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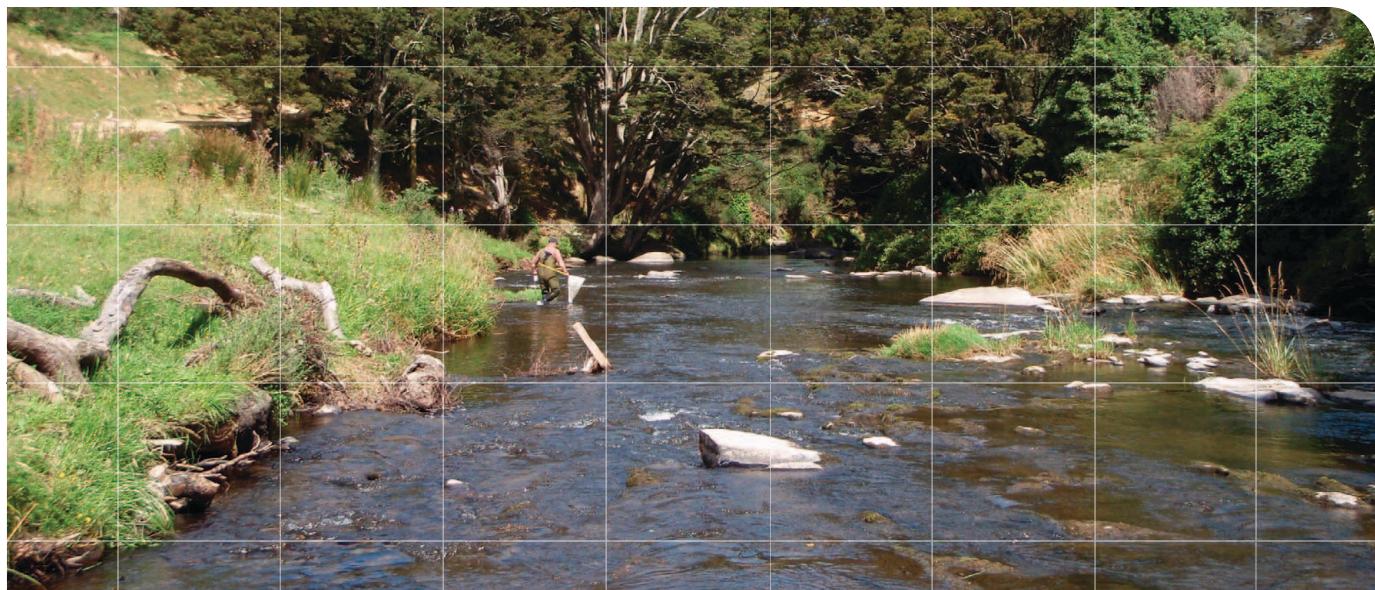


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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Between the 3rd and 10th of February 2010, EOS Ecology conducted the field component of Otago Regional Council's (ORC) 2010 State of the Environment (SOE) monitoring at 30 sites throughout the Otago region; from Oamaru west to Wanaka and south to the Catlins. This involved a habitat assessment and collection of periphyton and macroinvertebrate samples and subsequent laboratory analysis and processing. This report summarises the methodology and results of the habitat assessment component. EOS Ecology was not asked to analyse the results but only to present a summary of the methods used and tabulate the raw data.

## 2 METHODS

### 2.1 Fieldwork

At all sites habitat assessment was undertaken according to Protocol P2 (semi-quantitative) of Harding *et al.* (2009). This included the following components; P2b—Hydrological and morphological procedure, P2c—Instream habitat procedure, and P2d—Riparian procedure. The P2b procedure included measurement of wetted width, meso-habitat length, pool water and soft sediment depth, estimation of floodplain shape, bankfull channel shape, wetted width channel shape, undercutting, a discharge gauging across a transect, and completion of a plan diagram of the site. The P2c procedure involved the estimation of substrate size, embeddedness, substrate compactness, area of scouring and depositional zones, obstructions to flow, undercutting and overhanging vegetation, and cover of macrophytes, moss, algal beds, and wood and leaf packs. The P2d procedure estimated shading of waterway, riparian buffer width and intactness, riparian vegetation composition, bank stability, livestock access, riparian soil denitrification potential, land slope, groundcover, soil drainage, and the number of rills. See Harding *et al.* (2009) for full details of these procedures.

### 2.2 Data entry and analysis

The P2b data was entered into the MS Excel spreadsheet form ('P2A Input' sheet) supplied with Harding *et al.* (2009). This Excel form calculates a number of hydrological and morphological parameters and provides a diagram of the stream profile at the point where the discharge gauging was undertaken. It should be noted that an error was discovered on the 'P2A Metrics' sheet supplied with Harding *et al.* (2009) where the Gini coefficient (a measure of channel shape variability) cell was not actively linked to the calculation area of the sheet. This was corrected.

Harding *et al.* (2009) does not provide any entry sheets for P2c and P2d data thus we created custom Excel spreadsheets for the entry of this data.

## 3 RESULTS

All sites were surveyed between February 3rd and 10th, 2010 (Table 1). A full tabulation of the raw data is provided in the Appendices. The only difficulties encountered during sampling were:

- » Site 9—Waikouaiti River @ Orbells Crossing is a tidally influenced site and the stage of the tide influences a number of key hydrological parameters such as depth, width, and velocity.

