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#### INTRODUCTION

Eutrophication has greatly accelerated in all the Great Lakes, except Superior, due to human activities (Beeton 1965). This cultural eutrophication of the Lakes, especially Lake Erie (Burns 1976), has resulted in changes in the biota (Davis 1969; Christie 1974; Stuckey 1971; Munawar and Munawar 1976) and increases in the algal populations (Sly 1976). One of the most common organisms that is frequently associated with nutrient enrichment in the Great Lakes is the green alga Cladophora. This thesis is an ecological investigation into some of the environmental factors influencing the growth of Cladophora and the influence this alga has on the littoral region of western Lake Erie.

Lake Erie was the last of the five Laurentian Great Lakes to be discovered by the Europeans in 1669 (Sly 1976). Now, it is the most populated and developed of the Lakes and consequently, has been impacted the most by man's expanding population and industries. Localized degradation of Lake Erie was evident prior to the 1850's and by the 1930's, lake-wide effects were being observed (Sly 1976). Western Lake Erie, with a mean depth of 7.4 m, has always been one of the most productive regions in the Great Lakes and has supported <u>Cladophora</u> growth since the mid-1800's and possibly earlier (Taft and Kishler 1973).

In the Great Lakes, where sufficient nutrients (in particular, phosphorus) are available, <u>Cladophora</u> is capable of producing large quantities of biomass in the form of long filaments. The large volume of biomass produced and the concentrating effect of currents often result in large quantities of <u>Cladophora</u> being washed ashore, creating nuisance accumulations and obnoxious odors. To the public this is very tangible evidence of excessive algal growth, frequently interpreted as pollution. However, to the ecology of the nearshore region the <u>Cladophora</u> niche plays an important role by supporting a diverse and abundant community of organisms.

### Purpose and Objectives

Recognition of the wide-scale deterioration of Lake Erie prompted the signing of the first Canadian/U. S. Water Quality Agreement in 1972, and the initiation of remedial action under the directorship of the International Joint Commission (IJC). The Water Quality Board of the IJC developed a Great Lakes International Surveillance Plan (GLISP) to coordinate a program to determine water quality conditions and assess the effectiveness of implemented pollution abatement measures. As a component of GLISP the Lake Erie Cladophora Surveillance Program (LECSP) was initiated in 1979. This thesis is an outgrowth of the LECSP in western Lake Erie.

The present investigation was largely based on an "in-lake study" undertaken in a complex natural system involving many phenomena and interrelations. This approach is considerably different from laboratory

studies performed under controlled conditions where one or two of the numerous components of the environment are investigated. Studying the organism <u>in-situ</u> and drawing on previous controlled laboratory experiments provides for a more complete understanding of the alga and its niche. By no means were all aspects and interrelationships of <u>Cladophora</u> investigated, but based on previous work the parameters of study were narrowed and selected in hopes of concentrating on the most pertinent information.

The objectives of this study were to characterize the growth dynamics of the alga and determine the possible relationship(s) between environmental conditions and <u>Cladophora</u> growth. The environment parameters specifically investigated were temperature, light and the nutrients phosphorus and nitrogen. Studying the alga in its natural environment not only provided an understanding of the autecology but also the opportunity to characterize the synecology of <u>Cladophora</u>.

# Previous Investigations

<u>Taxonomic Considerations</u>. The taxonomic nomenclature of the genus <u>Cladophora</u> (Chlorophyceae) at the species level is confusing and has undergone frequent modification. The present genus was developed in 1843 when Kützing united species of Conferva under the genus <u>Cladophora</u>, at which time there were 160 species. Many of these species have since been discarded or considered synonymous. The genus <u>Cladophora</u> encompasses fresh water, brackish, and marine species that are worldwide in distribution. Soderstorm's (1963) treatment of the genus lists

two freshwater species,  $\underline{C}$ .  $\underline{fracta}$  (VAHL) Kutz. and  $\underline{C}$ .  $\underline{glomerata}$  (L.) Kutz., whereas Van Den Hoek (1963) recognizes nine freshwater species, and Prescott (1951) lists seven species.

Cladophora glomerata (L.) Kutz. is the species that is conspicuously abundant in many lakes, ponds and streams of the Laurentian Great Lakes Basin and is the subject of the present investigation. Several earlier authors (Neil and Owen 1964; Jackson 1966) refer to the alga of concern in the Great Lakes as <u>C. fracta</u> and the more recent authors (Herbst 1966; Kishler 1967; Auer and Canale 1980) refer to <u>C. glomerata</u>. <u>Cladophora glomerata</u> is one of the most variable plants in the genus due to its morphological plasticity. The taxonomic distinction between the above two species is slight, further adding to confusion. The taxonomic problems are thoroughly reviewed in Van Den Hoek's (1963) monograph.

Description and Life Cycle. Cladophora glomerata is an epilithic, rheophilic, macroscopic filamentous alga that inhabits the littoral zone of lakes, ponds and streams. A firm, non-shifting substrate with little net sedimentation is required for the filament's attachment. The alga commonly occurs on bedrock, in cobble areas, and along breakwalls. In addition, Cladophora colonizes a variety of submerged materials including wood, metals, rough glass, tile, gastropod and mollusc shells. Attachment to the substrate is provided by a holdfast resulting from a basal differentiation of the filament. The filaments are richly branched, producing a dense, bush-like, bright green thallus of interwoven filaments. Branches are generally single, originating from

the upper end of the parent cell just beneath the septum. The cylindrical cells of the alga are relatively large, with a length several times their width. The cells range from approximately 35-100  $\mu$  in diameter to 120-700  $\mu$  in length, becoming very slightly attenuated toward the apices of the branches, which are bluntly rounded. Cells are coenocytic with many chloroplasts and pyrenoids. Cellular division occurs by formation of a cross septa independent of nuclear division. The cell walls are thick and lamellate, layered with microfibrils in spirals (Prescott 1968). Cladophora does not secrete a mucilage, thus giving it a "rough, crisp" feeling and appearance.

A seasonal periodicity regarding relative abundance, vegetative growth and sporulation have been observed by numerous investigators.

Cladophora most often exhibits a bimodal growth pattern in the Great Lakes with peaks in the early summer and fall (Bellis and McLarty 1967; Kishler 1967; Herbst 1969; Mantai 1978; Lorenz and Herdendorf 1982).

Reproduction of <u>Cladophora glomerata</u> is generally considered to be asexual. Conflicting reports on the production of sexual gametes and viable zygotes are contained in the European literature (reviewed by Van Den Hoek 1963). Sexual reproduction has not been reported for the alga in the Great Lakes (Hoffman and Gerloff 1980). Flagellated zoospores are a commonly observed asexual mode of reproduction in the Great Lakes. The zoospores are formed from unspecialized cells of the apical region of the filaments and released through an apical pore of the sporangium. Production of zoospores is environmentally controlled, often resulting

in massive release of spores from many thalli and cells simultaneously. The swarming zoospores exhibit positive phototactic responses (Van Den Hoek 1963). After settling, the zoospores germinate, forming short plantlets within several days.

Akinete formation is another means of propagation and survival for become unfavorable. The generally when conditions the alga. transformation of the cell into an akinete is characterized by the cell contents becoming more dense, appearing a darker green, the accumulation of starch, thickening of the cell wall and the cell becoming somewhat club-shaped. The thallus loses its bushy branching pattern, becoming Akinetes are capable of coarse and stiff taking on a zigzag pattern. surviving unfavorable conditions and proliferating again under favorable conditions (Van Den Hoek 1963). In addition to the akinetes, the basal portions of attached filaments are capable of surviving adverse conditions and undergoing similar transformation as the akinetes. Filament fragmentation is another method of asexual propagation.

Historical Occurrence. Cladophora was the first alga to be identified from Lake Erie, possibly reflecting its abundance well into the past (Taft and Kishler 1973). Taft and Kishler (1973) stated that there is reason to believe that Cladophora was present in the glacial lakes and tributaries preceding present-day Lake Erie. The earliest recorded information indicates that this alga has been present in the Great Lakes region since at least the mid-1800's. Cladophora glomerata was reported from all the Great Lakes except Lake Superior in 1847 by

Bailey and in 1872 by Wood. Smith reported it from Lake Superior in 1871. Day (1882) listed the alga in the Niagara River and Campbell (1886) indicated its presence at the mouth of the Detroit River.

Photographs from Jay Cook of Gibraltar Island, postcards of the Bass Islands from 1865-1907 (Taft and Kishler 1973) and the first comprehensive plant survey of the region (Pieters 1901) all indicate the presence of Cladophora in the Bass Island region of western Lake Erie during the late 1800's. In the early 1900's Muenscher (1928) reported its common presence on the rocks of the eastern basin shore, Gottschall (1930) indicated its occasional presence at Presque Isle, especially near sewer outlets, and Tiffany (1937) described its general presence. Cladophora has thus been present in western Lake Erie for quite some time and its presence may not necessarily be a symptom of cultural eutrophication.

Distribution in the Great Lakes. The presence and increasing abundance of <u>Cladophora</u> in the Laurentian Great Lakes has generally been associated with nutrient enrichment (Beeton 1966; Herbst 1969; Verduin 1969). In the upper Great Lakes <u>Cladophora</u> is limited to areas of environmental perturbation such as adjacent to population centers and point source loadings where nutrient levels are elevated. On Lake Huron, Canale and Auer (1982) demonstrated that reductions in phosphorus loadings from a sewage treatment plant to a small stream at Harbor Beach, Michigan decreased the abundance and distribution of <u>Cladophora</u>, eliminating nuisance conditions. The presence of the alga in the more

nutrient-rich lower Great Lakes Erie and Ontario (Vollenveider et al. 1974) is more general in distribution and is not normally limited by nutrient availability (Shear and Konasewich 1975; Wezernak et al. 1974). Kishler (1967) reported a general distribution of the alga in the Island Region of western Lake Erie and Wezernak et al. (1974) using remote sensing techniques reported 66-79% of the nearshore zone of Lake Ontario on the United States side to be colonized by Cladophora. Recently, the distribution of the major Cladophora populations in the Great Lakes has been reviewed by Auer and Canale (1981).

Temperature has frequently been suggested as the Temperature. controlling factor in the seasonal periodicity observed, which results in a marked decrease of Cladophora crop during the hottest period of the year (Bellis and McLarty 1967). The optimal and maximum temperatures tend to vary with the environmental setting. Culture studies generally report an optimal temperature for dry weight production in the range of 25-30°C (Bellis 1968; Zuraw 1969; Whitton 1970; Gerloff and Fitzgerald 1976; Hoffman and Gerloff 1980). Several in situ productivity studies have observed temperature optimums in the  $20-25^{\,0}\text{C}$  range (Adams and Stone 1973; Moore 1978) and field studies in the Great Lakes have indicated an optimum of approximately 18°C (Kishler 1967; Herbst 1969; Taft 1975; Sweeney 1980). Storr and Sweeney (1971), in a culture experiment using Lake Erie water as the culture media, reported an optimal temperature of  $18^{\rm O}{\rm C}$  with cessation of growth at temperatures approaching  $25^{\rm O}{\rm C}$ . Laboratory studies with a Lake Huron isolate observed a  $13^{0}$  to  $17^{0}$ C optimum temperature with net photosynthesis occurring as high as  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Graham et al. 1982). Initiation of <u>Cladophora</u> growth in Lake Erie was reported near  $11^{\circ}$ C and to reach an optimum at  $26^{\circ}$ C (Moore 1978). Taft and Kishler (1973) observed growth to begin in Lake Erie near  $4^{\circ}$ C and found the alga to photosynthesize to within a degree of freezing. Zoosporogenesis is favored by temperatures between 15-20°C (Mason 1965; Bellis and McLarty 1967; Hoffman and Gerloff 1980).

<u>Light</u>. Growth of <u>Cladophora</u> is reported to be favored by high light intensities (Manning et al. 1938; Whitton 1970; Mantai 1974; Wood 1975; Taft 1976; Wong and Clark 1976). Relatively inefficient utilization of low-light intensities was reported by McMillan and Verduin (1953) for <u>Cladophora</u> in Lake Erie. Recently, the optimum light intensity has been reported to be in the 300 to 600  $\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec range, with the compensation point near the 25-35  $\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec range (Graham et al. 1982). In addition to light quantity, light quality (Cook and Price, 1928) and photoperiod have been reported to influence biomass production and zoosporogenesis in the alga (Storr and Sweeney 1971; Hoffman and Gerloff 1980).

<u>Photosynthesis</u>. Widely varying photosynthetic and respiration rates are reported in the literature (McMillan and Verduin 1953; Adams and Stone 1973; Mantai 1974; Wood 1975; Mantai and Haase 1977). The wide variation in rates has been attributed to errors induced by long incubation periods of the <u>in-situ</u> bottle technique (Mantai and Haase, 1977). These errors include elevated pH levels, carbonate precipitation, self-shading, and increased photorespiration resulting in a general underestimation of natural photosynthetic rates.

Photosynthesis is temperature and light regulated. The photosynthetic rate increases as lake temperatures rise (Mantai 1974; Adams and Stone 1973). McMillan and Verduin (1953) and Mantai (1974) both report a temperature coefficient ( $\mathbb{Q}_{10}$ ) of approximately 2. The detailed study of Graham et al. (1982) reported that the bimodal growth pattern frequently observed in <u>Cladophora</u> in the Great Lakes is regulated by the photosynthetic and respiration rates of the alga, controlled by both temperature and light intensity.

<u>Nutrients</u>. Nitrogen and phosphorus generally have been considered the nutrient elements most likely to limit algal growth in aquatic systems (Hutchinson 1944). The presences and abundance of <u>Cladophora</u> in the Great Lakes has been linked to the availability of phosphorus and does not appear to be limited by nitrogen supply (Neil and Owen 1964; Gerloff and Fitzgerald 1976). Assessment of phosphorus and nitrogen availability to <u>Cladophora</u> and other plants has commonly been performed using tissue analysis (Gerloff and Skoog 1954; Gerloff and Krombholz 1966; Fitzgerald 1969).

critical tissue levels for most of the essential elements have been established in laboratory experiments by Gerloff and Fitzgerald (1976). They report the alga to be characterized by relatively low critical nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations of 1.1% and 0.06%, respectively. Recently, Gerloff and Muth (1979) revised the critical level of phosphorus to 0.08%. Cladophora requires relatively high levels of

Boron, Sulfur and the vitamins  ${\rm B}_{1}$  and  ${\rm B}_{12}$  in culture but the significance of these factors in natural populations has not been explored.

Cladophora has the ability to uptake luxury levels of nutrients when abundant supply is available, resulting in tissue concentrations greater than required for optimal growth (Gerloff and Fitzgerald 1976; Wong and Clark 1976; Mantai 1978). Luxury phosphorus is stored as polyphosphate (Lin 1977) which can provide the alga with a phosphorus source when external supplies become limiting (Kuhl 1974).

<u>Bioaccumulation</u>. <u>Cladophora</u> is capable of the uptake and accumulation of numerous other substances in addition to the required nutrients. The alga has the ability to bioaccumulate pesticides (Meeks 1966), radioisotopes (Williams 1970; Neil 1975), heavy metals (Bjerkelund and Ongley 1980) and toxic substances (Anderson et al. 1980; Haile et al. 1975).

pH. Cladophora is found in alkaline waters having a pH ranging from approximately 7-10 (Van Den Hoek 1963; Mason 1965; Bellis 1968; Wood 1975). The most recent and complete investigation into pH (Mantai and Haase 1977) stated that photosynthesis and respiration rates are strongly pH-dependent. Photosynthesis of Lake Erie Cladophora reported in the above study occurred at optimal rate at pH 8.2, with an upper limit of 9.6. Respiration rates had a bimodal pH response curve with peaks at pH 7.6 and 9.2

In addition to requiring an alkaline environment <u>Cladophora</u> favors a relatively high level of hardness. Minimum concentrations of 6.4 mg/l of calcium and 1.7 mg/l of magnesium are required for growth (Bellis 1968). <u>Cladophora</u> has the capabilities of utilizing bicarbonate ions as a carbon source (Raven 1970) and is thus capable of precipitating calcium and magnesium carbonates at the higher pH's (Wood 1975).

The Cladophoraceae in general are absent from Water Movement. completely quiet water as identified by Fritsch (1935). Neil and Owen (1964) reported that Cladophora of the Great Lakes is most prolific in areas of maximum water movement. Numerous species of aquatic organisms have an "inherent current demand" which Whitford and Schumucker (1961) have theorized is linked to a need for rapid exchange of materials with This rapid exchange is provided by a steep diffusion the environment. gradient produced by the water movement. Studies with Oedogonium in a 15 cm/sec current resulted in a tenfold increase of the phosphorus uptake and a respiration rate 70% greater than still water (Whitford and Water movement in the Great Lakes is created by Schumucker 1961). currents and wave action, which additionally prevents net accumulation of sediment, a condition required for Cladophora colonization.

Organisms in association with Cladophora. Cladophora filaments are frequently colonized by epiphytes, the majority of which are diatoms. The majority of epiphyton studies are on riverian Cladophora of Europe as reviewed by Whitton (1970). Seasonal variation in the abundance is often noted. Numerous Great Lakes researchers have noted the presence and

frequent abundance of periphyton on <u>Cladophora</u> but detailed studies are lacking (Bellis and McLarty 1967; Zaraw 1969; Taft and Kishler 1973; Wood 1975). Some information is provided by Kishler (1967) and a more detailed account is presented by Rosen et al. (1982). <u>Cladophora</u> itself has been reported to be epizooic on fish (Vinyard 1953; Taft, personal communication).

The seasonal abundance of <u>Cladophora</u> influences not only the associated flora but also the distribution and abundance of the faunal community found in association with the alga (Blum 1957; Judd 1975; Barton and Hynes 1977). Bocsar and Judd (1972) reported approximately 35 species of invertebrates in association with <u>Cladophora</u>.

#### **METHODS**

### Study Locations

Two monitoring sites representing different environmental conditions were selected in western Lake Erie. The westernmost site was established at Stony Point, Michigan; 41°56' latitude, 83°16' longitude (Figure 1). Stony Point is a submerged bedrock outcrop with overlying cobbles at the shallower depths (0-1.5 m) and is one of the few areas along the western shore of Lake Erie that provides a suitable natural substrate for Cladophora. Stony Point protrudes approximately 2 km into the lake and is generally influenced by the flow from the westernmost channels of the Detroit River (Herdendorf 1969), which receives wastewater effluent from the Detroit area. During the two years of monitoring the site was also influenced by the construction, dredging and dumping activities associated with the Point Mouille dredge spoil area, located approximately 10 km to the northeast.

The second site was established on the southeast side of East Point, South Bass Island, Ohio; 41<sup>0</sup>39' latitude, 82<sup>0</sup>48' longitude (Figure 1). Substrate at this site and much of the island region is gently sloping dolomite bedrock. The South Bass site is approximately 10 km north of the Ohio mainland and is representative of mid-western basin conditions. A detailed map of the two sites and their sampling stations are presented in Appendix A. In addition to the two routinely monitored sites numerous

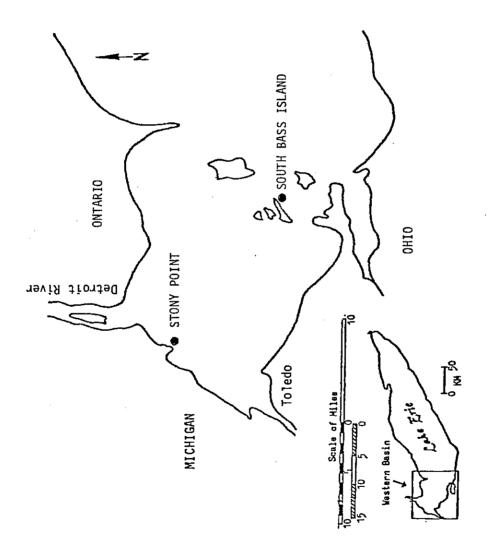


Figure 1. Western Lake Erie Cladophora Monitoring Sites.

observations were made throughout the western basin over the many months of study.

### Field Procedures

Each site was visited at two-week intervals from mid-April to mid-November during 1979 and 1980. Sampling operations were conducted from boats utilizing SCUBA techniques for collection and observation. Monitoring stations at each site were established along a bottom transect running perpendicular to the shore at depths of 0.5, 1, 2 and 3These depths were based on mean projected water levels for the season; 3.4 and 3.7 feet (1.036 m and 1.128 m) above low water datum for 1979 and 1980, respectively (U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 1980). Water levels during the present study were approximately 1.5 feet (0.457 m) above the 80-year average and 1 foot (0.305 m) below 1972-1973 record The 1, 2 and 3 m stations were marked with buoys to high levels. facilitate location. Sampling stations thus remained at one location, in relation relative to the bottom, throughout the season regardless of water depth at the time of sampling. This compensated for the frequently fluctuating water levels which average about 15 cm daily in western Lake Erie (Verduin 1969). In addition to the above four depths routinely monitored, observations were made in the "splash zone."

At each station (0.5, 1, 2 and 3 m) <u>Cladophora</u> standing crop, biovolume, filament length (mean and maximum) and percent coverage were determined <u>in-situ</u> from natural substrate. Standing crop and biovolume were determined by hand harvesting the alga within a 0.25  $\text{m}^2$  ring

subjectively placed on the bottom to reflect an area of representative density at the station. At the shallower depths (0.5 and 1.0 m) of Stony Point, the cobble substrate was recovered and the <u>Cladophora</u> removed from the rocks in the laboratory. Underwater photography proved to be ineffective in documenting <u>Cladophora</u> growth due to the high turbidity. A grab-sample of <u>Cladophora</u> was collected outside the ring at each station for the analysis of total tissue phosphorus, boiling water extractable phosphorus, total tissue nitrogen and total tissue carbon.

Water samples for nutrient analysis were taken from 0.25 m above the bottom at the 1, 2, 3 and periodically 0.5 m stations along the transect. Additional water was collected from the 2 m station during the 1980 season for the analysis of suspended solids and chlorophyll. Water samples and <u>Cladophora</u> tissue nutrient samples were kept cool until processed at the South Bass Island laboratory.

Transparency of the water was measured using a 20 cm Whipple modified Secchi disk. For 1979, light at depth was measured with a protomatic light meter, recording in footcandles. Light was measured during the 1980 season as photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) in  $\mu$  E/m² sec using both underwater spherical and cosine (columnar) quantum sensors (LI-193S and LI-192S, Li Cor). The spherical sensor allows measurement of radiation from virtually all directions within the 400-700 nm wavelength spectrum, representing the light that is available to the algae. The light values referred to in this thesis are from the spherical sensor. Incident light levels were recorded just above and

just below the surface of the water. Light values recorded just below the surface were used as the incident light since measurements above the surface included light reflected from the surface of the water.

Water temperatures were measured at 0.1 m below the surface and 0.25 m above the bottom. Air temperature, wave height and percent cloud coverage were additionally recorded for each sampling date.

Shoreline accumulations of <u>Cladophora</u> were monitored on the public beach at Perry's monument, South Bass Island (Appendix A) during 1980. The quantity of <u>Cladophora</u> on this sandy beach was assessed by placing a 1x2 m frame on the area of densest accumulation. Biomass within this frame was harvested and weighed for wet weight. Sub-samples were taken for dry weight  $(104^{\circ}C)$  and ash free weight determinations. Photographs were additionally taken.

### Laboratory Procedures

Water samples were processed upon returning to the South Bass Island laboratory. The water samples were split for the analysis of soluble reactive phosphorus (SRP), total dissolved phosphorus (TDP), total phosphorus (TP), ammonia nitrogen (NH $_3$ ), nitrate + nitrite nitrogen (NO $_3$ +NO $_2$ ), total dissolved Kjeldahl nitrogen (TDKN), total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), suspended solids and chlorophyll as indicated in Figure 2. Methods of analysis and the estimated standard deviations are listed in Table 1. The estimate of standard deviation is the recommended expression for quality control parameters involving pairs by the IJC

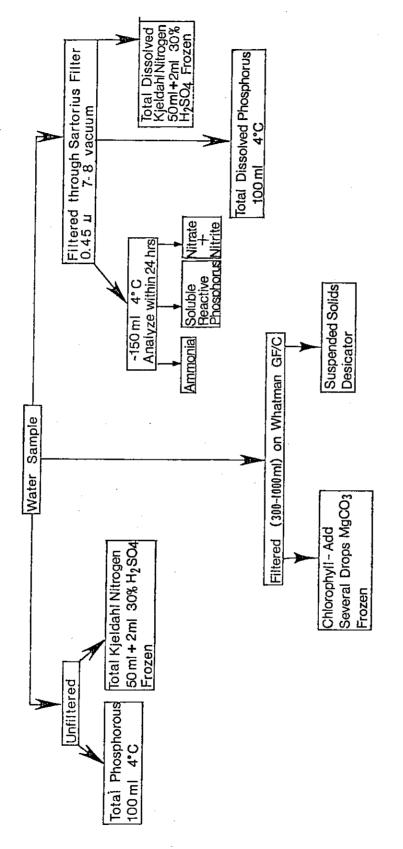


Figure 2. Water Sample Processing Scheme.

