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# WATERSHED REPORT

SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED



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## SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED HEALTH AND THREATS REPORT

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## FRESHWATER HEALTH ASSESSMENT

## SUMMARY

## OVERALL RIVER HEALTH SCORING

	Ind	icator	08E – Sub-watershed
		Hydrology Health Category	Good
	Hydrology	Hydrology Score	4
		Water Quality Health Category	Good
	Water Quality	Water Quality Health Score	4
		Benthic Health Category	Very Good
Overall River	Benthic Macro-Invertebrates	Benthic Health Score	5
neatti	<b>-</b> :	Fish Health Category	Good
	FISH	Fish Health Score	4
	Tota	l Score	17
	Total Ava	illable Score	20
	Percentage of	Maximum Score	85.0%
	Overall Hea	alth Category	Very Good

## OVERALL DATA SUFFICIENCY SCORING

	India	cator	08E – Sub-watershed
		Data Sufficiency Category	Partially Sufficient
	Hydrology	Data Sufficiency Score	1
		Data Sufficiency Category	Partially Sufficient
	Water Quality	Data Sufficiency Score	1
Overall Data		Data Sufficiency Category	Sufficient
Sufficiency	Benthic Macro-Invertebrates	Data Sufficiency Score	3
	<b>-</b> : (	Data Sufficiency Category	Partially Sufficient
	FISN	Data Sufficiency Score	1
	Total	Score	6
	Total Avai	lable Score	12
	Percentage of I	Maximum Score	50.0%
	Overall Data Sufj	ficiency Category	Moderately Sufficient

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## HYDROLOGY

## OVERALL HYDROLOGY RIVER HEALTH SCORING

		Indicator		08E – Sub-watershed
		Average percentage change in median	Period of Study	1936-2011
		monthly flow, measured as the relative	Number of Stations	2
	Long-Term Trends	change in median monthly flow per year,	Value	0.07
	in Monthly Flow	stations and weighted by the median annual	Health Category	Very Good
		flow per station.	Health Score	5
		Average percentage change in median	Period of Study	1974-2011
	Recent-Term	monthly flow, measured as the relative	Number of Stations	13
	Trends in Monthly	change in median monthly flow per year,	Value	0.04
	Flow	stations and weighted by the median annual	Health Category	Very Good
		flow per station.	Health Score	5
			Period of Study	1936-2011
		Average percentage change in median annual	Number of Stations	2
	Long-Term Trends in Annual Flow	flow, reported as an average across studied stations and weighted by the median annual	Value	0.5%
		flow per station.	Health Category	Very Good
Hydrology			Health Score	5
Hydrology			Period of Study	Various
		analyzed, with significantly different variance	Number of Stations	3
		in monthly flow pre- vs. post-dam operation	Value	80.6%
	Bro. vc. Bost Dom	or for historical vs. recent time periods in undammed systems.	Health Category	Very Poor
	or Historical vs.		Health Score	1
	Recent Analysis of Monthly Flow		Period of Study	Various
	Monthly How	Percentage change in median monthly flow pre-and post-dam or for historical vs. recent	Number of Stations	3
		time periods in undammed systems,	Value	12%
		averaged across studied stations by mean annual flow.	Health Category	Good
			Health Score	4
			Total Score	19
			Maximum Available Score	25
		Hydrology Score	Percentage of Maximum Score	76.0%
			Hydrology Health Category	Good
			Hydrology Score	4

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## HYDROLOGY DATA SUFFICIENCY

	Data Sufficiency Indicator	08E - Sub-watershed
	Total number of sub-sub-watersheds	7
	Total number of dams (>10m)	5
	Year of earliest dam operation	1914
	Year of earliest available continuous flow monitoring	1930
	Number of monitoring stations available for earliest, continuous flow monitoring	1
	Number of sub-sub-watersheds with monitoring stations	1
	Number of monitoring stations on river downstream of dams	0
	Data Sufficiency Category	Insufficient
2	Year of long-term continuous flow monitoring	1936
BO	Number of monitoring stations available for continuous flow monitoring analysis	2
<u>2</u>	Number of sub-sub-watersheds with monitoring stations	2
łyd	Number of monitoring stations on river downstream of dams	0
<u> </u>	Data Sufficiency Category	Partially Sufficient
	Year of widespread, continuous flow monitoring	1974
	Number of monitoring stations available for continuous flow monitoring analysis	14
	Number of sub-sub-watersheds with monitoring stations	6
	Number of monitoring stations on river downstream of dams	0
	Data Sufficiency Category	Partially Sufficient
	Overall Data Sufficiency Category	Partially Sufficient
	Data Sufficiency Score	1

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**Disclaimer:** This analysis reflects currently accessible and available data that aligns with our nationally consistent suite of indicators, as of June 2015.

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#### LONG-TERM TRENDS IN MONTHLY FLOW FOR THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED

**MAP**. RESULTS OF A SERIES OF LONG-TERM TREND ANALYSES OF MEDIAN MONTHLY FLOW IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED (1936-2011).



Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow for Monitoring Stations in the Skeena River Basin (1936 - 2011)

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					Skeena										
			08E	E004			08	EF001							
	Start Ye	ar for Analysis		1936		Start Yea	ar for Analysis 1936								
	Median A	nnual Flow (m <sup>3</sup> /	s)	95.4		Median An	nual Flow (m³/s)	407.6							
Month	Theil-Sen Slope	Mann-Kenda p-value	11	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*	Theil-Sen Slope	Mann-Kendall p-value	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*						
October	-0.13	0.52		100.4		-0.29	0.82	579.8							
November	-0.10	0.61		92.3		0.00	1.00	373.5							
December	-0.21	0.03	*	56.2	0.38	-1.05	0.03 *	221.0	0.47						
January -0.07 0.49				37.7		-0.19	0.45	157.5							
February 0.01 0.91			31.0		0.26	0.35	132.8								
March	0.02	0.54		28.4		0.59	0.01 *	120.9	0.49						
April	-0.16	0.41		68.4		0.64	0.48	255.2							
May	-0.44	0.41		297.4		-0.77	0.82	1272.6							
June	-0.13	0.73		360.1		3.60	0.26	2070.0							
July	-0.05	0.83		226.6		-0.49	0.85	1284.7							
August	-0.33	0.02	*	141.5	0.24	-0.97	0.32	731.4							
September	-0.19	0.05		97.0		1.39	0.22	544.3							
Average for all months, for each station	-0.15			128.08	0.05	0.23		645.30	0.08						
Average   monthly fle	percentage ch ow for all mor median annua	ange in median hths, weighted k al flow	y		0.07										

## **TABLE.** RESULTS OF LONG-TERM TREND ANALYSES FOR MEDIAN MONTHLY FLOW IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

\* Percentage change in median monthly flow is only calculated for months with a statistically significant trend over time. For months without a significant trend, a value of zero is assigned for calculation of the overall station score.

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#### RECENT-TERM TRENDS IN MONTHLY FLOW FOR THE SKEENA SUB WATERSHED.

**MAP**. RESULTS OF A SERIES OF TREND ANALYSES OF MEDIAN MONTHLY FLOW IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED FOR THE PERIOD OF 1974-2011.





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## TABLE. RESULTS OF RECENT-TERM TREND ANALYSES FOR MEDIAN MONTHLY FLOW IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

								Ske	ena								
		0	8EB004			0	8EC004			0	8EC013			0	OBED001           for s         1974           nual /s)         18.1           Average Median Monthly Flow         Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*           35         23.9         Monthly Flow*           25         8.3         100           12.0         100         12.0           13         20.0         100           14         6.7         100           15         82.9         100           15         58.3         100           15         58.3         100           15         58.3         100		
	Start An	Year for alysis	1	1974		Start Year for Analysis		1974		Start Year for Analysis		974	Start Year for Analysis		1974		
	Media Flov	Median Annual 27.4 Flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)			Median Annual Flow (m³/s)		2.5		Median Annual Flow (m³/s)		32.5		Median Annual Flow (m³/s)		18.1		
Month	Theil- Mar Month Sen Kenc Slope p-va		Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*	Theil- Sen Slope	Mann- Kendall p-value	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*	Theil- Sen Slope	Mann- Kendall p-value	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*	Theil- Sen Slope	Mann- Kendall p-value	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*	
October	-0.16	0.38	41.1		0.00	0.50	2.5		0.00	1.00	33.1		-0.04	0.85	23.9		
November	0.09	0.44	23.9		0.01	0.50	2.7		0.09	0.43	29.5		0.08	0.51	20.0		
December	0.07	0.19	11.4		0.01	0.59	2.4		0.04	0.76	25.1		0.02	0.70	12.0		
January	0.08	0.04 *	8.0	1.03	0.01	0.15	2.2		0.01	0.93	22.7		0.04	0.25	8.3		
February	0.06	0.14	7.5		0.01	0.18	2.1		0.01	0.91	21.7		0.03	0.39	6.7		
March	0.09	0.11	9.2		0.00	0.89	2.2		0.01	0.82	20.8		0.01	0.58	5.6		
April	0.14	0.60	37.5		0.00	0.69	2.7		0.05	0.56	23.8		0.02	0.44	6.7		
May	-0.07	0.88	95.0		0.19	0.30	18.4		0.16	0.62	83.6		-0.05	0.88	44.2		
June	-0.11	0.76	110.2		-0.03	0.64	13.8		0.55	0.30	123.2		0.30	0.25	82.9		
July	-0.22	0.67	63.7		-0.03	0.50	5.2		0.12	0.72	92.9		-0.17	0.35	58.3		
August	-0.03	0.82	30.9		-0.02	0.09	2.8		0.08	0.81	58.6		-0.26	0.10	33.2		
September	0.36	0.18	32.5		0.00	0.92	2.7		-0.01	0.97	41.2		0.03	0.83	22.1		
Average for all months, for each station	0.03		39.23	0.09	0.01		4.97	0.00	0.09		48.02	0.00	0.00		27.00	0.00	

