitrogen (organic and inorganic). Nitrogen is an essential plant element and is often the limiting nutrient in marine waters, and it can also limit some freshwater systems. The importance of nitrogen in the aquatic environment varies according to the relative amounts of the forms of nitrogen present, including nitrate, nitrite, and ammonia. Nitrate (NO_3) is the most oxidized and stable form of nitrogen in a water body, and is the primary form of nitrogen used by plants as a nutrient. Nitrite (NO_2) is an unstable form of nitrogen that is either rapidly oxidized to nitrate (nitrification) or reduced to nitrogen gas (de-nitrification). This form of nitrogen can also be used as a source of nutrients for plants. Ammonia (NH_3) is generated by bacteria as a decomposition product of nitrogenous organic compounds, and is also readily assimilated by plants. Results of NO_3 , NO_2 , and NH_3 tests are all reported as the concentrations of the N component of these compounds, expressed in mg/L.

Test results for nitrogen are shown in Figure 13. There is no numeric New Hampshire water quality standard for total nitrogen, though several northeast states use a 2.0 mg/L standard. All stream TN values were below the EPA Region 8 criterion of 0.38 mg/L, while TN values in Blow-Me-Down Pond were above the 0.24 mg/L EPA criterion. All NO_2 and NH_3 results were below the method reporting limits.

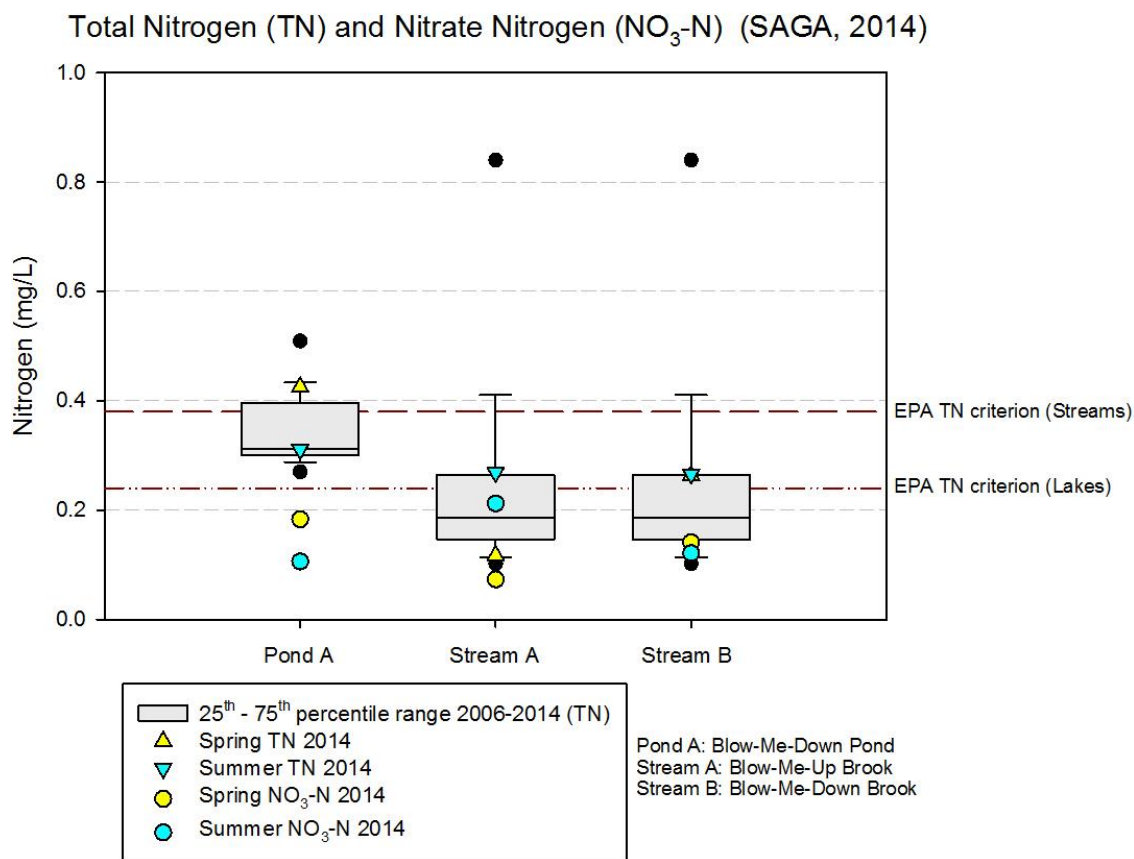


Figure 13. Total nitrogen (TN) and the nitrogen component of nitrate ($\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$) from 2014 water samples. The data are overlaid on a box plot of TN measurements taken from 2006-2014.

Chlorophyll *a*

The amount of chlorophyll *a* in a water sample is a measure of the concentration of suspended phytoplankton and can be used as an indicator of algal biomass and thus of water quality.