TABLE 1

ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR THE WESTERN LAKE ERIE CLADOPHORA SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

PARAHETER	NETHOD	REFERENCE	RANGE	DETECTION LIMIT AND UNITS	ESTIMATE OF STANDARD DEVIATION**
Soluble Reactive Phosphorus	AA 11º Stanmous Chloride	CC1H, 1979	.0.5-100	0.5 µg P/L	0.5
Total Dissolved Phosphorus	AA 11 Stannous Chloride Persulfate + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> Autoclave Digestion	ссін, 1979	0.5-200	0.5 µg P/L	9.0
Total Phosphorus	AA 11 Stannous Chloride Persulfate + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> Autoclave Digestion	CC1W, 1979	0.5-200	0.5 µg P/L	1.0
Amonta	AA 11 Phenate	Technicon Industrial Method 154-71W	2.0-400	2.0 µ9 N/L	2.0
Mitrate + Mitrite	AA 11 Cadmium Reduction	Technicon Industrial Method 100-70M	5-1000	S µg N/L	0.4
Total Kjeldahi Nitrogen	Semiautomatic Block Digestor AA II Phemate	EPA Method 351,1 1979	50-10000	50 pg N/L	<b>\$</b>
Suspended Solids	GF/C Glass Fiber pad	APHA, 1975	0.2-250	0.2 mg/L	:
Chlorophyll	Acetone Extraction Spectrophotometer	LORENZEN, 1967 FAY, 1976	0.6-250	0.6 µg/1	9.0
Total Tissue Phosphorus	AA 11 Stannous Chloride Persulfate + H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> Autoclave Digestion	CC1H, 1979	0,005-2,000	0.005 µg P/100 µg alga	0.008
Boiling Water Extractable Phosphorus	AA 11 Stannous Chloride Boiling water extraction	CCIM, 19/9 Fitzgerald + Nelson 1966	0.005-2.000	0.005 yg P/100 µg alga	9700
Total Tissue Nitrogen	Perkin-Elmer C-H-N elemental analyzer 203	CCIH, 1979	0.08-10.00	0.08 yg M/100 yg alga	0.08
Total Tissue Carbon	Perkin-Elmer C-H-N elemental analyzer 203	5C14, 1979	0.3-50.0	0,3 µ9 C/100 µg 61ge	7.0
Blomass Wet Dry	1/4 m <sup>2</sup> in situ sample Blot Dried 48 hrs. at 64°C then 104°C	Carnes + Hillner, 1980	0,01-500	0.01 g 0.001 g	15,5444
Ash Free Weight	104°C - 550°C Ash weight	APHA, 1975	0.001-200	0.001 9	1,5***
Biovolume	Volume displacement of blot dried Cladophora in graduated cylinder	Carnes + Millner 1980	0.5-250	0.5 គា]	13.7***

\*Technicon Auto Analyzer 11

<sup>\*\*</sup>Estimated Standard Deviation \* A pairs/1.128 (ASTM, 1951)
\*\*\*Calculated Standard Deviation based on three replicates

(Clark, 1981) and referenced in ASTM (1951). Nutrient analyses were done colorimetrically using automated procedures on the Technicon Auto Analyzer II. Kjeldahl samples were analyzed at Heidelberg College's Water Quality Laboratory.

The sample for <u>Cladophora</u> tissue nutrient analysis was processed the same day as collection. After cleaning the Cladophora of extraneous material and organisms, the sample was divided; a portion was utilized for the analysis of boiling water extractable phosphorus (ExP) and the remaining material was dried at 64°C for subsequent total tissue phosphorus (TTP), total tissue nitrogen (TTN), and total tissue carbon Analysis of ExP was based on a modified procedure (TTC) analyses. developed by Fitzgerald and Nelson (1966). The extraction procedure used fresh Cladophora (totaling between 0.05-0.1 g dry weight) rinsed in Gorham's medium (minus the P source, Appendix B) and extracted in 50 ml of Gorham's for 1 hour in a boiling water bath. The sample was centrifuged, filtered (Sartorius 0.45  $\mu$ ), and the supernatant analyzed for total dissolved phosphorus (Table 1). Centrifuge pellets were dried at 640C and weighed.

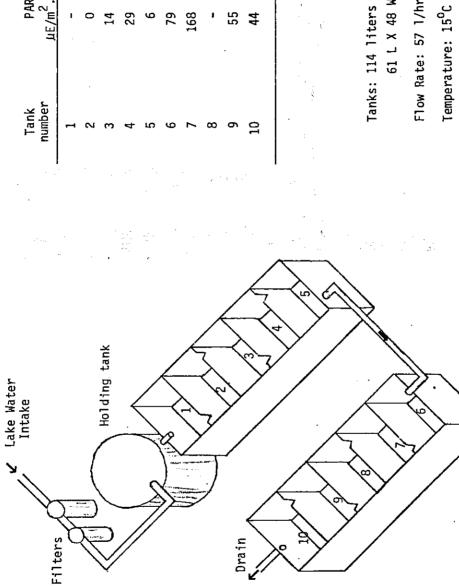
Total tissue P, TTN, and TTC analyses were performed using dried, mortar and pestle ground, <u>Cladophora</u>. Analysis of TTP utilized 10 mg of algae placed in 100 ml of distilled water and digested using the same procedure as was used for a TP water sample (Table 1). Total tissue N and TTC were analyzed on a Perkin-Elmer C-H-N elemental analyzer using 1-1.5 mg of algal material. Tissue nutrient analyses were run in duplicate

and reported as means on a percent of alga dry weight  $(64^{\circ}\text{C})$  basis (mg nutrient/100 mg alga). The equations for calculation of the percent tissue nutrients are listed in Appendix B.

The  $0.25 \text{ m}^2$  Cladophora standing crop samples were cleaned of sediment, debris and large organisms by rinsing with a stream of water and visual examination prior to biomass and biovolume (volume Prior to analysis the samples were displacement) determinations. blotted to dryness between paper towels. Biovolume was determined by the volume displacement (mls) resulting from submerging the sample in a graduated cylinder. A series of biomass determinations were made on each sample. Wet weight (live weight) was based on blot-dried material. The dry weight of the sample was determined at both  $64^{\circ}\text{C}$  (DW  $64^{\circ}$ ) and  $104^{\circ}\text{C}$ (DW  $104^{\circ}$ ). The DW  $64^{\circ}$  determination was performed for comparative purposes with other participants in the LECSP that did not determine the DW 1040. Ash free weight (AFW) was determined by subtraction after ashing in a muffle furnace at  $550^{\circ}$ C (DW  $104^{\circ}$  - Ash weight = AFW). Biovolume and standing crop values were multiplied by four to arrive at the final values expressed as g/m<sup>2</sup>.

# <u>Light Gradient Experiment</u>

To compliment the field data on the light requirements of <u>Cladophora</u> a light gradient experiment was conducted from October 31 to November 25, 1980 in the laboratory at South Bass Island. The purpose of this experiment was to determine the minimum light requirement of <u>Cladophora</u> under controlled conditions. The gradient was designed to approximate



61 L X 48 W X 38 W cm Tanks: 114 liters

Flow Rate: 57 1/hr

Photoperiod: 14hrs

Cladophora Light Gradient Experiment Diagram. Figure 3.

conditions encountered in the lake. The gradient consisted of ten 114 I tanks in a series, equipped with a flow-through water system (Figure 3). Lake water was pumped from Fisheries Bay (Appendix A) into the lab where it was filtered through two Aqua-Pure AP-110 filter cartridges used to maintain a constant water clarity, as defined by turbidity readings. Flow rate through the tanks was approximately 57 I/hr. The water was initially heated to  $15^{\circ}C$  in the first tank and maintained at  $15^{\circ}C$  throughout the gradient, each tank having a separate thermostatic control and heater. Each tank was agitated, by two air lines venting near the bottom, to provide water movement and a constant temperature.

A bank of fluorescent lights set on a 14 hour photoperiod were suspended above each tank. Light levels of 0, 6, 14, 29, 44, 55, 79, and  $168 \, \mu \, \text{E/m}^2$  sec were provided to the tanks as indicated in Figure 3. PAR was measured 15 cm off the bottom of each tank using the spherical quantum sensor. Light intensities were adjusted by the height of the lights and with layers of window screen placed on top of the tanks.

Flat rocks with established <u>Cladophora</u> growth were collected on October 30 from the tip of Peach Orchard Point (Appendix A) in approximately 0.25 m of  $9.5^{\circ}$ C water. One rock was placed in each tank and adjusted so that the surface of the rock was 15 cm off the bottom of the tank. Filament length, percent coverage, and light were measured weekly. Soluble reactive P,  $NO_3+NO_2$ , and  $NH_3$  were measured several times to assess the availability of these nutrients. The pH, temperature and turbidity were monitored frequently using an Orion 701 pH meter and Hach

ratio turbometer. Total Tissue C, TTN, TTP and percent AFW were assessed at termination of the experiment.

#### OBSERVATIONS AND RESULTS

### Physical Environment

During 1979 and 1980 ice covered the two sites from January-March. temperatures had warmed to between By mid-April water Temperatures rose into the middle teens by mid-May and reached a maximum of 24-26°C in early August, with Stony Point warming slightly faster than the mid-basin, South Bass Island site. Figures 4 and 5 illustrate the bottom water temperatures at the 1 m station for Stony Point and South Bass Island, respectively. From May-June, during the period of increasing standing crop, temperatures ranged from 10°C to 22°C. Lake temperatures dropped below 20°C in late September, reaching 5°C by late The temperature difference between stations (0.5 -3 m) was generally less than 1°C; however, in the spring under calm conditions differences as great as 5°C were recorded between the surface nearshore and bottom offshore stations. Temperature data for all stations, surface and bottom, are reported in Appendix C.

Light levels at depth are often low in western Lake Erie due to rapid attenuation, particularly at the Stony Point site. Total suspended solids and corrected chlorophyll <u>a</u> at Stony Point were twice as high as recorded at South Bass Island, averaging 27 mg/l and 29.5 µg/l, respectively in 1980 (Table 2). The Secchi disk transparencies at Stony Point averaged 0.6 m at the 2 m station over the two seasons, with transparencies greater than 1 m recorded only 4 out of the 32 sampling periods (Figure 4). Transparencies were generally similar between

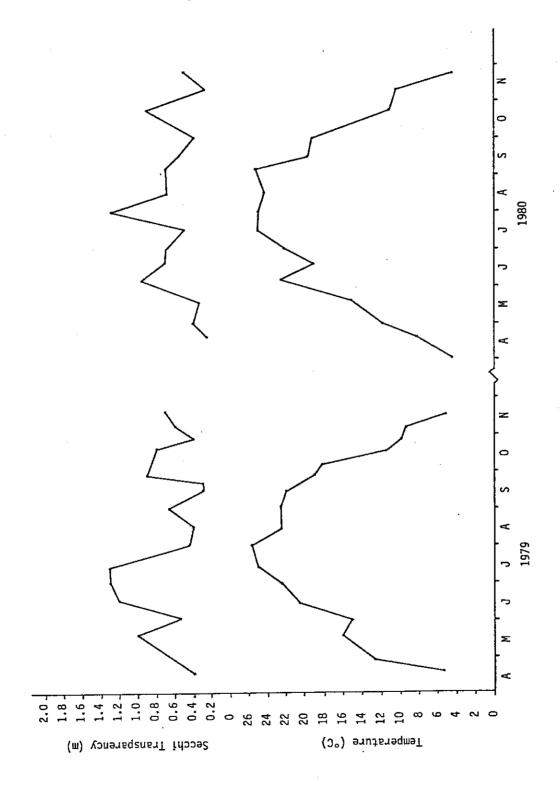
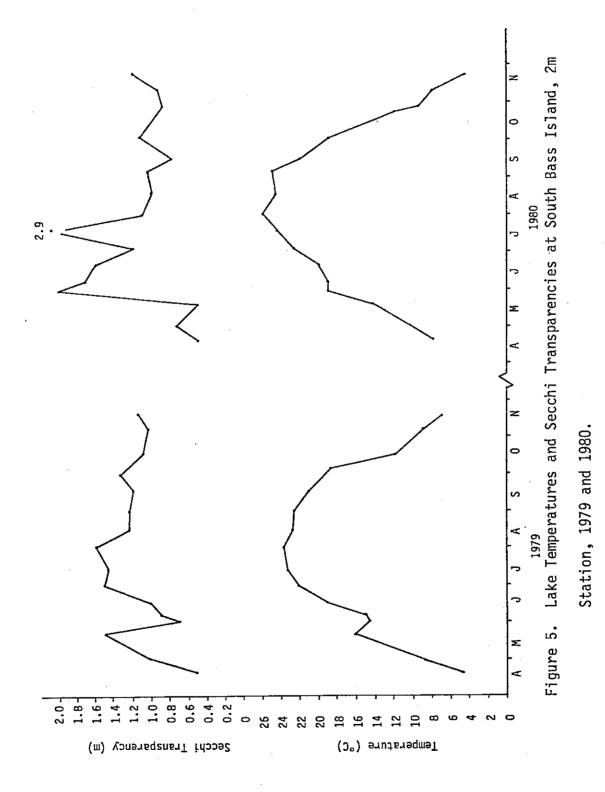


Figure 4. Lake Temperatures and Secchi Transparencies at Stony Point, 2m Station, 1979 and 1980.



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TABLE 2 SUMMARY OF WATER QUALITY OBSERVATIONS AT STONY POINT AND SOUTH BASS ISLAND SITES, 1979 and 1980

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73     35-214     93     12-53     31       460     15-2480     570     <5-1120	TDP (Jug P/L)	3-17	6.4	4-36	12	1-17	7.6	2-18	8.7
460       15-2480       570       <5-1120	TP (ug P/L)	24-200	73	35-214	93	12-53	31	14-75	44
21       2-250       82       <1-72	NO3 + NO2 (Mg N/L)	<b>◆5-157</b> 0	460	15-2480	570	<5-1120	370	<5-1890	570
849     590-1622     1064     312-1101     564       391     338-917     586     202-972     404       0.7     0.2-1.4     0.6     0.5-1.7     1.2       16.6     3.8-26.2     16.7     4.6-24.0     16.5       1.5-735     263        0-114     30        0-48     9        9.8-69.8     27.1        7.3-93.3     29.5	NH3 (Jug N/L.)	2-67	21	2-250	82	<1-72	20	1-96	18
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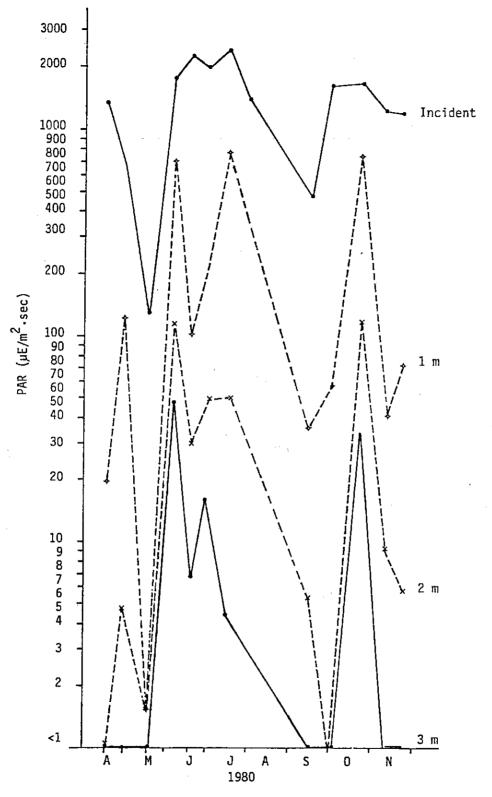


Figure 6. Photosynthetically Active Radiation at Stony Point, 1980.

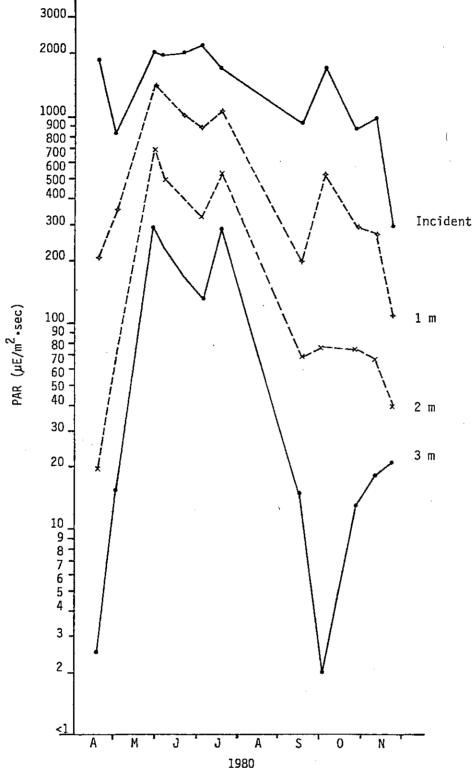


Figure 7. Photosynthetically Active Radiation at South Bass Island, 1980.

stations with the slightly greater values occurring at the deeper depths (Appendix C). PAR at the 3 m depth of Stony Point in 1980 did not exceed  $50~\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec and light levels of zero were not uncommon (Figure 6). Light values measured at the 2 m depth were less than  $50~\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec from mid-April to mid-July, except during early June when a maximum of 114  $\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec was recorded.

Light penetration at the South Bass Island site was roughly twice as great as Stony Point, with Secchi disk transparencies averaging 1.2 m for the two years (Table 2). Levels of PAR at 3 m were less than 50  $\mu\text{E/m}^2/\text{sec}$  in April, greater than 100  $\mu\text{E/m}^2/\text{sec}$  from late May through July, and less than 50  $\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec from mid-September through November, 1980 (Figure 7). The lack of light data for the month of August was the result of instrument failure.

# Chemical Environment

Water quality in the western basin of Lake Erie exhibits wide fluctuations, particularly at the Stony Point site (Table 2). The nutrients measured generally peaked in the spring and declined throughout the summer, increasing again in the autumn (Figures 8-11).

Concentrations of SRP measured at the two sites from April to August both years remained above 1  $\mu$ g P/l, except during the end of April, 1980 (Figures 8 and 9). Yearly mean values of SRP ranged from 3.1-6.0  $\mu$ g P/l (Table 2). Levels of TP remained above 15  $\mu$ g P/l throughout the two seasons with an increase in mean concentration from 1979 to 1980

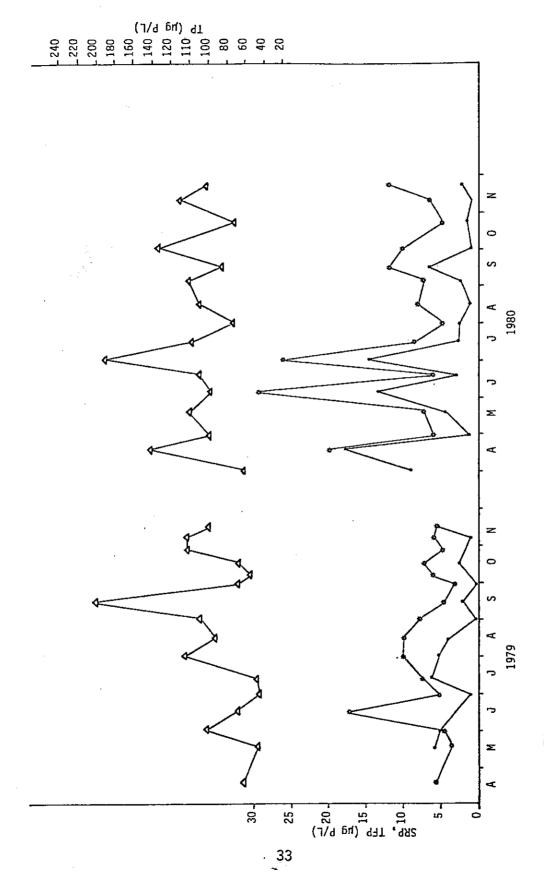


Figure 8. Lake Water Phosphorus concentrations at Stony Point, 1m station, 1979 and 1980.

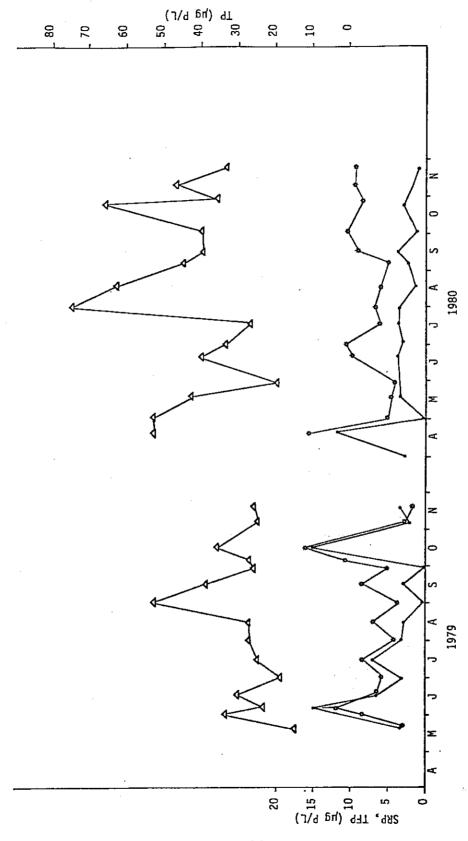


Figure 9. Lake Water Phosphorus concentrations at South Bass Island, 1m Station, 1979 and 1980.

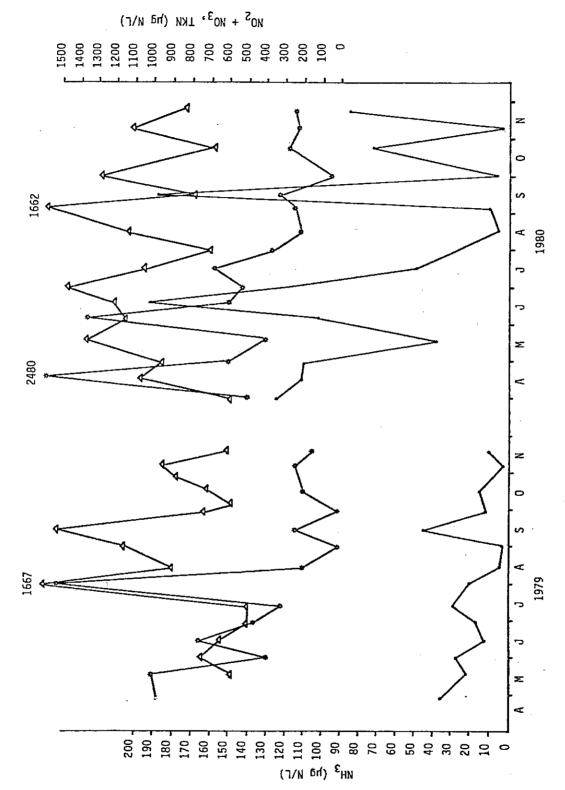
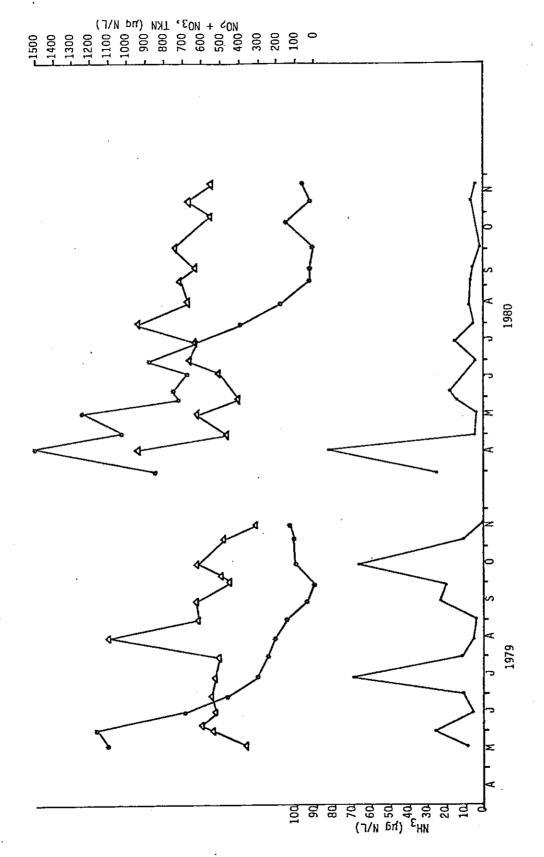


Figure 10. Lake Water Nitrogen Concentrations at Stony Point, 1m Station, 1979 and 1980.



