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Abstract

This report summarizes data collected from 2007 - 2010 from 43 wetland sites in the lower Columbia River and estuary (LCRE) considered to represent “reference” or relatively undisturbed conditions. The purpose of this study was to provide data from a suite of reference wetlands that would serve as a baseline of wetland conditions, reduce uncertainties regarding the factors controlling these wetlands, provide data to inform restoration design, and enable the evaluation of restoration action effectiveness monitoring. Methods are provided for all data collection efforts and data analysis. The results are detailed in individual Site Summaries, where data on all monitored metrics are provided in tables and graphs. Preliminary conclusions and are set forth as are recommendations for further analysis and management applications of this dataset.

Preface

The Reference Site Study (RSS) presented in this report is part of the research, monitoring, and evaluation (RME) effort developed by the Action Agencies (Bonneville Power Administration [BPA], U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [USACE], and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation) in response to obligations under the Endangered Species Act as a result of operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System. Battelle conducted the multi-year study under contract with the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership (LCREP) with funding provided by BPA. This report represents the final year of data collection and reporting under this phase of the project.

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1.0 Introduction

This report summarizes data collected by Battelle¹ and collaborators from 2007 - 2010 to evaluate reference sites for baseline characterization and action effectiveness monitoring in the lower Columbia River and estuary (LCRE). Funding was provided by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership (EP), which subcontracted with Battelle. This annual report provides the methods and results from all years of research, highlighting data summaries for each of the 43 sites evaluated as part of this study.

1.1 Purpose of Study

The purpose of this study was to provide data from a suite of reference wetlands that would serve as a baseline of wetland conditions, reduce uncertainties regarding the factors controlling these wetlands, provide data to inform restoration design, and enable the evaluation of restoration action effectiveness monitoring. The data from this study can be used to quantify the ecological conditions necessary for development of wetland plant communities and tidal channel networks, which is critical to designing and evaluating the effectiveness of restoration projects (Kentula et al. 1992; Steyer et al. 2003; Thayer et al. 2005). This critical information was previously lacking for the LCRE. The data developed on these sites provides baseline characterization to address uncertainties regarding the elevation, soil, and inundation ranges required by native tidal wetland vegetation. Additionally, information on hydrology, natural morphology of tidal channel networks, and occurrence of invasive species was collected to guide restoration actions in the future. Ultimately, this network of reference sites is intended to provide resource managers a means for statistically analyzing and comparing projects along temporal restoration trajectories. Results from this study will enable restoration effectiveness to be assessed at the site scale and at the estuary-wide scale through the coordinated, inter-agency habitat protection/restoration program described in the Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation plan for the LCRE (Johnson et al. 2008).

1.2 Ecological Indicators Monitored

Our understanding of the relationship between ecosystem structure and ecosystem function in the LCRE derives from numerous studies. Briefly, vegetation composition and species cover provide an indication of the production of organic matter (i.e., macrodetritus) that eventually comprises an important component of the aquatic food web. Vegetation, and the detritus it produces, is the base of the food web for many species in the LCRE (Maier and Simenstad 2009). This component of the food web is thought to have decreased relative to historical levels in the Columbia River (Sherwood et al., 1990), making the restoration of marsh macrodetritus production and export to the main stem river a critical result of restoration efforts. The vegetation structure also provides habitat for many fish and wildlife species, including juvenile salmon (Bottom et al. 2005), and contributes to overall biodiversity of the ecosystem. Assessment of channel cross sections and channel networks provides

¹ Battelle operates the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) for the Department of Energy (DOE). The Marine Sciences Laboratory is a part of PNNL. The work described in this report was conducted through a contract with Battelle as part of PNNL's agreement with DOE to allow work to be conducted for other organizations.

information on the potential for fish access (*i.e.*, opportunity *sensu* Simenstad and Cordell 2000) as well as the pathway for export of prey, organic matter, and nutrients.

This study used standard monitoring protocols (Roegner et al. 2009) to assess the structure, condition, and forcing factors of a suite of brackish and tidal freshwater wetland habitats. The monitored parameters include vegetation composition and percent cover, water surface elevation, elevation, channel morphology, substrate characteristics, and accretion rates. These parameters represent important structural components and are indicators of critical habitat functions. In addition, elevation, hydrology, and substrate are the primary factors that control wetland vegetation composition and productivity (Gilman 1993) and sediment accretion is important for maintaining wetland elevation (Elliot 2004). Thus, baseline information on sediment accretion rates is important for predicting the evolution of a restoration site; however, rates can vary substantially between natural and restored systems initially (Diefenderfer et al. 2009), indicating a need to monitor changes over time. Information on channel morphology supports development of the relationship between cross-sectional dimensions and marsh size, which aids in understanding the channel dimensions characteristic of self-maintaining restored marshes (Diefenderfer et al. 2008).

1.3 Collaboration with Other Studies

This project has benefited from coordination and collaboration with other studies and monitoring efforts. We have coordinated at many levels with the Cumulative Ecosystem Response of Restoration (CE) project, a multi-organizational study comprised of Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), NOAA Fisheries, Columbia River Estuary Study Task Force (CREST), and University of Washington Columbia Basin Research and funded by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) through the Columbia River Fish Mitigation Program. During 2007, we developed the methodologies for sampling vegetation and elevation in forested wetlands on the CE project. In 2008-2009, the CE project monitored four natural dike-breach sites that were breached between 13 and 50 years ago, providing a means to place these sites on a restoration trajectory. Finally, some of the reference sites used for a paired comparison to restoration areas under the CE study were also evaluated for this study in 2009. We also coordinated with the Estuary Partnership's Ecosystem Monitoring project (EM; funded by BPA) in 2008-2010 to share methodology development and habitat data from previously studied sites. Lastly, we coordinated with CREST on the collection of data from Cooperage Slough located along the Young's River.

Out of the forty-three sites included in our study, many are being monitored through the collaborations described above. In these cases, additional information was gathered as appropriate to ensure the data were adequate for comparison to restoration sites and complete under the study design reported herein. This includes for example, the possible addition of water level sensors, channel cross sections, sediment samples, sedimentation stakes, additional vegetation data, and/or analysis of channel metrics.

2.0 Methods

2.1 Study Area

The study area is located on the northwest coast of the United States (Figure 1). This region extends 235 km from the river mouth to Bonneville dam, the first hydrologic dam on the river. The extent of saltwater intrusion is approximately 20-40 km depending on seasonal flows (Chawla et al. 2008), while tidal influence extends to Bonneville dam. Therefore, most of the sites in the study area are tidal freshwater wetlands, with some brackish wetlands located in the lower part of the estuary. In an inventory of the Columbia River, Christy and Putera (1993) described the “freshwater tidelands” ecosystem as being “of low relief, typically flooded or sub-irrigated at high tide, and permeated by conspicuous, dendritic and meandering tidal streams and sloughs. Cut banks, when present, show mucky soils with high organic content.”



Figure 1. The study area comprises the historical floodplain below Bonneville Lock and Dam of the lower Columbia River and estuary.

Kunze (1994) further characterized tidal freshwater wetlands in the LCRE as comprising four wetland types: the “coastal surge plain wetlands, surge plain wetlands, overflow plain wetlands, and Columbia River Gorge wetlands.” Typical surge plain wetlands are flooded during incoming tides and drain during low tides, and the water is fresh (<0.5 ppt salt). Coastal surge plain wetlands are tidal freshwater wetlands that occur along the Columbia River and its tributaries up to Cathlamet, Washington (rkm 64). The surge plain continues, with slightly different communities, from Cathlamet to Longview, Washington (rkm 105). Overflow plain wetlands occur from Longview to Skamania, Washington (rkm 225) and exhibit limited tidal influence; water level is affected more by river flows. The floodplain in this region lacks prominent tidal channels, but contains sloughs, side channels, backwater areas, ponds, and islands. Columbia River Gorge wetlands occur between Skamania and the Bonneville dam and are hydrologically dominated by high river flows. Substrates are typically coarse sand and gravel. Throughout the study area, substantial variation in water levels occur depending on river flows and tides. Because wetland vegetation growth and distribution are tightly determined by prevailing water levels, understanding the magnitude and dynamics of water level in the LCRE is critical to explaining variation in shallow-water vegetation assemblages.

2.2 Site Selection

At the outset of the study in 2007, numerous resources were employed to compile a list of potential reference sites in the LCRE. These included literature review and interviews with local experts, as well as evaluation of other data sources such as the National Wetlands Inventory, landcover maps, aerial photos, and LiDAR data. In addition, site visits and information from other studies were used to compile the most comprehensive list possible. Borde et al. (2008c) provides a table and maps with descriptive information and the location of 120 potential sites. Of these sites, 43 sites were selected to be part of this study based on available research funding. The selection criteria were habitat type, location, hydrogeomorphic setting, access, proximity to known restoration efforts and access, as described in Borde et al. (2008b).

Information gathered in this study helps to illuminate our understanding of the trajectory of restoration sites progressing from a state of early development, through successional stages, to a stable and resilient state more like undisturbed reference sites (Figure 2). Likewise, three categories of sites are included in this study, as follows:

- Historical habitat – sites including several specific habitat types such as brackish marshes, tidal freshwater marshes, tidal freshwater shrub/scrub, tidal freshwater forested swamps (dominated by Sitka spruce), and riparian woodlands (dominated by Oregon ash and Pacific willow). These sites provide the stable endpoint on the trajectory for restoration sites.
- Previously breached habitats – these sites are previously diked areas that were breached either by natural forces or by intentional restoration actions. The sites have begun their progression back to a pre-diked state and therefore provide data points along the restoration trajectory.
- Created sites – these island sites were created from disposal of dredged material. The age of these sites can be estimated and the structure and function evaluated to predict the potential restoration trajectories for these types of habitats.

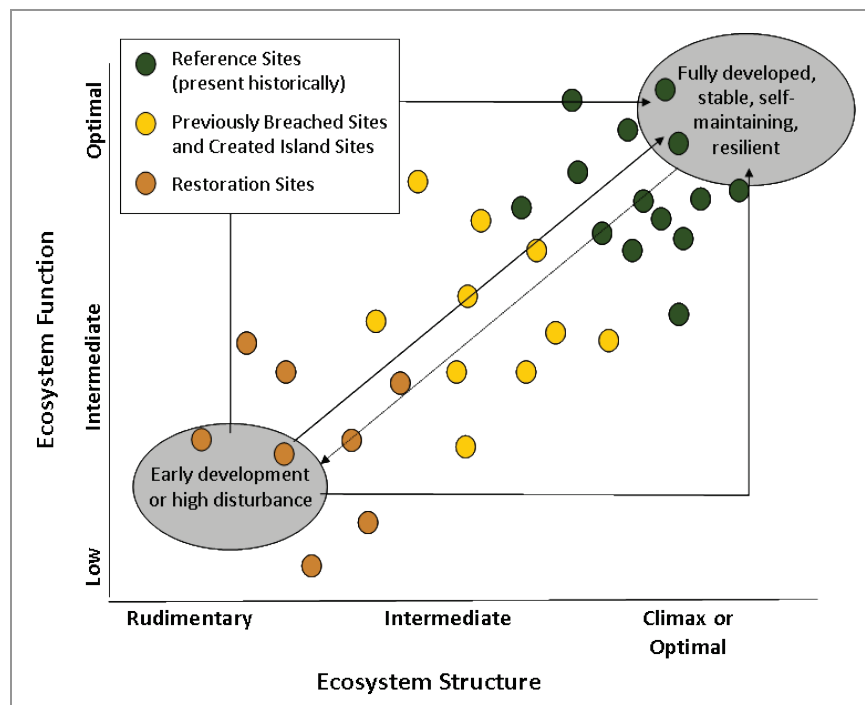


Figure 2. Matrix showing restoration trajectories and hypothetical location of reference sites (Thom et al., 2011 as adapted from Thom 1997).

The reference sites are distributed throughout the Estuary and intended to represent habitats in each of the eight hydrogeomorphic reaches defined by the Columbia River Estuary Ecosystem Classification System (Leary et al., 2005) (Table 1). Sites were selected to represent different settings in each reach, for example, islands, the mainland, tributaries, sloughs, and alongside channels (Figure 3).

Table 1. Distribution of sites in hydrogeomorphic reaches of the LCRE.

Reach	Total number of potential sites identified in 2007	Number of sites included in this study (2007-2010)
A	15	7
B	32	9
C	21	10
D	6	2
E	7	4
F	13	4
G	15	4
H	11	3

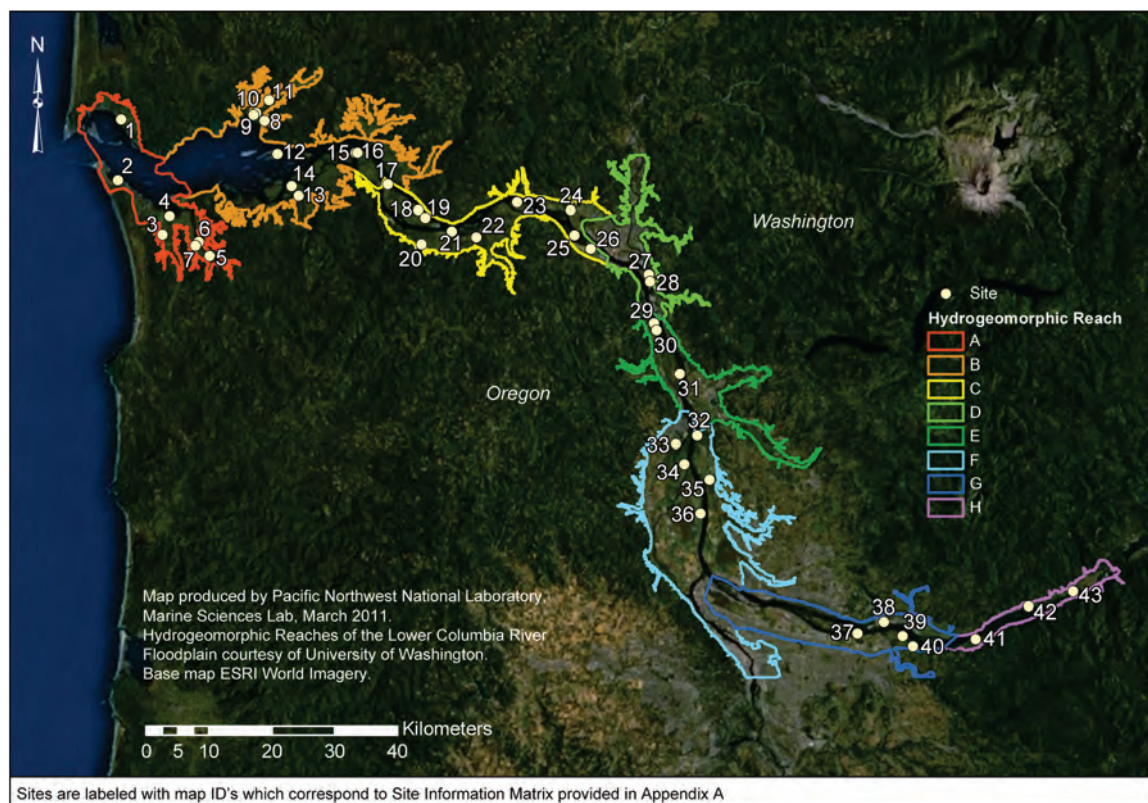


Figure 3. Location of study sites and hydrogeomorphic reaches in the study area. The site numbers correspond to the Map ID in Table 2 and in the Site Monitoring Matrix in Appendix A.

2.3 Study Sites

Forty-three sites, sampled from 2007 to 2010, are discussed in this report (Table 2). Each site was given a code, which will be used throughout the rest of the report. In general, the first two letters of the code represent the site initials and the last letter designates the type of site. For example, CCR represents the Coal Creek Riparian site. The type designations are as follows:

- S Swamp (a forested evergreen tree dominated wetland)
- Shrub (shrub dominated wetland)
- R Riparian (a forested deciduous tree dominated wetland)
- M Historical marsh (an herbaceous, emergent wetland present on historical maps from the 1880s²)
- B Previously diked marsh (breached accidentally or for restoration more than 10 years ago)
- C Created marsh (from dredged material placement).

² Historical maps for the Columbia River are available online at: <http://historicalcharts.noaa.gov/> and were recently georeferenced and digitized (Burke 2010).

The forested wetlands surveyed in this study were present historically. According to Franklin and Dyrness (1988), “tideland spruce” border tidal flats and channels throughout the Pacific Northwest coast, including the Columbia River to rkm 64. Tideland spruce were historically abundant below Puget Island (rkm 61), however, the area of these swamps was reduced by 77% between 1870 and 1980 (Thomas 1983). Deciduous dominated forested wetlands have likely been reduced on the mainland due to diking and development, however a gain in these wetlands is likely to have occurred on the created islands in the River. Shrub dominated wetlands represent a successional stage between emergent wetlands and forested wetlands. These wetland types were not distinguished in the historical estimates of wetland cover and were likely included in the forested wetland category. Like the deciduous dominated wetlands, these areas are not common and are present primarily in remnant un-diked areas and on islands.

The term historical marshes is used to describe tidal wetlands with emergent marsh vegetation that were found in locations present on historical maps of the estuary from the 1880’s and that have never been diked. Emergent marshes occurred historically throughout the surge plain of the Columbia River estuary. Thomas (1983) estimated the historical extent of tidal marshes from the mouth to just past Puget Island (rkm 77) to be 6,500 ha. By 1980, nearly half of this coverage was lost.

The term created marshes refers to wetland areas that were not present historically, based on evaluation of the earliest maps from the late 1800’s. For example, Figure 4 shows the location of the shoreline of Sandy Island on the 1877 map compared to the present day (2005) shoreline. Today, the island is larger and includes two emergent marsh areas that were not present historically. The increase in area is likely due to the installation of pile dikes and placement of dredge material (Trask & Associates, unpublished data).



Figure 4. Aerial image with historical shoreline (1877) overlaid in orange

Created sites are being included in the current study to provide a point along the ecological and temporal trajectory (Figure 2) for comparison to historical emergent wetlands to provide a means of evaluating habitat creation sites.

The previously breached marshes were studied in coordination with the Cumulative Effects of Restoration project (CE) as a means of placing these “restored” sites in context with other restoration projects. For this study, they also provide context for comparison along an ecological and temporal trajectory toward reference conditions (Figure 2). Dikes were built throughout the Columbia River estuary (CRE) floodplain starting in the 1890s with approximately 99,000 acres diked by 1948 (Christy and Putera 1993). Some dikes have been breached naturally because of flooding and storm damage, while a few have been purposefully breached for restoration. Many accidental breaches are repaired, however, a few have remained open to tidal flow and provide an opportunity to observe change in conditions over time. Assuming that the time of breaching can be approximated, then the estimated time since “restoration” can be determined and the site compared to other non-diked systems. The previously breached sites are all emergent marshes located in the lower part of the estuary.

Most of the sites are tidal freshwater wetlands, however, a few sites in Reach A are brackish.. A full list of the sites, the monitoring metrics, and schedule are provided in Appendix A. Data summaries for each site are provided in Appendix B.

Table 2. Characteristics of 43 sites monitored between 2007-2010³.

Site Name	Site Code	Wetland Type	Wetland History	River kilometer (rkm)	Reach	Map ID	Monitoring Year
Chinook	CHM	marsh	historical	12	A	1	2009
Trestle Bay	TBB	marsh	breach	12	A	2	2008
Fort Clatsop	FCB	marsh	breach	19	A	3	2008
Lewis and Clark River mouth	LCM	marsh	historical	20	A	4	2009
Cooperage Slough	CSM	marsh	historical	23	A	5	2007
Grant Island	GIM	marsh	historical	23	A	6	2009
Haven Island	HIB	marsh	breach	23	A	7	2009
Crooked Creek	CCS	swamp	historical	37	B	8	2008
Secret River	SRM	marsh	historical	37	B	9	2008
Secret River	SRS	swamp	historical	37	B	10	2008
Seal Slough	SSS	swamp	historical	37	B	11	2009
Miller Sands	MSC	marsh	created	39	B	12	2009
Karlson Island	KIS	swamp	historical	40	B	13	2008
Karlson Island	KIB	marsh	breach	41	B	14	2008
Welch Island	WIM	marsh	historical	53	B	15	2008
Welch Island	WIS	shrub	historical	53	B	16	2009
Ryan Island	RIM	marsh	historical	61	C	17	2009
Jackson Island	JIC	marsh	created	71	C	18	2010
Whites Island	WHC	marsh	created	72	C	19	2010
Westport Slough	WSS	shrub	historical	73	C	20	2010
Wallace Island	WAC	marsh	created	77	C	21	2010
Clatskanie River	CRM	marsh	historical	80	C	22	2009
Gull Island	GUC	marsh	created	89	C	23	2009
Coal Creek Slough	CCR	riparian	historical	98	C	24	2009
Lord Island 2	LI2	marsh	created	100	C	25	2009
Dibblee Slough	DSC	marsh	created	104	C	26	2005,10
Cottonwood Island 1	CI1	marsh	created	113	D	27	2010
Cottonwood Island 2	CI2	marsh	created	114	D	28	2010
Sandy Island 1	SI1	marsh	created	121	E	29	2007
Sandy Island 2	SI2	marsh	created	123	E	30	2007
Goat Island	GIC	marsh	created	131	E	31	2009
Gee Creek	GCR	riparian	historical	141	E	32	2010
Scappoose Bay	SBM	marsh	historical	143	F	33	2010
Cunningham Lake	CLM	marsh	historical	145	F	34	2010
Campbell Slough	CS1	marsh	historical	149	F	35	2010
Sauvie Slough (Willow Bar)	SSC	marsh	created	154	F	36	2005,10
McGuire Island	MIC	marsh	created	190	G	37	2006
Washougal River mouth	WRM	marsh	historical	195	G	38	2010
Old Sandy River mouth	OSM	marsh	historical	198	G	39	2007
Chattham Island	CIC	marsh	created	201	G	40	2006
Sand Island (Rooster Rock)	SIM	marsh	historical	211	H	41	2008
Franz Lake	FLM	marsh	historical	221	H	42	2009
Pierce Island	PIM	marsh	historical	228	H	43	2008

³ Two sites (26 - Dibblee Slough and 36 - Sauvie Slough) were originally monitored in 2005 as part of the EM study. Additional metrics were monitored in 2010 to conform to the design of the present study.

2.4 Sampling Metrics

All sampling occurred in the summer between the end of June and mid August to capture the vegetation during peak biomass and during low daytime tides to facilitate in-channel work. In general, data collection was conducted as outlined in the Protocols for Monitoring Habitat Restoration Projects in the Lower Columbia River and Estuary ("Protocols;" Roegner et al., 2009). Specific methods are discussed below.

2.4.1 Sediment Characterization

Sediment cores were collected at each site in the channel and from the marsh/swamp plain. These samples were analyzed for grain size and total organic carbon (TOC) content by Columbia Analytical Services, Kelso, Washington. Sediment cores from sites monitored under the Ecosystem Monitoring program are included in this report.

2.4.2 Accretion Rate

Sedimentation stakes used in this study and described in the Protocols, are simply PVC stakes separated by one meter where the distance from the plane at the top of the stakes to the sediment surface is measured as accurately as possible every 10 cm along the one meter distance. The stakes are deployed during the summer and measured one year later to evaluate the change in surface elevation over the year. Stakes were placed at 40 reference sites; however, environmental issues in the field beyond our control precluded the use of eight sets.



Figure 5. Measuring sediment accretion using PVC stakes.

2.4.3 Vegetation Assemblage

Vegetation was sampled in all habitat types. Necessarily, different methods were used at emergent marsh sites, shrub wetland sites, and forested wetland sites.

Emergent marsh vegetation species composition and percent cover were assessed according to the Protocols using a systematic, random sampling design. Transects were established at equal intervals along an established 'baseline' with a random start point. Sample plots were also spaced equally on each transect with a randomly selected starting point. At each sample plot, percent cover by species was estimated in a 1-m² quadrat using 5% increments. In addition, descriptive information about the site was collected in field notes where possible to complement the vegetation monitoring. Vegetation mapping of broad plant communities was conducted at some sites, where feasible, using a handheld GPS unit (GeoXT, Trimble, Sunnyvale, California).

For forested and shrub wetland sites, a systematic sampling design from a random start, similar to that for emergent marshes, was used to establish transects. The length of the tidal channel to be sampled was determined and a random number was generated as the start point for placement of

the first transect. Remaining transects were located parallel to the first and systematically spaced. Transects crossed the channel, encompassing the riparian area on both sides (50 m) and submerged aquatic vegetation within the channels, which were sampled at low tide. Along each transect, tree, shrub, and herb plots were systematically placed as follows:

Trees: 10-m diameter circular plots with 15-m spacing between plot centers starting 10 m from the bank of the channel.

Shrubs: 1-m by 10-m belts within the tree plot at a random subset of the tree plots, or placed at regular intervals from a random start along the transects for the shrub-only sites.

Herbs: 1-m² plots from a random start at 10 m intervals on each transect (similar to the method for herbaceous cover in emergent marshes), including the channel.

Species cover was determined using the following techniques:

Trees: A 10-m tape was placed perpendicular to the transect tape to delineate the 10-m diameter tree plot with “crosshairs.” All trees in the plot were identified to species and diameter at breast height (dbh) measured with a dbh tape.

Shrubs: A 10-m tape was placed perpendicular to the transect tape to delineate a 1-m by 10-m “belt” across the tree plot. All shrubs that were rooted within the belt were identified to species and the number of stems were counted by size class. Percent cover of the shrub layer was estimated for each 1 x 10 m plot by visually estimating the cover in 5% increments for each half of the plot (1 x 5 m).

Herbs: The percent cover of the herbaceous layer was estimated in 1-m² plots as described for emergent marsh sampling above.

In 2008, an assessment of existing reference site datasets throughout the estuary was conducted to determine the appropriate sample size for different types of vegetation communities (Diefenderfer et al. 2006; Borde et al. 2008a; John Skalski⁴, personal communication 6/20/2008). The following sample sizes (i.e., number of replicate samples) were determined based on this assessment:

Emergent marshes:	Herbs	20-30
Forested wetlands:	Trees	30
	Shrubs	6
	Herbs	42

The sample size necessary to adequately represent the site corresponds to the diversity of the plant communities (Tiner 1999), which can vary greatly in freshwater marsh ecosystems. Therefore, final determination of sample size in the marshes was made on site. In general, the sample size exceeded the numbers recommended above to ensure adequate sampling was accomplished. In particular, the number of shrub plots was increased to at least nine to ensure representation of a greater proportion of biodiversity.

⁴ John Skalski, PhD, Professor of Biological Statistics, University of Washington

2.4.4 Elevation

At each site, a benchmark was used to reference all survey data. An established local benchmark was used if one could be located and a Trimble real-time kinematic global positioning system (RTK) base receiver was set up over the benchmark and the coordinates were entered into the system. If an existing benchmark was not available, then a temporary benchmark was established. In this case, a Trimble base receiver was set up at or near the site and GPS data were logged over a 4 – 6 hour period. The data were then sent to an automated Online Positioning User Service (OPUS) provided by National Geodetic Survey (NGS). The OPUS data provides a Root Mean Squared (RMS) value for each set of static data collected by the base receiver. The RMS is the circular positional error around a point. RMS is an indicator of the random error associated with each surveyed point. Elevation data collected with the roving collection unit was corrected using the post-processed base receiver data. Data collected from the RTK were processed using Trimble Geomatics Office (TGO) software. Each survey was imported and reviewed. Points collected that have a high RMS value were flagged by the processing software and were manually removed from the survey, after which the survey was exported in a GIS shapefile format. The surveys were visually checked within TGO and GIS software for validity.

Sources of error from these RTK methods include: 1) Low satellite coverage, 2) OPUS processing errors, and 3) multipath errors. Error estimates associated with the RTK data have been made and on average equate to approximately ± 4 cm. Further analysis of our data is underway to evaluate spatial and temporal variation in the elevation data.

In some cases, data were collected using the auto-level method. These data were entered into a spreadsheet and corrected using the RTK reference point elevations exported from TGO. All elevation surveys are referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).



Figure 6. RTK base receiver set up near a study site to collect static data for the temporary benchmark used at the study site.

Elevation data were collected for the following locations:

- 1) a temporary benchmark (if created)
- 2) reference points (if necessary for auto-level use)
- 3) vegetation sample locations
- 4) longitudinal vegetation and elevation surveys
- 5) water level sensors
- 6) sediment accretion stakes
- 7) channel cross-sections.

Surveys were completed using only the RTK at most marsh sites where overhead vegetation did not block satellite acquisition, while a combination of RTK and auto-level methods were needed at swamp sites where large trees and shrubs frequently block satellites. If tree cover did not permit RTK use then a temporary reference point was established with the RTK rover in a nearby location where more satellite signals were available. The auto-level was set up in a location with line-of-sight to both the reference point and the area(s) to be surveyed. Two methods were used to determine elevation of vegetation species; in marshes, vegetation plots were surveyed, and in swamps, individual species were surveyed along a subset of transects. Efforts were made to measure individual species in multiple locations to capture their upper and lower ranges and to ensure elevations of all species in the sample area were captured.

2.4.5 Channel Morphology

Channel cross sections were measured to characterize the primary tidal channel at each site. If possible, five channel cross-sections from the mouth of a main marsh channel to the upper extent were surveyed; intermediate cross-section surveys were conducted above the confluence of major secondary channels or equidistant along the channel if appropriate, as recommended by the Oregon Coastal Hydrogeomorphic (HGM) Assessment Method (Adamus 2005).

Elevations were measured with an RTK at each point or feature of a channel cross-section. Alternatively, the RTK rover was used to determine the elevation of the end post(s) of the cross section and an auto-level and stadia rod were used to measure elevations relative to the end posts.



Figure 7. Surveying a channel cross section at a swamp site using auto level and stadia rod.

2.4.6 Hydrology

We used *in situ* water level loggers (HOBO U20 Water Level Logger, Onset Computer Corporation, Bourne, Massachusetts) to measure water level and temperature at the monitoring sites. The accuracy of these sensors is estimated to be approximately 2 cm. The sensors were deployed during the summer months and were retrieved one year later. At the time of deployment and retrieval, the distance from the sensor to the top of the post and the water level above the sensor were measured for elevation correction and calibration. The top of the post was surveyed as described in the Elevation section above to convert the relative water levels to elevations relative to NAVD88.

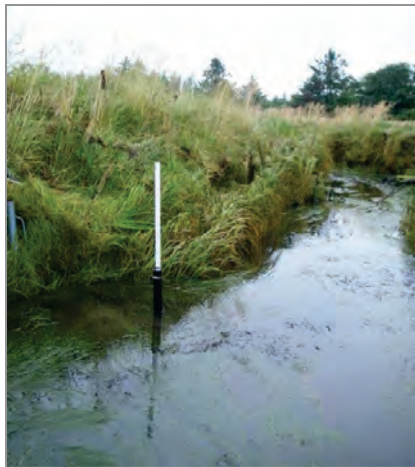


Figure 8. Water level sensor deployed in channel at marsh site.

Thirty-nine water level loggers were deployed at the study sites; however, four either failed or were displaced during the deployment period. When a sensor was located within one kilometer of a study site, data from the nearby sensor was used for inundation calculations. This occurred when only one sensor was deployed in a region or when one of the proximal sensors failed.

2.5 GIS Analysis

River kilometer (rkm) was established for each site using a river mile GIS data layer from USGS as the starting point. The river mile attributes for the points were converted to kilometers and then a channel midline was created by connecting the points. Next, a route tool was used to create a point at every kilometer along the midline. Rkm was established for each site based on proximity to point from the next GIS layer. If the point was off not in the Columbia River, i.e. up a tributary, the center point of the confluence of the Columbia and the tributary was used for the proximity comparison.

Distance from main channel was determined for each site based on the following criteria:

1. Sites sharing a boundary with either the Columbia River or a bay (e.g. Grays Bay) were considered to have a distance of 0 km from the main channel.
2. Sites on a side channel of the River (e.g., channel between an island and the mainland) were also considered to have a distance of 0 km from the main channel.

If neither of the above criteria were satisfied then distance from the main channel was determined by creating a line feature in GIS from the closest sampling area within the site to the water body considered the main-channel (as defined above).

Channel length, distances between channel cross sections, and site area were delineated using GIS software (ArcGIS 9.3, ESRI, Redlands, CA). The channel metrics were delineated using the 2005 LIDAR and 2009 National Agricultural Image Program (NAIP) imagery to define the location and extent of the primary tidal channel at each site. Channel distances were calculated using a route definition tool.

The site areas were also defined using the 2005 LIDAR to delineate topographic/hydrologic boundaries and the 2005 and 2009 NAIP imagery to define vegetation boundaries. A “site” was defined as the area surrounding the primary tidal channel where the monitoring was conducted. In

many cases, the area of emergent wetland may have extended beyond these boundaries; however, this definition provided a consistent delineation between sites.

Site study area is an attribute characterizing the specific area at each site that was monitored. At forested sites this was calculated as the area directly surrounding the vegetation sampling transects. At sites which included GPS mapping as part of the monitoring the area of the polygons created from that effort was used to calculate the site study area.

Data from the GPS mapping effort were downloaded and post-processed using Trimble's Pathfinder Office software. The files created were moved into a GIS and polygons were created from the lines and points collected in the field. Vegetation community attributes were created by associating field determined attributes with the polygons. The resulting polygons were used as a base layer in site maps created for each site.

2.6 Data Analysis

2.6.1 Sediment Accretion Rate

The 11 measurements collected at the accretion stakes are averaged. The average of measurements collected in the second year of collection is subtracted from the average of measurements collected in the first year. A positive value indicates accretion occurred at the site while a negative value indicates erosion.

2.6.2 Vegetation

Average percent cover was calculated for each herbaceous species identified at a site along with bare ground and litter/wrack. At forested sites, stem density was also calculated for all tree and shrub species. Basal area was calculated for tree species. Species were identified as either native or non-native using sources such as the USDA plant database. Species richness was separated into native and non-native species and a count of each type was provided for each site.

2.6.3 Elevation

In marsh systems, elevation data for each vegetation plot was applied to the plant species sampled in the plot. The average, minimum, and maximum elevation was calculated for each species. In the swamp systems, average elevations for each species were calculated. Cross section data and water level data were corrected to real (not relative) elevations. To make information more comparable between sites and relative all elevation data were converted to Columbia River Datum (CRD) or Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). The CRD is a fixed low water which we applied to our sites using the CRD/MLLW conversion information from tidal benchmark data provided by NOAA. The data was used to create a GIS data layer. This layer was overlaid on the rkm data and conversion values were interpolated between known values to create a conversion factor for each rkm. This conversion factor could then be applied to all elevation data collected at a site by looking up the conversion factor by the rkm established for the site.

Vegetation community elevation boundaries were determined at some sites by collecting elevation data as part of a longitudinal transect across the site and perpendicular to the elevation gradient. At each boundary between vegetation communities an elevation point was collected and

relevant species noted. This data was later overlaid on the vegetation mapping data and compared to the vegetation plot data to determine the overall elevation boundaries of the vegetation communities at each site.

2.6.4 Channel Morphology

Channel width and area were calculated by first determining the top of bank and thalweg for each cross section. This was based on field notes and evaluation of the data. The top of bank was then used to determine the width of the channel, which was used as the upper plane to calculate the area of the cross section and the depth of the channel. Channel slope is calculated from the difference between the upper and lower channel thalweg elevations divided by the distance along the channel between the two cross sections.

2.6.5 Hydrology

Inundation times were calculated for the wetland surface and channels. In the channels, the calculation included the time that the water level was greater than 15 cm in the channel and greater than the elevation of top of the bank at each cross section. These attributes were selected as those important for fish access to the channel and the wetland edge. Similarly, inundation of the wetland surface was calculated for the time the water level was greater than the average and range of elevations at the site. In forested wetlands, the average elevations for the herbaceous, shrub, and tree layers were evaluated separately. The inundation periods were calculated for one year of deployment and for the growing season. The growing season was based on the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) wetland determination (WETS) table for Clark County, WA (NRCS 2002), which provides the average length of the growing season based on 30 years of climate data. The most conservative estimate of season length was used, based on the dates when the temperature is above 32° Fahrenheit for 15 out of the 30 years, and was 22 April through 12 October. The frequency of inundation during the growing season was also limited to daylight hours (between 0900 and 1700) in order to better evaluate the effect of inundation on plants

We developed a graph that combines hydrology data with vegetation community elevation boundaries (see above elevation section). Inundation time was calculated at each site for every 10 centimeters between 0 m and 4.5m. These values were then plotted against elevation. The vegetation community boundaries were added to this graph showing the relationship between inundation and the vegetation communities at each site.

Sum exceedance value (SEV) is a metric that combines magnitude and duration of inundation at a site into a single value that represents the cumulative inundation over time. For this analysis, the period had to be exactly the same length to allow comparison between sites, therefore, the 1-year and growing season periods were necessarily decreased by removing the dates between June 22 and August 19. The dates removed reflect a gap in water level data at some sites when sensor was removed before an entire year of data was collected. Following work conducted in the US and in Europe (Gowing et al., 2002; Simon et al., 2007; Araya et al., 2010) we calculated the SEV using the following equation:

$$SEV = \sum_{i=1}^n (d_{elev})$$

where n is the number of days present in the growing season, d_{elev} is the daily average water level elevation above the average marsh elevation. The SEV was calculated for each site relative to average vegetation elevation and a standard elevation value. The average elevation at each site was calculated by averaging the elevations taken at each vegetation plot within the sampling area. The standard elevation value was created by averaging all site average elevations. The SEV unit is meters of water per year or per growing season.

3.0 Results

The research results described below augment the existing descriptions (Christy and Putera 1993, Kunze 1994, Christy 2004, Christy and Brophy 2007) of brackish and tidal freshwater wetland ecology for the LCRE by providing quantitative measures of both plant community composition and ecological processes (e.g., hydrological patterns and sediment accretion/erosion rates) suitable for use as restoration objectives. Additionally, the results provide ranges of the variability in channel area, and elevations of plant species relative to inundation levels, in order to inform restoration project design. Taken together, the data on community composition, species cover, elevation, inundation, channel cross section morphology, and sediment accretion rate provide descriptors of “model” habitats that can be used as targets for shallow water habitat restoration projects.

Tidal wetland communities in the LCRE can be divided into four broad hydrologic categories following the classification of Kunze (1994) and as described in the Study Area section of this report (Section 2.1). Within these broad hydrologic categories, habitat types are each comprised of differing community compositions and dominant vegetation species depending on the factors controlling their distribution (e.g., hydrology, elevation, substrate, seed sources, etc.). These habitat types are organized here following Cowardin et al. (1979), which are further divided by vegetation type and/or historical information, as follows:

- Estuarine Forested Wetlands
 - Evergreen (Swamps)
 - Deciduous (Riparian)
- Estuarine Shrub Wetlands
- Estuarine Emergent Wetlands (Marshes)
 - Historical
 - Created
 - Previously Diked

3.1 Site Summaries

To encourage and facilitate access to data from specific reference sites by restoration managers, data are presented as “Reference Site Summaries” (Appendix B). This section is meant to be a guide to the data presented in the Summaries and follows the same order as that within the Summaries, as follows: Site Description, Elevation, Vegetation, Inundation, Sediment, and Channels.

3.1.1 General Information

The Summaries are a succinct reference providing ranges of structural metrics measured at relatively undisturbed wetland reference sites in the lower Columbia River and estuary (LCRE). They are presented in order by river kilometer (rkm) from the mouth to Bonneville dam (rkm 235). The following terms are used in the Summaries and are defined here for clarity:

Site – refers to the whole area defined by the site boundary indicated on the site maps.

Study Area – refers to monitored areas at each site, including vegetation sampling and mapping, cross sections, depth sensor, photo points and sediment accretion stakes. At some locations, where the channel length was extensive, the cross sections extend outside the primary study area.

Monitoring Locations – points located throughout the study area. These points are indicated on the site maps.

3.1.2 Site Description

Within the Summaries, this section provides general physical and spatial information about the following characteristics of each site.

Hydrogeomorphic reach classification is a GIS classification of the lower Columbia River and estuary developed by the University of Washington. As the name implies, this classification is based on hydrologic and geomorphic differences in the LCRE and is lettered A (at the mouth) through H below Bonneville Dam.

Coordinates are provided for each site in the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection relative to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) in meters. This projection is preferred because it eliminates differences between the states and is easy to use in field work.

Distance from Columbia River mouth is the distance in kilometers along the Columbia River. This value does not include the distance off the main channel, such as up a tributary or slough.

Distance from main channel of the Columbia River is the distance from the site, along the water to the main channel of the river; the main channel definition includes bays and side channels.

Type refers to the wetland classification. Type is determined based on vegetation community and history of the site. Categories are:

- Swamp – forested wetlands in the coastal zone of the River (to approximately rkm 75) dominated by conifers, especially Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*)
- Riparian Wetland – forested wetlands along the fluvial dominated portion of the LCRE dominated by deciduous trees such as cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera*) and Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*)
- Shrub Wetland – shrub dominated wetlands with few trees
- Marsh – emergent wetlands that were present on historical maps from the 1880s
- Created Marsh – marshes that were not present on the historical maps from the 1880s and are primarily created from the placement of dredge material over the past 100 yrs
- Previously Breached Marsh – marshes that have formerly been diked, but the dike was breached either by natural causes or by restoration actions

Total site area is the area within the Site Boundary represented in orange on the site overview map.

Study area encompasses the area that is covered by the vegetation mapping, if conducted at the site, or is the area that includes all the monitoring locations.

Total channel length is the length of the primary channel running through the site (if there is one) and is depicted by a blue line on the site overview map.

Channel surveyed is the length of the channel from to mouth of the channel to the upper-most surveyed cross section and is depicted by a yellow line on the site overview map.

Channel slope (or gradient) is calculated from the difference between the upper and lower channel thalweg elevations divided by the distance along the channel between the two cross sections.

The **site map** includes the vegetation community map (if mapping was done at the site), the monitoring locations, a site overview map, and a river/estuary map showing the location of the site on the River (Figure 9).

Site information is provided, including a brief disturbance history as well as information on ownership and general physical features.

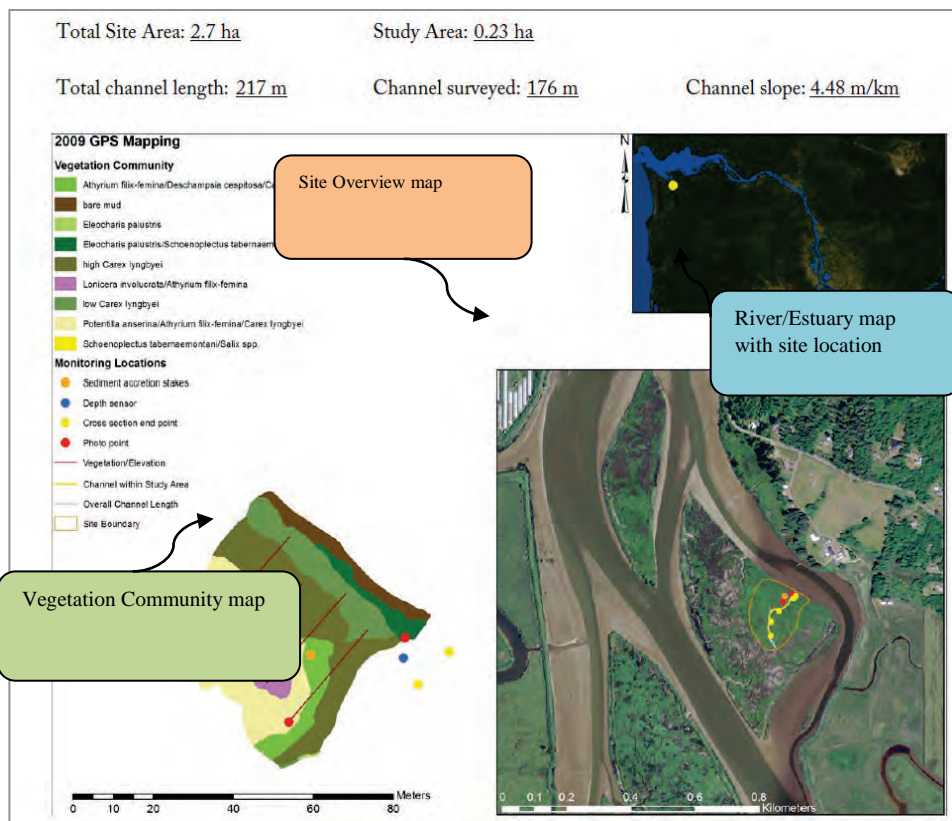


Figure 9. Example of the maps provided in the Site Summaries.

3.1.3 Elevation

Elevation, for most of the sites, is listed in meters relative to Columbia River Datum (CRD). At tributary sites, the CRD is not applicable, so the elevations at these sites are provided in meters relative to the North American Vertical Datum 1988 (NAVD88). Main stem sites below rkm 35 have no CRD conversion, therefore elevations were converted Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Elevations for the lowest and highest wetland areas found at the site are provided in both NAVD88 and CRD/MLLW, where applicable. Elevation ranges are also shown for each sampled vegetation species on the graph in the vegetation section (Figure 10)

3.1.4 Vegetation

Native and non-native species counts and cover data are summarized in this section. The graph provides the average percent cover for all of the species found within the vegetation sampling area and their average elevation (elevation range shown as the error bars on the graph) (Figure 10). For shrub and tree sites, information on density is also included. Species codes were used, which are the first two letters of the genus and first two of the species. A species list that defines the codes is provided in Appendix C.

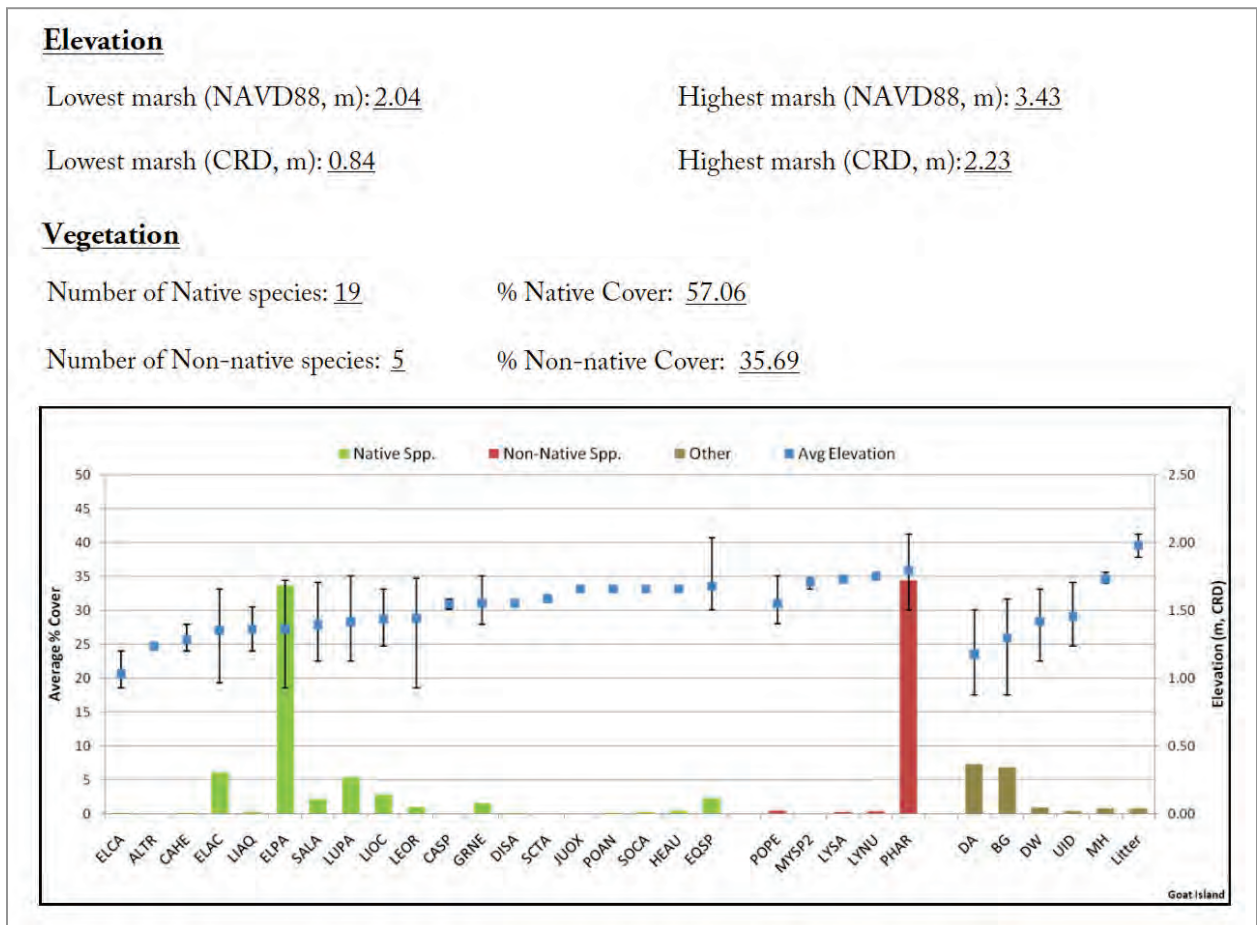


Figure 10. Example of summarized vegetation and elevation data from the Site Summaries.

3.1.5 Inundation

This section includes the results of hydrologic data analysis as related to elevation and vegetation at the sites where we deployed water level sensors (Figure 11). As part of this analysis, we calculated inundation in two ways:

1. The Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)
2. Percent of time inundated

Sum Exceedance Value (SEV) encompasses magnitude and timing of inundation and provides a means to evaluate differences in water regimes on vegetation communities. The SEV is calculated during a time period defined as a Modified Growing Season, which has been developed to be a standard period of time so that calculations at all the sites are comparable. It is based on the growing season for wetlands in Clark County, Washington, with two summer months removed due to differences in sensor deployment and retrieval dates.

The SEVs are calculated at the following relevant elevations for each site:

- The “Standard” (**Std**) elevation is the average elevation of all 43 sites and is used for comparing the SEVs throughout the estuary.
- The **Average elev** is the average elevation of the vegetation sampling area for the broad vegetation community at the site (e.g., marsh, herb, shrub, and tree).

The hydrograph shows the water level data collected at the site over a 1-year period (or less if a year was not available). The red line across the graph represents the average site elevation.

The inundation graph shows **Percent Time Inundated** over the range of elevations found at the site regardless of vegetation. Colored dots with droplines mark the elevation boundaries of major vegetation communities found at the site. Vegetation communities are listed by species code in a color matching the color of the dots. Tree communities only have a lower boundary because they often extend beyond the range of the graph and the study area.

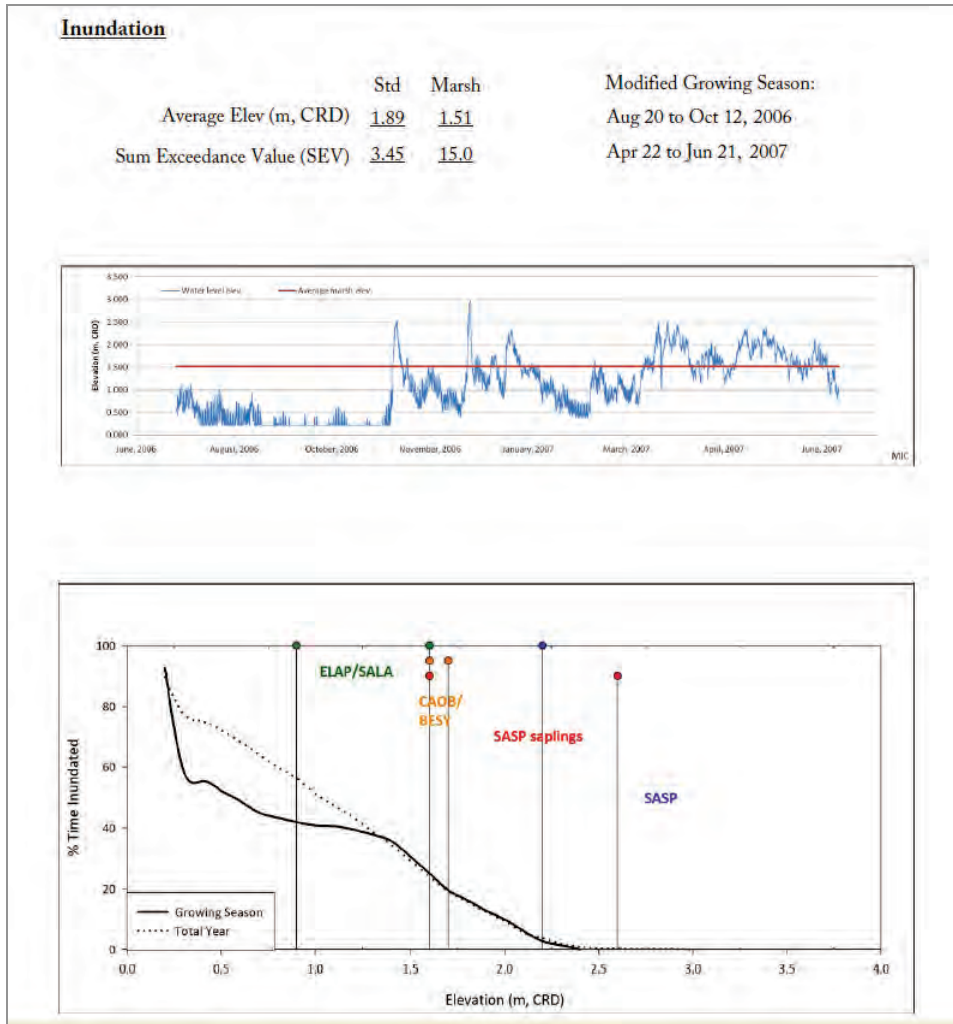


Figure 11. Example of the inundation analysis from the Site Summaries.

3.1.6 Sediment

Sediment accretion rate and elevation values of the sediment stakes are provided if stakes were deployed. Percent **total organic carbon (TOC)** and a grain size chart are included if sediment samples were taken at the site (Figure 12).

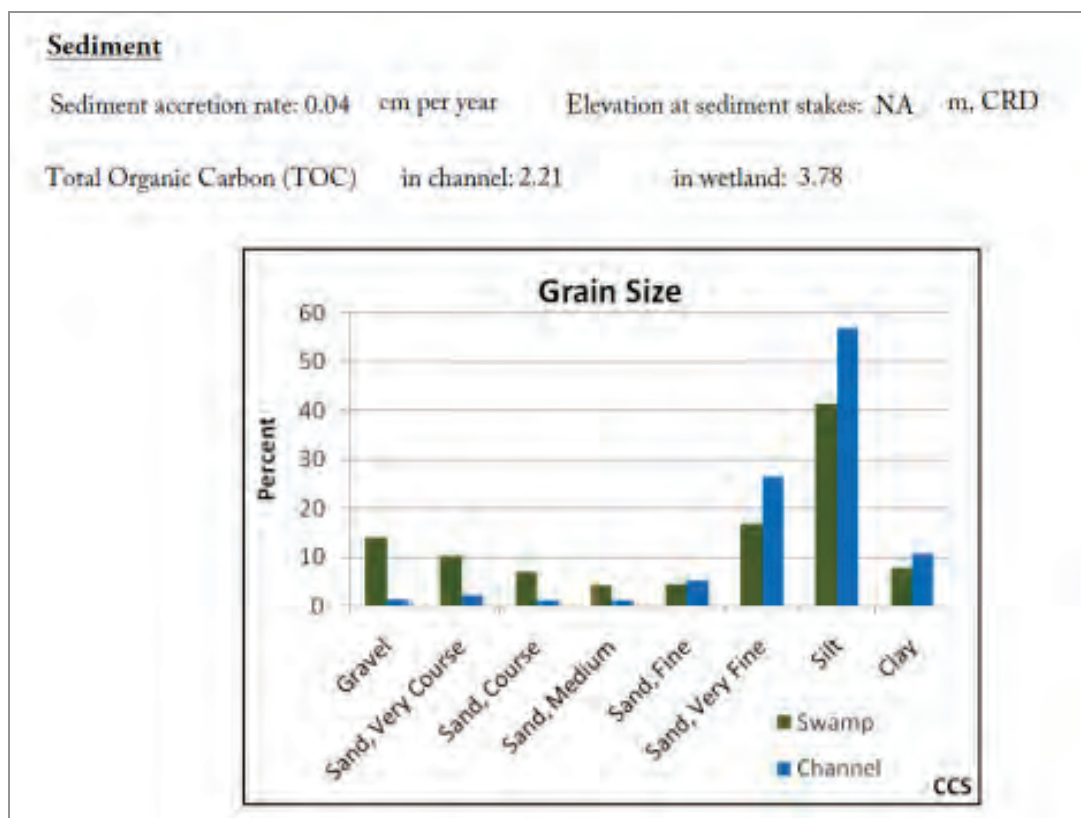


Figure 12. Example of sediment elevation and composition data from the Site Summaries.

3.1.7 Channels

Physical channel metrics for the site are given where channel data was collected (Figure 13). Channel inundation information was calculated if a depth sensor was present at or near the site and the site included a channel. **Bank elevation** and **thalweg elevation** were determined based on channel cross section data and were usually the top of the cut bank and the deepest point in the channel, respectively. **Time WL > thalweg** was calculated as the percent of time the water level was greater than the thalweg elevation +15cm; an indication of the opportunity for fish access. Likewise, the **time WL > bank** was calculated as the percent of time the water level was greater than the bank elevation as an indicator of the time would have access to the marsh edge. Both inundation times were calculated during the entire deployment period (**year**) and for the **growing season**. Future calculations should be made for a period of time representative of the peak juvenile salmon out-migration period to provide a better indication potential access time. The cross section graph is a 3D depiction of the elevations along transects perpendicular to the channel and distance up the wetland channel (Figure 13).

Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Year		Growing Season		
							Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
CCS	1 (mouth)	2.16	-0.58	2.74	31.4	18.0	6.6	100	18	100	10
	2	2.47	0.20	2.27	23.8	16.6	7.3	89	8	84	3
	3	3.20	0.76	2.44	29.5	19.3	7.9	69	0	64	0

Cross Sections

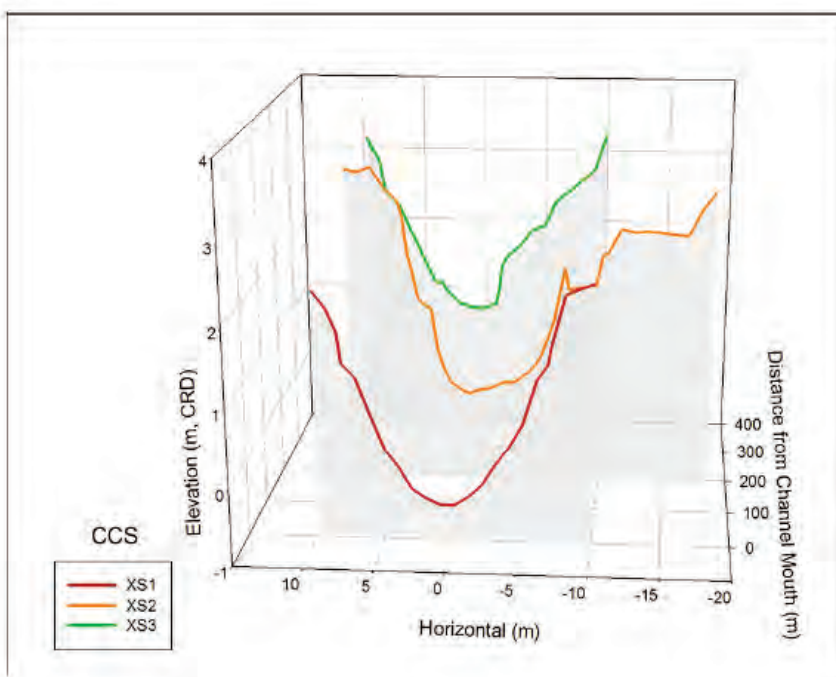


Figure 13. Example of the primary tidal channel metrics and calculation from the Site Summaries.