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						Skeena												
		08	8ED002			08	EE004			C	8EE008			80	BEE012			
	Start An	Year for alysis	1	.974	Start Year for 1 Analysis			974	74 Start Year for Analysis		1974		Start Year for Analysis		1974			
	Media Flov	Median Annual Flow (m³/s) 53.2			Median Annual Flow (m³/s)		85.7		Median Annual Flow (m³/s)		0.9		Median Annual Flow (m³/s)		0.1			
Month	Theil- Sen Slope S		Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*	Theil- Sen Slope	Mann- Kendall p-value	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*	Theil- Sen Slope	Mann- Kendall p-value	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*						
October	0.04	0.94	70.7		0.05	0.92	97.3		-0.01	0.17	1.1		0.00	0.43	0.1			
November	0.07	0.82	59.8		0.37	0.50	86.4		0.00	0.69	0.7		0.00	0.35	0.1			
December	0.06	0.76	37.0		0.20	0.44	49.6		0.00	0.82	0.3		0.00	0.01 **	0.0	1.98		
January	0.04	0.59	25.7		0.38	0.01 **	34.9	1.08	0.00	0.26	0.2		0.00	0.00 **	0.0	2.43		
February	0.05	0.69	20.9		0.28	0.05	29.1		0.00	0.11	0.2		0.00	0.19	0.0			
March	0.02	0.74	16.7		0.17	0.12	28.9		0.00	0.61	0.2		0.00	0.31	0.0			
April	0.03	0.58	16.8		0.31	0.47	67.2		0.00	0.20	0.9		0.00	0.66	0.1			
May	-0.06	0.93	76.3		0.67	0.60	286.1		0.00	0.96	4.4		0.00	0.52	0.4			
June	1.20	0.04 *	190.5	0.63	0.93	0.39	347.9		0.00	0.99	4.8		0.00	0.62	0.8			
July	-0.20	0.74	157.7		-0.30	0.72	220.9		-0.01	0.28	3.0		0.00	0.23	0.5			
August	-0.65	0.04 *	109.2	0.59	-0.59	0.12	134.6		-0.01	0.12	1.6		0.00	0.03 *	0.3	1.35		
September	-0.01	0.98	74.0		0.02	0.95	91.9		-0.01	0.40	1.1		0.00	0.23	0.2			
Average for all months, for each	0.05		71.29	0.10	0.21		122.89	0.09	0.00		1.55	0.00	0.00		0.23	0.48		

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										Skeena												
		08EE013	3			08EF001	-			08EF00	5			08EG012	2			08EG01	6			
	Start Ye	ar for Analysis	19	974	Start Year for Analysis 1974		974	Start Year for Analysis		19	1974 Start Year for Analysis		1974		Start Year for Analysis		1974					
	Median Aı	nnual Flow (m³/s)	1	0	Median A	nnual Flow (m³/s)	236.0		Median Annual Flow (m³/s)		68.7		Median Annual Flow (m³/s)		al Flow (m³/s)		32.8		Median Annual Flow (m³/s)		4.7	
Month	Theil-Sen Slope	Mann-Kendall p-value	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*	Theil-Sen Slope	Mann-Kendall p-value	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*	Theil-Sen Slope	Mann-Kendall p-value	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*	Theil-Sen Slope	Mann-Kendall p-value	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*	Theil-Sen Slope	Mann-Kendall p-value	Average Median Monthly Flow	Average Percentage Change in Median Monthly Flow*		
October	0.00	0.95	1.6		-2.54	0.50	401.9		-0.50	0.21	86.7		-0.10	0.68	42.7		0.12	0.05 *	9.3	1.33		
November	0.02	0.07	1.7		0.91	0.70	249.9		0.30	0.36	56.6		0.07	0.44	21.3		0.12	0.10	8.6			
December	0.01	0.03 *	0.8	1.37	-0.64	0.64	154.9		0.06	0.83	33.4		-0.02	0.81	12.4		0.07	0.27	7.4			
January	0.01	0.04 *	0.5	1.61	0.50	0.32	122.6		0.15	0.20	24.6		0.05	0.54	9.7		0.18	0.00 ***	5.6	3.26		
February	0.00	0.59	0.5		0.40	0.62	104.4		0.05	0.58	21.6		0.06	0.34	9.0		0.09	0.01 **	4.9	1.81		
March	0.00	0.85	0.7		0.31	0.47	98.5		0.01	0.82	21.8		0.05	0.47	11.0		0.13	0.00 ***	5.1	2.65		
April	0.02	0.29	4.2		0.83	0.67	182.9		0.19	0.57	46.3		0.03	0.81	24.8		0.00	1.00	6.0			
May	0.05	0.71	20.0		3.64	0.55	797.2		0.87	0.37	184.9		0.16	0.34	54.8		0.06	0.16	4.7			
June	-0.06	0.56	9.6		8.13	0.41	1404.8		-0.60	0.67	262.3		0.03	0.81	73.8		0.04	0.19	3.5			
July	-0.01	0.73	2.6		-5.65	0.44	879.0		-1.33	0.12	184.8		-0.21	0.39	69.8		0.07	0.00 **	2.7	2.49		
August	0.00	0.68	0.8		-3.58	0.27	500.8		-0.65	0.17	117.7		-0.24	0.19	56.0		0.07	0.02 *	2.7	2.51		
September	0.00	0.55	0.9		2.16	0.45	369.0		0.20	0.54	85.3		0.29	0.18	47.6		0.16	0.00 ***	5.5	2.94		
Average for all months, for each station	0.00		3.65	0.25	0.37		438.83	0.00	-0.10		93.84	0.00	0.02		36.07	0.00	0.09		5.50	1.42		