Chlorophyll *a* is responsible for photosynthesis and is found in various forms within the living cells of algae, phytoplankton, and other plant matter. Like other biological response variables, chlorophyll *a* tends to integrate the stresses of various parameters over time, and thus is often an important nutrient-stress parameter to measure.

Both the spring and summer chlorophyll *a* concentrations in the 2014 samples from Blow-Me-Down Pond (Figure 14) were close to the historical range, with the spring measurement falling below the 25th percentile. The chlorophyll measurements to date, along with the TP data, indicate that Blow-Me-Down Pond is a moderate to highly productive pond (New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services 1997).

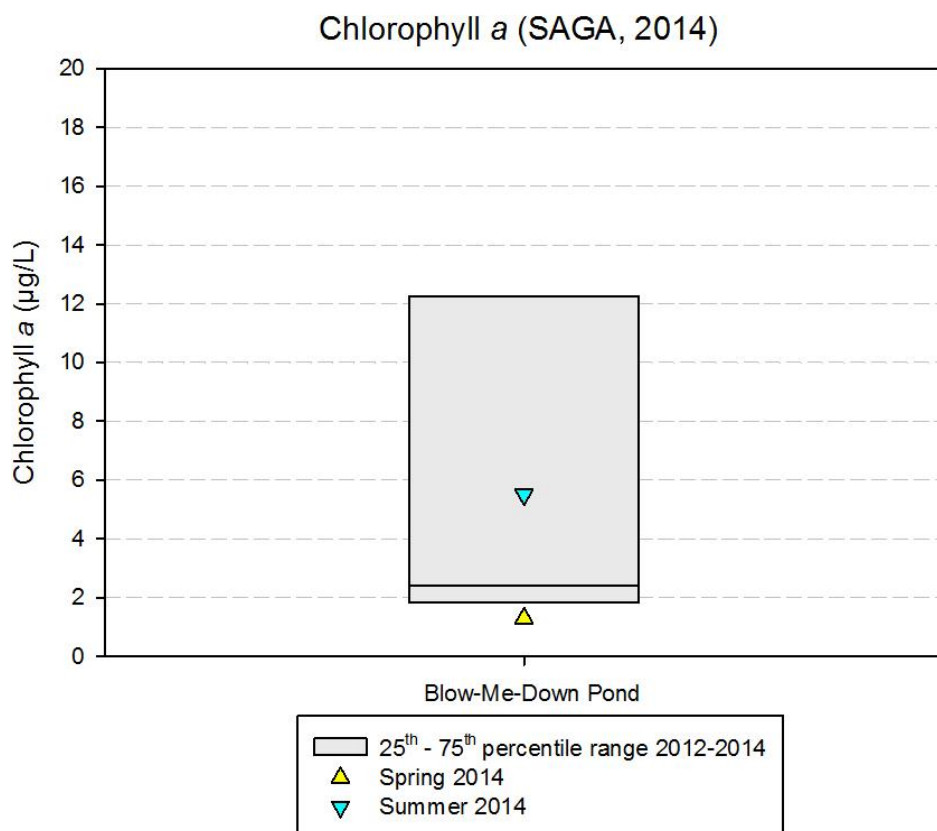


Figure 14. Chlorophyll *a* from 2014 spring and summer water samples. The data are overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2012-2014.

Other Analytes

Chloride

Chloride is one of the major negatively-charged ions in fresh water systems. The chloride content of natural surface waters will depend to a great extent on the geology of the area. Concentrations are generally greater in lakes that are in proximity to marine regions. Another source of chloride is road

run-off from de-icing materials. Chloride is important in terms of metabolic processes, as it influences osmotic salinity balance and ion exchange.

Average chloride concentration in natural fresh water is 234.1 $\mu\text{eq/L}$ (Wetzel 1983). Chloride values from 2014 SAGA samples were very low in Blow-Me-Up Brook, and moderate to high in Blow-Me-Down Pond and Blow-Me-Down Brook (Figure 15). Values for each location and sampling period are well within the historical range. The latter sites are in closer proximity to major roads.