Results are summarized broadly in the following sections, while specific data for each site are provided in the Site Summaries at the end of this report.

3.2 Sediment

Sediment samples were taken to characterize the substrate at each site and to provide a means of comparing restoration to reference conditions. Total organic carbon and grain size were sampled at each site from the primary channel and from within the vegetated wetland area (marsh or riparian zone).

3.2.1 Sediment Accretion Rate

The change in sediment surface elevation was primarily positive (accretion) at the 32 study sites where the rate was measured. Eleven sites had accretion rates between 0 and 0.5 cm per year and 15 between 0.5 and 2.8 cm per year. Six sites had negative or erosion rates between 0 and -1.5 cm per year.

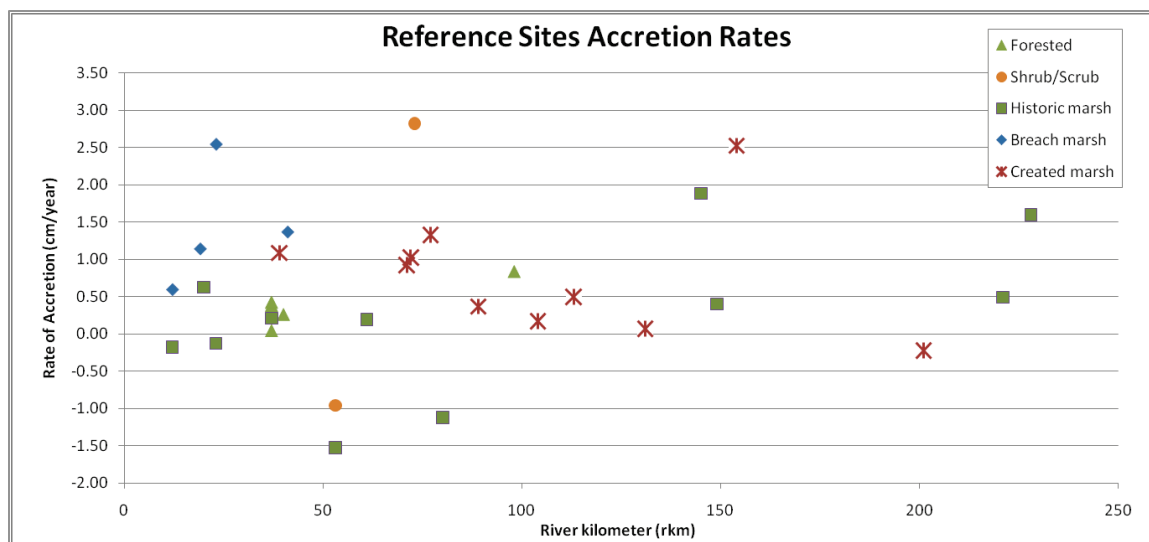


Figure 14. Sediment accretion rates for 32 reference sites monitored between 2007 and 2010. Accretion rates are shown relative to the sites position along the Columbia River (river kilometer [rkm] from the mouth).

3.2.2 Total Organic Carbon

All of the sites sampled were below the range at which they would be considered organic (<12% TOC; Mitsch and Gosselink (2000)). The historical marsh and forested sites consistently had TOC in the vegetated areas (riparian or marsh) that were greater than three percent, with most samples (14 of 22) greater than four percent. In contrast, the samples from the vegetated areas of the created sites were all below four percent (Figure 15). The previously diked sites were most similar to the historical sites in TOC content. The TOC in the channels was more highly variable, perhaps related to the amount of submerged aquatic vegetation present in these locations.

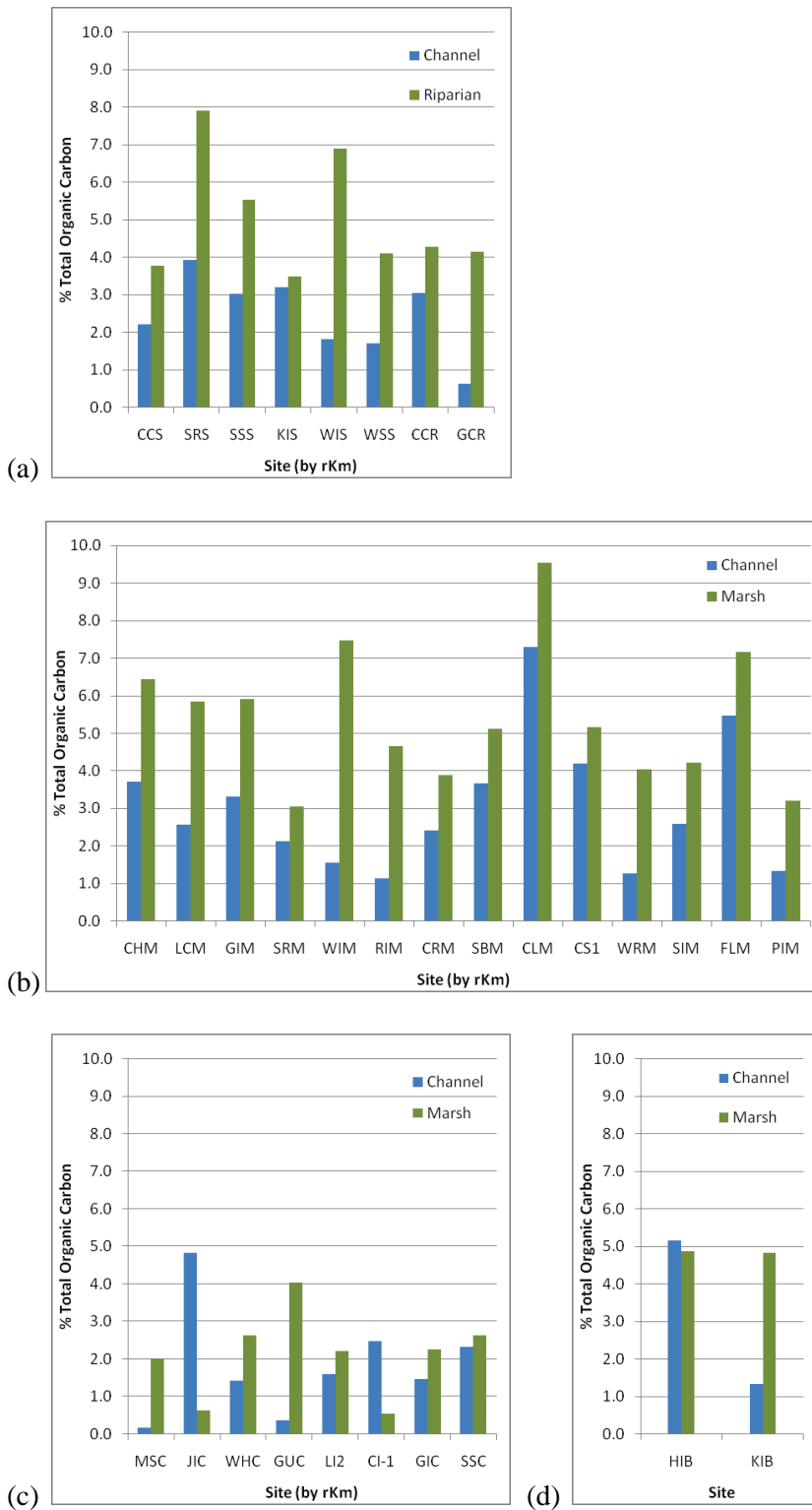


Figure 15. Total organic carbon in sediment cores taken from (a) historical forested and shrub sites (b) historical marshes (c) created marshes, and (d) previously diked sites.

3.2.3 Grain Size

All sites have predominantly silty sediment. Four of the six samples from forested sites were comprised of sandy sediments (>50 percent sand and/or gravel), the other forested and shrub sites had 15 to 20 percent sand and/or gravel in their riparian samples (Figure 16). The historical marsh sites had more sand in all samples above rkm 190, except at Franz Lake (FLM) a backwater slough (Figure 17), while the samples from the created sites had a greater sand content from sites above approximately rkm 89.

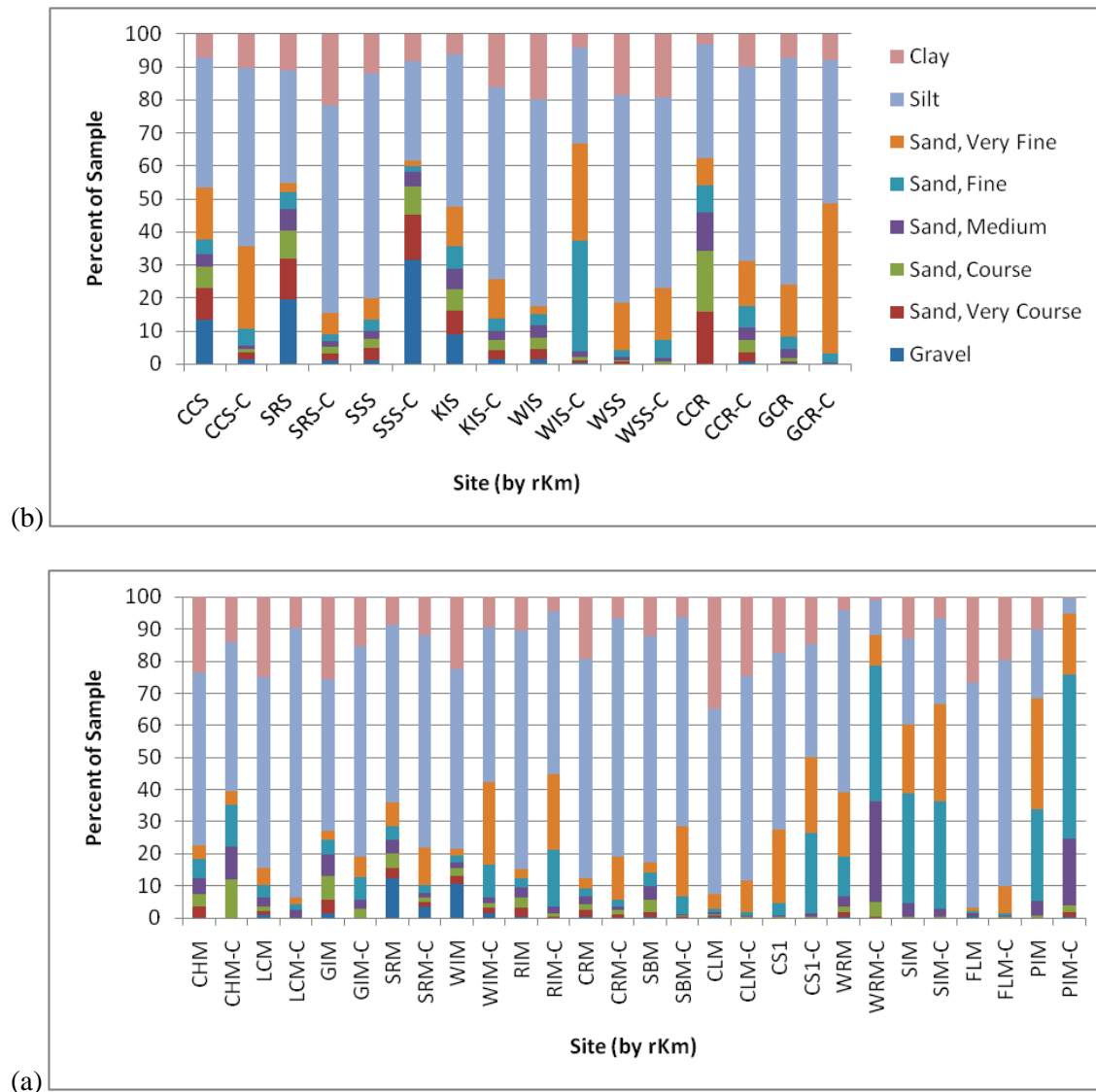


Figure 16. Grain size in sediment cores taken from (a) historical forested and shrub sites and (b) historical marsh sites.

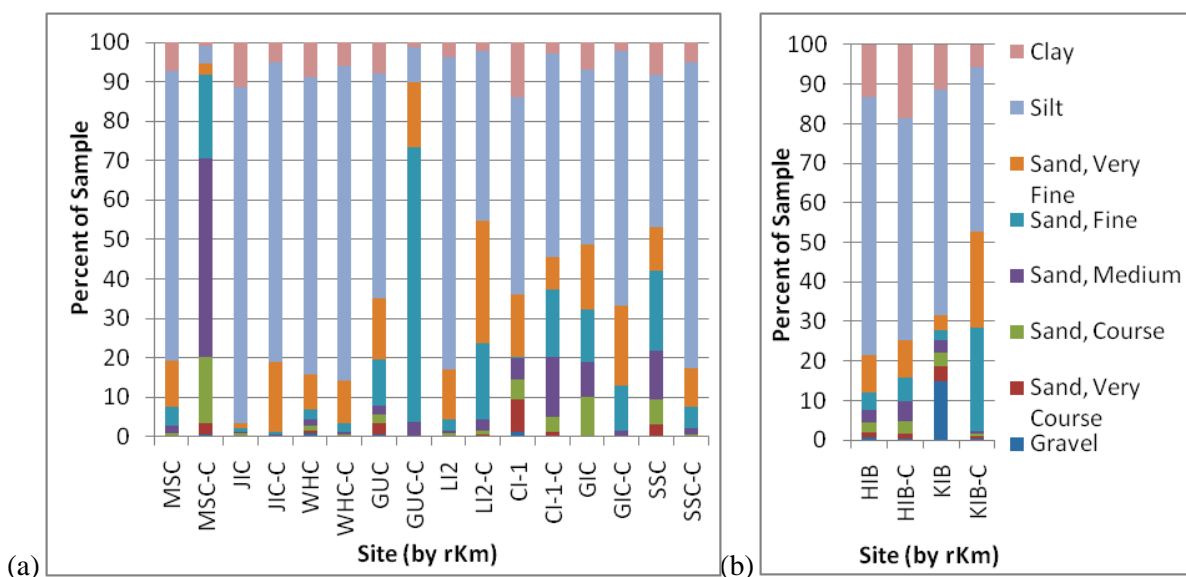


Figure 17. Grain size in sediment cores taken from (a) created and (b) previously diked marsh sites.

3.3 Vegetation

Vegetation data is provided for each community type present at each site. Species were identified to genus and species whenever possible, with nomenclature following the PLANTS database of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (<http://plants.usda.gov>). Four letter codes are used for species names, representing the first two letters of the genus and the first two letters of the species name. Plant lists for all the sites with the code, scientific name, common name, wetland indicator, and native status are located in Appendix B.

The number of species found at each site and the percent of non-native species are shown in Table 3. Forested and shrub wetlands had the highest number of species and the lowest percent cover of non-native species. In emergent marshes, non-native species cover was higher in the middle reaches of the River (rkm 53 to 154) and lower at the mouth and above rkm 154.

Table 3. Total number of species and number of non-native species found at the study sites.

Site Name	Site Code	Rkm	Total Number of Species	Number of Non-native Species	% Non-native Species	% Non-native Cover *
Forested and Shrub Sites						
Crooked Creek swamp	CCS	37	49	7	14	7
Secret River swamp	SRS	37	41	3	7	4
Seal Slough	SSS	37	50	5	10	7
Karlson Is. swamp	KIS	40	45	5	11	1
Welch Island	WIS	53	61	12	20	13
Westport Slough	WSS	73	32	1	3	7
Coal Creek Slough	CCR	98	30	2	7	14
Gee Creek	GCR	141	28	5	18	16

Site Name	Site Code	Rkm	Total Number of Species	Number of Non-native Species	% Non-native Species	% Non-native Cover *
Historical Marsh Sites						
Chinook River Low Marsh	CHM-L	12	12	1	8	0
Chinook River High Marsh	CHM-H	12	12	1	8	0
Lewis and Clark River mouth	LCM	20	21	7	33	25
Grant Island	GIM	23	25	5	20	4
Cooperage Slough	CSM	23	17	2	12	2
Secret River high marsh	SRM-H	37	26	8	31	17
Secret River low marsh	SRM-L	37	17	3	18	9
Welch Is. marsh	WIM	53	29	8	28	61
Ryan Island	RIM	61	41	13	32	54
Clatskanie River	CRM	80	30	11	37	77
Scappoose Bay	SBM	143	14	3	21	49
Cunningham Lake	CLM	145	19	5	26	59
Campbell Slough	CS1	149	25	9	36	44
Washougal River mouth	WRM	195	20	1	5	67
Old Sandy River mouth	OSM	198	38	13	34	11
Sand Is. marsh	SIM	211	13	5	38	9
Franz Lake marsh	FLM	221	17	2	12	28
Pierce Is. marsh	PIM	228	20	9	45	18
Created Marsh Sites						
Miller Sands	MSC	39	13	6	46	41
Jackson Island	JIC	71	33	6	18	23
Whites Island	WHC	72	36	11	31	65
Wallace Island	WAC	77	30	8	27	68
Gull Island	GUC	89	30	7	23	53
Lord Island 2	LI2	100	17	4	24	24
Dibblee Slough	DSC	104	20	5	25	43
Cottonwood Island 1	CI1	113	33	8	24	40
Cottonwood Island 2	CI2	114	25	6	24	32
Sandy Island 1	SI1	121	19	6	32	16
Sandy Island 2	SI2	123	20	8	40	48
Goat Island	GIC	131	24	5	21	36
Sauvie Slough (Willow Bar)	SSC	154	11	3	27	43
McGuire Island	MIC	190	21	5	24	6
Chattham Island	CIC	201	20	6	30	6
Previously Diked Marsh Sites						
Trestle Bay	TBB	12	14	4	29	2
Fort Clatsop	FCB	19	24	5	21	29
Haven Island	HIB	23	20	7	35	16
Karlson Island	KIB	41	28	8	29	48

* At forested and shrub wetland sites, the non-native cover values are only for herbaceous species. At emergent marsh sites, the cover calculation includes the occasional shrub or tree.

3.4 Channels

Wetland channel morphology and elevation were surveyed at most study sites, with greater than 60 percent of the primary channel length surveyed at 75 percent of the sites (Table 4). At Secret River (SR) and Welch Island (WI) the primary channel graded from the historical marsh into the forested or shrub portion and is presented as a single site. Overall, average channel depth was smaller at the created sites than the other types of sites.

Table 4. Channel length, slope, and average depth for all study sites.

Site Code	Reach	Rkm	Full Channel Length (km)	Surveyed Channel Length (km)	Proportion of Channel Surveyed	Slope (m/km)	Average Channel Depth (m)
SR	B	37	1.97	1.44	0.73	0.59	1.95
WI	B	53	1.10	0.85	0.77	0.60	1.72
Forested and Shrub Sites							
CCS	B	37	0.43	0.38	0.88	3.56	1.68
SSS	B	37	0.45	0.42	0.94	3.13	1.65
KIS	B	40	0.57	0.41	0.72	3.51	2.25
WSS	C	73	0.84	0.56	0.67	7.16	4.51
CCR	C	98	2.88	1.74	0.60	1.03	5.09
GCR	E	141	3.19	0.83	0.26	0.47	2.53
Historical Marsh Sites							
CHM	A	12	0.97	0.66	0.69	1.37	0.75
LCM	A	20	0.34	0.15	0.45	-0.35	1.26
CSM	A	23	1.08	0.19	0.18	0.67	2.27
GIM	A	23	0.22	0.18	0.81	4.48	1.06
WIM	B	53	1.10	0.71	0.65	0.60	1.82
RIM	C	61	0.73	0.61	0.83	1.34	1.39
CRM	C	80	0.61	0.36	0.60	1.40	0.98
SBM	F	143	0.97	0.73	0.75	-0.07	0.98
CLM	F	145	7.09	na	na	na	0.44
CS1	F	149	4.39	1.55	0.35	-0.11	1.30
OSM	G	198	1.53	0.01	0.01	na	0.93
SIM	H	211	0.16	0.16	1.00	1.00	0.49
FLM	H	221	1.97	1.27	0.64	0.64	1.38
PIM	H	228	0.17	0.17	1.00	1.00	0.83
Created Marsh Sites							
MSC	B	39	0.31	0.24	0.78	2.10	0.29
JIC	C	71	0.72	0.67	0.93	1.12	0.63
WHC	C	72	0.32	0.23	0.71	1.24	1.02
WAC	C	77	0.55	0.55	1.00	0.75	0.89
GUC	C	89	0.43	0.26	0.61	3.66	0.57
LI2	C	100	0.91	0.48	0.53	-0.05	0.66
CI1	D	113	0.96	0.93	0.96	2.10	0.68
CI2	D	114	0.34	0.29	0.85	-0.28	0.40
SI1	E	121	0.55	0.55	1.00	0.29	0.59
SI2	E	123	0.44	0.29	0.66	0.66	0.31
GIC	E	131	1.33	0.33	0.25	-0.44	2.29
Previously Diked Marsh Sites							
TBB	A	12	1.88	1.29	0.69	0.08	1.70
FCB	A	19	0.41	0.34	0.83	2.76	1.85
HIB	A	23	0.33	0.21	0.62	9.39	2.52
KIB	B	41	1.05	0.86	0.82	3.13	2.55

4.0 Discussion and Recommendations

In this report, we summarize fundamental data on representative reference wetlands from the LCRE. This work represents a major step in characterizing reference wetland conditions in the Lower Columbia River Estuary. Taken together, these data provide the most comprehensive ‘baseline’ assessment of shallow vegetated habitats so far compiled for the LCRE against which one can assess long term changes in the system.

Water level is complex in the LCRE, affected by tides and river flow, which have variable influences along a continuum between the mouth and Bonneville Dam (Jay et al. 2011). We suspect that inundation timing and patterns have a strong influence on vegetation communities based on an analysis of 5-years of data from 2 sites in this study area (Campbell Slough and Cunningham Lake; Borde et al., 2011) and the data from the present study. Further analyses are required to better define the effect of the major controlling factors on vegetation community structure. Additionally, predictive models could be developed to assist with design criteria and for predicting the consequences of changes in water level.

Linking the ecological implications of wetland channel metrics to the accessibility potential by juvenile salmonids is of particular interest to resource managers in the Columbia River estuary. Opportunity is tightly coupled with hydrogeomorphic properties of wetland channels, which can be evaluated through a coupling of channel morphology and *in situ* water level data. Due to the dynamic nature of water fluctuation within the estuary (as related to tidal, seasonal, and anthropogenic manipulation of flow regimes), the opportunity for salmonids to access these channels varies greatly spatially and temporally. Channel inundation frequencies determine the opportunity for fish to access tidal wetland channels. Preliminary data from the water level sensors indicates that access to the channel mouths was feasible much of the time; however, the amount of time accessible decreased farther up the channel. In addition, access to the marsh edge was much less frequent. These data are a means of quantifying fish access on a site by site basis and further analysis could allow a quantitative comparison of this metric between different habitat types and between restoration and reference areas.

As a whole, the data from this study provide practical information required to inform multiple aspects of restoration science. The information can be used to improve restoration planning, design, and monitoring as follows:

- Controlling factors data such as elevation, hydrology, and accretion rates provide a basis to understand conditions necessary for restoration success.
- Vegetation assemblage structure for undisturbed shallow water wetland habitats provides a target for restoration project design and a means to evaluate wetland development through time.
- Data on the location and elevation of invasive plant species can be used to implement restoration programs to avoid colonization by non-native species.

- Natural channel morphology provides engineering design criteria for restoration sites.
- Information on naturally breached sites and older created island sites is applicable to evaluate temporal trajectories and develop realistic performance criteria.
- Communities on created islands can be used to develop functional design criteria for future creation efforts.
- Predictions can be made regarding the consequences of flow regulation and the effects of climate change (including altered hydrology, salinity and sea level) on the vegetated communities of these habitats.

The metrics monitored in this study can be directly compared to metrics monitored at restoration sites to determine restoration action effectiveness. For example, vegetation assemblages and cover can be compared between restoration and multiple reference sites using a similarity index (Bray and Curtis 1957; Czekanowski 1909) and other statistical methods. In addition, channel morphological features such as area, depth, length, and the ratios between them can be compared to those formed at a restoration site to determine whether the structure is approaching the target condition. Data on elevation, accretion rates, and hydrology can be used to explain the vegetation and channel morphology resulting from restoration actions, by providing ranges of those metrics that occur in relatively undisturbed, reference conditions.

Overall, the data collected as part of this study provide practical information on wetland elevation, inundation, channel morphology, and other factors along with the type of vegetation community that occurs naturally under various conditions. The results of this study, describe the ‘climax’ reference communities along the entire estuary that will help inform the vision for restoration projects in the system.

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Appendix A

Monitoring Site Matrix

Reference Site Study
Monitoring Schedule

Site	Site Code	Primary Classification	Secondary Classification	Monitoring				Metrics											
				Reach	rKm	Map ID	Year	Vegetation		Elevation	Channels	Hydrology (water level sensor)			TOC/Grain Size	Sediment Accretion Stakes			
								Cover	Mapping		Cross sections (#)**	Ownership	Deployment Date	Retrieval Date		Survey Status	Project	Deployment Date	Retrieval Date
Chinook	CHM	marsh		A	12	1	2009	RS	RS	RS	RS	RS	2008	2009	Y	RS	RS	2008	2009
Trestle Bay	TBB	marsh	breach	A	12	2	2008	CE	--	CE	RS/CE	RS	2008	2009	Y	--	RS	2008	2009
Fort Clatsop	FCB	marsh	breach	A	19	3	2008	CE	--	CE	RS/CE	RS	2008	2009	Y	--	RS	2008	2009
Lewis and Clark River mouth	LCM	marsh		A	20	4	2009	CE	RS	CE	RS/CE	CE	2007	2009	Y	RS	CE	2005	2009
Cooperage Slough	CSM	marsh		A	23	5	2007	CREST	--	RS	RS/CREST	CREST	2007	2008?	Y	--	RS/CREST	2007	2008?
Grant Island	GIM	marsh		A	23	6	2009	RS	RS	RS	RS (?)	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Haven Island	HIB	marsh	breach	A	23	7	2009	RS/CE	RS	RS/CE	RS/CE (?)	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Crooked Creek	CCS	swamp		B	37	8	2007	RS/CE	--	RS/CE	RS/CE (3)	RS	2007	2008	Y	RS	RS	2008	2009
Secret River	SRM	marsh		B	37	9	2008	RS	--	RS	RS (2)	RS	2007	2008	Y	RS	RS	2008	2009
Secret River	SRS	swamp		B	37	10	2008	RS	--	RS	RS (4)	RS	2007	2008	Y	RS	RS	2008	2009
Seal Slough	SSS	swamp		B	37	11	2009	CE	--	CE	RS/CE	CE	2005	2009	Y	RS	CE	2006	2009
Miller Sands	MSC	marsh	created	B	39	12	2009	CE	RS	CE	RS/CE	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Karlson Island	KIS	swamp		B	40	13	2008	RS	--	RS	RS	RS	2007	2008	Y	RS	RS	2008	2009
Karlson Island	KIB	marsh	breach	B	41	14	2008	CE	--	CE	RS/CE	RS	2007	2008	Y	RS	RS	2008	2009
Welch Island	WIM	marsh		B	53	15	2008	RS	--	RS	RS	RS	2008	2009	Y	RS	RS	2008	2009
Welch Island	WIS	shrub/scrub		B	53	16	2009	RS	--	RS	RS	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Ryan Island	RIM	marsh		C	61	17	2009	HM	HM	HM	RS	HM	2009	2010	Y	HM	RS	2009	2010
Bradwood Slough	BSM	marsh		C	62	--	2010	--	--	HM	--	HM	2009	2010	Y	--	RS	2009	2010
Jackson Island	JIC	marsh	created	C	71	18	2010	HM	HM	HM	HM	HM	2009	2010	Y	HM	RS	2009	2010
Whites Island	WHC	marsh	created	C	72	19	2009	HM	HM	HM	RS	HM	2009	2010	Y	HM	RS	2008	2009
Westport Slough	WSS	shrub/scrub		C	73	20	2010	RS	RS	RS	RS	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Wallace Island	WAC	marsh	created	C	77	21	2010	HM	HM	HM	HM	HM	2009	2010	Y	HM	RS	2009	2010
Clatskanie River	CRM	marsh		C	80	22	2009	RS	RS	RS	RS	RS	2008	2009	Y	RS	RS	2008	2009
Gull Island	GUC	marsh	created	C	89	23	2009	CE	RS	CE	RS/CE	CE	2008	2009	Y	RS	CE	2008	2009
Coal Creek Slough	CCR	riparian wetland		C	98	24	2009	RS	--	RS	RS (?)	RS	2008	2009	Y	RS	RS	2008	2009
Lord Island 2	L12	marsh	created	C	100	25	2009	HM	HM	HM	RS	HM	2008	2009	Y	HM	--	--	--
Dibblee Slough	DSC	marsh	created	C	104	26	2005	HM	HM	HM	--	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Cottonwood Island 1	C11	marsh	created	D	113	27	2005/10	HM	HM	RS	RS	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Cottonwood Island 2	C12	marsh	created	D	114	28	2005/10	HM	HM	RS	RS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sandy Island 1	SI1	marsh	created	E	121	29	2007	HM	HM	HM	HM	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Sandy Island 2	SI2	marsh	created	E	123	30	2007	HM	HM	HM	HM	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Goat Island	GIC	marsh	created	E	131	31	2009	CE	RS	CE	RS/CE (?)	RS	2008	2009	Y	RS	RS	2008	2009
Gee Creek	GCR	riparian wetland		E	141	32	2010	RS	RS	RS	RS	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Scappoose Bay	SBM	marsh		F	143	33	2010	HM	HM	HM	RS	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Cunningham Lake*	CLM	marsh		F	145	34	2009	HM	HM	HM	RS (2)	HM	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Campbell Slough*	CS1	marsh		F	149	35	2010	HM	HM	HM	HM	HM	2009	2010	Y	--	RS	2009	2010
Sauvie Cove	SSC	marsh	created	F	154	36	2005	HM	HM	HM	RS	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
McGuire Island	MIC	marsh	created	G	190	37	2006	HM	HM	HM	--	HM	2006	2007	Y	RS	HM	2008	2009
Washougal River mouth	WRM	marsh		G	195	38	2010	RS	RS	RS	RS	RS	2009	2010	Y	RS	RS	2009	2010
Old Sandy River mouth	OSM	marsh		G	198	39	2007	TFM	TFM	TFM	TFM (1)	TFM	2007	2008	Y	--	--	--	--
Chatham Island	CIC	marsh	created	G	201	40	2006/7	HM/TFM	HM/TFM	HM/TFM	--	TFM	2007	2008	Y	RS	RS	2008	2009
Sand Island (Rooster Rock)	SIM	marsh		H	211	41	2008	HM	HM	HM	HM (8)	HM	2008	2009	Y	HM	RS	2008	2009
Franz Lake	FLM	marsh		H	221	42	2008	HM	HM	HM	HM (4)	HM	2008	2009	Y	HM	RS	2008	2009
Pierce Island	PIM	marsh		H	228	43	2008	HM	HM	HM	HM	HM	2008	2009	Y	HM	RS	2008	2009

* Ongoing monitoring site for Ecosystem Monitoring project since 2005

** Number of x-sections = 5 unless otherwise noted

Legend

Monitored in 2007

Monitored in 2008

Monitored in 2009

Monitored in 2010

CE = Cumulative Effects of Restoration, funded by USACE, PNLL project manager: Gary Johnson

CREST = Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce

HM = Habitat Monitoring (part of EP Ecosystem Monitoring Program), funded by BPA, PNLL project manager: Amy Borde

RS = Reference Site Study (part of EP Restoration Program), funded by BPA, PNLL project manager: Amy Borde

TFM = Tidal Freshwater Monitoring Program, funded by BPA, PNLL project manager: Gary Johnson

Appendix B

Site Summaries

Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: A

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5127618 Easting: 425468

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 12 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Marsh



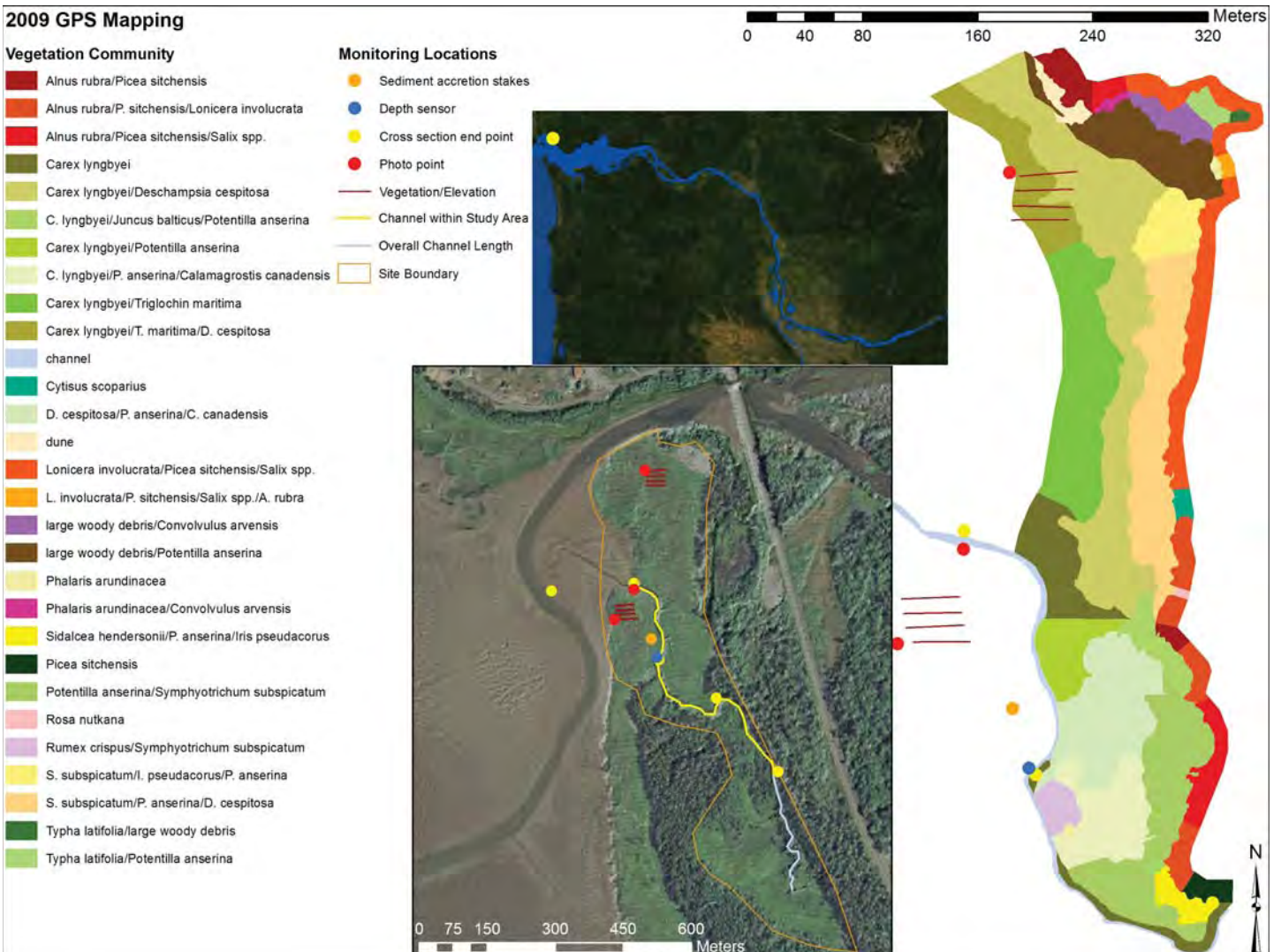
Total Site Area: 23.7 ha

Study Area: 3.78 ha

Total channel length: 965 m

Channel surveyed: 664 m

Channel slope: 1.37 m/km



Site Information

Chinook River marsh is located at the mouth of the Chinook River on Baker Bay and is in private ownership. The marsh is bisected by a deep tidal channel, which extends up to a Sitka spruce dominated forested wetland. The site was present on the maps from the 1880's and is one of the last remaining historic brackish marshes in the estuary.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 1.23

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.07

Lowest marsh (MLLW, m): 1.46

Highest marsh (MLLW, m): 3.30

Vegetation

Number of Native species (low marsh): 11

% Native Cover (low marsh): 113.3

Number of Non-native species (low marsh): 1

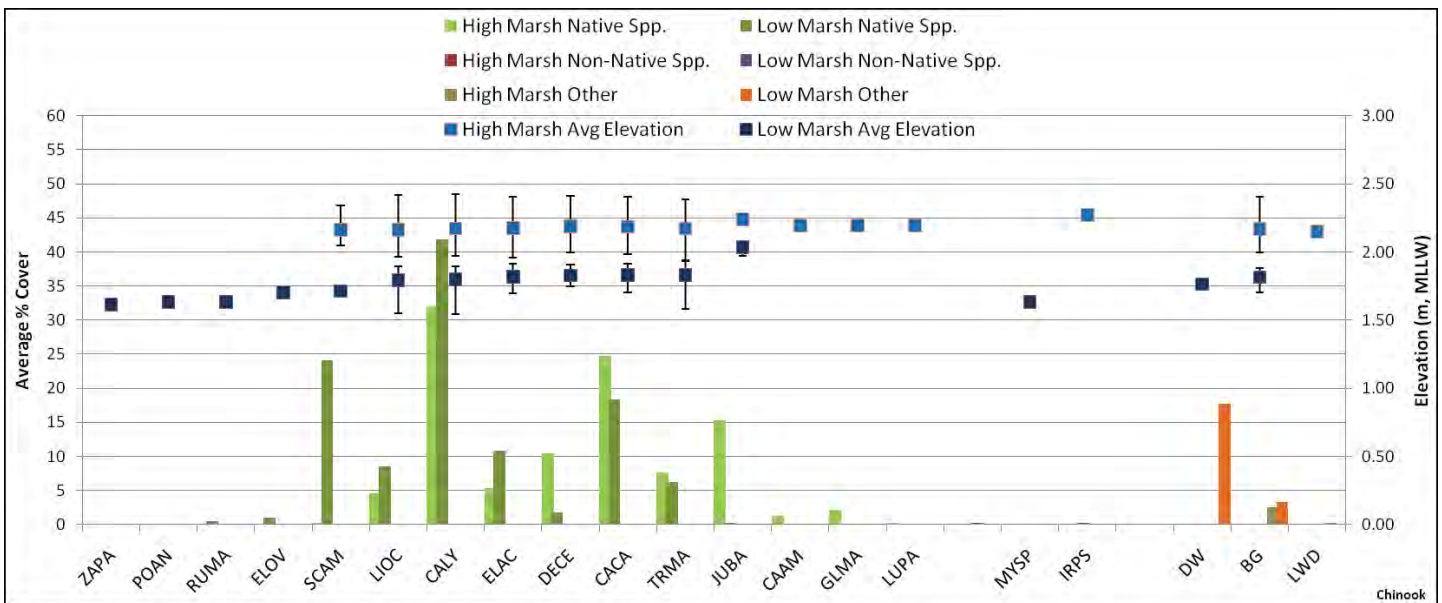
% Non-native Cover (low marsh): 0.25

Number of Native species (high marsh): 11

% Native Cover (high marsh): 104.5

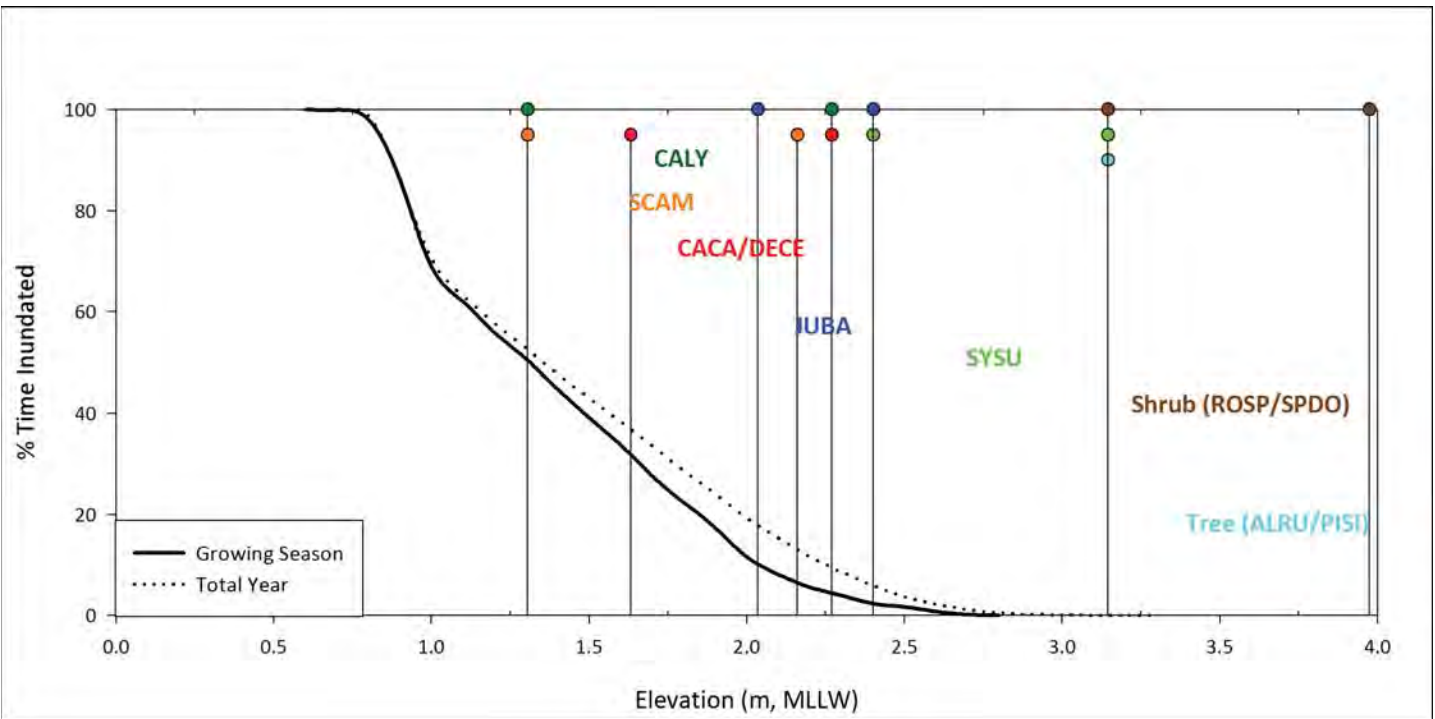
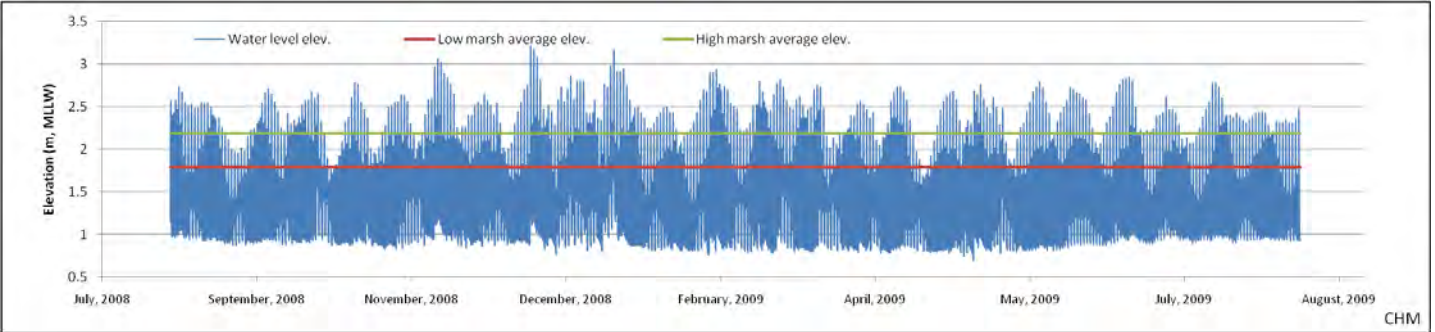
Number of Non-native species (high marsh): 1

% Non-native Cover (high marsh): 0.25



Inundation

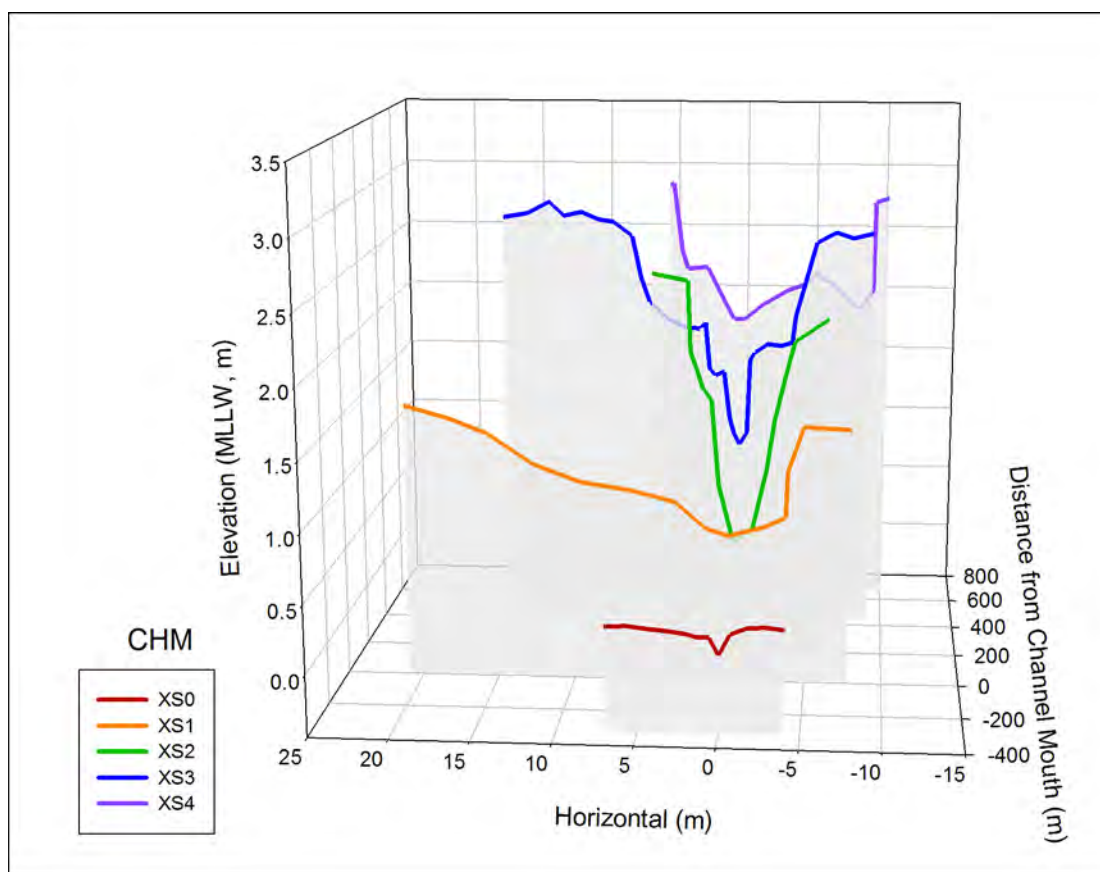
	Std	Low Marsh	High Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, MLLW)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.95</u>	<u>2.34</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>13.25</u>	<u>11.3</u>	<u>2.82</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
0	0.26	0.11	0.15	0.1	2.5	16.8	100	100	100	100	
1	1.03	0.65	0.38	2.5	13.4	34.9	99	68	99	66	
2	1.94	0.40	1.54	5.9	6.9	4.5	100	22	100	15	
3	1.92	0.96	0.96	2.5	6.1	6.4	62	23	61	16	
4	1.93	1.81	0.12	2.4	2.7	22.3	21	23	14	16	

Cross Sections



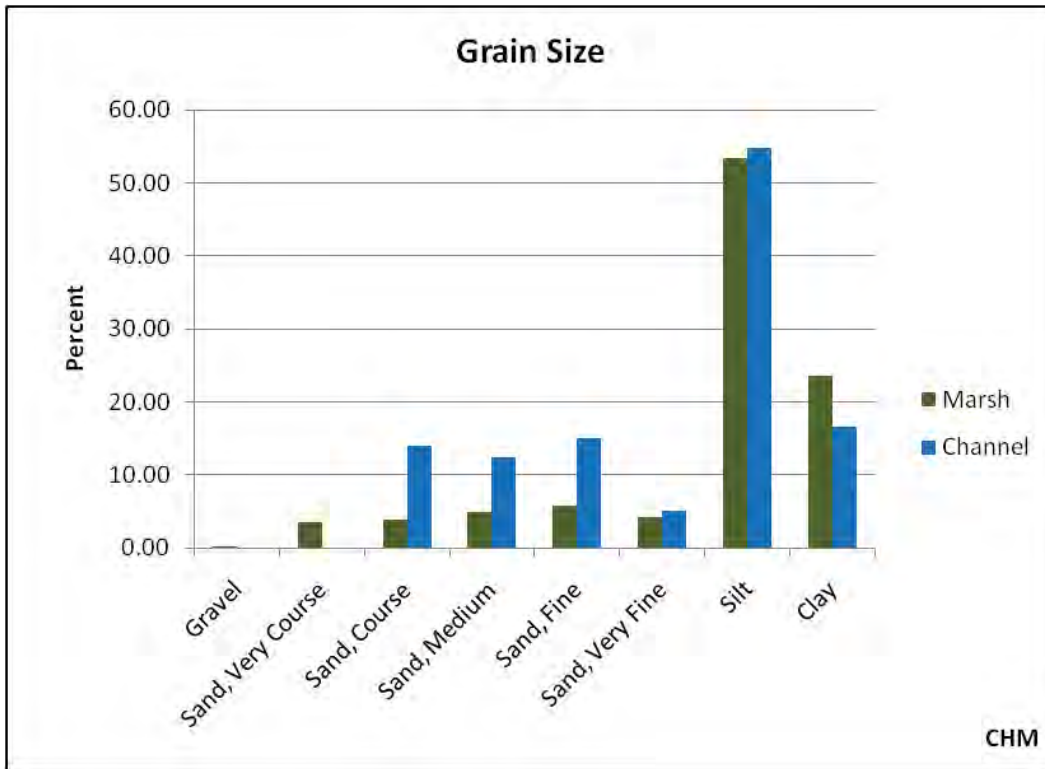
Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: -0.18cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.50 m, MLLW

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 3.71

in wetland: 6.43



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: A

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5117721 Easting: 424791

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 12 rkm

Distance from main channel: 1086 meters

Type: Old Breach



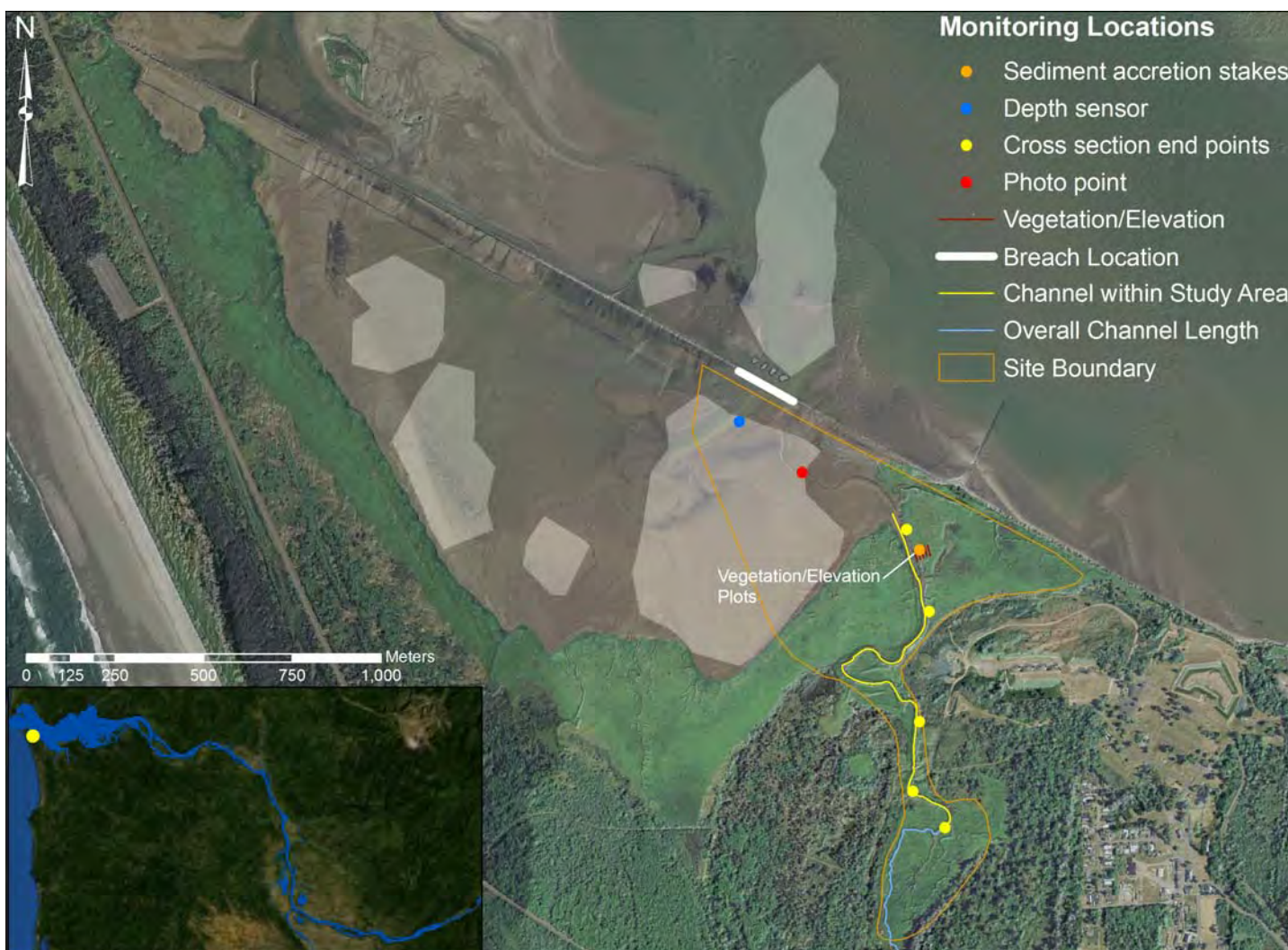
Total Site Area: 57.4 ha

Study Area: 2.06 ha

Total channel length: 1880 m

Channel surveyed: 1343 m

Channel slope: 0.08 m/km



Site Information

Trestle Bay is a brackish bay comprised of shallow subtidal and intertidal mudflats and intertidal marsh. The bay is part of the Fort Stevens State Park and was originally formed by the construction of the South Jetty in the late 1800's. A trestle was built as part of the jetty construction reducing connectivity to the Columbia River. The trestle was breached in 1995 to regain at least partial connectivity. The sample site was located in the marsh on the south side of the Bay.

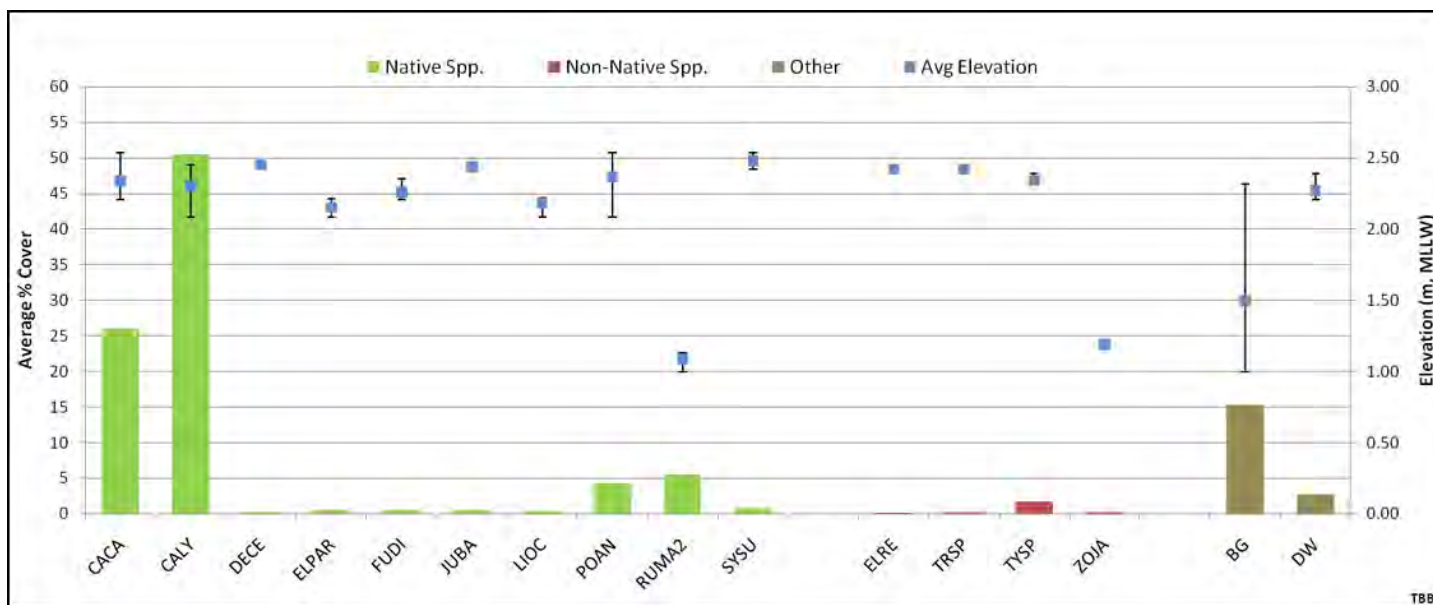
Elevation

	NAVD88, m		MLLW, m	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
Marsh	<u>1.86</u>	<u>2.82</u>	<u>2.09</u>	<u>3.06</u>
CALY	<u>1.86</u>	<u>2.22</u>	<u>2.09</u>	<u>2.45</u>
POAN	<u>1.86</u>	<u>2.54</u>	<u>2.09</u>	<u>2.77</u>
CACA	<u>1.98</u>	<u>2.82</u>	<u>2.21</u>	<u>3.06</u>
TYSP	<u>2.03</u>	<u>2.45</u>	<u>2.26</u>	<u>2.68</u>
LEMO	<u>2.41</u>	<u>2.82</u>	<u>2.64</u>	<u>3.06</u>

Vegetation

Number of Native species: 10 % Native Cover: 89.35

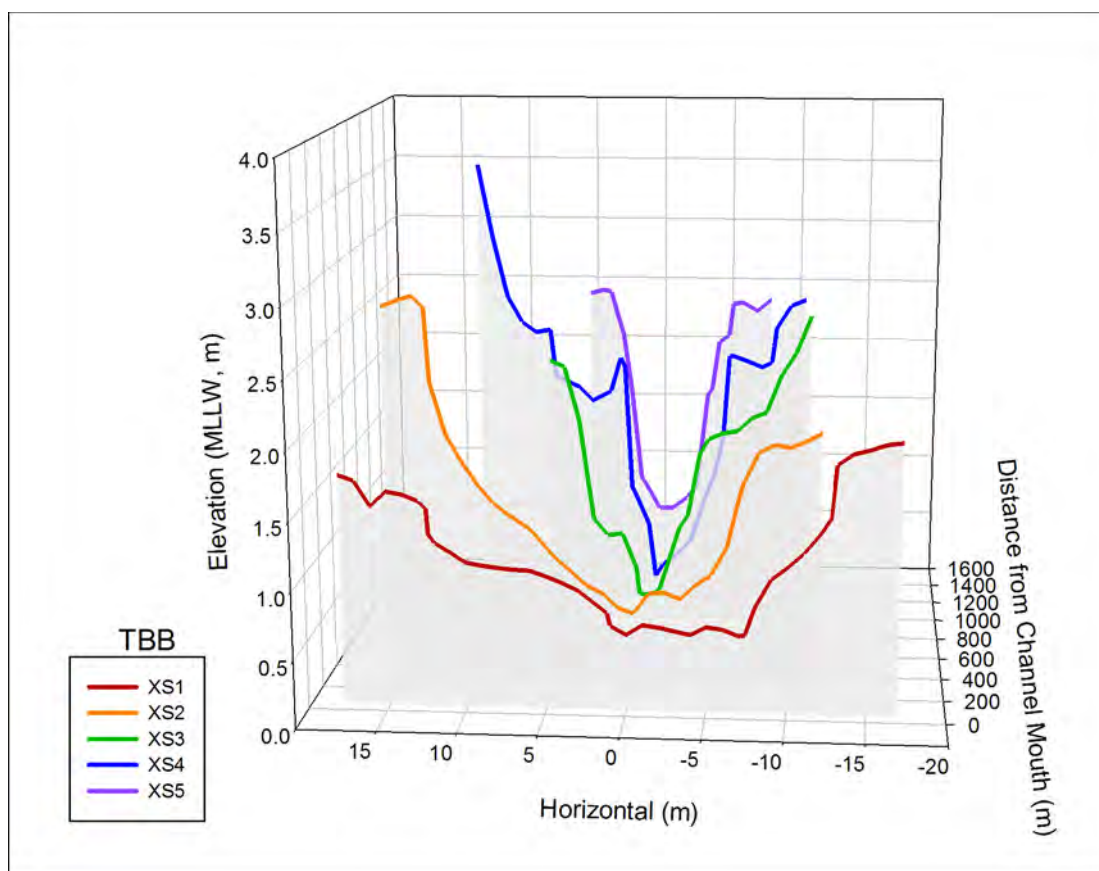
Number of Non-native species: 4 % Non-native Cover: 2.30



Channels

Physical Metrics							
	Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio
TBB	1	1.70	0.56	1.14	21.2	30.9	27.2
	2	1.92	0.54	1.38	18.2	24.2	17.5
	3	2.09	0.19	1.90	15.0	16.5	8.7
	4	2.51	0.19	2.31	19.1	21.0	9.1
	5	2.44	0.67	1.77	9.9	11.4	6.4

Cross Sections



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 0.59 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.22 m, MLLW

Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: A

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5109079 Easting: 432043

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 19 rkm

Distance from main channel: 3505 meters

Type: Natural Breach



Total Site Area: 6.2 ha

Study Area: 2.23 ha

Total channel length: 408 m

Channel surveyed: 339 m

Channel slope: 2.76 m/km



Site Information

The Fort Clatsop site is located approximately 3.5 rkm from the mouth of the Lewis and Clark River, a tributary to Young’s Bay. The site is part of the Fort Clatsop unit of Lewis and Clark National Historical Park and is owned by the National Park Service. This site was diked around the turn of the century and was breached by floods and storms in 1959, approximately 50 years ago. The site is predominantly emergent marsh with small areas of shrub/scrub and a few Sitka spruce trees (*Picea sitchensis*).

