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Outline of Talk

Bottom Line

Background

Partnering on the Watershed Scale

Improved Monitoring to Achieve Water Quality Goals

Ambient Monitoring and Toxicity Assessment

Mussel Watch

Conclusions

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The goal of the Clean Water Act is to protect aquatic life, human health, and other beneficial uses AND environmental performance is measured based on meeting NPDES discharge limits;

BUT meeting NPDES discharge limits has very little to do with achieving water quality goals for the Inlets.

THEREFORE effective monitoring of the receiving waters is needed to assess continuous process improvement and inform management decisions.



Pacific Ocean

**Sinclair and
Dyes Inlets**

You Are Here

Sinclair Inlet



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Main Sources of Impact

- Historical releases of pollutants
 - Past practices (Point Sources)
 - Legacy residual contamination
- Watershed Development
 - Loss of natural habitat
 - Increases in runoff from landscape
 - More Nonpoint Source Pollution

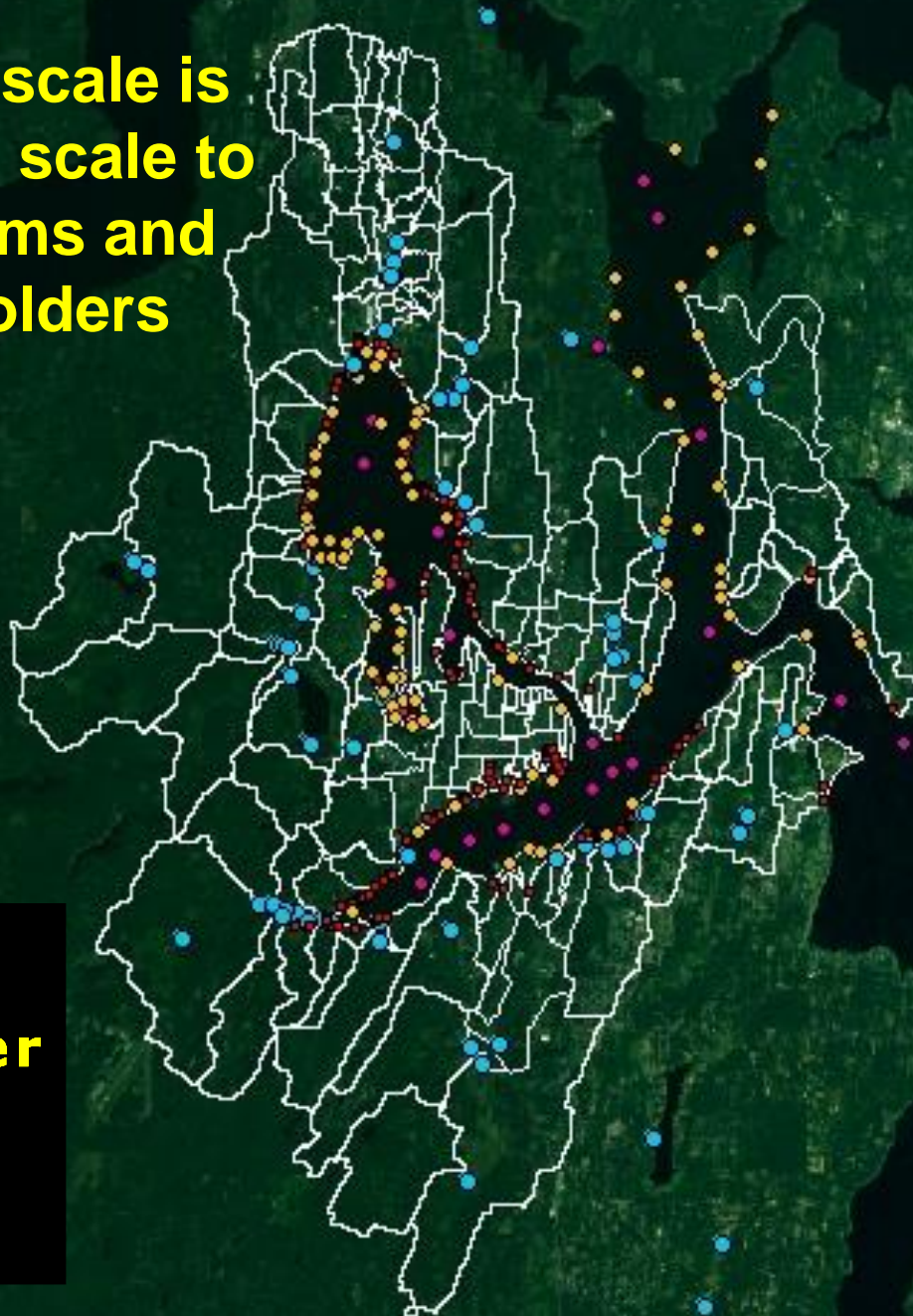
Partnering at the Watershed Scale

The watershed scale is the appropriate scale to address problems and engage stakeholders

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTMENT (ENVVEST)

- Navy
- EPA
- Ecology
- Stakeholders

- Stream
- Storm water
- Nearshore
- Marine



**Sinclair and Dyes Inlets
Fecal Coliform Bacteria
Total Maximum Daily Load**

TMDL and
Water Quality Implementation Plan



Revised June 2012
Publication No. 11-10-001



An Analysis of Microbial Pollution in the Sinclair-Dyes Inlet Watershed



June 2005

ENVVEST

Partnership Modeling

Simulation of Oct 2004 Storm Event

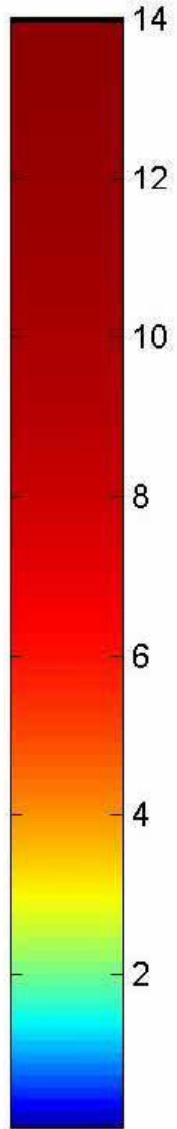
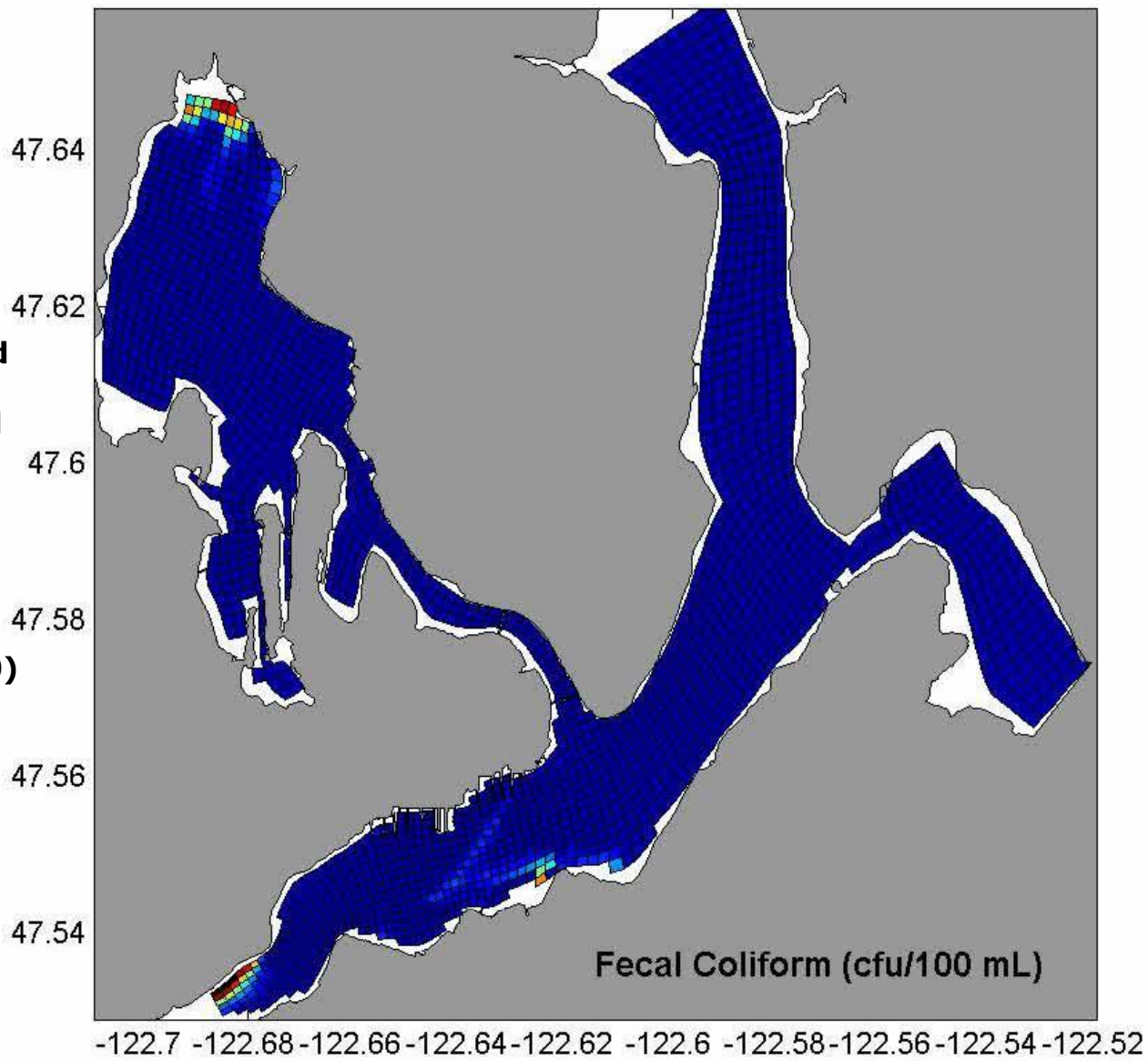
October 2004 50% Time: 16-Oct-2004 00:00:00

Color scale shows build
up of contamination
near creek mouths and
nearshore areas with
limited flushing

Upset condition
occurred at Port
Orchard treatment
plant (10/19/04 10:00)

Effect of upset evident
throughout Inlets

Short term effect as
contamination is
reduced by dispersion,
mixing, and die off of
harmful bacteria



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ENVVEST Partnership Modeling