- » Site 14—Waipori River @ Falls Reserve has very variable flow due to a hydro dam upstream. We were informed by a TrustPower employee that the water level in this river changes rapidly without warning (depending on power demand). There was too much flow to safely enter the water to complete the depth/velocity transect.
- » Site 16—Ida Burn @ SH85 had incorrect GPS coordinates provided by ORC. The provided coordinates were for a site on Hills Creek which is northwest of Ida Burn on SH85. EOS Ecology sampled both sites (the site co-ordinates on Hills Creek as well as Ida Burn @ SH85) to ensure the correct site was sampled and subsequent correspondence with the ORC concluded that the co-ordinates were wrong. Thus the Hills Creek data has not been presented.

The P2 method of habitat assessment gave a reasonable overview of each site. The prescribed sampling time of 45-60 minutes (Harding *et al.* 2009) was achievable at the smaller sites. Sites at larger rivers and those where access along the stream was difficult took considerably longer. Many of the habitat evaluation parameters involved subjective estimations and these were assessed by one team member for consistency between sites.

Sampling occurred during a period of stable weather with little rainfall. During the field survey period only light drizzle was encountered and it was evident at many sites from the abundance of algae that no significant scouring flows had occurred for some time.

For the smaller rivers and streams the prescribed site length of 20 times the wetted width (Harding *et al.* 2009) was easily attainable. For the larger rivers a site length of 20 times the wetted width was excessive (e.g., > 250 m) and thus a default site length 150–200 m was chosen (making sure all habitat types present were included within the site). Surveyed site lengths ranged from 50 m (Site 13—Silver Stm @ Riccarton

**TABLE 1** The 30 Otago Regional Council State of the Environment biomonitoring sites surveyed between February 3rd and 10th, 2010. Note that the site codes were assigned by EOS Ecology.

Site code	Site name	Site code	Site name
1	Kakanui River @ Clifton Falls	16	Ida Burn @ SH85
2	Kakanui River @ McCones	17	Fraser River @ Marshall Rd
3	Kauru @ Ewings	18	Cardrona River @ Mt Barker
4	Shag River @ Craig Rd	19	Lindis River @ Ardgour Rd
5	Shag River @ Goodwood Pump	20	Luggate Ck @ SH6 bridge
6	Trottters Ck @ Mathesons	21	Mill Ck @ Fish Trap
7	Waianakarua @ Browns Pump	22	Heriot Burn @ Park Hill Rd
8	Waiareka Ck @ Taipo Rd	23	Waipahi River @ Waipahi
9	Waikouaiti River @ Orbells Crossing	24	Waitahuna @ Tweeds Bridge
10	Kaikorai Stm @ Brighton Rd	25	Waiwera River 1km US of Clutha
11	Lindsay Ck @ North Bar Rd	26	Crookston Burn @ Kelso-Tapanui Rd
12	Water of Leith @ Dundas Street	27	Waikoikoi Ck @ Bailey Bridge
13	Silver Stm @ Riccarton Rd	28	Waipahi River @ Cairns
14	Waipori River @ Falls Reserve	29	Tokomairiro @ West Branch Bridge
15	Dunstan Ck @ Beattie Rd	30	Catlins River @ Houipapa

Rd and Site 16—Ida Burn @ SH85) to 200 m (Site 2—Kakanui River @ McCones and Site 23—Waipahi River @ Waipahi). Discharge ranged from 0.001 m<sup>3</sup>/s (Site 6—Trotters Ck @ Mathesons) to 2.3 m<sup>3</sup>/s (Site 17—Fraser River @ Marshall Rd). However, discharge was likely greatest at Site 14—Waipori River @ Falls Reserve where hydro-dam release made the river too dangerous to wade and undertake the stream discharge gauging. Full hydrological and morphological (P2b) results are shown in the Appendices (Section 5.1).

Most sites had a substratum dominated by cobbles (64-255 mm) and gravel (2-63 mm) and algal cover in excess of 50%. Full instream habitat (P2c) results are shown in the Appendices (Section 5.2). Most sites had minimal shading and only a few allowed full livestock access. Full riparian condition results are shown in the Appendices (Section 5.3).

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## 5 APPENDICES

### 5.1 Summary of hydrological and morphological data

**TABLE 5.1** Summary of P2b hydrological and morphological information (as per Harding *et al.* 2009) collected from 30 sites in the Otago region as part of Otago Regional Council's 2010 State of the Environment monitoring. Information was collected between February 3rd and 10th, 2010.