\* Percentage change in median monthly flow is only calculated for months with a statistically significant trend over time. For months without a significant trend, a value of zero is assigned for calculation of the overall station score.

Average percentage change in median monthly flow for all months, weighted by median annual flow	0.04

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#### TRENDS IN ANNUAL FLOW FOR THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED

**TABLE**RESULTS OF LINEAR REGRESSION ANALYSES FOR LONG-TERM TRENDS IN MEDIAN ANNUAL FLOW IN THESKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

Sub- Watershed	Station	Start Year	Intercept	Intercept Standard Error	Intercept T-Test Statistic	Intercept T-Test p-value	Slope	Slope Standard Error	Slope T-Test Statistic	Slope T-Test p-value	Adjusted R- Squared	F- Test Static	F-Tes p-valu	st ue
<u></u>	08EE004	1936	1069.208	219.7103	4.86644	6.2E-06	-0.493	0.11132	-4.428	3.2E-05 ***	0.19882	19.61	3.2E-05	***
Skeena	08EF001	1936	760.1523	1231.584	0.61722	0.53899	-0.094	0.62402	-0.15	0.88098	-0.0132	0.023	0.88098	

**TABLE .** RESULTS OF MANN-KENDALL NON-PARAMETRIC TREND ANALYSIS FOR LONG-TERM TRENDS IN MEDIAN ANNUAL FLOW IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

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FIGURE. TIME-SERIES OF LONG-TERM TRENDS IN MEDIAN ANNUAL FLOW FOR THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

htercept = 1069 2 ; Intercept STE = 219 71 ; Intercept T-Statistic 4 8664 ; Intercept p-value = 6.2459e-06 Slope = -0.49299 ; Slope STE = 0.11132 ; Slope T-Statistic 4.4285 ; Slope p-value = 3.223e-05 F-Statistic 19.611 ; p-value : 3.223e-05 Theil-Sen Slope = -0.4564 ; Mann-Kendal Score = -805 ; Mann-Kendall p-value = 0.00031085