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 0.91

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.78

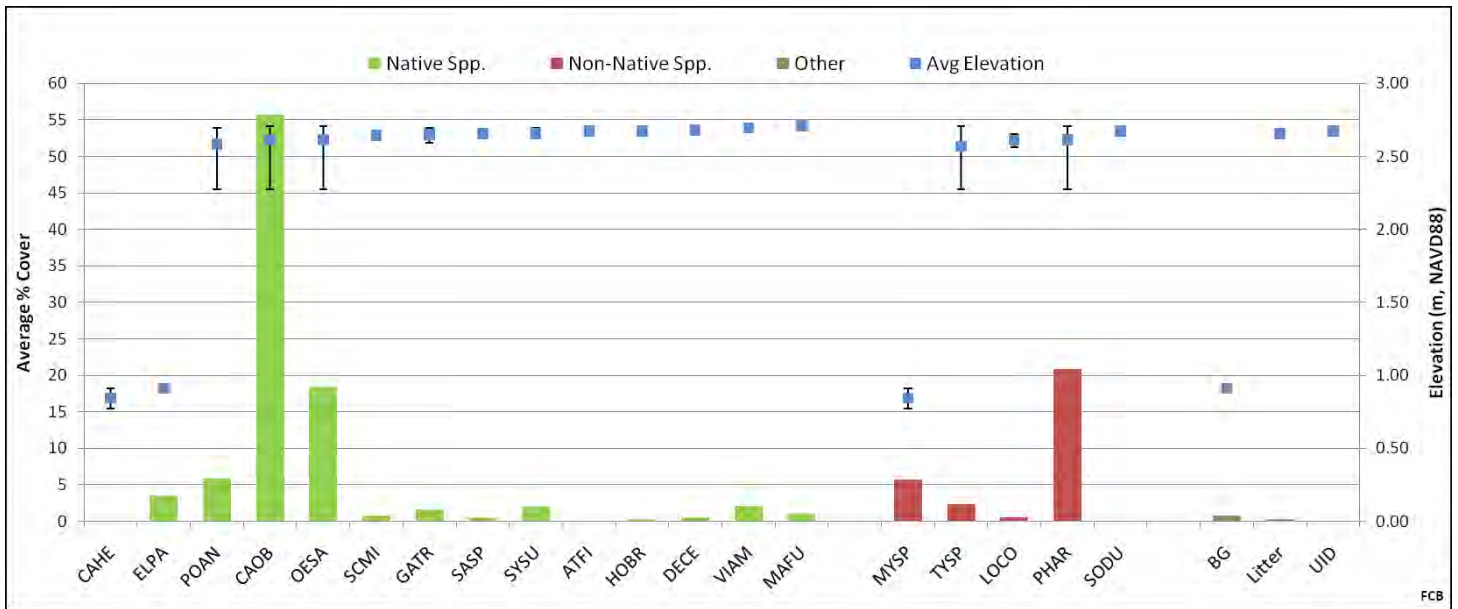
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 19

% Native Cover: 92.40

Number of Non-native species: 5

% Non-native Cover: 29.40



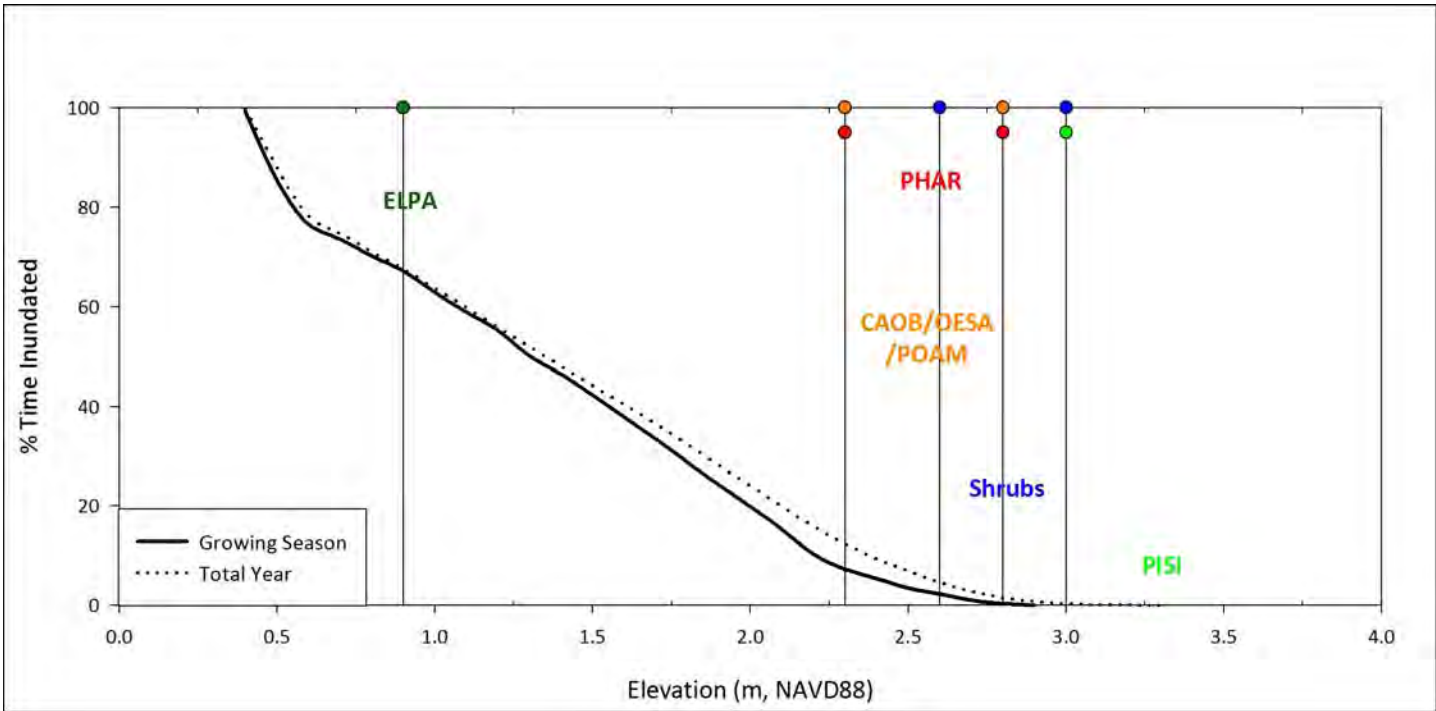
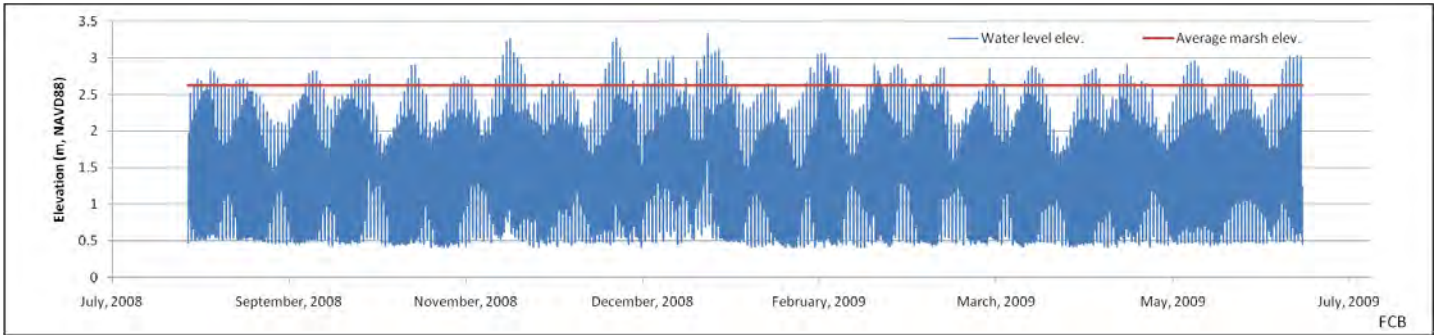
Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 1.14 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.61 m, NAVD88

Inundation

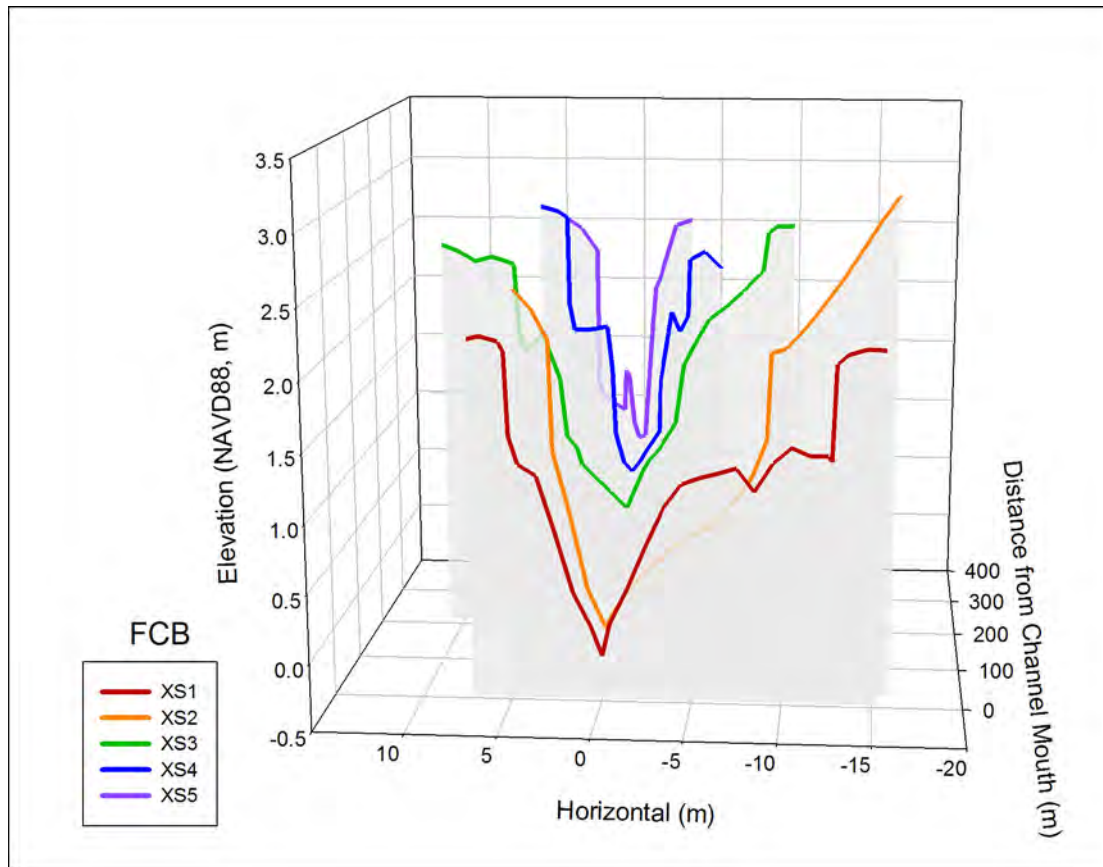
	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, NAVD88)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>2.62</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>11.6</u>	<u>0.38</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
FCB	1 (mouth)	2.11	-0.17	2.28	21.4	19.9	8.7	100	20	99	15
	2	2.03	-0.03	2.06	16.9	12.3	6.0	100	23	99	19
	3	2.37	0.44	1.94	15.0	14.9	7.7	100	10	99	6
	4	2.35	0.62	1.73	7.1	7.5	4.3	100	11	99	6
	5	2.02	0.76	1.26	3.3	3.7	2.9	100	23	99	19

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: A

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5112166 Easting: 433118

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 20 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Marsh



Total Site Area: 12.4 ha

Study Area: 2.13 ha

Total channel length: 339 m

Channel surveyed: 153 m

Channel slope: -0.35 m/km

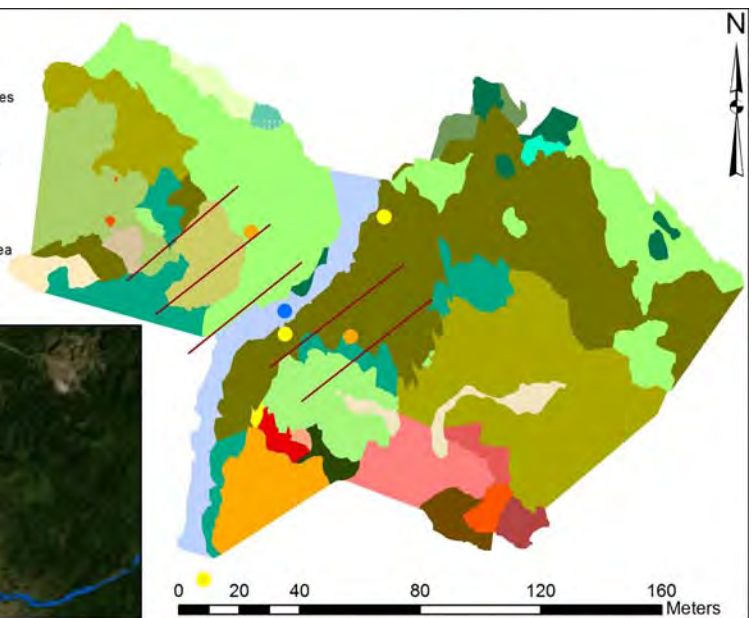
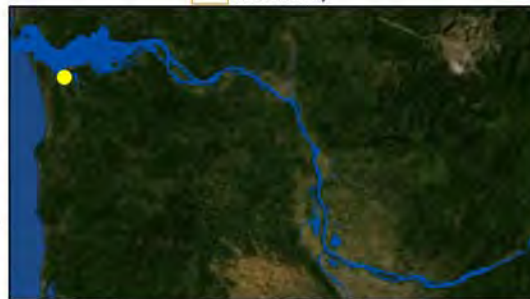
2009 GPS Mapping

Vegetation Community

- Carex lyngbyei
- C. lyngbyei/Oenanthe sarmentosa
- C. lyngbyei/O. sarmentosa/Potentilla anserina
- C. lyngbyei/Phalaris arundinacea/Typha spp.
- C. lyngbyei/Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani
- C. lyngbyei/S. tabernaemontani/Juncus balticus
- C. lyngbyei/S. tabernaemontani/Typha spp.
- Carex lyngbyei/Typha spp.
- channel
- dead Typha spp.
- dead Typha spp./Iris pseudacorus
- Juncus balticus
- Juncus balticus/Eleocharis palustris
- Juncus balticus/S. tabernaemontani
- Phalaris arundinacea/Carex lyngbyei
- P. arundinacea/S. tabernaemontani
- Salix spp.
- Salix spp./Lonicera involucrata/Picea sitchensis/Rubus spectabilis
- Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani
- Typha spp.
- Typha spp./Athyrum filix-femina/Oenanthe sarmentosa
- Typha spp./Athyrum filix-femina/S. tabernaemontani
- Typha spp./A. filix-femina/S. tabernaemontani/R. spectabilis
- Typha spp./Oenanthe sarmentosa
- Typha spp./Oenanthe sarmentosa/A. filix-femina/Picea sitchensis
- Typha spp./Rubus spectabilis

Monitoring Locations

- Sediment accretion stakes
- Depth sensor
- Cross section end point
- Photo point
- Vegetation/Elevation
- Channel within Study Area
- Overall Channel Length
- Site Boundary



Site Information

The marsh, located near the mouth of the Lewis and Clark River on Youngs Bay, grades up from an emergent wetland to a dike protecting the Astoria Municipal Airport. The monitoring site is owned by the Port of Astoria. The site was recently used as a reference for tide gate replacement on Vera Slough — along the dike to the west.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 0.96

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.80

Lowest marsh (MLLW, m): 1.00

Highest marsh (MLLW, m): 2.84

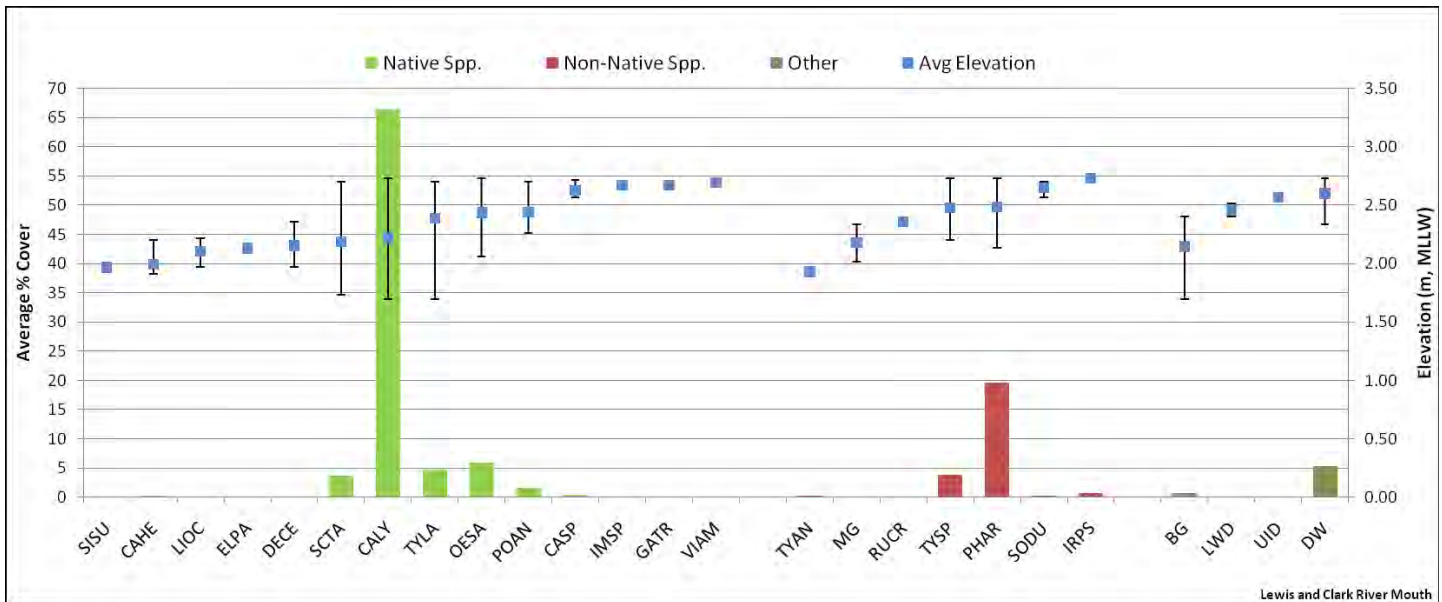
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 14

% Native Cover: 83.39

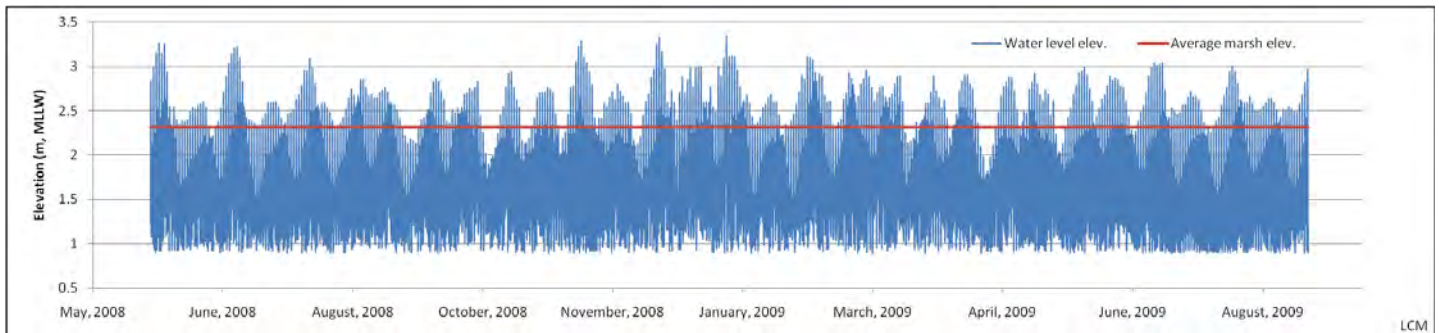
Number of Non-native species: 7

% Non-native Cover: 24.80

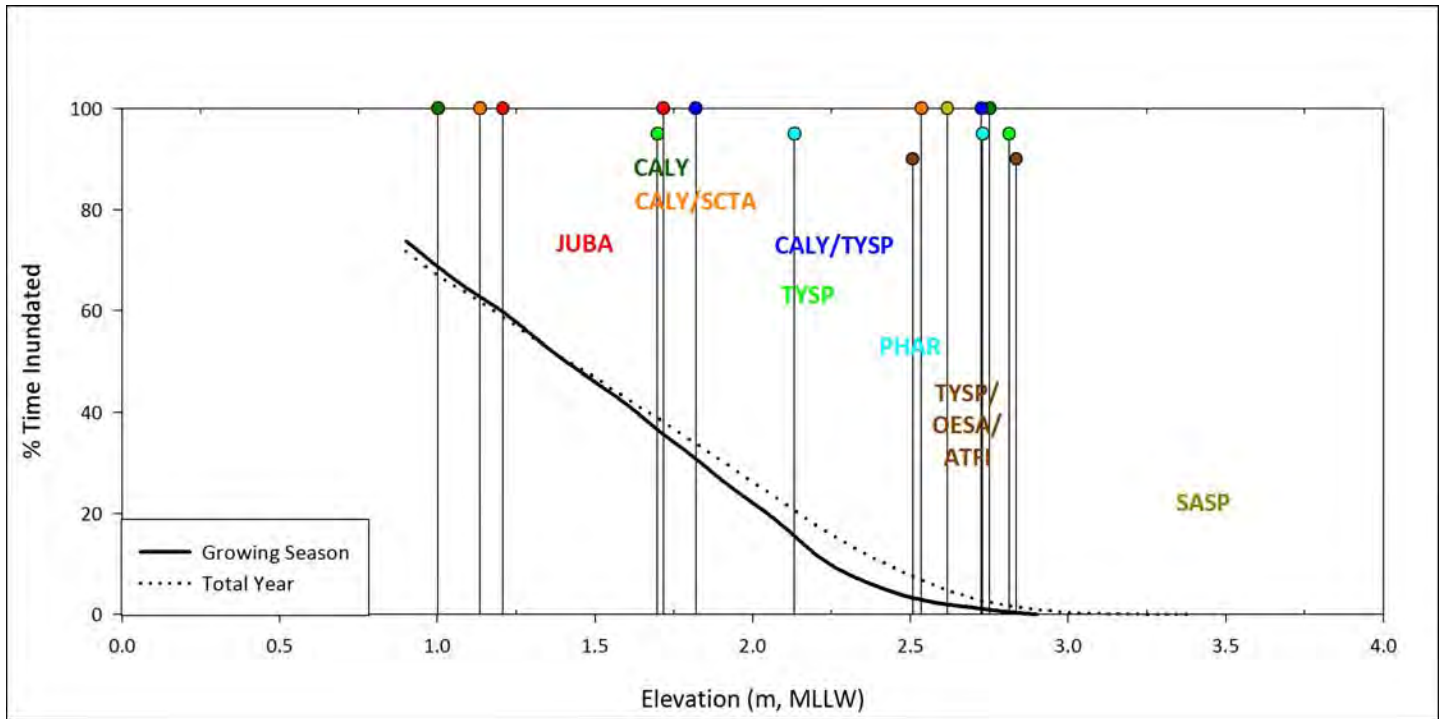


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, MLLW)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>2.32</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>19.6</u>	<u>4.81</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



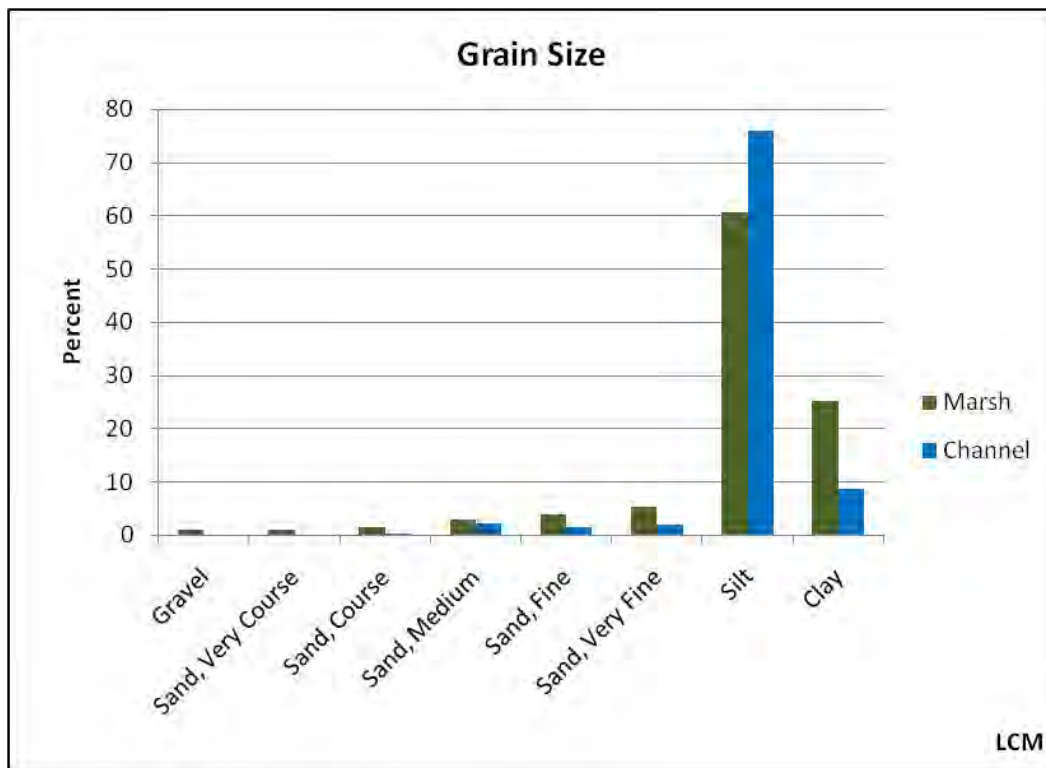
Inundation (cont.)



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 0.63 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.19 m, MLLW

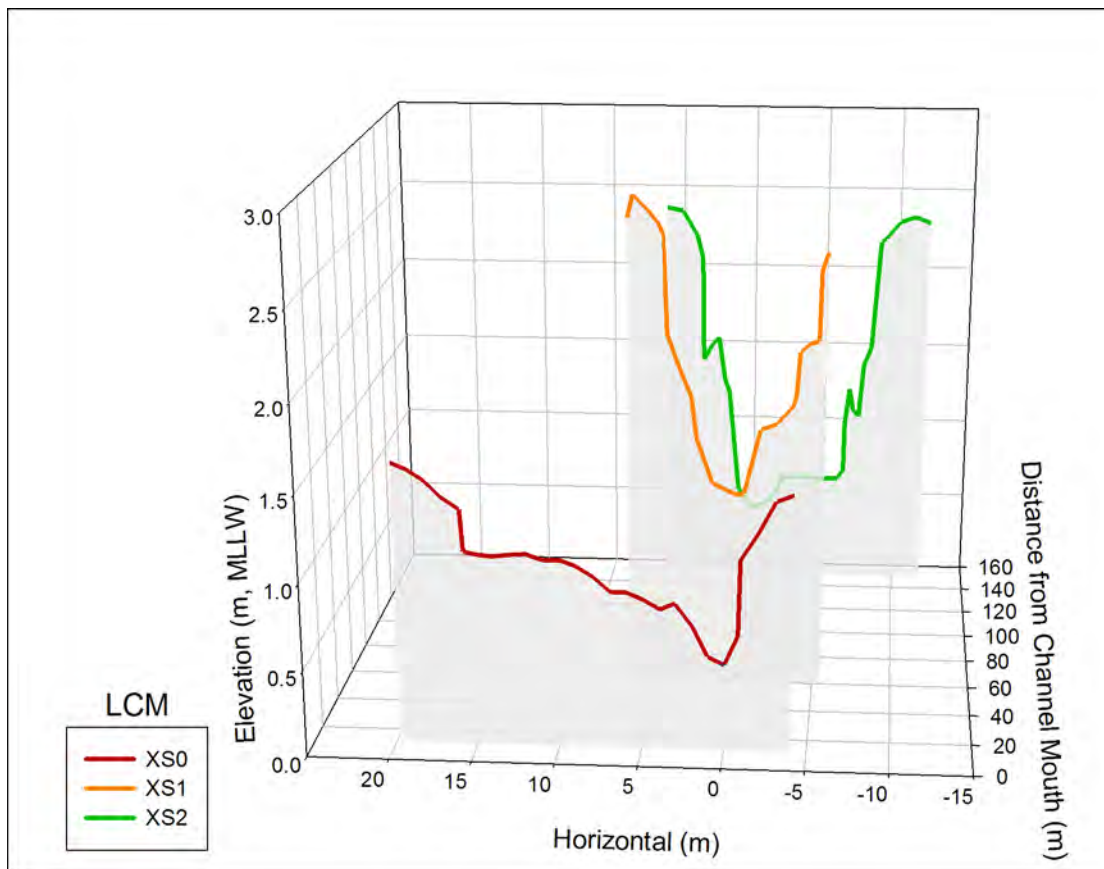
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 2.57 in wetland: 5.84



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
	Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)
LCM	0	1.36	0.50	0.85	7.4	18.3	21.5				
	1	2.45	1.15	1.31	8.5	9.7	7.4	55	9	55	4
	2	2.08	0.45	1.63	14.6	12.2	7.5		23		18

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: A

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5105472 Easting: 439587

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 23 rkm

Distance from main channel: 10282 meters

Type: Marsh



Total Site Area: 20.8 ha

Study Area: 0.70 ha

Total channel length: 1080 m

Channel surveyed: 192 m

Channel slope: 0.67 m/km



Site Information

Cooperage Slough is located 10 rkm up the Young’s River, a tributary to Young’s Bay. The site is a mainland slough that grades from high marsh to forested swamp.

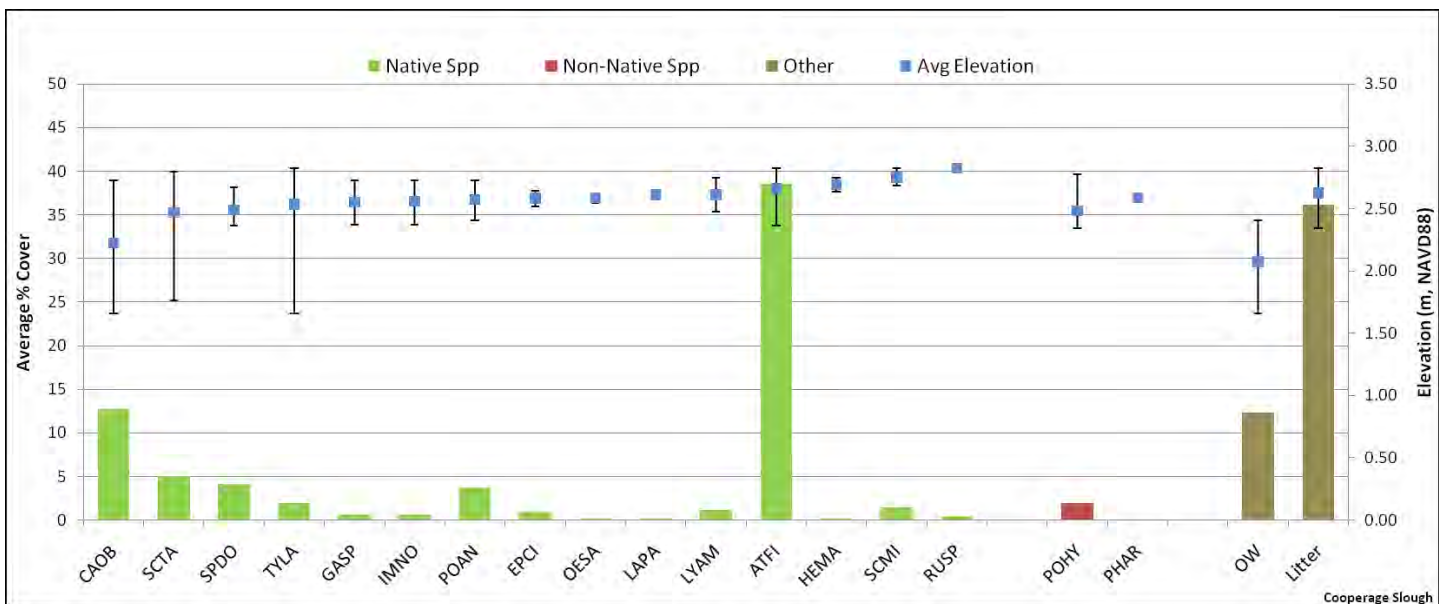
Elevation

	NAVD88, m	
	Lowest	Highest
Marsh	<u>1.66</u>	<u>2.80</u>
CAOB/SCTA	<u>1.66</u>	<u>2.80</u>
ATFI/SPDO	<u>2.36</u>	<u>2.67</u>

Vegetation

Number of Native species: 15 % Native Cover: 71.85

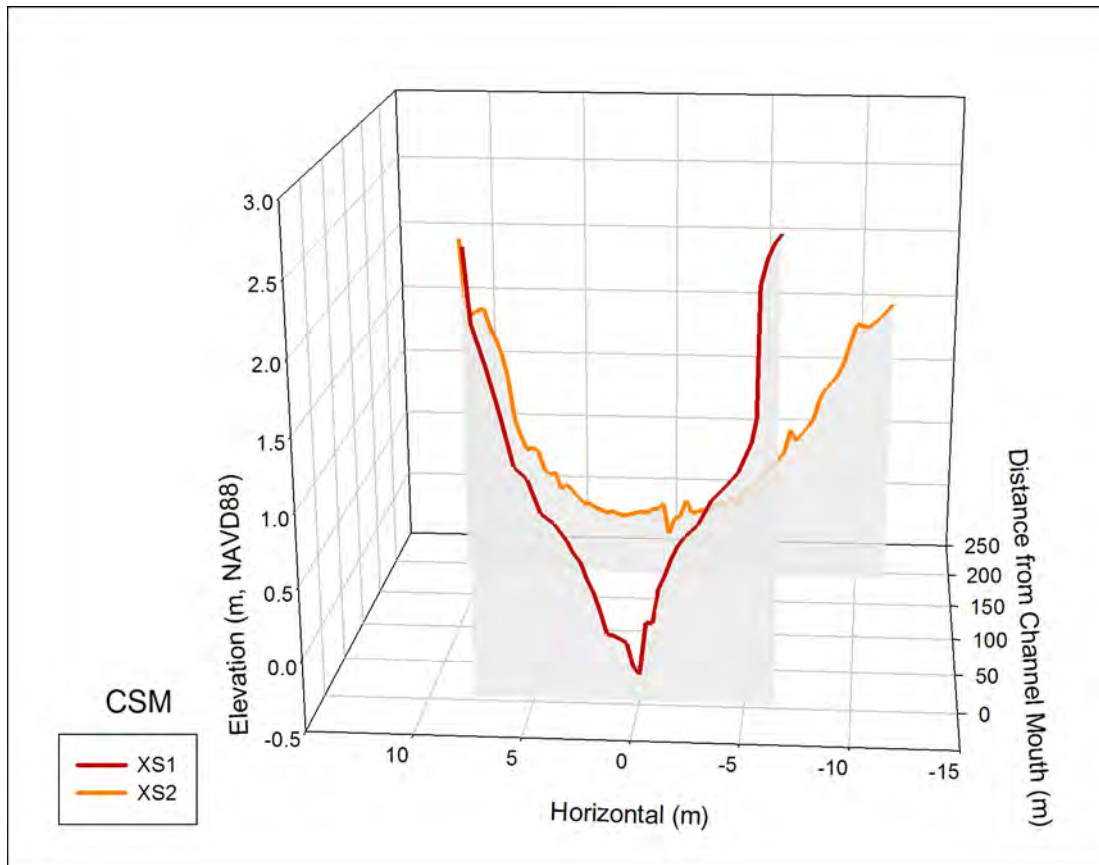
Number of Non-native species: 2 % Non-native Cover: 1.97



Channels

Physical Metrics							
	Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio
CSM	1 (mouth)	2.57	-0.31	2.88	24.3	13.9	4.8
	2	1.47	-0.18	1.65	21.7	19.4	11.7

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: A

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5108026 Easting: 437796

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 23 rkm

Distance from main channel: 6905 meters

Type: Marsh



Total Site Area: 2.7 ha

Study Area: 0.23 ha

Total channel length: 217 m

Channel surveyed: 176 m

Channel slope: 4.48 m/km

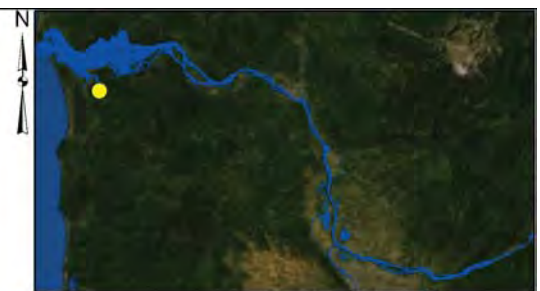
2009 GPS Mapping

Vegetation Community

- Athyrium filix-femina/Deschampsia cespitosa/Carex lyngbyei
- bare mud
- Eleocharis palustris
- Eleocharis palustris/Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani
- high Carex lyngbyei
- Lonicera involucrata/Athyrium filix-femina
- low Carex lyngbyei
- Potentilla anserina/Athyrium filix-femina/Carex lyngbyei
- Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani/Salix spp.

Monitoring Locations

- Sediment accretion stakes
- Depth sensor
- Cross section end point
- Photo point
- Vegetation/Elevation
- Channel within Study Area
- Overall Channel Length
- Site Boundary



Site Information

Grant Island is positioned approximately 6 miles up the Youngs River, a tributary to the Columbia River, and is primarily covered by emergent marsh and dendritic tidal channels. The island is beyond the extent of historic mapping efforts so condition relative to then is unknown, however we know the site has never been diked and has no sign of recent disturbance. Grant Island is currently owned by Clatsop County.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 0.81

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.65

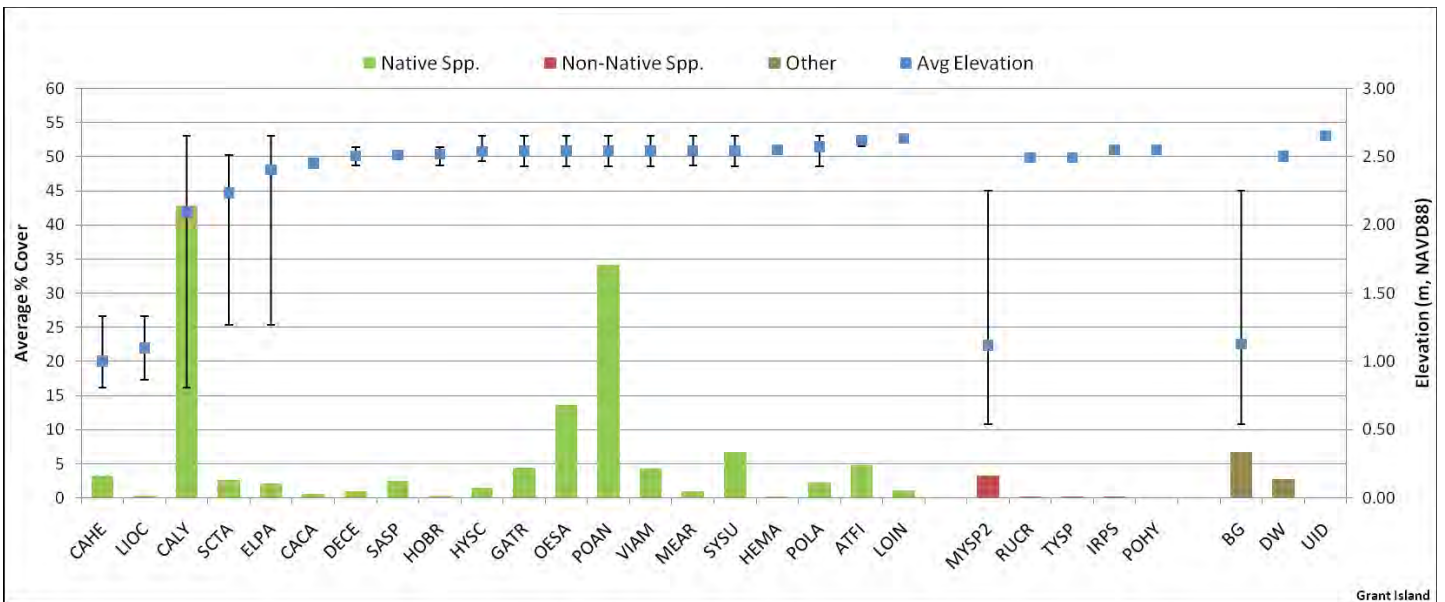
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 20

% Native Cover: 129.83

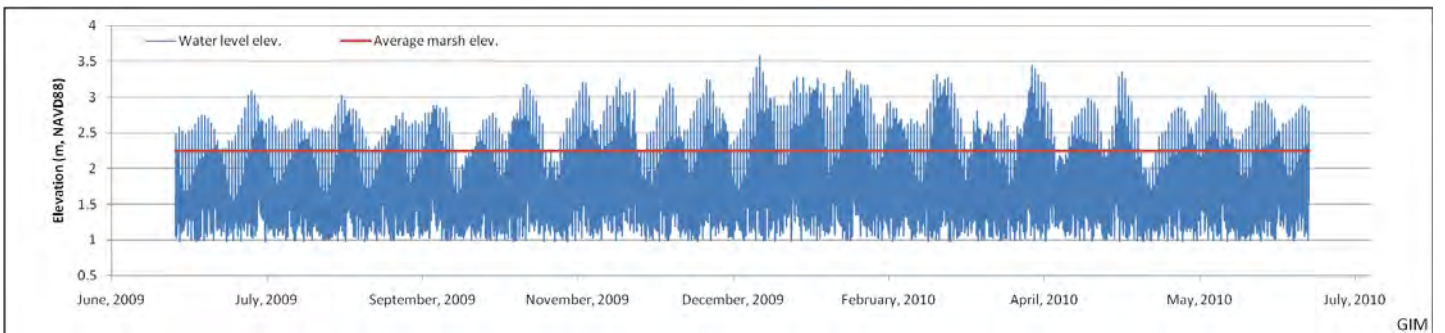
Number of Non-native species: 5

% Non-native Cover: 4.22

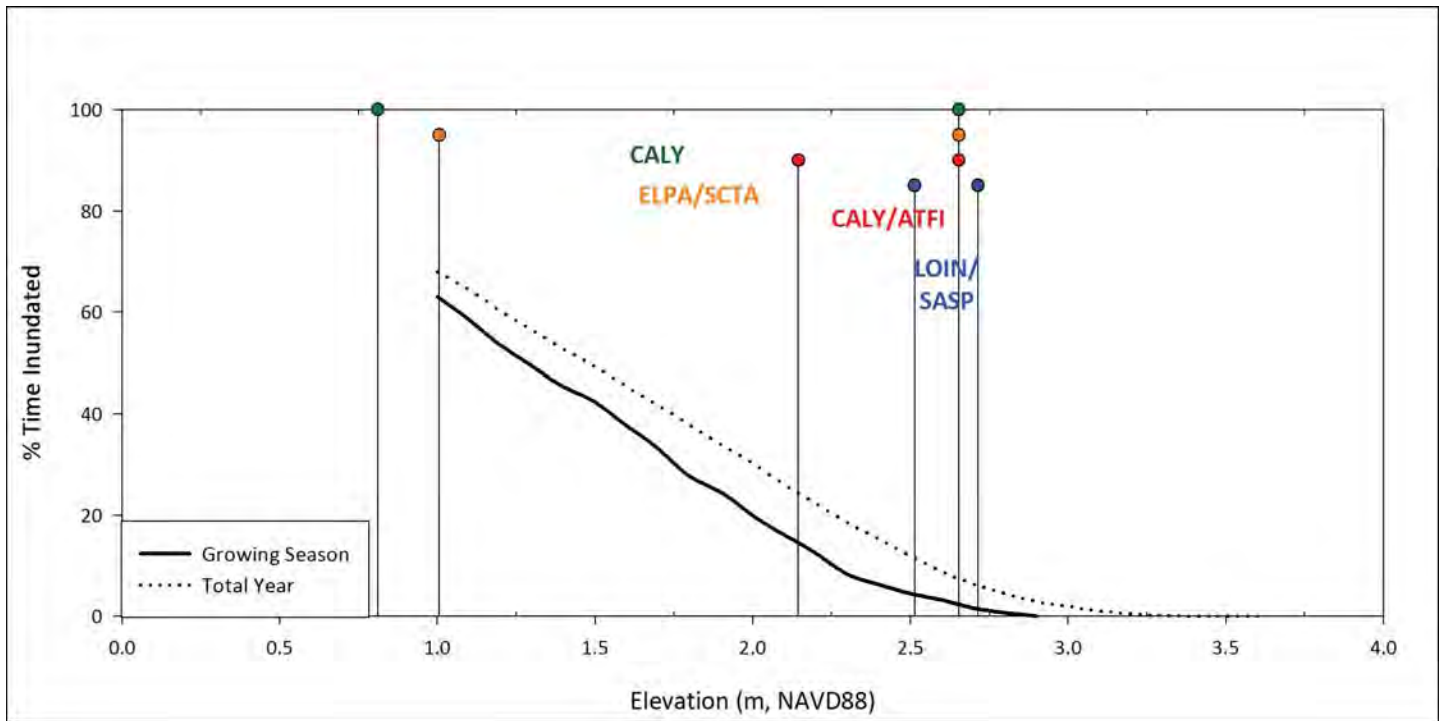


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, NAVD88)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>2.25</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>24.1</u>	<u>8.81</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



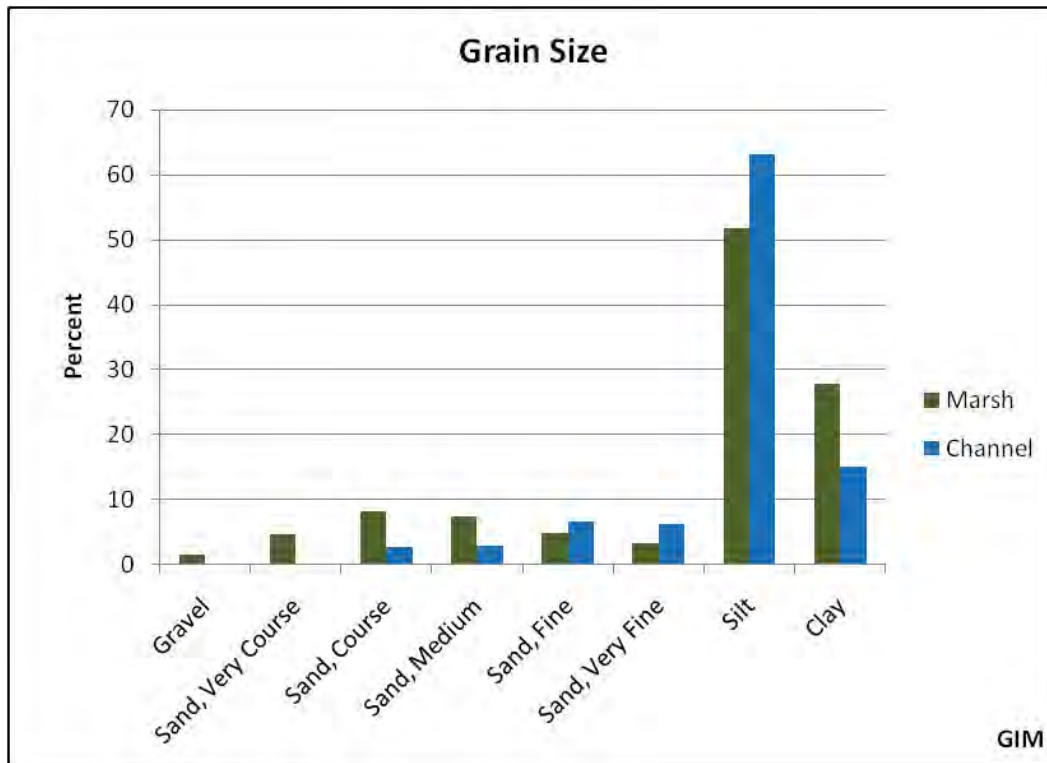
Inundation (cont.)