Site code	1	2	3	4	5
Site name	Kakanui River @ Clifton Falls	Kakanui River @ McCones	Kauru @ Ewings	Shag River @ Craig Rd	Shag River @ Goodwood Pump
Assessor	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB
Date	3/02/10	4/02/10	3/02/10	4/02/10	4/02/10
Wetted width (m)	13.10	10.00	9.50	5.50	2.50
Site length (m)	120	200	160	100	85
Percent rapid (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Percent run (%)	18.33	8.00	16.88	35.00	23.53
Percent riffle (%)	24.17	32.00	14.38	32.00	25.88
Percent pool (%)	57.50	60.00	68.75	33.00	50.59
Percent backwater (%)	18.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Percent other meso habitat (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meso habitat richness	4	3	3	3	3
Start of reach easting	2332690.426	2343683.789	2331830.04	2327066.157	2334437.233
Start of reach northing	5572688.851	5556865.249	5563879.989	5528795.644	5523383.684
End of reach easting	2332630.351	2343458.608	2331691.194	2326995.465	2334419.928
End of reach northing	5572789.443	5556865.849	5563828.12	5528843.303	5523450.899
Average pool maximum depth (m)	0.77	0.55	1.38	0.53	1.35
Average pool sediment depth (m)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Average pool crest depth (m)	0.20	0.16	0.20	0.18	0.12
Residual pool depth (m)	0.57	0.40	1.18	0.35	1.23
Floodplain shape	Wide	Wide	U shape	Multi-stage	Multi-stage
Run bankfull shape	U shape	Wide	Multi-stage	Wide	U shape
Riffle bankfull shape	U shape	Wide	Multi-stage	Wide	Wide
Pool bankfull shape	U shape	Wide	U shape	Wide	U shape
Run channel shape	Wide	U shape	Wide	Wide	Wide
Riffle channel shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide
Pool channel shape	Wide	Wide	U shape	Wide	U shape
Average bank undercut (m)	0.10	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00
Bank height (m)	1.92	1.55	0.97	1.25	1.61
Average bank slope (m/m)	0.20	0.72	0.05	0.27	0.29
Bankfull width (m)	25	31.50	30.00	13.00	29.00
Thalweg depth (m)	0.62	0.55	0.37	0.50	0.26
Mean water depth (m)	0.295	0.23	0.19	0.19	0.14
Cross-sectional area (m <sup>2</sup> )	3.897	2.20	3.64	1.18	0.73
Mean water velocity (m/s)	0.111	0.19	0.03	0.06	0.07
Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.467	0.41	0.07	0.08	0.06
Channel shape: Width/depth ratio	13.02	20.32	30.93	10.40	18.01
Channel shape: Gini coefficient	0.36	0.43	0.46	0.33	0.55
Channel slope (° or m/m) <sup>a</sup>					
Sinuosity <sup>a</sup>					

<sup>a</sup> Channel slope and sinuosity are external calculations in GIS: requires REACHSTART and REACHEND coordinates

Site code	6	7	8	9	10
Site name	Trotters Ck @ Mathesons	Waianakarua @ Browns Pump	Waiareka Ck @ Taipo Rd	Waikouaiti River @ Orbells Crossing	Kaikorai Stm @ Brighton Rd
Assessor	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB
Date	4/02/10	4/02/10	3/02/10	5/02/10	5/02/10
Wetted width (m)	3.25	6.00	5.80	6.25	6.50
Site length (m)	100	120	100	100	100
Percent rapid (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Percent run (%)	60.00	2.50	12.00	10.00	11.00
Percent riffle (%)	2.00	38.33	0.00	0.00	44.00
Percent pool (%)	38.00	59.17	88.00	90.00	45.00
Percent backwater (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Percent other meso habitat (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meso habitat richness	3	3	2	2	3
Start of reach easting	2340667.501	2340480.561	2343404.177	2324591.143	2309751.062
Start of reach northing	5532828.821	5548288.23	5559454.642	5508440.431	5475094.183
End of reach easting	2340587.841	2340457.59	2343363.049	2324515.053	2309835.737
End of reach northing	5532878.921	5548403.439	5559546.496	5508378.449	5475047.558
Average pool maximum depth (m)	0.33	1.50	2.00	0.60	0.65
Average pool sediment depth (m)	0.01	0.00	0.50	0.04	0.00
Average pool crest depth (m)	0.04	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.10
Residual pool depth (m)	0.29	1.37	1.86	0.45	0.55
Floodplain shape	Multi-stage	Multi-stage	Multi-stage	Multi-stage	Wide
Run bankfull shape	U shape	Wide	Wide	Multi-stage	U Shape
Riffle bankfull shape	U shape	Wide	0	0	U shape
Pool bankfull shape	U shape	Wide	U shape	Multi-stage	U shape
Run channel shape	Wide	Wide	U shape	Wide	Wide
Riffle channel shape	Wide	Wide	0	0	Wide
Pool channel shape	Wide	U shape	U shape	Wide	U shape
Average bank undercut (m)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank height (m)	1.42	1.02	2.16	0.67	1.00
Average bank slope (m/m)	0.37	0.33	0.12	2.51	0.78
Bankfull width (m)	12.00	23.00	16.90	23.49	8.00
Thalweg depth (m)	0.07	0.17	0.16	0.22	0.30
Mean water depth (m)	0.04	0.09	0.17	0.13 <sup>b</sup>	0.16
Cross-sectional area (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.03	0.37	1.20	0.54 <sup>b</sup>	0.99
Mean water velocity (m/s)	0.03	0.51	0.15	0.04 <sup>b</sup>	0.17
Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.00	0.22	0.10	0.03 <sup>b</sup>	0.19
Channel shape: Width/depth ratio	8.45	22.55	7.82	35.06	8.00
Channel shape: Gini coefficient	0.85	0.50	0.54	0.46	0.43
Channel slope (° or m/m)					
Sinuosity					

<sup>b</sup> Tidally influenced thus depth, width and velocity measurements are unreliable.