October 2004 50% Time: 20-Oct-2004 07:00:00

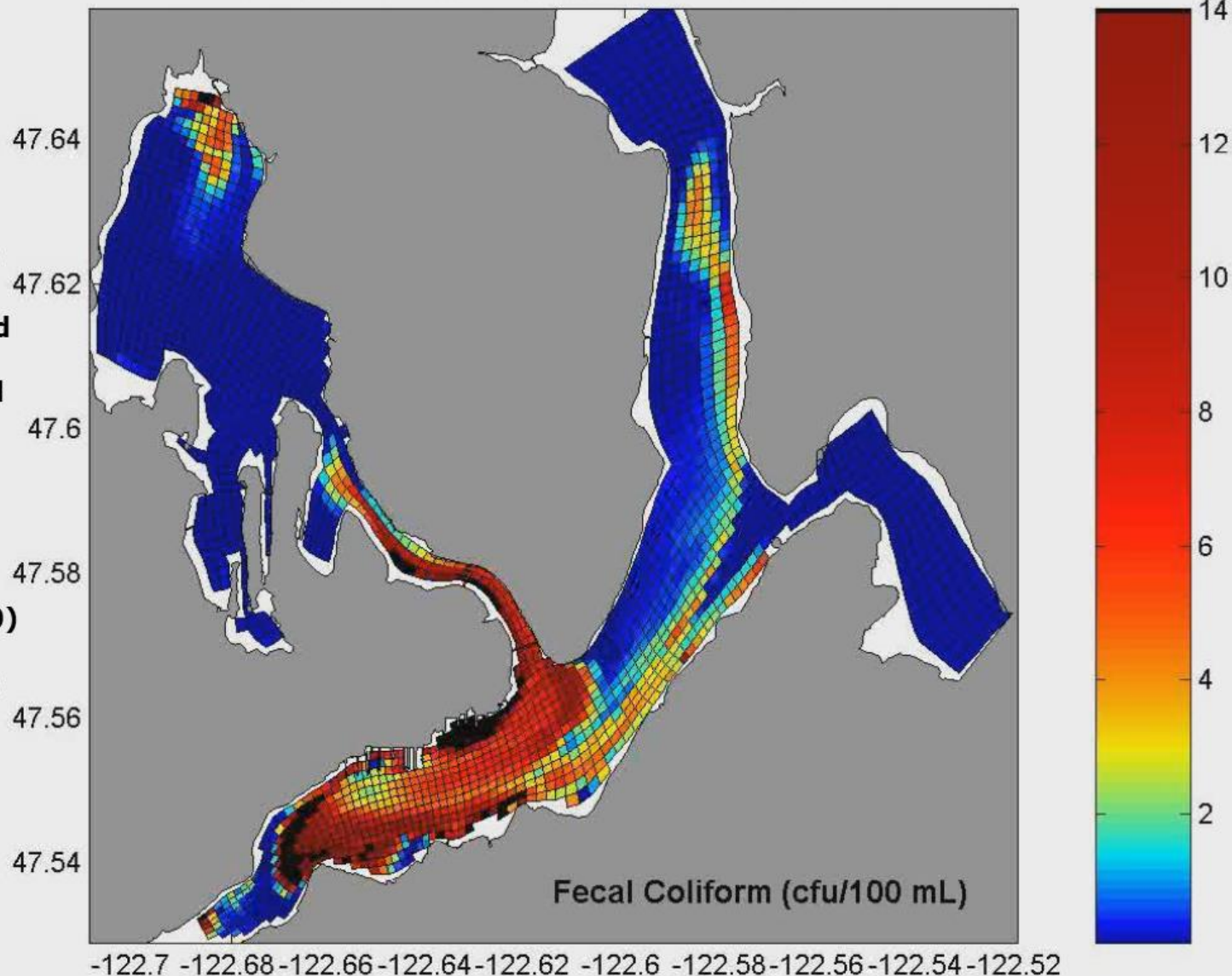
Simulation of Oct 2004 Storm Event

Color scale shows build up of contamination near creek mouths and nearshore areas with limited flushing

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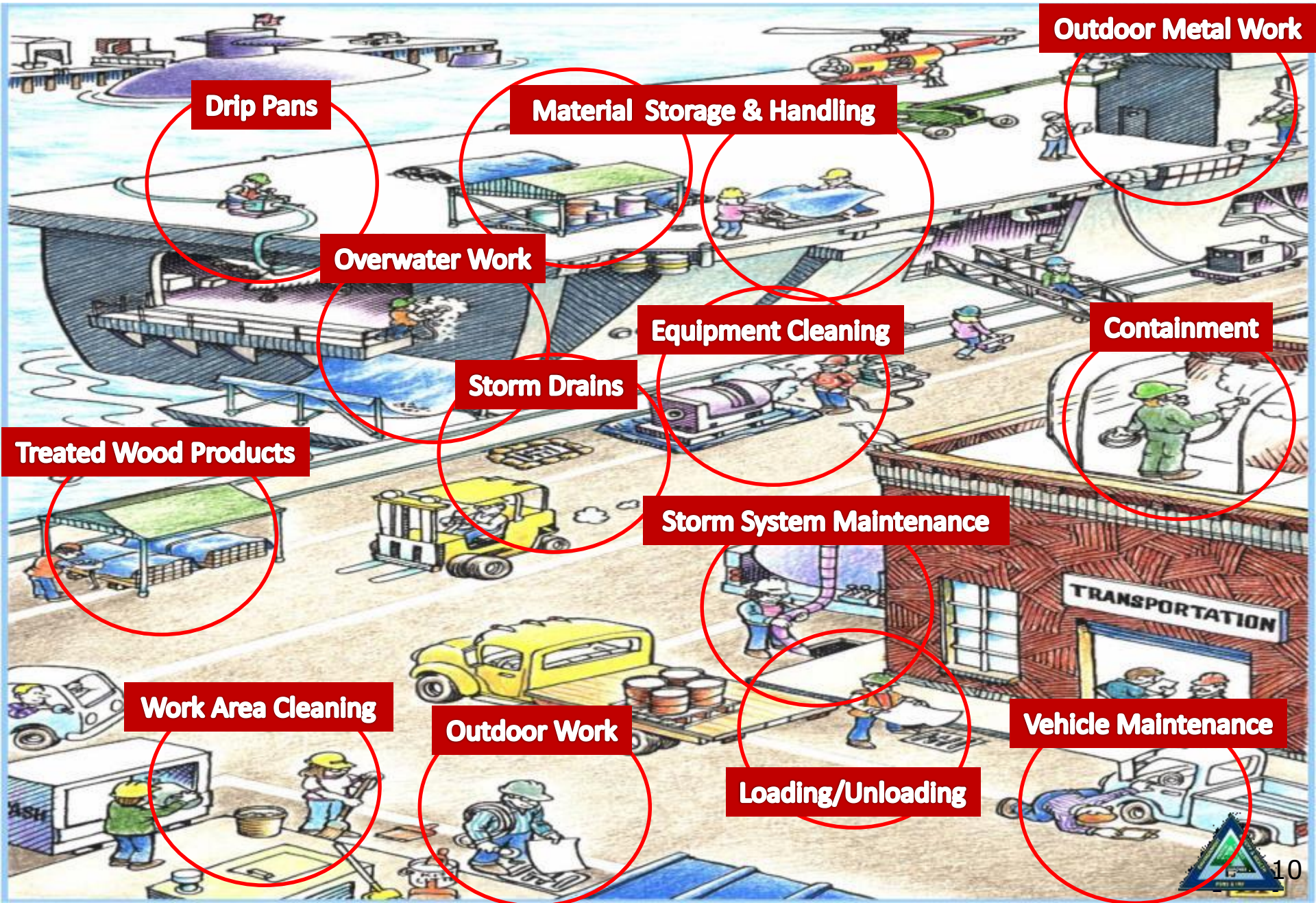
PSNS & IMF (Bremerton)

Shipyard Operation May 1992
(WA Dept. of Ecology Shoreline Photo)



Continuous Process Improvement!

WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION BMPs



Drip Pans

Material Storage & Handling

Outdoor Metal Work

Overwater Work

Equipment Cleaning

Containment

Storm Drains

Treated Wood Products

Storm System Maintenance


Work Area Cleaning

Outdoor Work

Vehicle Maintenance

Loading/Unloading





Eyes over Puget Sound
9/11/2013
(WA Dept. of Ecology)

Continuous Process Improvement Is Working!

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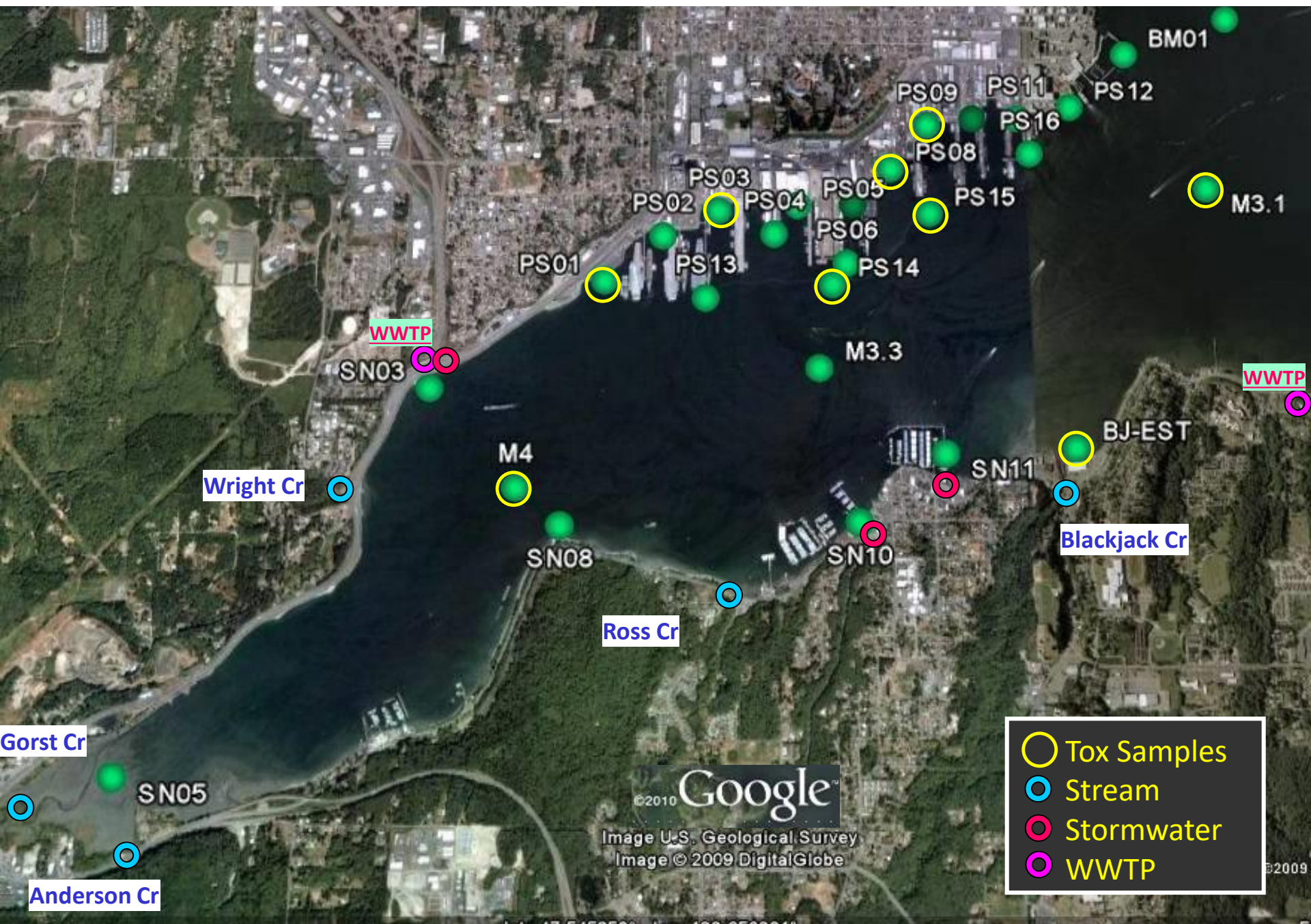