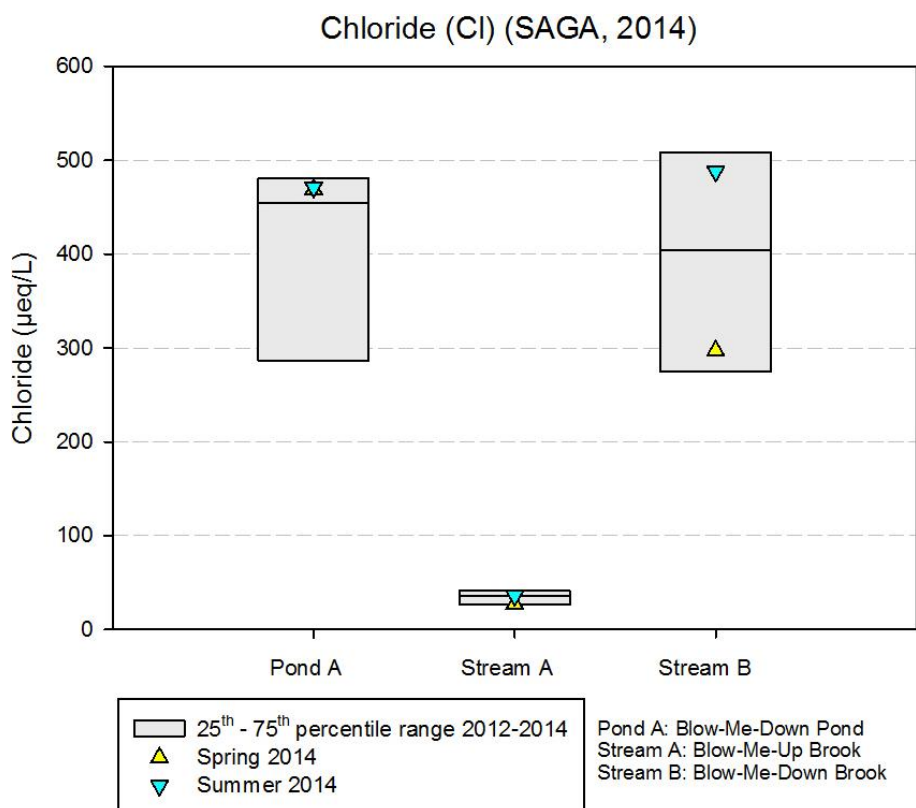


Figure 15. Chloride from 2012-2014 spring and summer water samples. The data are overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2012-2014.

Sulfate

Sulfate is found in most natural waters, originating from watershed geology and soils, and also from atmospheric transport and deposition (in precipitation) of by-products from the combustion of fossil fuels. Sulfate can play a major role in acidification of lakes and streams. Sulfate concentrations in atmospheric deposition have declined significantly since 1982, in part due to the 1995 implementation of Phase I controls of the Clean Air Act Amendments and in part to other long-term pollution reduction efforts (Kahl 1999).

The usual range of sulfate concentration in natural water is 104 $\mu\text{eq/L}$ to 695 $\mu\text{eq/L}$ (Wetzel 1983). As in previous years, sulfate concentrations at SAGA were relatively low in 2014 (Figure 16) but they varied about the historic range for the three locations. Only the summer measurement at Blow-Me-Down Pond was within the historic range for that location.

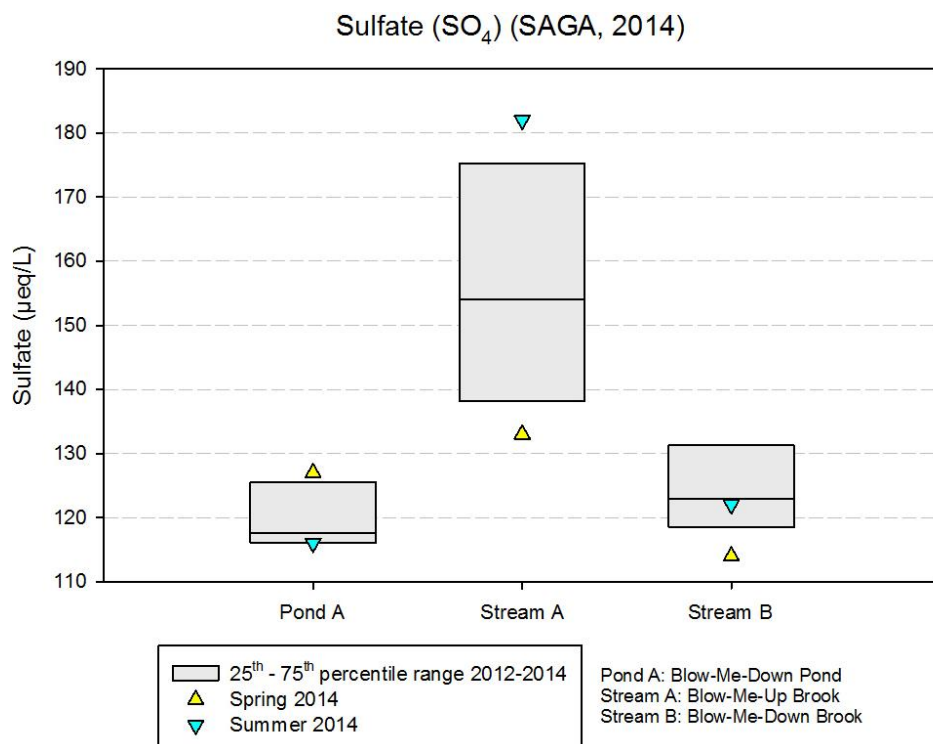


Figure 16. Sulfate from 2012-2014 spring and summer water samples. The data are overlaid on a box plot of measurements taken from 2012-2014.