Site code	11	12	13	14	15
Site name	Lindsay Ck @ North Bar Rd	Water of Leith @ Dundas Street	Silver Stm @ Riccarton Rd	Waipori River @ Falls Reserve	Dunstan Ck @ Beattie Rd
Assessor	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB
Date	5/02/10	5/02/10	5/02/10	6/02/10	10/02/10
Wetted width (m)	3.00	8.30	3.50	20.00	5.00
Site length (m)	60	120	50	75	115
Percent rapid (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.67	0.00
Percent run (%)	18.33	67.50	70.00	100.00	54.78
Percent riffle (%)	53.33	32.50	30.00	0.00	35.65
Percent pool (%)	28.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.57
Percent backwater (%)	0.00	7.50	0.00	20.00	0.00
Percent other meso habitat (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meso habitat richness	3	3	2	3	3
Start of reach easting	2317525.452	2317105.065	2301998.773	2282348.967	2254705.891
Start of reach northing	5481147.323	5479932.611	5478274.107	5471257.498	5580368.19
End of reach easting	2317482.395	2317146.39	2302045.491	2282333.259	2254697.289
End of reach northing	5481194.291	5480045.199	5478293.542	5471195.985	5580468.905
Average pool maximum depth (m)	1.20	0.35	0.25	2.00	0.75
Average pool sediment depth (m)	0.00	0.00	0.00	c	0.00
Average pool crest depth (m)	0.01	0.13	0.12	c	0.15
Residual pool depth (m)	1.19	0.22	0.13	c	0.60
Floodplain shape	U shape	Multi-stage	Multi-stage	U shape	Wide
Run bankfull shape	U Shape	U shape	U shape	Wide	Wide
Riffle bankfull shape	U shape	U shape	U shape	Wide	Wide
Pool bankfull shape	U shape	U shape	0	0	Wide
Run channel shape	U Shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide
Riffle channel shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide
Pool channel shape	U shape	Wide	0	U shape	U shape
Average bank undercut (m)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07
Bank height (m)	0.80	1.31	0.54	c	1.71
Average bank slope (m/m)	0.83	1.40	0.44	c	0.40
Bankfull width (m)	6.80	11.20	4.40	c	16.00
Thalweg depth (m)	0.20	0.41	0.19	c	0.51
Mean water depth (m)	0.11	0.21	0.13	c	0.31
Cross-sectional area (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.30	2.13	0.38	c	1.67
Mean water velocity (m/s)	0.11	0.05	0.10	c	0.14
Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.04	0.12	0.04	c	0.31
Channel shape: Width/depth ratio	8.50	8.55	8.15	c	9.36
Channel shape: Gini coefficient	0.46	0.41	0.44	c	0.46
Channel slope (° or m/m)					
Sinuosity					

<sup>c</sup> Not wadeable thus some variables unable to be measured.

Site code	16	17	18	19	20
Site name	Ida Burn @ SH85	Fraser River @ Marshall Rd	Cardrona River @ Mt Barker	Lindis River @ Ardgour Rd	Luggate Ck @ SH6 bridge
Assessor	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB
Date	10/02/10	8/02/10	9/02/10	9/02/10	9/02/10
Wetted width (m)	2.50	7.00	7.00	5.50	6.00
Site length (m)	50	110	140	160	120
Percent rapid (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Percent run (%)	14.00	70.91	50.71	18.75	28.33
Percent riffle (%)	86.00	29.09	38.57	35.00	50.00
Percent pool (%)	0.00	0.00	10.71	46.25	21.67
Percent backwater (%)	0.00	13.64	0.00	0.00	5.83
Percent other meso habitat (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meso habitat richness	2	3	3	3	4
Start of reach easting	2272314.632	2223964.214	2202776.944	2228725.546	2214526.229
Start of reach northing	5574682.925	5544852.496	5599172.03	5589172.852	5599898.618
End of reach easting	2272359.656	2223879.685	2202661.919	2228810.883	2214422.267
End of reach northing	5574659.542	5544861.236	5599105.134	5589302.161	5599936.451
Average pool maximum depth (m)	0.15	0.60	1.50	0.90	0.90
Average pool sediment depth (m)	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00
Average pool crest depth (m)	0.10	0.30	0.25	0.18	0.25
Residual pool depth (m)	0.05	0.30	1.25	0.73	0.65
Floodplain shape	U shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide
Run bankfull shape	U shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	U shape
Riffle bankfull shape	U shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	U shape
Pool bankfull shape	0	U shape	U shape	Wide	U shape
Run channel shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide
Riffle channel shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide
Pool channel shape	0	Wide	U shape	U shape	U shape
Average bank undercut (m)	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.07
Bank height (m)	0.45	1.30	1.57	1.19	1.52
Average bank slope (m/m)	0.54	0.66	0.37	0.21	0.51
Bankfull width (m)	4.00	8.80	16.90	27.70	13.50
Thalweg depth (m)	0.10	0.65	0.42	0.14	0.27
Mean water depth (m)	0.06	0.36	0.27	0.07	0.14
Cross-sectional area (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.13	2.64	2.22	0.67	1.17
Mean water velocity (m/s)	0.15	0.75	0.26	0.07	0.19
Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.03	2.28	0.76	0.07	0.24
Channel shape: Width/depth ratio	8.89	6.77	10.76	23.28	8.88
Channel shape: Gini coefficient	0.50	0.39	0.50	0.51	0.48
Channel slope (° or m/m)					
Sinuosity					