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: -0.13 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.69 m, NAVD88

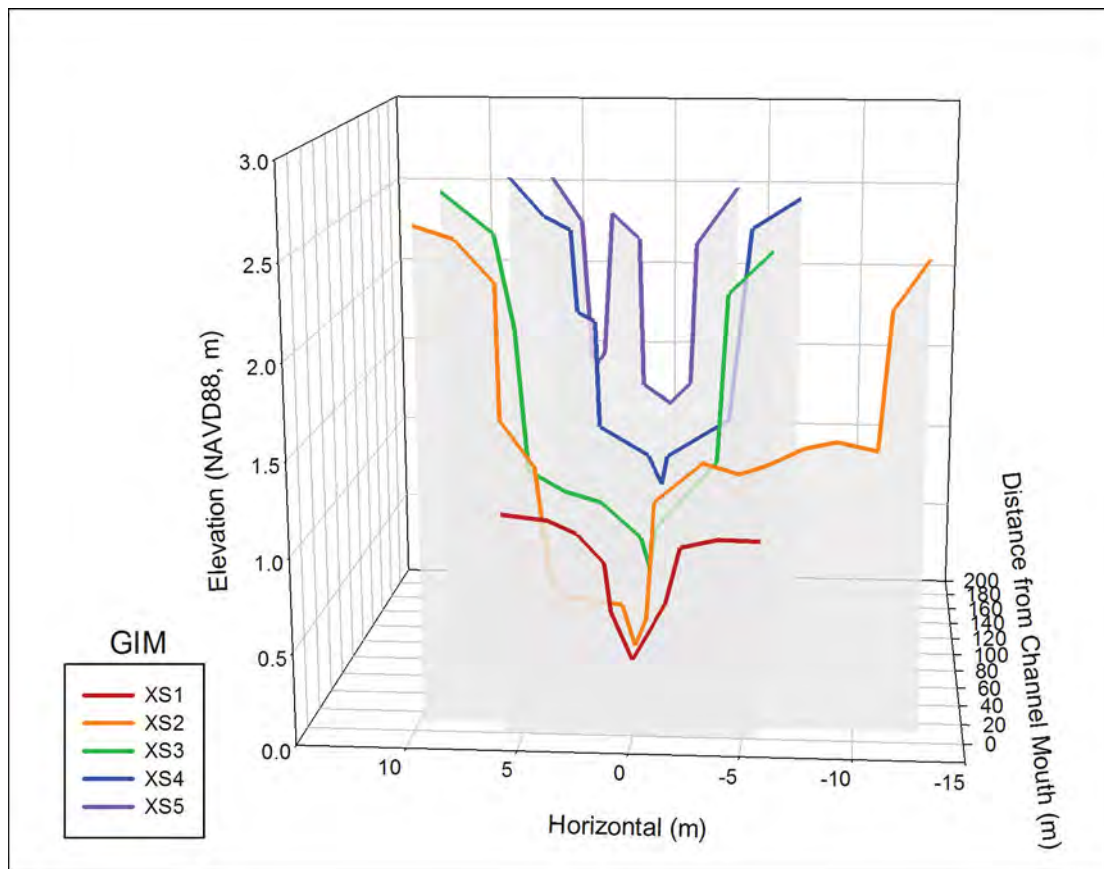
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 3.32 in wetland: 5.92



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
GIM	1	0.93	0.41	0.51	1.0	3.2	6.3	83	71	80	67
	2	1.21	0.44	0.77	2.6	5.2	6.8	82	61	79	55
	3	2.14	0.61	1.53	11.3	10.6	6.9	77	26	73	16
	4	2.34	0.86	1.49	9.6	9.2	6.2	69	18	64	8
	5	2.17	1.20	0.97	2.5	3.0	3.1	56	25	49	15

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: A

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5107537 Easting: 437414

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 23 rkm

Distance from main channel: 7557 meters

Type: Natural Breach



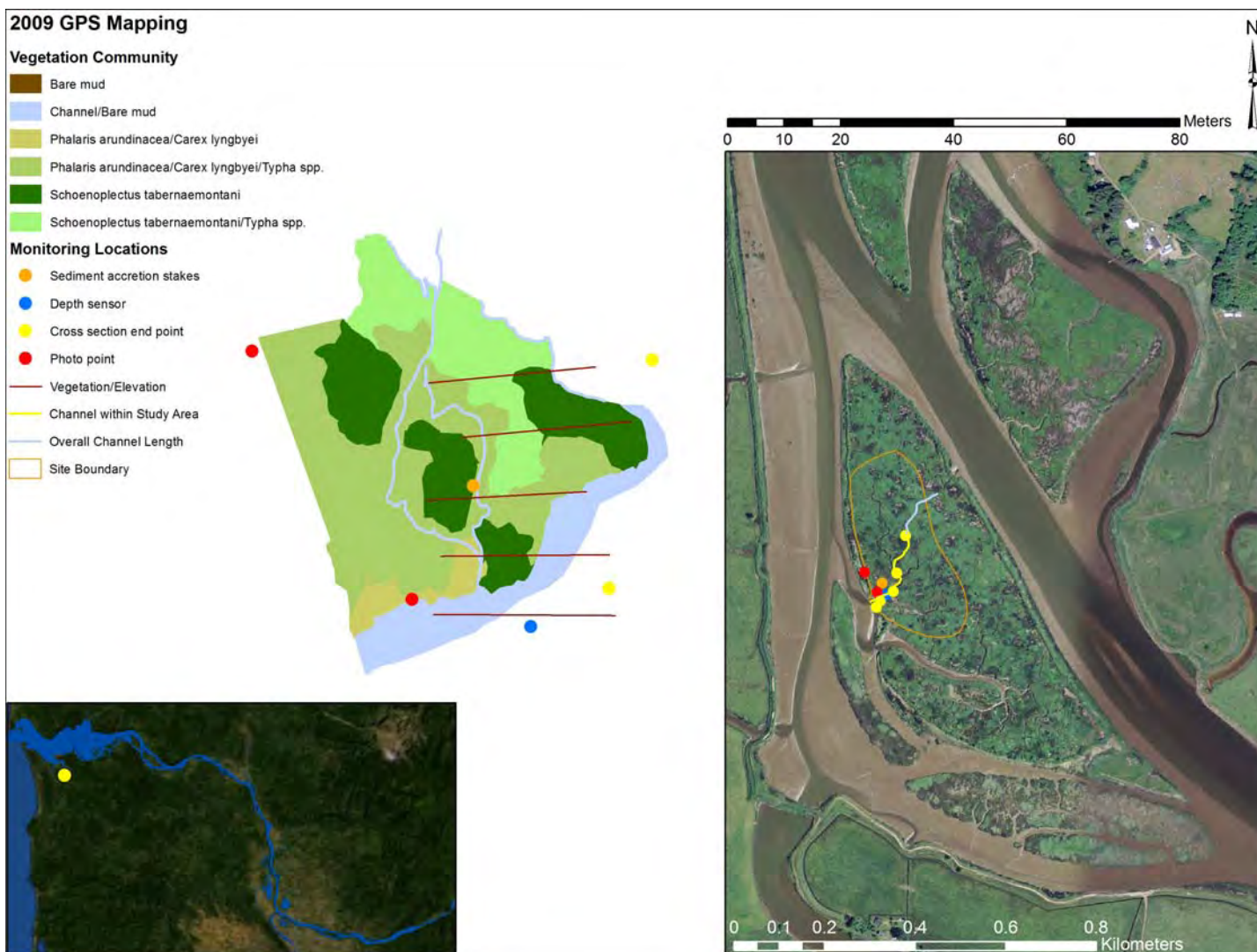
Total Site Area: 6.8 ha

Study Area: 0.29 ha

Total channel length: 334 m

Channel surveyed: 207 m

Channel slope: 9.39 m/km



Site Information

Haven Island is a formerly diked island recently breached and located approximately 7 miles up the Youngs River, a tributary to the Columbia River. The monitoring site was on the western side of the island near one of the 2 dike failures that occurred around 1999. In 2010, Columbia Land Trust, owner of the island, breached the dike in 5 places on the eastern side of the island as part of an ongoing restoration project.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 0.30

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.46

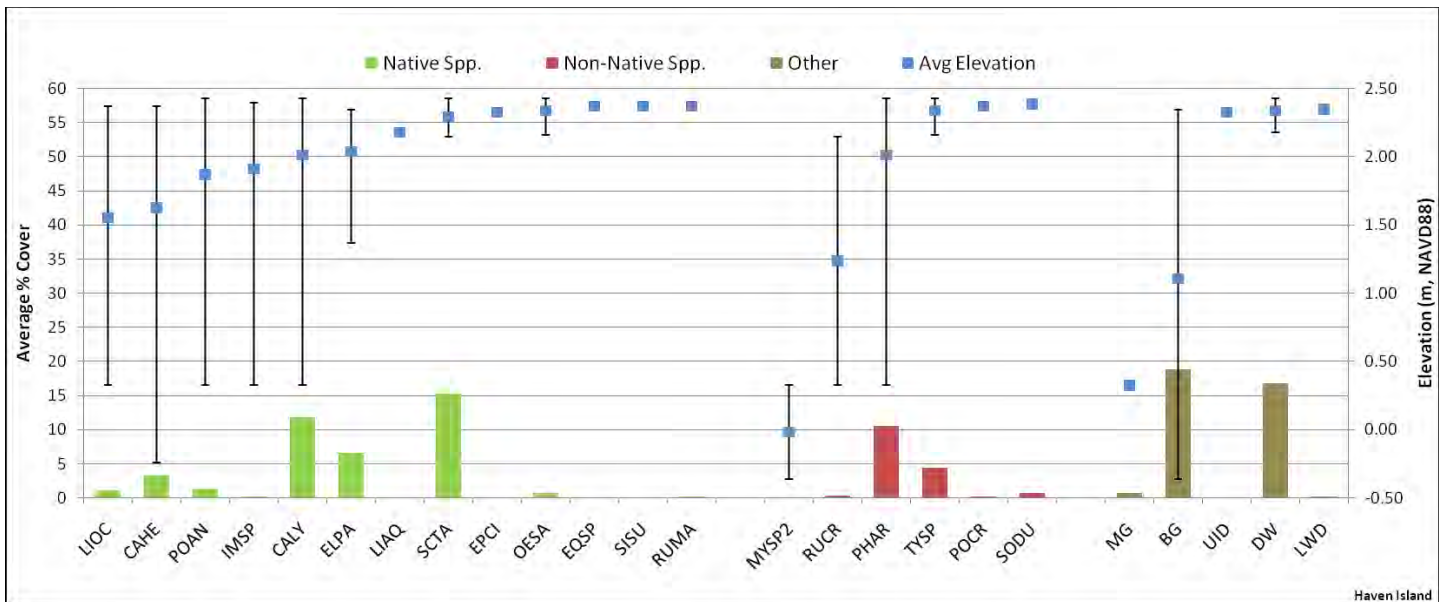
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 13

% Native Cover: 40.85

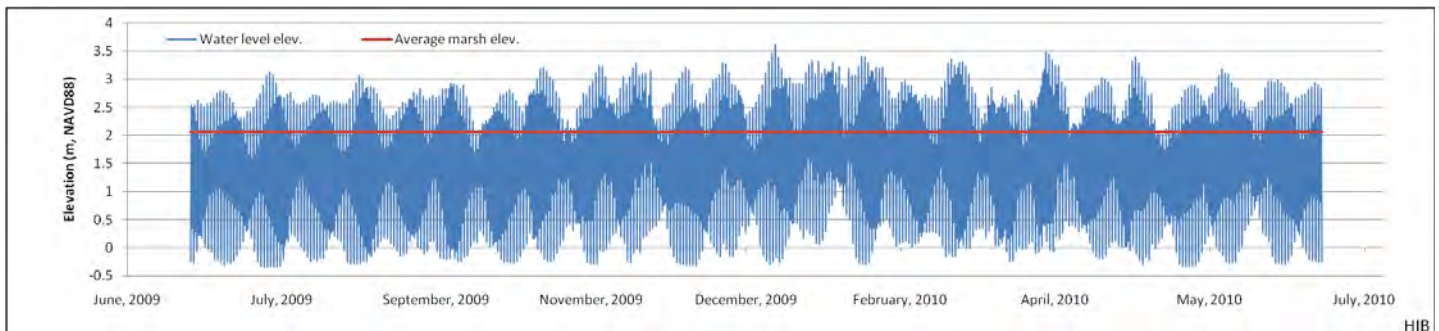
Number of Non-native species: 7

% Non-native Cover: 16.30

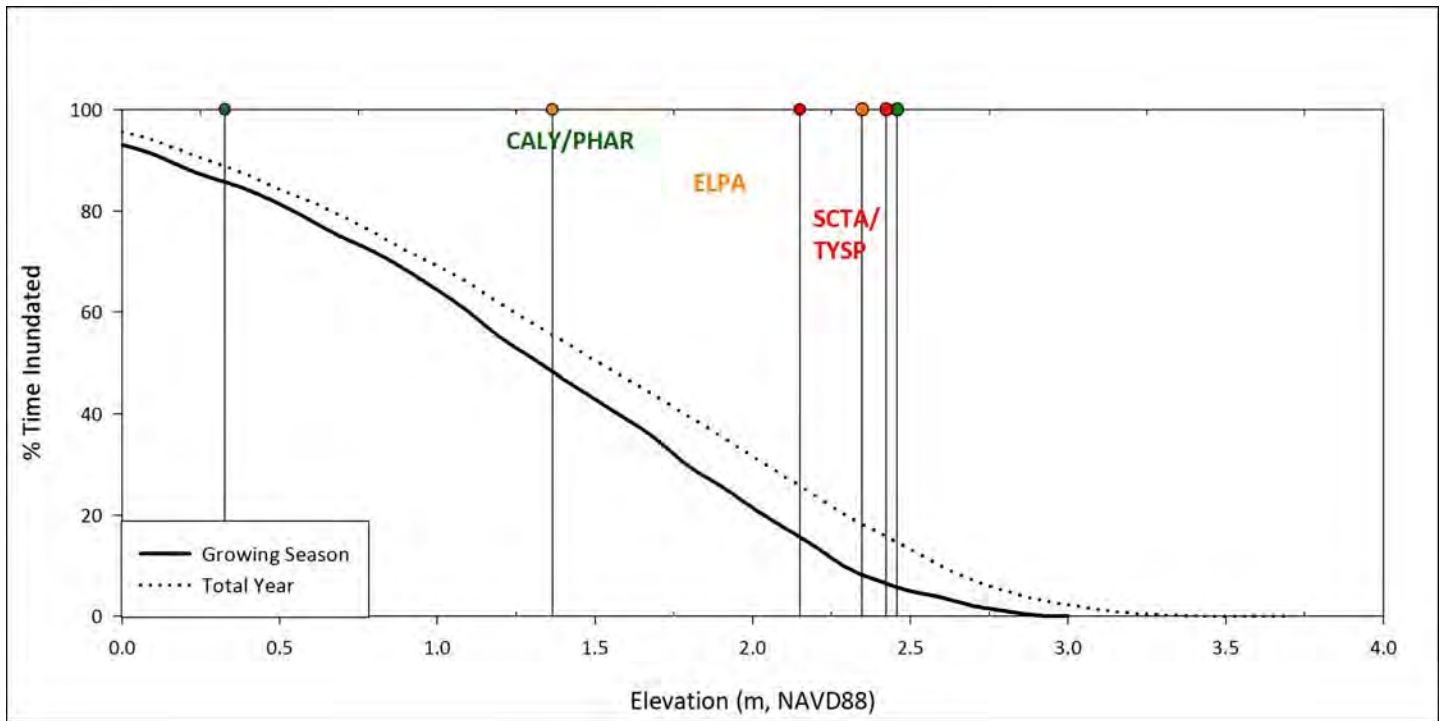


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, NAVD88)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>2.07</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>17.1</u>	<u>11.1</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



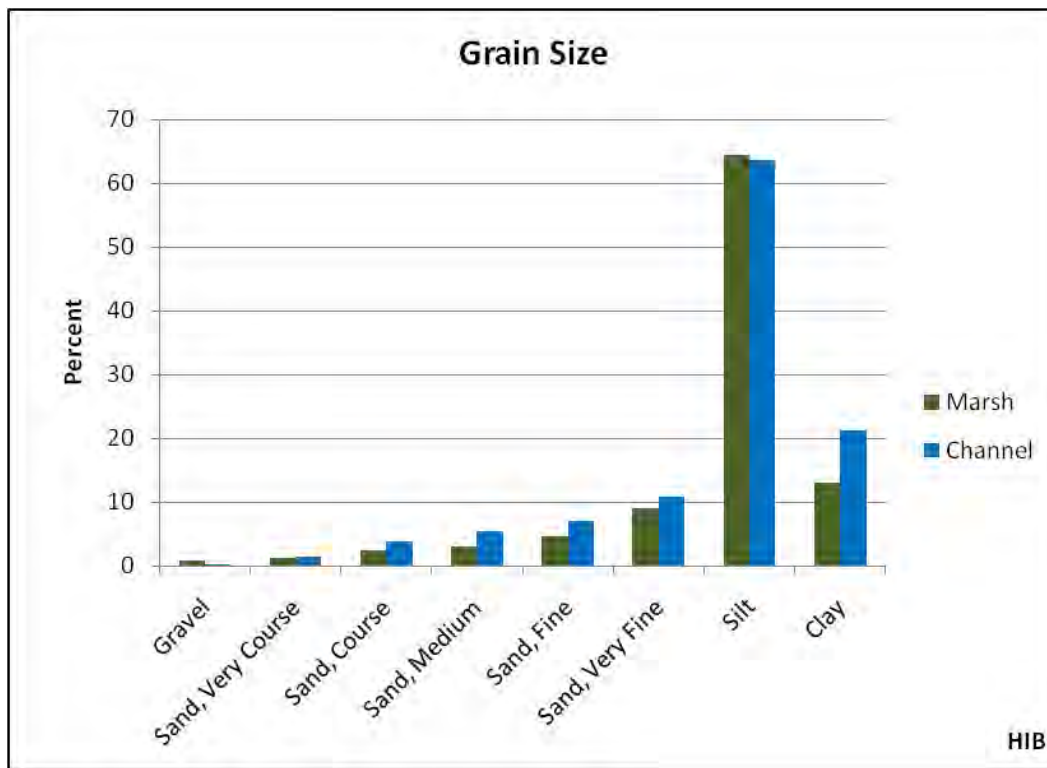
Inundation (cont.)



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 2.55 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.41 m, NAVD88

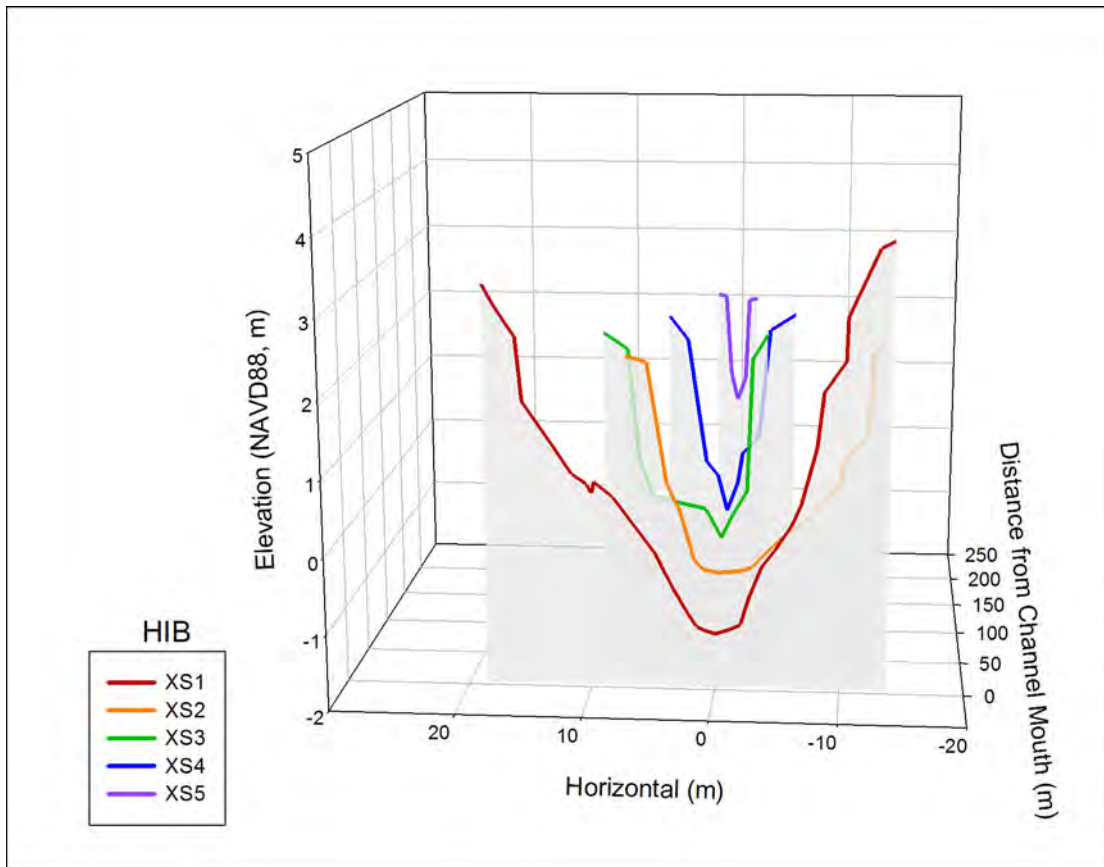
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 5.16 in wetland: 4.88



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
HIB	1	2.31	-1.29	3.59	54.5	26.0	7.3	100	20	100	9
	2	2.18	-0.58	2.76	36.3	18.1	6.5	100	24	100	14
	3	2.06	-0.35	2.41	18.6	10.2	4.2	98	29	96	19
	4	2.05	-0.33	2.38	10.1	6.9	2.9	98	30	96	19
	5	2.14	0.66	1.48	2.1	2.1	1.4	75	26	72	16

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: B

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5126799 Easting: 448119

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 37 rkm

Distance from main channel: 667 meters

Type: Swamp



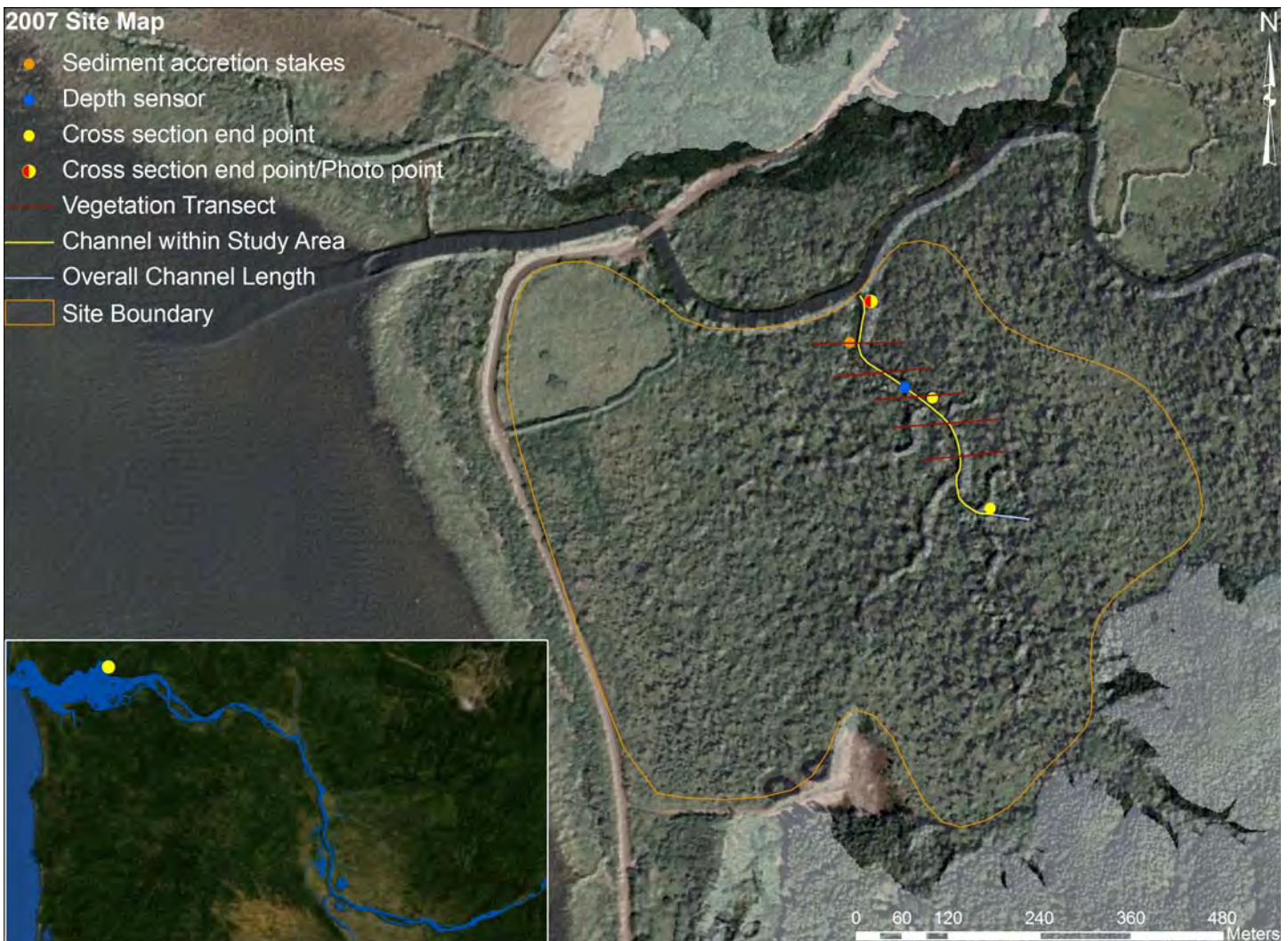
Total Site Area: 47.5 ha

Study Area: 3.74 ha

Total channel length: 427 m

Channel surveyed: 376 m

Channel slope: 3.56 m/km



Site Information

Crooked Creek, located in Washington, is a tributary to Grays Bay. The site at Crooked Creek spans both sides of a small channel that inputs near the mouth of Crooked Creek. The site is a forested wetland swamp dominated by Sitka spruce (*P. sitchensis*) and is owned by the Columbia Land Trust.

Elevation

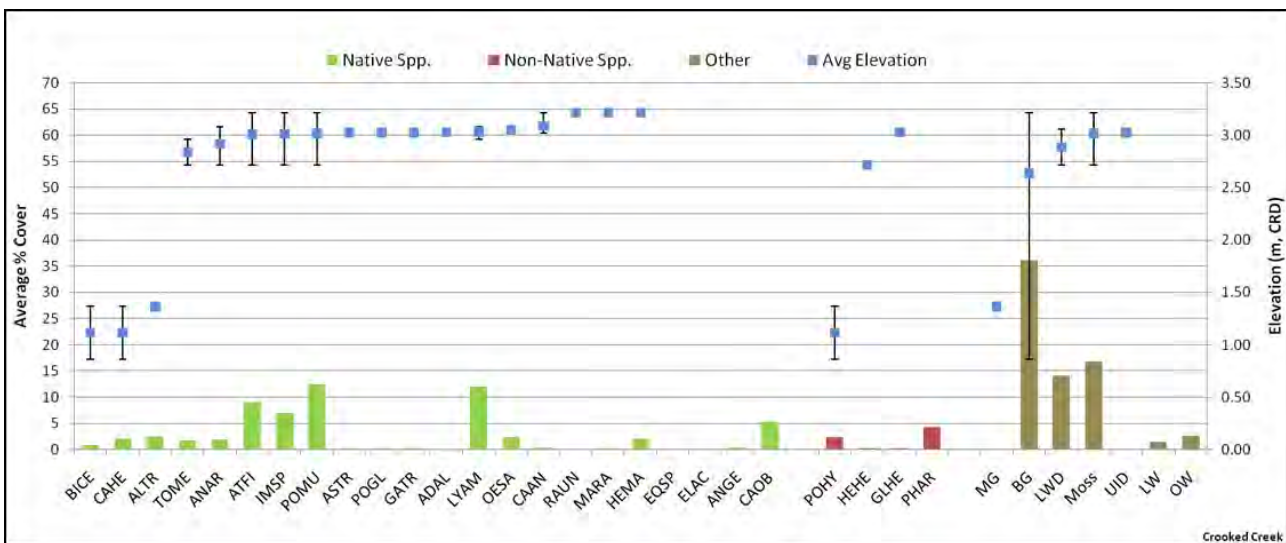
	Herb		Shrub		Tree	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
CRD, m	<u>0.86</u>	<u>3.21</u>	<u>2.88</u>	<u>3.42</u>	<u>3.06</u>	<u>5.03</u>
NAVD88, m	<u>0.98</u>	<u>3.33</u>	<u>3.00</u>	<u>3.54</u>	<u>3.18</u>	<u>5.15</u>

Vegetation

	Herb	Shrub	Tree
Number of Native species	<u>22</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>
Number of Non-native species	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

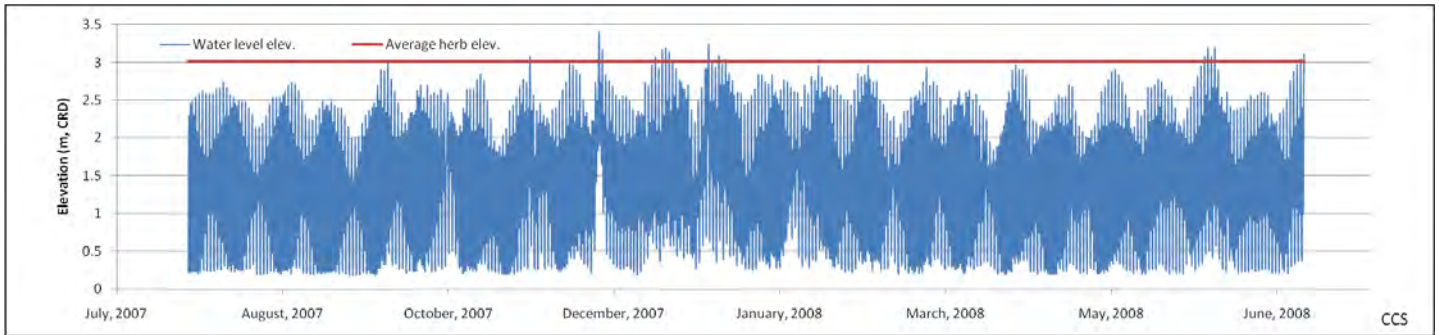
Species	Density (stems/ha)	Relative Density (%)
ACCI	2333	4.3
AMAL	167	0.3
COSE	167	0.3
GASH	2833	5.2
OECE	7000	12.9
RIDI	333	0.6
RUAR	1167	2.2
RULA	167	0.3
RUPA	3333	6.2
RUSP	27000	49.8
RUUR	7000	12.9
SARA	167	0.3
SASP	167	0.3
SYAL	167	0.3
VAPA	2167	4.0

Species	Density Stems/ha	Relative Frequency %	Relative Density %	Relative Dominance %	Elevation (m, CRD)	
					Min	Max
Crooked Creek						
ALRU	153	36.2	48.6	37.0	3.23	3.77
CRDO	13	2.1	4.1	0.1	nd	nd
PISI	76	23.4	24.3	45.7	3.23	5.03
PREM	8	2.1	2.7	0.1	nd	nd
RHPU	21	8.5	6.8	0.3	3.22	3.92
THPL	30	10.6	9.5	16.1	3.06	3.06
TSHE	13	6.4	4.1	0.7	3.78	3.78
no trees	na	10.6	na	na	na	na



Inundation

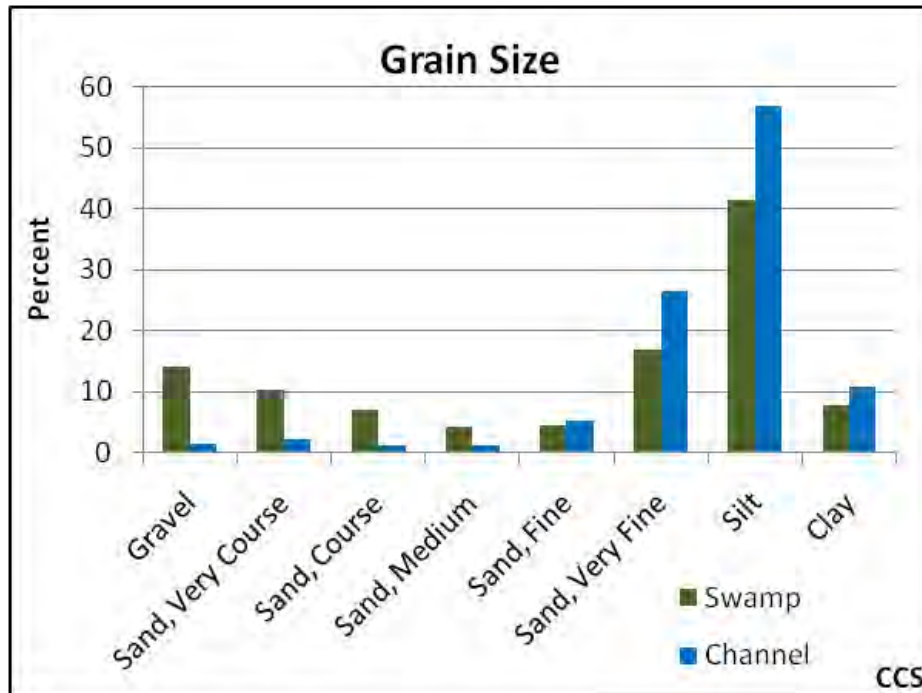
	Std	Herb	Shrub	Tree	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>3.02</u>	<u>3.47</u>	<u>3.66</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>11.2</u>	<u>0.03</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 0.04 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: NA m, CRD

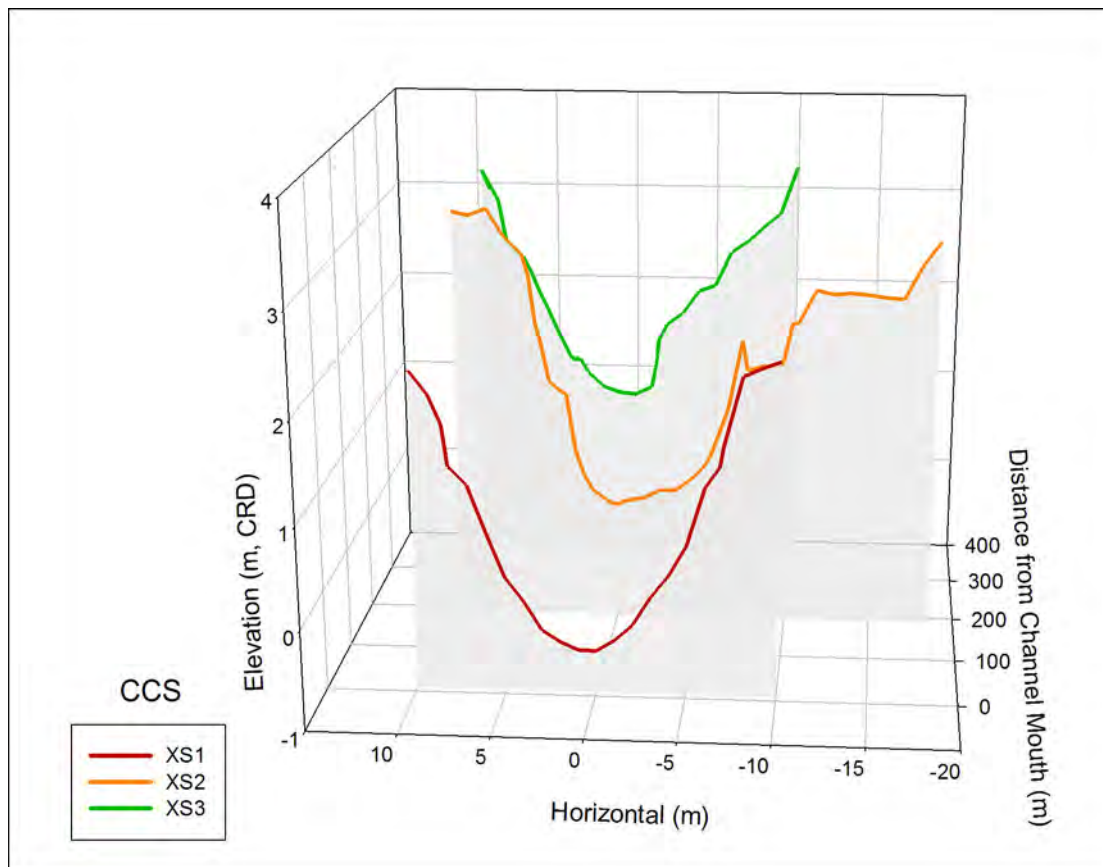
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 2.21 in wetland: 3.78



Channels

		Physical Metrics						Inundation			
		Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Year		Growing Season
Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)								Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
CCS	1 (mouth)	2.16	-0.58	2.74	31.4	18.0	6.6	100	18	100	10
	2	2.47	0.20	2.27	23.8	16.6	7.3	89	8	84	3
	3	3.20	0.76	2.44	29.5	19.3	7.9	69	0	64	0

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: B

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5130446 Easting: 449056

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 37 rkm

Distance from main channel: 6498 meters

Type: Swamp



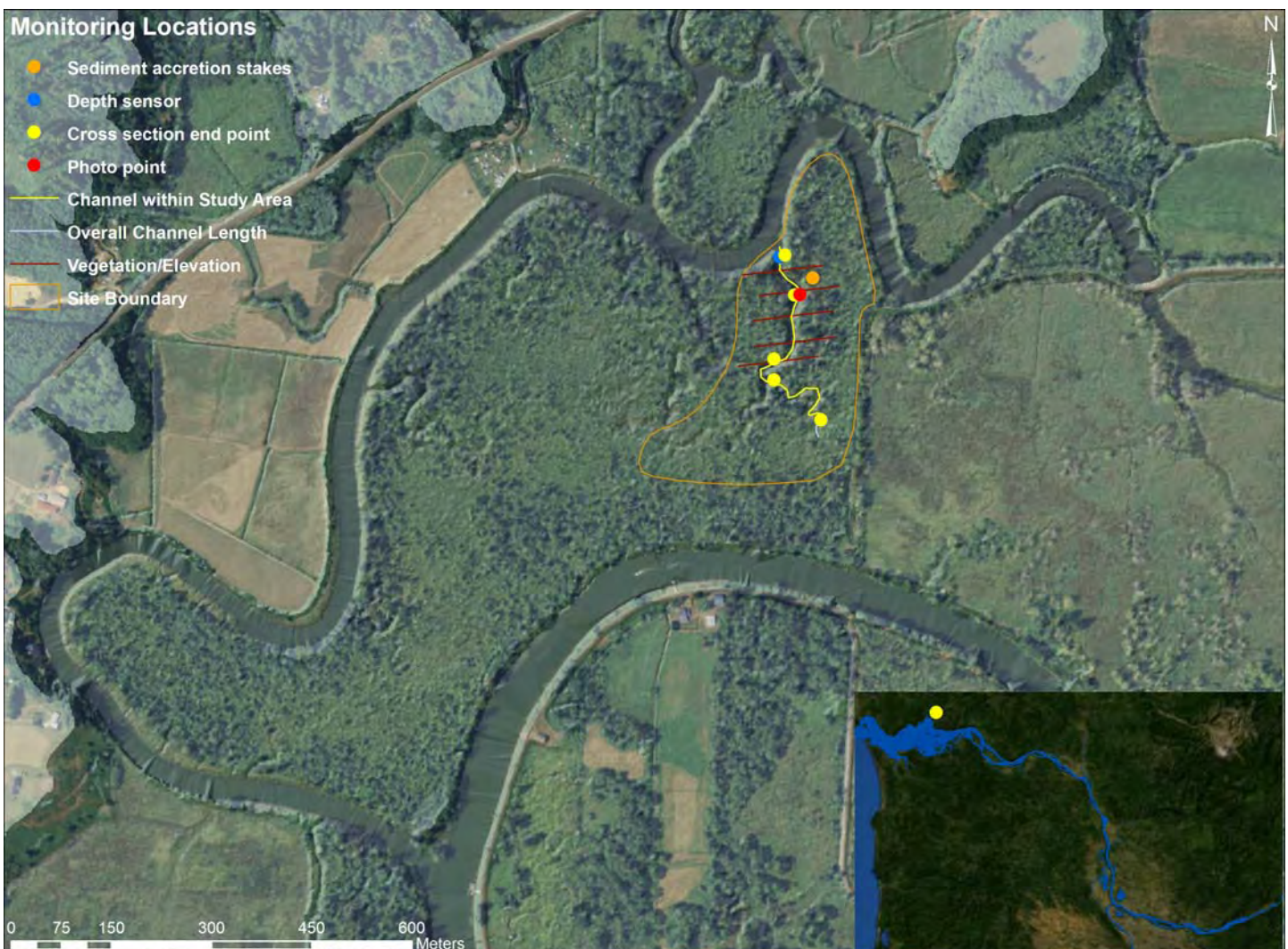
Total Site Area: 9.1 ha

Study Area: 2.12 ha

Total channel length: 447 m

Channel surveyed: 422 m

Channel slope: 3.13 m/km



Site Information

Seal Slough is a tributary to the Grays River, and is located approximately 7.3 km from the mouth of the Grays River. The Seal Slough site spans both sides of a small channel that inputs into Seal Slough. The site is a forested wetland swamp dominated by Sitka spruce (*P. sitchensis*) and is owned by the Columbia Land Trust. This site was recently used as reference for a culvert replacement project nearby at Kandoll Farm.

Elevation

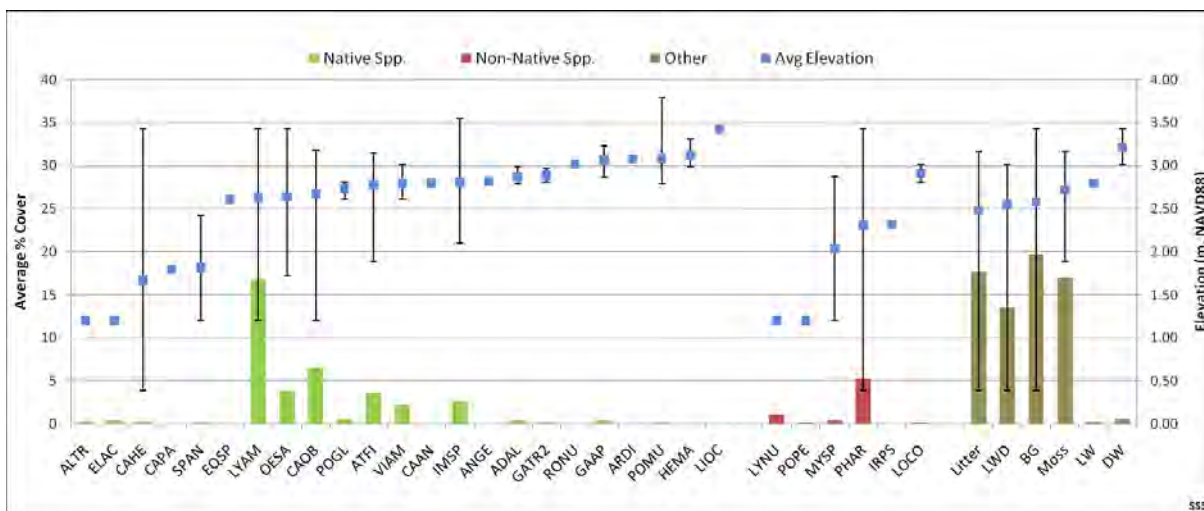
NAVD88, m	Herb		Shrub		Tree	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
	<u>0.39</u>	<u>3.79</u>	<u>2.59</u>	<u>4.03</u>	<u>2.10</u>	<u>3.70</u>

Vegetation

	Herb	Shrub	Tree
Number of Native species	<u>23</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>
Number of Non-native species	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

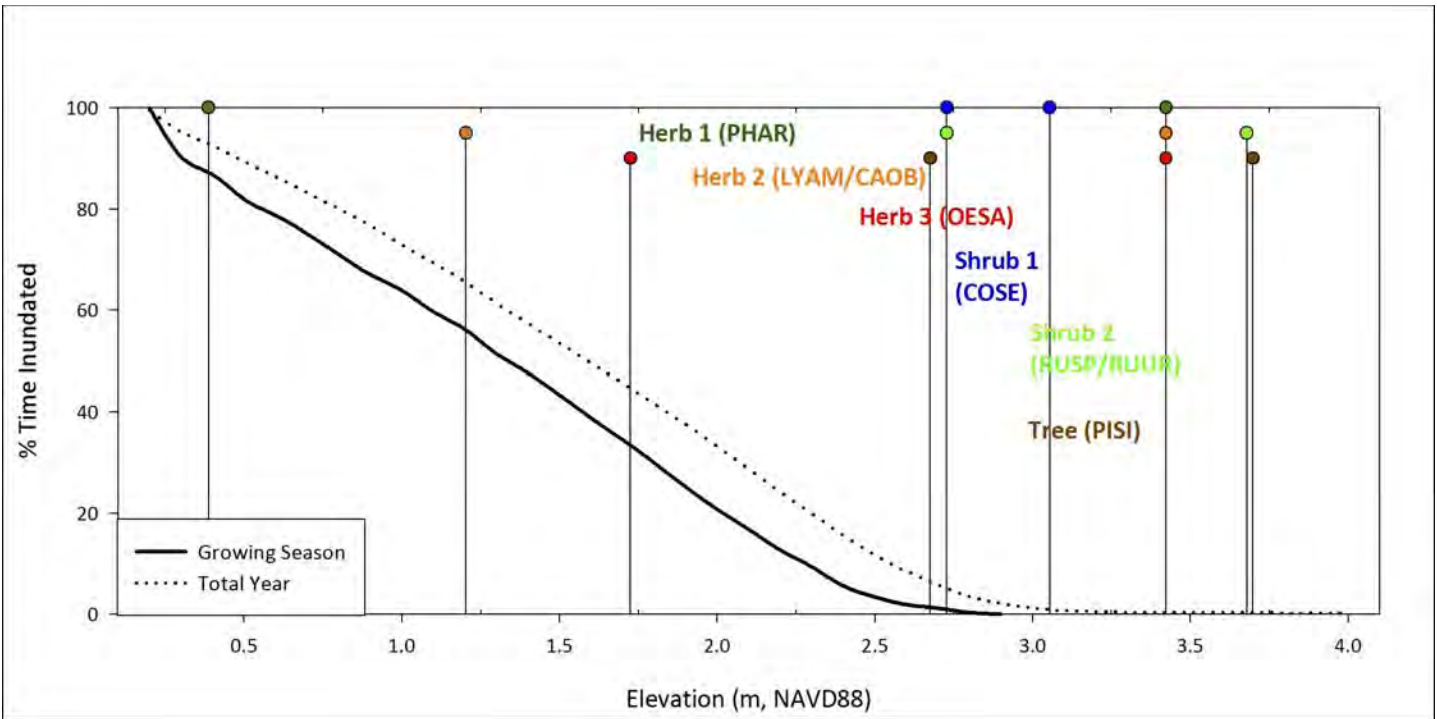
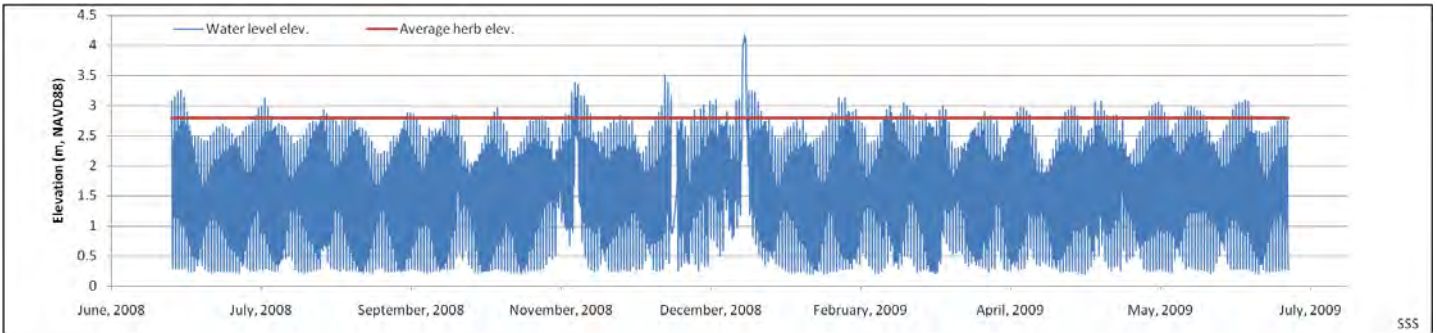
Species	Density (stems/ha)	Relative Density (%)
ACCI	200	0.3
AMAL	2200	3.4
COSE	6200	9.7
GASH	11500	17.9
LOIN	3700	5.8
OECE	100	0.2
PHCA	5600	8.7
RIDI	1500	2.3
RILA	1000	1.6
RONU	2400	3.7
RUPA	8300	12.9
RUUR	6900	10.8
RUSP	11600	18.1
SPDO	2100	3.3
VAPA	600	0.9
UID	200	0.3

Species	Density Stems/ha	Relative Frequency %	Relative Density %	Relative Dominance %	Elevation (m, CRD)	
					Min	Max
Seal Slough						
ALRU	14	10.9	9.8	10.7	2.39	3.07
FRLA	10	10.9	7.0	11.0	2.39	3.65
MAFU	55	23.4	38.5	0.9	2.10	3.31
PISI	32	20.3	22.4	57.3	2.67	4.09
RHPU	18	15.6	12.6	1.3	2.48	3.67
THPL	10	10.9	7.0	16.9	2.10	3.77
TSHE	4	3.1	2.8	2.0	2.10	3.76
no trees	na	4.7	na	na	na	na



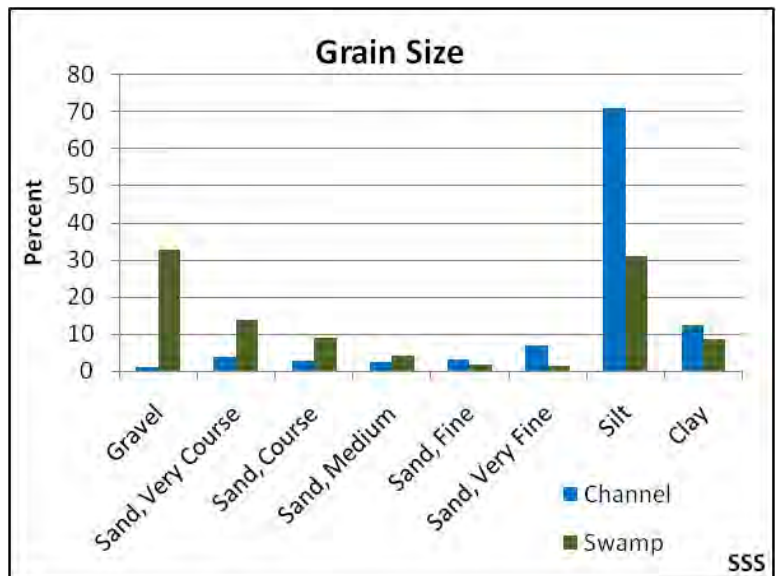
Inundation

	Std	Herb	Shrub	Tree	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, NAVD88)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>2.80</u>	<u>3.12</u>	<u>3.55</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>18.9</u>	<u>0.30</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



Sediment

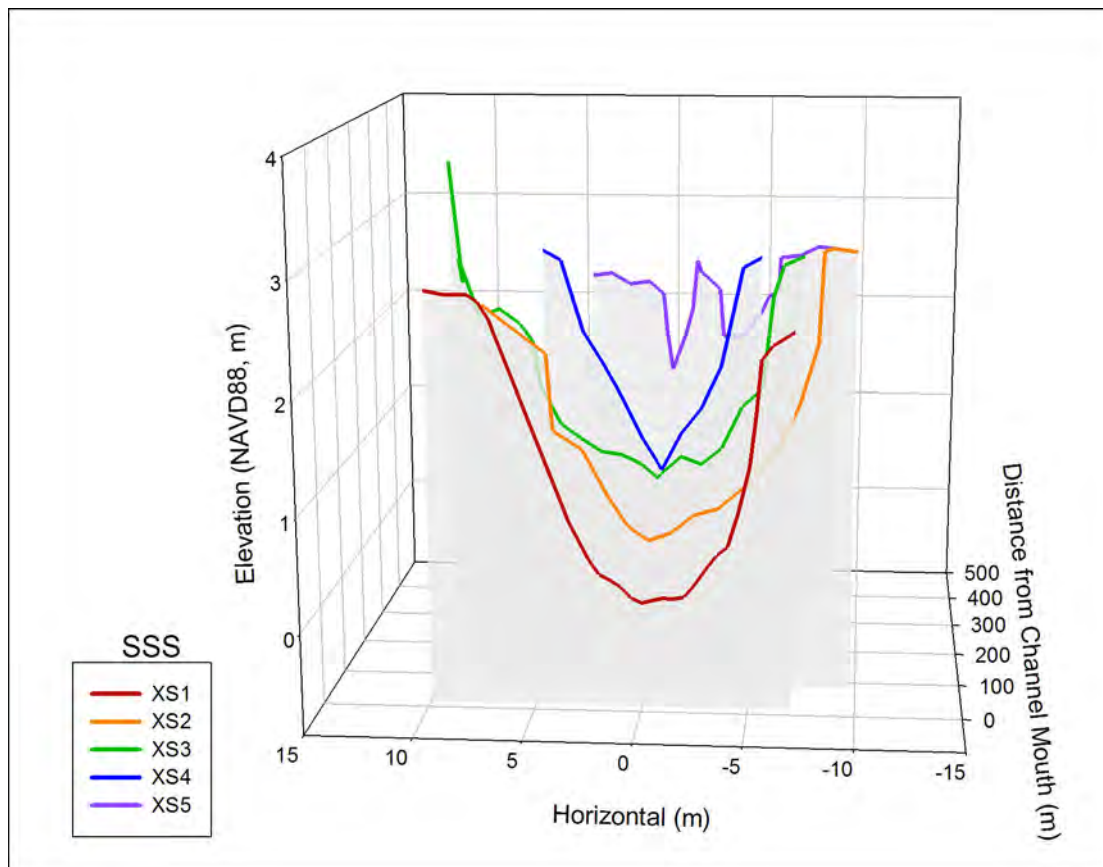
Sediment accretion rate: 0.38 cm per year
 Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.68 m, NAVD88
 Total Organic Carbon (TOC)
 in channel: 3.02
 in wetland: 5.54



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
SSS	1	2.20	0.05	2.16	17.9	11.8	5.5	99	24	100	13
	2	2.10	0.43	1.68	14.4	12.7	7.6	87	29	80	17
	3	2.45	0.74	1.71	16.2	14.9	8.7	77	14	68	5
	4	2.63	0.69	1.94	10.3	9.1	4.7	79	8	69	2
	5	2.12	1.36	0.76	1.5	5.7	7.5	53	28	42	16

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: B

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5128446 Easting: 446754

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 37 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Marsh and Swamp



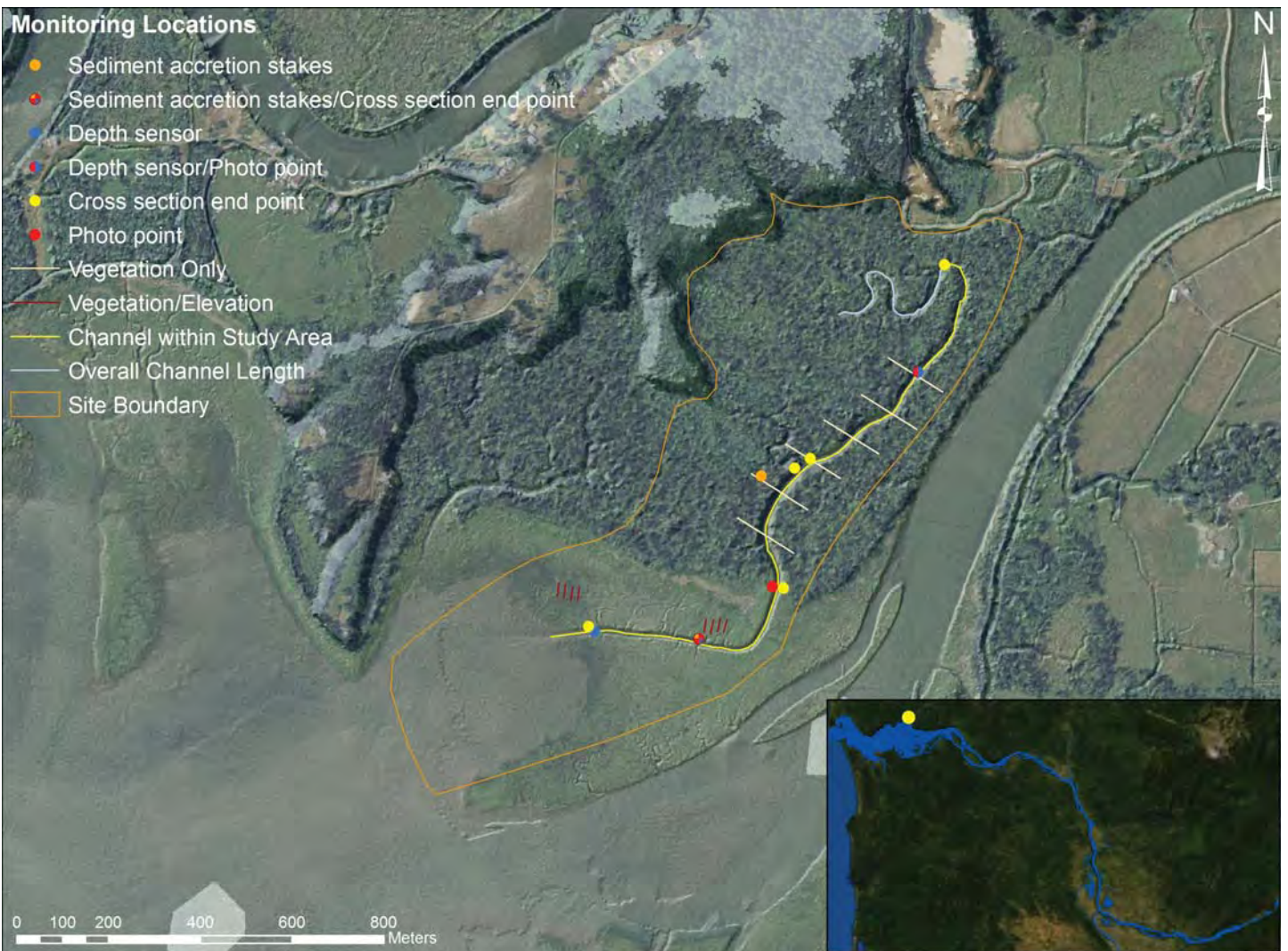
Total Site Area: 23.7 ha

Study Area: 16.7 ha

Total channel length: 1974 m

Channel surveyed: 1523 m

Channel slope: 0.59 m/km



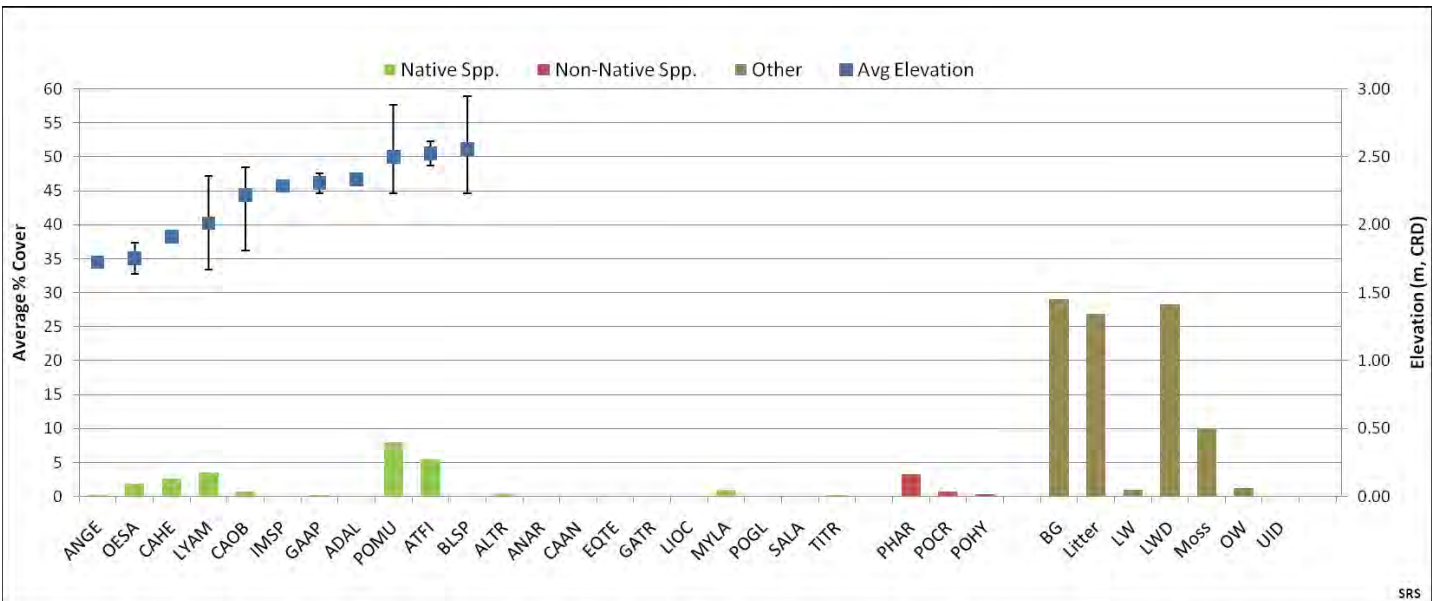
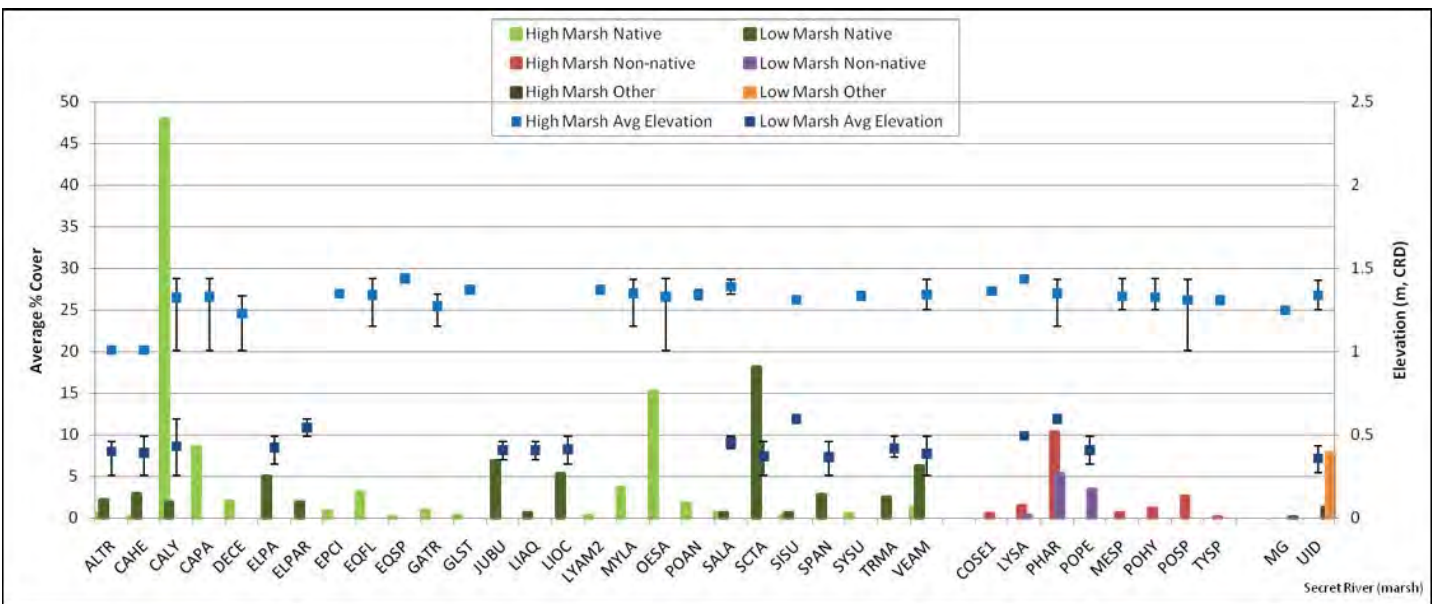
Site Information

Secret River is a small tributary to Grays Bay on the Washington mainland. The Secret River site is owned by the Columbia Land Trust. The marsh site is comprised of high marsh and low marsh communities and grades up to a forested wetland (swamp). The swamp site spans both sides of the Secret River channel and is dominated by Sitka spruce (*P. sitchensis*).

Elevation

	Marsh		Herb		Shrub		Tree	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
CRD, m	<u>0.16</u>	<u>2.12</u>	<u>1.64</u>	<u>2.94</u>	<u>1.90</u>	<u>3.50</u>	<u>2.03</u>	<u>3.23</u>
NAVD88, m	<u>0.27</u>	<u>2.24</u>	<u>1.79</u>	<u>3.06</u>	<u>2.02</u>	<u>3.61</u>	<u>2.15</u>	<u>3.35</u>

Vegetation



Vegetation (cont.)