Water Quantity

Monthly stream discharge measurements, taken with a current meter and wading rod, can be used to calculate loading of nutrient chemical constituents (flow times concentration), and also provide a record of variations in stream flow. Discharge measurements from 2014 are listed in Appendix A. Stream stage (height of water) measurements can be paired with discharge values and, over time, a stage to discharge relationship can be calculated. Once this relationship is established, investigators can interpolate the stream discharge from the stage measurement alone. Numerous discharge measurements at all ranges of streamflow are required to establish and maintain an accurate stage to discharge relationship.

Stream and pond stage measurements (Figure 17) were taken by measuring to the water surface from a fixed datum point. The staff gauge that was installed in August 2013 at Stream B (Blow-Me-Down Brook) was displaced during the winter and was not reinstalled in the 2014 season. There are no 2014 stage height measurements from Blow-Me-Down Brook. Stream discharge measurements for Stream A (Blow-Me-Up Brook) were highest in May (3.05 cfs), and gradually declined over the monitoring season, reaching a low value of 0.08 cfs in September. There was a slight recovery in October. Blow-Me-Down Brook followed a similar pattern of streamflow, though values were considerably higher (53.14 cfs in May to 3.63 cfs in September). NETN staff are continuing to review discharge and stage measurement methodology and quality assurance/quality control procedures in order to enhance the quality and utility of the water quantity data. A stage to discharge

relationship graph will be produced once sufficient data are collected. Stream and pond stage measurements from 2014 are listed in tabular form in Appendix A.

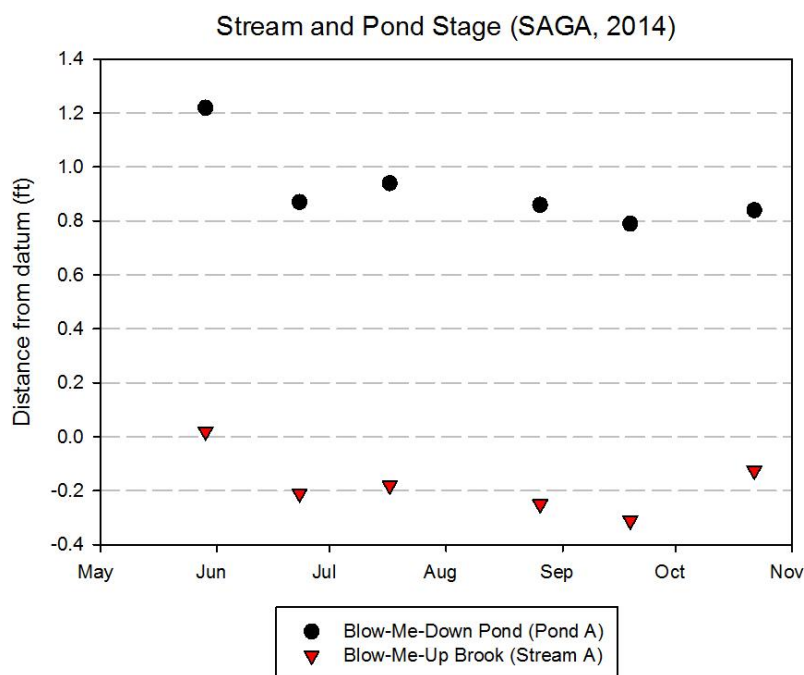


Figure 17. Stream and pond stage obtained in 2014 by measuring from a permanent datum point to the water surface.

Invasive Aquatic Plants

NETN’s methods for invasive aquatic plant monitoring were adapted from the Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants (MCIAP), a division of the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP). Investigators utilize a level 3 survey, which involves surveying the entire shoreline and transects covering the littoral zone. Detailed survey instructions can be found in the NETN protocol (Lombard et al. 2006).

The primary targets of the invasive plant surveys were the 11 plants currently listed by the MCIAP (Table 4). Surveyors also looked for three emergent species (Table 5) on a list of priority invasive aquatic species compiled by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), entitled “The Frightful Fourteen” (http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wd/documents/frightful_fourteen.pdf). The remaining “Frightful Fourteen” species are identical to those on the MCIAP list.

Invasive aquatic plant monitoring was conducted at Blow-Me-Down Pond during the 2014 monitoring season. Although populations of purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and yellow iris (*Iris pseudacorus*) have been established in the pond for many years and have resisted eradication efforts by park staff (S. Walasewicz, personal communication), the 2014 survey did not detect any new invasive aquatic plant species at Blow-Me-Down Pond.

Table 4. Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants species of concern.

Common name	Latin name
European Frogbit	<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>
Water Chestnut	<i>Trapa natans</i>
Yellow Floating Heart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
Eurasian Water Milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>
Variable Water Milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>
Parrot Feather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
Fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>
Hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
Brazilian Elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i>
European Naiad	<i>Najas minor</i>
Curly-Leaved Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>

Table 5. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services emergent species of concern.