Site code	21	22	23	24	25
Site name	Mill Ck @ Fish Trap	Heriot Burn @ Park Hill Rd	Waipahi River @ Waipahi	Waitahuna @ Tweeds Bridge	Waiwera River 1km US of Clutha
Assessor	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB
Date	9/02/10	8/02/10	8/02/10	6/02/10	7/02/10
Wetted width (m)	2.80	3.75	20.00	6.00	8.00
Site length (m)	60	80	200	120	160
Percent rapid (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Percent run (%)	81.67	50.00	94.00	42.50	68.13
Percent riffle (%)	11.67	28.75	0.00	17.50	26.88
Percent pool (%)	6.67	21.25	6.00	40.00	15.63
Percent backwater (%)	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.13
Percent other meso habitat (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meso habitat richness	4	3	2	3	5
Start of reach easting	2179774.479	2215852.127	2220204.461	2254225.96	2244309.866
Start of reach northing	5573860.145	5475051.887	5449039.731	5459531.018	5443959.047
End of reach easting	2179811.927	2215889.133	2220141.839	2254164.501	2244334.981
End of reach northing	5573891.489	5475121.284	5448866.084	5459630.668	5443813.184
Average pool maximum depth (m)	0.30	1.40	1.50	2.00	1.20
Average pool sediment depth (m)	0.02	0.00	<sup>d</sup>	0.10	0.00
Average pool crest depth (m)	0.10	0.15	0.50	0.20	0.25
Residual pool depth (m)	0.20	1.25	1.00	1.80	0.95
Floodplain shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	Multi-stage	Multi-stage
Run bankfull shape	Wide	U shape	U shape	U shape	U shape
Riffle bankfull shape	Wide	U shape	0	U shape	U shape
Pool bankfull shape	U shape	U shape	U shape	U shape	U shape
Run channel shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide
Riffle channel shape	Wide	Wide	0	Wide	Wide
Pool channel shape	U shape	U shape	Wide	U shape	U shape
Average bank undercut (m)	0.07	0.00	0.15	0.30	0.03
Bank height (m)	0.53	1.30	1.50	1.84	1.28
Average bank slope (m/m)	0.69	0.57	0.77	0.77	0.14
Bankfull width (m)	5.50	9.50	15.00	12.40	18.20
Thalweg depth (m)	0.23	0.15	0.75	0.92	0.58
Mean water depth (m)	0.15	0.10	0.47	0.47	0.34
Cross-sectional area (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.58	0.88	7.42	3.84	3.21
Mean water velocity (m/s)	0.33	0.29	0.18	0.10	0.16
Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.22	0.27	1.51	0.43	0.62
Channel shape: Width/depth ratio	10.38	7.31	10.00	6.74	14.22
Channel shape: Gini coefficient	0.46	0.61	0.42	0.39	0.40
Channel slope (° or m/m)					
Sinuosity					

<sup>d</sup> Pool too deep to measure sediment depth

Site code	26	27	28	29	30
Site name	Crookston Burn @ Kelso-Tapanui Rd	Waikoikoi Ck @ Bailey Bridge	Waipahi River @ Cairns	Tokomairiro @ West Branch Bridge	Catlins River @ Houipapa
Assessor	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB	AS & VB
Date	8/02/10	8/02/10	7/02/10	6/02/10	7/02/10
Wetted width (m)	4.00	7.00	2.00	5.05	20.00
Site length (m)	80	140	50	120	200
Percent rapid (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Percent run (%)	55.00	41.43	78.00	30.83	29.00
Percent riffle (%)	0.00	24.29	22.00	30.83	35.00
Percent pool (%)	45.00	34.29	0.00	33.33	36.00
Percent backwater (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.17	0.00
Percent other meso habitat (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meso habitat richness	2	3	2	4	3
Start of reach easting	2217843.324	2217089.938	2219430.19	2266539.506	2244834.083
Start of reach northing	5472114.263	5458566.436	5428733.62	5453806.249	5410752.87
End of reach easting	2217775.203	2217015.803	2219443.285	2266415.036	2244719.893
End of reach northing	5472128.86	5458679.288	5428691.867	5453777.815	5410900.889
Average pool maximum depth (m)	0.80	0.93	0.35	0.40	1.75
Average pool sediment depth (m)	0.05	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.00
Average pool crest depth (m)	0.20	0.30	0.15	0.05	0.50
Residual pool depth (m)	0.60	0.63	0.20	0.35	1.25
Floodplain shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	Multi-stage	Multi-stage
Run bankfull shape	U shape	U shape	U shape	Multi-stage	Wide
Riffle bankfull shape	0	U shape	U shape	Multi-stage	Wide
Pool bankfull shape	U shape	U shape	0	Multi-stage	U shape
Run channel shape	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide
Riffle channel shape	0	Wide	Wide	Wide	Wide
Pool channel shape	U shape	U shape	0	Wide	U shape
Average bank undercut (m)	0.00	0.27	0.20	0.10	0.10
Bank height (m)	1.05	1.57	1.46	0.81	2.38
Average bank slope (m/m)	0.52	1.24	0.75	3.36	0.67
Bankfull width (m)	7.30	8.10	5.00	3.00	19.00
Thalweg depth (m)	0.35	0.72	0.31	0.16	0.78
Mean water depth (m)	0.23	0.44	0.21	0.08	0.34
Cross-sectional area (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.96	3.43	0.81	0.41	5.45
Mean water velocity (m/s)	0.15	0.05	0.04	0.30	0.19
Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.16	0.19	0.04	0.18	1.32
Channel shape: Width/depth ratio	6.95	5.16	3.42	3.70	7.98
Channel shape: Gini coefficient	0.48	0.41	0.55	0.50	0.38
Channel slope (° or m/m)					
Sinuosity					

## 5.2 Summary of instream habitat data

**TABLE 5.2** Summary of P2c instream habitat information (as per Harding *et al.* 2009) collected from 30 sites in the Otago region as part of Otago Regional Council's 2010 State of the Environment monitoring. Information was collected between February 3rd and 10th, 2010. Substrate compactness: 1 = loose, easily moved; 2 = mostly loose, little compaction; 3 = moderately packed; 4 = tightly packed.