Ambient Monitoring and Toxicity Testing

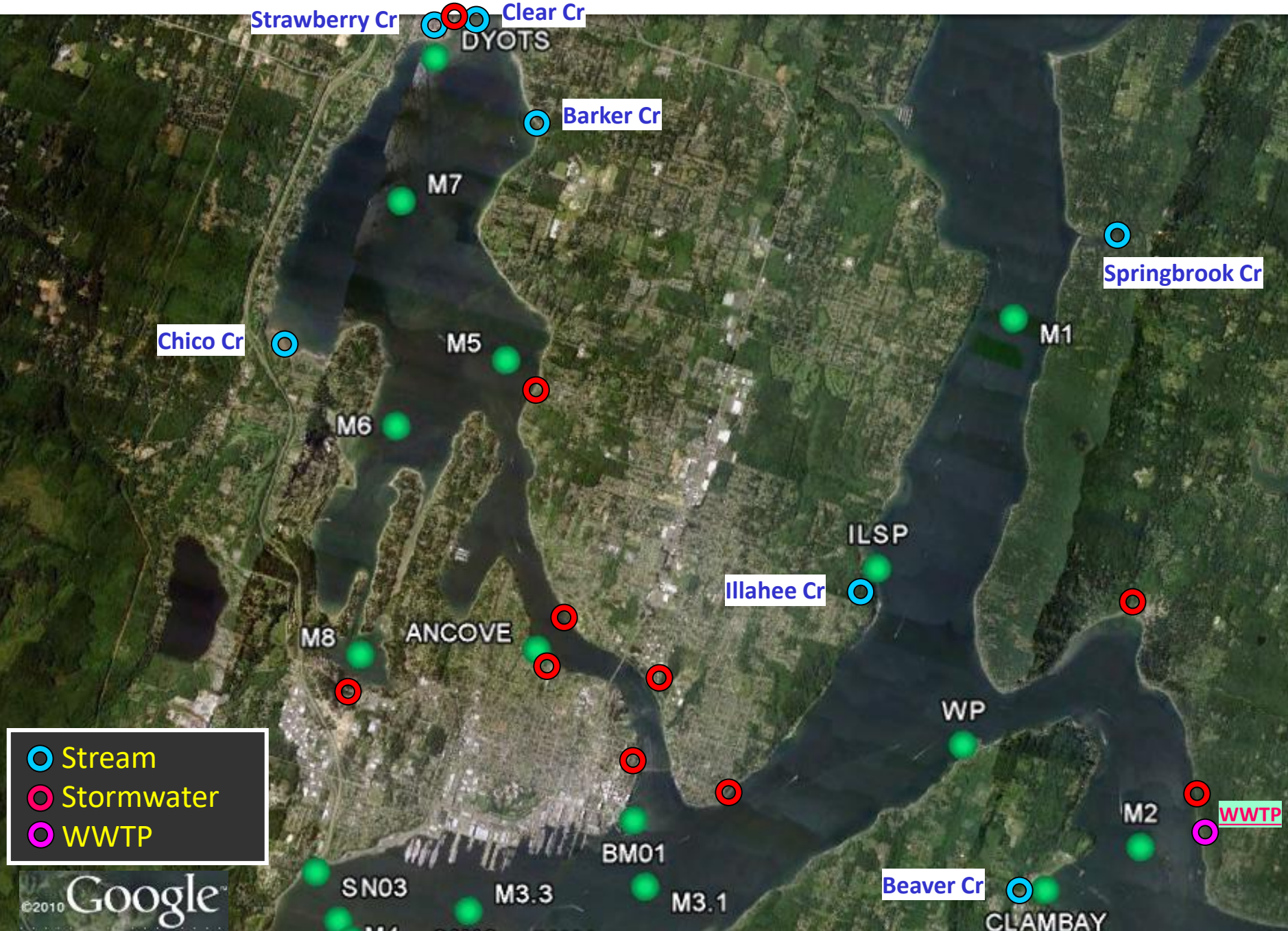
What - Monthly and storm event sampling for fecals; seasonal sampling for metals and toxicity; Mussel sampling on even years



Ambient Marine Stations – Sinclair Inlet

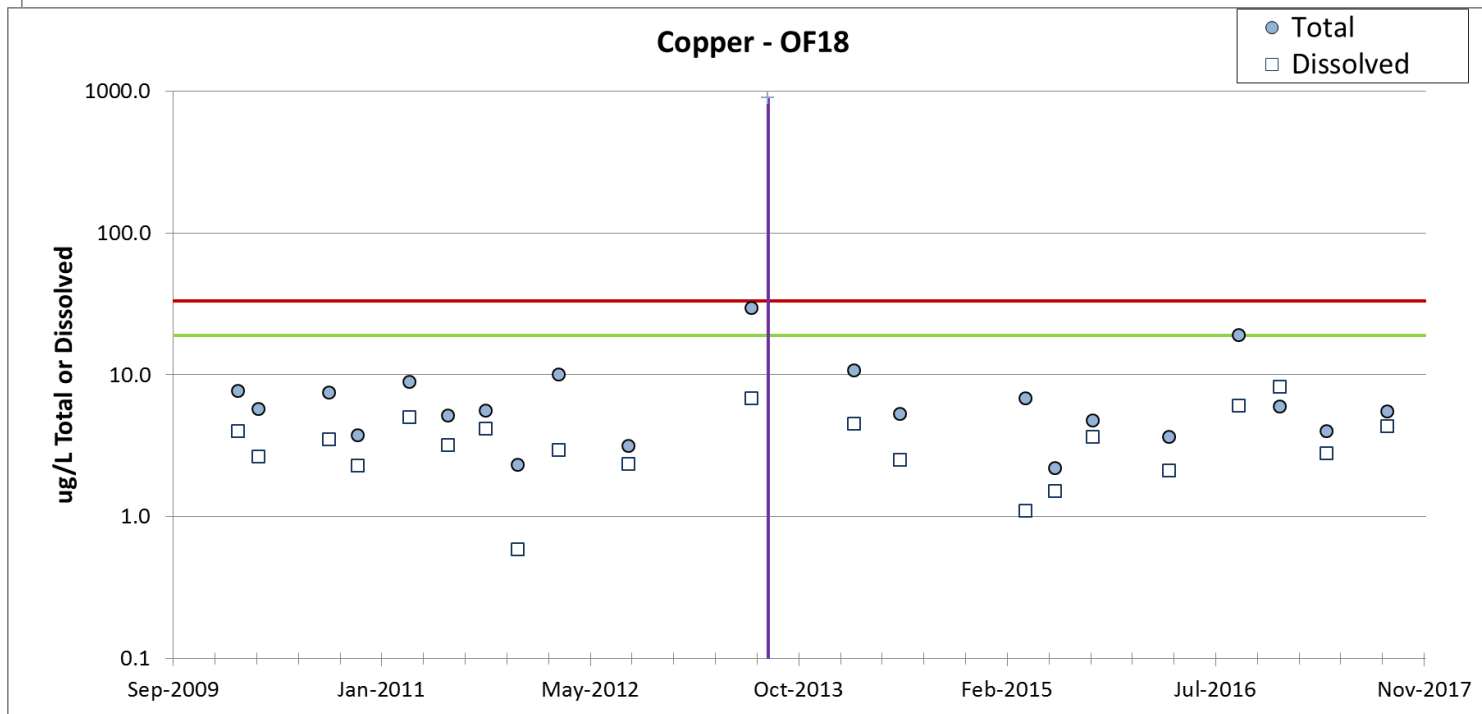
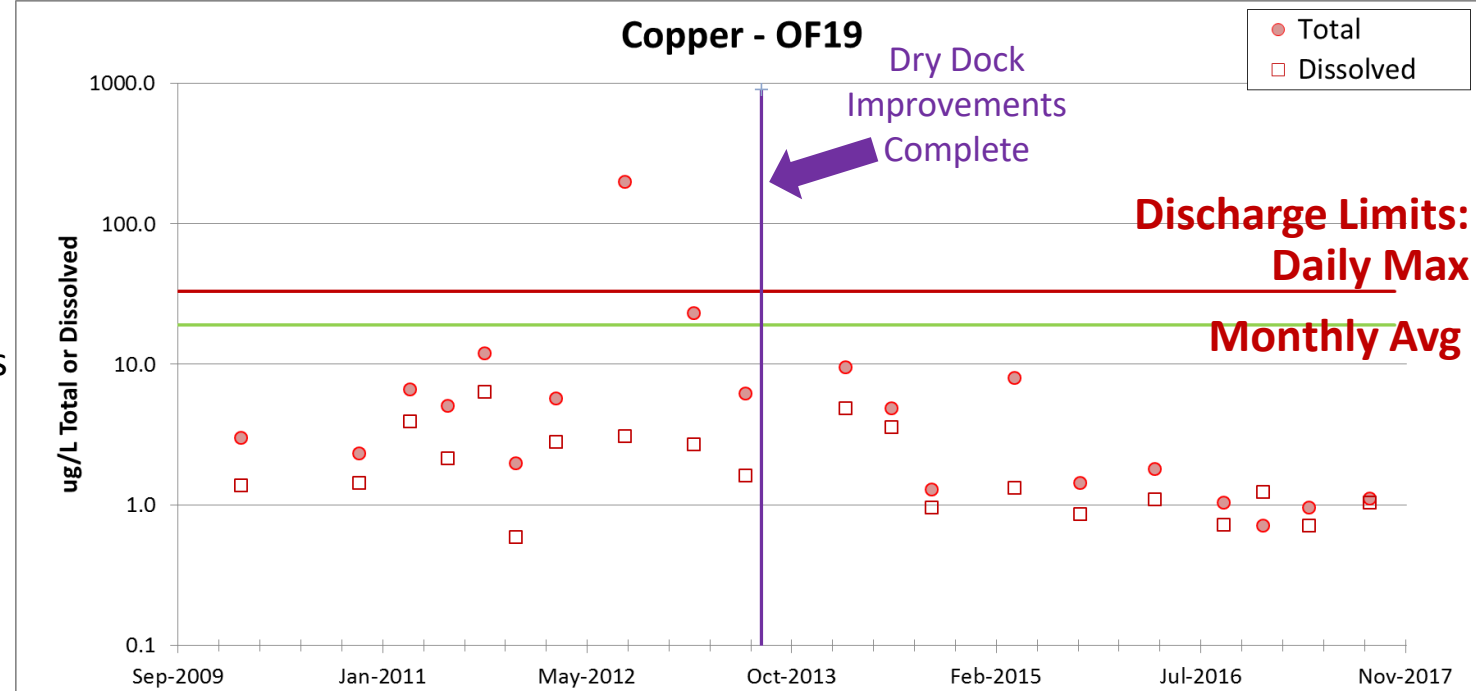
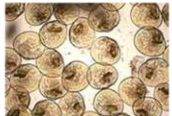