Common name	Latin name
Flowering Rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>
Purple Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Common Reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i>

During future visits to all NETN parks, monitors will be increasingly attentive for the presence of Didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*), also known as “rock snot,” a highly invasive algae species that has recently invaded the northern reaches of the Connecticut River in New Hampshire and the White River and Battenkill Rivers in Vermont. This species has a great potential to alter habitats and displace native species, and is of great concern to officials in regions where infestations have been established.

Didymo can easily be spread by waders and potentially by water monitoring equipment and other gear that touches the bottoms of streams in infested areas. Just one cell breaking off and drifting downstream can spread the algae. Enhanced equipment cleaning and decontamination procedures are being included in the latest NETN monitoring protocol revision (Gawley et al. 2014).

Since non-native, invasive plants have recently been detected with increasing frequency in New England lakes and ponds, it has become crucial to closely monitor the status of park waters. The early detection of an infestation can make eradication or control more feasible, and it can lead to efforts that reduce the spread of the plant to neighboring water bodies. Designating the early

detection of these plants as a NETN vital sign and the ongoing partnership with state and local monitoring and eradication efforts are highly effective prevention strategies.

Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC)

QA/QC is important to the success of a long-term data collection and trend detection program. Quality assurance (QA) is achieved through the establishment and use of the NETN Freshwater Monitoring Protocol. Specific procedures are used to control critical components of a project such as sampling at the right place with the right equipment and using the right methods. Over the years, staff will change, equipment may be updated, and methods may evolve. Although these changes will be kept to a minimum, changes are inevitable and therefore following an established and well-documented protocol will ensure that the data remain valid.

QA requirements incorporated in the protocol include consistency and low turnover in project leaders and staff, consistency in staff training and oversight, consistency in equipment used and calibration methods, the selection of a well-established chemical laboratory with a proven track record, and a robust sample design that includes an adequate number of field and laboratory quality control (QC) samples.

QC includes the assessment of bias and variability through the use of additional samples such as blank and replicate samples. QC samples are an objective assessment of whether or not QA protocols are adequate. The protocol calls for the collection of two blank and two replicate samples (one each from lakes/ponds and streams, respectively) during both the spring and summer nutrient sampling months at Acadia NP, and the same number, distribution, and schedule at the combined eight “Lower NETN” parks. Sample collection sites are selected at random from both monitoring groups.

The latest (2014) protocol revision requires in situ measurements, including Secchi transparency, sonde water quality, and stream discharge, to be periodically replicated to ensure that field equipment and observers are performing within the required precision standards. Water quality sonde temperature, pH and specific conductance measurements are to be compared monthly in the laboratory with similar measurements made with a NIST-traceable thermometer and benchtop pH and conductivity meters. Sonde dissolved oxygen measurements will be compared in the field to measurements made using a LaMotte dissolved oxygen test kit (Winkler titration method). These additional procedures will begin network-wide in the 2015 monitoring season.

Nutrient QC Sample Results

Analysis results of all 2014 blank samples collected from Lower NETN ponds and streams (Appendix B, Table B1) were near or below the method reporting limits, indicating little or no contamination was introduced during the sampling, handling and analysis processes. However, new instrumentation utilized at the analytical lab in June and August provided lower detection and reporting limits for several analytes (NO₂, NH₃, SO₄), allowing quantification of some levels of possible contamination not detected in the past. Replicate sample analysis results (Appendix B, Table B2) showed that most Lower NETN samples were in the acceptable range of precision (relative percent difference or precision objective in units, depending on sample concentration).

Summary

All 2014 water quality parameters for the pond and streams monitored in Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site were within state standards, and majority of values were within the ranges of the historic NETN monitoring data from SAGA. Apparent color and turbidity were relatively high at Blow-Me-Down Brook and Pond in May, likely influenced by high streamflow and runoff from surrounding areas. Total phosphorus levels for Blow-Me-Down Pond and Brook were above the EPA's non-regulatory criterion, but chlorophyll *a* values from the pond do not indicate any evidence of a major algal bloom. Chloride levels also continued to be high at these sites, suggesting runoff of salt from the nearby road. Additionally, May total nitrogen at Blow-Me-Down Pond and both May and August TN in Blow-Me-Down Brook appeared to be slightly higher than in previous monitoring years. Light penetration profiles of Blow-Me-Down Pond showed that clarity was lowest during the month of July, similar to patterns in the previous two years of light monitoring.

Nine years of monitoring under the NETN protocol have provided critical baseline information on the chemical and physical status of the water resources Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site. Several changes implemented in the 2012 monitoring season, including the addition of sulfate, chloride, chlorophyll *a*, and dissolved organic carbon (DOC) analyses to the spring and summer water chemistry testing, are helping to expand the scope and usefulness of the monitoring data. As more data are collected, the ability to detect changes outside this natural range of variability will increase, which in turn will more clearly indicate the status of the vital signs of water quality, nutrient enrichment, water quantity, and the detection of invasive plant species.