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			Historical			Recent		Fligne	r-Killeen		м	ann-Whitney			
Station	Month	Number of Years of Sampling	Median Monthly Flow (m³/s)	Median Absolute Deviation in Monthly Flow (m³/s)	Number of Years of Sampling	Median Monthly Flow (m³/s)	Median Absolute Deviation in Monthly Flow (m³/s)	Test Statistic	p-value		Test Statistic	p-value	Magnitude of Change in Monthly Flow (%)	Average Change Across Months (%)*	Average Change Per Sub- Watershed**
	January	29	24.2	7.26474	5	19.8	1.4826	134.99165	3.316E-31	***	96786.5	9.43E-15 ***	18.2%		
	February	29	21.8	4.89258	5	19.2	3.26172	54.472446	1.58E-13	***	78495	1.08769E-11 ***	11.9%		
	March	29	19.2	4.29954	5	18.8	2.52042	57.565639	3.269E-14	***	82414	0.000272222 ***	2.1%		
	April	29	18.75	5.26323	5	18.7	2.2239	64.853002	8.07E-16	***	69437	2.09E-01	0.3%		
	May	30	54.3	37.065	5	51	27.27984	26.414897	2.754E-07	***	77231.5	0.058160162	6.1%		
0050001	June	30	118	45.9606	5	88.05	30.17091	66.625625	3.28E-16	***	95317	5.97513E-16 ***	25.4%	10 70/	
08EC001	July	30	95.25	37.50978	5	75.6	11.8608	112.06589	3.456E-26	***	96776.5	7.98E-12 ***	20.6%	13.7%	
	August	30	65.7	23.57334	5	55.4	10.52646	78.831744	6.76E-19	***	94045.5	1.18E-09 ***	15.7%		
	September	29	45	13.04688	5	39.4	6.81996	73.787178	8.701E-18	***	89048	9.21E-13 ***	12.4%		
	October	29	36.5	11.56428	5	30.6	2.66868	142.19188	8.829E-33	***	100452.5	1.44039E-18 ***	16.2%		
	November	30	32	11.93493	5	25.35	1.85325	170.22189	6.62E-39	***	99183.5	8.41E-22 ***	20.8%		
	December	29	26.7	9.93342	5	20.9	1.33434	187.92366	9.03E-43	***	109654	3.20E-30 ***	21.7%		
	January	29	37.4	16.75338	31	33	8.74734	50.47282	1.21E-12	***	471723	5.94E-04 ***	11.8%		
	February	29	30.6	13.3434	31	28.8	8.00604	65.934142	4.66E-16	***	371677	1.84E-01	5.9%		
	March	29	24.1	8.8956	31	26.8	5.48562	24.730041	6.59E-07	***	370893	1.32E-07 ***	11.2%		
	April	30	46.4	32.02416	31	63.25	47.81385	93.014015	5.19E-22	***	328170	1.32E-15 ***	36.3%		
	May	30	283	126.021	31	296	128.9862	0.2427262	6.22E-01		429388	0.140950986	4.6%		
0055004	June	30	351	109.7124	31	342.5	108.2298	0.0005121	9.82E-01		438673.5	0.074246764	2.4%		1.20/
08EE004	July	30	235	74.13	31	212	63.7518	2.3145719	1.28E-01		528269	6.99864E-12 ***	9.8%	12.6%	12%
	August	30	146	38.5476	31	126	31.1346	47.772696	4.79E-12	***	591798	2.75022E-34 ***	13.7%		
	September	30	101	25.9455	31	88.5	21.4977	1.5768196	2.09E-01		524649.5	5.83E-21 ***	12.4%		
	October	30	103	34.24806	31	84.4	39.14064	6.4151558	1.13E-02	*	553122.5	3.51E-19 ***	18.1%		
	November	30	93.3	44.77452	31	77.1	40.62324	15.718721	7.35E-05	***	515081.5	1.27E-17 ***	17.4%		
	December	29	56.6	20.90466	31	45	16.60512	40.364014	2.11E-10	***	556180	7.29E-27 ***	20.5%		
	January	29	180	60.7866	31	177	51.891	6.5043459	1.08E-02	*	436363.5	0.704261719	1.7%		
	February	29	147.5	55.5975	31	160	31.1346	106.51067	5.70E-25	***	325872	1.09E-03 **	8.5%		
	March	30	136	42.9954	31	163	37.065	0.344032	0.557511		294726.5	1.32E-37 ***	19.9%		
	April	30	283	169.0164	31	373	238.6986	93.684014	3.701E-22	***	314803	4.47745E-20 ***	31.8%		
	May	30	1680	882.147	31	1810	1037.82	3.5579295	0.0592616		400070.5	8.07944E-05 ***	7.7%		
0055001	June	30	2735	919.212	31	2745	926.625	1.7325736	0.1880826		439280	6.60E-02	0.4%	11.10/	
08EF001	July	30	1825	659.757	31	1620	637.518	1.2977894	0.2546174		534385	1.66954E-13 ***	11.2%	11.1%	
	August	30	966	332.1024	31	832	278.7288	19.644046	9.329E-06	***	568420	1.3114E-24 ***	13.9%		
	September	30	742	277.2462	31	700.5	298.7439	4.6855633	0.0304171	*	447808	0.009504042 **	5.6%		
	October	30	805.5	377.3217	31	691	271.3158	36.975344	1.196E-09	***	531739.5	8.68E-13 ***	14.2%		
	November	30	463	228.3204	31	445.5	206.8227	30.277237	3.745E-08	***	468388.5	1.01E-05 ***	3.8%		
	December	29	258	99.3342	31	214	84.5082	6.5250383	1.06E-02	*	524102.5	1.73E-15 ***	17.1%		

#### TABLE . NON-PARAMETRIC COMPARISON OF VARIANCE FOR HISTORICAL VS. RECENT MONTHLY FLOW IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

\* Percentage change in median monthly flow is only calculated for months with a statistically significant trend over time. For months without a significant trend, a value of zero is assigned for calculation of the overall station score.

\*\* Sub-watershed value is weighted average based on median annual flow per station.