Lake Water Nitrogen Concentrations at South Bass Island, 1m Station, 1979 and 1980. Figure 11.

occurring at both sites. Nitrate+nitrite levels for the period from April to August of both years remained above 200 µg N/l (Figures 10 and 11). Ammonia values averaged between 18-21 µg N/l, except at Stony Point in 1980 where the mean was 78 µg N/l. Larger fluctuations and higher means for both TKN and TP were observed at Stony Point (Table 2). Additional water quality parameters for the Stony Point area and the western basin nearshore region in general are presented in Fay and Herdendorf (1982).

# Major Filamentous Algae of the Littoral Region

The littoral region is an important component of aquatic systems as it forms an interface between the land and open water. This region is of particular interest to ecologists due to the associated high productivity and the development of distinctive zones. Little information exists on the distribution, seasonal growth dynamics and interaction among the algal taxa and environment within this dynamic region. The following description of the littoral zone resulted from observations made over a period of several years throughout the western basin. These observations were made from the shore, boats and underwater utilizing SCUBA techniques.

<u>Cladophora</u> is generally the dominant alga (in terms of biomass) found along the rocky littoral regions of Lake Erie; however, it is only one of the numerous epilithic filamentous algae found in this region. Three distinctive environments within the littoral region are inhabited by the epilithic algal community; 1) the infralittoral zone (defined as

the region below mean water level for a particular season, represented here by the 0.5, 1, 2, and 3 m stations), 2) the eulittoral zone, or "splash zone" (the wave-influenced region extending from approximately 20 cm below to 20 cm above mean water level), and 3) the supralittoral zone (a zone associated with vertical shorelines that is entirely above the water line but is influenced by the spraying of waves). Cladophora inhabits both the infralittoral and eulittoral zones (Figure 12).

The distribution, abundance and zonation of the major filamentous algae in the littoral regions of western Lake Erie is complex due to the the endless diversity of heterogeneity of the shoreline and location is unique, reflecting microhabitats encountered. Each differences in biological and physico-chemical interaction resulting from varying degrees of slope, aspect, water movement, water quality, substrate, light and other factors. The zonation of the algae depicted in Figure 12 is a generalization of conditions found in the western basin of Lake Erie, as are the following descriptions. All species and zones are not necessarily present throughout the basin or at one particular Four major taxonomic groups are represented in the littoral time. Rhodophyceae, and the Chlorophyceae, Cyanophyceae, region. The Bacillariophyceae, although abundant and Bacillariophyceae. important, have been omitted from the present study.

The littoral region is a dynamic, high-energy environment that is susceptible to wide seasonal fluctuations in environmental conditions that invariably influence the algal association. In response to

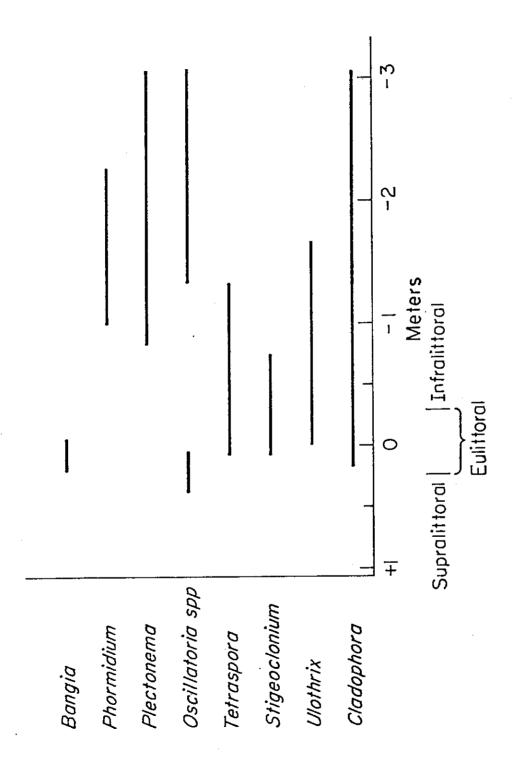


Figure 12. Zonation of the Major Macroscopic Shoreline Algae.

changing environmental conditions a seasonal succession of algae is Perhaps the harshest seasonal event encountered is the observed. scouring action of ice. At the beginning of the open water season the exposed areas of the eulittoral and upper infralittoral zones have been denuded of previous algal growth. During early April the filamentous green alga <u>Ulothrix</u> <u>zonata</u> colonizes the water line. The <u>Ulothrix</u> zone expands with the fluctuating and rising water levels of the spring, colonizing an area from the waterline to a depth of approximately  $1\ \mathrm{m}.$ Distinctive bands of <u>Ulothrix</u> are often noted on vertical substrates resulting from the rapid colonization of zoospores along the fluctuating water line. Coverage may be as great as 100% in some areas while it may In late April, when water be absent in similar adjacent areas. temperatures approach 10°C, the maximum standing crop and distribution of Ulothrix is observed. Substrates are colonized to a depth of 1-1.5 m with maximum filament lengths of 3-4 cm occurring just below the water line. The abundance of Ulothrix declines as the season progresses but has been observed as late as July in a few locations.

Sparse patches of <u>Bangia atropurpurea</u> (a filamentous red alga) are found in the upper portions of the eulittoral zone concurrently with the colonization of <u>Ulothrix</u>. <u>Bangia</u> slowly increases in abundance, obtaining its maximum coverage and length by June. During June at Stony Point filaments of <u>Bangia</u> averaged 4-6 cm with a maximum length of 12 cm. The abundance of <u>Bangia</u> declines after June and is generally absent by late August. This conspicuous red alga has been observed to be most abundant on a vertical substrate, such as boulders, breakwalls and steep

rocky shorelines, where it occupies a narrow (5-20 cm), interrupted band along the shoreline. <u>Bangia</u>, unlike <u>Cladophora</u>, is a recent invader into the Great Lakes and was first reported in western Lake Erie in 1969 (Kishler and Taft 1970). In the present study, the alga has been observed throughout the basin, but did not colonize the South Bass Island site or other similar areas that possess a gently sloping horizontal splash zone.

Zonation of the major attached filamentous algae is most prominent in the spring (April and May). At this time, the initial growth of Cladophora occurs at 1 m while Ulothrix is well-established at the shallower depths, (0.5 m to the water line). Above Ulothrix, on vertical substrates, Bangia colonizes a narrow band from the water line to 5-15 cm above and if shaded a thick mat of Oscillatoria sp. commonly colonizes the supralittoral zone, above the Bangia (Figure 12).

The blue-green algae <u>Plectonema wollei</u> and <u>Phormidium</u> sp. are most evident during the summer (July-September). These two algae are commonly found entangled on the <u>Cladophora</u> stubble (old holdfasts of 1-2 cm) at the 1 to 3 m depth. The green alga <u>Tetraspora lubrica</u> appears during July, forming green beads on the shallower denuded rocks previously occupied by <u>Cladophora</u>. <u>Bangia</u> and <u>Ulothrix</u> reappear in the fall (late October), at which time the water temperature is below 10<sup>o</sup>C.

### Growth Dynamics of Cladophora

Cladophora was observed during the first sampling date (mid-April) in the infralittoral zone at depths of 0.5-1 m. Cladophora appeared as short (0.5-3 cm with occasional 5-10 cm) filaments arising from brown over-wintered holdfasts. These filaments were observed most frequently in crevices and along the edges of rocks. By early May the density and extent of Cladophora had expanded shoreward to include the area previously occupied by Ulothrix (0.5-waterline). The deepest depths of colonization were found from May-July, with growth extending to approximately 2.25 m and 1.75 m at Stony Point for 1979 and 1980, respectively, while at the South Bass Island site growth was present to the 3 m depth, both years. Peak periods of production, as assessed by increase in filament length and standing biomass, occurred from May to June and from mid-September to November. The maximum standing crop was generally achieved from mid-June to mid-July (Figures 13 and 14).

The filaments became gradated in color as they elongated in the spring, changing from a dark green at the basal portions to a light yellow-green in the apical cells. Microscopically the basal cells appeared densely packed with chloroplasts and protoplasm while the apical cells contained a large (20-50% and greater) vacuolar volume with a reticulate network of chloroplasts. During peak standing crop the filaments appeared coarse and wiry, lacking the usual feathery branching pattern.

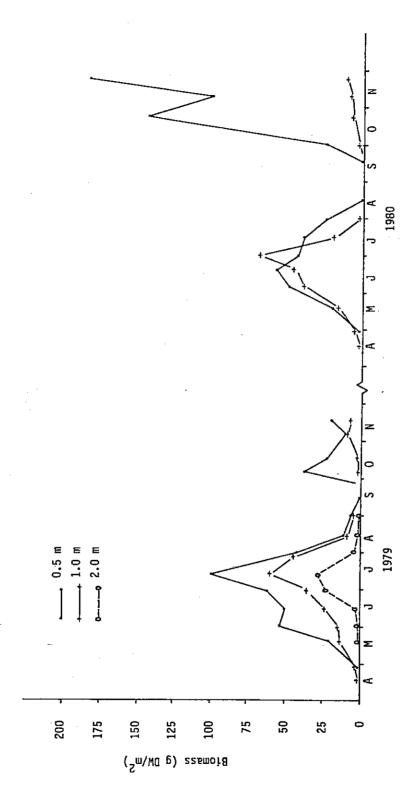


Figure 13. Cladophora Standing Crops at Stony Point, 1979 and 1980.

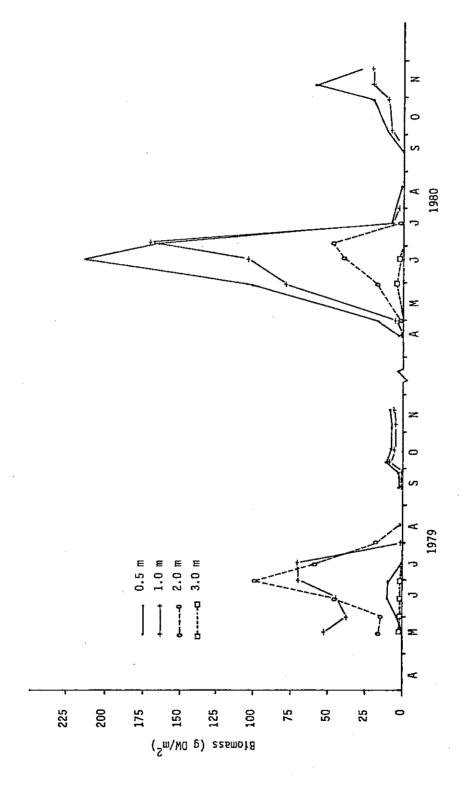


Figure 14. Cladophora Standing Crops at South Bass Island, 1979 and 1980.

The standing crop in the infralittoral zone declined during July and by August only short (0.5-2.0 cm), brown, silt-and-epiphyte-laden filaments and associated holdfasts remained. Loss of standing crop resulted from the sloughing of the upper portions of the filaments, causing a shortening of the filaments. Mid-depth areas (1-2 m) generally were the last to decline in standing crop, but the decline was sharper when it occurred. The decline of standing crop/filament length was fairly uniform for the area at each specific depth. The loss of biomass from the <u>Cladophora</u> beds was most prominent during periods of rough water, although during the declining biomass period (July) the slightest disturbance dislodged filaments from the thallus. From August to mid-September the infralittoral zone did not support <u>Cladophora</u> growth.

A fall resurgence of growth appeared in the infralittoral zone during late September. This fall pulse of growth extended to approximately a 1 m depth and remained present into December. Although the area of colonization is not as extensive as the spring pulse, the fall resurgence can be prolific. For example, fall growth at 0.5 m at Stony Point represented the maximum standing crop for the site in 1980 (Figure 13).

<u>Cladophora</u> colonized the eulittoral zone in May, intermixing with and finally replacing <u>Ulothrix</u>. <u>Cladophora</u> persisted in this "splash zone" throughout the late summer months (July-September) in contrast to the absence of growth in the infralittoral zone during this period. The alga noticeably decreased in growth and became patchy in distribution in

the eulittoral zone during August, but remained present. From mid-September on into December lush growth was present in this zone, frequently becoming intermixed with Ulothrix late in the year.

In the early fall (mid-September to October) Cladophora of the eulittoral zone sporulated, resulting in large areas of filaments with Microscopic examination of the apical portions of the whitish tips. filaments at this time revealed the formation of zoospores by the process of protoplasm concentration, fragmentation, and the rounding into spheres within otherwise undistinguishable cells (see Van Den Hoek 1963). Movement of these zoospores soon became apparent and a lateral apical pore developed just below the crosswall. Upon opening of the apical pore the zoospores quickly shot out as if under pressure and began flagellar movement. Examination of numerous filaments revealed rows of cells devoid of contents with apical pores, indicating a concurrent period of zoosporogenesis. The empty cells (sporangia) were most frequently located apically and in such quantity that the tips of the filaments appeared white for some distance. The fall resurgences of growth in the infralittoral zone appeared shortly after this massive eulittoral sporulation.

Little data are available on the growth dynamics of <u>Cladophora</u> during the winter months. Several observations made at South Bass Island during the winter of 1979-80 prior to heavy ice cover (December and January) noted short filaments of <u>Ulothrix</u> and <u>Cladophora</u> present along the shore. Observations made under the ice in late January at a depth of

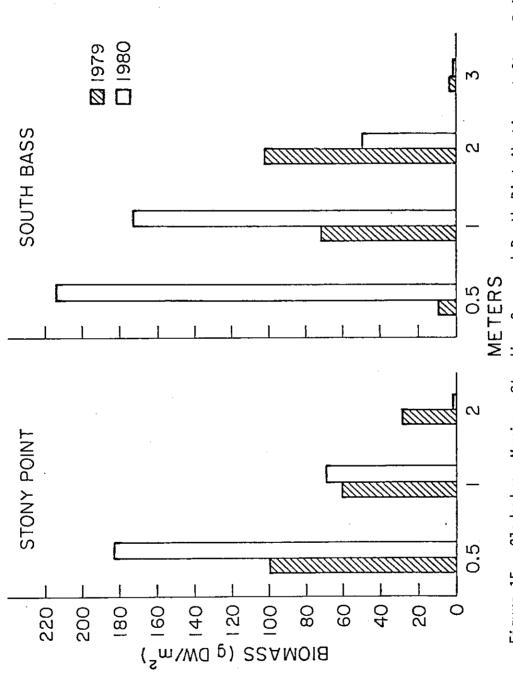
approximately 0.25 m revealed green <u>Cladophora</u> filaments of 1-4 cm in length. At the end of March a wooden minnow cage was pulled from the lake having approximately 8 cm filaments of <u>Cladophora</u> attached along the upper half of the structure, indicating winter growth.

#### Standing Crop

The quantity and distribution of <u>Cladophora</u> standing crop varied with the year, site, and depth. Both sites supported a greater total (all depths) maximum standing crop in 1980 than in 1979 (Figure 15). The two sites had similar total maximum standing crops in 1979 while South Bass Island site supported the greatest standing crop in 1980. The initial pulse of <u>Cladophora</u> (May-July) generally produced a larger standing crop per m<sup>2</sup> than the fall pulse, the exception being 0.5 m at Stony Point in 1980. The greater total standing crop observed in the spring resulted from the greater area of colonized substrate.

The depths supporting the maximum standing crop at each site are reported in Table 3. The maximum standing crop was 214  $g/m^2$  (DW 104) from 0.5 m at South Bass Island in 1980. The general trend in standing crop was a decreasing quantity with increasing depth. The exception was at South Bass Island in 1979 where peak standing crop occured at the 2 m depth.

The maximum filament length observed was 90 cm, at the 2 m depth of South Bass in 1979. Mean filament length was significantly related to the AFW as indicated by the correlation coefficients in Table 4. The



Cladophora Maximum Standing Crop and Depth Distribution at Stony Point and South Bass Island, 1979 and 1980. Figure 15.

CLADOPHORA MAXIMUM STANDING CROP VALUES FOR THE STONY POINT AND SOUTH BASS ISLAND SITES, 1979 and 1980 TABLE 3

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Site	Year	Month '	Depth	DW* (g/m²)	AFW** (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	Biovolume (m1/m <sup>2</sup> )	Max. Filament (cm)
	1979	July	0.5	100	55	444 (June)	37
Stony Point	1980	Nov.	0.5	184	110	1020	40 (July)
	1979	June	2.0	102	59	728	06
South Bass	1980	June	0.5	214	116	1052 (July)	45

\*Dry Weight 104°C

\*\*Ash Free weight

TABLE 4

LINEAR CORELATION COEFFICIENTS BETWEEN VARIABLES

٤.	0.92** 0.92** 0.92** 0.95** 0.95** 0.95** 0.98** 0.98** 0.01 0.05 0.05 0.06 0.06 0.08 0.08 0.08 0.08
٤	36 36 36 37 37 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38 38
Depth	0.5 m 0.5 m (excluding fall) values) 1.0 m 2.0 m All depths All depths I.0 m 1.0 m 1.0 m 1.0 m 1.0 m 1.0 m 1.0 m 1.0 m 1.0 m
Year	1979 & 1980 1979 & 1980
Site	Both sites Both sites Both sites Both sites Both sites Stony Point South Bass Island Both sites Stony Point Stony Point Stony Point Both sites Stony Point Stony Point Both sites Stony Point Stony Point Stony Point Stony Point Stony Point
Variables	AFW - Mean Filament Length D.W. 104 - Biovolume AFW - TTC AFW - TTC AFW - TTC AFW - TTC AFW - TTP N03+N02 - TTN N13 - TTN SRP - TTP SRP - AFW

n = number of pairs

r = correlation coefficient

relationship between mean filament length and AFW was approximately a 1:2 ratio. Changes in filament length had a greater influence on AFW as depth decreased. Biovolume correlated well with the standing crop values, having approximately a 10:2 relationship (Figure 16). The highest correlation, r=0.99, occurred between biovolume and AFW, for the two years at Stony Point (Table 4).

Biovolume and standing crop values represent the amount of biomass present at the time of sampling and actually are only a portion of the total production. Sloughing of biomass occurs frequently as is evident by accumulation of <u>Cladophora</u> on the shorelines. Little shoreline accumulation actually occurred at the two sites; the Stony Point shoreline consisted of breakwalls and South Bass Island site of flat bedrock, neither conducive to accumulation. Accumulations of <u>Cladophora</u> were observed most frequently and to the greatest extent in areas of net deposition, such as bays and coves where currents tend to concentrate materials. Beach accumulations were not evident along the Michigan shoreline near Stony Point; however, the alga was quite evident on the shorelines throughout the Island Region.

In an attempt to quantify the accumulation of biomass on the shoreline, the public swimming beach of South Bass Island, adjacent to Perry's Monument (approximately 1 km southwest of the monitoring site, see Appendix A) was monitored periodically. It was quickly evident that shoreline accumulation defies easy quantitative measurement. Fluctuations occurred daily; it was not unusual for the beach to be

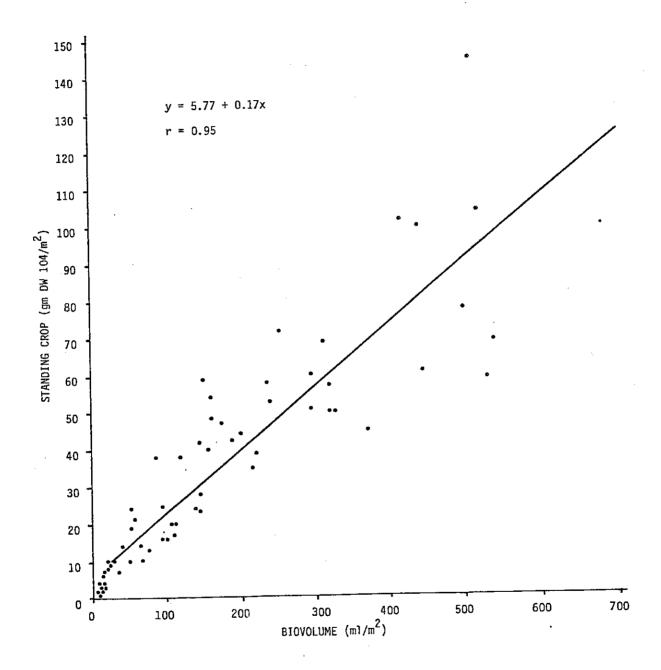


Figure 16. Linear Relationship Between <u>Cladophora</u> Biovolume and Standing Crop, All Depths, 1979 and 1980.

cluttered with <u>Cladophora</u> one day and be clear the next day. Areal distribution also varied with the wind and wave patterns, so that one part of the beach was affected and the other not. It is quite possible that the varying amounts of beach <u>Cladophora</u> largely reflected the movement of the same material in and out of the area. Extraneous material such as aquatic angiosperms were also present, further complicating an accurate assessment. In addition to these problems, the beach monitoring effort in 1980 was curtailed in May due to competition for the beach <u>Cladophora</u> with the Village of Put-in-Bay. The village frequently maintained the beach, hauling away pick-up truck loads of <u>Cladophora</u> and associated debris.

After ice-out at the end of March, the beach was free of debris. With the first major storm in April, dark green-brownish <u>Cladophora</u> filaments (akinetes) appeared on the beach in fairly large quantities. The first quantitative sample taken on April 16, 1980 (prior to any visual new growth), resulted in 43.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup> wet weight, 14.7 kg/m<sup>2</sup> DW 104, and  $5.3 \text{ kg/m}^2$  AFW. Subsequent monitoring indicated slightly smaller quantities present until mid-May, when the village maintenance program commenced.

The largest amount of <u>Cladophora</u> washed ashore in the Island region during June and July. The material on the beaches at this time was bright green. The hot, sunny days soon started the decomposition process, encouraging the flies and discouraging the people. A large portion of the southeast shoreline of South Bass, from the airport to

Perry's Monument, had nuisance quantities of <u>Cladophora</u>. A real estate salesperson indicated that he would hesitate to even show a property on the shore near the airport during this time.

Observations with SCUBA revealed extensive mats of detached green <u>Cladophora</u> thalli suspended just off the bottom of the lake, in areas not capable of supporting growth (i.e. mud substrate in Fisheries Bay), indicating the transport of this material into the area. Streams of detached alga were frequently noted in June floating in the water along the west shore of South Bass Island.

### Tissue Nutrients

Tissue nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus, and carbon) declined following the onset of growth in April, increased from mid-May through June, and then declined throughout the summer (Figures 17 and 18). Tissue algal nutrients again rose in October, in conjunction with the renewed fall growth.

Total tissue phosphorus levels at both sites averaged greater than 0.2% over the two years. The levels of phosphorus did not drop below 0.1% and 0.08% for Stony Point and South Bass Island, respectively (Table 5). Boiling water extractable phosphorus and TTP were significantly correlated (r = 0.87, Table 4), as would be expected.

Total tissue carbon and TTN followed similar fluctuations over the seasons (Figures 17 and 18) and were significantly correlated (r = 0.84).

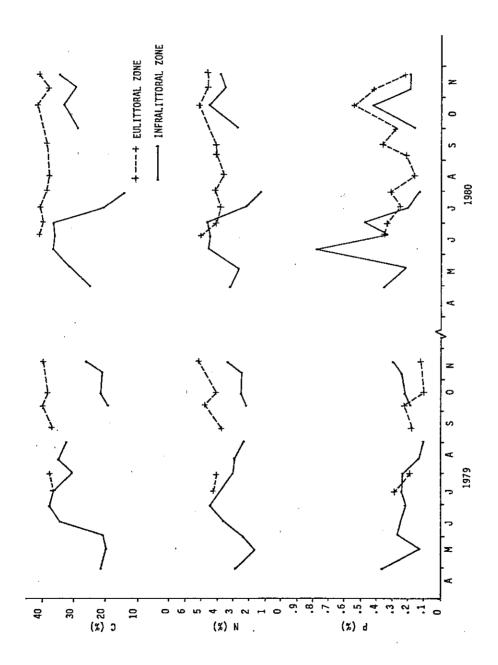


Figure 17. Cladophora Tissue Nutrients for Stony Point, 1979 and 1980.