Ambient Marine Stations – Dyes Inlet and Passages



Effluent Monitoring

- 24 hr Composite
- Trace Metal Analysis using ultra clean seawater methods
- Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing



Toxicity Testing

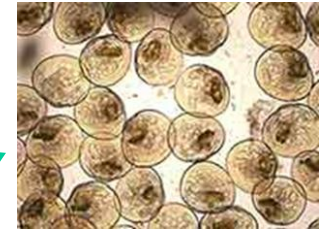
- Acute Toxicity Test:

- 96 hr Mysid Survival



- Chronic Toxicity Tests:

- 48 hr Mussel Larvae Development**
- 96 hr Sea Urchin Larvae Development
- 24 hr QwikLite (Bioluminescence Response)
- 48 hr Giant Kelp Germination and Growth



**Driver for national saltwater WQC for copper



	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	NPDES18			
MysidSurv	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	9.27	67.01	93.63	85.66
QwikLite	11.11	19.59	26.94	41.22
MusDev				
MusNorSur				

	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	PS08			
MysidSurv	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	0.00	0.00	4.26	1.62
QwikLite	0.00	0.00		0.00
MusDev		0.00		
MusNorSur		7.44		

	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	M4			
MysidSurv	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	0.20	0.00	0.60	0.00
QwikLite	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.22
MusDev		0.31		
MusNorSur		0.00		

	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	NPDES19			
MysidSurv	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	0.00	1.09	14.93	0.00
QwikLite	36.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
MusDev		7.97		
MusNorSur		8.24		

	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	PS09			
MysidSurv	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	0.00	0.73	0.81	0.81
QwikLite	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.78
MusDev		0.00		
MusNorSur		6.60		

	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	BJ-EST			
MysidSurv	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	1.00	0.45	0.60	0.00
QwikLite	0.00	0.00	7.53	18.06
MusDev		0.00		
MusNorSur		0.00		

	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	NPDES21			
MysidSurv	0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	0.20	1.64	0.00	0.00
QwikLite	25.84	4.31	1.85	0.63
MusDev		0.64		
MusNorSur		3.04		

	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	PS14			
MysidSurv	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	0.00	1.04	0.00	0.00
QwikLite	0.00	0.00	0.25	17.86
MusDev		0.00		
MusNorSur		1.26		

Relatively low toxicity observed for 2015-2016 events

	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	PS01			
MysidSurv	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
QwikLite	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MusDev		0.00		
MusNorSur		10.48		

	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	PS15			
MysidSurv	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	0.20	2.49	0.80	0.00
QwikLite	10.84	0.00	0.00	0.00
MusDev		0.00		
MusNorSur		0.00		

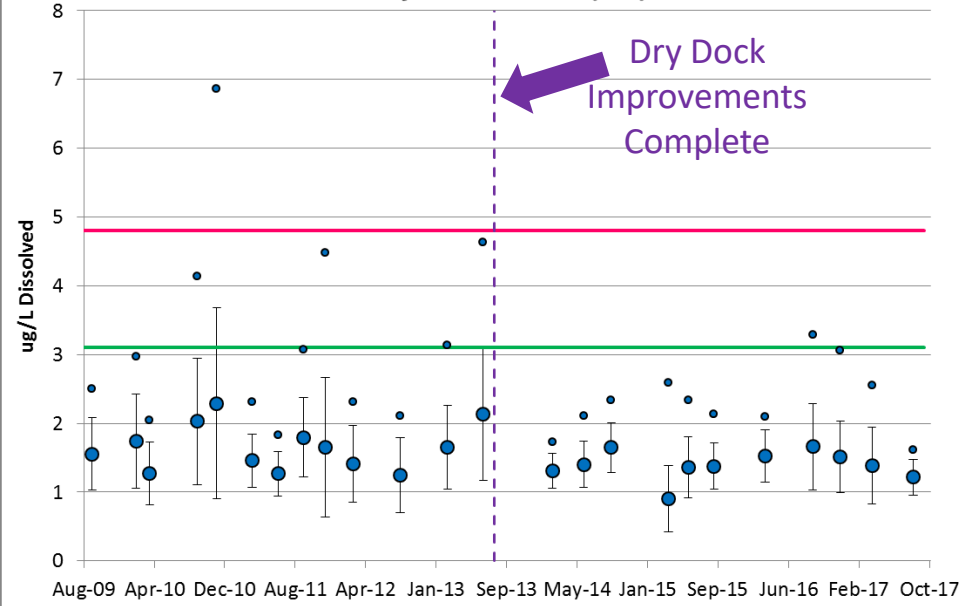
OF18 has majority of significant hits in the urchin development test and the QL test

	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	PS03			
MysidSurv	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.00
QwikLite	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.00
MusDev		0.00		
MusNorSur		6.50		

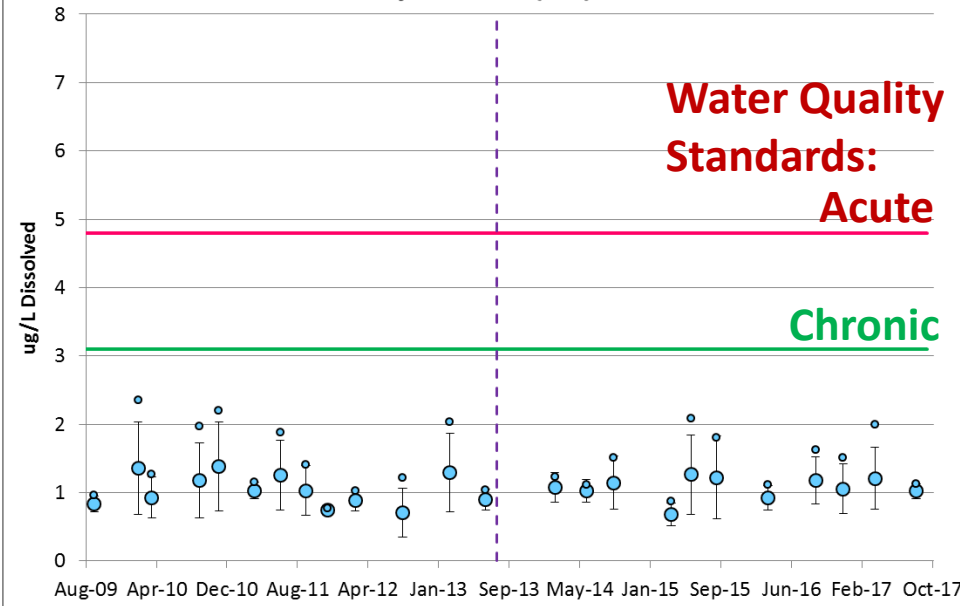
	AMB17	AMB18	AMB19	AMB20
	M3.1			
MysidSurv	0.00	10.00	5.00	0.00
SeaUrchin	1.20	8.65	0.60	0.00
QwikLite	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.44
MusDev		0.00		
MusNorSur		0.00		

Ambient Monitoring Dissolved Copper

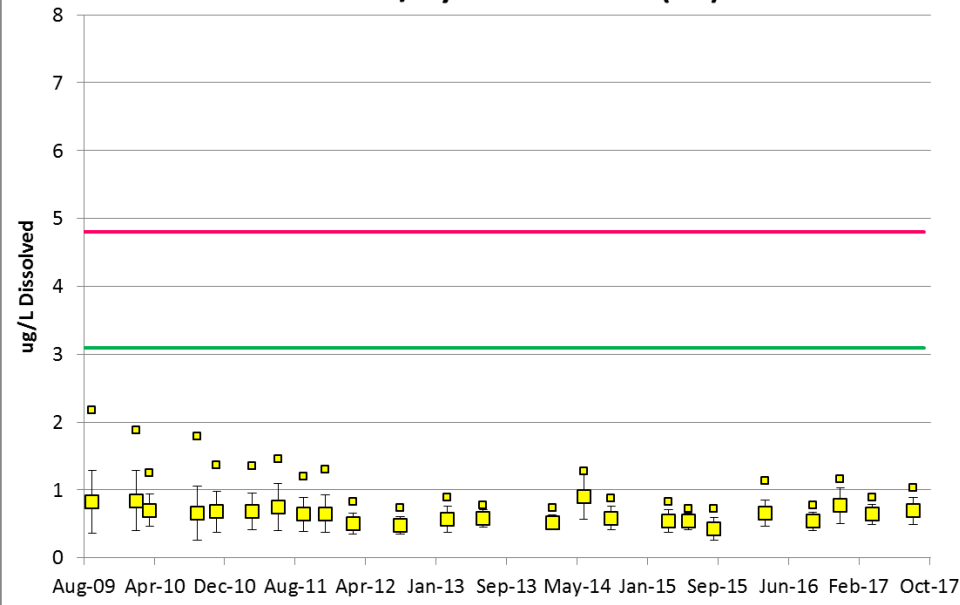
Navy Nearshore (Cu)



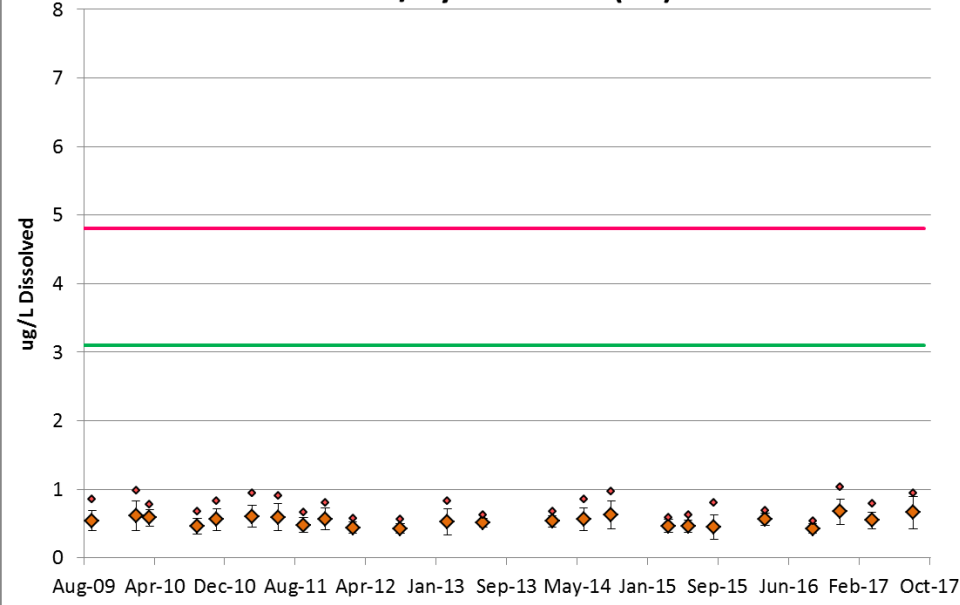
Navy Barrier (Cu)