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**FIGURE**. PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN MEDIAN MONTHLY FLOW FOR HISTORICAL VS. RECENT PERIODS IN SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

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#### FIGURE. MONTHLY FLOW FOR HISTORICAL VS. RECENT TIME PERIODS IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

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## WATER QUALITY

## OVERALL WATER QUALITY HEALTH SCORING

		Indicator		08E – Sub-watershed
			Year	2010 - 2014
		Exceedance of water quality thresholds	Number of Stations	78
		Weighted average of exceedances of three	Value	0.106
Water Quality	Exceedance of water	thresholds: water quality guidelines,90th percentile and 75th percentile. Expressed as a proportion of total measurements. Reported for the last five years of	Water Quality Health Category	Good
	quality guidelines for aquatic life	monitoring.	Water Quality Health Score	4
		Variance of annual water quality scores	Value	0.045
		Significant Mann-Kendal time-series test to	Time Period	1966-2014
		determine directional trend in proportion of exceedance of water quality thresholds.	Trend	No trend

## WATER QUALITY DATA SUFFICIENCY

	Data Sufficiency Indicator	Basin
	Total number of sub-sub-watersheds	7
	Year of earliest available monitoring	1966
	Number of monitoring stations available for earliest monitoring	2
	Number of sub-sub-watersheds with earliest available monitoring stations	2
ality	Year of most recently available monitoring	2014
er Qua	Number of monitoring stations available within last five years	97
Wat	Number of sub-sub-watersheds within last five years	6
	Percentage of samples with at least 10 elements measured within last 5 years.	55.51%
	Number of years of sampling in last 10 years	10
	Overall Data Sufficiency Category	Partially Sufficient
	Data Sufficiency Score	1

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MAP. EXCEEDANCE OF WATER QUALITY THRESHOLDS AS REPORTED FOR MONITORING STATIONS IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED FOR THE FIVE MOST RECENT YEAR AVAILABLE.



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Sub- watershed	Year	Source	Number of Contaminants Measured	Total Number of Sites	Number of Measurements	Total Number of Guidelines Exceedances	Proportion of Guideline Exceedance	Total Number of 90th Percentile Exceedances	Proportion of 90th Percentile Exceedance	Total Number of 75th Percentile Exceedances	Proportion of 75th Percentile Exceedance	Weighted Average Exceedance	5-year weighted average
	2014	BC.EMS	13	17	867	56	0.065	44	0.051	87	0.100	0.066	
	2012	BC.EMS	14	20	2512	164	0.065	152	0.061	266	0.106	0.070	
	2013	EC	16	2	402	40	0.100	57	0.142	168	0.418	0.167	
	2012	BC.EMS	14	20	223	18	0.081	30	0.135	43	0.193	0.117	
	2012	EC	16	2	699	85	0.122	57	0.082	148	0.212	0.123	
		BC.EMS	13	22	514	49	0.095	34	0.066	58	0.113	0.089	
08E -	2011	CABIN	6	5	41	0	0.000	0	0.000	3	0.073	0.012	0 1 0 6
Skeena		EC	16	2	434	95	0.219	55	0.127	134	0.309	0.203	0.100
		BC.EMS	13	17	437	13	0.030	21	0.048	27	0.062	0.041	
	2010	CABIN	8	7	116	15	0.129	6	0.052	12	0.103	0.099	
		EC	4	1	369	54	0.146	58	0.157	132	0.358	0.185	
		BC.EMS	13	19	220	7	0.032	19	0.086	35	0.159	0.071	
	2009	CABIN	10	8	158	24	0.152	0	0.000	26	0.165	0.103	
		EC	4	1	621	120	0.193	88	0.142	246	0.396	0.210	

**TABLE**. WATER QUALITY IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED BASED ON PROPORTION OF EXCEEDANCE OF THREE THRESHOLDS: PROVINCIAL WATER QUALITY GUIDELINES, 75TH PERCENTILE OF HISTORICAL DISTRIBUTION, AND 90TH PERCENTILE OF HISTORICAL DISTRIBUTION.

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**FIGURE**. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE IN EXCEEDANCE OF WATER QUALITY THRESHOLDS OVER TIME FOR MONITORING STATIONS IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.



Weighted Average of Exceedances of 75th Percentile, 90th Percentile and Guideline

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FIGURE. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE IN EXCEEDANCE OF WATER QUALITY THRESHOLDS OVER TIME FOR MONITORING STATIONS IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED, BY CONTAMINANT.

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**TABLE**RESULTS OF MANN-KENDALL NON-PARAMETRIC TREND ANALYSIS OF ANNUAL EXCEEDANCE OF WATERQUALITY THRESHOLDS OVER TIME IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

WSCSDA	Source	Start Year	End Year	Number of Years	Number of Sites	Theil-Sen Slope	Mann- Ken Score	Mann-Ken p- value
	All	1966	2014	49	435	-0.002	-162	0.162
08E -	BC.EMS	1966	2014	49	312	-0.002	-172	0.137
Skeena	CABIN	2003	2011	9	121	-0.010	-25	0.011 *
	EC	1984	2013	30	2	-0.008	-163	0.004 **

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## FISH

## OVERALL FISH HEALTH SCORING

		Indicator		08E – Sub-watershed
			Period of Study	1926 - 2012
			Number of Sites	8741
Fish	Change in Native	Presence of statistically significant decline in median species richness for the Sub-watershed.	Trend	None
	Richness	Presence of statistically significant decline in total species richness for the sub-watershed.	Trend	None
			Fish Health Category	Good
			Fish Health Score	4