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Appendix A. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA) Water Monitoring Data, 2014.

Table A1. YSI sonde in-situ stream water quality measurements collected at SAGA.

Site	NETN Code	Date	Depth (m)	Temp (C)	DO (mg/L)	pH	Specific Conductance (µS/cm)
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	0.01	11.86	11.29	7.89	124.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	0.50	11.85	11.33	7.85	124.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	1.00	11.86	11.33	7.84	126.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	1.50	11.77	11.35	7.84	124.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	1.61	11.73	11.32	7.81	124.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	6/23/2014	0.00	20.25	10.19	7.70	172.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	6/23/2014	0.51	18.01	10.04	7.66	172.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	6/23/2014	1.00	17.05	9.70	7.60	173.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	6/23/2014	1.51	16.83	9.09	7.51	173.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	7/17/2014	0.00	20.73	8.75	7.31	165.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	7/17/2014	0.50	20.62	8.75	7.30	165.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	7/17/2014	1.01	20.41	8.71	7.25	166.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	7/17/2014	1.45	20.33	8.75	7.21	167.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	8/26/2014	-0.01	19.24	8.02	7.33	166.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	8/26/2014	0.49	19.22	8.02	7.39	166.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	8/26/2014	1.00	19.18	8.06	7.41	166.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	8/26/2014	1.41	19.18	7.95	7.44	166.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	9/19/2014	0.00	12.32	9.24	7.57	204.00

Appendix A. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA) Water Monitoring Data, 2014 (continued).

Table A1 (continued). YSI sonde in-situ stream water quality measurements collected at SAGA.

Site	NETN Code	Date	Depth (m)	Temp (C)	DO (mg/L)	pH	Specific Conductance (µS/cm)
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	9/19/2014	0.50	12.30	9.14	7.60	204.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	9/19/2014	0.98	12.18	8.95	7.57	204.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	9/19/2014	1.47	12.17	8.88	7.54	204.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	10/22/2014	0.02	9.84	10.01	7.50	165.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	10/22/2014	0.50	9.82	9.99	7.38	165.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	10/22/2014	1.00	9.83	9.94	7.36	165.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	10/22/2014	1.40	9.84	9.88	7.31	165.00
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	SAGASA	5/29/2014	0.06	11.32	10.95	7.89	110.00
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	SAGASA	6/23/2014	0.02	14.43	10.82	7.91	138.00
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	SAGASA	7/17/2014	0.06	16.98	9.36	7.50	162.00
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	SAGASA	8/26/2014	0.02	15.74	9.56	7.86	176.00
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	SAGASA	9/19/2014	0.04	9.31	11.09	7.97	194.00
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	SAGASA	10/22/2014	0.06	10.27	10.44	7.76	187.00
Blow-Me-Down Brook (Stream B)	SAGASB	5/29/2014	0.18	14.18	10.43	7.90	126.00
Blow-Me-Down Brook (Stream B)	SAGASB	6/23/2014	0.12	20.31	9.72	7.96	171.00
Blow-Me-Down Brook (Stream B)	SAGASB	7/17/2014	0.20	21.63	8.70	7.80	154.00
Blow-Me-Down Brook (Stream B)	SAGASB	8/26/2014	0.38	20.55	9.16	7.94	160.00
Blow-Me-Down Brook (Stream B)	SAGASB	9/19/2014	0.23	11.82	10.51	7.90	199.00
Blow-Me-Down Brook (Stream B)	SAGASB	10/22/2014	0.10	10.11	10.80	7.62	166.00

Appendix A. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA) Water Monitoring Data, 2014 (continued).

Table A2. Laboratory nutrient chemistry data for SAGA. “<MRL” indicates the result was below the method reporting limit (0.005 [May] or 0.001 [August] for NO₂, and 0.08 [May] or 0.0025 [August] for NH₃). *Missing values indicate data are unavailable.*

Site	Date	ANC (µeq/L)	A Color (PCU)	DOC (mg/L)	TP (µg/L)	TN (mg/L)	NO ₃ (µeq/L)	NO ₃ -N (mg/L Calc)	NO ₂ (mg/L)	NH ₃ (mg/L)	Chla (µg/L)	Cl (µeq/L)	SO ₄ (µeq/L)
Blow-Me-Down Pond	6/23/2014	1030.40	57	1.88	17.3	0.425	13.0	0.183	<MRL	<MRL	1.3	469	127
Blow-Me-Down Pond	8/26/2014	1024.16	42	1.62	24.0	0.311	7.5	0.106	0.001	0.030	5.5	471	116
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	5/29/2014	945.00	11	0.97	6.8	0.117	5.2	0.073	<MRL	<MRL		27	133
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	8/26/2014	1671.24	3	1.30	5.3	0.269	15.0	0.212	<MRL	0.006		36	182
Blow-Me-Down Brook (Stream B)	5/29/2014	729.00	72	1.76	15.0	0.263	10.0	0.141	<MRL	<MRL		297	114
Blow-Me-Down Brook (Stream B)	8/26/2014	1017.73	36	1.58	14.9	0.266	8.6	0.121	0.001	0.029		488	122

Appendix A. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA) Water Monitoring Data, 2013 (continued).