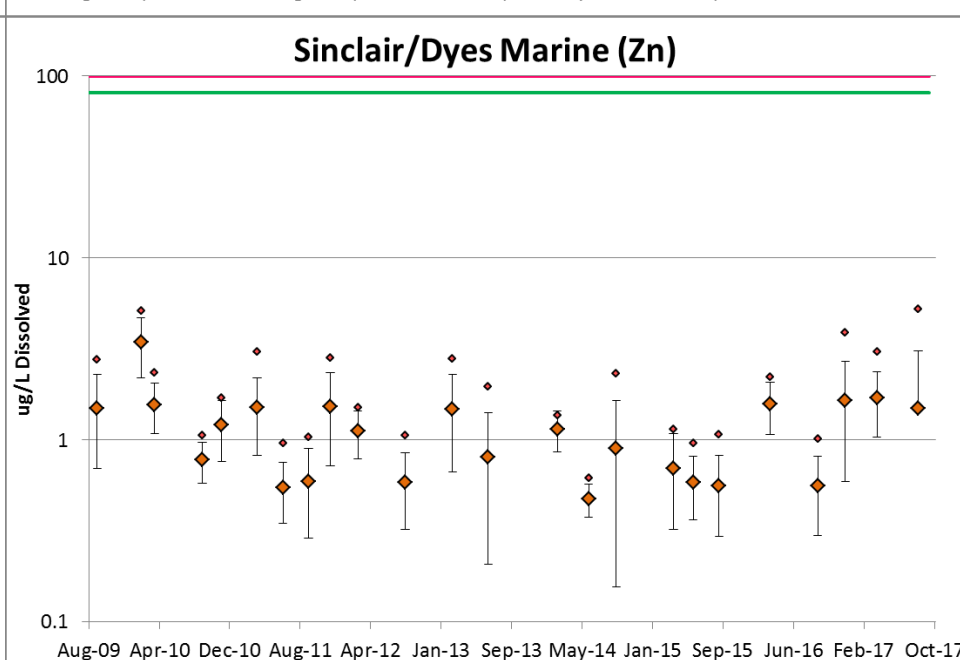
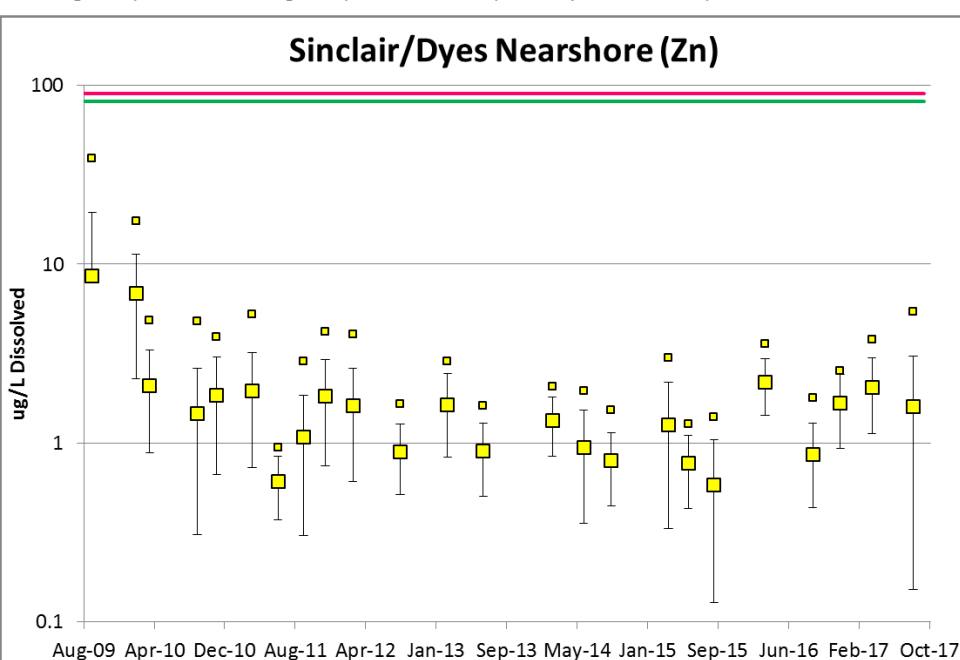
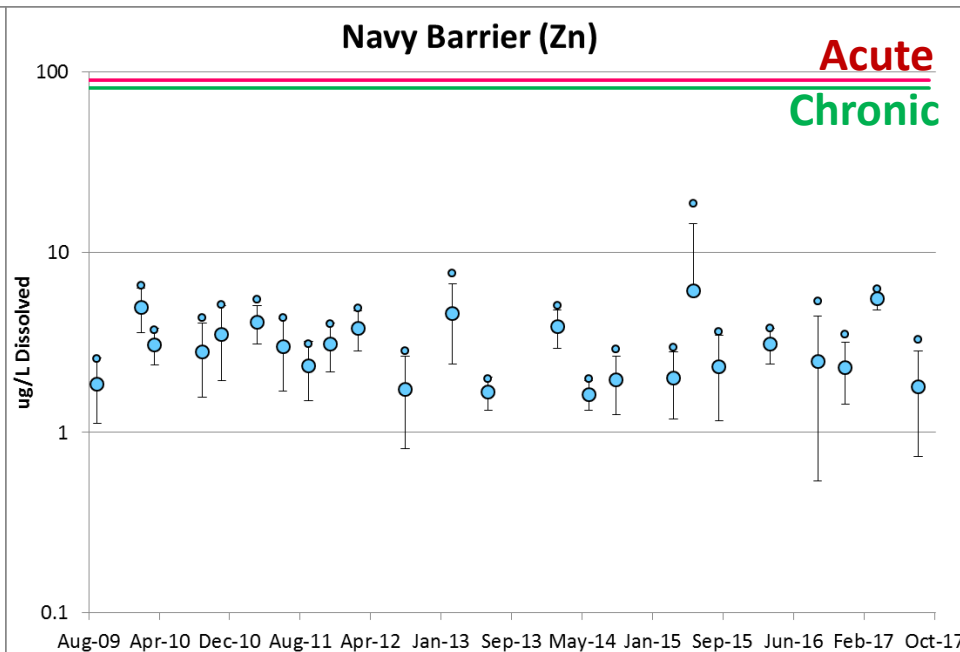
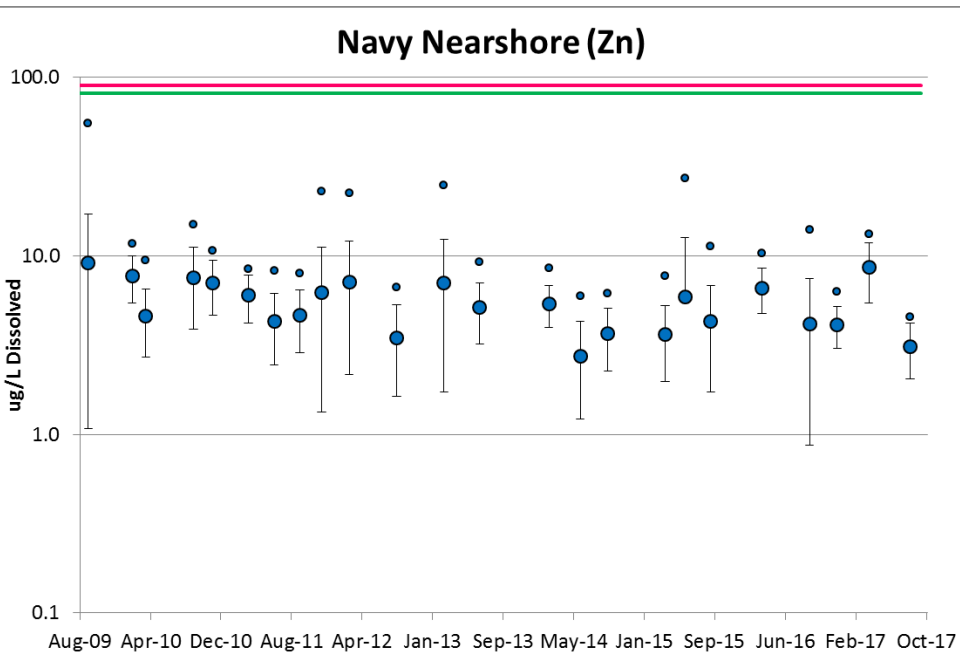
Sinclair/Dyes Nearshore (Cu)