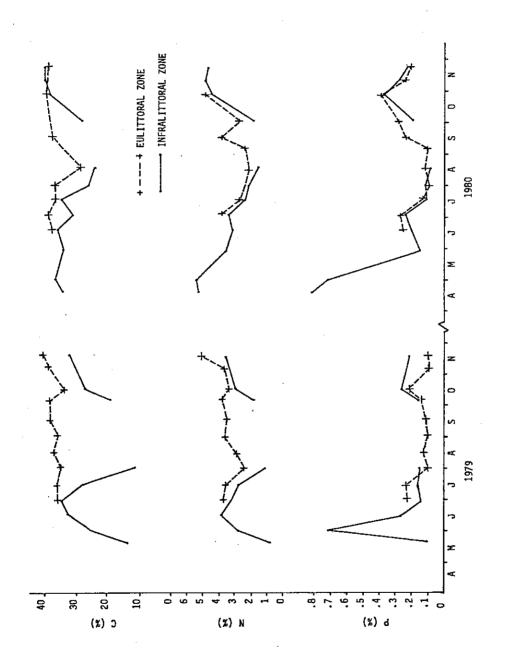


Figure 18. Cladophora Tissue Nutrients for South Bass Island, 1979 and 1980.

AT STONY POINT AND SOUTH BASS ISLAND SITES, 0.5-3m STATIONS, 1979 AND 1980 ANNUAL RANGES AND MEANS FOR CLADOPHORA TISSUE NUTRIENTS TABLE 5

Site Year Range 1979 0.103-0.411	lotal ilssue P &	Total Tissue N %	e N	Total Tissue C %	ه د ه	N C	
	  Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Mean
	 0.232	1.44-5.14	3.17	17.5-37.8	29.4	7.2-14.5	9.6
SIONY POINT   1980   0.141-0.810	 0.332	1.31-4.85	3.39	13.7-37.1	29.7	7.4-10.4	9.1
1979 0.081-0.715	 0.251	0.90-3.96	2.64	12.2-35.3	25.8	7.9-16.3	10.1
SOUTH BASS 1980 0.097-0.381	 0.212	1.36-4.92	3.06	13.8-40.5	30.3	7.1-14.7	10.3

Mean TTN levels for both sites during both years were greater than 2.6 percent (Table 5). Total tissue nitrogen remained above 1.2 percent during the two years, except in mid-May, 1979 at the 1 m depth of South Bass Island where it dropped to 0.9 percent (Figure 18). Carbon levels of the alga averaged between 25-30 percent. The carbon content averaged an order of magnitude higher than nitrogen as indicated by the C/N ratio that ranged from 7.1-16.3, averaging approximately 10. Tissue phosphorus values were not closely related to either nitrogen or carbon (Table 4).

Tissue analysis for the nutrients was performed using ground algal material representative of the whole thallus. An analysis of various segments along the thallus indicated that tissue nutrients varied along the length of the filaments. The apical portion of the filament contained lower concentrations of ExP, TTP, TTN and TTC than basal portions (Table 6). The basal cells were generally a darker green and had a more dense protoplast than the newer apical cells. Analysis of the whole thallus gave values between the two extremes.

The ExP data was highly variable and the validity of the results are subject to suspicion. Extractable phosphorus values greater than TTP were encountered, which is theoretically impossible according to the definition of these two phosphorus components. The occurrence of larger ExP values than TTP occurred most frequently from the splash zone and 0.5 m depths when phosphorus levels were greater than 0.2%. Due to the inconsistency and errors in the ExP data, little emphasis has been placed

TABLE 6

CLADOPHORA TISSUE NUTRIENT ANALYSIS BY FILAMENT SEGMENTS
AT SOUTH BASS ISLAND, 0.5 m ON MAY 28, 1980

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Filament Segment	ExP %	% dll	% NIL	L1C%	C/N
Apical	0.140	0.139	3.34	33.00	6. 6
Basal	0.166	0.217	4.34	36.21	e. 8
Whole	 	0.156	3.71	34.38	6.9
			•		

on this parameter. It is interesting to note that when dealing with the mean data, the relationship between the two phosphorus components is fairly consistent, with a mean difference of 0.05%.

Seasonal trends in tissue nutrients (Figures 17 and 18) were similar to the standing crop fluctuations. Tissue levels of nitrogen and carbon had more defined trends than phosphorous which tended to fluctuate frequently. Statistically TTC and TTN had relatively low coefficients of linear correlation with AFW, indicating only a slight linear relationship (Table 4). Phosphorus was not correlated at all to AFW.

Tissue levels of nitrogen were not correlated to the levels of available nitrogen ( $NH_3$ ,  $NO_2+NO_3$ ) in the environment (Table 4). The relationship between SRP and TTP was highly variable; in general there was not a significant linear relationship between available phosphorous and internal phosphorous. However, site specific fluctuations in SRP levels correlated with fluctuations in TTP, as evident at Stony Point in Figure 19. There was no correlation between available phosphorus and AFW.

# Organisms Found in Association with Cladophora

The lush growth of <u>Cladophora</u> in the rocky littoral region greatly increases the available substrate surface area, creating a habitat capable of supporting large quantities of flora and fauna. Populations of epiphytic algae and stalked protozoa increase on the <u>Cladophora</u>

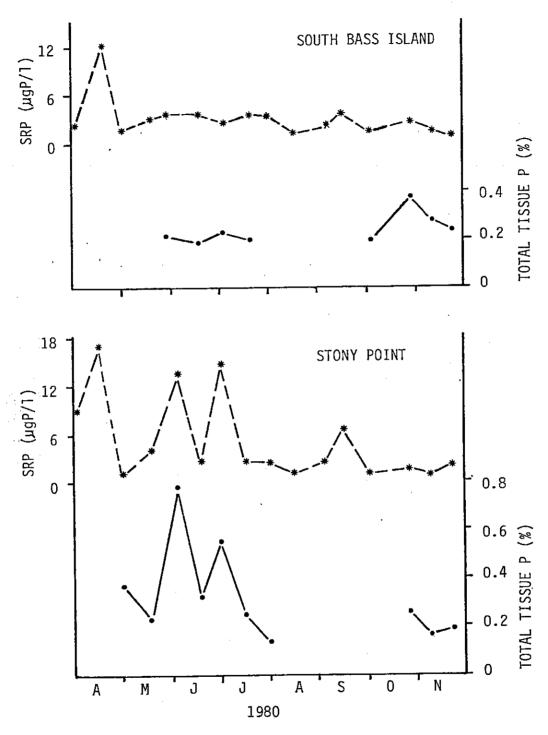


Figure 19. Relationship Between Total Tissue Phosphorus and Soluble Reactive Phosphorus.

filaments as the season progresses. A large increase in epiphytes occurs just prior to peak standing crop and remain prevalent until filament detachment in July. Following the peak standing crop the epiphyton population on <u>Cladophora</u> often become so dense that the filaments are obscured. The most common epiphytes are the diatoms, <u>Cocconeis</u> sp. and <u>Rhoicosphenia curvata</u>. Some of the more common organisms are listed in Table 7.

Included within the <u>Cladophora</u> association are numerous invertebrates which are supported by the abundant flora. The invertebrate community includes protozoa, rotifers, annelids, mollusks, arthropods and other organisms indicated in Table 7. <u>Gammarus</u> sp. are perhaps the most evident of the invertebrates. The <u>Gammarus</u> population dynamics coincide with the fluctuations in <u>Cladophora</u> biomass, reaching peak abundance near peak standing crop.

Perch, smallmouth bass, carp, drum and minnows have all been observed within <u>Cladophora</u> beds. Underwater observations in the area of <u>Cladophora</u> beds revealed fish fecal pellets several centimeters long, green in color, and over 90% composed of <u>Cladophora</u> filaments. The pellets were tightly packed with <u>Cladophora</u> filaments largely intact, with only the outer layer appearing to be subject to the action of digestive enzymes. The presence of the alga coincides with the spawning and emergence of many species of fish. Fish eggs and larvae (some of which have been identified as carp) are quite numerous from May-June.

TABLE 7
SUMMARY OF ORGANISMS FOUND IN ASSOCIATION WITH <u>CLADOPHORA</u>

FLORA	FAUNA
Fungi	- Protozoa
Currenture	Ciliates
Cyanophyceae Fischerella sp.	Aquatic worms
Microchaete sp.	Planaria
Oscillatoria sp.	Nematodes
Phormidium sp.	Trematodes
Plectonema sp.	Oligochaetes
Precionema Sp.	Leaches
Chlorophyceae	Leaches
Chlorosarcina sp.	Rotataria
Gongrosira sp.	11000001 10
Stigeoclonium sp.	Arthropoda
Ulothrix sp.	Insects
<u>0100111 131</u> 5pt	Microcrustaceans
Bacillariophyceae	Gammarus sp.
Achnanthes sp.	Crayfish
Cocconeis sp.	·
Cymbella sp.	Mollusca
Diatoma sp.	Pelecypoda Pelecypoda
Fragilaria sp.	Gastropoda
Gomphonema sp.	
Navicula sp.	Pisces - adults, larvae and eggs
Nitzschia sp.	<u> Aplodinotus grunniens</u> - Drum
Rhoicosphenia sp.	<u>Cyprinus</u> - Carp
<u>Tabellaria</u> sp.	Etheostoma - Darters
	<u>Micropterus dolomieui</u> - Smallmouth bass
Rhodophyceae	Notropis - Shiners
Asterocystis sp.	Perca flavescens - Perch
Bangia atropurpurea	n
Vascular Plants	Aves Ducks
	Shorebirds
<u>Vallisneria</u> <u>americana</u>	Shot and Los

Large amounts of fungus are often observed surrounding the fish eggs found in the Cladophora beds.

## Cladophora Survey of the Western Basin

Cladophora has been considered to be present basin-wide in western Lake Erie; however, little distribution data is available outside the Island Region. In 1980, a preliminary survey was conducted in the eastern portion of the Island Region. This limited survey indicated the presence of the alga in this general region and supported the hypothesis that the depth to which Cladophora colonizes in the western basin is light controlled. The depth of alga colonization and light penetration (Secchi depth and PAR levels) both increased as site locations progressed northward from Kelly's Island to Chickenolee Reef (Figure 20).

In 1981, the survey was expanded to cover most of the western basin. From June 27-29, data on the nearshore region and shoreline structures were obtained by observations from a boat while SCUBA techniques were utilized on the reefs, shoals and submerged shorelines. <u>Cladophora</u> standing crop, biovolume, filament length, maximum depth of growth, PAR profiles, Secchi depth and temperature data were collected at sites throughout the basin.

A major portion of the western basin does not have suitable substrate to support <u>Cladophora</u>. Much of the United States shoreline is low-lying, consisting of unconsolidated sediments, and the Canadian side

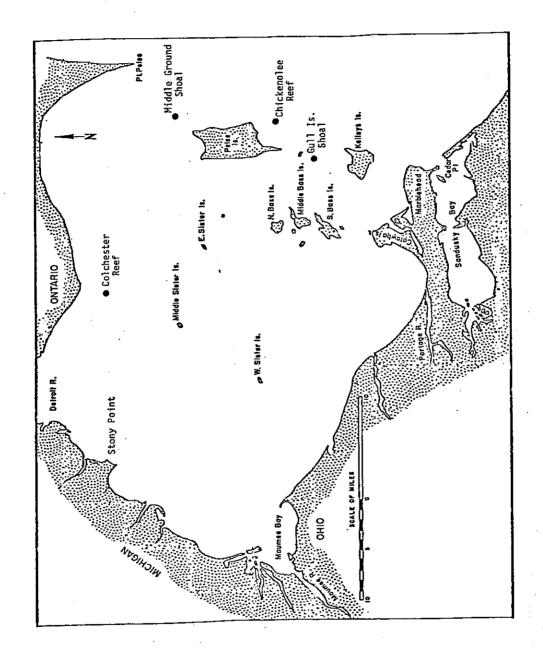


Figure 20. Western Lake Erie Cladophora Survey Station Locations.

has steep erodable bluffs. The largest extent of bedrock is located in the Island region of the basin. Exposed bedrock is found along the shorelines and as shelves on the eastern sides of most of the islands and as isolated peaks on the tops of the major reefs.

Survey results identified <u>Cladophora</u> on the vast majority of all suitable substrate in the western basin, including rocky shorelines, submerged shoreline shelves, reefs and man-made structures such as concrete, stone, wood and metal breakwalls, buoys and ships (Figure 20). In areas with unsuitable natural substrate, the alga was observed on man-made structures. Occasionally <u>Cladophora</u> was found on only one side of a breakwall or was absent completely, as was the case on the metal navigational buoys at Middle Ground Shoal and off Pelee Point. These buoys were exclusively colonized by <u>Ulothrix</u>. <u>Bangia</u> was also frequently observed in the splash zone throughout the basin.

The depth to which Cladophora was found on the island shelves and reefs varied with location (Table 8). Depth of colonization was generally greater the further north the site was located. Correspondingly, Secchi transparencies were greater and the extinction coefficients of light (K) were smaller at the northern sites. distribution of Cladophora was greatest on the isolated reef areas, not located near land.

Standing crop values varied from 10-229 g/m $^2$  DW (Table 9). Middle Ground Shoal standing crop was patchy and concentrated in the cracks of

TABLE 8

WESTERN BASIN CLADOPHORA SURVEY OBSERVATIONS, 1980 AND 1981

Location*	Substrate	Deepest depth of growth (m)	Secchi Transparency (m)	**	Surface Water Temperature (°C)
Marblehead Peninsula Catawba Point, Ohio East Kelly's Island Gull Island Shoal North Bass Island Chickenolee Reef West Sister Island East Sister Island Colchester Reef Middle Ground Shoal South Bass Island Stony Point, Mich.	Limestone Bedrock Dolomite Bedrock Limestone Bedrock	2114.84.00.84.24.01.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.	0.80 0.55 1.50 1.50 1.05 2.25 2.25 0.50	1.59 0.89 0.78 1.06 0.68  0.74 0.61 1.13	22 22.5 21 21 22 22 22 21 21 21
1980 East Kelly's Island Gull Island Shoal Chickenolee Reef	Limestone Bedrock Limestone Bedrock Limestone Bedrock	3.8 4.6	1.60 1.95 2.20	0.88 0.49	21 22 23

\*See Figure 23
\*\*Extinction coefficient

TABLE 9
WESTERN BASIN CLADOPHORA SURVEY BIOMASS DATA, 1981

	Depth of		Standing Crop (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	p (g/m²)			
Location	biomass sample (m)	wet weight	DW 104°C	AFW	% AFW	Biovolume (m1/m <sup>2</sup> )	Filament Length · (cm)
East Kelly's Island	1.0	875.7	229.1	72.6	32	1040	15
Gull Island Shoal	1.5	948.8	138.5	83.3	09	1280	52
North Bass Island	1.5	378.1	65.6	36.0	55	009	50
Chickenolee Reef	3.0*	692.0	88.5	43.8	49	820	25
West Sister Island	1.5	542.9	78.5	53.5	89	584	20
Middle Sister Island	1.5	528.9	63.0	45.6	68	596	15
East Sister Island	1.5	914.9	84.0	5.09	72	1020	52
Colchester Reef	* *	584.0	89.7	55.9	62	604	10
Middle Ground Shoal	4*	70.7	10.0	5.0	20	120	10

the bedrock, possibly the result of scouring action of sand moving across the shoal. The largest DW standing crop collected was from Kelly's Island (229  $g/m^2$ ); this also represented the lowest in % AFW (organic matter). The % AFW was greatest (62-78%) in the areas located in the northwest region of the western basin. These algal filaments in the northwest region visibly appeared "healthier", a bright green color and more firmly attached than found in other areas.

# Light Gradient Experiment

Water nutrient data from the light gradient experiment is presented in Table 10. All nutrient levels measured were greater than the minimal field values monitored in association with the presence of <u>Cladophora</u> growth, indicating non-limiting conditions for these nutrients. The pH of the tanks ranged from 7.89-8.56, varying due to daily and diurnal fluctuations of the incoming lake water and photosynthetic activity of <u>Cladophora</u>. Several pH profiles are presented in Figure 21. Sharp increases in pH were evident in the two highest illuminated tanks (6 and 7). The decline in pH from Tank 7 to 10 is believed to be the result of the buffering action of the lake water. Assessment of productivity on the basis of pH change in a flow through system with a fluctuating pH source is not possible. From the pH curves, however, it appears that there was high productivity in tank 6 and 7 and low productivity in Tanks 3-5.

Values of PAR capable of supporting <u>Cladophora</u> growth were assessed by the increase in filament length. The data presented in Table 11

TABLE 10
WATER NUTRIENT DATA FROM THE LIGHT GRADIENT EXPERIMENT

DATE	NUTRIENT		TANK							
 	(µg/1)	1	4	5	6	7	10			
11/5	SRP	7.0	2.7			2.7	3.7			
	NH3	47.3	27.4			30.4	62.1			
	N03+N02	115	116			120	124			
İ										
11/9	SRP	5.5	5.6			3.7	3.8			
	NH <sub>3</sub>	98.9	58.8			32.3	20.5			
	NO3+NO2	75	83			90	103			
11/22	SRP	5.9	7.0	7.8	6.8	4.7	3.9			
	ин3	55.5	36.8	32.8	19.8	11.5	8.6			
	NO <sub>3</sub> +NO <sub>2</sub>	128	144	150	145	131	135			

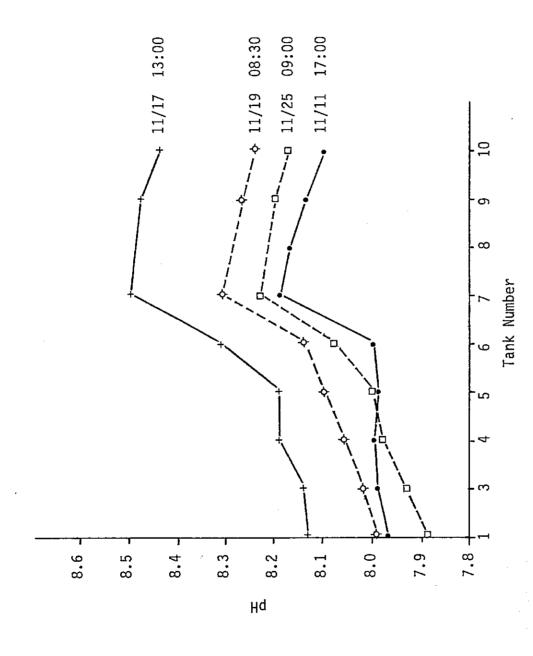


Figure 21. Cladophora Light Gradient Experiment, pH profiles.

represent the average increase in filament length on a weekly basis, under the various light levels. After one week, growth was evident at light levels of  $55~\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec and greater (Figure 22). During the second, third and fourth week growth was observed at PAR values of  $29~\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec and greater. The amount of growth increased with increasing light values from  $29\text{-}168~\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec. Filament length did not increase at levels of 14, 6 or  $0~\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec.

Two growth regimes are evident in Figure 22. The rate of filament increase was relatively slow at light values of  $44 \, \mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec or less and relatively fast at light levels of  $55 \, \mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec and greater. The minimal PAR at which <u>Cladophora</u> was capable of growth, under the conditions of the experiment, was between 14 and 29  $\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec.

Tissue nutrients and AFW at the termination of the experiment are presented in Table 12. The algal material from the  $6\,\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec tank is believed to have been mislabeled or confused in handling. If the  $6\,\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec data are considered erroneous, the tissue nutrients (Figure 2.3) and AFW (Figure 24) data points fit fairly well to similar shape curves. The curves all asymptote at aproximately the 44  $\mu\text{E/m}^2$  sec light level. The tissue nutrients nitrogen and phosphorus, under all light conditions remained above 2.0  $\mu$ g N/l and 0.2  $\mu$ g P/l, respectively.

TABLE 11

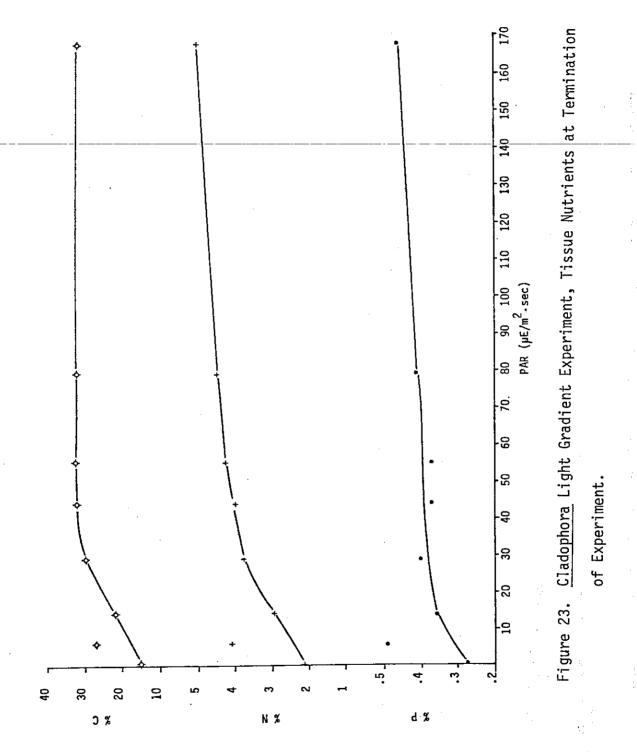
CLADOPHORA FILAMENT LENGTH (CM) INCREASE DURING THE LIGHT GRADIENT EXPERIMENT

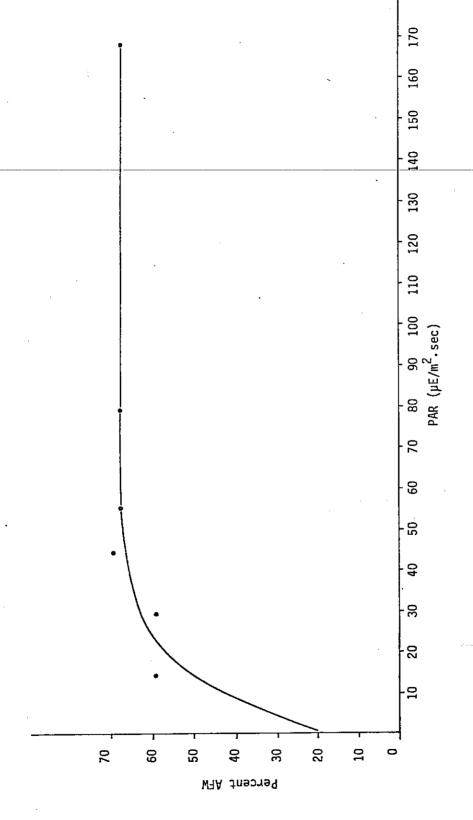
TOTAL (cm)	. 0	5.5	7.5	10.0	30	54.5
11/18-11/25 (cm)	0 0	. 2	4	3.5	12.5	22.5
11/12-11/18 (cm)	0	. 2	1.5	4	11	11
11/6-11/12 (cm)	0 0	. 0	2	2	4	16
from 10/30- 11/6 (cm)	0	0 0	0	0.5	2.5	ĸ
LIGHT LEVEL (µE/m <sup>2</sup> sec)	9	14	44	55	79	168

TABLE 12

CLADOPHORA TISSUE NUTRIENT DATA ON THE 25th DAY OF THE LIGHT GRADIENT EXPERIMENT

% AFW	. 19.3	57.3	59.5	59.3	8.69	2.79	68.3	68.4	
C/N	7.12	6.74	7.53	8.13	8.22	7.69	96*9	6.39	
C (%)	15.32	27.78	22.28	30.99	32.72	32.84	31.16	32.01	
(%) N	2.15	4.11	2.96	3.81	3.98	4.27	4.48	5.01	
Ь (%)	0.27	0.49	0.36	0.40	0.37	0.37	0.41	0.46	
LIGHT LEVEL (µE/m <sup>2</sup> sec)	0	9	14	59	44	52	79	168	





Cladophora Light Gradient Experiment, Percent Ash-free Weight at Termination Figure 24.

of Experiment.

#### DISCUSSION

# **Distribution**

Areal. Cladophora has been present in the Laurentian Great Lakes since the earliest recorded information (Bailey 1847). The distribution of Cladophora in the Great Lakes has generally increased in response to the cultural eutrophication which has influenced large areas of the Lakes (Beeton 1966; Herbst 1969; Verduin 1969). The increase in abundance and distribution of Cladophora has not been well-documented due to lack of baseline data. Historical records are based largely on evidence provided by fishermen and longtime shoreline residents. Distribution data has recently been complied for all of the Great Lakes by Auer and Canale (1981).