Table A3. Pond stage and stream stage and discharge data for SAGA. *Missing values indicate data are unavailable.*

Site	Date	Datum name	Distance from datum (ft)	Total CS area (sqft)	Average velocity (f/s)	Discharge (cfs)
Blow-Me-Down Pond	5/29/2014	Staff Gage	1.22			
Blow-Me-Down Pond	6/23/2014	Staff Gage	0.87			
Blow-Me-Down Pond	7/17/2014	Staff Gage	0.94			
Blow-Me-Down Pond	8/26/2014	Staff Gage	0.86			
Blow-Me-Down Pond	9/19/2014	Staff Gage	0.79			
Blow-Me-Down Pond	10/22/2014	Staff Gage	0.84			
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	5/29/2014	Bolt1	0.02			
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	5/29/2014	Bolt1	0.02	1.51	0.92	3.05
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	6/23/2014	Bolt1	-0.21			
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	6/23/2014	Bolt1	-0.21	2.00	0.34	0.67
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	7/17/2014	Bolt1	-0.18			
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	7/17/2014	Bolt1	-0.18	1.73	0.22	0.38
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	8/26/2014	Bolt1	-0.25			
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	8/26/2014	Bolt1	-0.25	1.29	0.15	0.25
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	9/19/2014	Bolt1	-0.31			
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	9/19/2014	Bolt1	-0.31	1.39	0.06	0.08
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	10/22/2014	Bolt1	-0.13			
Blow-Me-Up Brook (Stream A)	10/22/2014	Bolt1	-0.13	2.38	0.11	0.26

Appendix A. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA) Water Monitoring Data, 2014 (continued).

Table A4. Light penetration profiles for SAGA.

Site	NETN Code	Date	Depth (m)	Deck cell ($\mu\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$)	PAR cell ($\mu\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$)	Proportion of penetration (PAR/Deck)
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	0.10	1850.40	1981.00	1.07
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	0.25	1878.00	1775.50	0.95
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	0.50	1863.20	1484.90	0.80
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	0.75	1845.50	1176.70	0.64
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	1.00	1841.80	923.89	0.50
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	1.25	1871.50	692.07	0.37
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	1.50	1840.70	521.80	0.28
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	6/23/2014	0.10	1869.80	2066.00	1.10
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	6/23/2014	0.25	1937.70	1896.40	0.98
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	6/23/2014	0.50	2012.40	1619.20	0.80
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	6/23/2014	0.75	1788.10	1158.70	0.65
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	6/23/2014	1.00	2027.90	990.26	0.49
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	6/23/2014	1.25	2082.00	755.59	0.36
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	6/23/2014	1.50	682.14	165.57	0.24
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	7/17/2014	0.10	115.91	115.71	1.00
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	7/17/2014	0.25	126.96	96.88	0.76
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	7/17/2014	0.50	132.29	70.23	0.53
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	7/17/2014	0.75	139.89	46.60	0.33
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	7/17/2014	1.00	138.11	32.53	0.24
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	7/17/2014	1.25	144.68	23.67	0.16
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	7/17/2014	1.30	154.75	18.85	0.12
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	8/26/2014	0.10	106.90	94.19	0.88
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	8/26/2014	0.25	114.88	76.88	0.67
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	8/26/2014	0.50	114.31	52.71	0.46
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	8/26/2014	0.75	114.57	36.43	0.32
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	8/26/2014	1.00	117.03	25.58	0.22
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	8/26/2014	1.25	119.93	20.08	0.17
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	8/26/2014	1.30	116.42	18.02	0.15
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	9/19/2014	0.10	60.45	60.39	1.00

Appendix A. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA) Water Monitoring Data, 2014 (continued).

Table A4 (continued). Light penetration profiles for SAGA.