	Low Marsh	High Marsh	Herb	Shrub	Tree
Num. of Native species	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>
% Cover Native species	<u>57.94</u>	<u>88.41</u>	<u>24.90</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>
Num. of Non-native species	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
% Cover Non-native species	<u>9.06</u>	<u>16.94</u>	<u>4.35</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>

Species	Density (Stems/ha)	Relative Density (%)
Secret River		
ACCI	1808	5.0
COSE	2333	6.5
GASH	13333	37.1
LOIN	333	0.9
OECE	667	1.9
ROSP	167	0.5
RUPA	6333	17.6
RUSP	6833	19.0
RUUR	3500	9.7
VAPA	667	1.9

Species	Density Stems/ha	Relative Frequency %	Relative Density %	Relative Dominance %	Elevation (m, CRD)	
					Min	Max
Secret River						
ALRU	130	24.0	17.4	17.8	2.91	2.91
FRLA	8	2.0	1.1	0.4	2.03	2.10
MAFU	326	19.0	43.6	0.8	2.37	2.79
PISI	103	25.0	13.8	61.7	2.39	3.23
RHPU	48	7.0	6.4	0.1	2.80	2.80
THPL	114	18.0	15.2	18.0	nd	nd
TSHE	19	5.0	2.5	1.1	2.96	2.96
no trees	na	0.0	na	na	na	na

Sediment

Marsh

Sediment accretion rate: 0.21 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.43 m, CRD

Swamp

Sediment accretion rate: 0.43 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: NA m, CRD

Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

Marsh

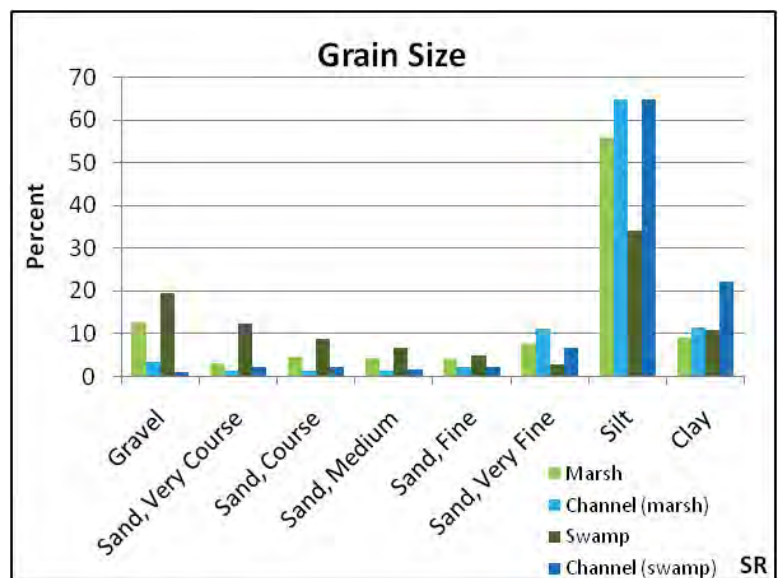
in channel: 2.12

in wetland: 3.06

Swamp

in channel: 3.92

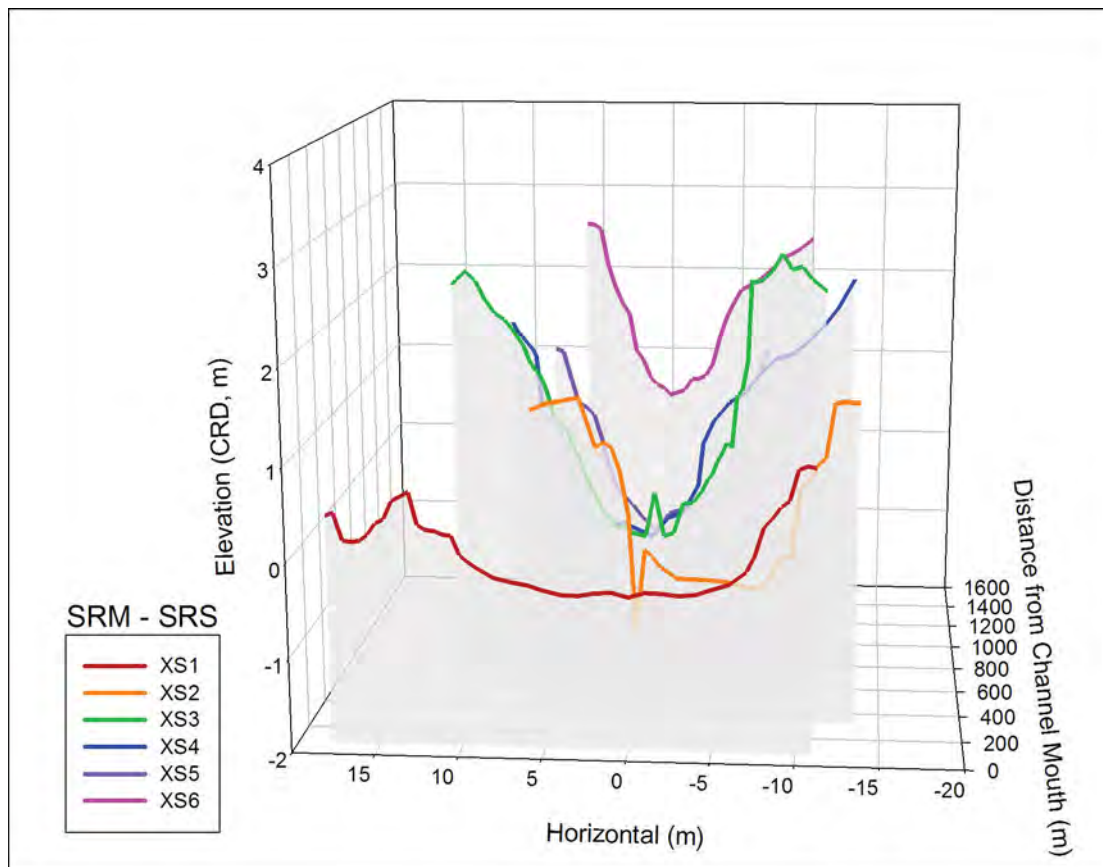
in swamp: 7.91



Channels

		Physical Metrics						Inundation			
		Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Year		Growing Season
Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)								Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
SR	1	0.69	-0.37	1.06	18.4	22.5	21.3	99	53	99	46
	2	1.47	-1.02	2.49	22.5	16.0	6.4	100	21	100	13
	3	1.78	-0.28	2.07	19.1	14.1	6.8	93	9	90	4
	4	1.48	-0.59	2.07	20.0	15.9	7.7	100	30	100	20
	5	1.52	-0.54	2.06	18.1	14.0	6.8	100	28	100	19
	6	2.41	0.48	1.94	14.9	14.9	7.7	65	1	56	0

Cross Sections

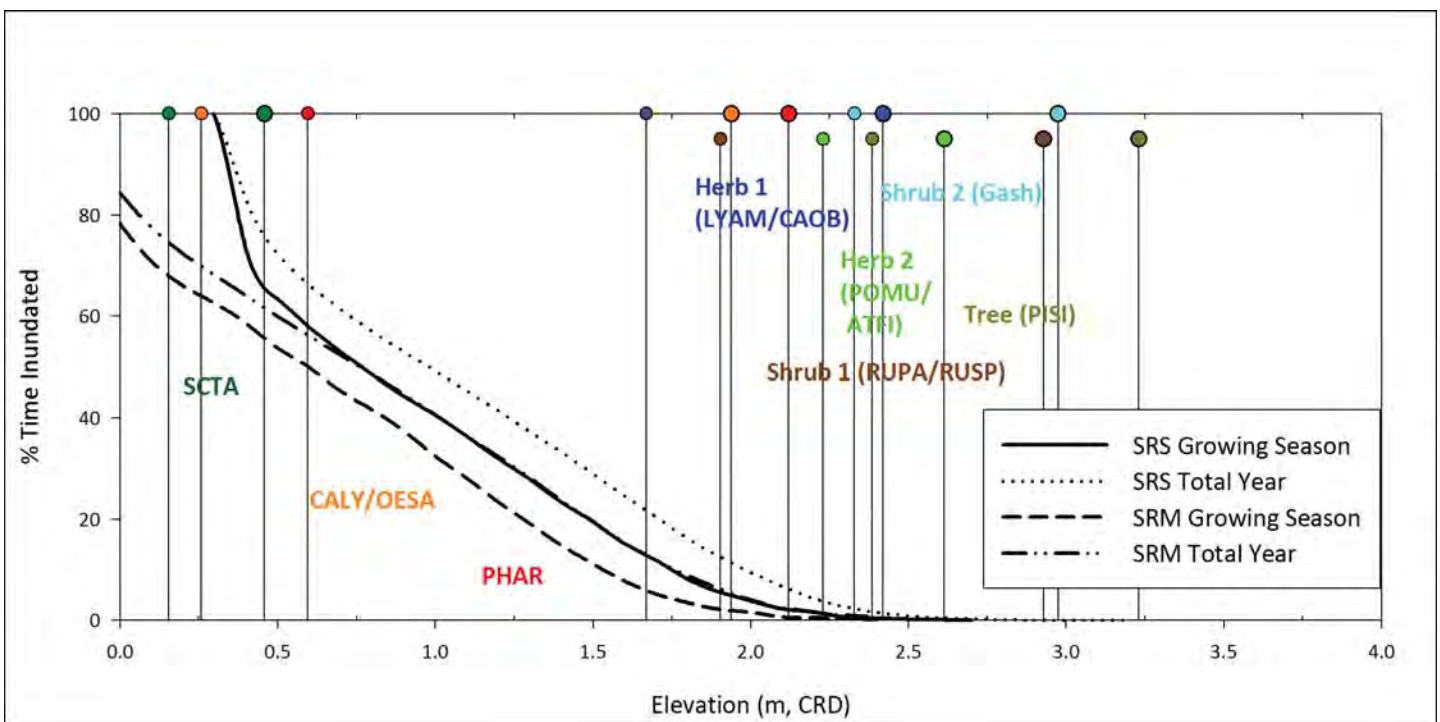
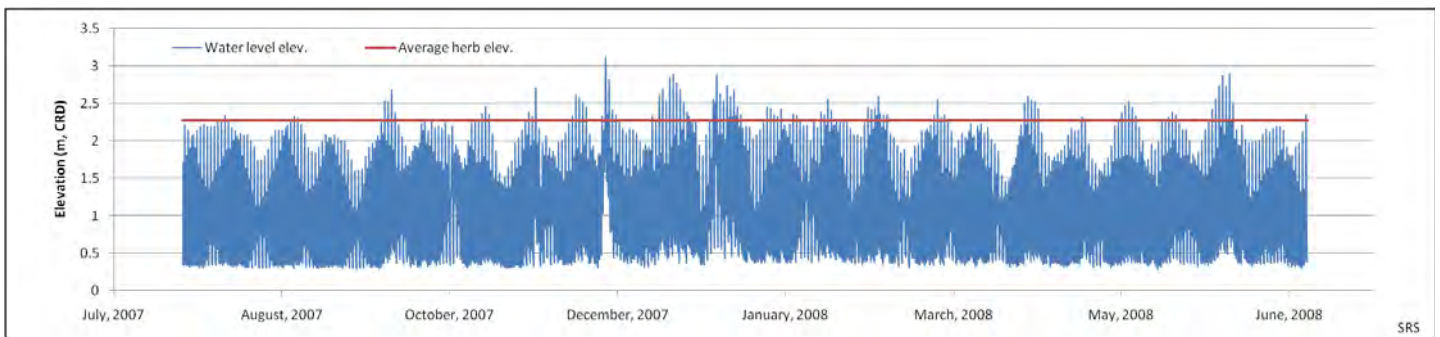
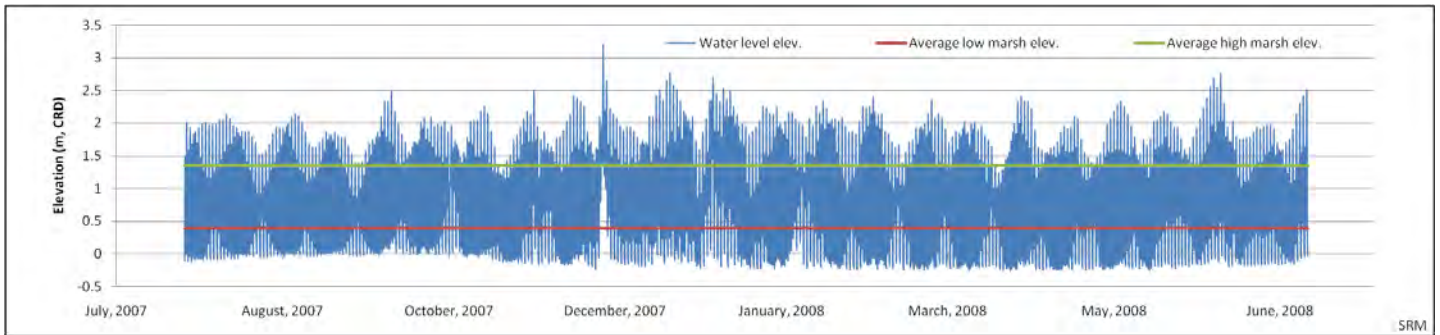


Inundation

	Marsh Std	Low Marsh	High Marsh	Swamp Std	Herb	Shrub	Tree
Average Elev (m, CRD)	1.89	0.39	1.35	1.89	2.27	2.49	2.69
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	1.08	56.6	8.99	2.88	0.54	0.12	0.03

Modified Growing Season: Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2007

Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2008



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: B

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5121994 Easting: 450095

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 39 rkm

Distance from main channel: 649 meters

Type: Created



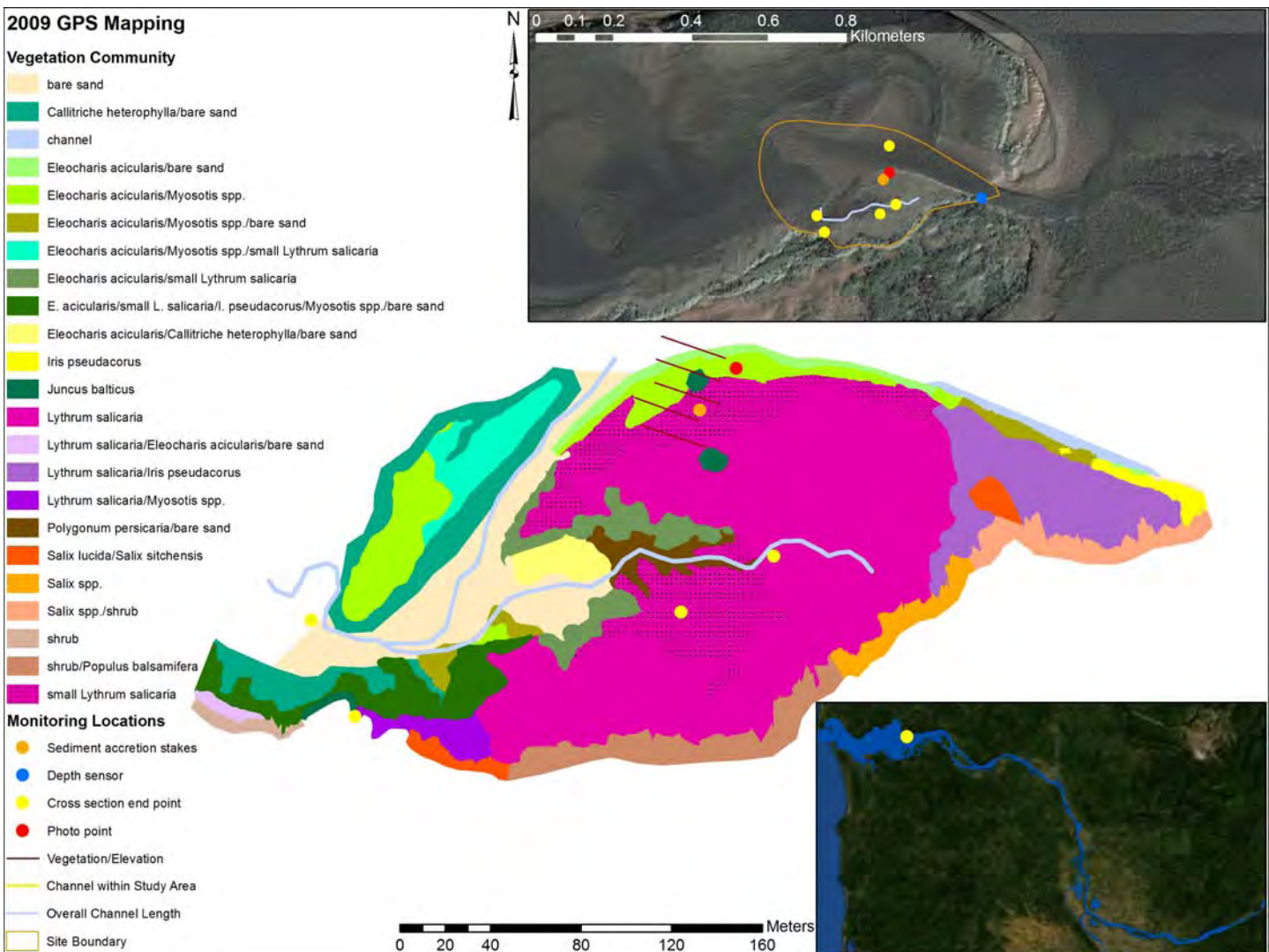
Total Site Area: 13.6 ha

Study Area: 3.03 ha

Total channel length: 305 m

Channel surveyed: 238 m

Channel slope: 2.10 m/km



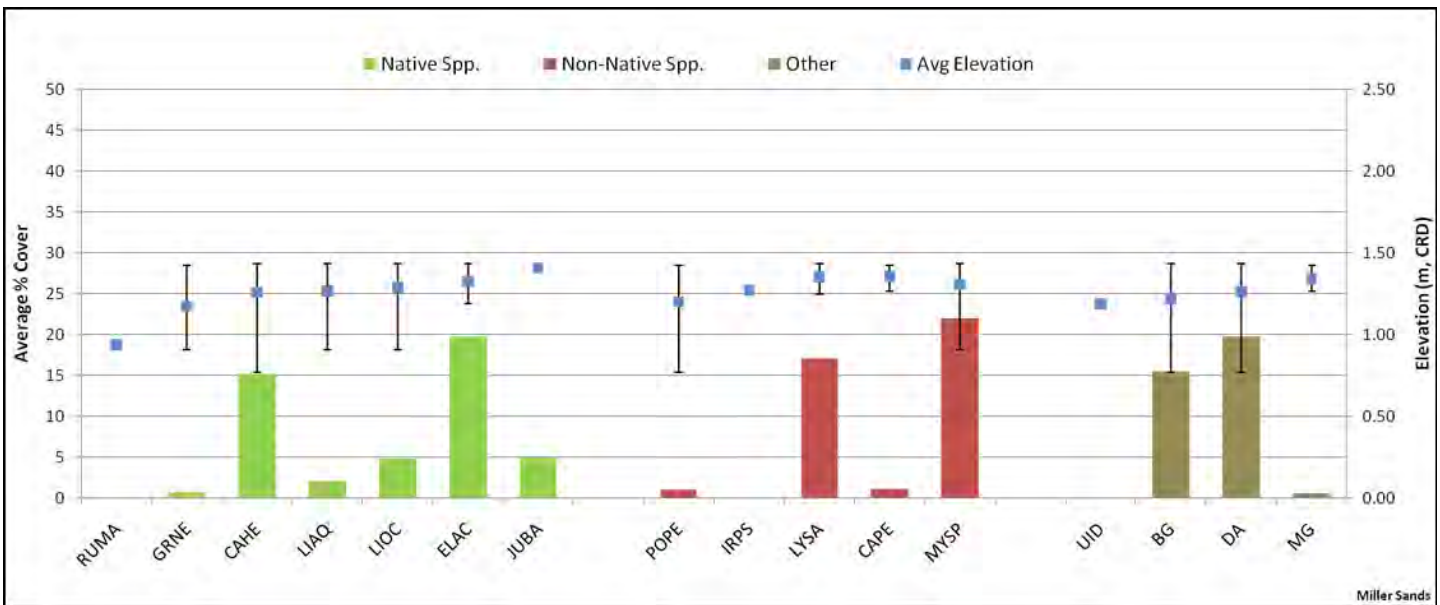
Site Information

Miller Sands is an island complex created from dredge material. Large shallows surround the island and a large shallow inlet leads to the center of the island. In 1978, the US Army Corps of Engineers Waterway Experiment Station funded a restoration project on the north side of the island complex to prevent the island from erosion and to create habitat for salmon and other wildlife. The monitoring site is a depressional area in the sheltered center of the island complex.

Vegetation

Number of Native species: 7 % Native Cover: 47.80

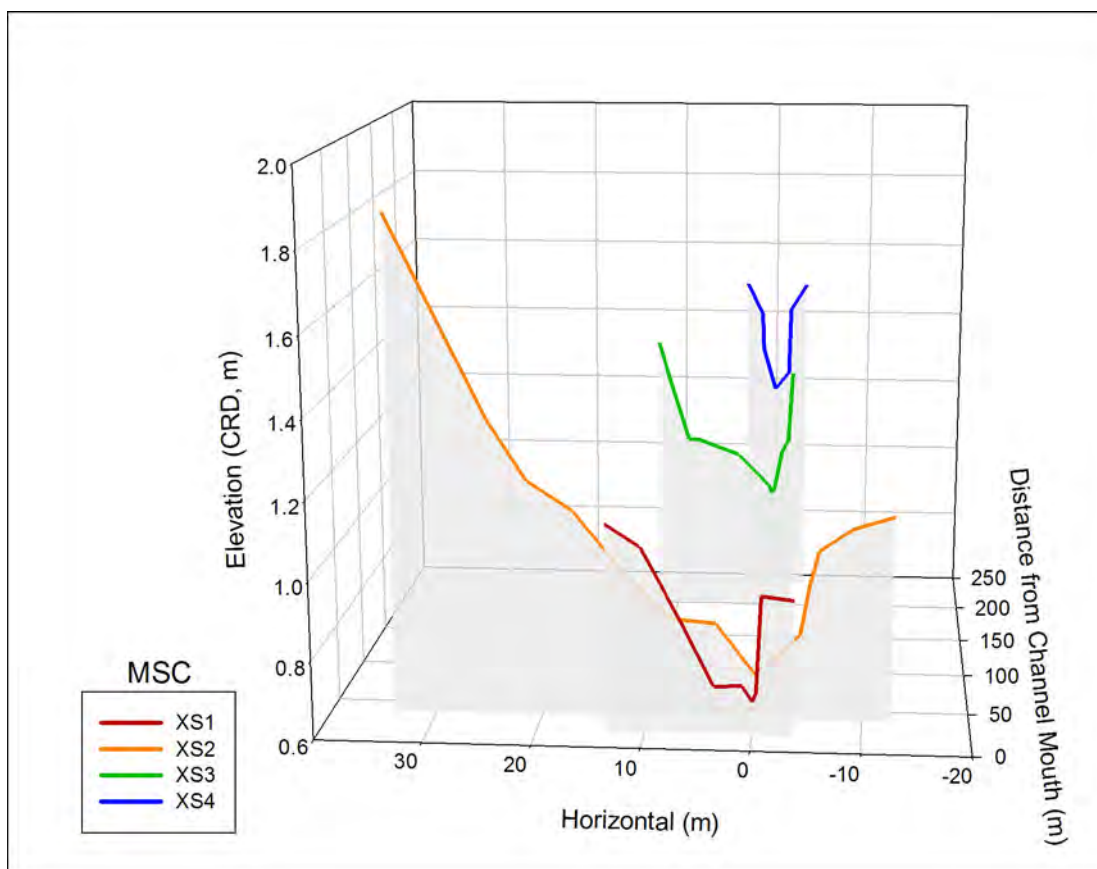
Number of Non-native species: 6 % Non-native Cover: 41.20



Channels

Physical Metrics							
	Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio
MSC	1 (mouth)	0.95	0.69	0.27	1.4	8.7	32.4
	2	1.04	0.72	0.32	3.5	20.2	63.4
	3	1.28	0.93	0.35	2.8	13.3	38.1
	4	1.41	1.19	0.22	0.5	3.1	13.8

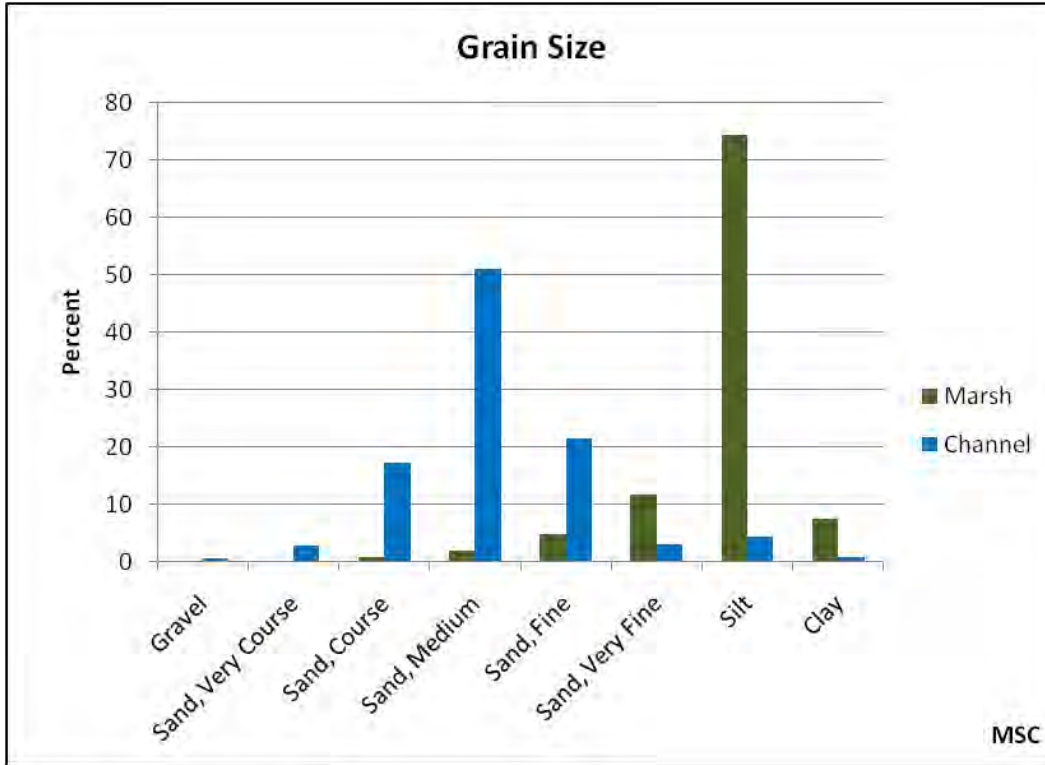
Cross Sections



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 1.09 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.37 m, CRD

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 0.17 in wetland: 1.98



Elevation

	NAVD88, m		CRD, m	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
Marsh	<u>0.92</u>	<u>2.07</u>	<u>0.77</u>	<u>1.92</u>
CAHE	<u>0.92</u>	<u>1.58</u>	<u>0.77</u>	<u>1.43</u>
ELAC	<u>1.06</u>	<u>1.80</u>	<u>0.91</u>	<u>1.65</u>
MYSP	<u>1.06</u>	<u>1.85</u>	<u>0.91</u>	<u>1.70</u>
LYSA	<u>1.23</u>	<u>2.07</u>	<u>1.08</u>	<u>1.92</u>
IRPS	<u>1.28</u>	<u>2.01</u>	<u>1.13</u>	<u>1.86</u>
COSE/SASP	<u>2.00</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>1.85</u>	<u>NA</u>
POBA/SARA	<u>2.31</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>2.16</u>	<u>NA</u>

Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: B

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5115377 Easting: 453882

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 40 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Swamp



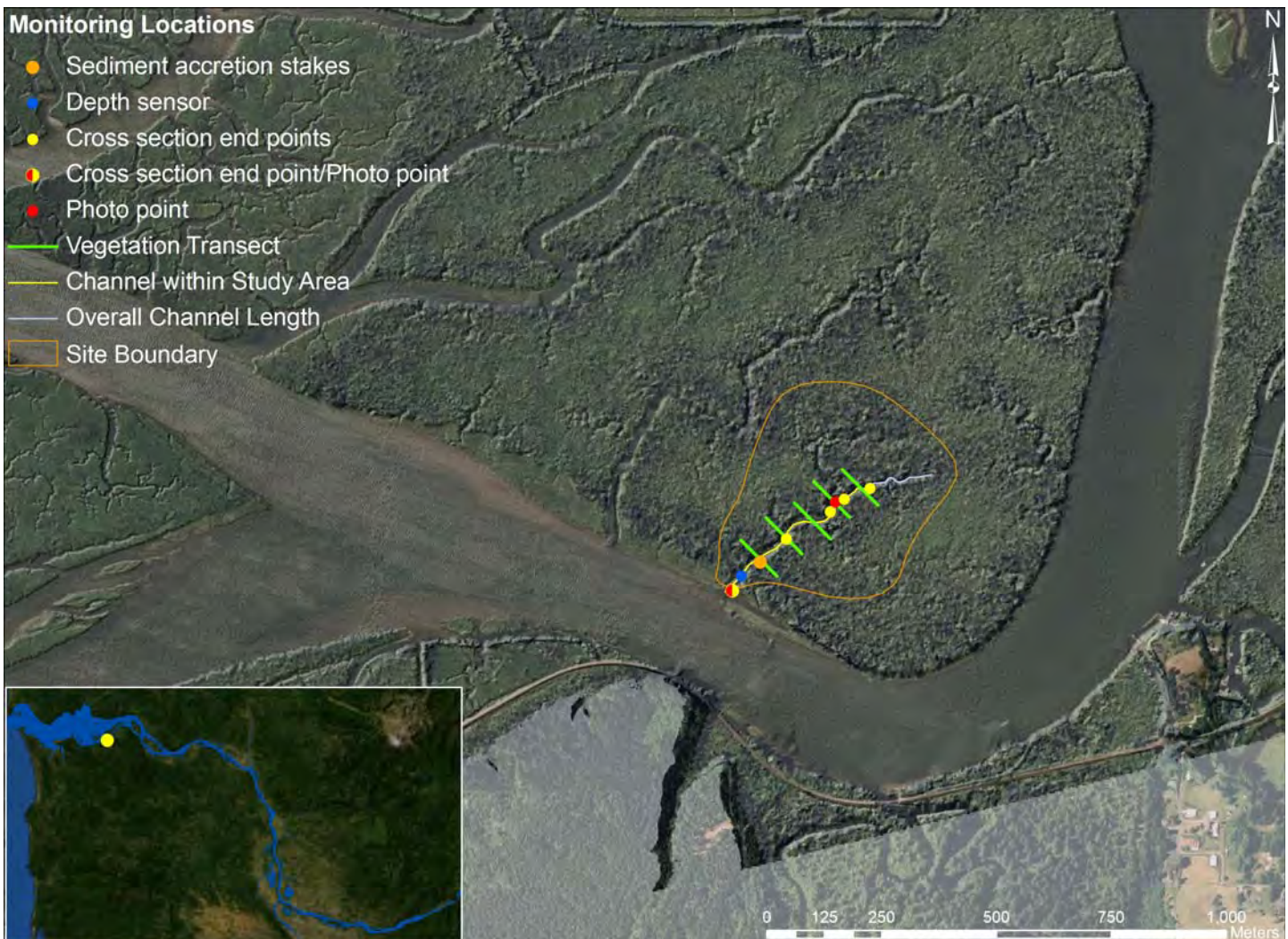
Total Site Area: 17.5 ha

Study Area: 6.87 ha

Total channel length: 572 m

Channel surveyed: 421 m

Channel slope: 3.51 m/km



Site Information

Karlson Island is part of the complex of islands that make up the Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge in Cathlamet Bay, Oregon. The island includes natural marsh, a diked area that has been breached, and a forested wetland swamp dominated by *P. sitchensis*. The sampling area was located on both sides of a tidal channel in the forested wetland.

Elevation

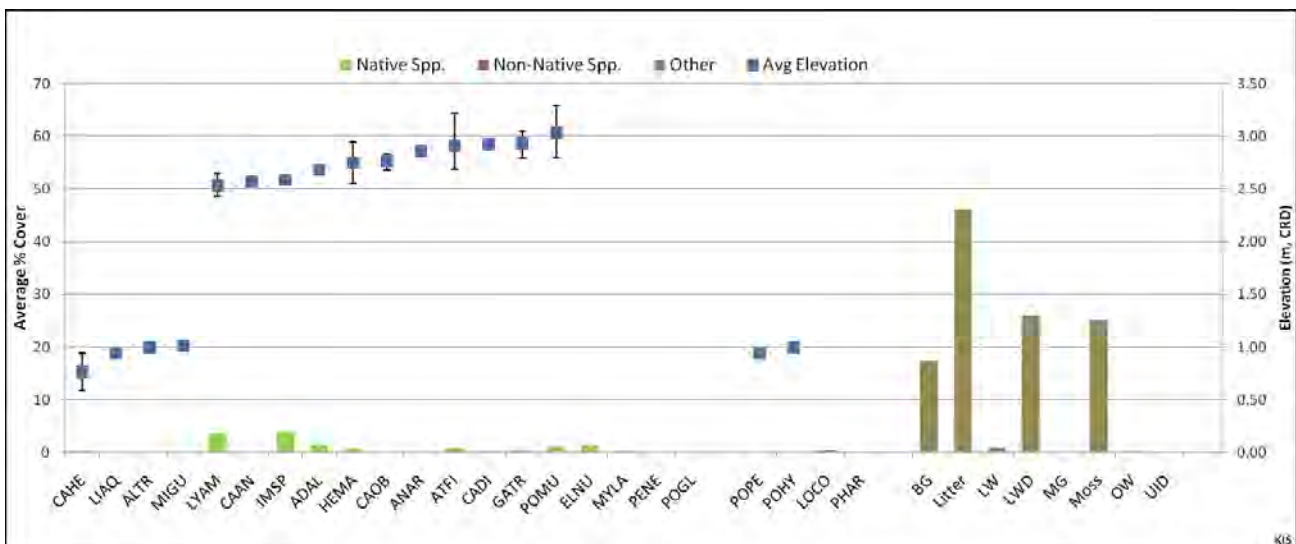
	Herb		Shrub		Tree	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
CRD, m	<u>0.59</u>	<u>3.29</u>	<u>2.25</u>	<u>3.32</u>	<u>2.23</u>	<u>4.67</u>
NAVD88, m	<u>0.74</u>	<u>3.44</u>	<u>2.40</u>	<u>3.48</u>	<u>2.39</u>	<u>4.82</u>

Vegetation

	Herb	Shrub	Tree
Number of Native species	<u>19</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>
Number of Non-native species	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

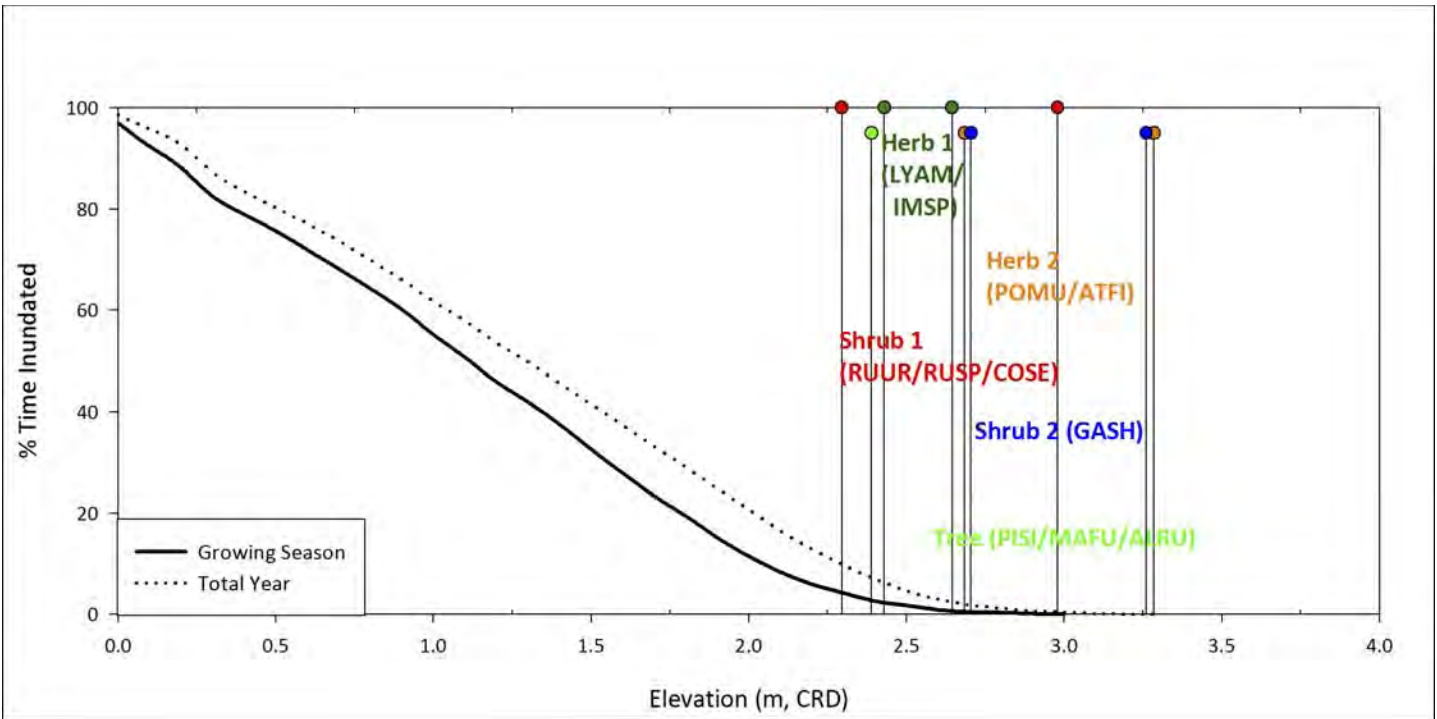
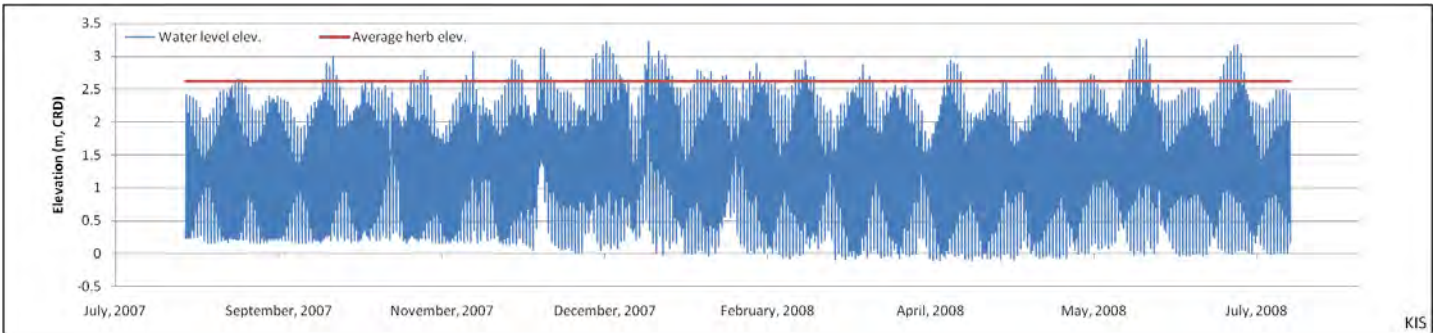
Species	Density (stems/ha)	Relative Density (%)
AMAL	6300	8.1
COSE	10100	12.9
GASH	18200	23.3
LOIN	900	1.2
OECE	1800	2.3
RIDI	100	0.1
RILA	400	0.5
ROSP	7000	9.0
RUPA	2800	3.6
RUSP	11600	14.9
RUUR	13600	17.4
SALU	2200	2.8
SASP	1300	1.7
SYAL	1800	2.3

Species	Density Stems/ha	Relative Frequency %	Relative Density %	Relative Dominance %	Elevation (m, CRD)	
					Min	Max
Karlson Island						
ALRU	110	16.5	14.3	6.3	2.58	2.58
MAFU	195	13.9	25.3	0.6	nd	nd
PISI	182	27.8	23.6	78.1	2.23	4.67
PREM	34	7.6	4.4	0.2	2.29	2.64
RHPU	153	12.7	19.8	0.6	3.07	3.07
THPL	85	16.5	11.0	13.7	2.43	3.12
TSHE	13	3.8	1.6	0.4	nd	nd
no trees	na	1.3	na	na	na	na



Inundation

	Std	Herb	Shrub	Tree	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>2.63</u>	<u>2.71</u>	<u>3.00</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2007
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>9.01</u>	<u>0.40</u>	<u>0.26</u>	<u>0.04</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2008



Sediment

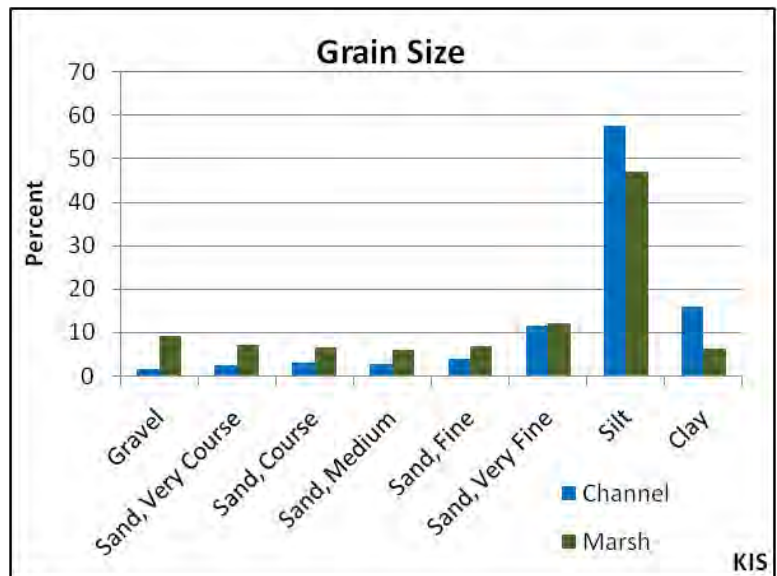
Sediment accretion rate: 0.26 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: NA m, CRD

Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

in channel: 3.21

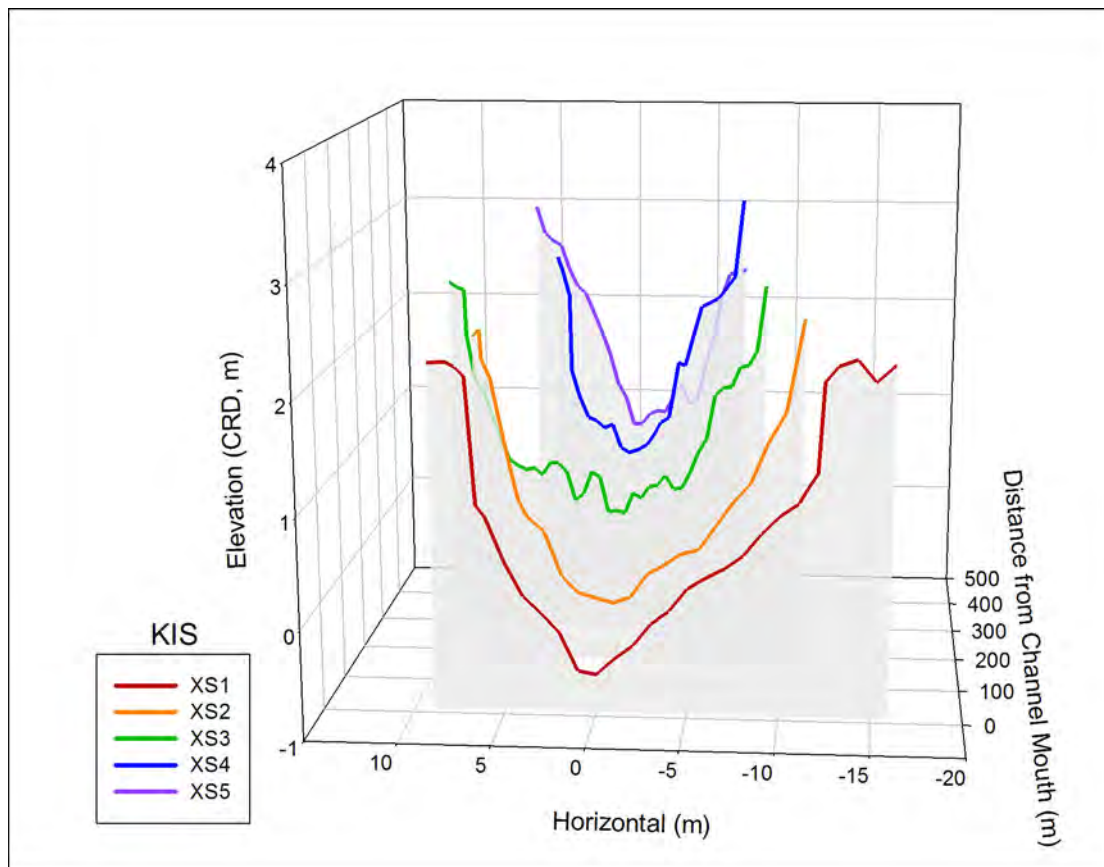
in wetland: 3.48



Channels

Physical Metrics							Inundation				
							Year		Growing Season		
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
KIS	1 (mouth)	2.18	-0.65	2.83	38.0	21.0	7.4	100	14	100	7
	2	2.18	-0.44	2.62	33.6	18.4	7.0	100	14	100	6
	3	2.36	0.12	2.24	28.8	18.5	8.2	88	8	84	3
	4	2.46	0.63	1.84	12.0	10.5	5.7	71	5	65	2
	5	2.36	0.79	1.57	9.5	9.9	6.3	64	8	58	3

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: B

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5116913 Easting: 452813

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 41 rkm

Distance from main channel: 1662 meters

Type: Natural Breach



Total Site Area: 38.3 ha

Study Area: 1.87 ha

Total channel length: 1053 m

Channel surveyed: 860 m

Channel slope: 3.13 m/km



Site Information

Karlson Island, located in Cathlamet Bay, Oregon, is part of the complex of islands that make up the Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge. The island includes natural marsh, a diked area that has been breached, and a forested wetland swamp. The sampling site was located along a tidal channel within the dike-breach portion of the island. The dike was built in the early 1900's and is estimated to have been breached sometime in the 1960's or 1970's, thereby reconnected to tidal flows for 30-40 years.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 1.31

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.22

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 1.13

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 2.04

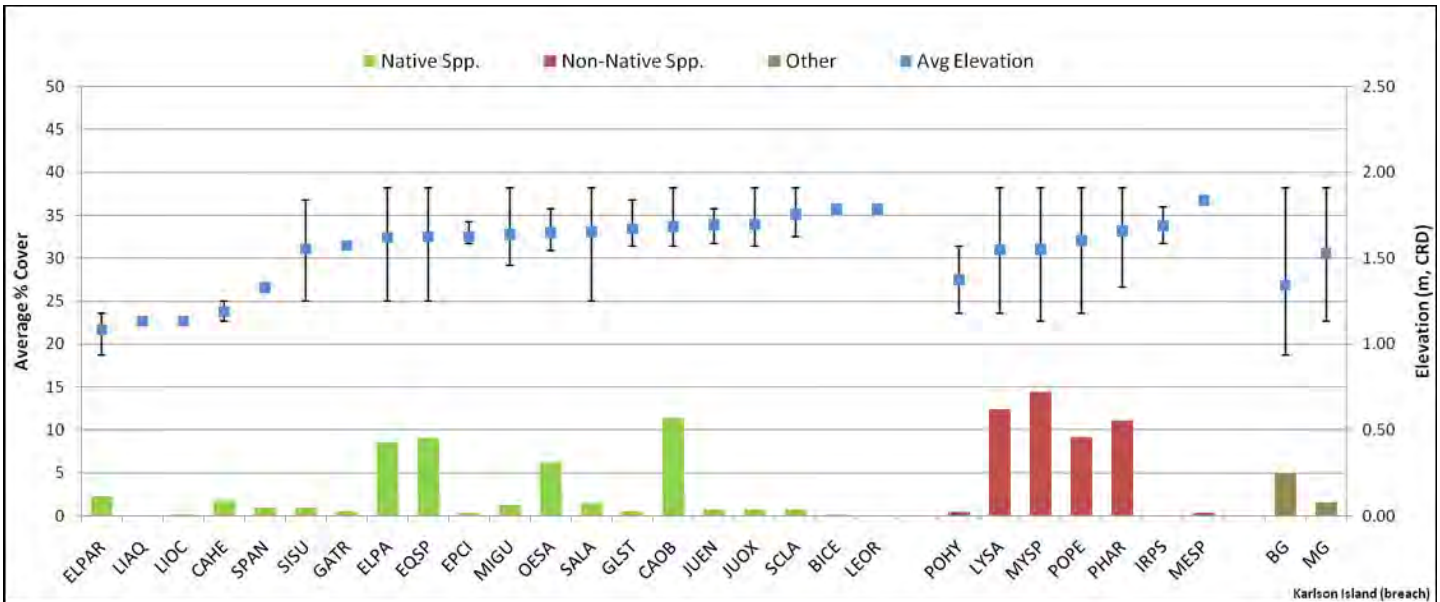
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 20

% Native Cover: 48.40

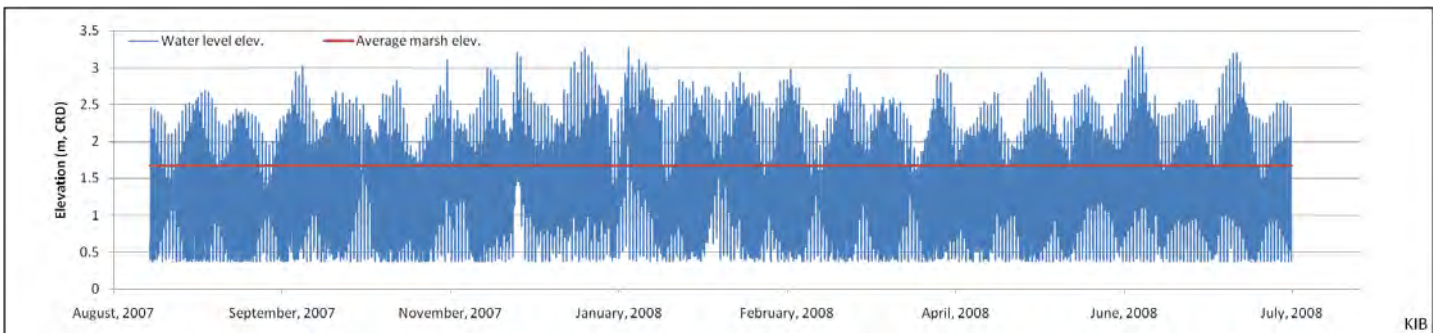
Number of Non-native species: 8

% Non-native Cover: 48.04

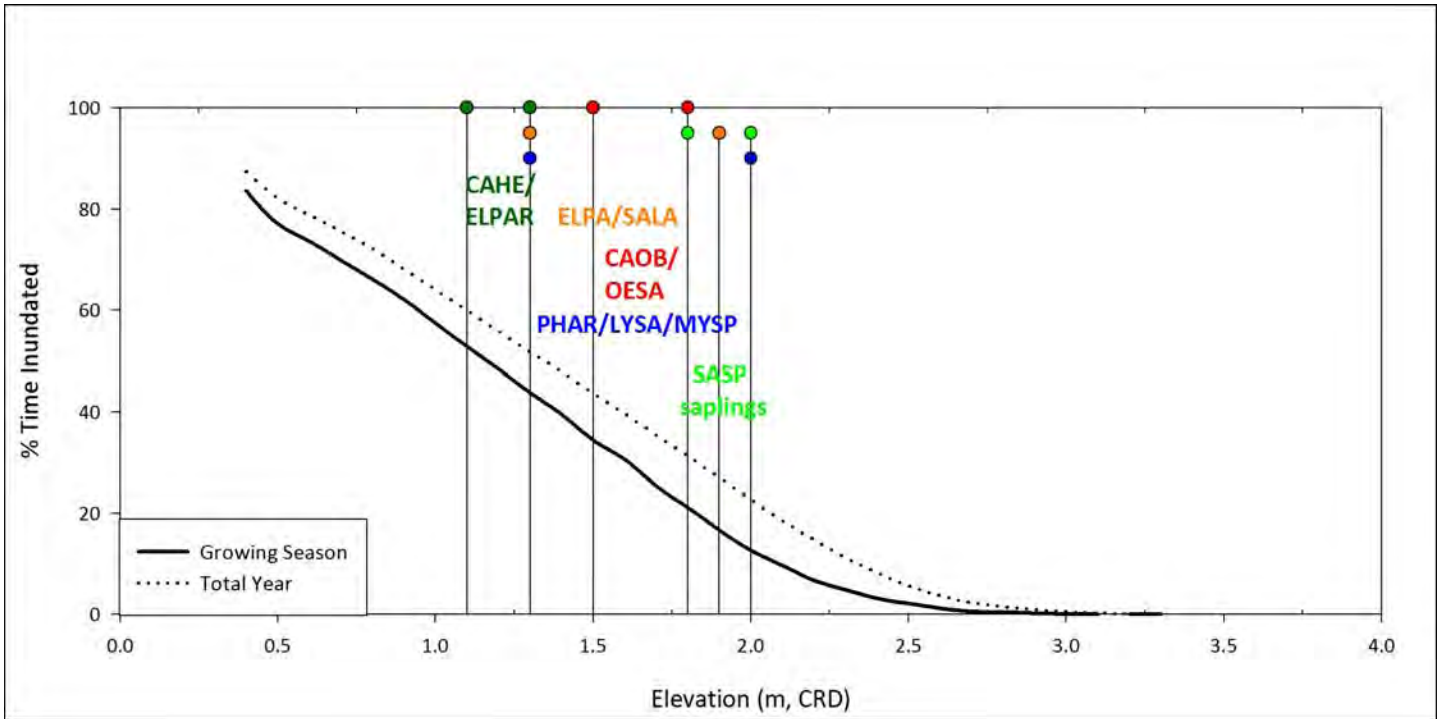


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.67</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2007
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>10.9</u>	<u>18.9</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2008



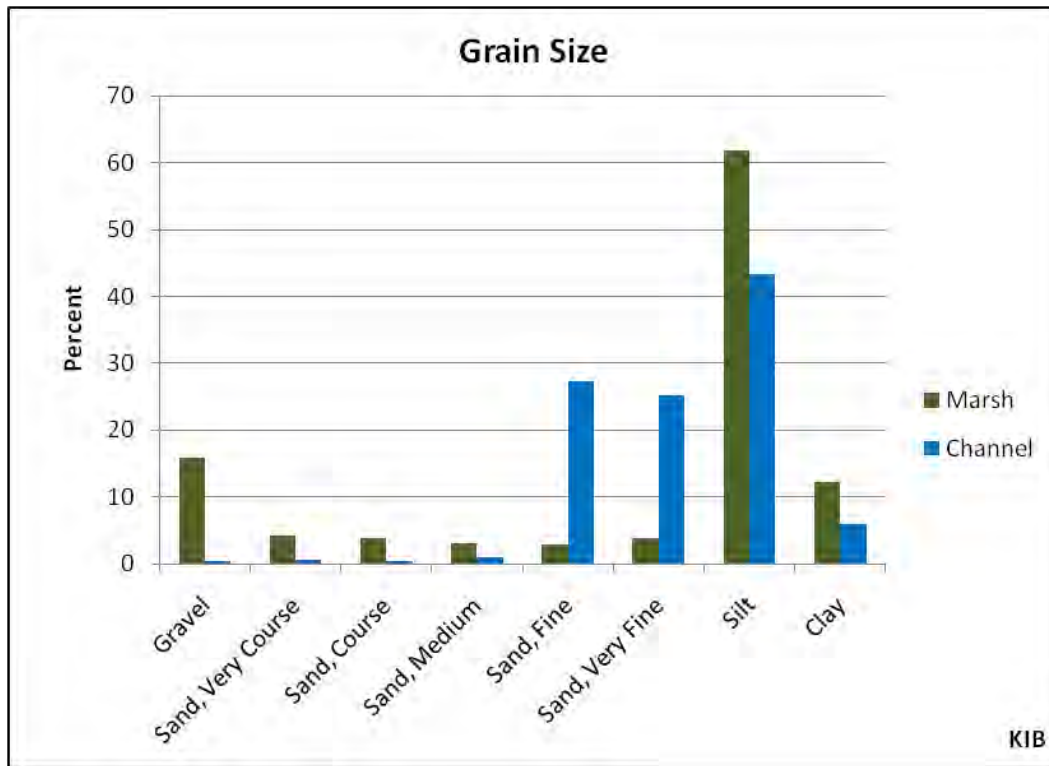
Inundation (cont.)