Site code	Kakanui River @ Clifton Falls			Kakanui River @ McCones			Kauru @ Ewings			Shag River @ Craig Rd		
	1	2	4		2	4		3	4		Run	Pool
Meso habitat type	Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool
% Concrete/artificial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Bedrock (> 4000 mm)	60	30	20	0	0	0	60	30	0	0	15	0
% Boulder (256-4000 mm)	10	30	40	0	0	0	20	50	30	2	5	5
% Cobble (64-255 mm)	20	30	30	49	20	50	20	10	55	68	25	65
% Gravel (2-63 mm)	10	10	10	50	75	35	0	10	10	40	45	15
% Sand, silt, mud (< 2mm)	0	0	0	0	5	15	0	0	5	0	10	15
% Embeddedness	10	10	10	5	10	20	0	0	10	5	30	40
Substrate compactness (1-4)	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	3
% Deposition & scouring	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	5	5
% Macrophytes	0	0	0	0	5	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Moss	5	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
% Algae	80	90	95	95	30	75	0	20	80	95	95	99
% Woody debris & leaf packs	0	5	5	5	5	0	0	5	0	0	1	1
Fish habitat	Organic matter			Obstructions to flow			Bank cover			Bank cover		
% Bank cover	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0

Site code	Site name	5	6	7	8
	Shag River @ Goodwood Pump	Trotters Ck @ Matheson's	Waihakarua @ Browns Pump	Waihakarua Ck @ Taipo Rd	
Meso habitat type	Riffle Run Pool	Riffle Run Pool	Riffle Run Pool	Riffle Run Pool	Pool
% Concrete/artificial	0 0 0	0 0 5	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
% Bedrock (> 4000 mm)	0 0 0	0 80 60	0 0 0	20 0 0	0 0 0
% Boulder (256-4000 mm)	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
% Cobble (64-255 mm)	30 30 10	20 0 0	80 80 80	70 70 70	0 0 0
% Gravel (2-63 mm)	70 60 50	70 0 5	19 20 20	10 0 0	60 0 0
% Sand, silt, mud (< 2mm)	0 10 40	10 20 30	0 0 0	0 0 0	40 100 100
% Embeddedness	10 30 70	40 0 50	5 5 15	0 0 0	50 100 100
Substrate compactness (1-4)	2 1 2	2 0 1	1 1 1	0 0 0	2 1 1
% Deposition & scouring	0 0 30	10 20 30	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 100
% Macrophytes	1 3 5	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	20 90 90
% Moss	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
% Algae	80 80 90	80 100 100	80 80 90	0 0 0	60 0 0
% Woody debris & leaf packs	0 0 5	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	10 10 10
% Obstructions to flow	0 0 2	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	5 0 0
% Bank cover	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	5 5 5
Fish habitat	Organic matter				

Site code	Site name	Waikouaiti River @ Orbells Crossing			Kaikorai Stream @ Brighton Rd			Lindsay Ck @ North Bar Rd			Water of Leith @ Dundas Street		
		Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool
Meso habitat type		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Concrete/artificial		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Bedrock (> 4000 mm)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Boulder (256-4000 mm)		0	0	0	1	1	0	5	5	0	20	20	20
% Cobble (64-255 mm)		0	0	4	79	79	5	80	75	60	80	80	70
% Gravel (2-63 mm)		0	30	20	20	20	25	15	15	20	0	0	10
% Sand, silt, mud (< 2mm)		0	70	75	0	0	70	0	5	20	0	0	0
% Embeddedness		0	40	60	20	20	80	30	20	40	5	5	30
Bed substrate		0	1	1	2	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	3
Substrate compactness (1-4)		0	5	60	0	0	20	0	0	20	0	5	10
% Deposition & scouring		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Macrophytes		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Moss		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Algae		0	85	85	95	95	90	100	100	100	95	95	95
% Woody debris & leaf packs		0	5	5	1	1	5	0	0	0	5	5	5
% Obstructions to flow		0	15	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Fish habitat		0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Bank cover													

Site code	Site name	13		14		15		16	
		Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle/Rapid	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run
Meso habitat type									
% Concrete/artificial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Bedrock (> 4000 mm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	15	50
% Boulder (256-4000 mm)	0	0	0	10	10	0	5	5	0
% Cobble (64-255 mm)	40	40	0	90	80	0	60	45	10
% Gravel (2-63 mm)	60	50	0	0	10	0	30	30	10
% Sand, silt, mud (< 2mm)	0	10	0	0	0	0	5	30	0
% Embeddedness	10	50	0	10	10	0	5	5	20
Substrate compactness (1-4)	2	3	0	3	3	0	2	2	2
% Deposition & scouring	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	20	0
% Macrophytes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Moss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Algae	90	90	0	50	50	0	60	60	20
% Woody debris & leaf packs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
% Obstructions to flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fish habitat									
% Bank cover	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0