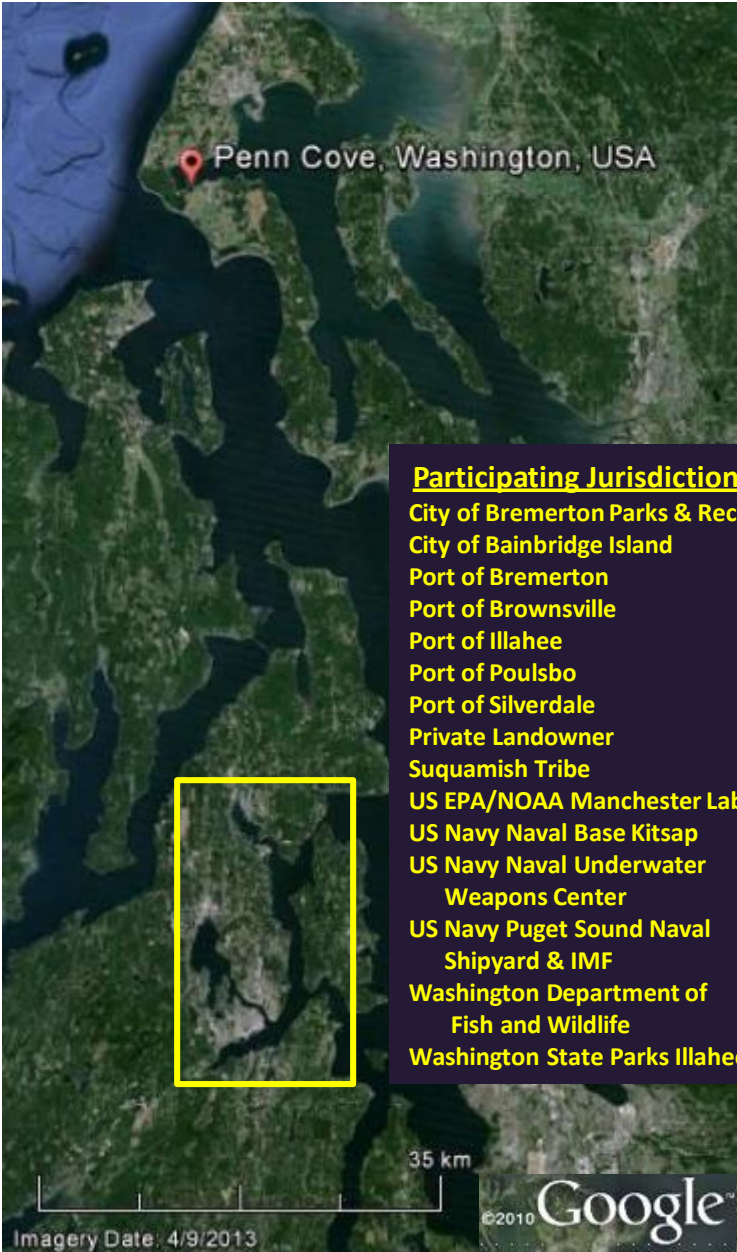
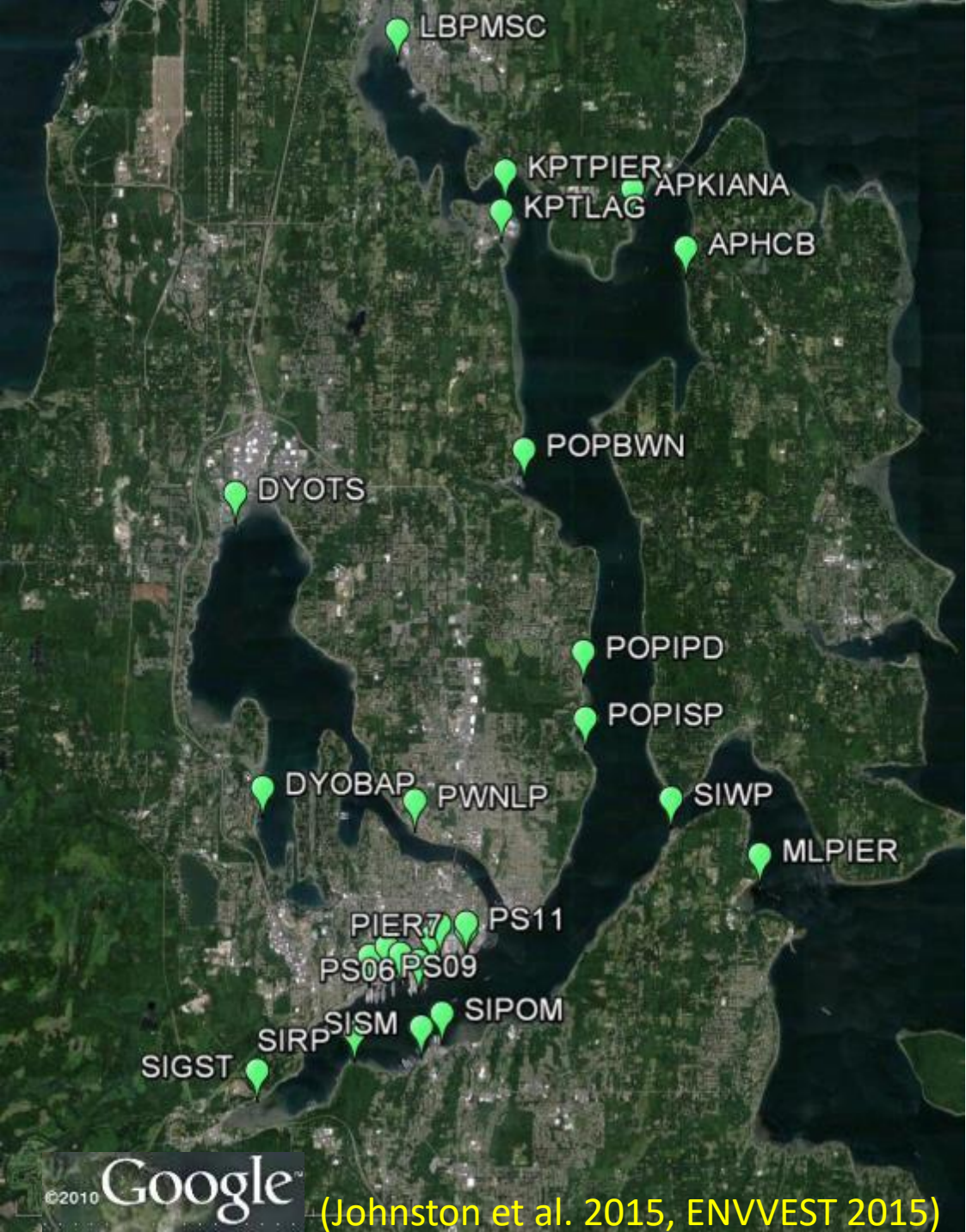
Sinclair/Dyes Marine (Cu)



Ambient Monitoring Dissolved Zinc

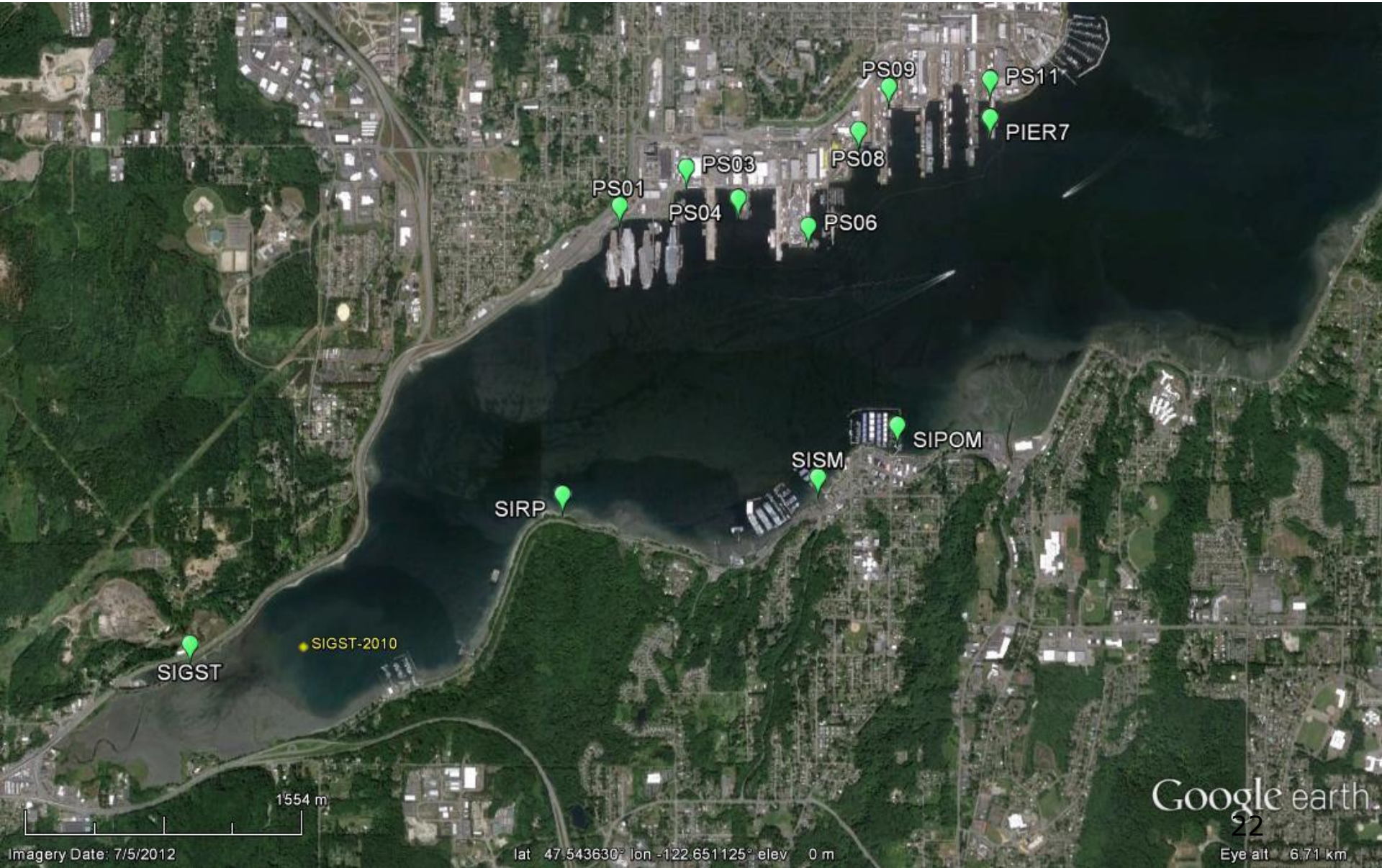


ENVVEST Mussel Watch Stations 2010 - 2016



- Participating Jurisdictions**
- City of Bremerton Parks & Rec
 - City of Bainbridge Island
 - Port of Bremerton
 - Port of Brownsville
 - Port of Illahee
 - Port of Poulsbo
 - Port of Silverdale
 - Private Landowner
 - Suquamish Tribe
 - US EPA/NOAA Manchester Lab
 - US Navy Naval Base Kitsap
 - US Navy Naval Underwater Weapons Center
 - US Navy Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & IMF
 - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
 - Washington State Parks Illahee