## FISH DATA SUFFICIENCY

	Data Sufficiency Indicator	08E - Sub-watershed
	Total number of sub-sub-watersheds	7
	Year of earliest available monitoring	1926
	Number of sampling locations available for earliest monitoring	1
	Number of sub-sub-watersheds with earliest available sampling locations	1
	Earliest year of continuous monitoring	1972
-C	Number of sampling locations available for first year of continuous monitoring	7
Fisl	Number of sub-sub-watersheds for first year of continuous monitoring	1
	Year of most recently available monitoring	2012
	Number of monitoring stations available within last five years	26
	Number of sub-sub-watersheds within last five years	3
	Number of years of sampling in last 10 years	8
	Overall Data Sufficiency Category	Partially Sufficient
	Data Sufficiency Score	1

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Observed Number of Fish Species in the Skeena River Basin, 2002 - 2012

**FIGURE**.NON-PARAMETRIC ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE IN FISH SPECIES RICHNESS IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED (1926-2012).

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FIGURE.TIME-SERIES OF NATIVE FISH SPECIES RICHNESS IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED (1926-2012).



FIGURE. TIME-SERIES OF TOTAL FISH SPECIES RICHNESS IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED (1926-2012).

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**TABLE**RESULTS OF MANN-KENDALL NON-PARAMETRIC TREND ANALYSIS OF FISH SPECIES RICHNESS OVER TIMEIN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

Indicator	Data Source	Start Year	End Year	Theil-Sen Slope	Mann-Kendall Test Score	Mann-Kendal Test p-value
Total Species Richness	Fisheries Information Summary System (FISS)	1926	2012	0.0149	287	0.29166
Median Species Richness	Fisheries Information Summary System (FISS)	1926	2012	0.0000	80	0.73731

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#### BENTHICS

## OVERALL BENTHIC HEALTH SCORING

		Indicator		08E - Sub-watershed
			Year	2007-2012
			Number of Sites	38
		Median Hilsenhoff Biotic Index (HBI) score for the sub-	Value	3.14
Benthic Macro-	Index of benthic community	watershed, based on the five most recent years of monitoring.	Benthic Health Category	Very Good
invertebrates	based on sensitivity to disturbance		Benthic Health Score	5
		Variance of annual HBI scores	Value	0.911
		Significant Mann-Kendal time- series test to determine	Time Period	1999-2010
		directional trend in <b>HBI</b> over time.	Trend	Negative

#### **BENTHIC DATA SUFFICIENCY**

	Data Sufficiency Indicator	08E - Sub-watershed
S	Total number of sub-sub-watersheds	7
rate	Year of earliest available monitoring	1999
teb	Number of monitoring stations available for earliest monitoring	39
Inver	Number of sub-sub-watersheds with earliest available monitoring stations	2
- - -	Year of most recently available monitoring	2011
Mac	Number of monitoring stations available within last five years	46
ic.	Number of sub-sub-watersheds within last five years	7
inth	Number of years of sampling in last 10 years	8
Be	Overall Data Sufficiency Category	Sufficient
	Data Sufficiency Score	3

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**MAP.** HILSENHOFF'S BIOTIC INDEX SCORES FOR BENTHIC MACRO-INVERTEBRATE COMMUNITIES IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED (2007-2011).



Benthic Macro-invertebrates in the Skeena River Basin Median HBI Value per site, 2007-2011

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FIGURE. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR HILSENHOFF'S BIOTIC INDEX VALUES FOR BENTHIC MACRO-INVERTEBRATE COMMUNITIES SAMPLED IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

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	Sub- watershed	Sub- watershed		Number of Sites	HBI Value	3-Years Weighted Average
		2011	CABIN	2	3.152038	
-	2009	CABIN	1	3.734244	3.004	
	005	2008	CABIN	5	2.79802	
		2005	CABIN	12	3.204659	
	UOE - Skeena	2004	CABIN	28	3.522066	
	JKCCHa	2002	CABIN	3	4.201177	
		2001	CABIN	10	3.540832	
		2000	CABIN	20	3.553333	
		1999	CABIN	5	3.294014	

Table . hilsenhoff's biotic index valuess for benthic macro-invertebrate communities sampled in the Skeena Sub-watershed, by year and data source.

TABLE . RESULTS OF MANN-KENDALL NON-PARAMETRIC TREND ANALYSIS OF HILSENHOFF'S BIOTIC INDEX OVER TIME IN THE SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED.