Site code	Site name	17			18			19			20		
		Fraser River @ Marshall Rd			Cardrona River @ Mt Barker			Lindis River @ Ardgour Rd			Luggate Ck @ SH6 bridge		
Meso habitat type	Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool	
% Concrete/artificial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Bedrock (> 4000 mm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Boulder (256-4000 mm)	5	5	0	5	5	0	5	5	5	5	0	1	0
% Cobble (64-255 mm)	85	85	40	55	10	10	75	75	65	5	14	5	
% Gravel (2-63 mm)	10	10	40	30	55	10	20	10	20	80	45	30	
% Sand, silt, mud (< 2mm)	0	0	20	10	30	80	0	10	10	15	40	65	
% Embeddedness	0	0	10	20	40	60	0	5	20	5	30	50	
Substrate compactness (1-4)	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	4	2	
% Deposition & scouring	0	0	10	0	0	80	0	0	10	0	10	40	
% Macrophytes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
% Moss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
% Algae	80	80	70	60	20	100	100	100	50	80	40		
% Woody debris & leaf packs	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	
% Obstructions to flow	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	10	1	0	0	
Fish habitat	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5	
% Bank cover													

Site code	Site name	21		22		23		24		Waitahuna @ Tweeds Bridge			
		Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool
Meso habitat type													
% Concrete/artificial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Bedrock (> 4000 mm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	40	0	0	0	0
% Boulder (256-4000 mm)	5	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Cobble (64-255 mm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	10	10	10	10
% Gravel (2-63 mm)	40	20	20	80	50	20	0	20	10	90	70	70	60
% Sand, silt, mud (< 2mm)	55	80	70	20	50	80	0	20	40	0	20	20	30
% Embeddedness	30	40	50	10	40	30	0	10	40	20	10	10	30
Substrate compactness (1-4)	2	2	2	2	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
% Deposition & scouring	0	15	20	0	10	60	0	5	40	0	10	10	30
% Macrophytes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	60	0	0	0	0
% Moss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Algae	40	40	40	60	50	20	0	60	30	90	90	90	90
% Woody debris & leaf packs	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	5	5
% Obstructions to flow	0	5	5	5	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	1
Fish habitat	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	10	15	20	
% Bank cover													

Site code	Site name	25	26	27	28
Meso habitat type	Waiwera River 1km US of Clutha	Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle
% Concrete/artificial	0	0	0	0	0
% Bedrock (>4000 mm)	70	40	40	0	0
% Boulder (256-4000 mm)	30	40	30	0	0
% Cobble (64-255 mm)	10	10	20	1	1
% Gravel (2-63 mm)	0	0	0	59	59
% Sand, silt, mud (<2mm)	0	0	0	40	0
% Embeddedness	0	0	10	0	30
Substrate compactness (1-4)	4	4	3	0	2
% Deposition & scouring	0	0	0	20	30
% Macrophytes	0	0	0	20	15
% Moss	0	0	0	0	0
% Algae	75	80	95	0	60
% Woody debris & leaf packs	0	0	0	0	0
Fish habitat	% Obstructions to flow	0	0	5	0
	% Bank cover	0	5	0	0
					Waipahi River @ Cairns
					Run
					Pool
					Riffle
					Run
					Pool
					Riffle
					Run
					Pool

Site code	Site name	29			30		
		Riffle	Run	Pool	Riffle	Run	Pool
Meso habitat type							
% Concrete/artificial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Bedrock (> 4000 mm)	0	0	0	65	20	90	
% Boulder (256-4000 mm)	0	5	10	10	40	10	
% Cobble (64-255 mm)	60	50	30	20	30	0	
% Gravel (2-63 mm)	30	35	0	5	10	0	
% Sand, silt, mud (< 2mm)	10	10	60	0	0	0	
% Embeddedness	20	20	70	0	0	0	
Substrate compactness (1-4)	2	2	4	2	2	4	
% Deposition & scouring	0	0	60	0	0	0	
% Macrophytes	0	0	0	0	0	0	
% Moss	0	0	0	0	0	0	
% Algae	75	85	80	90	90	90	
% Woody debris & leaf packs	5	0	0	5	5	5	
% Obstructions to flow	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fish habitat	5	0	0	1	1	1	
% Bank cover							

### 5.3 Summary of riparian data

TABLE 5.3 Summary of P2d riparian information (as per Harding *et al.* 2009) collected from 30 sites in the Otago region as part of Otago Regional Council's 2010 State of the Environment monitoring. Information was collected between February 3rd and 10th, 2010.