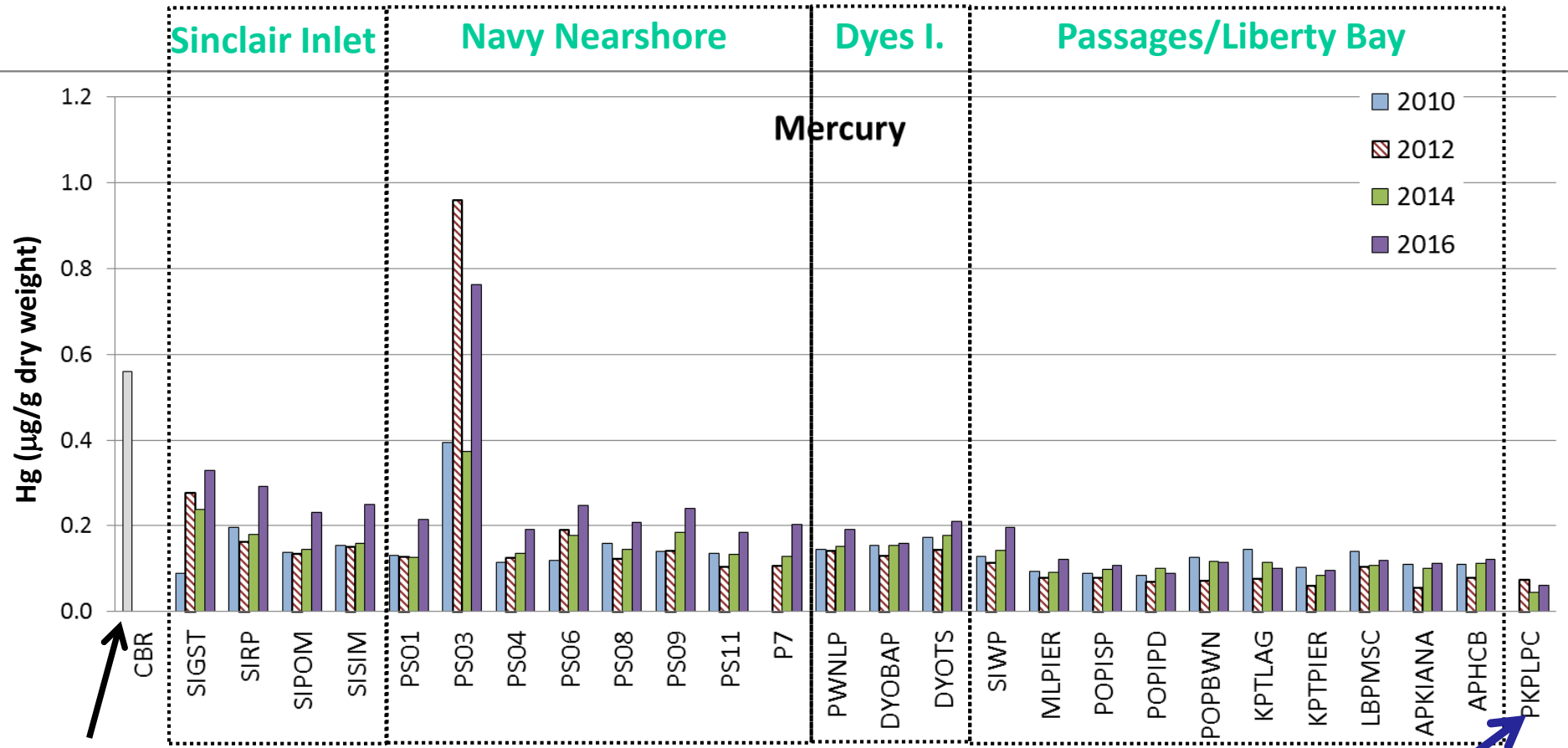
Mussel Watch Sinclair Inlet



Mussel Watch Sampling



Mercury in Mussel Tissue

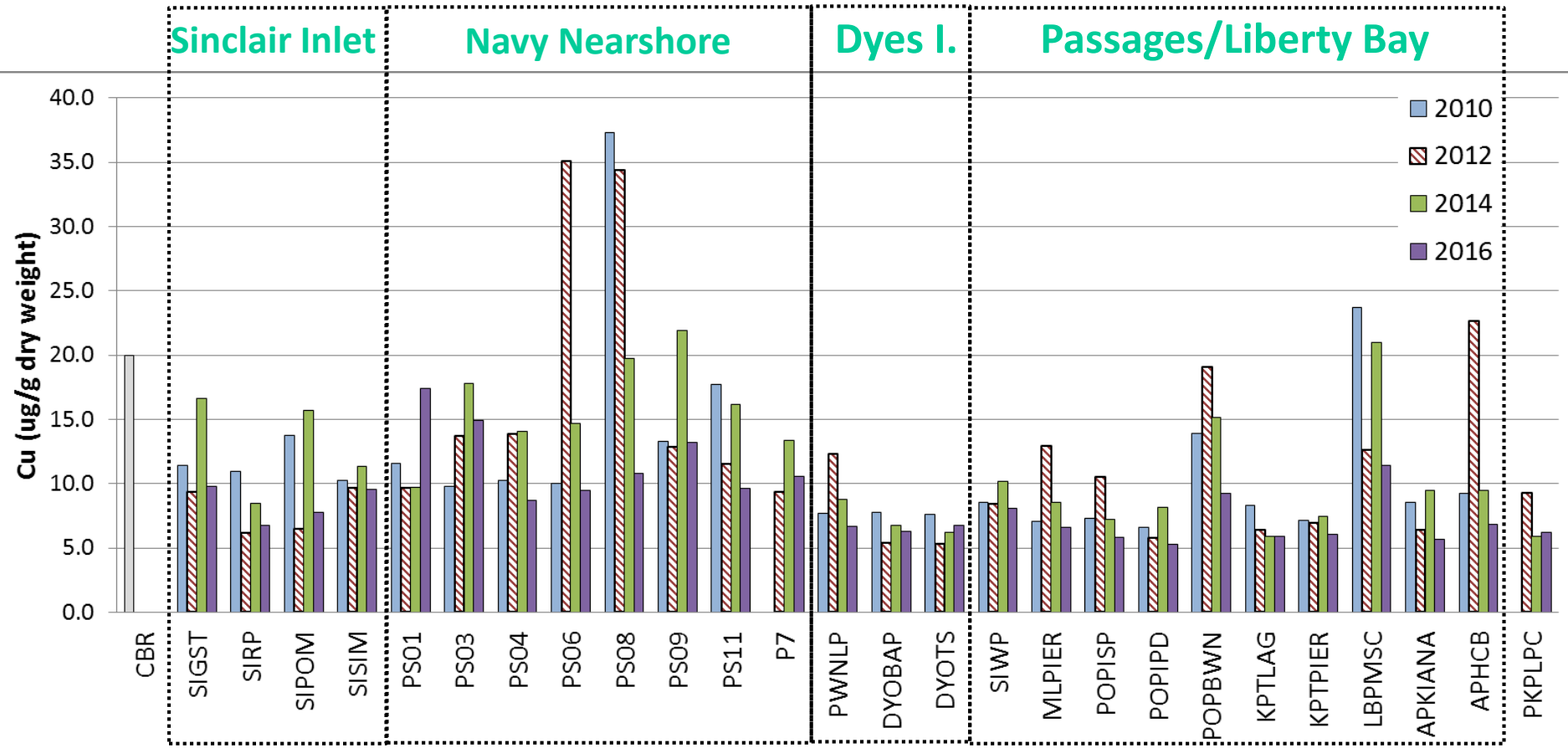


Critical Body Residue

National MW Range ppm dry weight	
	Hg
Low	0.00 - 0.17
Medium	0.18 - 0.35
High	0.36 - 1.28

Seafood Market
(Penn Cove, Whidbey Island)