To provide a comprehensive data base of the distribution of the alga in western Lake Erie a survey was conducted in June of 1981. Results of the survey (Figure 2D) indicate that <u>Cladophora</u> is present throughout the basin and is generally found wherever suitable natural or artificial substrate is available. Biomass values were obtained from select areas to provide some measure of abundance as well as distribution.

The presence of <u>Cladophora</u> "throughout the western basin" may lead to a misunderstanding about the extent of distribution. A significant portion of the littoral region along the Michigan, Ohio and Canadian

shorelines does not provide suitable substrate to support this alga. Verber (1957) reported that 3% of the bottom of the western basin is composed of bedrock with some of this bedrock occurring at depths not capable of supporting <u>Cladophora</u> due to light limitations. A large majority of this bedrock and hence, <u>Cladophora</u> growth, is in the Island region.

Early records for western Lake Erie indicate that present-day distribution may not vary significantly from distributions reported in the late 1800's-early 1900's. The general impression received from personal conversations with lifelong residents along Lake Erie is that the abundance of this "moss" may have reached peak levels between the mid-1940's to mid-1960's. Present-day abundance is reported not to be as "bad" as it was a few decades ago. These observations are generally based on shoreline accumulations that can be influenced by currents and wind patterns as well as actual abundance.

One of the utilities of this study is to provide a data base for Cladophora which would allow the assessment of future changes in distribution and abundance. A general thrust in recent years has been to decrease phosphorus loadings to the Great Lakes in order to obtain concentrations of phosphorus that will limit algal productivity. If this goal is achievable, Cladophora could be used as a biological indicator of the effectiveness and extent of nutrient control and management strategies. Since Cladophora is sessile, it reflects conditions that are site-specific and less variable in temporal

distribution than planktonic algae, thus making it a good indicator organism. This concept may not be as applicable in western Lake Erie where annual mean levels of SRP are greater than 3 µg P/l, but has been successfully demonstrated in Lake Huron where ambient levels are often below detection limits (Canale and Auer 1982).

Temporal. Cladophora of the infralittoral and eulittoral zones displayed two different patterns of temporal distribution in the lake. The infralittoral zone had a bi-modal growth pattern with the alga present from late April to mid-July and again from late September to December. Cladophora colonized the eulittoral zone during May and remained present into December. The alga in the eulittoral zone became patchy in distribution and noticeably declined in density during August, but remained present.

Several observations made during the winter and early spring, soon after ice-out, indicated that <u>Cladophora</u> is capable of surviving and, at least in isolated cases, has the potential for growth during the winter months. However, at the onset of the ice-free season (April) <u>Cladophora</u> is not generally found colonizing the littoral zone.

# <u>Cladophora Biomass</u>

<u>Cladophora</u> growth was assessed by determining the standing crop present on each sampling date. Standing crop data represents only the amount of biomass present at the time of sampling and should not be

equated to production. Standing crops do not account for the sloughing of algal filaments.

The observation of <u>Cladophora</u> biomass on the shore throughout a large part of the spring and early summer indicate that there is frequent sloughing and thus export of biomass from the algal beds. The largest loss of standing crop generally occurs in association with wave activity. Sloughing of biomass is not strictly linked to physical forces and has been observed under calm conditions in June and July, near the period of peak standing crop.

To assess the toal biomass production of <u>Cladophora</u> a sampling scheme must be designed to account for biomass lost due to sloughing. An attempt at such a measurement was undertaken in Lake Huron (Auer, personal communication) by enclosing a small section of the lake with a screen cage. Unfortunately, the securing of such a structure in a rocky nearshore region of the Great Lakes is not easily accomplished and the structure failed during the periods of greatest potential biomass export. An alternative method is the measurement of algal productivity in the laboratory or in-situ in enclosed containers (McMillan and Verduin 1953; Mantai 1974). These results are often bias due to constraints placed on the system by the experimental design (Mantai and Haase 1977). The recent in-depth modeling effort of Auer et al. (1982), using laboratory and field data provides the best estimates for Cladophora production and may prove to be useful in Lake Erie.

Representation of the abundance of <u>Cladophora</u> as standing crop, although not representing a measure of total production, does present a good estimate of the growth dynamics. Plots of the bimonthly standing crop data (Figures 13 and 14) resulted in fairly smooth "growth" curves which appear to be representative of the actual seasonal trends. For routine monitoring, the most feasible assessment of the abundance of <u>Cladophora</u> is standing crop data, as long as its limitations are realized.

In the present study, considerable variation was encountered in maximum standing crops and seasonal distribution, making short-term trends difficult to determine. In a similar study in the Island Region of western Lake Erie Kishler (1967) also noted that peak standing crop and seasonal distribution varied from year to year, depending on environmental conditions. The maximum standing crop of 102  $\mathrm{g/m}^2$  DW 104 at the South Bass Island site in 1979 is similar to Kishler's 1965 value. Kishler (1967) reported maximum standing crop values in the South Bass Island area, at 1 m during June and July of 1965, ranging from 64-120  $g/m^2$  DW, averaging 95  $g/m^2$  DW. In 1966, at a site location (Village Intake N) close to the present site, Kishler reported a much larger standing crop of 340 g/m<sup>2</sup> DW. At the South Bass Island site in 1980 a maximum value of 214  $g/m^2$  DW was obtained, considerably less than Kishler's maximum. To properly assess Cladophora trends in a natural system, influenced by numerous interacting components, a data base must be established over a number of years.

Throughout 1979, the maximum standing crops (DW 104) at Stony Point were significantly greater than values from South Bass Island at the 0.0547 level of confidence. The distribution free sign test resulted in a relatively small annual median difference of 9.65 g/m² between the two sites with an 83 percent confidence interval of 3.5-15.5 g/m². For 1980, there was no significant difference in the maximum standing crops throughout the year between the two sites. Fall standing crop values at Stony Point were significantly ( $\propto$  = 0.000) greater than at South Bass Island with a median difference of 21.0 g/m² and an 88 percent confidence interval of 14.4 to 43.6 g/m².

Western Lake Erie <u>Cladophora</u> standing crops are compared to other sites of the LECSP in Table 13 and Figure 25. The Walnut Creek, Pennsylvania site, located in the central basin, supported the smallest standing crop. Similar standing crops were supported at Hamburg, New York (eastern basin) and Stony Point, Michigan in 1979 and 1980 and South Bass in 1979. Rathfon Point in Long Point Bay, Ontario (eastern basin) clearly supported the largest standing crop (Figure 25). In comparison, the standing crop in Lake Huron at Harbor Beach, Michigan was in the 200–300  $g/m^2$  DW range (Canale and Auer 1982) and in Lake Ontario maximum standing crop has reached 1062  $g/m^2$  DW (Neil 1975).

The distribution of biomass in relation to depth varied with sites. Cladophora extended to approximately 2 m at Stony Point and to 3 m at South Bass Island. At the central and eastern basin sites colonization extended past 3 m with the standing crop often greatest at 3 m (Table

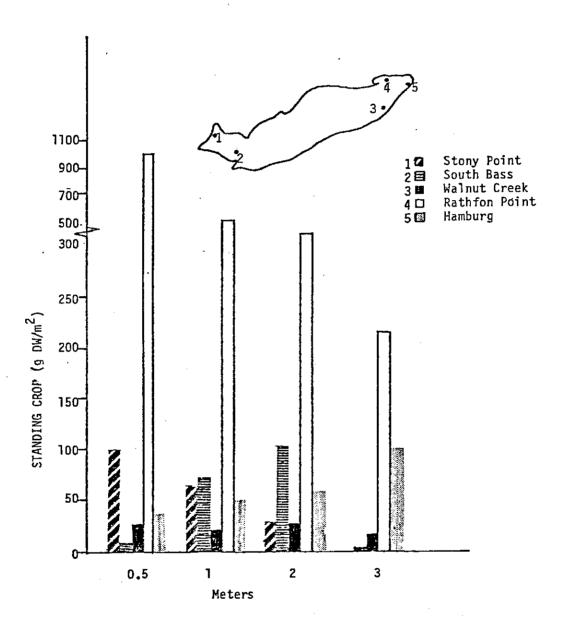


Figure 25. Comparison of 1979 <u>Cladophora Peak</u>
Standing Crops at the Five Lake Erie

<u>Cladophora Surveillance Program Sites.</u>

			DE	PTH (m	1)		TRANSECT <sup>2</sup>
SITE	YEAR	0.	5	1	2	3	AVERAGE
	1979	107	g/m <sup>2</sup>	64	30	0	50
Stony Point	1980	186	g/m <sup>2</sup>	70	Т	0	64
	1979	10	g/m <sup>2</sup>	75	110	2	49
South Bass	1980	218	g/m <sup>2</sup>	174	49	· T	110
Walnut Creek	1979 <sup>4</sup> 1980 <sup>3</sup>	24 18	g/m <sup>2</sup> g/m <sup>2</sup>	20 37	24 18	16 59	21 33
Rathfon Point	1979 <sup>4</sup> 1980	983	g/m <sup>2</sup> g/m <sup>2</sup>	444	410 	214	513 
Hamburg	1979 <sup>4</sup> 1980 <sup>3</sup>	36 0.	g/m <sup>2</sup> 1 g/m <sup>2</sup>	48 63	52 61	100 86	59 53

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Based on DW 64°, except Rathfon Point, DW 105°

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$ Transect Average =  $\Sigma$  of 0.5, 1, 2, and 3m/4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Data from Catherine Carnes, Great Lakes Laboratory, State University College at Buffalo, New York. Personal Communication, 1981.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Data from Sweeney 1980.

13). Sampling at these sites could have been more comprehensive if sampling had continued to the deepest depth of colonization.

# Nutrient Relationships

The distribution and abundance of <u>Cladophora</u> has generally been linked with the availability of nutrients in the environment. For the Great Lakes, phosphorus has been implemented as the limiting nutrient factor controlling this alga (Neil and Owen 1964; Herbst 1969; Pitcairn and Hawkes 1973). In the upper Great Lakes <u>Cladophora</u> is limited to areas of nutrient enrichment, such as around Duluth, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Saginaw Bay and at the mouths of numerous rivers (Auer and Canale 1981). In Lake Huron the direct relationship between <u>Cladophora</u> distribution/abundance and phosphorus levels was illustrated by phosphorus removal at a small sewage treatment plant that discharged into the lake. Following phosphorus removal the distribution and abundance of the alga greatly diminished, eliminating the nuisance conditions previously experienced (Canale and Auer 1982).

In Lakes Erie and Ontario ambient lake levels of phosphorus and nitrogen are sufficient to support <u>Cladophora</u> in most of the nearshore regions. Nitrogen availability to the alga at the two sites in western Lake Erie was relatively high. Nitrate + nitrite and ammonia, both available forms of nitrogen (Gerloff and Fitzgerald 1976), were not limiting, averaging greater than 350 µg N/l and 15 µg N/l respectively. Levels of SRP at the two sites averaged greater than 3 µg P/l. Field data from the LECSP indicates that SRP concentrations as low as 1 µg P/l

are capable of supporting <u>Cladophora</u> growth. For example, the lush growth at Rathfon Point, Ontario in 1979 (983 g DW/m<sup>2</sup>) was produced with average SRP values of approximately 1  $\mu$ g P/l (Neil 1981). The delineation of actual limiting phosphorus levels are hampered by the fact that measurement of SRP at levels of 1  $\mu$ g P/l and below are approaching the detection limit of measurement.

Total phosphorus and TDP cannot be accurately used to assess the availability of phosphorus for algal utilization, but are often the only data available. Thomas (1975) noted prolific growth of <u>Cladophora</u> in Lake Huron where the average spring and annual TP concentrations exceeded 15  $\mu$ g P/l. At both western Lake Erie sites TP averaged over 30  $\mu$ g P/l.

An effective alternative to assessing the nutrient availability in the system is to measure the concentration of the nutrient in the alga. Nutrient levels within the alga provide a direct evaluation of the conditions to which the alga has been exposed. This approach eliminates the problem of measuring low levels of phosphorus in the water.

<u>Cladophora</u> is capable of nutrient uptake in excess of immediate requirements. When nutrients are abundant, tissue nutrient levels are usually high, and when nutrients are scarce, tissue nutrients are low. The "luxury uptake" provides the alga with a mechanism to survive short periods of low nutrient availability in the environment.

In the upper Great Lakes tissue phosphorus levels decrease as the distance from the nutrient source increases and environmental levels decline (Lin 1971, 1977; Auer and Canale 1980). In the western basin of Lake Erie, at the two sites, there is not a "source" gradient of nutrients but there are temporal variations in nutrient availability which are reflected in the tissue nutrient levels. Total tissue phosphorus levels at Stony Point in 1980 followed a very similar pattern of increasing and declining as SRP levels did (Figure 19). At South Bass Island TTP concentrations remained fairly constant as did SRP levels in the water.

The critical tissue concentrations for various elements required for <u>Cladophora</u> growth have been determined in the laboratory by Gerloff and Fitzgerald (1976). Critical concentration is defined as the level of internal nutrient above which relatively little increase in yield is observed over a specific culture period. The critical concentrations of phosphorus and nitrogen reported by Gerloff and Fitzgerald (1976) are 0.06% and 1.1% respectively. Gerloff and Muth (1979) have recently revised the critical phosphorus level to 0.08%.

Tissue phosphorus and nitrogen at the western basin sites averaged above 0.2% and 2.5%, respectively, well above limiting conditions. These values were greater than the values reported from the central and eastern basins (Sweeney 1980; Neil 1981), reflecting the higher availability of nutrients in western Lake Erie. Levels of TTP, TTN and TTC in the present study reached the lowest levels just after the onset

of growth in mid-May and again in early August, declining from peak levels in June. Mantai (1974, 1978) reported similar declines in phosphorus and nitrogen in eastern Lake Erie. During May and August tissue levels of phosphorus and nitrogen approached, but generally did not drop below critical levels as defined by Gerloff and Fitzgerald (1976). The one exception was nitrogen in mid-May, 1979 at the South Bass Island site.

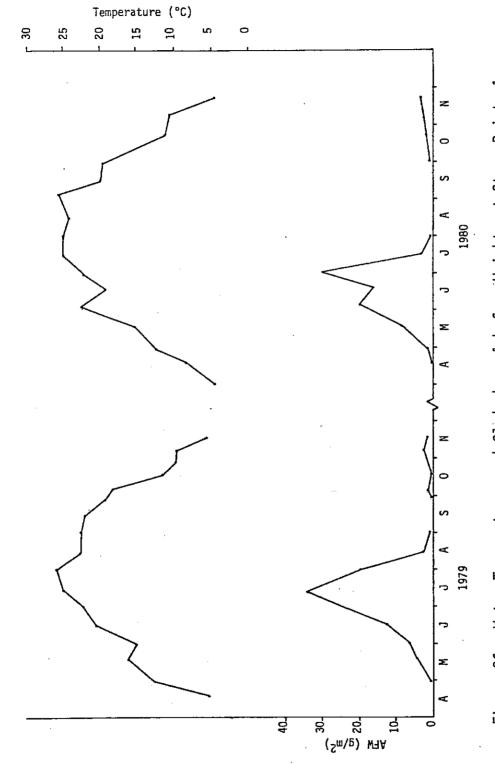
The decline in tissue nutrients were observed despite the fact that in many cases forms of available phosphorus and nitrogen were present in quantities that were previously sufficient to support higher tissue levels. In western Lake Erie where the level of available nutrients are relatively high, factors other than nutrient availability must be responsible for the decline in tissue concentrations. The relatively low values observed, just after the onset of growth are probably the result of the high nutrient requirements of the alga during active growth. The decline in TTP, TTN and TTC in July and August are the result of a negative energy balance; this will be discussed in the next section.

# Environmental Factors Influencing Seasonal Periodicity

Maximum productivity of <u>Cladophora</u> in the infralittoral zone generally occurred from May through June and again in October and November, resulting in a two-cycle annual growth pattern. This bi-modal growth pattern, with a marked decrease in standing crop occurring during the hottest months, has been previously reported for Lake Erie (Kishler

1967; Mantai 1974, 1978; Neil 1975) and in other lentic and lotic environments (Whitton 1970). Bellis and McLarty (1967) noticed a tendency for the interval between the spring and fall periods of intensive growth to increase in successively more southern locations. For example, in Texas the observed maxima was reported in March and November (Thurman and Kuehne 1952). Previous investigators have suggested that temperature is the controlling factor in this seasonal periodicity (Bellis 1968; Herbst 1969; Whitton 1970).

Maximum growth in the present study occurred between the 12-20°C. When lake temperatures rose above approximately 20°C, the range. standing crop (AFW) began to decline soon thereafter (Figures 26 and 27). Present field observations of optimum temperatures for Cladophora growth are similar to Taft and Kishler's (1967) observations in western Lake Erie of 10-18°C. Laboratory studies of Storr and Sweeney (1971) report an optimum temperature of  $18^{\circ}$ C and Graham et al. (1982) a  $13-17^{\circ}$ C range for optimum net photosynthesis. The limiting maximum temperature of approximately 20°C is in close agreement with the 18°C temperature report by Taft and Kishler (1973) in western Lake Erie. Several other investigators have reported higher maximum temperatures of  $25^{\circ}$ C (Storr and Sweeney 1971; Zuraw 1969) and 30°C (Whitton 1970). Preliminary laboratory results of Graham et al. (1982) indicate a maximum temperature in the 30°C range, varying with light intensities. influence of temperature on the seasonal periodicity has recently been conclusively defined by the extensive laboratory investigations into the energetics of Cladophora by Graham et al. (1982). Based on the work of



Water Temperatures and Cladophora Ash-free Weights at Stony Point, 1m Figure 26.

Station, 1979 and 1980.

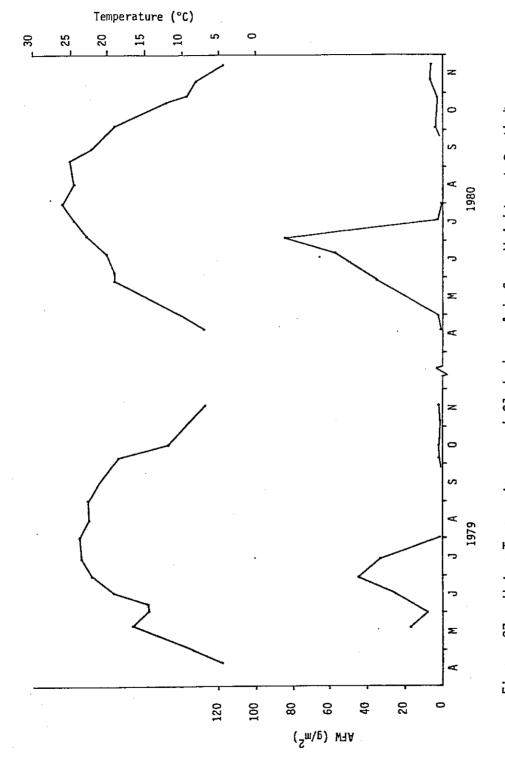


Figure 27. Water Temperatures and Cladophora Ash-free Weights at South Bass Island, 1m Station, 1979 and 1980.

Graham et al. (1982) and field observations of the present study the environmental factors influencing the growth dynamics of <u>Cladophora</u> in western Lake Erie can be defined.

Growth of the alga occurs when environmental conditions enable gross photosynthesis to be greater than respiration, resulting in a positive net photosynthetic rate. The photosynthetic and respiration rates are both controlled by temperature and light. When water temperatures 4<sup>0</sup>C rise to the range in the spring the photosynthetic/respiration ratio (P/R) approaches 1, enabling the alga to initiate "growth". As temperatures rise from approximately 4-10°C. Cladophora begins to appear and slowly increase in distribution, with growth rapidly increasing once temperatures approach 10°C. The maximum net photosynthesis and hence production takes place in the late spring (May-June) as temperatures are in the  $10-20^{\circ}$ C range. When temperatures reach 20-25°C (July) a P/R ratio of less than 1 is obtained, leading to senescence, tissue nutrient decline, and subsequent detachment of the filaments. Net photosynthesis not only declines with the higher summer temperatures but also decreases at higher light levels (Graham et al. The higher light values at 0.5 m may be responsible for the 1982). earlier decline in biomass at 0.5 m than at the deeper depths in 1980 (Figures 13 and 14). Growth of Cladophora remained absent in the infralittoral zone until temperatures decline below 20°C, in late September. The fall resurgence of growth developed as lake temperatures dropped from 20-10 $^{\rm O}$ C. The bimodal periodicity of Cladophora is thus the

result of a negative energy balance in the summer caused by both temperature and light conditions creating a P/R ratio of less than 1.

The observation of short, bright green filaments under the ice in January indicates the ability of <u>Cladophora</u> to survive near freezing temperatures. Graham et al. (1982) reported no net photosynthesis at  $1^{\circ}$ C, but noticed the alga remained bright green. The ability of <u>Cladophora</u> to grow during the winter months was evident by the long filaments on the minnow car in March. Graham et al. (1982) suggest that net photosynthesis is possible at  $2^{\circ}$ C at light levels of 150-300  $\mu$ E/m<sup>2</sup> sec.

# Minimum Light Requirement of Cladophora

The vertical distribution of <u>Cladophora</u> in the western basin varied with time and location. The greatest depth of growth was attained during the spring pulse, generally from late May to late June. At Stony Point <u>Cladophora</u> generally did not colonize past the 2 m depth and at South Bass Island the alga extended to approximately 3 m. <u>Cladophora</u> at other locations in the western basin was observed as deep as 7 m. The variation in depth of colonization at the different sites when compared to light data suggests that light attenuation is influencing the extend of vertical growth. Temperature and nutrient availability at the deeper depths (3 m) were not appreciably different than the shallower depths. From the limited light data available it appeared as if PAR values in the range of 50  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec were limiting to <u>Cladophora</u> growth (Figure 6).

The light gradient experiment was designed to quantify the light requirement necessary to sustain <u>Cladophora</u> growth, under conditions as close to the natural lake enviornment as possible. Under experimental conditions growth, defined as increase in filament length, increased as light intensity increased. The optimum PAR, for maximum growth, was not achieved and is therefore greater than  $168 \, \mu \, \text{E/m}^2$  sec, the highest light level in the gradient. Light was thus limiting at all PAR levels of the experiment. The optimum light intensities of 300 to 600  $\mu \, \text{E/m}^2$  sec defined by Graham et al. (1982) are consistent with these results.

In the light gradient experiment values of approximately 50  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec (PAR) and greater maintained a higher rate of growth than values less than this (Figure 22). Levels of PAR less than approximately 30  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec represented the minimum levels below which growth was not observed. PAR values between 30-50  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec were considered in the critical range. The minimum value of 30  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec is close to one percent of the incident light. The results of this experiment are in close agreement with the preliminary results of Graham et al. (1982) that PAR values of 35  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec and greater are capable of providing postive net photosynthesis.

In extrapolating the results from the light gradient experiments to the natural environment several factors must be considered. The light levels in the gradient were constant for the total 14-hour period, resulting in approximately 40 percent greater total daily illumination than a 14-hour field day, due to twilight effects. Light levels in the

lake were generally monitored near mid-day (11:00-15:00), at peak levels. A field PAR value of 30  $\mu$  E/m² sec would be close to the daily maximum PAR; thus, the actual mean for the day would be less than 30  $\mu$  E/m² sec at that depth. The results of the light gradient experiment are only valid for temperatures near 15°C, since net production is also influenced by temperature. Fifteen degrees C is near the optimum temperature for growth and a 5°C increase or decrease will negatively influence production. Due to the above-mentioned reasons and other uncertainties in the natural environment 50  $\mu$  E/m² sec, the upper values of the critical range, was considered the minimum PAR capable of supporting Cladophora in western Lake Erie.

Results of the 1981 survey support the contention that light is limiting the vertical distribution of <u>Cladophora</u> in western Lake Erie. Locations with greater secchi depths and lower extinction coefficients generally supported growth to a deeper depth. To field test the minimal level of 50  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec, the depth of <u>Cladophora</u> growth and light conditions throughout the basin were compared to the 50  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec value.

The survey data represents conditions at each site for the specific time at which the site was visited and cannot be taken as the conditions necessarily present over time. The sessile nature of <u>Cladophora</u> helps to eliminate some of the short-term variations encountered. For example, the distribution of <u>Cladophora</u> does not fluctuate on a daily basis in response to short-term environmental conditions, thus eliminating some of the time dependence relative to depth distribution. Light

availability, however, is highly time dependent, varying with time of day, weather, and physical water characteristics. To eliminate some of the time dependency of the light data, in order to achieve an "average representation" of light conditions expected at each site, several assumptions were made.