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 1.37 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.61 m, CRD

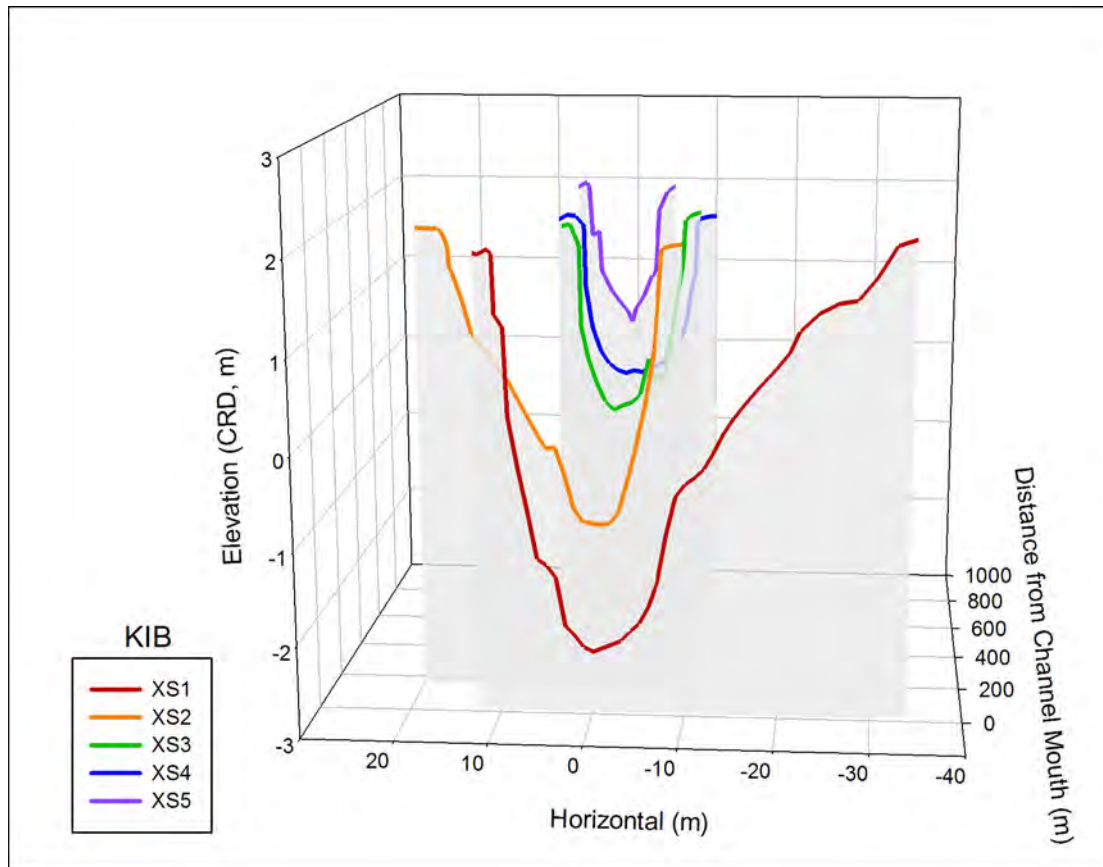
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 1.34 in wetland: 4.84



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
KIB	1 (mouth)	1.91	-2.33	4.24	91.3	41.7	9.8	95	27	96	16
	2	1.86	-1.16	3.02	44.1	23.5	7.8	95	29	96	19
	3	1.87	-0.24	2.11	20.3	13.3	6.3	95	28	96	18
	4	1.65	-0.10	1.75	19.9	13.7	7.8	95	38	96	28
	5	1.98	0.36	1.62	10.0	10.3	6.3	82	24	77	14

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: B

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5122272 Easting: 462926

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 53 rkm

Distance from main channel: 664 meters

Type: Marsh and Shrub/Scrub



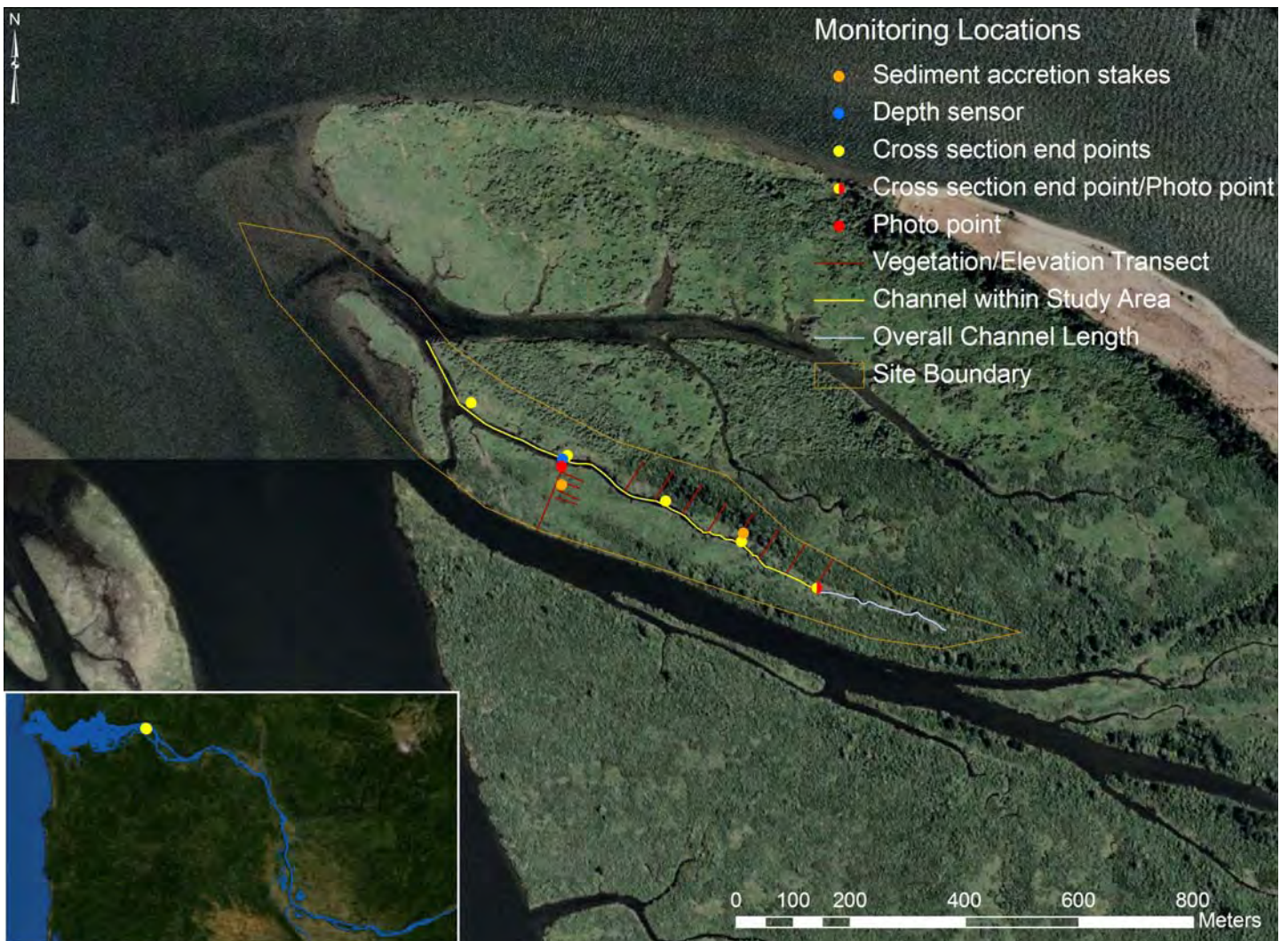
Total Site Area: 22.6 ha

Study Area: 4.67 ha

Total channel length: 1098 m

Channel surveyed: 850 m

Channel slope: 0.60 m/km



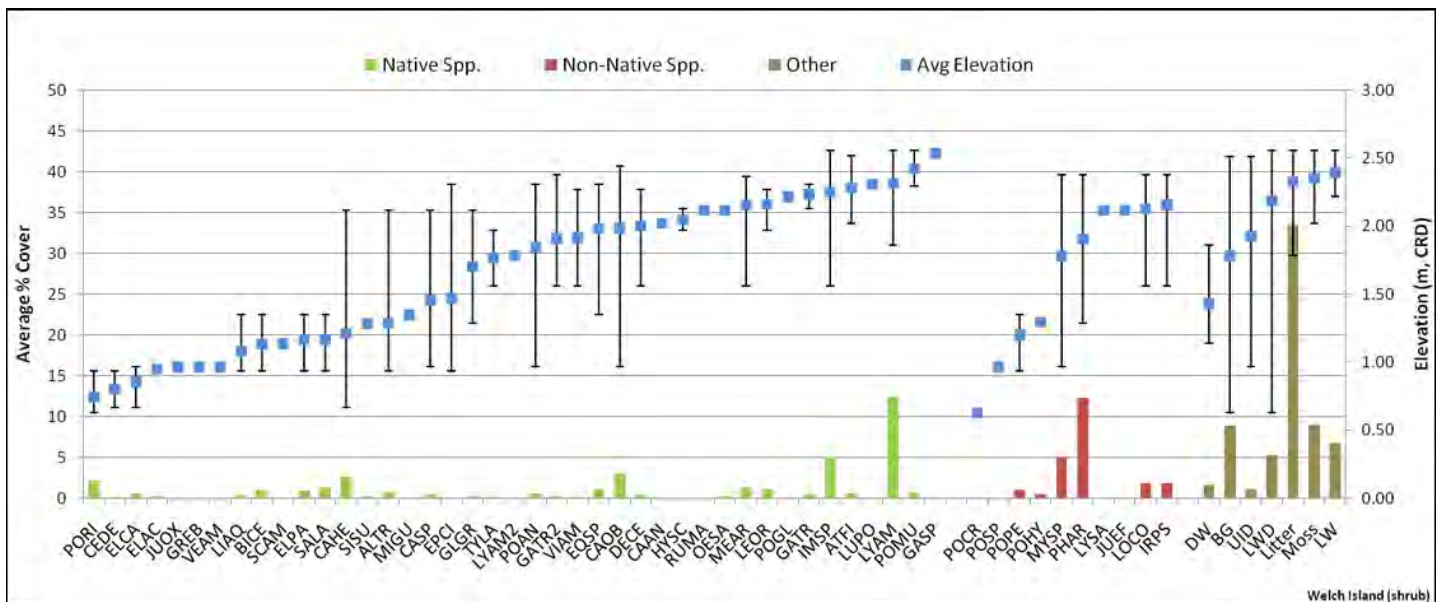
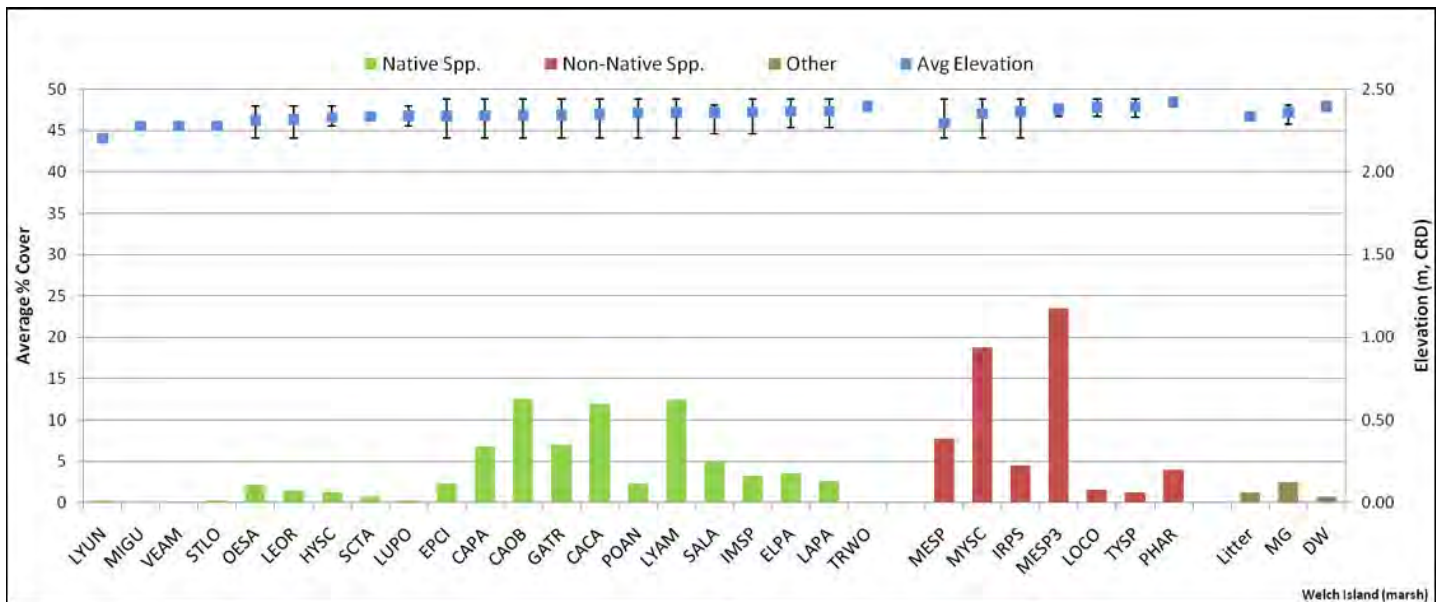
Site Information

Welch Island is part of the Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge. The island is comprised of shrub/scrub dominated wetlands and emergent marsh. The latter was the location of the sample site in 2008 and the shrub/scrub area the target site for sampling in 2009.

Elevation

	Marsh		Herb		Shrub	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
CRD, m	<u>0.67</u>	<u>2.55</u>	<u>1.56</u>	<u>2.55</u>	<u>1.84</u>	<u>2.94</u>
NAVD88, m	<u>0.85</u>	<u>2.73</u>	<u>1.74</u>	<u>2.73</u>	<u>2.02</u>	<u>3.12</u>

Vegetation



Vegetation (cont.)

	Number	% Cover
Native Marsh species	<u>21</u>	<u>76.35</u>
Non-native Marsh species	<u>8</u>	<u>61.4</u>
Native Herb species	<u>41</u>	<u>40.6</u>
Non-native Herb species	<u>10</u>	<u>22.8</u>
Native Shrub species	<u>8</u>	<u>109.8</u>
Non-native Shrub species	<u>2</u>	<u>3.1</u>

Species	Density (stems/ha)	Cover (%)
COSE	6625	48.1
CRDO	313	1.4
LOIN	188	1.3
PHCA	563	7.0
ROPI	875	4.5
RUAR	1813	3.0
RUUR	7438	1.9
SASI	3688	28.7
SYAL	938	0.0

Sediment

Marsh

Sediment accretion rate: -1.53 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.20 m, CRD

Shrub

Sediment accretion rate: -0.96 cm per year

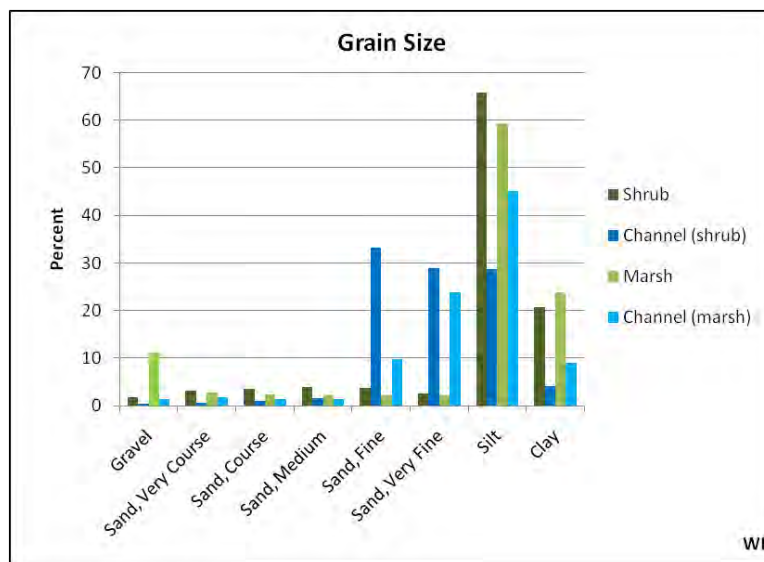
Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.15 m, CRD

Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

in channel: 1.55

in wetland: 7.47

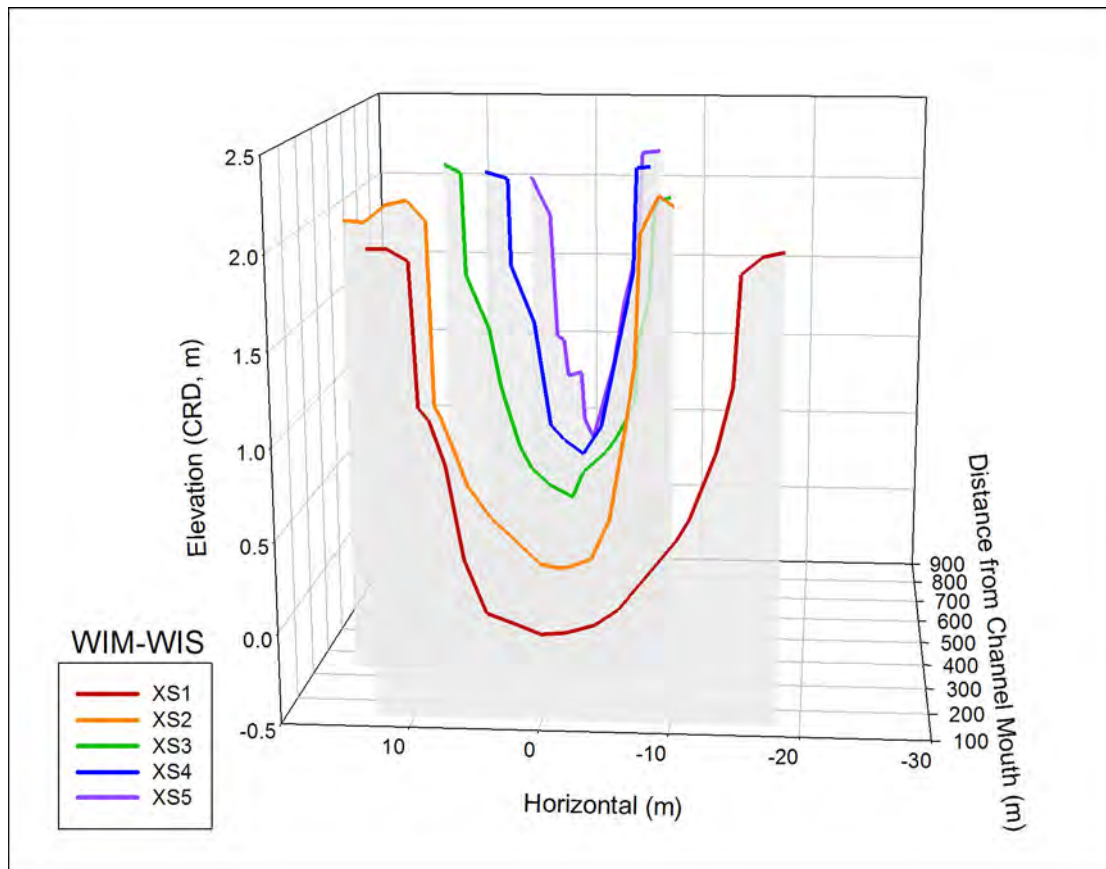
in shrub/scrub: 6.89



Channels

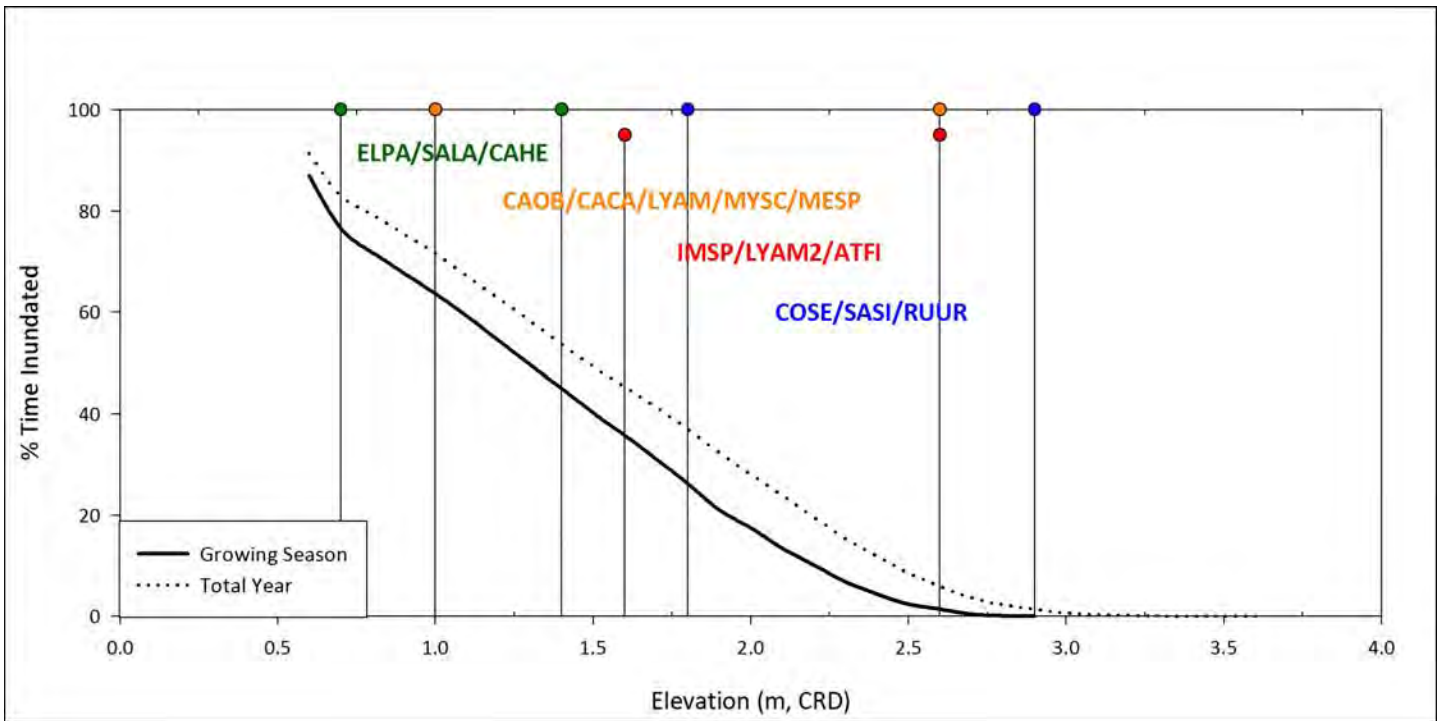
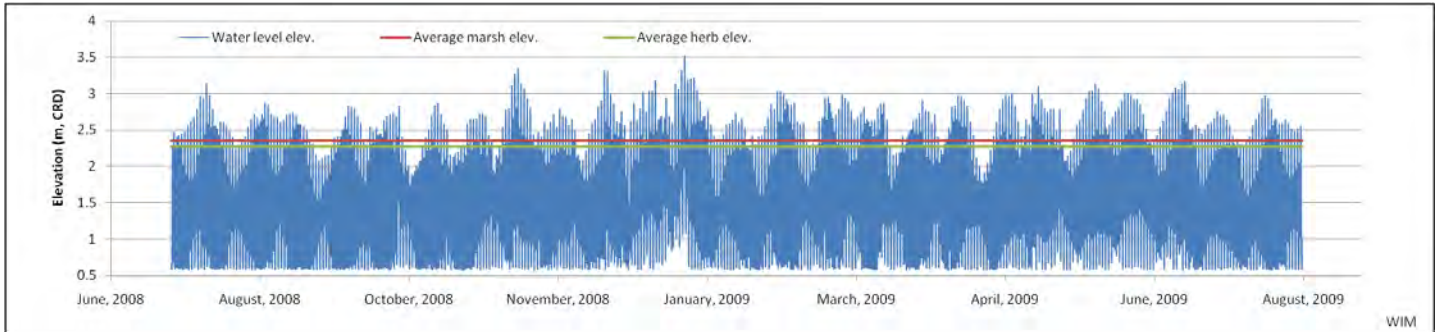
Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
WI	1	1.90	-0.03	1.93	37.1	24.8	12.9	97	32	96	21
	2	1.98	0.10	1.87	25.7	17.0	9.1	97	29	96	18
	3	2.00	0.30	1.70	19.5	16.1	9.5	97	28	96	18
	4	2.08	0.41	1.67	13.3	11.3	6.7	97	25	96	14
	5	1.78	0.36	1.41	7.1	8.2	5.8	97	38	96	27

Cross Sections



Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Herb	Shrub	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>2.35</u>	<u>2.27</u>	<u>2.40</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>16.3</u>	<u>3.83</u>	<u>5.26</u>	<u>3.15</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: C

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5117057 Easting: 468019

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 61 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Marsh



Total Site Area: 6.7 ha

Study Area: 1.20 ha

Total channel length: 730 m

Channel surveyed: 605 m

Channel slope: 1.34 m/km

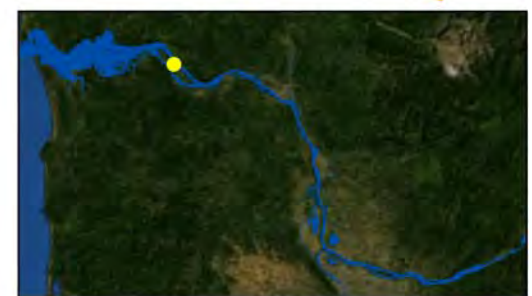
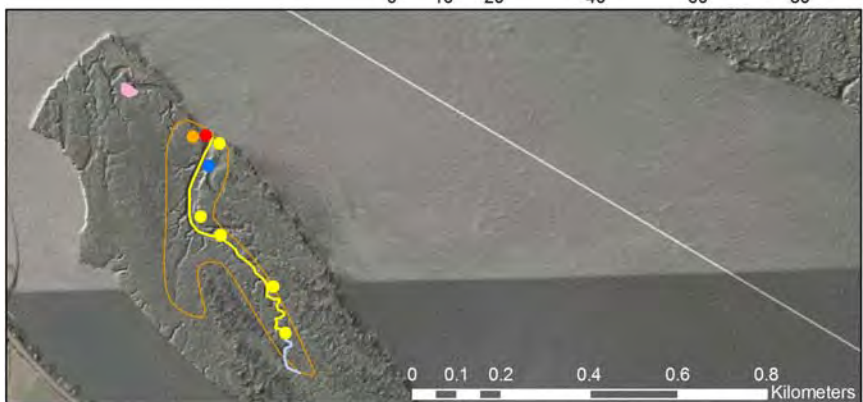
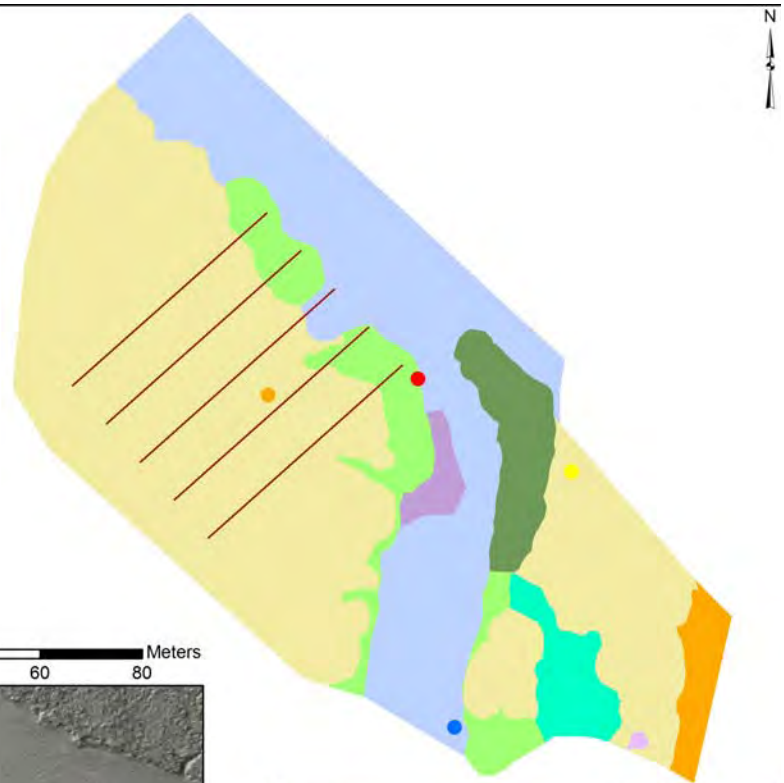
2009 GPS Mapping

Vegetation Community

- Amorpha fruticosa*
- Carex obnupta/Eleocharis palustris*
- channel/river/SAV
- Eleocharis palustris*
- Eleocharis palustris/Polygonum hydropiperoides*
- Phalaris arundinacea*/high marsh
- Phragmites* (see inset map)
- Salix* spp/*Populus balsamifera*
- Schoenoplectus americanus/Polygonum persicaria*

Monitoring Locations

- Sediment accretion stakes
- Depth sensor
- Cross section end point
- Photo point
- Vegetation/Elevation
- Channel within Study Area
- Overall Channel Length
- Site Boundary



Site Information

Ryan Island is located at the northern (downstream) corner of Puget Island near Cathlamet, Washington. Ownership of the island is unknown at this time; however, a conservation easement may exist on the island. The site is an extensive undisturbed wetland with well developed tidal channels. The site is near the mouth of one of the tidal channels where it empties into Cathlamet channel the other side of the tidal channel grades up to the forested portion of the island. The site appears to be affected by the strong energies of the main channel as evidenced by bank erosion in the sample area.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 0.68

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.46

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.31

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 2.09

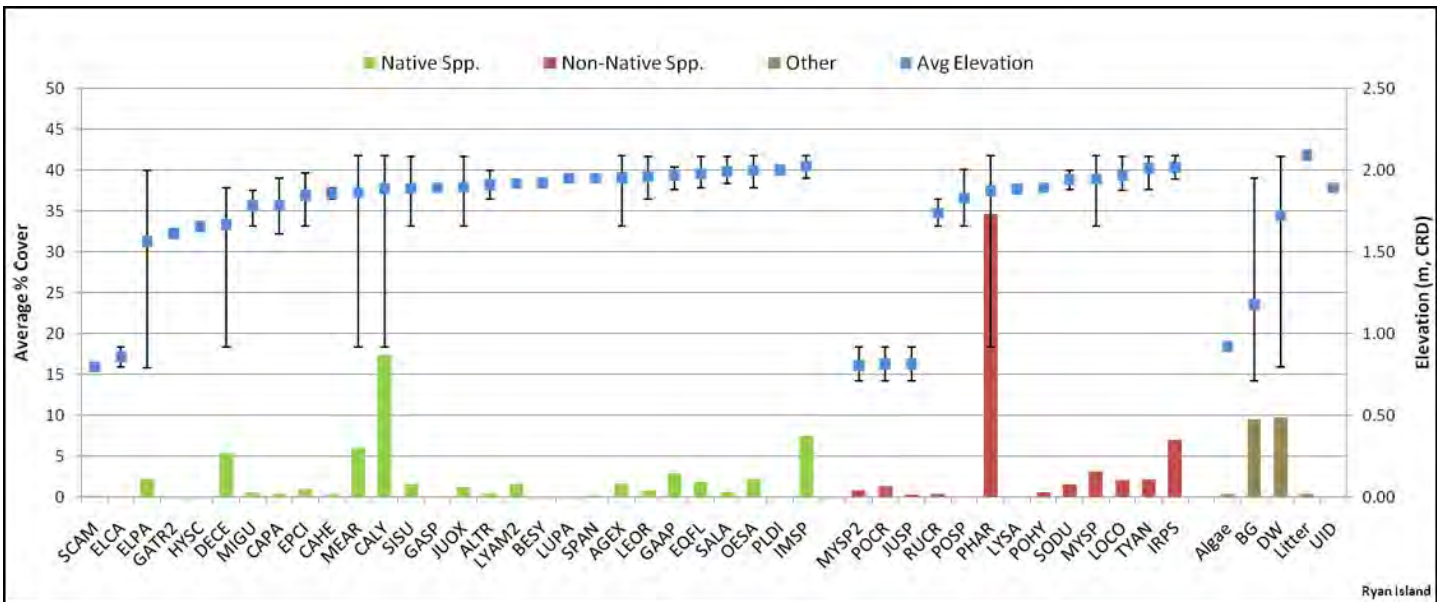
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 28

% Native Cover: 56.88

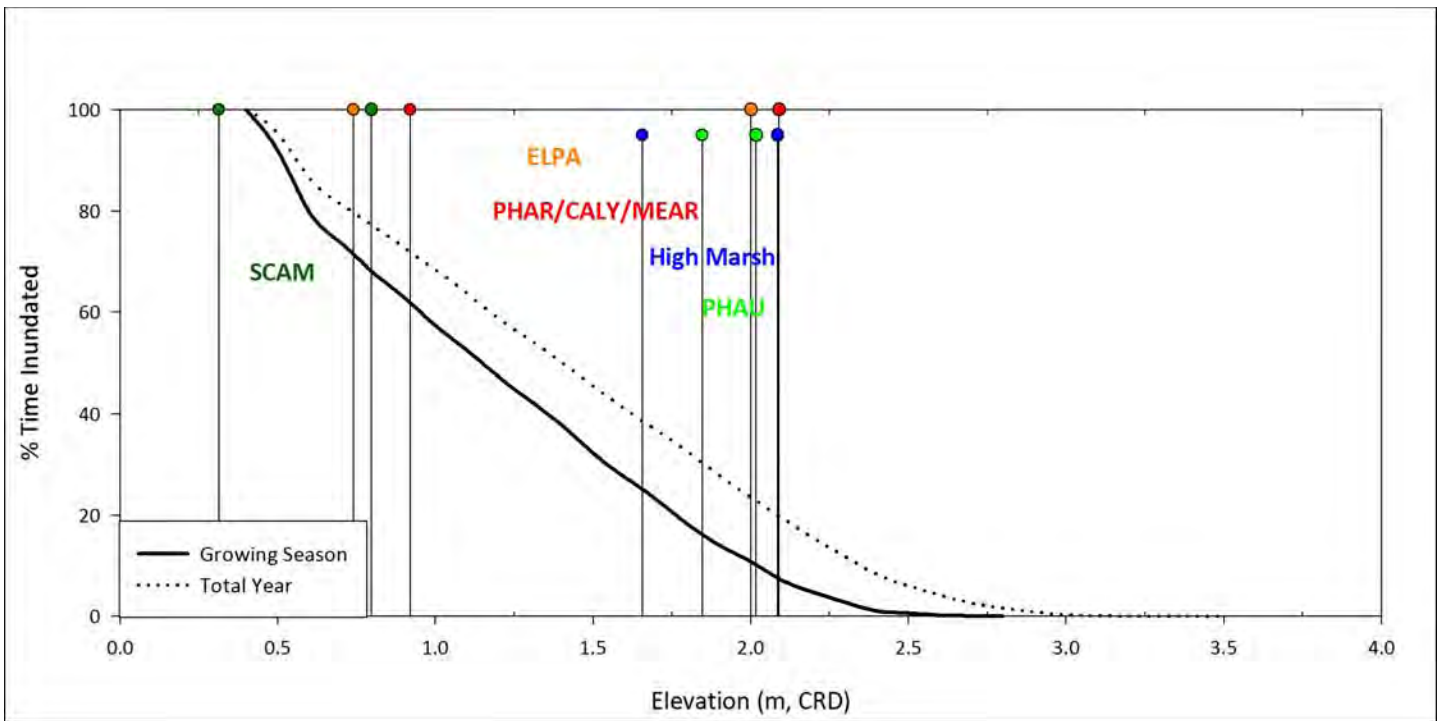
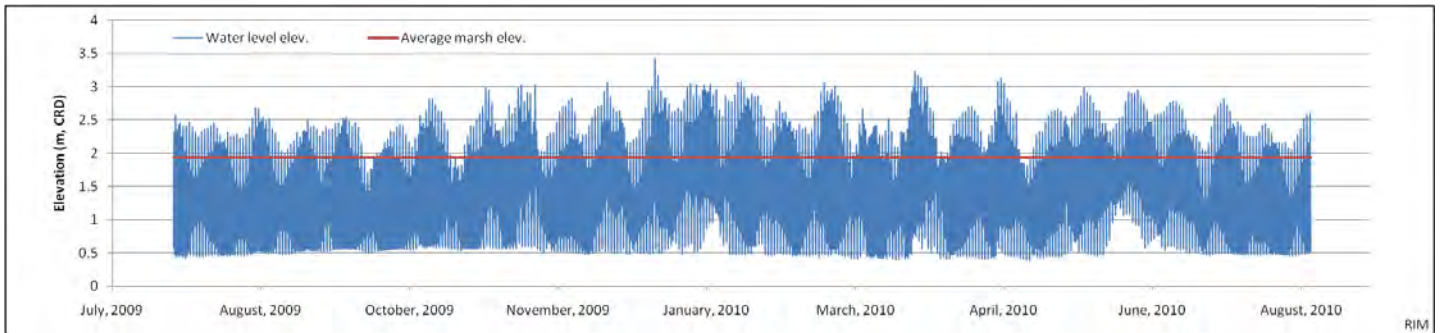
Number of Non-native species: 13

% Non-native Cover: 54.28



Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.93</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>10.5</u>	<u>9.25</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



Sediment

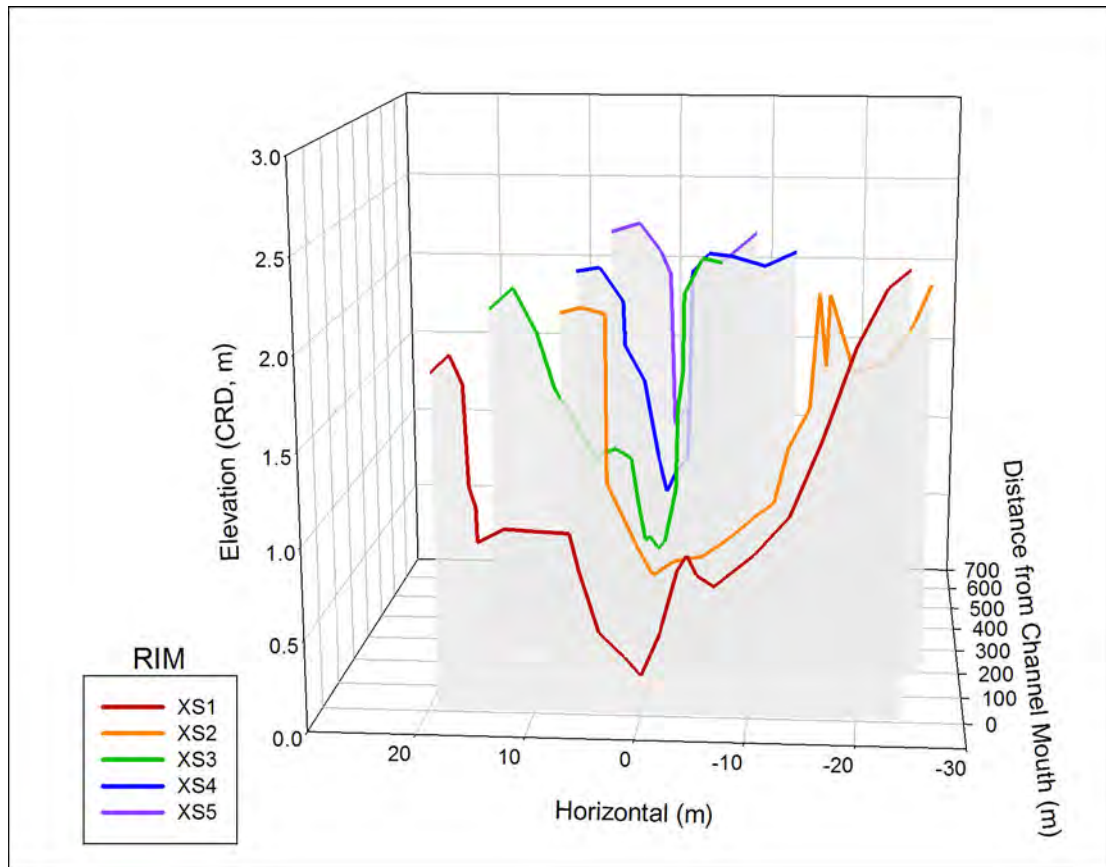
Sediment accretion rate: 0.19 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.89 m, CRD

Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
							RIM	1	1.93	0.21	1.72
	2	2.02	0.54	1.47	24.7	29.7	20.2	82	23	74	10
	3	2.09	0.60	1.49	13.9	17.1	11.5	79	20	71	7
	4	2.08	0.76	1.32	6.6	9.4	7.1	72	20	63	8
	5	1.97	1.03	0.95	2.9	4.0	4.2	60	25	48	11

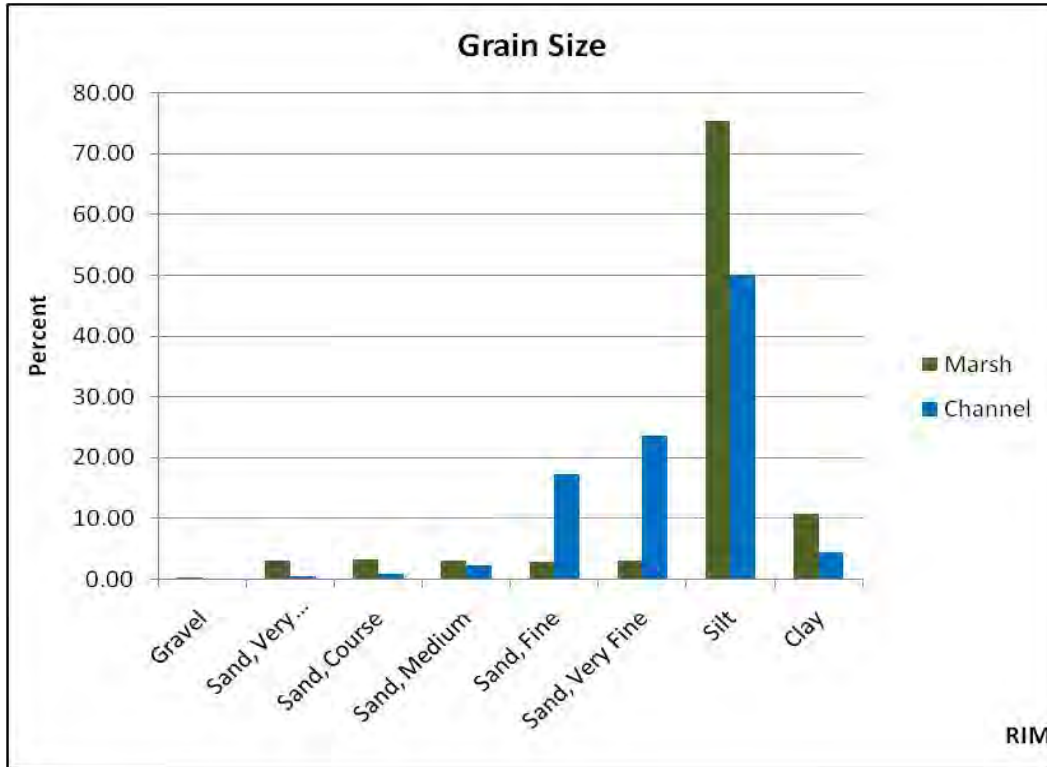
Cross Sections



Sediment

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 1.14

in wetland: 4.66



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: C

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5112971 Easting: 472905

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 71 rkm

Distance from main channel: 532 meters

Type: Marsh



Total Site Area: 8.5 ha

Study Area: 0.92 ha

Total channel length: 717 m

Channel surveyed: 668 m

Channel slope: 1.12 m/km

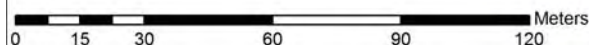
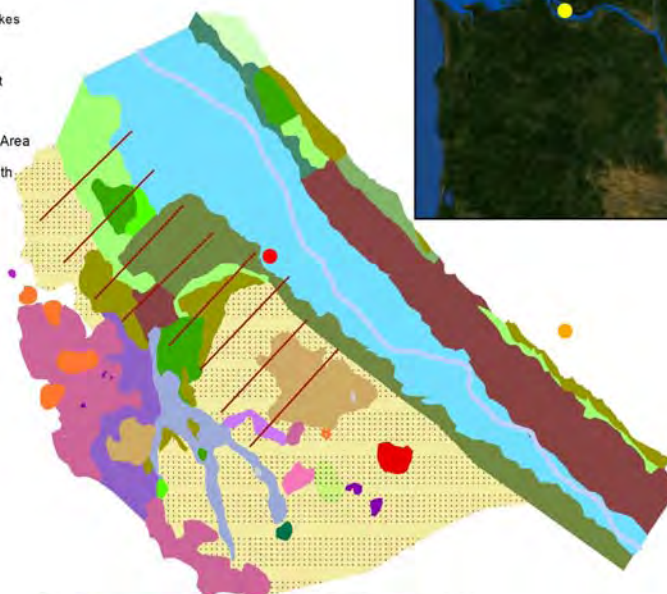
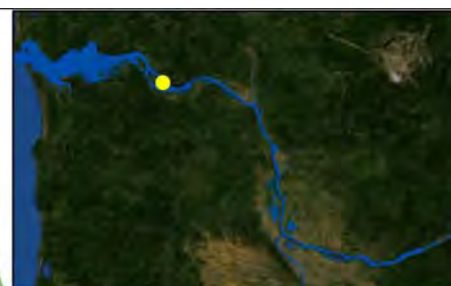
2010 GPS Mapping

Vegetation Community

- Amorpha fruticosa*
- Carex lyngbyei*
- Carex lyngbyei/Phalaris arundinacea*
- Carex lyngbyei/Sagittaria latifolia*
- channel/SAV
- debris wrack
- Eleocharis palustris*
- Eleocharis palustris/Carex lyngbyei*
- Eleocharis palustris/Sagittaria latifolia*
- Lythrum salicaria*
- Mimulus guttatus/S. latifolia/sparse Typha angustifolia*
- Phalaris arundinacea*/high marsh
- Phalaris arundinacea*/high marsh/*Typha angustifolia*
- Polygonum* sp.
- Sagittaria latifolia*
- S. latifolia/E. palustris/Schoenoplectus americanus*
- Sagittaria latifolia/Phalaris arundinacea*
- Sagittaria latifolia/P. arundinacea/Polygonum* sp.
- Sagittaria latifolia/Polygonum* sp.
- Sagittaria latifolia/Schoenoplectus americanus*
- Sagittaria latifolia/Typha angustifolia*
- Salix lucida*
- Salix lucida* saplings
- Salix sitchensis*
- SAV
- Schoenoplectus americanus*
- Typha angustifolia*
- Typha angustifolia/Phalaris arundinacea*
- channel

Monitoring Locations

- Sediment accretion stakes
- Photo point
- Cross section end point
- Vegetation/Elevation
- Channel within Study Area
- Overall Channel Length
- Site Boundary



Site Information

Jackson Island is located adjacent to Puget Island near Cathlamet, Washington. Ownership is unknown at this time. The site we focused on is a very shallow-water slough with depths less than a meter located approximately 0.3 km from Cathlamet Channel. The emergent vegetation, a mix of low marsh, high marsh, and reed canary grass, is located on both sides of the slough, grading up to willows, shrubs, and trees. Jackson Island was not present on historic maps from the 1880s and has likely been created with dredge material over the years.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 1.34

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.32

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.90

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 1.88

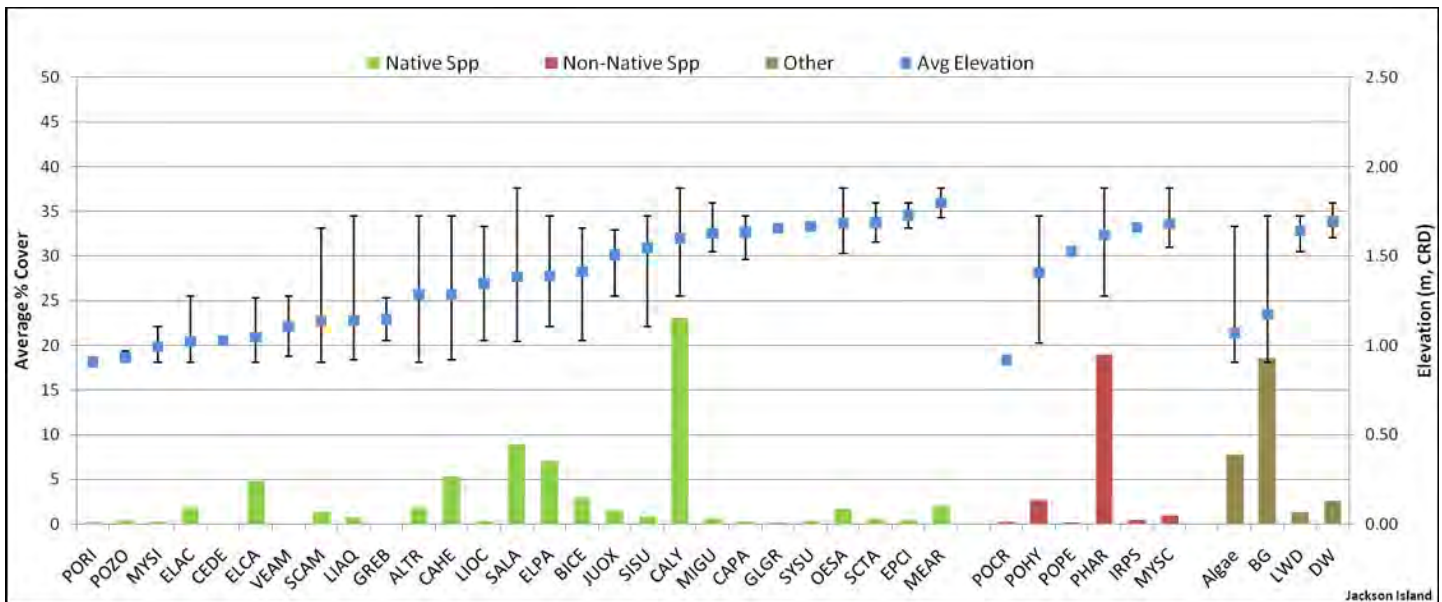
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 27

% Native Cover: 67.52

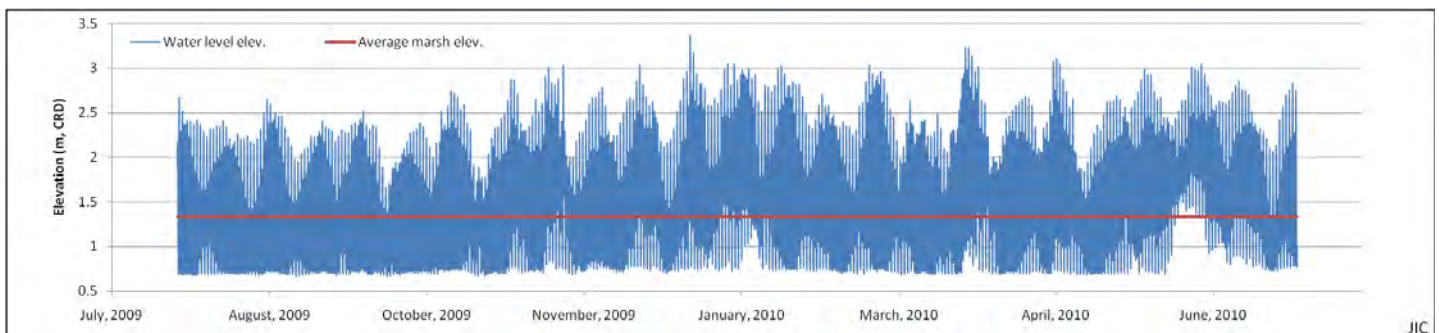
Number of Non-native species: 6

% Non-native Cover: 23.39

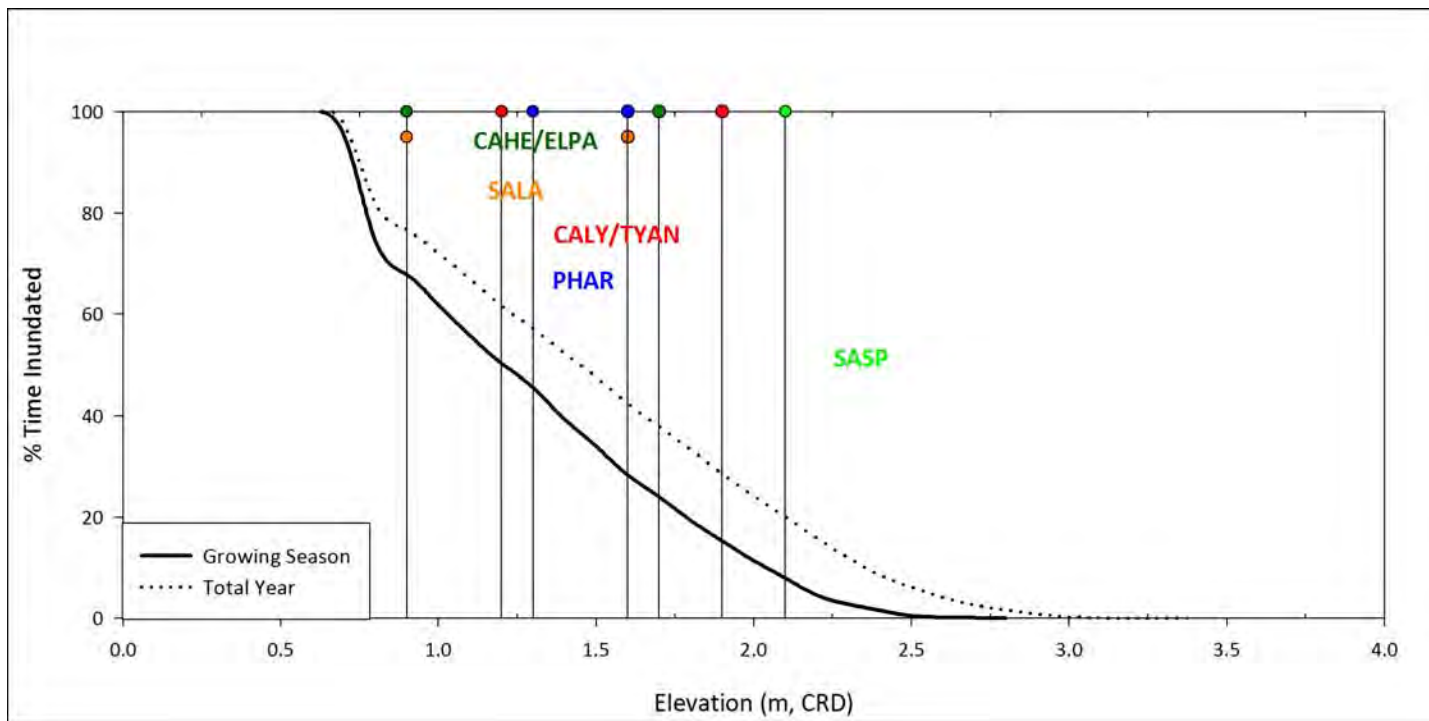


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.33</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>11.4</u>	<u>37.9</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



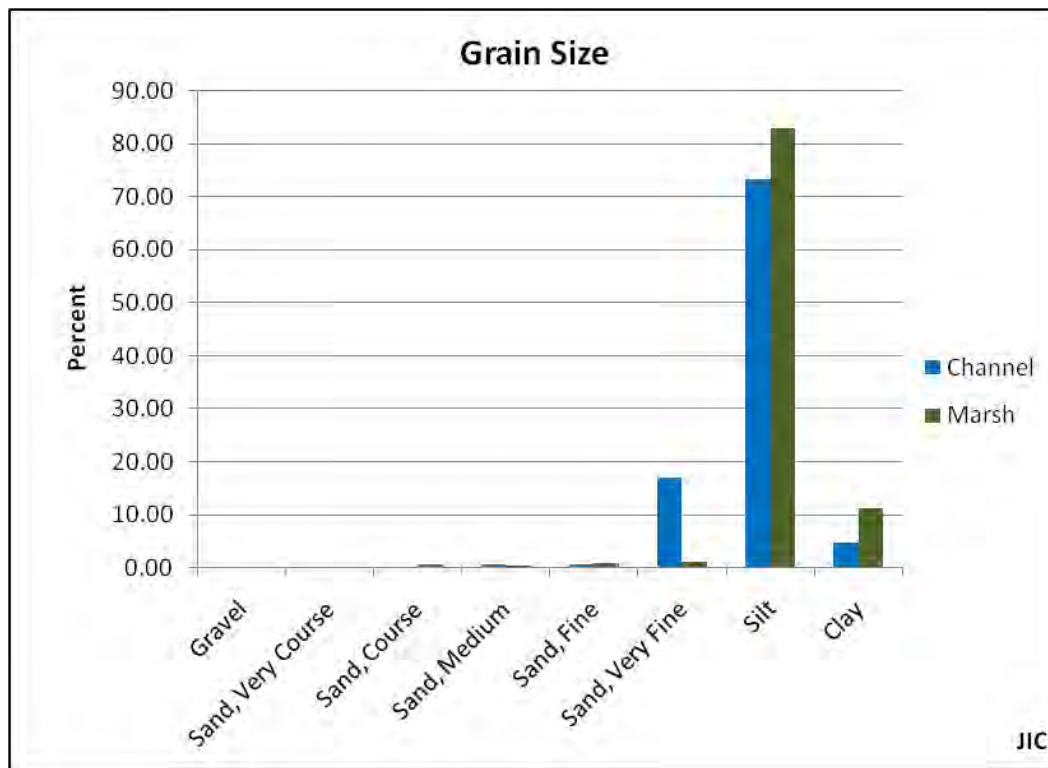
Inundation (cont.)