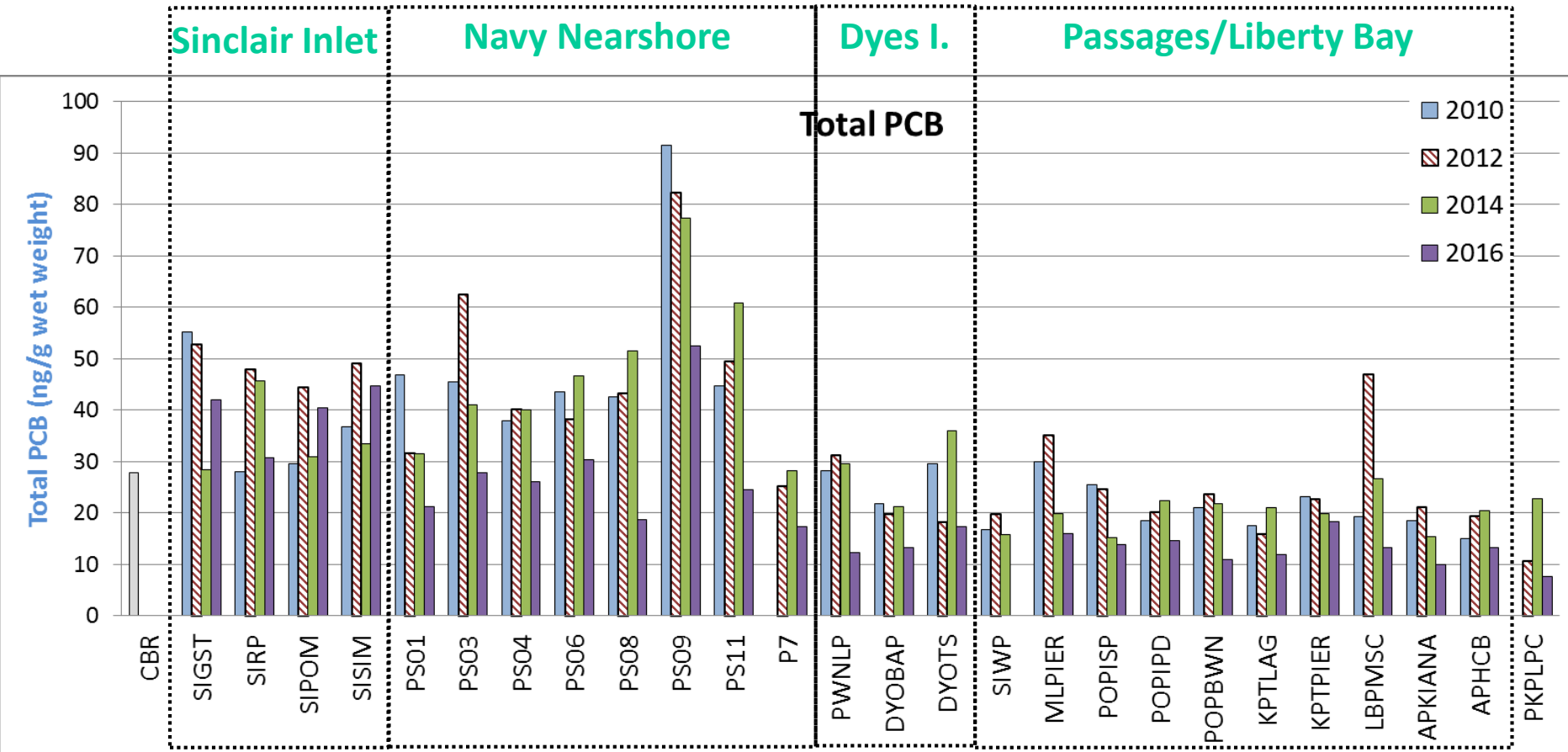
Copper in Mussel Tissues



National MW Range
ppm dry weight

	Cu
Low	5 - 16
Medium	17 - 39
High	40 - 857

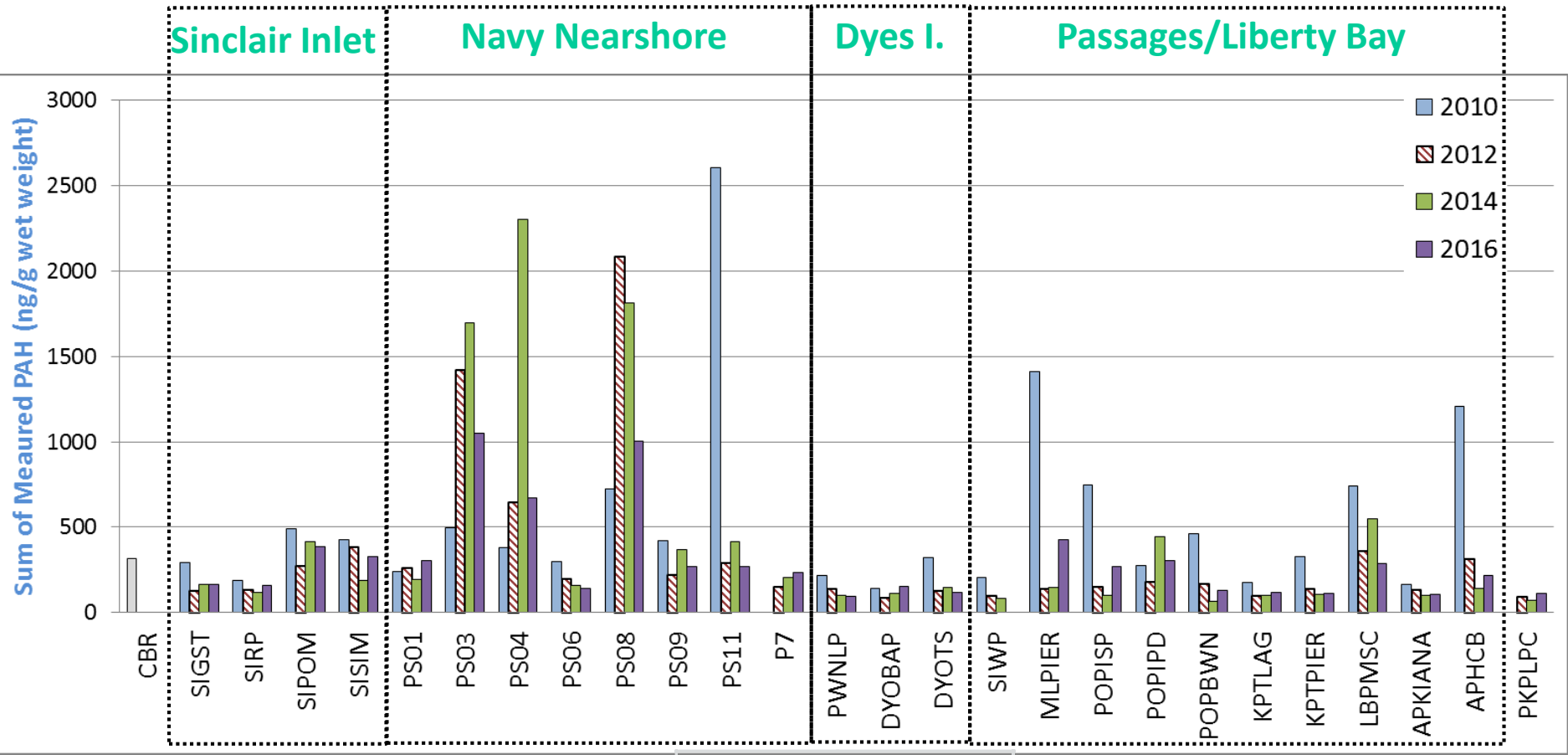
Total PCBs – Polychlorinated Biphenyls



National MW Range
ppb wet weight

	PCBs
Low	0.4 - 21.3
Medium	21.5 - 66.6
High	66.8 - 197

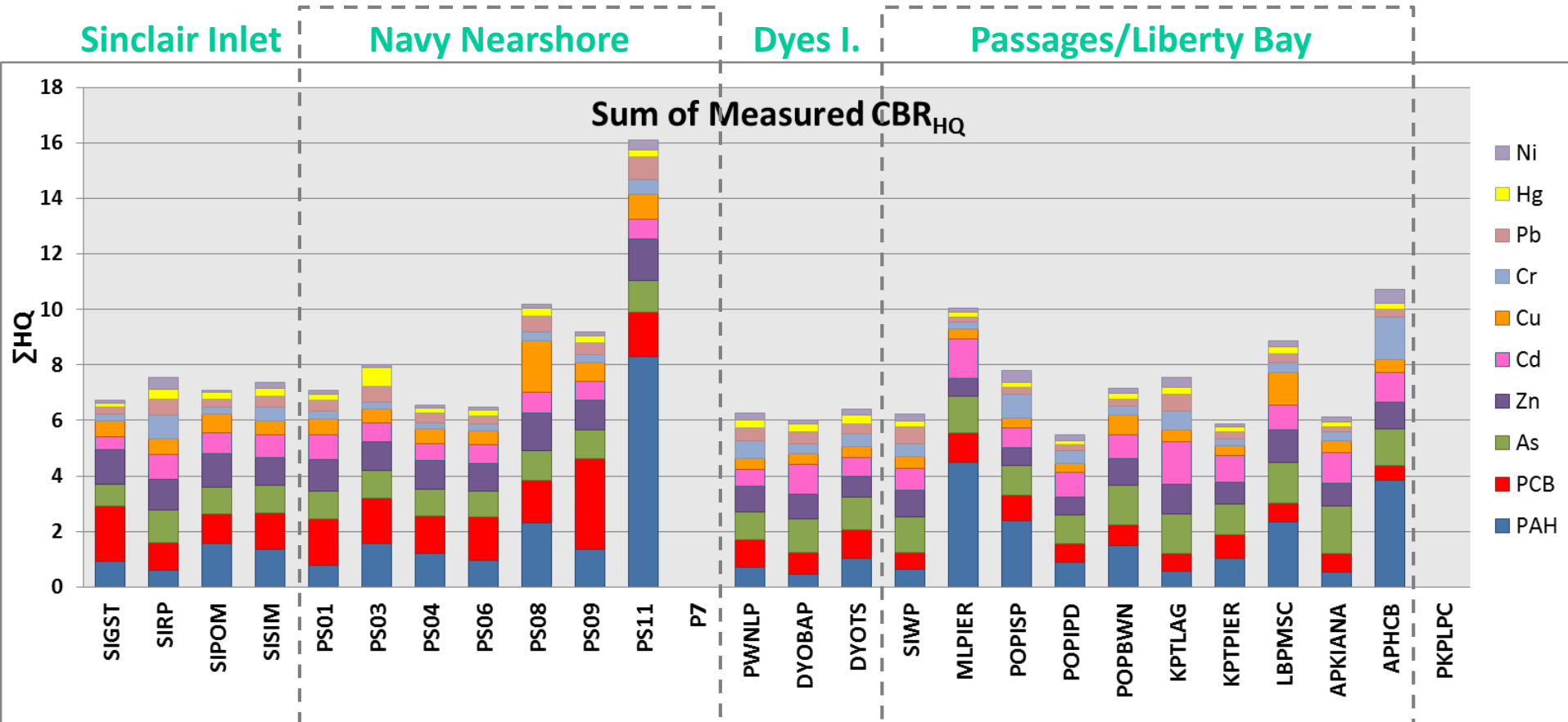
Sum PAHs – Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons



National MW Range
ppb wet weight

	PAHs
Low	9 - 165
Medium	166 - 618
High	618 - 1054

Hazard Index for Critical Body Residues 2010

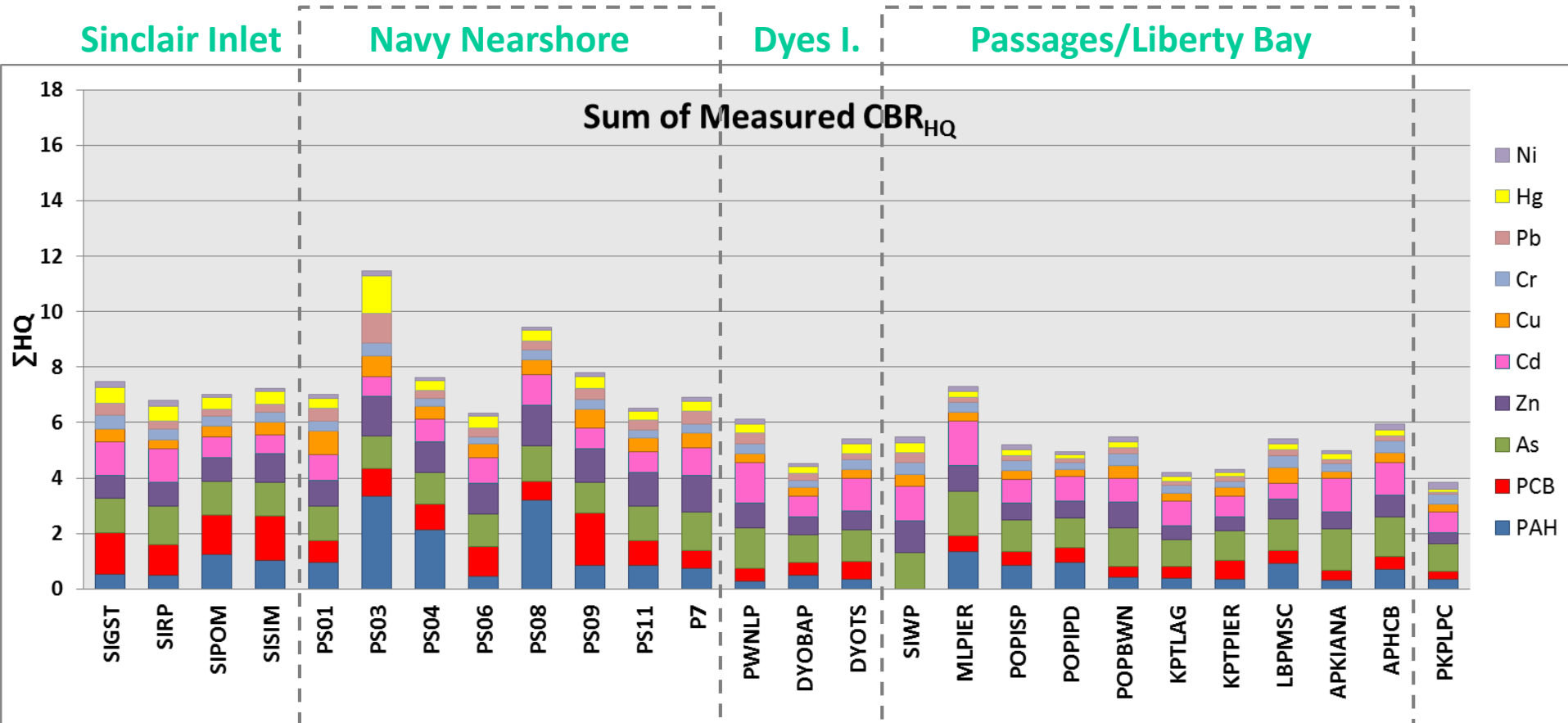


Possible Ecological Effect – Critical Body Residue

$$CBR_{HQ} > 2; \quad CBR_{HQ} = \text{Concentration}/CBR_i$$

$$CBR_{HI} > 10; \quad CBR_{HI} = \sum CBR_{HQ_i} \text{ where } i = 10$$

Hazard Index for Critical Body Residues 2016



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Conclusions

- Monitoring Program is focused on tracking environmental quality in the Inlets
 - Can identify problems for further investigation and correction
 - Can be used to evaluate effectiveness of corrective actions
- Ambient Monitoring and Toxicity Testing Status and Trends
 - Effluent quality is improving
 - Receiving Waters Not Toxic and Protective of Beneficial Uses
- What are the Biota Telling Us?
 - Some Areas Elevated with PAHs, PCBs, Hg, and Cu
- Overall decrease in contaminant levels indicates Improving Environmental Quality
- Monitoring framework provides context for interpretation
 - Better information = Better management