To test the hypothesis that PAR less than approximately 50  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec is limiting to <u>Cladophora</u>, the maximum depth of growth at the sites in the survey were compared to the depth at which 50  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec would be expected to occur under "normal conditions" for that site. It has been shown that,

$$I_z = I_0 e^{-kz}$$
 (1)

where:  $I_z = PAR$  at depth z

 $I_0$  = incident PAR

k = extinction coefficient

z = depth

The extinction coefficient (k) for each site was calculated from light profile data taken at each site. Equation 1 may be rewritten as follows,

$$k = \frac{\ln I_0 - \ln I_z}{z} \tag{2}$$

to solve for K. High extinction coefficients were prevalent along the southern shore and lower values were found in the northern reef areas. Extinction coefficients ranged from 1.59-0.48 (Table 8).

Once the extinction coefficient is known the depth at which 50  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec will occur at each site can be calculated by rewriting Equation 1 as,

$$z = \frac{\ln I_0 - \ln I_z}{k} \tag{3}$$

where: k is site specific calculated value

 $I_z$  is 50  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec, the minimum light value for growth  $I_0$  is incident light.

An average incident light ( $I_0$ ) value of 2000  $\mu$  E/m sec (Li-cor 1980) was used in all calculations to eliminate the variability between sites sampled at different times of the day and under different weather conditions. The 2000  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec value is similar to the average field incident PAR value of 2009  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec recorded at the two routinely monitored sites, from May-July 1980. Equation 3 thus becomes,

$$z = \frac{\ln 2000 - \ln 50}{\text{site specific k}}$$
 (4)

where: z represents the depth at which PAR will be 50  $\mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec.

If  $50 \, \mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec is the minimum level of PAR capable of supporting Cladophora the calculated depth from Equation 4 should be similar to the field observed depth of deepest colonization at that site. The calculated depth at which  $50 \, \mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec was obtained and actual depth to which the alga was observed compared well (Table 14). The several reef areas where the  $50 \, \mu$  E/m<sup>2</sup> sec depth was greater than the observed depth of growth can possibly be explained by the movement of sediment on and off the deeper portions of the reefs. For example, areas of sand were encountered on Chickenolee Reef. Cladophora filaments may also have detached at the deeper depths prior to the time of the survey in late June. Old holdfasts were evident at the deeper depths of Gull Island Shoal.

The results of routine monitoring, the light gradient experiment, and the survey of the western basin all support the theory that Cladophora in western Lake Erie is light-limited at PAR levels below approximately 50  $\mu$  E/m² sec. The depth at which light attenuates to 50  $\mu$  E/m² sec in the western basin varies from less than 2 m to over 7 m. The increase in the turbidity of western Lake Erie over the past century that has contributed to the decline of aquatic vascular plants (Stuckey 1979) may also have decreased the total colonizable substrate available to Cladophora. If in the future the turbidity of the basin decreases in response to decreased loadings and phosphorus levels remain above 1  $\mu$ g P/l the quantity of Cladophora would increase due to a greater vertical distribution.

TABLE 14

COMPARISON OF OBSERVED DEPTH OF <u>CLADOPHORA</u> COLONIZATION

TO PREDICTED 50µE/m<sup>2</sup>.sec DEPTH

LOCATION 1981	K	PREDICTED Z <sub>50 µE/m<sup>2</sup>.sec (m)</sub>	MAX. OBSERVED DEPTH (m)
Marblehead Peninsula	1.59	2.3	2.5
East Kelly's Island	0.89	4-1	4.5
Gull Island Shoal	0.78	4.7	3.2
North Bass Island	0.73	5.1	4.5
Chickenolee Reef	0.68	5.4	6.0 *
East Sister Island	0.74	5.0	4.5
Colchester Reef	0.61	6.1 **	7.0
Middle Ground Shoal	0.48	7.7	4.8 ***
Stony Point	1.90	1.9	1.5
South Bass Island	1.13	3.3	3.0
1980			
Gull Island Shoal	0.88	4.2	3.8
Chickenolee Reef	0.49	7.5	4.6 *
Stony Point	1.87	2.0	1.8
South Bass Island	0.95	3.8	3.0

<sup>\*</sup> portions of reef covered with sand

<sup>\*\*</sup> light reading late in the day

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> deepest depth not located due to flat and level topography of the reef and the presence of gill nets

K - extinction coefficient

# Cladophora Niche

Cladophora is part, often a dominant part, of a very dynamic and productive region of the lake. As a component of this environment Cladophora must compete with, be influenced by and influence other organisms of this region. The development of algal zonation and seasonal distribution patterns allows a wide variety of organisms to inhabit the rocky nearshore zone. Of the macroscopic algae present in the littoral region, Cladophora colonizes the largest zone (Figure 12). Bangia, a relatively new invader into western Lake Erie, has been able to expland from a few scattered sitings in 1969 (Taft and Kishler 1970) to a general distribution in the basin. The success of this alga is due to the ability of Bangia to out-compete the endemic species in the dynamic splash zone.

Lush growth of <u>Cladophora</u> in the rocky littoral regions greatly alters the microenvironment, particularly on the flat, barren bedrock shorelines of the Islands. The presence of extensive <u>Cladophora</u> beds greatly increase available surface area and provide a habitat for a wide variety or organisms, in what might otherwise be a relatively unproductive area. Large surface areas and the "rough", relatively mucilage free cell wall of <u>Cladophora</u> (Rosen et al. 1982) provide an excellent substrate for epiphytic organisms, particularly the diatoms. The abundant epiphytic organisms in turn provide the base for a diverse invertebrate community (Table 7). This <u>Cladophora</u> association represents a highly productive community which attracts the vertebrates.

Observation of fish fecal pellets containing large amounts of Cladophora indicate that fish ingest the alga as well as the invertebrates. The undigested nature of a large extent of the filaments in the pellets suggest that Cladophora may not be intentionally consumed, but ingested in association with invertebrates. Although the alga is not fully digested, it may still provide a source of nutrition for the fish, vitamins in particular (Cladophora requires relatively high levels of vitamin  $B_{12}$  and  $B_{1}$  for growth (Gerloff and Fitzgerald 1976)). Visual observation of fish and the size of the fecal pellets suggest that they are from either perch or smallmouth bass. Previous investigators have reported the sand shiner, striped shiner (Gillen and Hart 1980) and the fathead minnow (Coyle 1930) from lotic environments to feed on Cladophora. Cladophora in the Great Lakes generally has not been considered to be a food source.

The growth dynamics of <u>Cladophora</u> closely coincide with the reproduction of many species. The physical environment created by <u>Cladophora</u> in the spring (May-June) provides a substrate used for reproduction by both invertebrates and fish. For example, <u>Gammaris</u> abundance and life cycle has a similar cycle as the standing crop of <u>Cladophora</u>. Barton and Hynes (1978) suggest that <u>Gammaris</u> is preadapted to exploit the presence of <u>Cladophora</u>. Numerous fish eggs and the spawning activities of carp have been observed in the algal beds. All organisms found in association with <u>Cladophora</u> must be able to adapt to the severe seasonal fluctuations in abundance, from dense meadows with

filaments 90 cm in length to flat bedrock with holdfasts of approximately 1 cm.

The presence of larval fish in the <u>Cladophora</u> beds suggest that they may be using the beds as a refuge. <u>Cladophora</u> has also been suggested to be detrimental to fish eggs such as walleye which require a rocky substrate to spawn (Shear and Konasewich 1975). The reduction of light by the filaments increases the susceptibility of the eggs to fungal attack.

The macrophyte dominated littoral regions of lakes have long been known as "nursery areas" for numerous aquatic species. In the Great Lakes, and particularly the southwestern shores of the western basin of Lake Erie, large tracts of marshlands, river mouths, and nearshore habitat which represent highly productive and diverse environments have been destroyed. Cladophora beds may be providing one of the few refuges for an important community that is having its habitat destroyed.

#### CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The distribution and abundance of the filamentous green alga, Cladophora glomerata in the Great Lakes has generally been linked to the availability of phosphorus. At the two sites monitored in western Lake Erie neither phosphorus or nitrogen were limiting. Available forms of these nutrients were relatively high in the environment and algal tissue nutrient concentrations remained above critical levels, as defined by Gerloff and Fitzgerald (1976).
- Cladophora was found to colonize available substrate throughout the western basin of Lake Erie. The largest populations of this alga were located in the Island Region due to the large areas of exposed bedrock.
- 3. <u>Bangia</u>, a filamentous red alga, which was first reported in western Lake Erie in 1969, was found throughout the basin in 1981. The rapid spread of this marine invader can be attributed to its ability to out-compete other endemic species, such as <u>Ulothrix</u> and <u>Cladophora</u>, at the highly dynamic air/water interface of the lake.
- 4. The greatest limiting factor to <u>Cladophora</u> distribution in western Lake Erie is the availability of substrate; only 3 percent of the lake bottom in western Lake Erie provides suitable rocky substrate.

- 5. In areas with suitable substrate the vertical distribution of Cladophora is limited by the high light attenuation in western Lake Erie. Photosynthetically active radiation below approximately 50 µE/m² sec was determined to be limiting to colonization. The depth at which 50 µE/m² sec was reached varied from less than 2 m to greater than 7 m in western Lake Erie. Greatest depths of Cladophora colonization and the lowest light extinction coefficients occurred in the northern reef areas. The highest light attenuations and least depths of colonization were located along the southern shore.
- 6. Growth of <u>Cladophora</u> in the infralittoral zone exhibited a bimodal pattern with peaks in June and July and again in October and November. The abundance and distribution of the standing crop varied from season to season. A maximum standing crop of 214 g DW/m<sup>2</sup> was obtained at South Bass Island in June of 1980 at 0.5 m. Maximum standing crop at Stony Point, Michigan was 184 g DW/m<sup>2</sup> in November of 1980 at 0.5 m. The greatest vertical distribution was obtained during the first half of the season. The eulittoral zone supported growth from May to December in contrast to the infralittoral zone that lacks growth in the late summer.
- 7. The decline and subsequent absence of the alga in the infralittoral zone during the late summer months (July through August) is the result of an environmentally induced negative energy balance. The energetics of the alga are regulated by the effects of light and temperature on photosynthesis and respiration. Field observations

indicate an optimum temperature for growth in the range of 12-20°C. Temperatures above approximately 20°C appear to be limiting. The higher temperatures of summer result in respiration surpassing productivity. The declining standing crop in the summer months was accompanied by increasing epiphyte colonization and declining, but not limiting, tissue phosphorus and nitrogen levels.

- 8. Nuisance accumulations of shoreline <u>Cladophora</u> were generally confined to the Island Region. Nuisance conditions were most widespread from June-July, with shoreline accumulations often greater than  $5 \text{ kg/m}^2$  (DW 104). In localized areas large amounts of <u>Cladophora</u> washed ashore during the first few major storms after ice-out (April), probably representing biomass from the previous year's fall crop.
- 9. Although accredited with nuisance conditions at times, the Cladophora niche is important in the nearshore region, supporting a diverse and abundant association of flora and fauna. A wide variety of organisms were identified within the Cladophora community. Further investigations are needed into the complex community strucutre of grazers and consumers that interact with the productive Cladophora association.
- 10. <u>Cladophora</u> has the potential to be utilized in the monitoring of water quality. Its presence in the upper Great Lakes is a positive indicator of nutrient enrichment and might be utilized as a quick and

inexpensive way to survey large areas of shoreline for nutrient sources. This study provides baseline data on the 1979-1980 Cladophora conditions in western Lake Erie upon which future trends can be based. The capability of Cladophora to scavenge and bioaccumulate a wide variety of substances provides an excellent means to monitor these substances. Due to bioaccumulation, many substances such as PCB's, organochlorine pesticides, metals and radioactive substances, which are present in the environment near the detection limits, can be better assessed at the higher levels in the alga. The sessile nature of the alga provides site-specific information and the capability to continuously monitor the environment, enabling the documentation of events not otherwise observed.

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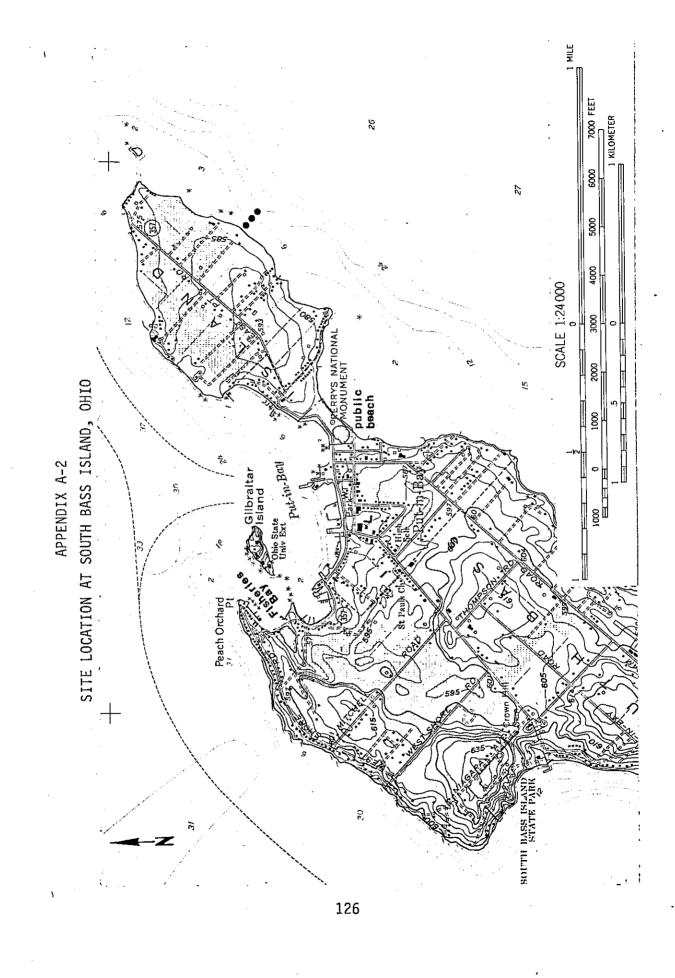
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### APPENDIX A

SITE AND STATION LOCATIONS
FOR THE WESTERN LAKE ERIE CLADOPHORA SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

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APPENDIX A-3
STATION LOCATIONS AT STONY POINT, MICHIGAN

STATION DEPTH (m)	DISTANCE BETWEEN STATIONS (m)	
0.5	14.8	14.8
1.0	10.2	25.0
2.0	39.1	64.1
3.0	96.0	160.1

APPENDIX A-4
STATION LOCATIONS AT SOUTH BASS ISLAND, OHIO

STATION DEPTH (m)	DISTANCE BETWEEN STATIONS (m)	DISTANCE OFF SHORE
0.5	6.8	6.8
1.0	4.5	11.3
2.0	22.7	34.0
3.0	19.3	53.3

## APPENDIX B TISSUE NUTRIENT INFORMATION

APPENDIX B -1 GORHAM'S MEDIUM - MINUS PHOSPHATE \*

REAGENT	mg/l
NaNo <sub>3</sub>	496
MgS0 <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> 0	75
CaC1 <sub>2</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> 0	36
Na <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>3</sub> .9H <sub>2</sub> O	58
${\rm Na_2CO_3}$	20
Ferric Citrate	6
Citric Acid	6
EDTA	1

pH 7.0

\* Hughes, E.O., P.R. Groham, and A. Zehnder. 1958. Toxicity of a unialgal culture of <u>Microcystis</u> aeruginosa. Can. J. Microbiol. 4:225-236.

### APPENDIX B-2 EQUATIONS FOR TISSUE NUTRIENT CALCULATIONS

BOILING WATER EXTRACTABLE PHOSPHORUS:

$$EXP = \frac{\text{(liters in sample)} \text{ (mgP/l of sample)}}{\text{mg DW 64}^{O}\text{C of Cladophora in sample}}$$
 X 100 = mgP/100mg Cladophora

TOTAL TISSUE PHOSPHORUS:

TTP = 
$$\frac{\text{(liters in sample)} \text{ (mgP/l of sample)}}{\text{mg DW 64}^{O}\text{C of Cladophora in sample}}$$
  $\chi$  100 = mgP/100mg Cladophora

TOTAL TISSUE CARBON/NITROGEN:

TTN = 
$$\frac{\mu gN}{\mu g}$$
 X 100 =  $\mu gN/100ug$  Cladophora

# APPENDIX C DATA SET FOR THE WESTERN LAKE ERIE CLADOPHORA SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM, 1979 and 1980

Cladophora Site - 1 is Stony Point, Michigan Cladophora Site - 2 is South Bass Island, Ohio

1979 CLADOPHORA BIOLOGICAL DATA CLADOPHORA SITE - 1

n Ash-free BIOVOLUME (m1/m <sup>2</sup> )	+ 0	1.0 0.8 8 1.5 0.8 10 1 0 0 0	10.4 8.1 112 8.7 4.7 40 T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T		24.8 26.0 296 11.2 12.5 144 1.2 1.5 14	21.6 39.9 444 12.4 23.3 216
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BIOMASS IN GRAMS/ Dry (64°C) Dry (104°C)	, , ⊢ 0	1,8 7.3	19.6 13.9 0	54.6 14.3 T	53.5 25.1 2.8 0	66.0 38.2
Wet	ı į FO	6.7 8.3 1	110.0 67.0 T	195.7 65.0 T	184.8 105.9 13:2 0	307.6
(cm) Max.	0.0	6.0 7.0 3.0	11.0	25.0 15.0 2.0	19.0 13.0 8.0	26.0 35.0
LENGTH (cm) Mean Max.	0.00	0.7	0.0000	8.0 7.0 1.5	9.0 7.0 4.0	20.0
DEPTH (m) COVERAGE (%)	30 * 0 + 0	30 1 0	45 40 1	. 40 1 0	50 40 5	90
ОЕРТН (m)	2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 -	0 - 0 E	1.0		32.0	. O. C.
DATE	701	117	137	151	164	179

1979 CLADOPHORA BIOLOGICAL DATA (continued) CLADOPHORA SITE - 1

BIOVOLUME (m1/m2)	440 296 144 0	144 176 14 0	, ,⊢0	ı ı <del>-</del> 0	ı ı⊢O	1 1 1 − 0
Ash-free	55.0 34.0 18.3 0	16.7 19.7 1.9 0	; : <del>-</del> 0	1.1 0 0	11-0	ı : <del>-</del> 0
lsh	45.4 26.8 9.9	25.7 27.2 2.4 0	ı ı <del>-</del> 0	33.8	⊥ 0	⊢0
SS IN GRAMS/	100.4 60.8 28.2 0	42.4 46.9 4.2 0	ı ı <b>⊢</b> 0	4.0 0.1	n holdfasts n holdfasts O	brown holdfasts brown holdfasts T 0
BIOMASS IN GRAMS/m <sup>2</sup> Dry (64 <sup>o</sup> C) Dry (104 <sup>o</sup> C)	106.7 64.0 30.1 0	44.3 49.2 4.4	∿13.2 ∿10.4 T	0.44.1	brown brown T 0	brown T 0
Wet	318.7 202.3 124.7 0	119.0 142.9 11.5	∿40.0 ∿32.0 T	10.0 7.4 T	1110	; 1 <b>-</b> 0
(cm) Max.	37.0 30.0 19.0 0.0	18.0 25.0 15.0	17.0 13.0 8.0	8.0 3.0 0.0	4.0 2.0 0.0	2.0 2.0 0.0
LENGTH (cm) Mean Max.	23.0 16.0 13.0	9.0	7.0 5.0 0.0	3.0	1.0	2.0
DEPTH (m) COVERAGE (%)	90 80 45 0	too turbid too turbid too turbid 0	25 20 1 0	20 15 1 0	20 15 0	20 1 0
DEPTH (m)	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	3.00	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0
DATE	193	112	225	242	256	271

1979 CLADOPHORA BIOLOGICAL DATA (continued) CLADOPHORA SITE - 1

BIOVOLUME (m1/m²)	1 1	⊢ ⊂	) I	•	<b>)—</b> (	D	20	07	0	56 12	⊢0
Ash-free	5.4	<b>-</b> c	4.0		ь.	0	2.7	۲.3	- 0	6.7	-0
ղ <sup>2</sup> Ash	32.0	⊢ c	0 %		<b>-</b>	0	8.1	∞ ⊦ ⊃•	- 0	14.2	L 0
ASS IN GRAMS/I Dry (104°C)	37.4	<u>.</u> - c	0 00	;	<b>i</b> —	0	10.8	10.3 T	- 0	20.9	o
BIOMASS II Dry (64°C) Dry (	38.2	⊢ (	) (C	7 1	<b>-</b>	0	11.0	10.4 T	-0	21.3	- o
Wet	ı	<b>⊢</b> ⟨	5	i I	<b></b> -	0	21.9	9.6	-0	53.6	-0
(cm) Max.	0.4	200	0.0	200	0.	0.0	5.0	4.0	0.0	4.0	
LENGTH	2.0	 	0.0	0.7	· · ·	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.0 - 0 v	2.5	0.10
DATE DEPTH (m) COVERAGE (%)	40	20 1	O į	45 20	<u>-</u>	0	30	<u>0</u>	-0	40	<u>-</u> ⊢ o
ОЕРТН (m)	0.5	1.0 2.0	3.0	 	2.0	3.0	0.5	1.0	3.0	0.5	3.0
DATE	278		,	289			310			320	

\*T stands for "trace."

1979 CLADOPHORA TISSUE NUTRIENT DATA CLADOPHORA SITE - 1

TTN (%)	2.92	2.38	3.85	4.08	2.50 2.73 5.23 3.40	
TTP (%)	0.145 0.137 0.216	0.107	0.177	0.104	0.253	0.340
E x P (%)	0.081 0.099 0.196	0.062	- 0.077	0.115	0.149 0.145 0.317	0.327
Depth (m)	0.5 1.0 2.0	0.5	S S C	S	0.5 0.5 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0	20.
DATE	225	242	256	588	310	
TTN (%)	1.72	4.89 2.39 2.22	3.73 3.59 2.97	4.46 4.32 5.14	4.24 3.93 4.01 3.90	3.87 3.09 3.35
TTP (%)	0.130	0.269 0.275 0.266	0.249 0.282 0.268	0.219 0.235 0.411	0.259 0.247 0.254 0.300	0.195 0.240 0.265 0.372
E x P (%)	t 1	0.736 0.314 0.375	0.006 0.243 0.230	0.240 0.211 0.533	0.239 0.185 0.310	0.090 0.134 0.241
DATE Depth (m)	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	S 0.5 7.0 2.0	S 0.5 1.0 2.0
DATE	137	151	164	179	193	211

1979 CLADOPHORA WATER NUTRIENT DATA CLADOPHORA SITE - 1

DATE	DEPTH (m)	SRP (ppb)	(ppb)	(ppp)	NH3 (ppb)	MO2-NO3 (ppm)	TKN (ppb)
117	-2.0	1	5.4	43.3	35,64	0,984ª	ı
137	1.0	ຜູ້4	2 3 2 3	26.6 27.2	22.3	1.011	586,08
151	1.0	5.1 16.9	4 4 5 5 5	83.1 75.4	26.8ª 19.8ª	0.394a 0.395a	745.60
164	1.0 2.0 3.0	3.0 3.0	17.1 9.0 10.7	48.7 47.6 41.6	13.3 23.8 29.9	0.757 0.741 0.728	638.17
179	0.5 2.0 3.0	1.5	5.4 5.2 8.7	36.0 23.5 26.9 35.1	33.0 17.0 15.6 9.0	0,483 0,483 0,485 0,485	507,95
193	0.5 1.0 2.0	6.2 12.1 6.0 5.0	11.5 7.2 8.0 4.6	31.7 27.0 30.7 25.5	28.6 28.8 67.4 58.2	0.325 0.324 0.327 0.318	501,44
211	0.5 2.0 3.0	6.5 5.1 3.8	- - 10.6 7.9	105.0 136.5 143.5	20.9 20.5 42.5 46.2	1.575 1.525 1.535 1.435	1666.89
225	0.5 2.0 3.0	4 4 6 6 0 6 6 6	0.11 9.9 8.4 5.11	104.5 72.5 108.0 249.0	8 G L 9	0.199 0.199 0.208 0.268	898.60

1979 CLADOPHORA WATER NUTRIENT DATA (continued) CLADOPHORA SITE - 1

NH3 (ppb) NO2-NO3 (ppm) TKN (ppb)	10.0 0.015 3.0 <0.005b 1165.55 2.0 0 <0.005c 4.2 . 0.012	36.5 0.244 1530.16 45.0 0.244 1530.16 51.1 0.249 0.245	1.8 0.025 735.83 11.8 0.012 735.83 5.7 0.010 20.9 0.153	592,59	2.8 0.155 15.3 0.200 713.04 12.2 0.180 3.0 0.114	. 894,78	3.0 0.233 949.66 3.6 0.234 8.0 0.237
NH3 (pp	3.6	36.4 45.6 51.	11.	1 1 1 1		ı	ന്ന്യ്
TP (ppb)	101.0 88.8 83.4 97.2	178.0 200.0 299.5 135.0	53,3 - 44,6	33.8 35.1 35.2 60.1	44.5 47.3 52.8 58.1	102,7	88.0 104.1 83.5 97.0
(dqq) q0	7.5	440c ខេត្ត ខេត្ត	3.9	8 0 0 0 8 0 0 4	4.0 7.3 3.1	4.7	ເກີດ ເມື່ອ ເມື່ອ
SRP (ppb)	0 × 0.5c 0 × 0.5c 0 × 0.5c	0 × 0.5c 2.1 2.5 0 > 0.5c	0 A 0	1111	2.2 2.5 2.1 2.1	,	2.1
DEPTH (m)	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	3.00.00	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	2 <b>-</b> S	0.5 2.0
DATE	242	256	172	278	289	299	310

1979 CLADOPHORA WATER NUTRIENT DATA (continued) CLADOPHORA SITE - 1

TKN (ppb)	610.66
NO2-NO3 (ppm)	0.145 0.157 0.158 0.161
NH3 (ppp)	19.8 10.4 22.3 9.2
TP (ppb)	104.4 80.2 61.3 97.5
(pdd) d0	4 5 4 6 .0 4 .0 4 .0 4 .0 4 .0 4 .0 4 .0 4
SRP (ppb)	3.6 5.7 3.8 5.7
DEPTH (m)	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0
DATE	320

aSample preserved with HgCL2.

bLevels below detection limit, with no response.