Site	NETN Code	Date	Depth (m)	Deck cell ($\mu\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$)	PAR cell ($\mu\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$)	Proportion of penetration (PAR/Deck)
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	9/19/2014	0.25	60.99	50.44	0.83
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	9/19/2014	0.50	61.23	35.90	0.59
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	9/19/2014	0.75	61.69	26.91	0.44
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	9/19/2014	1.00	61.92	20.18	0.33
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	9/19/2014	1.25	62.51	14.88	0.24
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	10/22/2014	0.10	108.99	100.31	0.92
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	10/22/2014	0.25	105.50	84.77	0.80
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	10/22/2014	0.50	97.73	54.06	0.55
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	10/22/2014	0.75	92.53	39.25	0.42
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	10/22/2014	1.00	89.61	28.36	0.32
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	10/22/2014	1.25	87.96	21.76	0.25
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	10/22/2014	1.30	112.27	26.10	0.23
Blow-Me-Down Pond	SAGAPA	5/29/2014	0.10	1850.40	1981.00	1.07

Appendix B. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA) Blank and Replicate Water Samples, 2014.

Table B1. 2013 Blank sample analysis results (Lower NETN).

Site	Date	ANC (µeq/L)	A Color (PCU)	DOC (mg/L)	Chla (µg/L)	Cl (µeq/L)	SO4 (µeq/L)	TP (µg/L)	TN (mg/L)	NO2 (mg/L)	NO3 (µeq/L)	NH3 (mg/L)
SARASC	5/20/2014	-1.70	1	<MRL 0.5		<MRL 2	<MRL 2	<MRL 1	<MRL 0.1	<MRL 0.005	<MRL 1	<MRL 0.080
WEFAPA	6/11/2014	-2.12	1	<MRL 0.5	<MRL 1	<MRL 2	<MRL 2	<MRL 1	0.017	<MRL 0.005	<MRL 1	<MRL 0.080
MABISA	8/4/2014	-2.95	1	<MRL 0.5		<MRL 2	<MRL 2	<MRL 1	0.018	<MRL 0.001	<MRL 1	<MRL 0.003
MABIPA	8/4/2014	-1.44	1	<MRL 0.5	0.2	<MRL 2	<MRL 2	<MRL 1	<MRL 0.1	<MRL 0.001	<MRL 1	0.010

Table B2. Replicate sample analysis results and measurement quality analysis (Lower NETN).

Site	Date	Color Reg	Color Rep	Diff (PCU)	% Diff	DOC Reg	DOC Rep	Diff (mg/L)	% Diff	ANC Reg	ANC Rep	Diff (µeq/L)	% Diff
MIMASA	5/22/2014	207	204	3.0	1.4%	8.85	8.62	0.23	2.60%	755.0	749.0	6.0	0.8%
MABIPA	6/3/2014	26	26	0.0	0.0%	2.30	2.39	-0.09	3.91%	1632.6	1628.9	3.7	0.2%
WEFAPA	8/12/2014	30	32	-2.0	6.7%	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00%	379.8	378.4	1.3	0.4%
MORRSB	8/12/2014	19	22	-3.0	15.8%	2.00	1.85	0.15	7.50%	789.7	791.6	-1.9	0.2%

Appendix A. Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA) Water Monitoring Data, 2014 (continued).

Site	Date	Chla Reg	Chla Rep	Diff (µg/L)	% Diff	TP Reg	TP Rep	Diff (µg/L)	% Diff	TN Reg	TN Rep	Diff (mg/L)	% Diff
MIMASA	5/22/2014					124.0	136.0	-12.0	9.7%	0.77	0.87	-0.11	13.7%
MABIPA	6/3/2014	6.1				10.3	10.3	0.0	0.0%	0.28	0.30	-0.02	7.8%
WEFAPA	8/12/2014	3.4				15.3	15.0	0.3	2.0%	0.54	0.45	0.09	16.5%
MORRSB	8/12/2014					28.4	30.3	-1.9	6.7%	0.49	0.48	0.01	2.1%

Site	Date	NO ₃ Reg	NO ₃ Rep	Diff (µeq/L)	% Diff	NO ₂ Reg	NO ₂ Rep	Diff (mg/L)	% Diff	NH ₃ Reg	NH ₃ Rep	Diff (mg/L)	% Diff
MIMASA	5/22/2014	8.9	8.4	0.50	5.6%	0.0072	0.0073	0.000	1.4%	< MRL	< MRL		
MABIPA	6/3/2014	< MRL	< MRL			< MRL	< MRL			< MRL	< MRL		
WEFAPA	8/12/2014	< MRL	< MRL			< MRL	< MRL			0.032	0.03	0.002	6.3%
MORRSB	8/12/2014	28	28	0.00	0.0%	< MRL	< MRL			0.024	< MRL		

Site	Date	SO ₄ Reg	SO ₄ Rep	Diff (µeq/L)	% Diff	Cl Reg	Cl Rep	Diff (µeq/L)	% Diff
MIMASA	5/22/2014	213	199	14.0	6.6%	4330	3985	345.0	8.0%
MABIPA	6/3/2014	88	88	0.0	0.0%	17	17	0.0	0.0%
WEFAPA	8/12/2014	92	89	3.0	3.3%	932	932	0.0	0.0%
MORRSB	8/12/2014	291	300	-9.0	3.1%	170	175	-5.0	2.9%

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