

Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program

- 1. Count and record the number of organisms collected for each type of macroinvertebrate.
- 2. Record an abundance code for each macroinvertebrate type, based on the number of organisms collected:
 - **R** (rare) = 1 9 organisms
 - **C** (common) = 10 99 organisms
 - **D** (dominant) = \geq 100 organisms

Group I	Count	Group II Co		Group III	Count	
Sensitive Water Penny		Somewhat Sensitive		I olerant		
Larvae				S		
Hellgrammites		Clams		Blackfly Larvae		
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Mayfly Nymphs		Cranefly Larvae		Leeches		
		Crayfish				
Gilled Snails		Damselfly Nymphs		Midge Larvae		
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		Scuds		A		
Riffle Beetles (adult)		Sowbugs		Snails		
Stonefly Nymphs		Fishflies		Site Name/ID:		
		Alderflies		Sampling Date:		
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Non Net-Spinning		Net-Spinning Caddisfly		Monitor Names:		
Caddistly Larvae		Larvae				
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Calculating the Water Quality Score

(from EPA Volunteer Monitoring Methods Manual)

To calculate the water quality score:

- 1. Record the number of R's, C's, and D's found for each Macroinvertebrate Group in box A.
- 2. Multiply each number (A) by the weight factor listed (B) and record the result in box C.
- 3. Add the three numbers in box C to get a total value for each Macroinvertebrate Group.
- 4. Add the totals for all three Groups to get the water quality score for the stream reach sampled.

Group I Sensitive			Group II Somewhat Sensitive		Group III Tolerant						
	А	В	С		А	В	С		А	В	С
# R's		x 5.0		# R's		x 3.2		# R's		x 1.2	
# C's		x 5.6		# C's		x 3.4		# C's		x 1.1	
# D's		x 5.3		# D's		x 3.0		# D's		x 1.0	
Group I Total =			Group II	Total =		G	roup III	Total =			

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Water Quality Score = _____

(Group I Total)

(Group II Total)

(Group III Total)

Water Quality Score = _____

Water Quality Scores		
> 40	Good water quality	
20 – 40	Fair water quality	
< 20	Poor water quality	