WSCSDA	Data	Start	End	Number	Theil-Sen	Mann-	Mann-Ken	
	Source	Year	Year	of Sites	Slope	Ken Score	p-value	
Skeena	All (CABIN)	1999	2011	63	0.002	6	0.759	

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## SUMMARY

TABLE. OVERALL SCORING RESULTS FRESHWATER THREATS ASSESSMENT OF SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED, BY SUB-WATERSHED AND PEARSE WATERSHED

	SUB WATERSHED SCORE											
WSCSDA	SUB WATERSHED NAME	SCORE	FINAL SCORE ( <i>MEDIAN)</i>									
005	Skeene Coast	THREAT CLASSIFICATION	Moderate									
USE	Skeena - Coast	SCORE	40									

TABLE. SCORING RESULTS FRESHWATER THREAT INDICATORS OF SKEENA SUB-WATERSHED, BY SUB-WATERSHED AND PEARSE WATERSHED

	SUB WATERSHED SCORE												
WSCSDA	SUB WATERSHED NAME	INDICATOR	POLLUTION	CLIMATE CHANGE	ALTERATION OF WATER FLOWS	INVASIVE SPECIES	FRAGMENTATION	WATER USE	HABITAT LOSS	WATERSHED AREA (m2)	RELATIVE WATERSHED AREA		
08E	Skeena - Coast	THREAT CLASSIFICATION	Low 40	Moderate 66.67	Low 40	Unknown -9999	Moderate 50	Low 25	Very low 20	54,328,824,641	17.02%		

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## SUB-INDICATOR SCORES BY SUB-WATERSHED

## POLLUTION

**TABLE 16.** SCORING RESULTS OF POLLUTION THREAT BY SUB-INDICATOR AND SUB-WATERSHED

			SUB-INDICATOR													
			Point Sc	ource Pollution		Pipeli	ne incidents	F	Fransport	ation Incidents	Agricul				Agricultur	a
										SUB-SU	B-INDICA	ATOR				
											Risk o	of Water	Contamination by N	Risk of V	Vater Con	nt
WSCSDA	SUB WATERSHED NAME	Value	Score	Threat Classification	Value	Score	Threat Classification	Value	Score	Threat Classification	Value	Score	Threat Classification	Value	Score	
08E	Skeena - Coast	35.21	20	Very Low	0	0	None	0	0	None	0.11	40	Low	0.07	20	

## **CLIMATE CHANGE**

**TABLE 17.** SCORING RESULTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE THREAT BY SUB-INDICATOR AND SUB-WATERSHED

			SUB-INDICATOR										
		Sp	oring Pre	cipitation Anomaly	Su	mmer M	aximum Temperature Anomaly	Summer Precipitation Anomaly Winte		nter Mean Temperature An			
WSCSDA	SUB WATERSHED NAME	Value	Score	Threat Classification	Value	Score	Threat Classification	Value	Score	Threat Classification	Value	Score	Threat Classif
08E	Skeena - Coast	0.05	33.33	Low	-0.91	66.67	Moderate	-0.07	66.67	Moderate	-0.09	66.67	Modera

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Contamination			
mination by Pesticides	Risk c	of Water	Contamination by P
Threat Classification	Value	Score	Threat Classification
Very Low	0	20	Very Low

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#### ALTERATION OF WATER FLOWS

## **TABLE 18.** SCORING RESULTS OF ALTERATION OF WATER FLOWS THREAT BY SUB-INDICATOR AND SUB-WATERSHED

		SUB-INDICATOR					
		Area of Reservoirs/Dams					
WSCSDA	SUB WATERSHED NAME	Value	Score	Threat Classification			
08E	Skeena - Coast	19.5	40	Low			

#### **INVASIVE SPECIES**

TABLE 19. SCORING RESULTS OF INVASIVE SPECIES THREAT BY SUB-INDICATOR AND SUB-WATERSHED

		SUB-INDICATOR						
		Presence of Invasive Species						
WSCSDA	SUB WATERSHED NAME	Value	Score	Threat Classification				
		-	-					
08E	Skeena - Coast	9999	9999	Unknown				

#### WATER USE

TABLE 20. SCORING RESULTS OF WATER USE THREAT BY SUB-INDICATOR AND SUB-WATERSHED

		SUB-INDICATOR				
		Water Use				
WSCSDA	SUB WATERSHED NAME	Value	Score	Threat Classification		
08E	Skeena - Coast	N/A	25	Low		

## FRAGMENTATION

TABLE 21. SCORING RESULTS OF FRAGMENTATION THREAT BY SUB-INDICATOR AND SUB-WATERSHED

		SUB-INDICATOR							
			Fragmen	tation by dams	Fragmentation by roads and rail				
WSCSDA	SUB WATERSHED NAME	Value	Score	Threat Classification	Value	Score	Threat Classification		
08E	Skeena - Coast	0.41	40	Low	0	60	Moderate		

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## HABITAT LOSS

#### TABLE 22. SCORING RESULTS OF HABITAT LOSS THREAT BY SUB-INDICATOR AND SUB-WATERSHED

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		SUB-INDICATOR					
		Land use/Land cover			<b>Forest loss</b>		
WSCSDA	SUB WATERSHED NAME	Value	Score	Threat Classification	Value	Score	Threat Classification
08E	Skeena - Coast	0.39	20	Very Low	-1.65	0	None

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