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 0.92 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.98 m, CRD

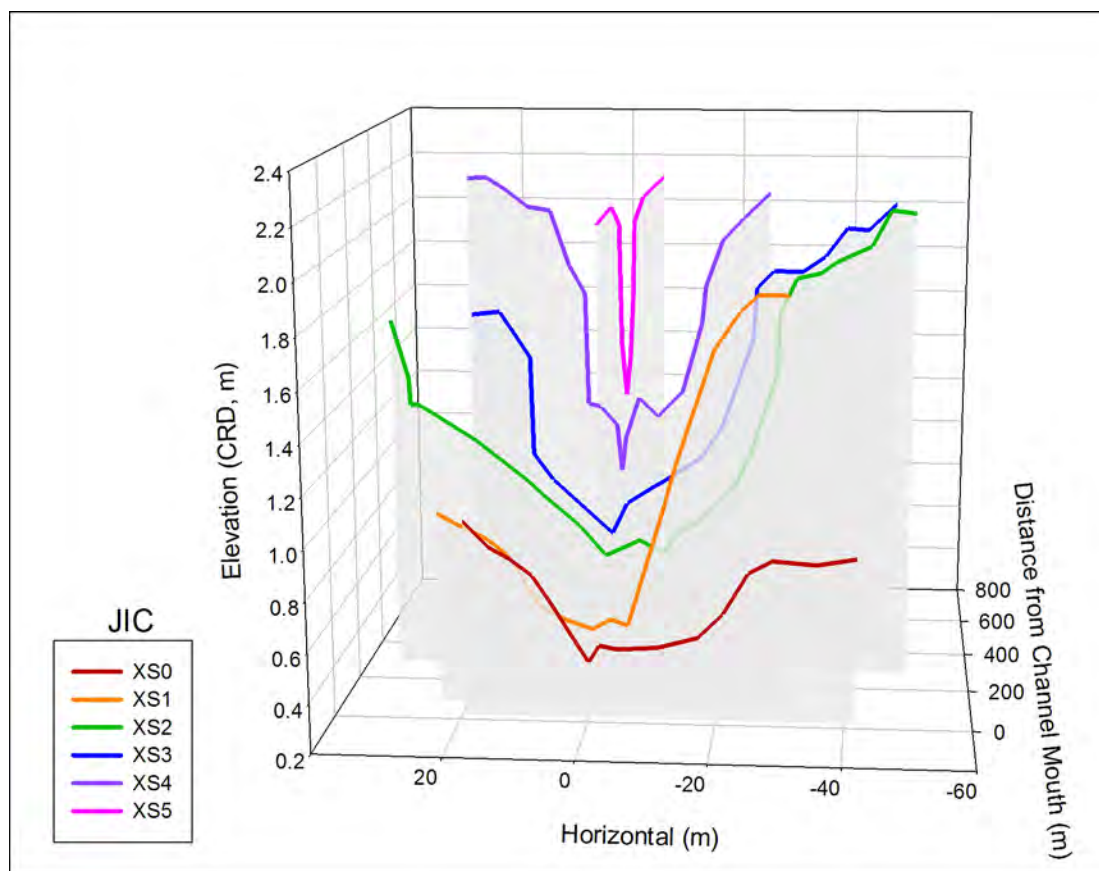
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 4.83 in wetland: 0.63



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
JIC	0	0.84	0.43	0.41	9.6	47.7	115.9	100	80	100	72
	1	0.81	0.51	0.30	4.7	22.4	74.7	100	81	100	74
	2	1.42	0.68	0.74	27.3	60.0	81.0	80	51	73	38
	3	1.46	0.70	0.76	18.1	36.3	48.0	79	49	72	36
	4	1.66	0.88	0.78	9.8	20.9	26.7	71	40	60	25
	5	1.93	1.17	0.76	1.4	2.7	3.6	56	27	44	14

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: C

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5111789 Easting: 473851

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 72 rkm

Distance from main channel: 742 meters

Type: Marsh



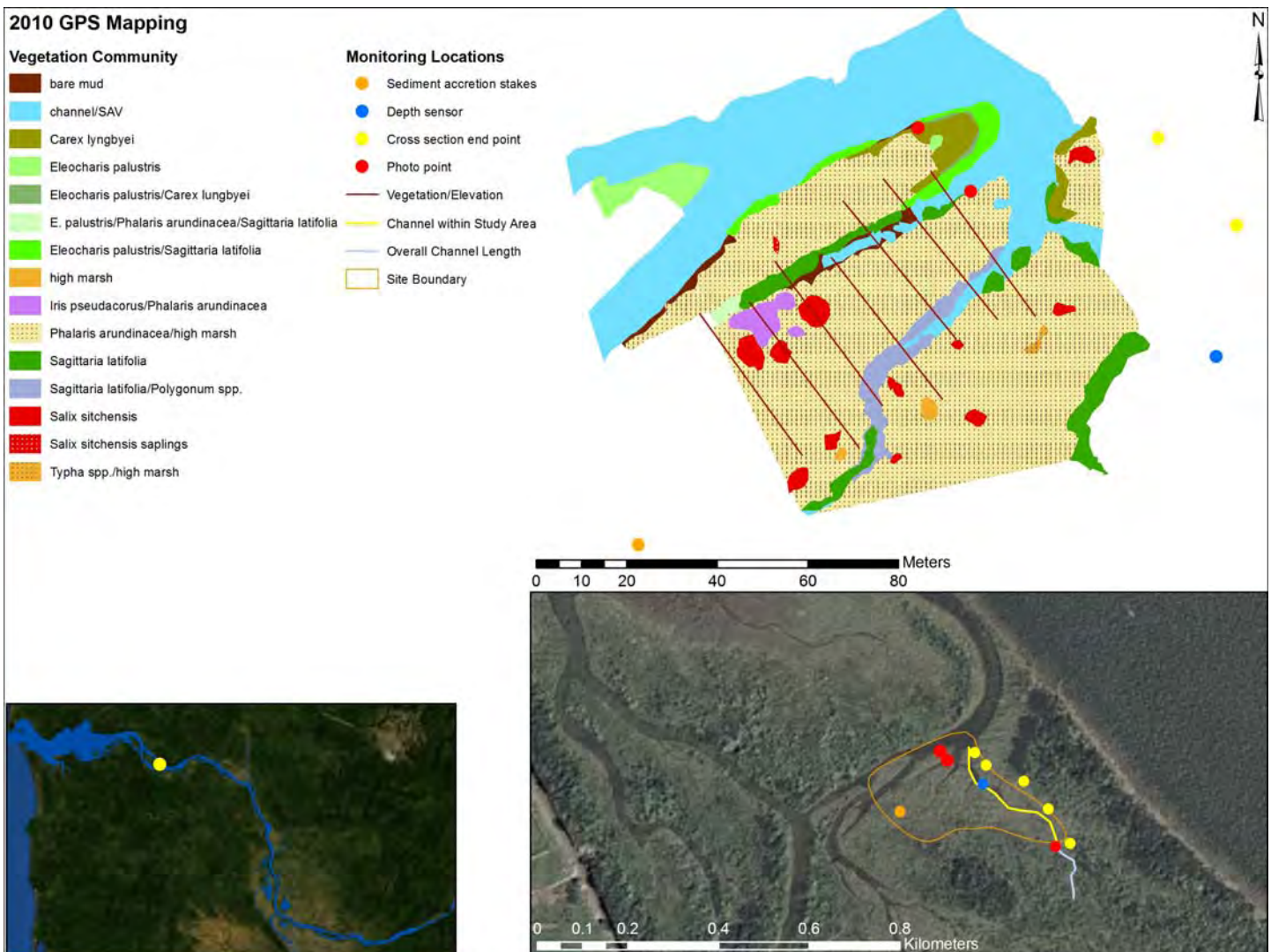
Total Site Area: 2.9 ha

Study Area: 0.60 ha

Total channel length: 324 m

Channel surveyed: 231 m

Channel slope: 1.24 m/km



Site Information

Whites Island is located on the southern (upstream) end of Puget Island, near Cathlamet, Washington. A portion of the island is owned by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and is maintained as Columbia white-tailed deer habitat. The monitoring site, located at the confluence of a large tidal channel and an extensive slough system, is approximately 0.7 km from the Cathlamet Channel. The site is characterized by primarily high marsh and a few willows, with numerous small tidal channels. Whites Island is not present on historical maps from the 1880s and has likely been created with dredge material over the years.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 1.29

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.73

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.86

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 2.30

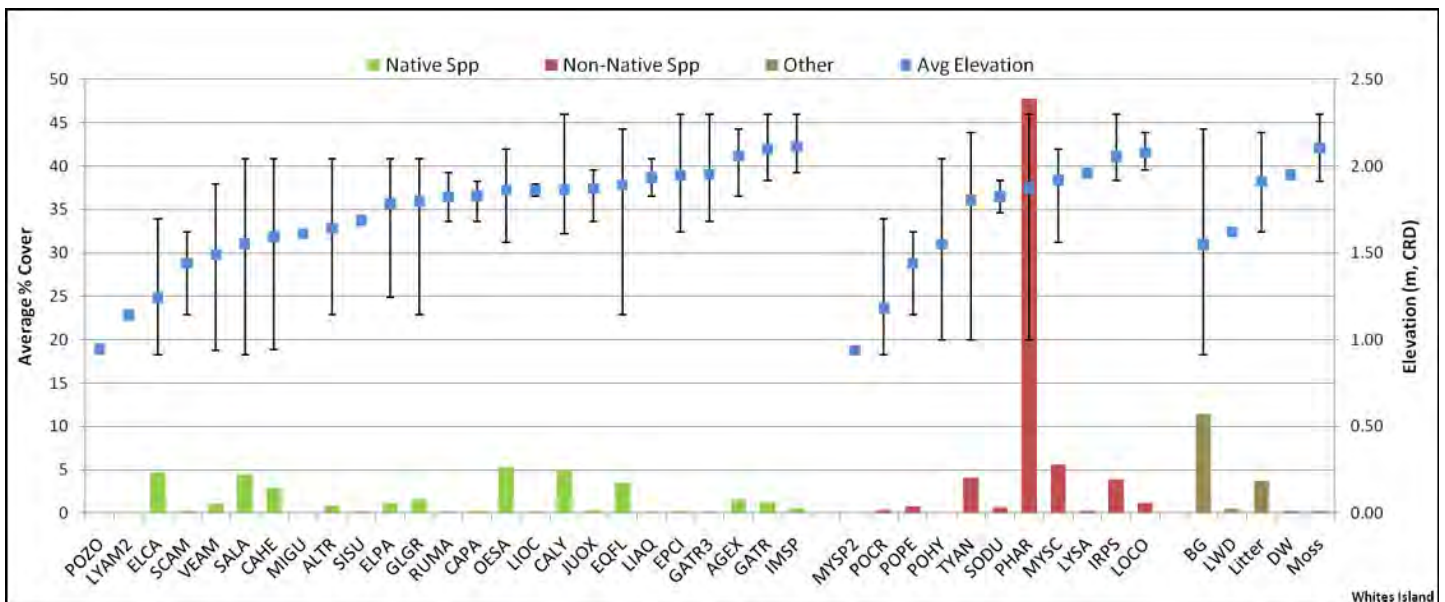
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 25

% Native Cover: 36.53

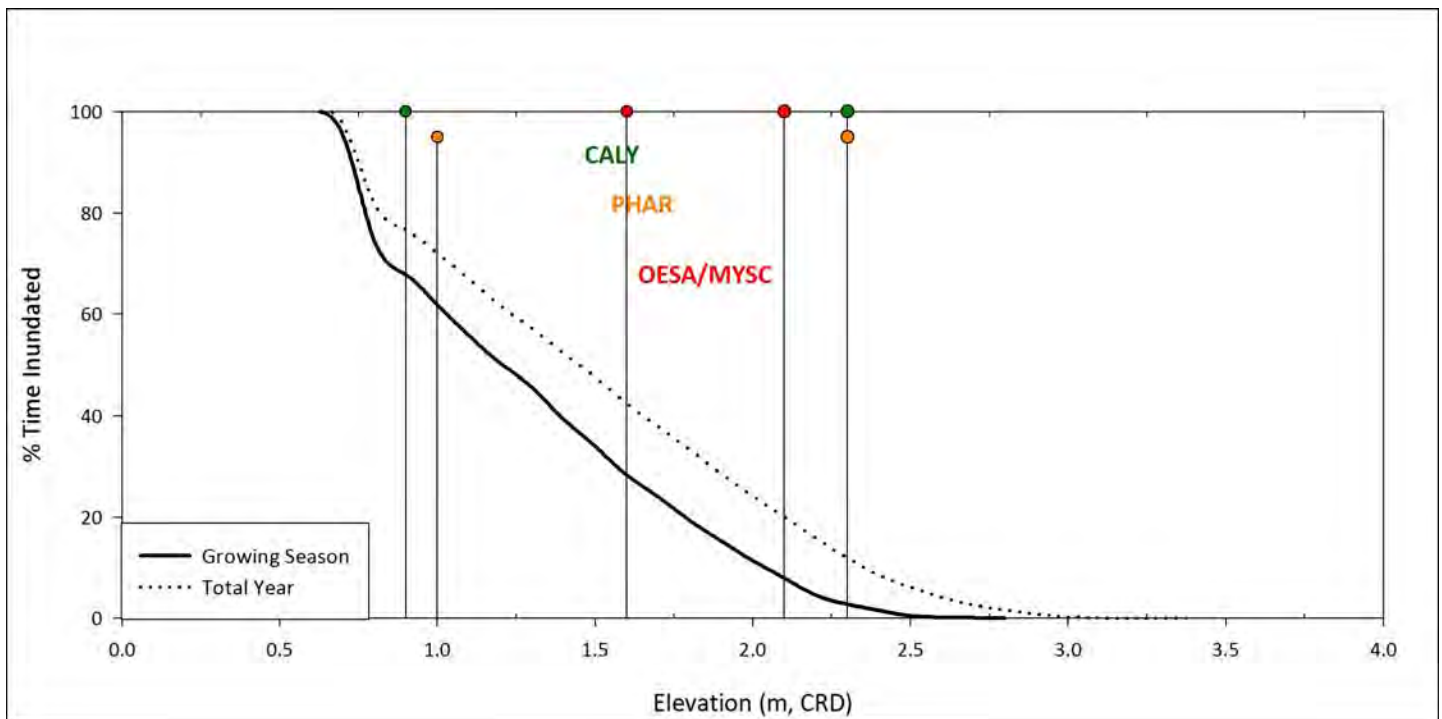
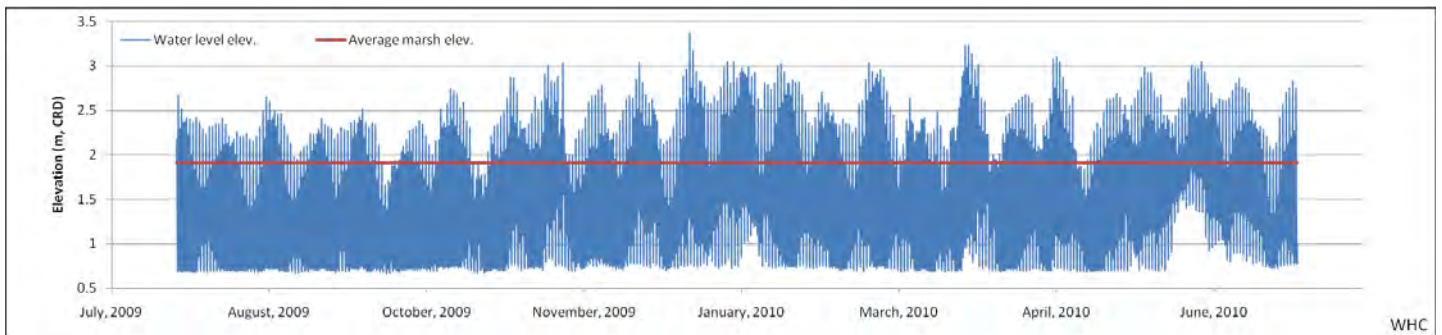
Number of Non-native species: 11

% Non-native Cover: 64.76



Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.90</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>11.4</u>	<u>10.9</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010

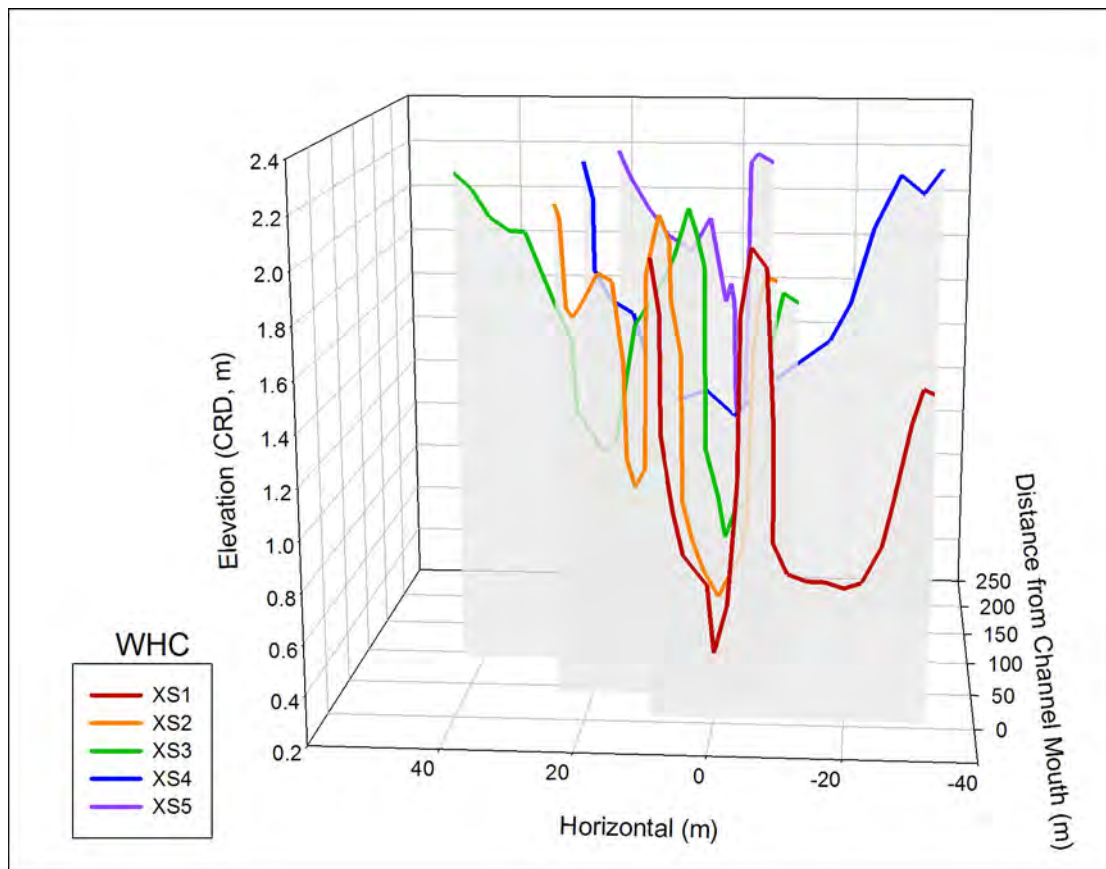
**Sediment**

Sediment accretion rate: 1.03 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.96 m, CRD

Channels

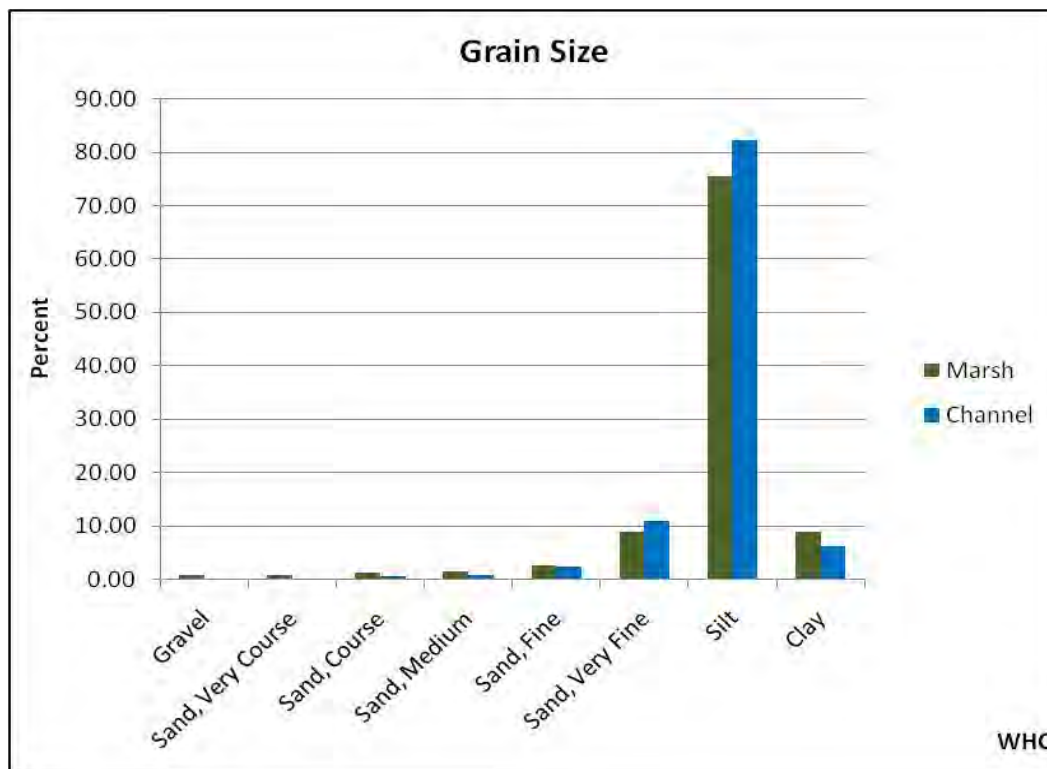
Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
WHC	1	1.51	0.46	1.05	21.8	39.5	37.6	100	47	100	33
	2	1.88	0.61	1.27	15.9	31.0	24.4	86	30	79	16
	3	1.75	0.74	1.01	9.0	37.7	37.3	77	36	69	22
	4	2.03	1.09	0.94	32.0	50.0	53.5	60	23	49	11
	5	1.60	0.75	0.85	1.3	3.0	3.6	77	43	68	28

Cross Sections



Sediment

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 1.41 in wetland: 2.63



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: C

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5107662 Easting: 473595

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 73 rkm

Distance from main channel: 4443 meters

Type: Shrub/Scrub

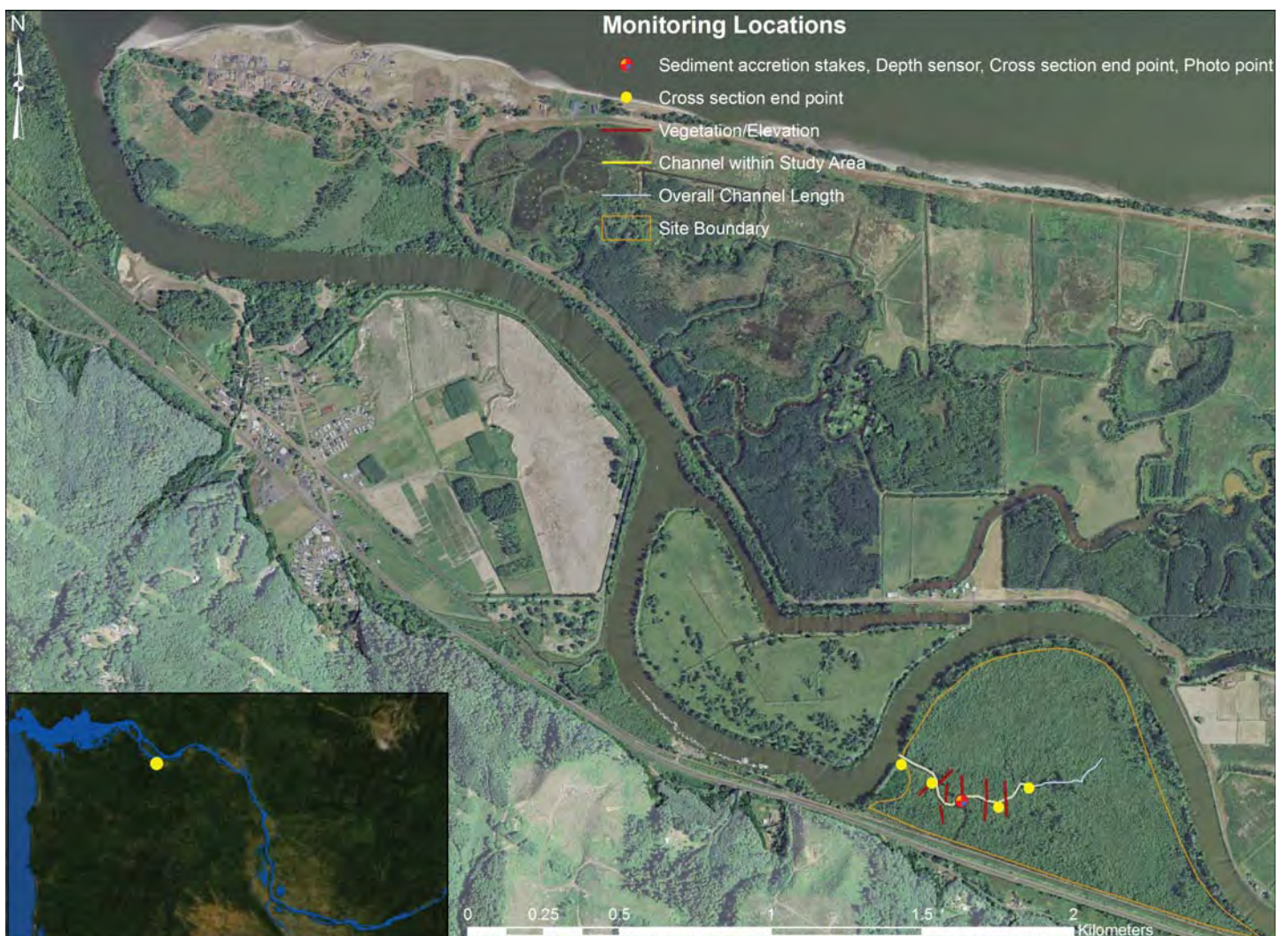
Total Site Area: 57.1 ha

Study Area: 5.73 ha

Total channel length: 843 m

Channel surveyed: 563 m

Channel slope: 7.16 m/km



Site Information

The Westport Slough site is located on both sides of a slough that empties into Westport Slough, near Westport, Oregon. The site has a deep tidal channel with overhanging dogwood and willow and fringing cottonwoods. The site is the only undiked area along the entire length of Westport Slough. The site is owned by the US Department of Fish and Wildlife.

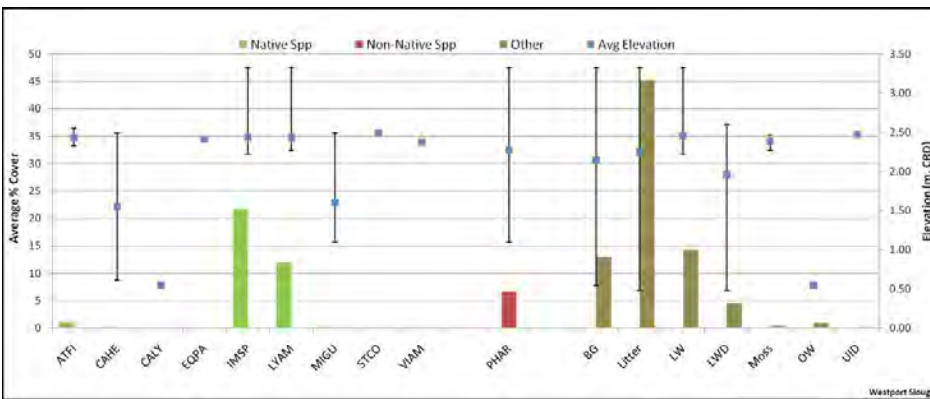
Elevation

	Herb		Shrub	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
CRD, m	<u>0.54</u>	<u>3.33</u>	<u>2.15</u>	<u>2.91</u>
NAVD88, m	<u>0.97</u>	<u>3.76</u>	<u>2.58</u>	<u>3.33</u>

Vegetation

	Herb	Shrub
Number of Native species	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>
% Cover Native species	<u>35.39</u>	<u>109.7</u>
Number of Non-native species	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
% Cover Non-native species	<u>6.65</u>	<u>0</u>

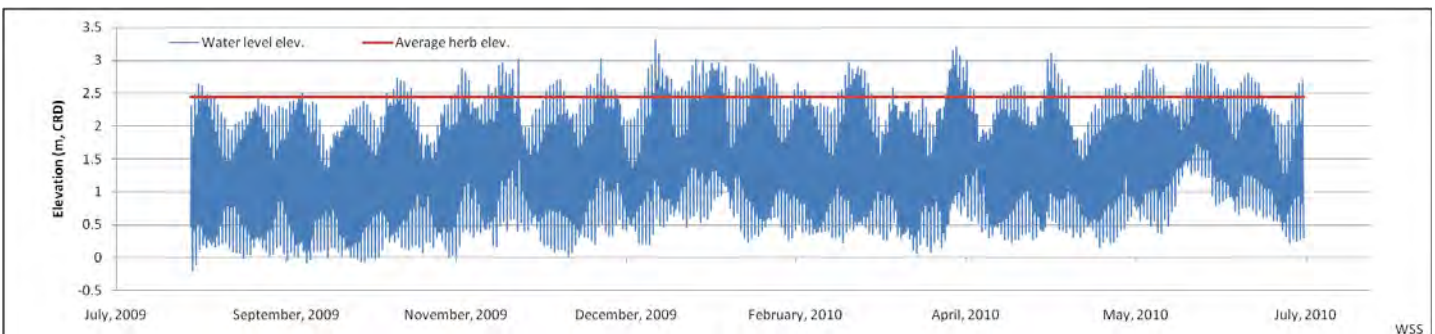
Species	Density Stems/ha	Cover %
COSE	1722	28.9
LOIN	278	0.3
RIDI	222	0.2
RONU	111	0.8
ROPI	1778	8.5
RUSP	1667	5.0
RUUR	10722	3.3
SALU	333	22.9
SASI	1333	27.3
SPDO	2222	11.6
SYAL	500	0.9



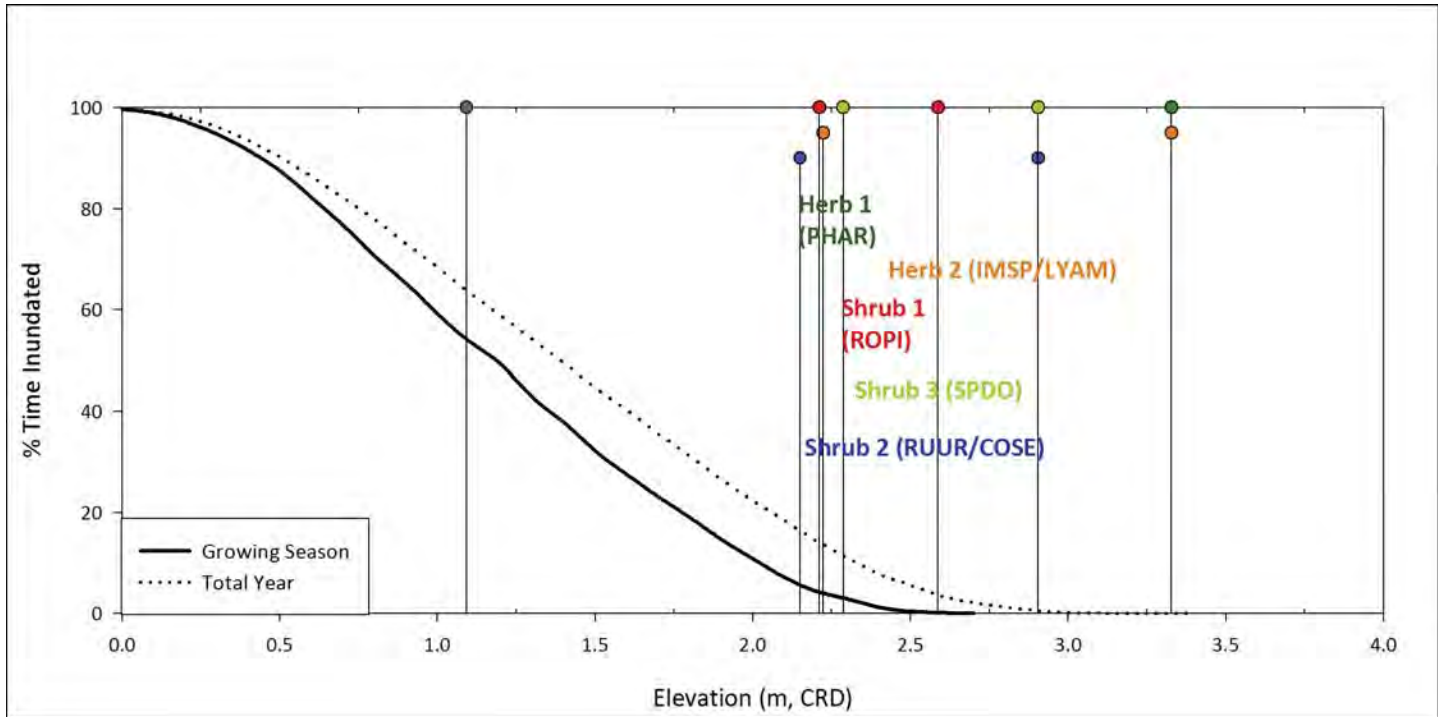
Inundation

	Std	Herb	Shrub
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>2.44</u>	<u>2.47</u>
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>9.92</u>	<u>1.02</u>	<u>0.90</u>

Modified Growing Season:
 Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
 Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



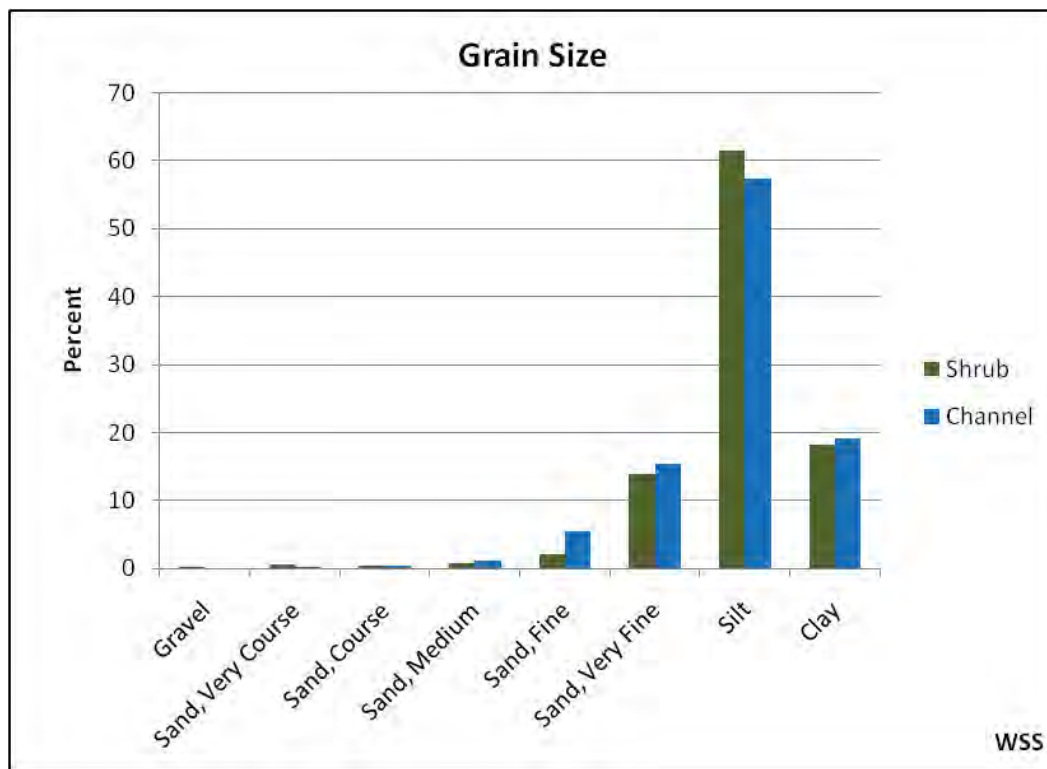
Inundation (cont.)



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 2.82 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.63 m, CRD

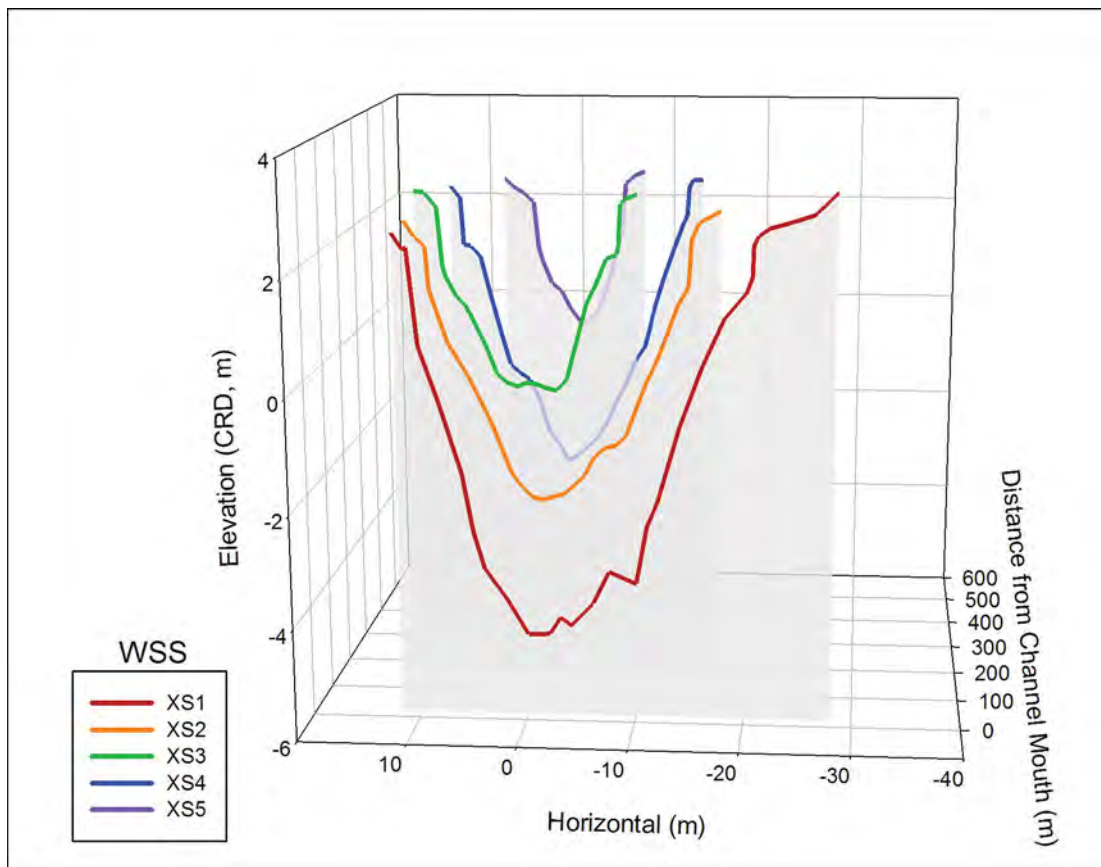
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 4.13 in wetland: 7.47



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
WSS	1	2.29	-4.54	6.83	136.8	31.3	4.6	100	12	100	3
	2	1.97	-2.66	4.63	77.3	25.2	5.5	100	24	100	12
	3	2.36	-1.10	3.46	43.7	18.2	5.3	100	9	100	2
	4	2.28	-2.92	5.20	73.6	23.5	4.5	100	12	100	3
	5	1.92	-0.51	2.43	16.6	9.7	4.0	100	26	100	15

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: C

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5109662 Easting: 478151

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 77 rkm

Distance from main channel: 248 meters

Type: Created



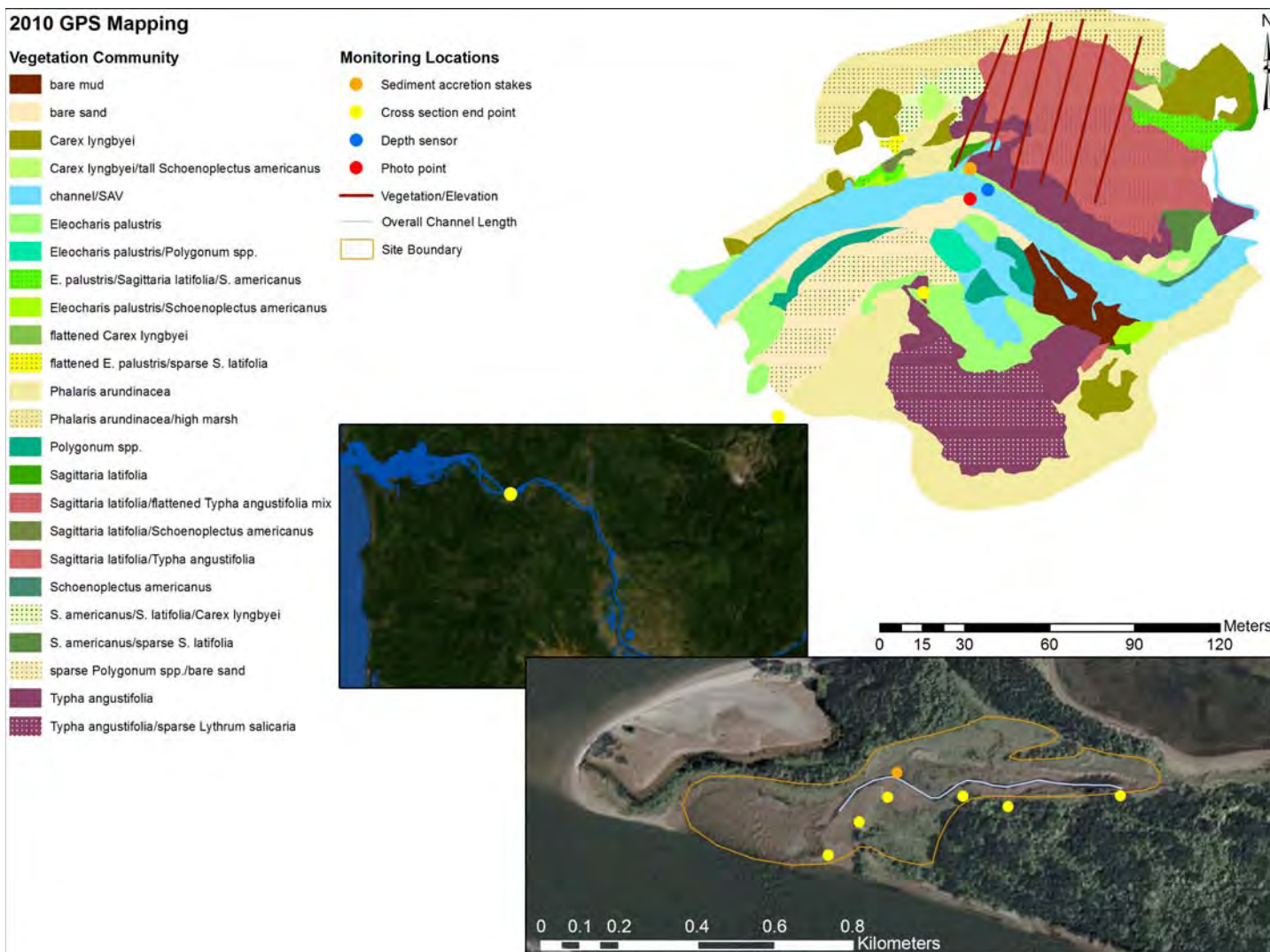
Total Site Area: 10.8 ha

Study Area: 1.23 ha

Total channel length: 549 m

Channel surveyed: 547 m

Channel slope: 0.75 m/km



Site Information

Wallace Island is upstream of Puget Island. While most of Wallace Island was present on the historic maps (from the 1880s), the portion of the island monitored appears to have been created adjacent to the main island with a shallow channel/slough separating it from Wallace Island. The monitoring site is along the north side of the channel and is characterized by a slight depressional area formed from a small tidal channel. Much of the vegetation in the depression was flattened, likely due to recent high tides prior to monitoring.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 1.34

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.92

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.86

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 2.44

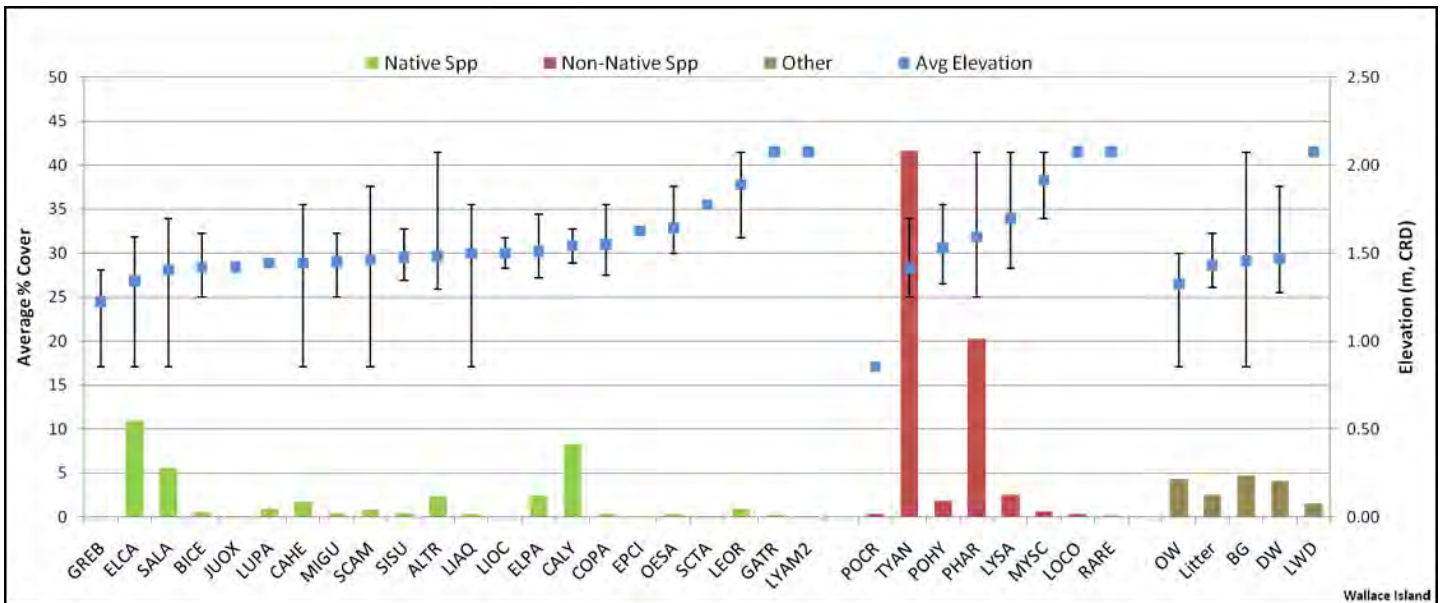
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 22

% Native Cover: 37.66

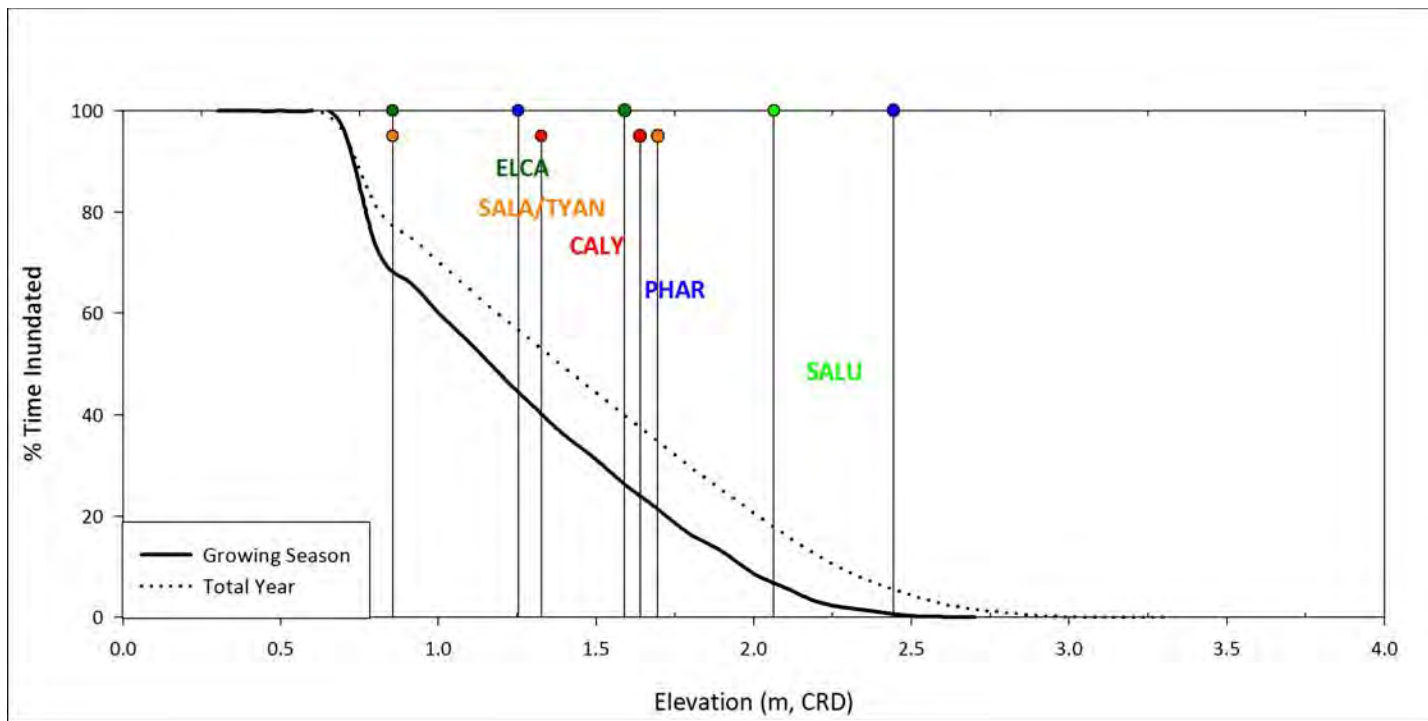
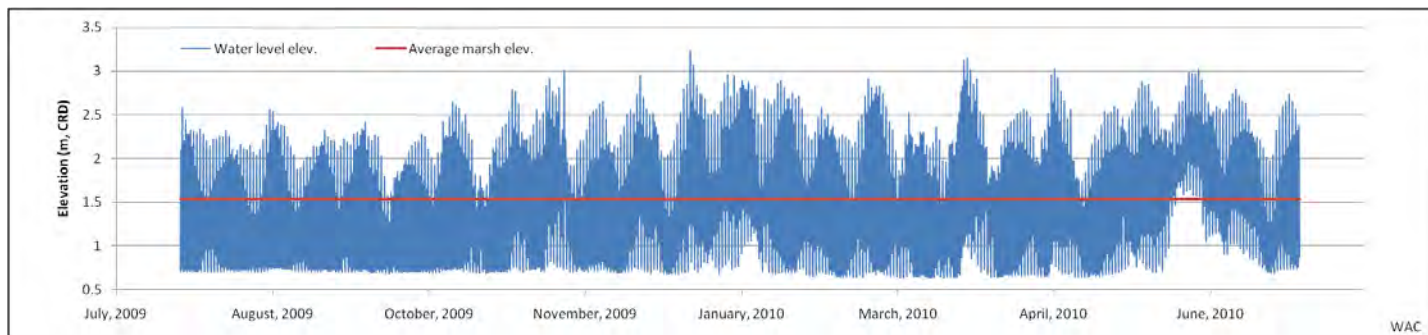
Number of Non-native species: 8

% Non-native Cover: 67.78



Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.53</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>9.69</u>	<u>23.7</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



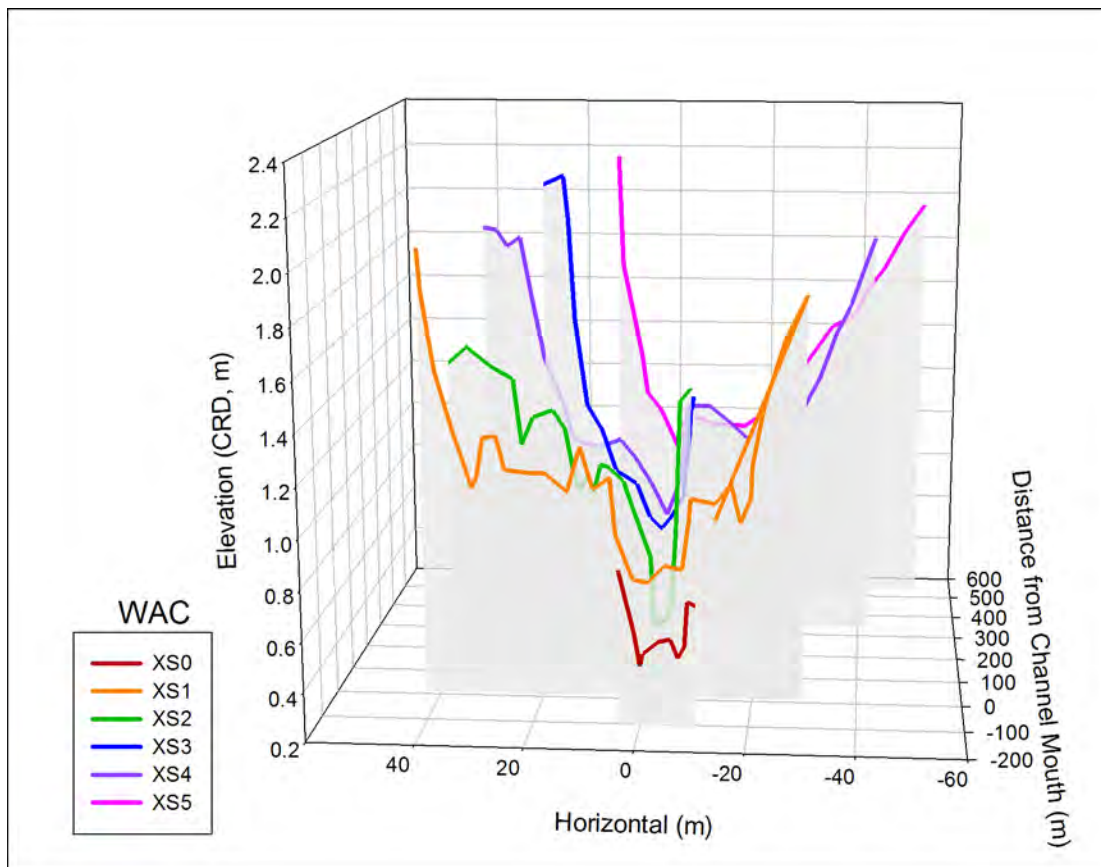
Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 1.33 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.36 m, CRD

Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
WAC	0	0.70	0.44	0.26	1.8	11.3	43.3	100	95	100	96
	1	1.83	0.67	1.16	51.3	72.1	62.2	80	28	72	16
	2	1.33	0.39	0.94	11.4	32.0	33.9	100	53	100	40
	3	1.28	0.71	0.57	7.5	21.7	37.9	78	55	70	43
	4	1.90	0.69	1.20	52.3	72.1	59.9	79	25	70	13
	5	1.42	0.85	0.57	14.7	42.6	75.3	70	48	60	35

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: C

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5108740 Easting: 481816

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 80 rkm

Distance from main channel: 9500 meters

Type: Marsh



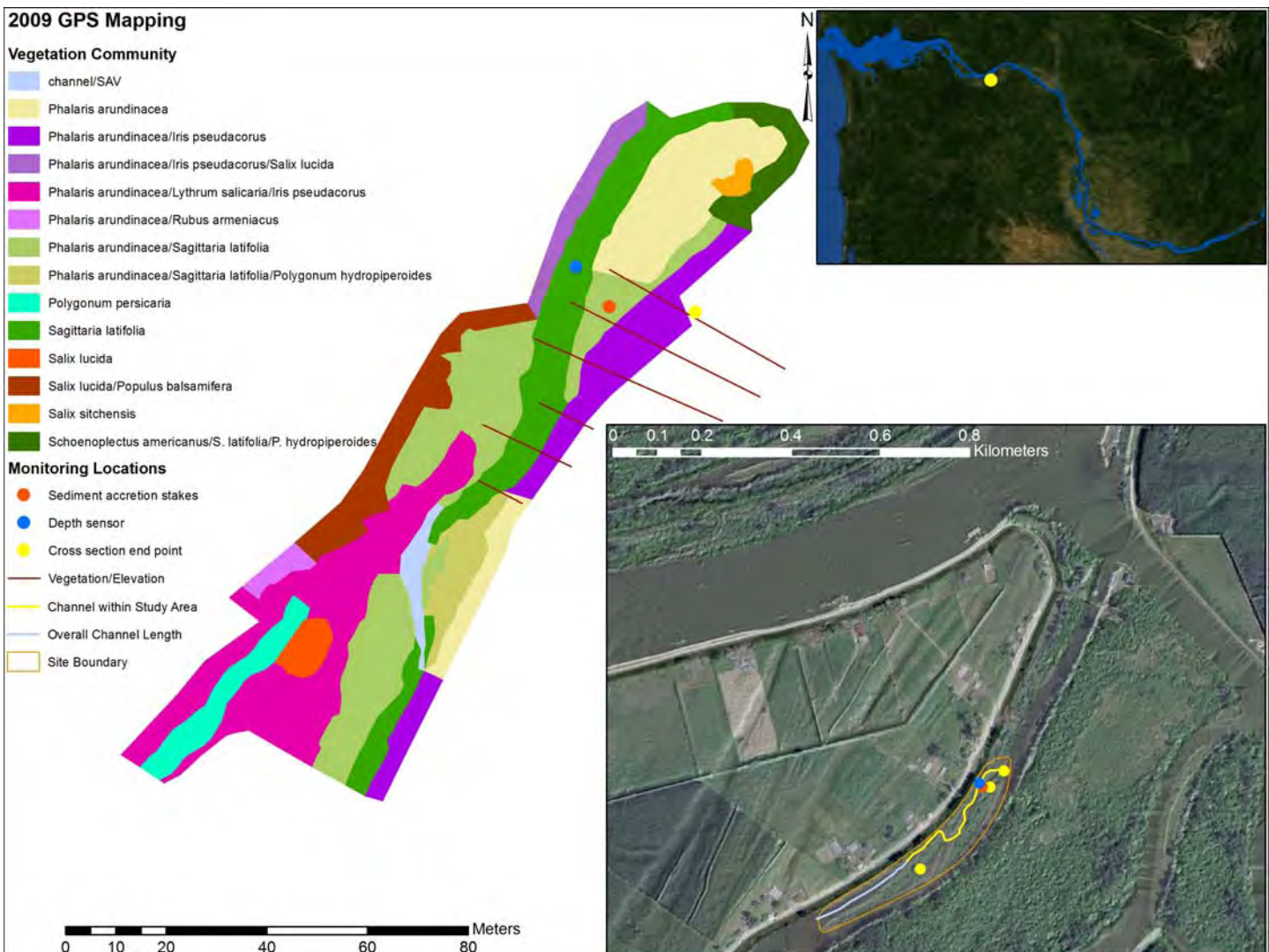
Total Site Area: 4.1 ha

Study Area: 0.48 ha

Total channel length: 605 m

Channel surveyed: 361 m

Channel slope: 1.40 m/km



Site Information

Clatskanie River was re-channeled for flood control and transport at Anunde Island in the early 1900s leaving an oxbow channel slowly filling with sediment. The emergent marsh formed here grades up to a dike road. This site is near a tidal reconnection project between the Clatskanie River and Westport Slough.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 1.38

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.83

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.87

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 2.32

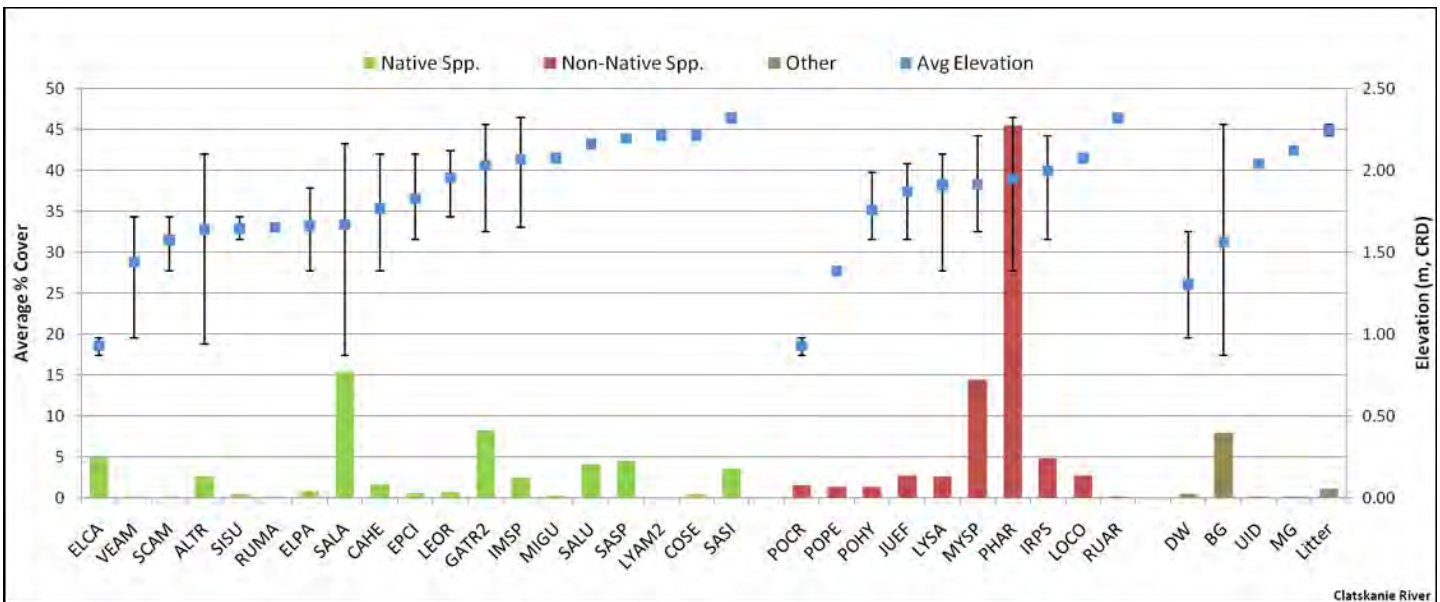
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 19

% Native Cover: 51.59

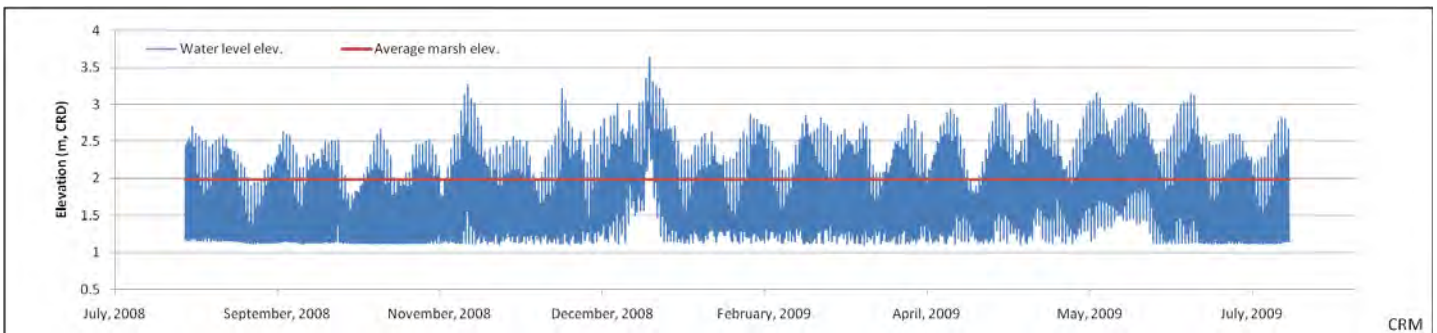
Number of Non-native species: 11

% Non-native Cover: 77.32

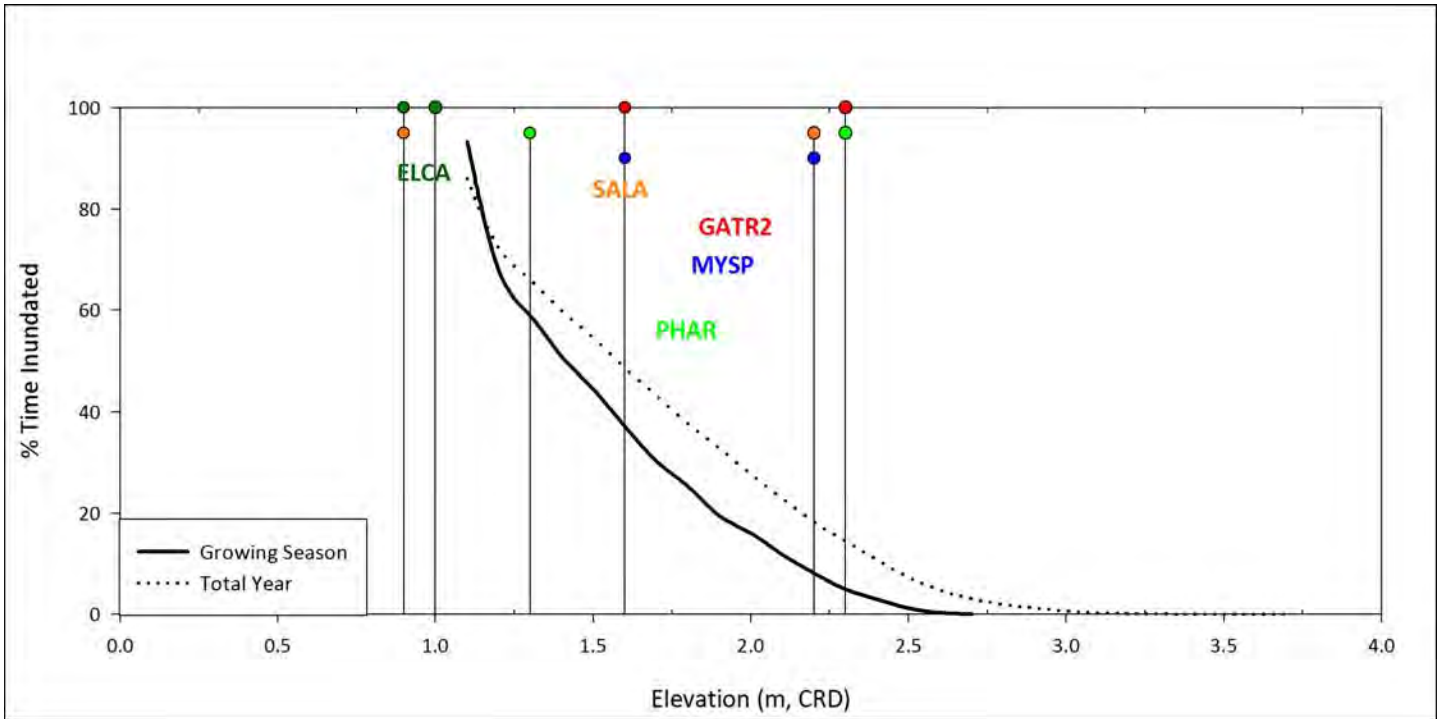


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.98</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>16.8</u>	<u>13.3</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



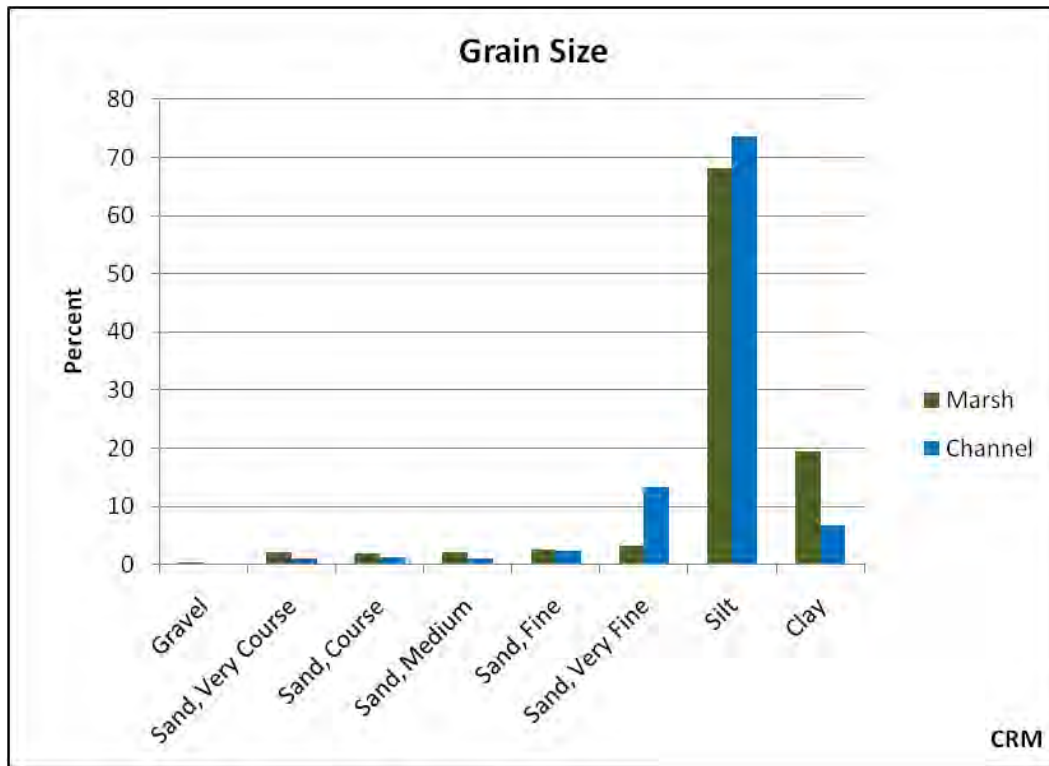
Inundation (cont.)