CLevels below detection limits, but above baseline. Detection limits for: SRP--0.5 ppb; NH3--1.0 ppb; NO2-NO3--0.005 ppm.

1979 CLADOPHORA PHYSICAL DATA CLADOPHORA SITE - 1

(%)		_		<b>.</b>	10	0
WEATHER .) clouds (%)	15	01	40	86	51	20
(ft.)			•			•
waves (ft.)	-	₩	<u>+</u>	2	-	<b>~</b>
SECCHI (m)	- 0.4 0.4		- L	0.4 0.55 0.55	8.0 1.2	B.0.
andles) % available	ָּרְרָּ ה. ה	· · · · ·	18.3 9.5 2.7	2.4 0.8 3.	26.7 17.3 9.3 2.7	35.7 21.4 10.7 2.9
LIGHT (footcandles e bottom % ava	1   <del>V</del> <del>V</del>	1 1 2 1	970 600 150	- 69 25 10	2000 1300 650 200	2500 1500 750 200
LI( surface	_ 1600 1600	4100	5300 6300 5500	2900 3200 3700	7500 7500 7000 7500	7000 7000 7000 7000
MPERATURE (OC) rface bottom	ດ ທຸກ ຕຸ ດີ ພຸກ ຕຸ	12.5 12.5 12.0	16.4 16.2 15.9	15.0 15.0 14.6	20.8 20.5 19.2	22.5 22.3 22.1
TEMPERATI Surface	ນູນ ກຸນ ກຸກ ກຸກ	12.5 12.5 12.5 12.5	16.4 16.1 16.1	15.0	20.8 20.5 20.4 20.0	22.5 22.3 22.1
DEPTH (m)	0.5 1.0 2.4 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0
DATE	701	117	137	151	164	179

1979 CLADOPHORA PHYSICAL DATA (continued) CLADOPHORA SITE - 1

HER clouds (%)	На z у	Нагу	. 85 Ha z y	0	На 2 у	10
WEATHER Waves (ft.) cl	calm	1-2		⊽	2-3	
SECCHI (m)	B.0.	.3 .45 .45			i	.30
dles) available	34.3 27.1 12.3 4.8	0.31 0.25 0.16 0.004	6.3 1.7 0.07 0.001	22.1 4.7 0.8 0.6		0.036
LIGHT (footcandles se bottom % ava	2300 1900 800 310	17 17 15 0.4	400 120 2.5 0.05	1500 320 55 42	1 t t t	2 0.25
LI( surface	6700 7000 6500 6500	5500 6700 9500 9500	6400 7100 3500 4900	6800 6800 7000 7000	1 1 1 1	5600 5600
URE (°C) bottom	25.5 24.8 24.7 22.7	25.7 25.7 -25.0 -25.0	22.6 -22.6 -22.5	24.0 22.5 22.5 22.5	22.0 22.0 22.0 22.0	
TEMPERATURE (OC) surface bottom	25.5 25.2 24.9 24.6	25.7 25.7 25.7 25.7	22.6 -22.6 -22.6 -22.6	24.0 23.0 23.5 23.0	22.0 22.0 22.0 22.0	1 1
DEPTH (m)	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 3.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	3.0
DATE	193	112	225	242	256	263

1979 CLADOPHORA PHYSICAL DATA (continued) CLADOPHORA SITE - 1

HER Clouds (%)	100	40	100	80	95	09
WEATHER Waves (ft.) cl	calm	∵ .	<b>-</b>	m	~	
SECCHI (m)	8 9 9	1 1 1 1	7.87	0.4	0.55 0.60 0.60 0.65	0.48 0.53 0.70
dles) available	14.4 10.5 3.4 1.2	28.6 11.0 3.3 2.0	16.1 12.6 4.2 0.18	_ 0.0375 0.0032	0.033 0.007	13.5 4.4 1.0 0.2
LIGHT (footcandles e bottom % ava	230 200 85 55	2000 550 200 100	. 370 240 110 3.5	1.2	- 0.15 0.07	350 150 35 7.8
LI surface	1600 1900 2500 4500	7000 5000 6000 5000	2300 1900 2600 1900	3200 3700	- 460 1000	2600 3400 3700 3400
MPERATURE (OC) rface bottom	19.0 19.0 19.0	18.5 18.2 18.2	::::: ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	တ် တဲ့ တဲ့ တဲ့ ထက် ထို ထို	တတ္တတ္ ကို ကို ကို	លលលល យល់ជាជា
TEMPERATI Surface	19.0 19.0 19.0	18.5 18.2 18.0	12.0 11.5 11.5	တတ္ တ တက္ တ တ	0 0 0 0 0 0	លលល លល់ជំង
DEPTH (m)	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 2.0	3.0
DATE	173	278	289	299	310	320

1979 CLADOPHORA BIOLOGICAL DATA CLADOPHORA SITE - 2

DATE	DEPTH (m)	. COVERAGE (%)	LENGTH (cm) Mean Max.	f (cm) Max.	WetDr	BIOMASS Dry (64°C) Dry	ASS IN GRAMS/m <sup>2</sup> Dry (104°C) As	′m² Ash	Ash-free	BIOVOLUME (m1/m2)
1 6		o F	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	ي ح	-1	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	1	H	<b>!</b>
138	0.0	0.4	ָרָיַּרָּ בַּיִּרָּ	17.0	256.2	54.5	52.7	32.9	16.8	240
		0 d	14.0	25.0	95.6	16.7	15,9	œ ع	7.6	100
	3.0	12	0.0	10.5	7.0	1.7	1.6	1,0	9.0	9
			بر د ۷	4.0	13.4	50	3.4	2.2	1.2	12
791	0.0	7 07	? ?	· ·	131.3	38.6	37.9	30.0	7.9	120
	0.0		10.0	18.0	77.5	13.6	13.0	5.7	7.3	76
	3.0	10	2.5	7.0	1.6	0.4	used for chem.	m. analysis	sis T	10
3,4	r.	25 P	1-12	25.0	48.7	10.0	9.4	4.5	5.0	52
COT	, -		1-15	30.0	251.9	47.2	44.8	19.6	25.2	370
			45.0	0.06	270,9	53.2	20.0	18,7		326
	3.0	10	<b>&lt;</b> 1,0	2.0	0.5	0.2	used for chem.	m. analysi	sis T	<b>-</b>
6	L C	c c c	0	7.0	19.2	9.5	9.2	9.9	2.6	22
180	o. 0		) C	, 4, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6,	302.8	74.0	69.1	24.7	44.4	540
	0.0	100	20.00	60.09	494.7	110.2	101.9	43.2	58.7	728
	3.0	12	2.0	4.0	<u>-</u>	<b>!</b> —	<b>-</b>	1	<b>-</b>	⊷
70	u C	ц	ר.	4.0	<b> </b>	1—	⊢	,	<b> </b>	<b>-</b>
134	. c	33.5	20.0	40.0	223.9	74.8	71.5	38.0	33.4	252
	2.0	333	15.0	20.0	222.6	61.5	58.2	55.6	32.6	240
	3.0	1	1.0	2.0	⊢	<b>i</b> —	<b>⊢</b>	ı	-	_
205	0.5	ო	1.0	1.5	supplementary	ary sampling				<b></b>
	0,0	10	2.0	4 0	supplement	supplementary sampling	ing periodbiomass ing periodbiomass		not sampled	-1 -1
	9.0	O	0.0	00	0.0 0.0	0.0				1

1979 CLADOPHORA BIOLOGICAL DATA (continued) CLADOPHORA SITE - 2

BIOVOLUME (ml/m²)	<b>⊢</b>	0 0		0	<b>⊢</b> ⊢	- 1	0		5-	~ c	>		10	20	<b>⊒</b> ⊢	C
Ash-free B	<b>   </b> -	0°0	⊢⊢⊢	0.0	<b>! !</b> -	<b>-</b>  -	0.0	<b>—</b> 1	⊢ ⊦	- c	0.0	not sampled not sampled	0.0	2.0	)• <u>†</u>	0.0
42 Ash		13.4	1 1 1		•	ı <b>i</b>	1	i		ı	ı		t 1	7.8	0	. <b>.</b>
IASS IN GRAMS/M <sup>2</sup> Dry (104°C) As	<b></b>	17.3 0.0	⊢⊢⊢	0.0		than 226 than 226		trace of new growth	trace of new growth	an 243	0.0	supplementary sampling periodbiomass supplementary sampling periodbiomass	0.0	8.6	ν. απα γ. α	
BIOMASS I Dry (64 <sup>o</sup> C) Dry (	<b>⊢- ├</b>	17.8 0.0	⊢⊢⊢	0.0		less th		trace o	trace	less than 243	0.0	supplementary sampl supplementary sampl	same as 0.0	10.5	8.7	0.0
Wet	<b>⊢</b> ⊢	33.3	<b>⊢</b>	0.0	<b>1</b> —	<b>├ 1</b> -	0.0	H	H	F	0.0	supplem supplem	0.0	ı	1 +	0.0
(cm) Max.	0.5	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0	ი ი	0.0
LENGTH Mean	< 0.5 0.5	0.0	<b>^</b> 0 0 • 5 5 6	0.0	<0.5		0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	1.5	5.	o. o.
DEPTH (m) COVERAGE (%)	133	103	, TT,	0 10	£ <u>T</u>	უ (?) — I -	) 10	۵	ı ~:	, 1	0	09	~0	09	20	-10
DEPTH (m)	0.5	0.00	1.0	3.0	0.5	1.0	2.0 3.0	ני	0.1	2.0	3.0	0.5	3.0	0.5	1.0	3.0
DATE	212		226		243	) 		950	007			271		277	i	

1979 CLADOPHORA BIOLOGICAL DATA (continued) CLADOPHORA SITE - 2

BIOVOLUME (m1/m2)	14	α	D F	(	Э.		ı	1	<b>-</b>	- 1	_					۰	-
Ash-free		7.0	) -i		0.0		1.7	0.8	, 	- !	<del></del>		collection	collection	collection	-	-
/m <sup>2</sup> Ash	v.	ה ה ה	5.3	ı	1		9. 9	8,7	•	ı	1		ld for (	ld for (	ld for		
BIOMASS IN GRAMS/m <sup>2</sup> oc) Dry (104°C) P		٥٠,		228	0.0		7.3	· ~	) 	-i-d	<b>-</b>		m 309too co	from 309too cold for collection	200top co	000 COC =	_
BIOMASS Dry (64°C) Dry	1	8./	4.5	same as	0.0		7.4		, ,	_	ı		crease	crease		וכו בפאם	<del></del>
Wet		ı	1	<del> -</del>	0.0		1.4.1	• •	O. I	_	⊢		slight.	slight ir		Singue	) <del></del>
(cm)		2.0	3.0	2.0	0.0		c u	) (	6.7	2	2 0	i	4.0	· ~		٠ ٠	2.0
LENGTH (cm)		1.5	1.5	1.0	0.0		-	) L	1.5	1.5	< 1.0		0		) L	c. T	1.0
DATE DEDIU (m) COVERAGE (%)	מסגבועמב וייי	20	30	·-			C	00	30	_	·	-	C	2 6	Qc -	ഹ	<b> </b>
ofoto (m)	חברוח ווון	0.5			) (C	2	1	0°2		0	, «	2.	(	ر. د د	٦.٦	2.0	3.0
, 1	UAIE	288	)				1	303					ć	371			

1T stands for "trace."

<sup>2</sup>p stands for "patchy distribution."

 $<sup>^3\</sup>mathrm{Holdfasts}$  covered with mud and epiphytes.

1979 CLADOPHORA TISSUE NUTRIENT DATA CLADOPHORA SITE - 2

TTN (%)	2.45	3.00	3.17	3.63	2,63	2.52	3.47	3.07	2.67	3,79		5,10	50.5		
TTP (%)	0.093 0.145	0.126	660.0	0.117	0.102	0.216	0.232	0.266	0.262	0,094	ı	10	0.220		
E x P (%)	i 1	1			1 6	0.190		0.430	0.110	1 (	660.0	1 (	0.346		
DEPTH (m)	s 2,0	v	S	κ'n	S C	10.5	v	0 2	1.0	S	O.T	N.	1.0		
DATE	212	526	243	258	277		886	2004		309		321			
TTN (%)	2.82	0.90	1.59	1.75	2.28	2.34	3,36	3,31	3,22	3.87	1.92 3.38	3,96	3.46	3.59 2.74	3.04
TTP (%)	0.372 0.361	0.081	0.088	0.433	0.571	0.420	0.214	0.285	0,374	0.125	0,106 0,153	0.296	0.228	0.232	0.212
E x P (%)	1 1	0.002	0.02/	0.201	0.559	0.391	0.156	0.252	) 	1	0.041	0.231		660.0	0,112
ОЕРТН (т)	0.5	1.0	3.0	0.5	2.0	3.0	0.0	 	3.0	S	0 - 0 -	2.0	3.0	S. 1.0	2.0
DATE	117	138		152			165			180				194	

1979 CLADOPHORA WATER NUTRIENT DATA CLADOPHORA SITE - 2

TKN (ppb)	378.20	552,54	617.11	533,17	552.54	539,63	523,48	1101.41
NO2-NO3 (ppm)	1.112	1,169 <sup>a</sup> 0,915 <sup>a</sup>	1.,1	0.716 0.750 0.771	0.475 0.527 0.550	0.310 0.311 0.303 0.294	0.238 0.252 0.267 0.297	0.212 0.213 0.213
NH3 (ppp)	9.0 10.4	- 26,6ª	1 1	6.0 1.0 11.2	11.2 23.6 25.3	72.0 70.7 71.2 65.6	11.0 11.0 12.8 24.2	4.5 4.0 3.0
TP (ppb)	15.0 11.8	34.2 42.5	23,3 31,6	30.5 38.0 32.3	19.0 19.0 27.2	26.6 25.4 39.0 16.5	27.6 26.5 40.8	27.7 27.4 29.6
. (ddd) d0	2.8	8 9.0	12.0 16.1	6.5 8.7 10.7	5.7 9.1 6.2	17.0 8.4 8.3 10.6	3.8 4.5 17.0b	6.8 5.2
SRP (ppb)	3.3	11.5 12.4	15.2	9,56	. 3.0 6.8	8.1 7.2 9.9 13.0	6.23.0	23.7
DEPTH (m)	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	3 N 11 0	3.0
DATE	138	152	156	165	180	194	212	226

1979 CLADOPHORA WATER NUTRIENT DATA (continued) CLADOPHORA SITE - 2

DATE	DEPTH (m)	SRP (ppb)	(ppb)	TP (ppb)	NH3 (ppp)	NO2-NO3 (ppm)	TKN (ppb)
243	1.0 2.0 3.0	0 × 0.5c 3.0 0 × 0.5c	3.5 10.1 6.6	52.8 49.8 35.6	3.5 12.0 3.1	0.148 0.156 0.152	620,34
258	1.0 3.0	23.3	8.2 10.8 7.2	38.7 43.5 37.0	23.0 17.7 16.2	0.037 0.036 0.038	646.17
271	1.0 2.0 3.0	0 × 0.5c 0 × 0.5c 8.1		26.4 29.8 -	20.0 2.5 1.7	0 × 0,005° 0 × 0,005° 0 × 0,005°	465.37
277	1.0 2.0 3.0	1 1 1	10.6 17.0 13.6	27.5 29.2 25.2	1 1 1		504.11
288	1.0 2.0 3.0	15.0 13.7 13.9	16.0 16.9 14.9	36.1 40.4 38.9	67.5 63.2 64.0	0.097 0.100 0.100	636.49
309	1.0 2.0 3.0	3.9	2.5 3.0 5.1	25.4 30.5 39.6	9.6 5.0	0.110 0.123 0.126	491.16
321	3.0	ພ ພ ທ ພ ຕ ພ ສ 4.	2.6.4.4	26.9 26.1 27.4 26.5	0 × 1.0° 0 × 1.0° 0 × 1.0° 2.0	0.133 0.135 0.144 0.147	312,25

1979 CLADOPHORA PHYSICAL DATA CLADOPHORA SITE - 2

clouds (%)	•	40	Hazy	Hazy	75	20	06	100
WEATHER WEATHER (ft.) clo		2	7	0	<b>,</b>	1-2	1-2	1
SECCHI (m)	0.5	1.0	8.0.1 1.5	0.55 0.7 0.7	6.0	1.0 1.0	1.5 1.5 1.5	B.0. 1.45
LIGHT (footcandles) surface bottom % available	6*0	<b>~1.</b> 0	11.7	6.3 0.6 0.1	1 1	13.7 5.3 1.3	18.7 7.3 0.6	31.1 18.2 9.7 5.3
HT (footc bottom	15	<b>&lt;</b> 29	700 700 400	170 22 5.1	1 1 -	- 960 380 100	970 320 25	140 100 68 41
LIC surface	1700	2900	0009	2700 3600 4200	1 1	7000 7200 7500	5200 4400 4200	450 500 700 770
JRE (OC) bottom	4.6	8.5	16.6 16.4 16.2 15.2	14.8 14.6 14.5	15.4 14.8	19.1 19.1 18.7 18.7	22.3 22.0 21.7 21.3	23.5 23.5 23.6 23.4
TEMPERATURE (OC) surface bottom	4.6	8.6	16.0 15.7 15.7 15.7	15.0 15.0 15.2 14.8	15.7	19.3 19.3 19.0	22.3 22.1 21.7 21.6	23.5 23.5 23.6 23.6
DEPTH (m)	2.1	2.0	0.5 1.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	3.0	0.5 3.0 3.0	0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0	35.00
DATE	108	119	138	152	156	165	180	194

1979 CLADOPHORA PHYSICAL DATA (continued) CLADOPHORA SITE - 2

WEATHER WAVES (ft.) clouds (%)	Hazy	calm 75	1-2 0	<b>&lt;</b> 1 10	calm 99	calm 100
	<b>~</b>	J		V		
SECCHI (m)	B.0.	B.O. 1.25 1.3	.75 1.25 ~1.3	1.0	B.0. 1.35 1.25	•
ndles) % available	19.0 10.0 0.8	10.0 8.5 2.2	21.5 9.2 5.4 4.6	22.6 14.5 4.2	30.8 24.2 8.8 2.1	28.0
LIGHT (footcandles e bottom % ava	- 950 500 42	650 510	1400 600 350 300	1400 870 250 75	370 290 140 19	350
LI( surface	5000 5000 5000	6500 6500 6500	6500 6500 6500 6500	6200 6000 6000 6600	1200 1200 1600 920	1250
MPERATURE ( <sup>O</sup> C) rface bottom	24.0 23.7 23.4 23.4	22.5 22.5 22.5 22.5	23.0 22.5 22.5 22.5	21.5 21.2 21.2 21.2	20.0 19.5 19.5	~18.7
TEMPERATI Surface	24.0 23.7 23.7	22.5 22.5 22.5	23.0 22.5 22.5	21.5 21.7 21.5 21.5	20.0 20.0 20.0 20.0	~18.7
DEPTH (m)	0.5	3 N 10 0	3.00.5	1.0	0.5 1.0 3.0	0.5
DATE	212	226	243	258	271	277

1979 CLADOPHORA PHYSICAL DATA (continued) CLADOPHORA SITE - 2

ER clouds (%)	10	75	10
WEATHER waves (ft.) clouds (%)		₹	<b>.</b>
SECCHI (m)	8.0. 1.1	8.0. 1.05	1.15 1.15
LIGHT (footcandles) surface bottom % available	29.4 16.2 4.0 2.1	12.6 8.7 6.3 2.3	30.6 15.5 7.5
LIGHT (footcandles)	2000 1200 250 130	970 650 350 120	1500 760 360
LI( surface	6800 7400 6200 6200	7700 7500 5600 5200	4900 4900 4900
JRE (OC) bottom	13.0 12.0 11.5 12.0	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	7.7.9
TEMPERATU Surface	13.0 12.5 12.0	0000 0000	6677
TEMPERATURE (OC) DATF DEPTH (m) surface bottom	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 3.0	, 000 w
DATF	288	309	321

18.0. stands for "bottom out,"

1980 CLADOPHORA BIOMASS DATA CLADOPHORA SITE 1

BIO- VOLUME m1	<b>00</b>	⊢∞00 ′	$^{\sim}_{\ \ 120}$ $^{\sim}_{\ \ 100}$ 0	320 220 T 0	320 200 0 0	188 312 0	88 52 0
ASH- FREE %	1111		44			44	
AS FR						18.3 30.1 0	
ASH g/m²	00	00	ر 111 00 0	20.8	28.7 28.1 0	24.3 38.7 0	31.5 15.5 0
DRY (104°C) g/m <sup>2</sup>	H-00	^ F 4 0 0	200 16 0	49.2 39.0 T	57.1 44.2 0	42.6 68.8 0	38.1 18.8 0
DRY (64°C) g/m <sup>2</sup>	00	^ F 4 0 0	~ 20 ~ 16 0	49.9 39.8 T	57.8 44.8 0	43.3 69.8 0	38.7 19.0 0
WET g/m <sup>2</sup>	00	00	00	211.8 158.8 	224.9 133.0 0	137.4 223.0 0	73.0 36.4 0
(cm) max	0 0 0	0021	10 7 0	23 16 3 0	12 12 0	. 0 4 0 0 0 0	4400
LENGTH	T-100	0051	5000	16 1 0	8600	20 12 0	0000
COVERAGE	o	⊢ % 0 0 •	too turbid too turbid 0	50 P 70 P 0 O	0000	too turbid too turbid 0	60 0 0
S)							
DEPTH (METERS)	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 3.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 3.0 3.0
DATE	108	120	138	156	170	183	197

1980 CLADOPHORA BIOMASS DATA (CONT.) CLADOPHORA SITE 1

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DEPTH (METERS)		COVERAGE %	LENGTH (cm) mean max	(cm) max	WET. g/m²	DRY (64 <sup>6</sup> <u>5</u> ) g/m	DRY (104 <sup>0</sup> £) g/m	ASH <sub>2</sub>	ASH- FREE g/m <sup>2</sup>	ASH- FREE %	BIOVOLUME ml
0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	-	20000	2 1.5 0	3.5		24.4	24.1 brown 0	20.6 holdfasts 0 0	3.6	15	52 0 0
0.5 2.0 3.0		40 0 0 0	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2 0 0 0	1100	00	brown brown 0	holdfasts holdfasts 0 0	00	1111	1100
0.5 2.0 3.0		40 30 0	^ ^ 0	0,0 A A		00	brown brown 0	holdfasts holdfasts 0 0	100		00.
0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0		50 20 0	0.000	00.5		00	brown brown 0 0	holdfasts holdfasts 0 0		1 1 1 1	1100
0.5 2.0 3.0		0000	3 0 0 0	V E O O		24.7 T 0	24.5 T 0	16.1	æ. ⊢0.0	34	96 - 00