Site code	1	2	3	4	5
Site name	Kakanui River @ Clifton Falls	Kakanui River @ McCones	Kauru @ Ewings	Shag River @ Craig Rd	Shag River @ Goodwood Pump
Side of bank	True-left	True-right	True-right	True-right	True-right
Shading of water	1	1	2	1	2
Buffer width	4	3	2	2	5
Buffer intactness	5	5	5	4	4
Vegetation composition of buffer	2	2	2	3	3
Vegetation composition of adjacent land to 30 m from stream bank	2	1/3	2	3	1
Bank stability	5	5	3	4	5
Livestock access	4	4	3	3	5
Riparian soil denitrification potential	1	1	1	1	1
Land slope 0-30 m from stream bank	4	1	3	5	4
Groundcover of buffer	5	5	3	5	3
Groundcover of adjacent land to 30 m from streambank	4	4	3	5	3
Soil drainage	4	2	3	2	3
Rills/channels	5	5	5	5	5

Site code	6	7	8	9	10
Site name	Trotters Ck @ Matheson's Pump	Waihakaria @ Browns Pump	Waiareka Ck @ Taipo Rd	Waikouaiti River @ Orbells Crossing	Kaikorai Stm @ Brighton Rd
Side of bank	True-left	True-right	True-left	True-right	True-left
Shading of water	1	1	2	1	4
Buffer width	1	1	4	3	2
Buffer intactness	2	2	4	4	4
Vegetation composition of buffer	1	1	3	2	2
Vegetation composition of adjacent land to 30 m from stream bank	2	2	2	2	3
Bank stability	1	1	3	4	3
Livestock access	2	2	5	3	5
Riparian soil denitrification potential	1	1	1	3	1
Land slope 0-30 m from stream bank	2	4	1/4	3	4
Groundcover of buffer	1	3	5	4	3
Groundcover of adjacent land to 30 m from streambank	1	3	5	5	5
Soil drainage	4	4	4	3	4
Rills/channels	1	2	5	5	5

Site code	11	12	13	14	15
Site name	Lindsay Ck @ North Bar Rd	Water of Leith @ Dundas Street	Silver Stm @ Riccarton Rd	Waipori River @ Falls Reserve	Dunstan Ck @ Beattie Rd
Side of bank	True-left	True-right	True-left	True-right	True-left
Shading of water	2	2	2	1	2
Buffer width	2	2	2	3	3
Buffer intactness	5	4	5	5	4
Vegetation composition of buffer	2	2	1	3	2
Vegetation composition of adjacent land to 30 m from stream bank	2	3	1	2	3
Bank stability	4	4	4	4	4
Livestock access	5	5	5	2	5
Riparian soil denitrification potential	2	2	1	1	3
Land slope 0-30 m from stream bank	3	1	2	3	3
Groundcover of buffer	5	4	2	5	4
Groundcover of adjacent land to 30 m from streambank	1	3	2	4	4
Soil drainage	3	3	3	4	3
Rills/channels	5	5	5	5	5

Site code	16	17	18	19	20
Site name	Ida Burn @ SH85	Fraser River @ Marshall Rd	Cardrona River @ Mt Barker	Lindis River @ Ardgor Rd	Luggate Ck @ SH6 bridge
Side of bank	True-left	True-right	True-left	True-right	True-right
Shading of water	1	1	3	2	1
Buffer width	2	3	3	2	2
Buffer intactness	3	4	4	5	4
Vegetation composition of buffer	1	2	2	2	1
Vegetation composition of adjacent land to 30 m from stream bank	1	2	1	3	1
Bank stability	3	3	3	3	2
Livestock access	2	5	5	5	2
Riparian soil denitrification potential	1	1	1	2	1
Land slope 0-30 m from stream bank	1	3	5	4	4
Groundcover of buffer	2	4	4	2	4
Groundcover of adjacent land to 30 m from streambank	1	5	4	3	2
Soil drainage	4	4	3	4	4
Rills/channels	5	5	5	5	5

Site code	21	22	23	24	25
Site name	Mill Ck @ Fish Trap	Heriott Burn @ Park Hill Rd	Waipahi River @ Waipahi	Waitahuna @ Tweeds Bridge	Waikwera River 1km US of Clutha
Side of bank	True-left	True-right	True-left	True-right	True-left
Shading of water	2	2	4	4	1
Buffer width	2	5	2	2	1
Buffer intactness	4	5	5	5	5
Vegetation composition of buffer	1	2	2	1	1
Vegetation composition of adjacent land to 30 m from stream bank	1	3	1	1	1
Bank stability	2	3	3	3	3
Livestock access	5	5	5	1	1
Riparian soil denitrification potential	3	3	2	1	1
Land slope 0-30 m from stream bank	5	5	3	4	2
Groundcover of buffer	2	4	5	4	2
Groundcover of adjacent land to 30 m from streambank	2	5	2	2	2
Soil drainage	4	4	3	3	3
Rills/channels	5	5	5	5	3

Site code	26	27	28	29	30
Site name	Crookston Burn @ Kelsos-Tapanui Rd	Waikoikoi Ck @ Bailey Bridge	Waipahi River @ Cairns	Tokomairiro @ West Branch Bridge	Catlins River @ Houipapa
Side of bank	True-left	True-right	True-left	True-right	True-right
Shading of water	1	1	3	2	3
Buffer width	1	2	2	1	2
Buffer intactness	2	4	5	4	5
Vegetation composition of buffer	1	1	2	2	2
Vegetation composition of adjacent land to 30 m from stream bank	1	1	1	1	1
Bank stability	1	3	3	2	3
Livestock access	1	3	5	1	3
Riparian soil denitrification potential	1	1	2	1	2
Land slope 0-30 m from stream bank	4	4	3	3	2
Groundcover of buffer	2	4	4	5	4
Groundcover of adjacent land to 30 m from streambank	2	3	2	2	3
Soil drainage	2	2	4	4	4
Rills/channels	5	5	5	4	5



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