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## Wadable Stream Qualitative Fish Habitat Rating for Streams $\leq$ 10 m ( $\leq$ 33 ft) wide

Form 3600-532A (WAV version R 4/15)

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**Instructions: Bold** field must be completed. Use the habitat guidance in the WAV methods packet to understand terminology used on this form.

Station Summary								
Station Name					Station	ID		
Date (MMDDYYYY)					Time		AM or PM	
Channel and Basin C	Characteris	tics						
Stream Width (circle units) ft / m			Station Length					
(Measure in 10 locat	ions along	station length)		(35 times mean	stream width;	max 400 m [13	800 ft])	
Water Level (check of	ne)			Water Clarity				
Normal	Below	Above		□ Clear	□ Turbid	□ Stained		
Channel Condition: (check one)	N	atural		□ Straighter	ned	Conc	rete Channel	

Comments/Notes

Interpreting the Results	Water Quality Rating	Score Range	
	Excellent Good Fair Poor	>80 60-80 20-60 <20	

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**Total Score** 

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Rating Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Score
Riparian Buffer	Riparian zone well	Riparian zone	Riparian zone	Most of the	
Width	protected; buffer	protected, but	moderately	riparian zone	
	wide (>10 m; >33	buffer width	disturbed, buffer	disturbed, buffer	
Width of contiguous	ft)	moderate (5-10 m;	narrow (1-4.9 m;	very narrow or	
undisturbed land	11)	16-33 ft)	3.3-16 ft)	absent (<1 m;	
uses; meadow,		10-33 11)	3.3-10 It)	<3.3 ft)	
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shrubs, woodland,					
wetland, exposed	45	40	_	0	
rock	15	10	5	0	
Bank Erosion	No significant	Limited erosion;	Moderate erosion;	Extensive	
	bank erosion;	0.2-0.5 m (0.7-1.6	0.51-1.0 m (1.7-	erosion; >1.0 m	
Width of bare soil	<0.2 m (<0.7 ft) of	ft) of bank is bare	3.3 ft) of bank is	(>3.3 ft) of bank is	
on bank, along	bank is bare soil	soil	bare soil	bare soil	
transects					
	15	10	5	0	
Pool Area	Pools common;	Pools present; not	Pools present, but	Pools either	
+ +-	wide, deep, slow	frequent or over-	either rare or	absent or	
% of stream length	velocity habitat,	abundant; 30 to	overly dominant,	dominant, not	
in pools	balanced by other	39% or 61 to 70%	few other habitats	balanced by other	
η ροσίο	habitats; 40 to	of station	present; 10 to	habitats; <10% or	
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	60% of station		29% or 71 to 90%	>90% of station	
	40	-	of station		
	10		3	0	
Width:Depth Ratio	Stream very deep	Stream relatively	Stream	Stream relatively	
	and narrow;	deep and narrow;	moderately deep	wide and shallow;	
Average stream	width/depth $\leq$ 7	width/depth 8-15	and narrow;	width/depth > 25	
width divided by	, –		width/depth 16-25		
average thalweg					
depth in runs and	15				
pools	15	10	5	0	
Riffle:Riffle or	Diverse habitats;	Diverse habitats;	Habitat diversity	Habitat	
Bend:Bend Ratio	meandering	bends and riffles	low; occasional	monotonous;	
Bella.Bella Ratio	stream with deep	present, but not	riffles or bends,	riffles or bends	
Avorago distance	bends and riffles	abundant; ratio 10	ratio 15 to 25	rare; generally	
Average distance			18110 15 10 25		
between riffles or	common; ratio	to 14		continuous run	
bends divided by	<10			habitat; ratio >25	
average stream	4-	4.0	_		
width	15	10	5	0	
Fine Sediments	Fines rare or	Fines present but	Fines common in	Fines extensive in	
	absent, <10% of	limited, generally	mid-channel	all habitats; >	
% of the substrate	the stream bed	in stream margins	areas, present in	60% of stream	
that is < 2 mm		or pools; 10 to	riffles and	bed covered	
(< 0.08 in) [sand,		20% of stream bed	extensive in		
silt or clay			pools; 21 to 60%		
71			1		
	15	10	5	0	
Cover for Fish	Cover/shelter for	Cover common,	Occasional cover,	Cover rare or	
	fish abundant;	but not extensive;	limited to one or	absent; limited to	
% of stream area	>15% of stream	10-15% of stream		<5% of stream	
	- 10% of Stream	10-10% Of Stream	two areas; 5-9%	>5% OF SHEATH	
with cover in or			of stream		
overhanging water					
at least 0.2 m (8 inches) deep	15	10	5	0	