1980 CLADOPHORA BIOMASS DATA (CONT.) CLADOPHORA SITE 1

BIOVOLUME	208	416 < 16 0	1020 68 0 0
ASH- FREE %	. 25	45	34
ASH- FREE g/m	51.9 1.7 0	46.3 <4 0	109.8 3.6 0
ASH, g/m <sup>2</sup>	93.5 0.0 0	55.9	73.7 7.1 0
DRY (104 <sup>0</sup> £) g/m	145.4 6.8 0	102.2 <8 0	183.5 10.7 0
DRY (64 <sup>0</sup> g) g/m	147.8 6.9 0	103.8 <8 0	185.6 10.8 0
WET2 g/m²	451.3 13.8 0	349.0  0 0	705.3 27.0 0 0
(cm) max	00 00	6800	13 0 0
LENGTH	7 2 0 0 0	9 2 0 0	00 N B
COVERAGE %	70 P 40 0 0	75 P 40 0 0	75 P 50 P 0
DEPTH (METERS)	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0
DATE	296	314	327

T - Trace amounts
P - Patchy distribution

1980 CLADOPHORA TISSUE NUTRIENT DATA CLADOPHORA SITE 1

DATE	ВЕРТН (М)	Exp %	% d11	% NLL	. % JLL	C/N
120	1.0	0.449	0.370	3.24	24.88	7.7
138	0.5 1.5	0.295 0.234	0.229 0.235	3.22 2.63	32.90 28.86	10.2 10.0
156	0.5 1.0 1.75	0.551 0.732 0.748	0.810 0.780 0.964	4.56 4.35 4.66	37.10 34.61 34.06	8.1 8.0 7.3
170	s 1.0 1.5	0.291	0.370 0.377 0.324 0.533	4.99 4.31 4.40	40.96  36.33 32.24	8.2
183	s 0.5 1.0	0.489	0.351 0.421 0.548 0.412	4.16 4.30 4.85 3.66	39.90 37.02 35.70 29.50	9.6 8.6 7.4 8.1
197	S 0.5 1.0	0.100	0.258 0.207 0.225	3.91 2.19 2.04	41.19 20.90 17.95	10.5 9.5 8.8
212	s 0.5 1.0	0.063	0.318 0.151 0.141	4.24 2.43 1.31	39.30 32.48 13.67	9.3 13.4 10.4
228	Ŋ	1 1 1 1	0.169	3.69	38.56	10.5
248	S	!	0.221	4.19	38.96	e. 9
259	S	1	0.372	4.22	39.11	9.3

1980 CLADOPHORA TISSUE NUTRIENT DATA (CONT.) CLADOPHORA SITE 1

DATE	DEPTH (M)	ExP %	TTP %	TTN %	% JLL %	C/N
275	0.25	0.278	0.284	4.60	40.12	8.7
673	0.5	0.129	0.169	2.79	29.03	10.4
206	·	 	0.547	5,22	42.15	8.1
7	ب بر	0.403	0,440	4.58	34.61	7.6
	1.0	0.222	0.262	2.96	24.73	8.4
210	v	! ! !	0.424	4.71	38.50	8.2
+ +0	ے بر ج	0.198	0.219	3,59	30.07	8.4
	0.75	0.162	0.171	2.86	26.18	9.5
327	v	t 1 1	0.229	4.61	41.07	8.0
,10	0.5	0,203	0.205	3,91	35.34	0.6
	1.0	0.160	0.188	2.97	27.23	9.5

S - Splash Zone
ExP - Boiling Water Extractable Phosphorus
ITP - Total Tissue Phosphorus
ITN - Total Tissue Nitrogen
ITC - Total Tissue Carbon
C/N - Carbon to Nitrogen Ratio
% based on 64°C Dry Weight

1980 CLADOPHORA WATER NUTRIENT DATA CLADOPHORA SITE - 1

TKN (ppb)	290	1073	947	1376	1146	1216	. 1482
TFKN (ppb)	{	767	730	1	716	554	647
NO2-NO3 (ppm)	0.495	2.480 2.440 2.385	0.605 0.598 0.571 0.569	0.410 0.412 0.467	1.370 1.360 1.390 1.360	0.700 0.615 0.501 0.511	0.584 0.530 0.345 0.301
NH4 (ppb)	125.6	111.7 105.0 114.1	87.0 110.8 146.2 170.0	39.0 25.0 24.0	159.0 101.5 120.0 154.0	96.9 192.5 249.5 246.0	119.0 220.0 112.5 142.0
TP (ppb)	42.1	141.0 153.0 166.0	65.8 79.1 88.1 81.0	103.8 100.1 100.4	87.9 78.8 82.0 191.5	90.9 90.2 106.2 82.1	214.6 191.2 84.0 100.0
TFP (ppb)	# ! !	19.7 20.0 18.2	7.0 6.1 11.1	7.2 23.0 8.0	36.5 29.5 21.6 20.4	8.1 6.0 10.9 7.1	30.6 26.1 16.8 16.2
SRP (ppb)	6.8	17.2 17.5 15.9	1.0	3.8 5.2	26.8 13.4 13.4	1.7 2.5 1.2	11.7 14.6 11.9
DEPTH (METERS)	2	3 2 1	0.5 3.2 3.3	3 N H	0.5 2 3	0.5 1 3	3.2 1.5
DATE	092	108	120	138	156	170	183

(q							
TKN (ppb)	1056	069	1143	1622	780	1283	089
(qdd		m	_	C	0	Н	4
TFKN (ppb)	647	338	501	570	099	461	404
(m)			•				
NO2-NO3 (ppm)	0.707 0.683 0.673 0.693	0.375 0.371 0.444 0.477	0.230 0.219 0.272 0.292	0.250 0.252 0.256	0.340 0.335 0.302 0.306	0.019 0.049 0.049 0.015	0.280 0.284 0.280 0.274
NO2-N	0000	0000	0000	000	0000	0000	0000
(qc		31172	201023	3853	0220	8 7 8 6	೯೭೯೭
NH4 (ppb)	57.0 49.0 71.9 49.0	16.2 25.7 14.1 17.3	20.5 6.2 1.5 6.5	29.3 10.2 9.8 13.3	158.0 188.0 175.5 162.0	3.6 6.8 5.7 7.6	12.3 73.2 61.9 55.2
	2220	C 10 10 M	0000	1802	0000	0479	3012
TP (ppb)	97.0 97.0 100.0 81.0	59.0 53.5 152.6 50.3	96.0 90.0 77.0 62.2	90.2 102.0 177.8 82.1	70.0 66.9 67.8 79.0	126.0 134.4 132.2 142.6	34.5 54.1 40.6 40.3
(qc							
TFP (ppb)	8.1 24.0 9.1 8.1	4.1 5.4 6.9	11.5 8.1 14.8 5.3	8.1 7.4 10.5 8.2	13.3 12.0 13.2 21.4	9.4 10.2 10.8 13.5	6.9 6.1 7.9
SRP (ppb	3.0 2.5 4.5	3.1 2.4 2.5	1.7 1.1 0.7 1.3	2.4 2.4 3.0	7.2 6.6 5.4 5.7	0.8 1.1 1.0 0.8	3.3 2.9 2.5
DEPTH (METERS)	22 33.33	0.5 3 2 3 3	0.5 2 3	0.5 2 3	0.5 2 3	0.5 3 3	0.5 2 3
DATE	197	212	228	248	259	275	296

TKN (ppb)	1113	833
TFKN (ppb)	364	650
NO2-NO3 (ppm)	0.230 0.235 0.235 0.245	0.261 0.255 0.257 0.266
	6.28	89.1 95.1 127.0 134.0
TP (ppb) NH <sub>4</sub> (ppb)	111.0 118.0 100.0	91.8 84.6 99.7 99.9
TFP (ppb)	6.4 12.9 9.1	16.0 12.0 12.3 14.2
SRP (ppb)	0.5	1.2 2.3 4.7
DEPTH (METERS)	3 2 1 .5	22 1 2 2 2 3
DATE	314	327

1980 CLADOPHORA LAKE WATER DATA CLADOPHORA SITE 1

S CORRECTED CLOUDS/ CHLOROPHYLL a WAVES AIR TEMP.	1 68 7.38 6.8	85 14.57 0 100.0 12.5	60 39.28 2-3 100.0 	26 13.87 0 40.0 26 13.87 21.2	0 10.0
SUSPENDED SOLIDS (mg/1) TOTAL VOLATILE	89.8 08.69	27.30 5.85	35.60 7.60	19.82 5.26	2 2 8 9 1
SECCHI (METERS)	0.22 0.25 0.25	4.0 4.0	0.35	0.87 0.95 1.0	2 L
RATURE BOTTOM	4.5 8.0 8.0 7.8 7.8	13.0 12.1 11.9 11.9		22.8 22.5 22.0 21.5	19.0
TEMPERATURE SURFACE BOT	8.0 7.8 7.2 6.8	12.5 12.5 12.1	15.0 15.0 15.0 15.0	23.0 22.5 21.7 21.5	19.5
DEPTH (METERS)	2.4 0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 3.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 3.0	0.5
DATE	108	120	138	156	170

1980 CLADOPHORA LAKE WATER DATA (CONT.) CLADOPHORA SITE 1

WEATHER CLOUDS/ ES AIR TEMP.	50.0	40.0	20.0	25.0	75.0
WEA WAVES (ft.)	1	0	0	<b></b>	2
CORRECTED CHLOROPHYLL <u>a</u> (mg/l)	7.25	29.09	32.98	47.64	93.27
SUSPENDED SOLIDS (mg/l) DTAL VOLATILE	5.56	6.74	4.50	8.50	10.02
SUSPENI (n TOTAL	24.76	26.84	9.90	22.98	39,35
SECCHI (METERS)	0.5 0.7 0.77	0.45	8.0. 1.3	0.6	0.7
RATURE BOTTOM	22.0 22.0 20.5 20.5	25.0 25.0 25.0 25.0	26.0 25.0 25.0 25.0	24.3 24.0 24.0	25.5 25.5 25.5 25.5
TEMPERATURE SURFACE BOT	22.5 22.0 21.0 21.0	25.8 26.2 25.2 26.2	26.0 25.0 25.0 25.0	24.3 24.1 24.1 24.1	25.5 25.5 25.5 25.5
DEPTH (METERS)	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0
DATE	183	197	212	. 228	248

1980 CLADOPHORA LAKE WATER DATA (CONT.) CLADOPHORA SITE 1

WEATHER CLOUDS/ WAVES AIR TEMP. (ft.) (%)	2 100.0	15.0	0 15.0	1 0	1 0
WA)					
CORRECTED CHLOROPHYLL a. (mg/1)	20.17	43.51	19.20	39.35	17.23
SUSPENDED SOLIDS (mg/l) JTAL VOLATILE	4.96	10.74	3,65	11.46	6.86
SUSPE! TOTAL	22.84	21.43	11.26	38.50	1 1 6 1
SECCHI (METERS)	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.3	.000. 0.00
TEMPERATURE SURFACE BOTTOM	19.7 19.7 20.0 20.5	19.5 19.5 19.0 19.0	11.9 11.1 11.0 11.0	10.5 10.5 10.0 8.5	4.7 4.5 4.0 4.0
	19.7 20.2 21.0 21.0	19.5 19.0 19.0 18.75	11.9 11.1 11.0 11.0	10.5 10.0 9.5 8.0	4.7 4.0 4.0 3.8
DEPTH (METERS)	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0
DATE	259	275	296	314	327

B. O. - Bottom Out

1980 CLADOPHORA BIOMASS DATA CLADOPHORA SITE 2

DATE	DEPTH (METERS)	COVERAGE %	LENGTH (cm) mean max	(cm) max	WET2 g/m²	DRY (64 <sup>0</sup> g) g/m	$\frac{\text{DRY}}{\text{g/m}^2}$	ASH, g/m <sup>2</sup>	ASH- FREE g/m	ASH- FREE %	BIOVOLUME ml
026	0.25 under th	10 P the ice	- I	1 1	 	<u> </u>	⊢	f I	<u> </u>	1	, · <b>-</b>
109	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	1100	2.5 <1 0	9100	00	4 + 0 0	4 + L 0 0	:   00	^ 4 ⊢ 0 0	1 1 1 1	% ∨ 0 0 0 ×
121	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	20 P 5 1	0	12 4 2 2		216 <4 7	~16 <4 <4	! ! ! !	5 ^ ^ © 4 4 H	1111	\$ 8
149	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	100 90 65 25	20 10 6 2.5	25 15 10 4.5	557.7 373.8 76.4	102.8 79.7 16.6 <4	100.8 78.1 16.3	51.0 43.6 8.9	49.8 34.5 7.5	49 44 	680 500 100 <8
171	0.5 1.0 3.0	90 50 1	35 1 1	40 45 10 3	801.5 386.2 115.6	217.5 106.4 37.4	213.9 104.5 36.9	97.6 47.5 21.2	116.3 57.0 15.7	54 43	988 520 156
184	0.5 2.0 3.0	95 20 0	30 20 4 0	45 30 7 0	423.7 670.2 110.0	167.5 174.1 48.9 0	165.6 172.5 48.7 0	67.5 87.3 38.6 0	98.0 85.2 10.1 0	59 21 1	1052 920 160 0

1980 CLADOPHORA BIOMASS DATA (CONT.) CLADOPHORA SITE 2

BIOVOLUME	34 T	< 30 < 16 T	100	0000	0000
ASH~ FREE %	58 31 			1111	1111
ASH- FREE g/m <sup>2</sup>	4.1 7.0	^ ^ ^ >4 % ⊢ O	holdfasts holdfasts O	holdfasts holdfasts O	holdfasts holdfasts O
ASH g/m <sup>2</sup>	3.0		brown brown 0 0	brown brown 0 0	brown 0 0
DRY (104 <sup>0</sup> ξ) g/m	7.1	0 ^ ^ 7 4 F O	00	00	00
087 (64 <sup>0</sup> g) g/m	7.4 6.5	0	4 × + 0 0 0	00	00
WET,	24.9	9   0	1100	0000	0000
(cm) max	9410	0 17 8 9 0	0 0 0	0000	0000
LENGTH (cm) mean max	e ∨ □ €	0 0.5	, v 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0000	0000
COVERAGE %	70 50 1	75 50 1 0	00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0000	0000
DEPTH (METERS)	1.00	20.000 0000	3.00	0.5 3.0 3.0	0.00 0.00 0.00
DATE	199	213	529	249	260

1980 CLADOPHORA BIOMASS DATA (CONT.) CLADOPHORA SITE 2

BIOVOLUME m1	28 <16 0	108 24 0 0	532  0	1100
ASH- FREE %	35	34	83       83	
ASH- FREE g/m	8. 4 0 0 0 3.	14.9 3.2 0	48.7 301 values 0 0	an 315 315 0 0
ASH <sub>2</sub> g/m <sup>2</sup>	6.8	4.5 6.2 0	9.9 °Twice 0	less th same as 0 0
DRY (104 <sup>0</sup> 2) g/m	10.0 <8 0	19.4 9.4 0	59.5 58.6 d for collection 0 0 0 0	for collection for collection 0 0 0
DRY (54 ° <u>5</u> ) g/m <sup>2</sup>	10.1 <8 0 0	19.7 9.5 0	59.5 d for co	d for cod
WET <sub>2</sub> g/m	26.3	104.0 25.1 0	390.6 Too cold 0	Too co1 Too co1 0
(cm) max	3 0 0 0	1000	18 0 0	0028
LENGTH mean	2 1,5 0	7 1.5 0	15 0 0	0090
COVERAGE	90 75 0	75 50 0	100 50 0	00 1 00
DEPTH (METERS)	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0	0.5 1.0 3.0	0.5 2.0 3.0
DATE	276	301	315	328

1980 CLADOPHORA TISSUE NUTRIENT DATA CLADOPHORA SITE 2

DATE	DEРТН (M)	Exp %	7TP %	TTN %	X 211	C/N
109	0.25	1,444	0.827	5.37	35,32	9.9
121	0.25	0.972	0.728	5.52	36.86	6.7
149 dark green	0.5 - Apical 0.5 - Basal 0.5 - Whole 1.0 2.0	0.140 0.166 0.100 0.078	0.139 0.217 0.156 0.217 0.110	3.34 4.34 3.71 2.73 2.29	33.00 36.21 34.38 30.83 28.37 25.49	9.9 8.3 9.3 11.3 11.2
171	S 0.5 2.0	0.181 0.200 0.211	0.265 0.204 0.196 0.368	3.72 3.43 4.29 3.29	38.37 36.55 36.42 25.25	10.3 10.6 8.5 7.7
184	S 0.5 2.0	0.231 0.244 0.068	0.249 0.241 0.233 0.241	3.94 3.47 3.15 1.93	39.42 32.44 30.69 13.77	10.0 9.3 9.7 7.1
199	S 0.5 1.0	0.089	0.116 0.103 0.204	2.75 2.45 1.36	37.05 35.49 14.12	13.5 14.5 10.4
213	S 0.5	0.041	0.099 0.118	2.52 2.29	37.20 26.83	14.8 11.7
525	S 0.5	0.028	0.120 0.097	2.24	29.64 25.47	13.2 14.5
249	S	; ; ;	0.103	2.50	35.66	14.3

1980 CLADOPHORA TISSUE NUTRIENT DATA (CONT.) CLADOPHORA SITE 2

S - Splash Zone
ExP - Boiling Water Extractable Phosphorus
ITP - Total Tissue Phosphorus
ITN - Total Tissue Nitrogen
ITC - Total Tissue Carbon
C/N - Carbon to Nitrogen Ratio
% based on 64°C Dry Weight

1980 CLADOPHORA WATER NUTRIENT DATA CLADOPHORA SITE - 2

SRP (ppb) TF	-	2.6	11.9 11.9 11.2	7 2.0 1.5	3.2	2.6.4.6 8.4.4.6	3.4 6.6	3.5 7.9 6.5	2.8 10.8
TFP (ppb)	!	1	15.5 17.1	6.0 9.0 5.0	4.2	23.9	1     8   1   1	9.9 9.3 11.2	10.6
TP (ppb)	47.3	! ! !	52.9	52.9 44.8 55.8	42.9 41.9	13.9 19.8 15.8 20.5		39.9 32.9 37.3	33.8
(ddd) hN	!	24.5	83.2 96.4 96.3	4.0 12.3 15.0	3.2	31.5 15.3 9.5 11.7	17.9 31.7 49.8	10.0 27.2 18.0	4.5
NO2-NO3 (ppm)	1 1	0.855	1.890 1.815 1.840	1.035 1.035 1.033	1.240 1.265	0.727 0.724 0.744 0.746	0.736 0.755 0.769	0.682 0.752 0.758	0.879
TFKN (ppb)	1	t 1 1	658	309	}	306	ļ	434	486
TKN (ppb)	558.36	;	926	472	634	413	;	522	929

TKN (ppb)	641	952	679	728	641	745		565	069	555
TFKN (ppb)	406	406	378	363	385	385		275	413	385
NU2-NO3 (ppm)	0.628 0.640 0.650	0.401 0.399 0.391 0.406	0.182 0.172 0.161	0.029 0.010 0.198	0.025 0.020 0.021	< 0.005w < 0.005w < 0.005w	0.136 0.143		0.032 0.040 0.044	0.074 0.084 0.085
NH4 (ppb)	15.1 5.2 31.9	2.2 5.0 1.9	7.1 4.9 7.1	5.9 3.0 15.9	5.0 3.7 4.8	1.2 1.7 4.6	4.0	!!!!	6.0 4.2 5.5	4.1 11.5 20.2
TP (ppb)	27.1 26.8 31.2	61.0 74.6 33.2 41.9	63.1 47.1 48.2	45.1 38.2 41.9	39.8 40.5 43.2	40.1 51.9 50.2	65.9 61.5	35.8 45.4 43.9	46.8 48.9 45.9	33.8 35.8
TFP (ppb)	6.0 5.1 8.3	7.8 6.8 6.2 6.2	5.9 5.1 7.4	6.9 6.0	9.0 9.4 10.0	10.5 11.4 11.0	9.0	808 2000	9.6 0.0	დ დ დ წ. 4. წ.
SRP (ppb)	3.5 2.8 6.1	2.6.2.5 8.4.6.7.	1.4 1.7	2.3 1.7 2.3	3.7 3.9 4.0	1.2 3.5 5.5	2.8		1.7 1.2 1.4	0.8 1.3
(METERS)	321	0.5 3	3 2 3	3 2 1	327	3 2 7	3 2 2 1	7 × × ×	321	428
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1980 CLADOPHORA LAKE WATER DATA CLADOPHORA SITE 2

DATE	DEPTH (METERS)	TEMPERATURE SURFACE BOT	ATURE BOTTOM	SECCHI (METERS)	SUSPENI (π TOTAL	SUSPENDED SOLIDS (mg/l) OTAL VOLATILE	CORRECTED CHLOROPHYLL <u>a</u> (mg/l)	WEA WAVES (ft.)	WEATHER CLOUDS/ AIR TEMP. (%)
109	3.00	7.0	7.8	0.5	19.93	3.35	00.9	0.5	Haze 10.6
121	0.5 3.0 3.0	10.1 10.0 9.9	10.4 10.4 9.9 9.8	0.75	14.90	3.56	11.20	0	100.0
138	2.0	14.3		0.5	14.18	2.96	30.28	ო	100.0
149	0.5 3.0 3.0	22.0 21.0 20.6 18.6	22.0 19.0 18.0 17.0	8.0. 2.0	6.69	2.24	3.84	0	29.0
157	0.5 3.0 3.0	19.2 19.0 18.8	19.0 19.0 19.0	8.0. 1.7 1.8	6.51	1.63	3.19	1-2	40.0
171	0.2 2.0 3.0	20.5 20.0 20.0	20.0 20.0 19.0	8.0. 1.60 1.75	6.85	1.81	1.90	0.5	10.0

1980 CLADOPHORA LAKE WATER DATA (CONT.) CLADOPHORA SITE 2

PERATURE SECCHI BOTTOM (METERS)
1 1 1 1
22.0
1 1 1 1
24.4 B.0. 24.0 B.0. 24.0 2.9
26.0 0.7 25.5 1.1 25.5 1.2
24.5 0.6 24.5 1.0 24.5 1.15

1980 CLADOPHORA LAKE WATER DATA (CONT.) CLADOPHORA SITE 2

DATE	DEPTH (METERS)	TEMPERATURE SURFACE BOT	AATURE BOTTOM	SECCHI (METERS)	SUSPENDED SOLIDS (mg/1) TOTAL VOLATI	ILE.	CORRECTED CHLOROPHYLL <u>a</u> (mg/1)	WEA WAVES (ft.)	WEATHER CLOUDS/ AIR TEMP. (%)
249	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	25.0 25.0 25.0 25.0	25.0 25.0 25.0 25.0	1.0 1.05 1.1	11.02	4.96	26.92	0	5.0
259	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	22.0 22.0 22.0 22.0	22.0 22.0 22.0 22.0	0.5	22.18	4.82	18.71	1-2	75.0
276	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	19.0 19.0 19.0	19.0 19.0 19.0	8.0. 1.15 1.10	7.55	2.97	14.54	0.5	80.0
297	2.0		12.0 12.0		f l f t f t f 1		I 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	က	15.0
301	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.00	0.95 0.90 0.90	12.90	3,35	13.98	0.5	95.0
314	2.0	! ! !	! !	! ! !	11.75	3.82	21.78		

1980 CLADOPHORA LAKE WATER DATA (CONT.) CLADOPHORA SITE 2

WEATHER CLOUDS/ ES AIR TEMP.	50.0 6.0 100.0 7.0	-
WEA WAVES (ft.)	0 1	
CORRECTED CHLOROPHYLL a (mg/1)	9.27	
SUSPENDED SOLIDS (mg/l) TOTAL VOLATILE	2.38	
SUSPENDI (m) TOTAL	7.87	
SECCHI (METERS)	0.95 1.20 8.0. 1.2	-
ERATURE BOTTOM	88.0 7.5 7.5 7.5 7.5 4.5 4.5	
TEMPERATU	8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 4.25 4.25	
DEPTH (METERS)	0.5 1.0 2.0 3.0 1.0 3.0	
DATE	315	

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