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: -1.12 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.17 m, CRD

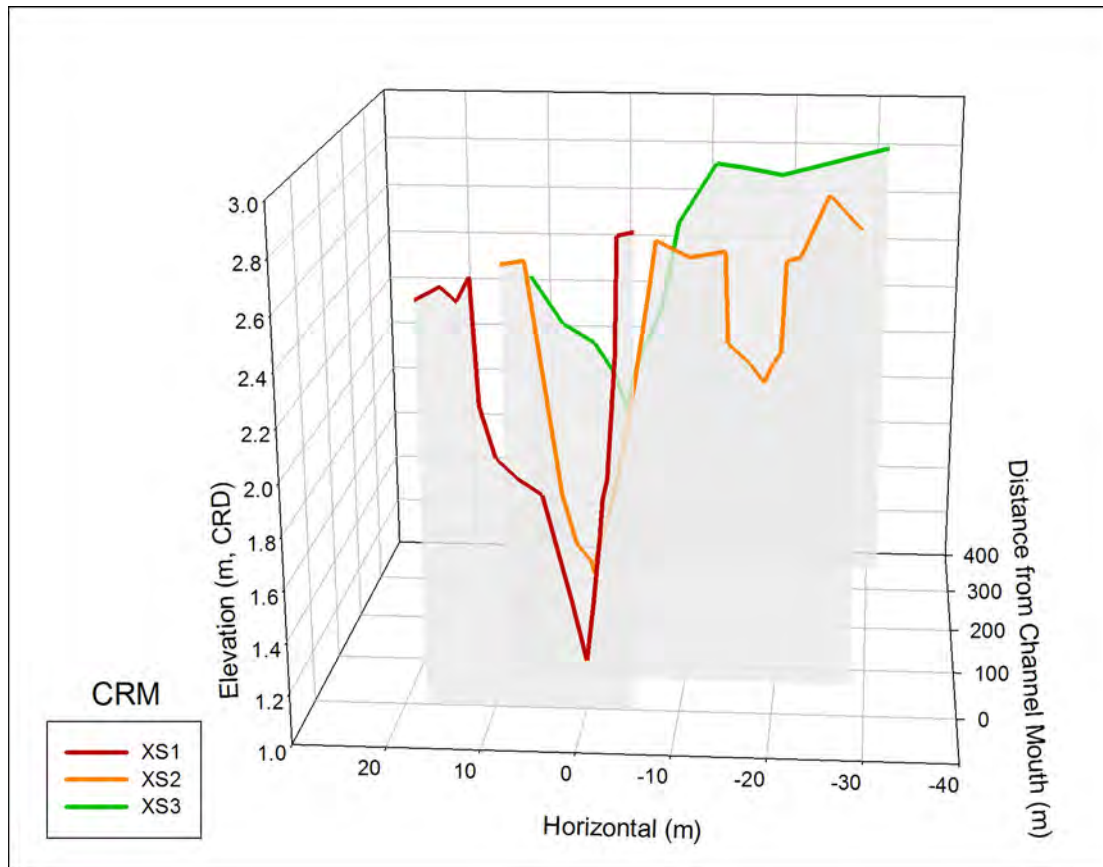
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 2.42 in wetland: 3.89



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
CRM	1	2.14	0.69	1.46	12.9	15.2	10.4	86	21	93	10
	2	2.12	0.92	1.19	14.1	16.2	13.5	86	22	93	11
	3	1.47	1.19	0.28	0.7	6.3	22.4	63	56	56	46

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: C

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5114355 Easting: 488466

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 89 rkm

Distance from main channel: 30 meters

Type: Created



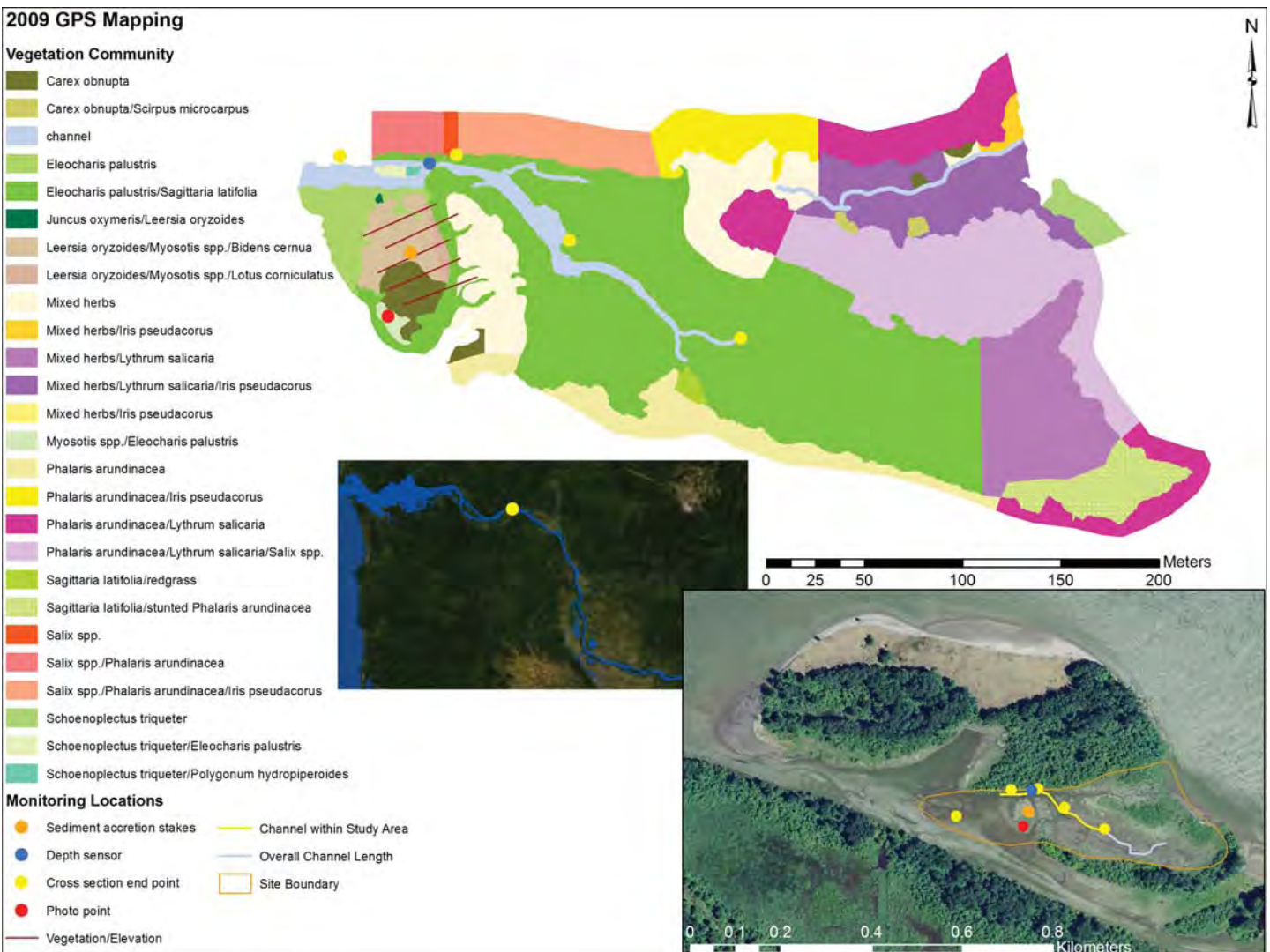
Total Site Area: 9.2 ha

Study Area: 3.89 ha

Total channel length: 432 m

Channel surveyed: 265 m

Channel slope: 3.66 m/km



Site Information

Gull Island is an island partially created from dredge material. The island is a main channel site located near Crims Island and was the reference site for the US Army Corps of Engineers sponsored restoration work that occurred on Crims Island in 2005. The marsh monitoring site is a low elevation flow-through area between 2 uplands areas.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 1.69

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.62

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 1.03

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 1.96

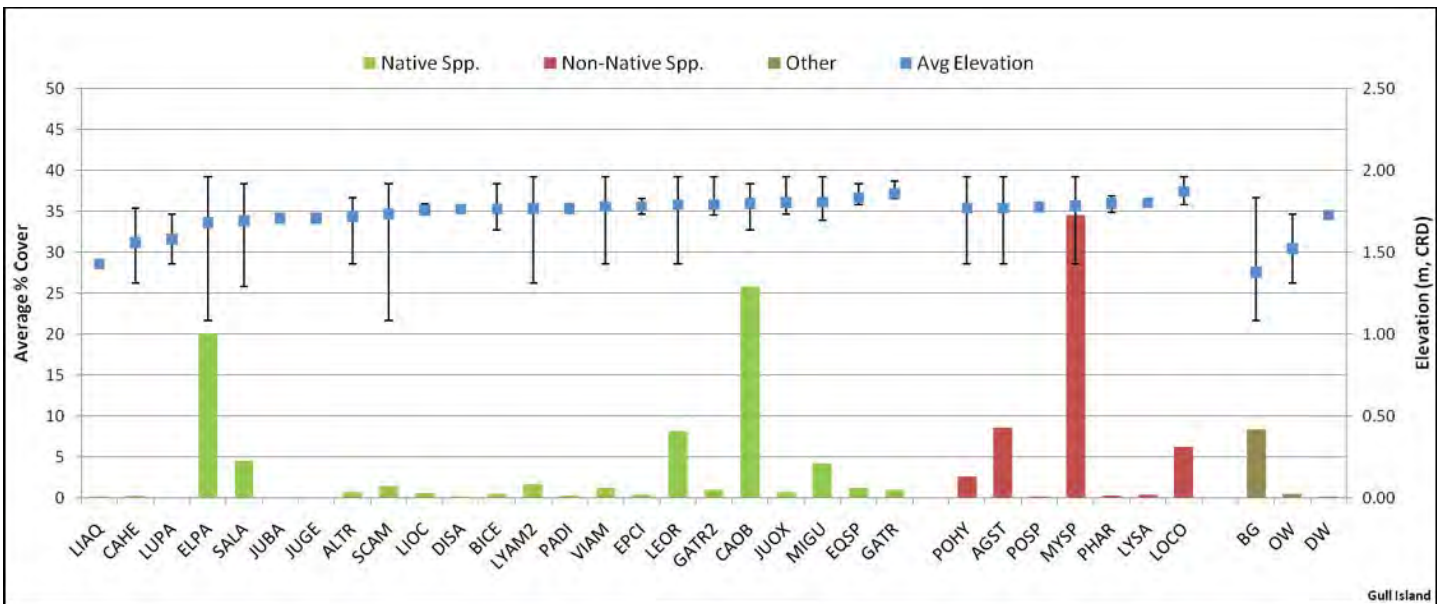
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 23

% Native Cover: 74.60

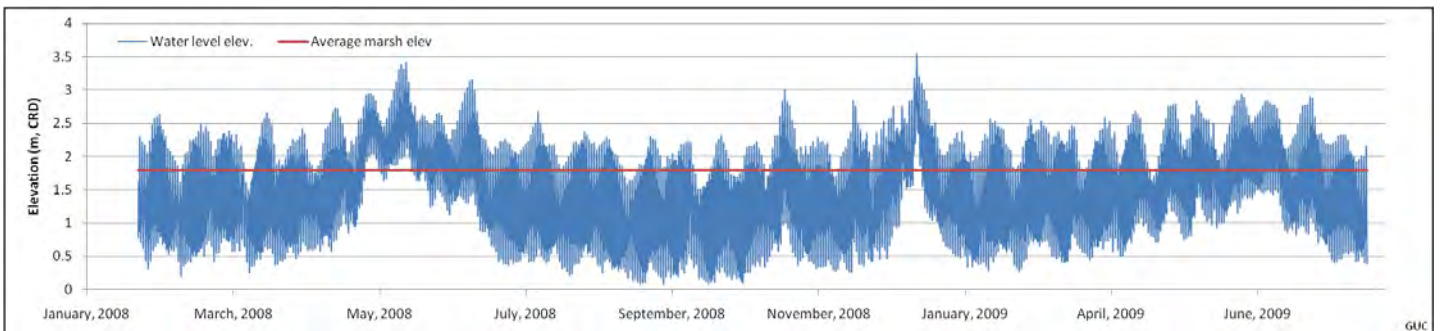
Number of Non-native species: 7

% Non-native Cover: 52.77

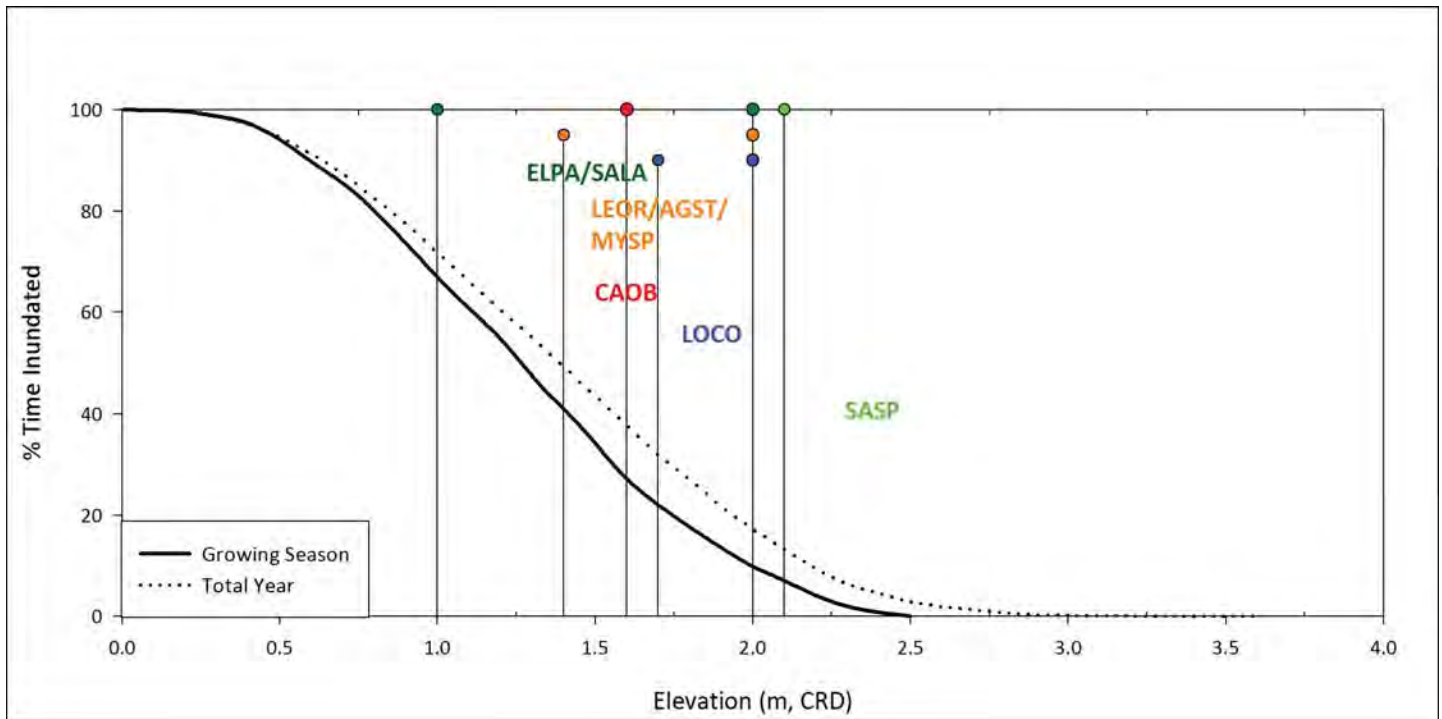


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.80</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>10.2</u>	<u>13.1</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



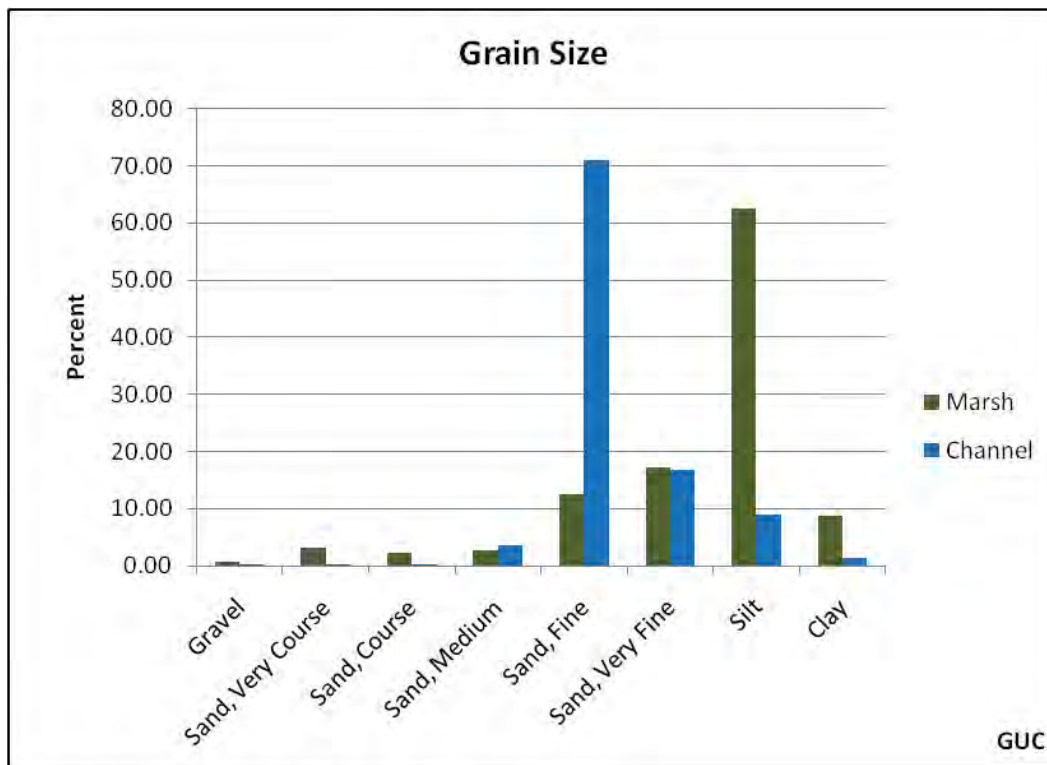
Inundation (cont.)



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 0.37 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.86 m, CRD

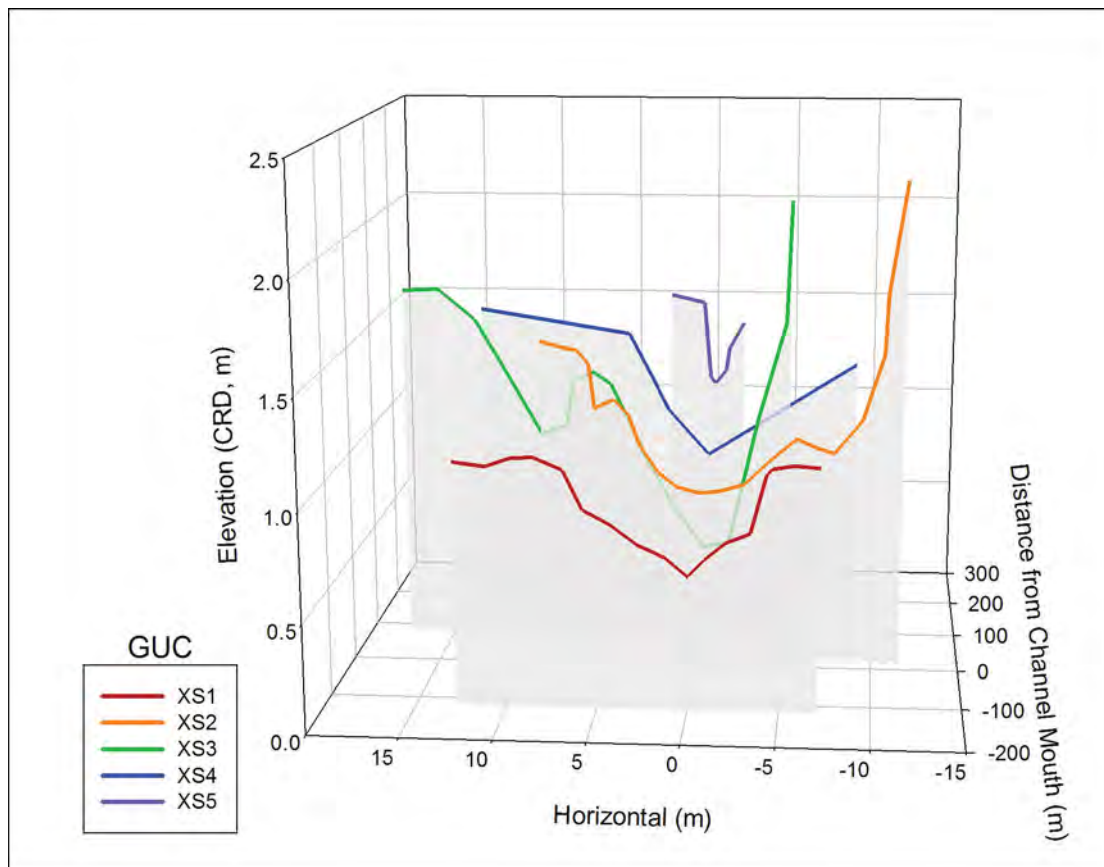
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 0.36 in wetland: 4.03



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
GUC	1	1.09	0.62	0.46	3.1	11.0	23.6	84	67	81	62
	2	1.41	0.80	0.61	6.8	16.6	27.4	75	49	71	40
	3	1.56	0.45	1.10	10.1	18.3	16.6	91	40	90	30
	4	1.28	0.81	0.46	3.1	12.9	27.8	74	56	70	49
	5	1.24	1.06	0.18	0.2	1.3	7.3	60	58	54	52

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: C

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5113047 Easting: 496812

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 98 rkm

Distance from main channel: 5959 meters

Type: Riparian Wetland



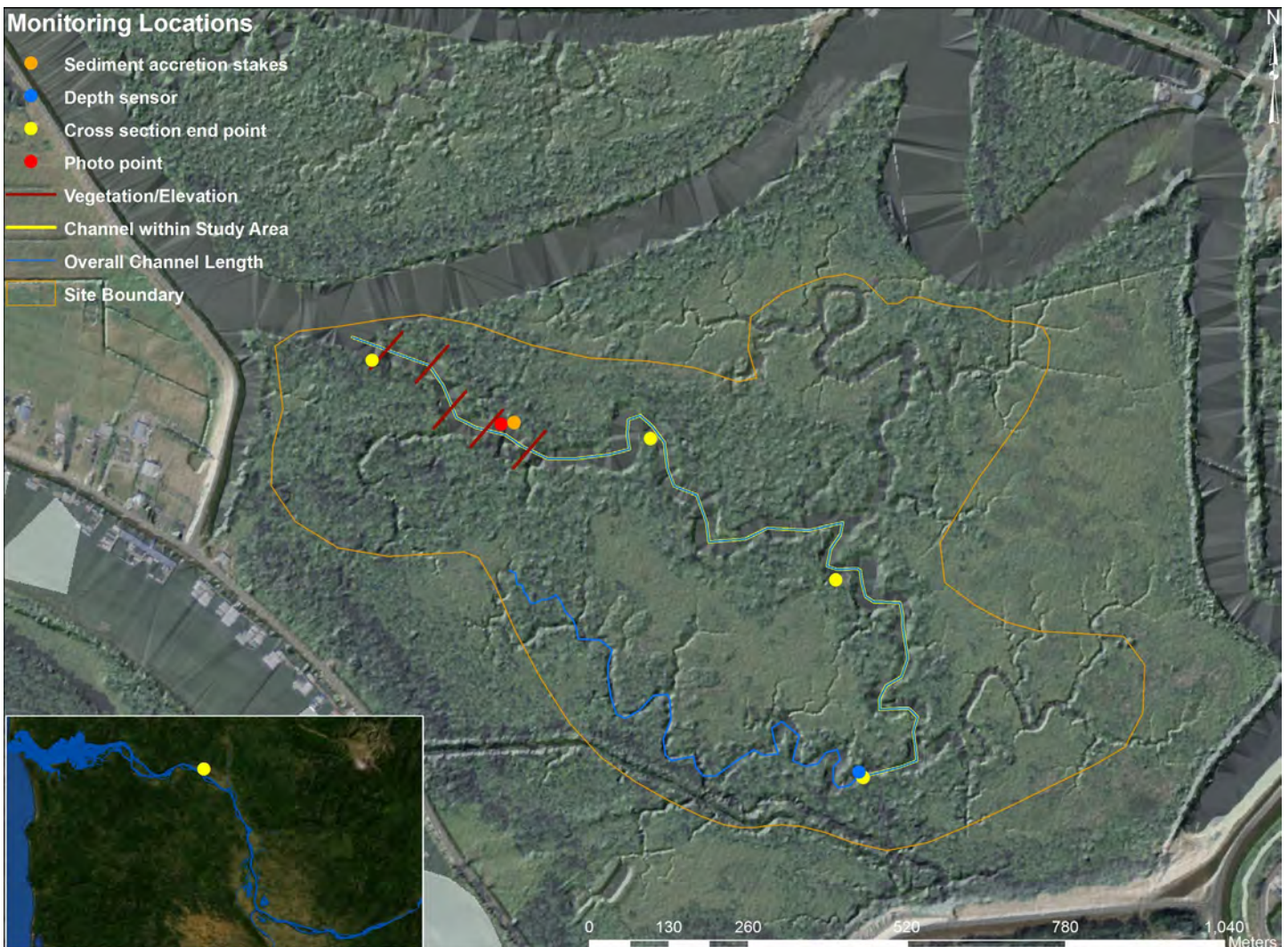
Total Site Area: 80.8 ha

Study Area: 5.23 ha

Total channel length: 2877 m

Channel surveyed: 1738 m

Channel slope: 1.03 m/km



Site Information

Coal Creek, located in Washington, is a small tributary to the Columbia River near Longview. The Coal Creek site encompassed the riparian areas on both sides of a channel that inputs into Coal Creek Slough, ~ 6 km from the confluence with the Columbia River. The site is owned by the Columbia Land Trust.

Elevation

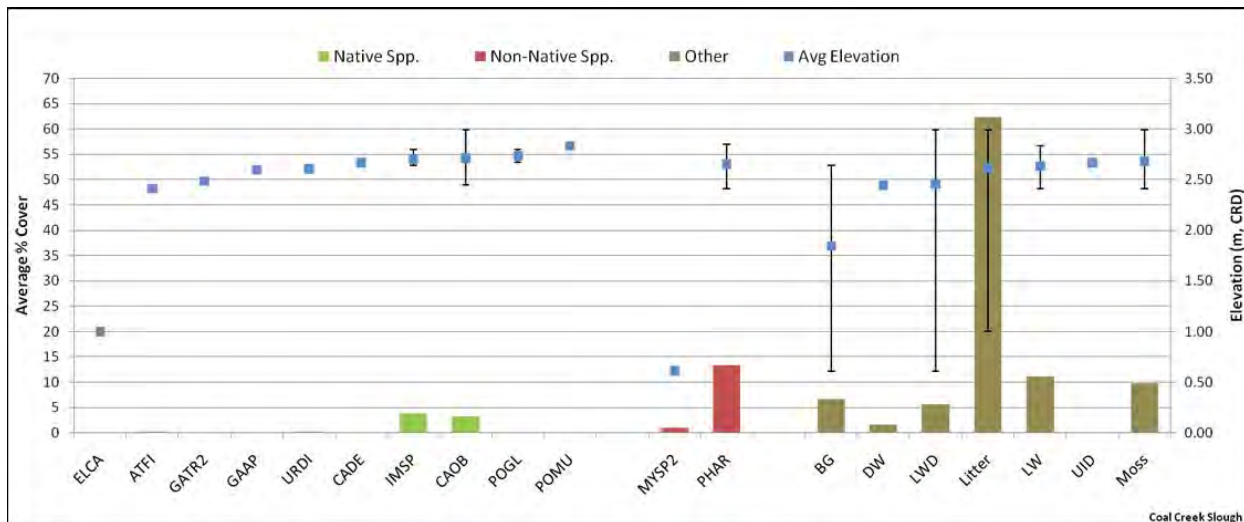
	Herb		Shrub		Tree	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
CRD, m	<u>2.41</u>	<u>2.99</u>	<u>1.81</u>	<u>3.14</u>	<u>1.81</u>	<u>3.14</u>
NAVD88, m	<u>3.20</u>	<u>3.78</u>	<u>2.60</u>	<u>3.93</u>	<u>2.60</u>	<u>3.93</u>

Vegetation

	Herb	Shrub	Tree
Number of Native Species	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>
% Cover Native Species	<u>7.9</u>	<u>53.65</u>	<u>NA</u>
Number of Non-native Species	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
% Cover Non-native Species	<u>14.33</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>NA</u>

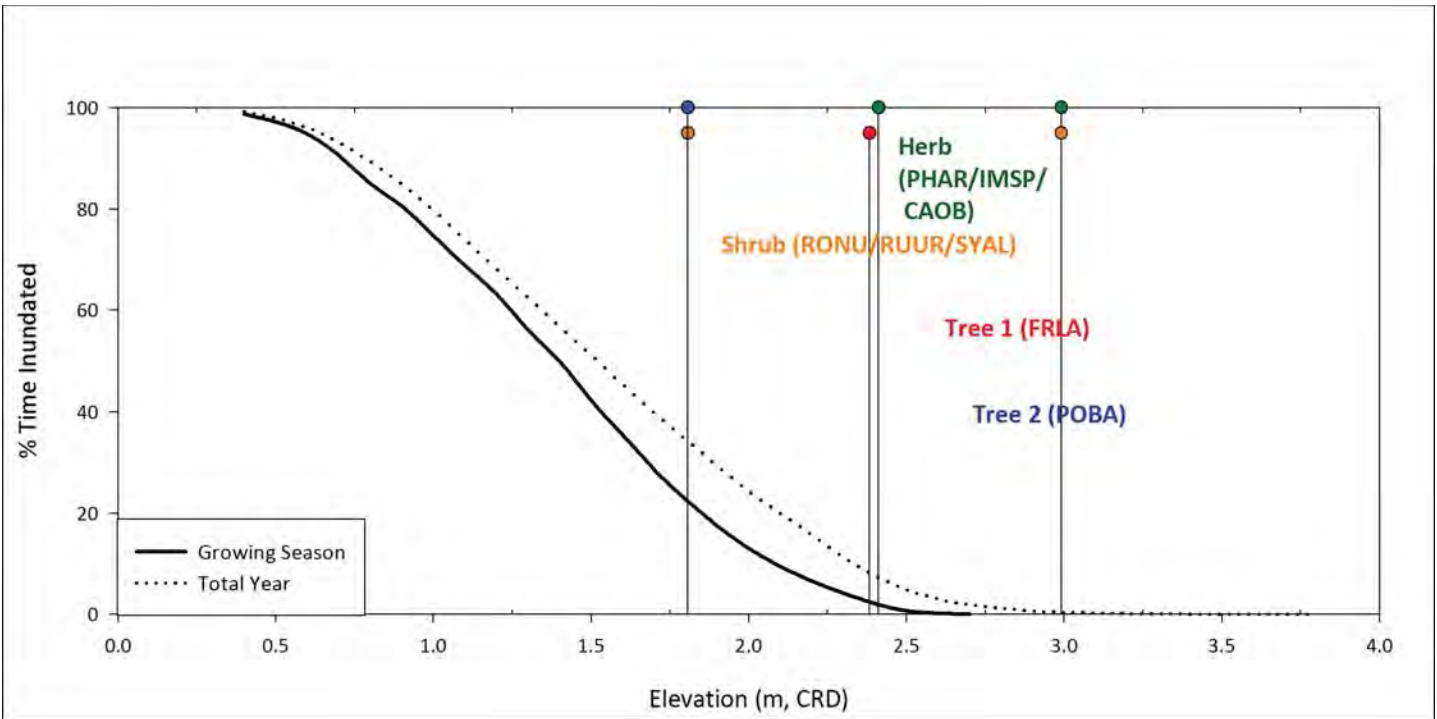
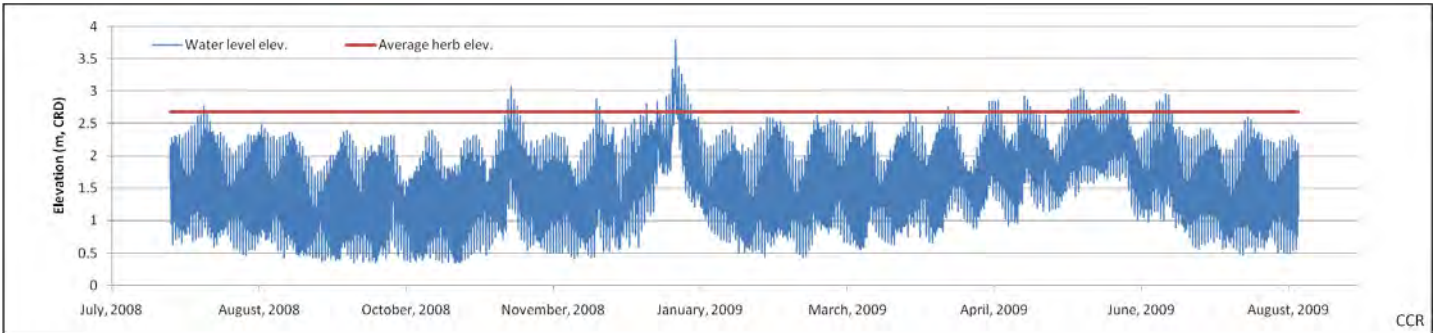
Species	Density (stems/ha)	Cover (%)
COSE	1765	18.5
CRDO	1412	2.4
LOIN	1706	4.4
RONU	4706	6.9
ROPI	118	0.1
RUUR	38706	6.5
SPDO	2706	5.2
SYAL	13176	7.8
COSE	1765	18.5
RILA	1412	2.4
RUAR	1706	4.4
RUSP	4706	6.9
RUUR	118	0.1
SARA	38706	6.5
SYAL	2706	5.2

Species	Density Stems/ha	Relative Frequency %	Relative Density %	Relative Dominance %	Elevation (m, CRD)	
					Min	Max
Coal Creek Slough						
ALRU	5	1.6	0.2	0.1	2.73	2.73
COCO	61	1.6	2.0	0.1	2.59	2.59
CRDO	203	4.8	6.7	0.1	1.81	2.60
FRLA	278	28.6	9.2	23.2	2.38	3.13
MAFU	769	20.6	25.4	2.1	1.81	3.14
POBA	1660	25.4	54.9	57.2	1.81	2.93
PREM	0	1.6	0.0	0.4	2.48	2.48
Snag	47	9.5	1.6	16.8	2.41	3.13
No trees	na	6.3	na	na	na	na



Inundation

	Std	Herb	Shrub	Tree	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>2.68</u>	<u>2.77</u>	<u>2.58</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>15.6</u>	<u>0.39</u>	<u>0.16</u>	<u>0.81</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



Sediment

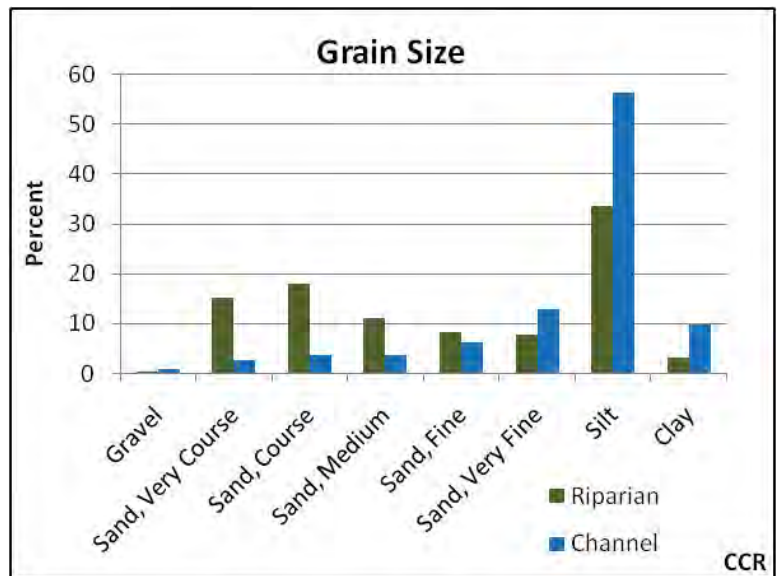
Sediment accretion rate: 0.84 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 2.85 m, CRD

Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

in channel: 3.05

in wetland: 4.29

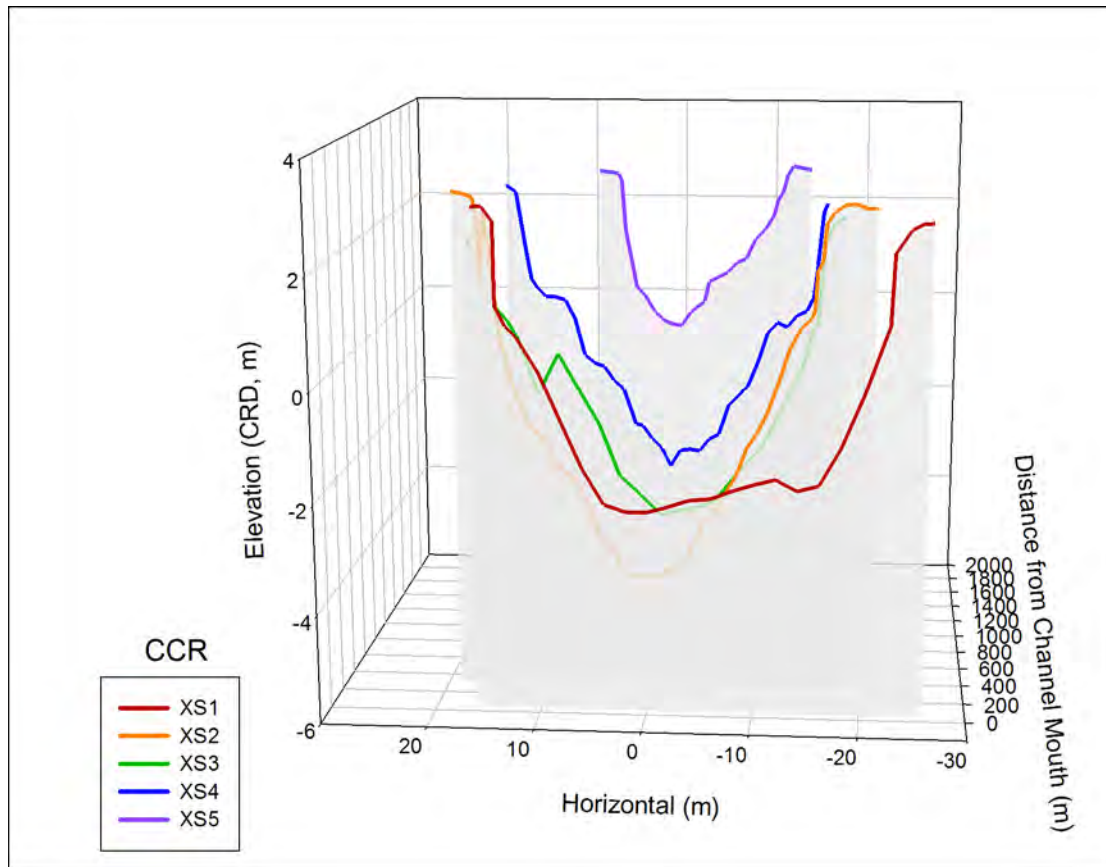


Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
1 (mouth)	2.86	-2.31	5.17	151.1	39.1	7.6	99	1	99	0	
2	2.98	-3.88	6.86	153.3	34.9	5.1	99	0	99	0	
3	2.08	-3.11	5.19	116.5	34.9	6.7	99	21	99	10	
4	2.25	-2.83	5.08	96.9	31.3	6.2	99	14	99	5	
5	2.63	-0.53	3.15	37.4	18.5	5.9	99	3	99	0	

NOTE: The thalweg in this channel was likely inundated 100%, however the sensor, located in the upper part of the Slough, was exposed 1% of the time.

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: C

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5109036 Easting: 497840

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 100 rkm

Distance from main channel: 1316 meters

Type: Created



Total Site Area: 7.7 ha

Study Area: 0.72 ha

Total channel length: 910 m

Channel surveyed: 484 m

Channel slope: -0.05 m/km

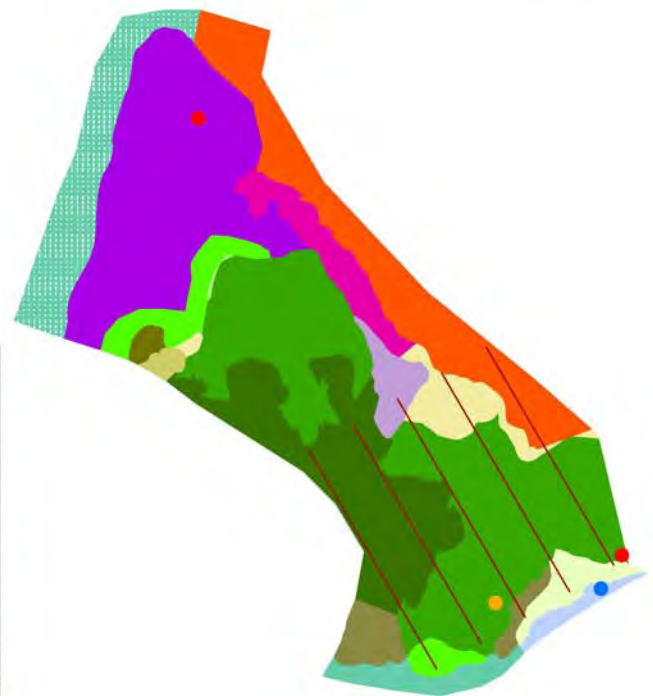
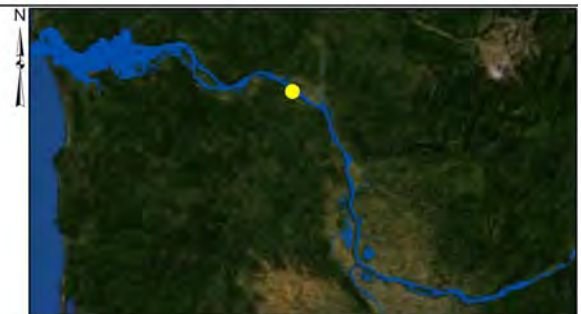
2009 GPS Mapping

Vegetation Community

- Carex obnupta
- channel
- Beckmannia syzigachne/Sagittaria latifolia
- Eleocharis palustris/Sagittaria latifolia
- E. palustris/P. arundinacea/T. latifolia
- Phalaris arundinacea
- Phalaris arundinacea/Carex obnupta
- Phalaris arundinacea/Lythrum salicaria
- Sagittaria latifolia
- Sagittaria latifolia/channel
- S. latifolia/B. syzigachne/P. hydropiperoides
- Sagittaria latifolia/Polygonum hydropiperoides
- Salix spp.
- sparse Sagittaria latifolia/channel
- Typha latifolia
- Typha latifolia/Sagittaria latifolia

Monitoring Locations

- Sediment accretion stakes
- Depth sensor
- Cross section end point
- Photo point
- Vegetation/Elevation
- Channel within Study Area
- Overall Channel Length
- Site Boundary



Site Information

Lord Island is near Longview, Washington and is owned by Columbia Land Trust. The island was not present on historic maps (from the 1880s) and has a history of dredge material placement. The interior of the island has an extensive area of shallow water, mudflats, and emergent wetlands. The study site is located on the interior of the island and is connected to the River through a series of very shallow channels and flats.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 1.85

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.68

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 1.04

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 1.87

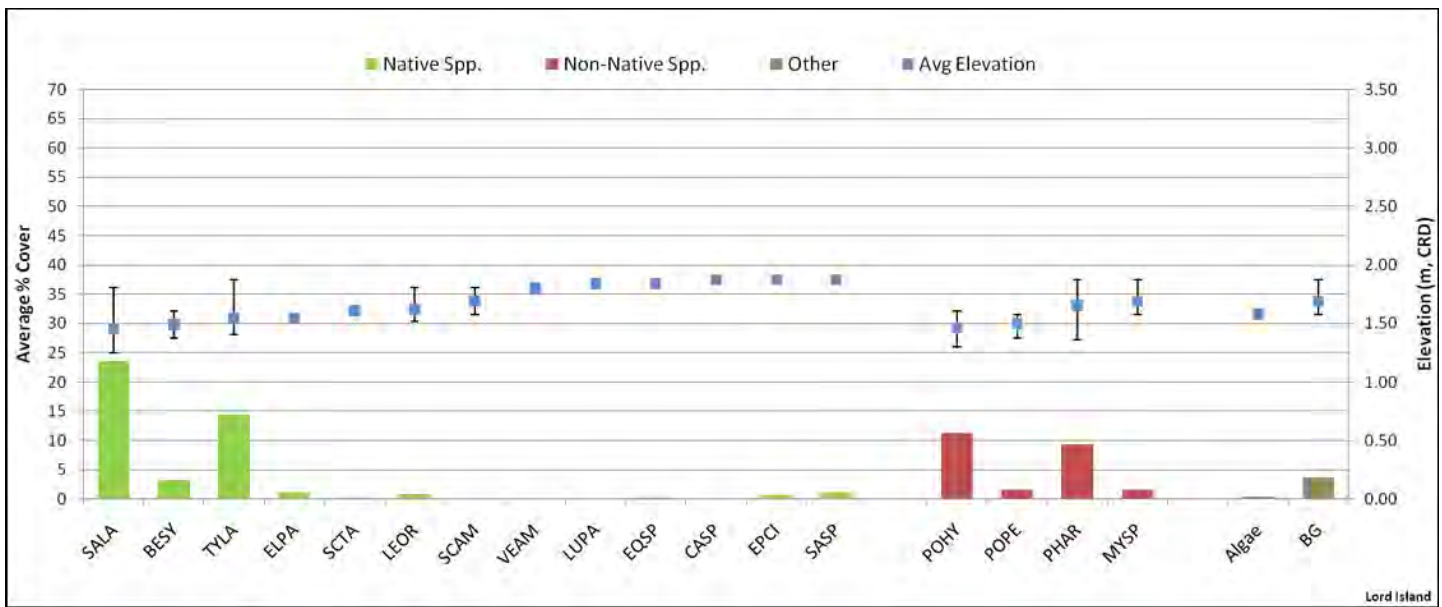
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 13

% Native Cover: 45.78

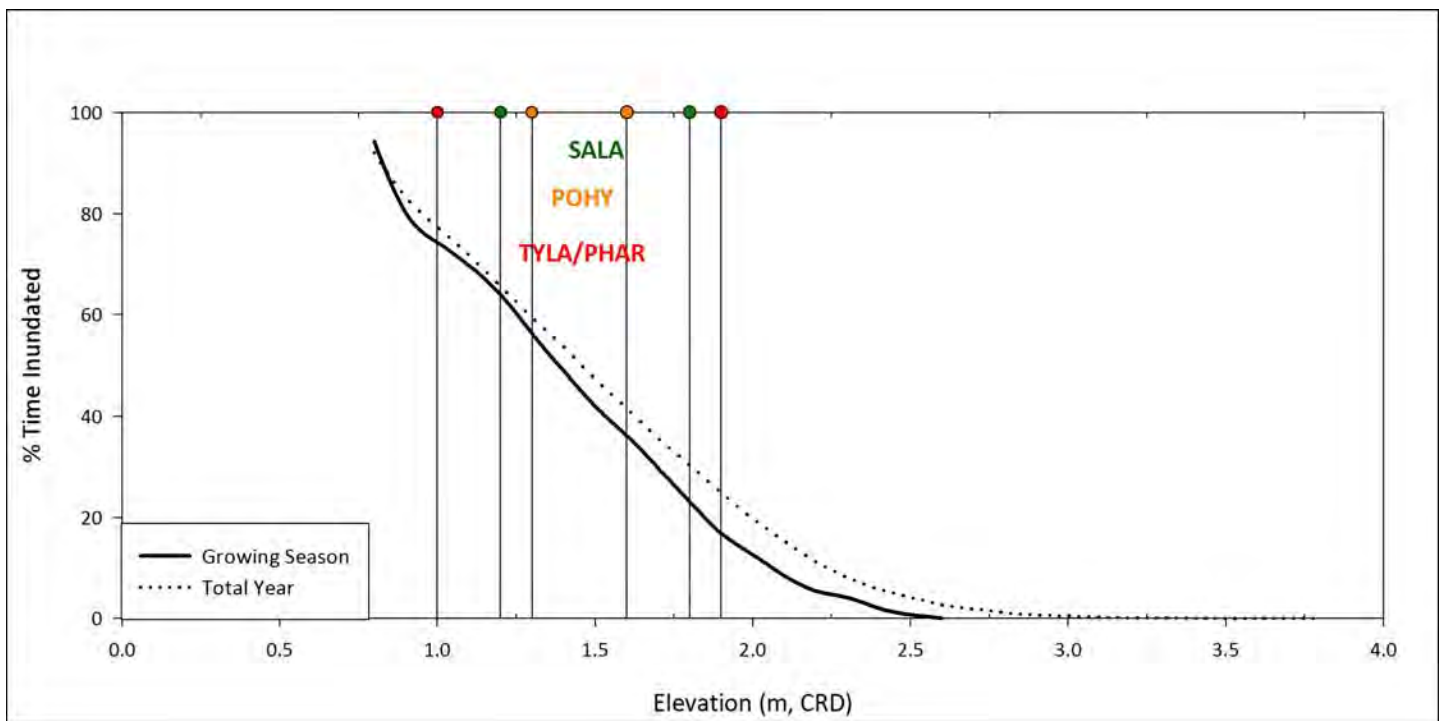
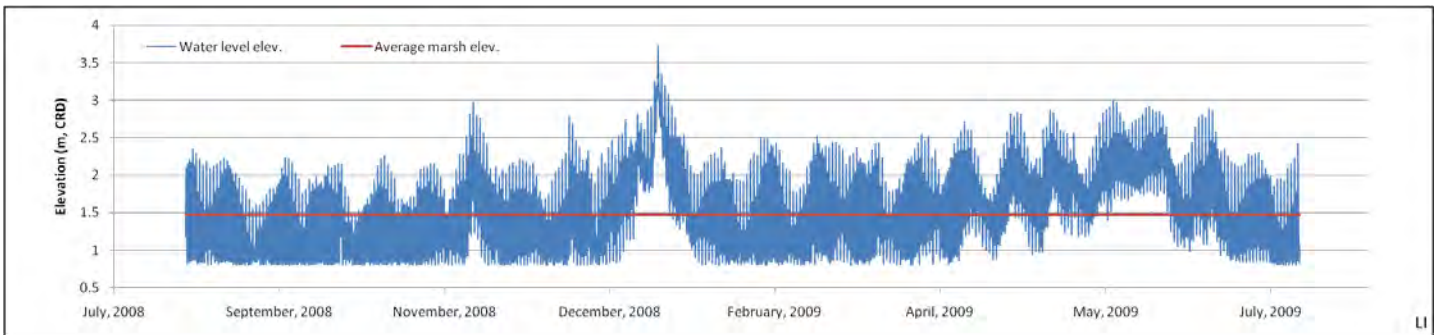
Number of Non-native species: 4

% Non-native Cover: 23.74



Inundation

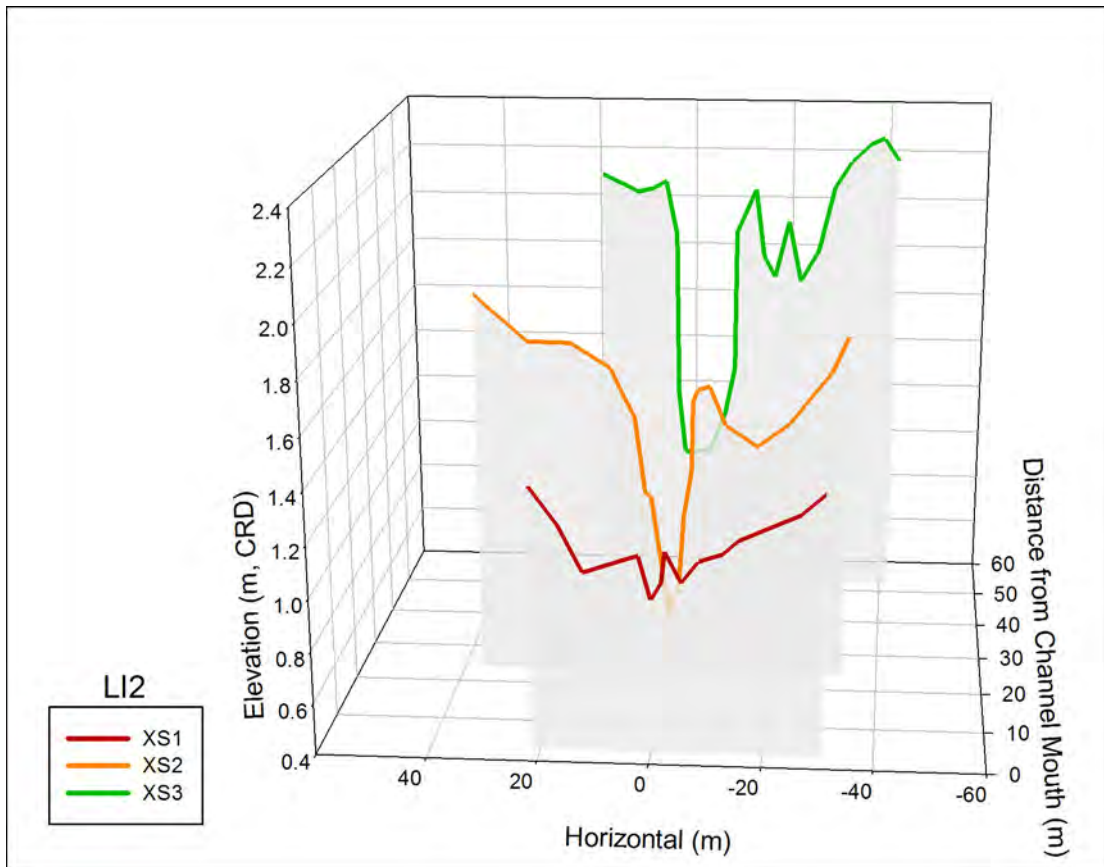
	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.47</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>12.8</u>	<u>35.0</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



Channels

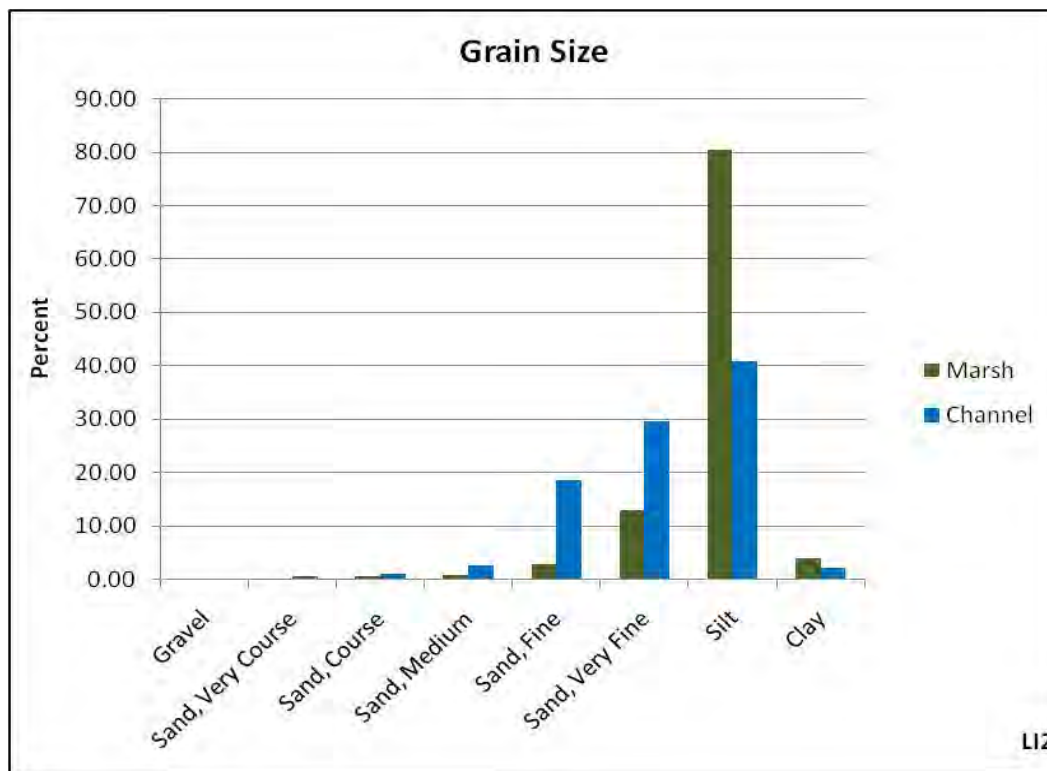
Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
	Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)
LI2	1	1.15	0.99	0.17	1.1	13.1	79.1	70	69	67	67
	2	1.49	0.63	0.86	5.5	12.5	14.5	92	48	94	43
	3	1.90	0.96	0.94	10.1	12.4	13.2	71	25	69	17

Cross Sections



Sediment

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 1.60 in wetland: 2.21



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: C

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5106983 Easting: 500280

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 104 rkm

Distance from main channel: 4675 meters

Type: Created



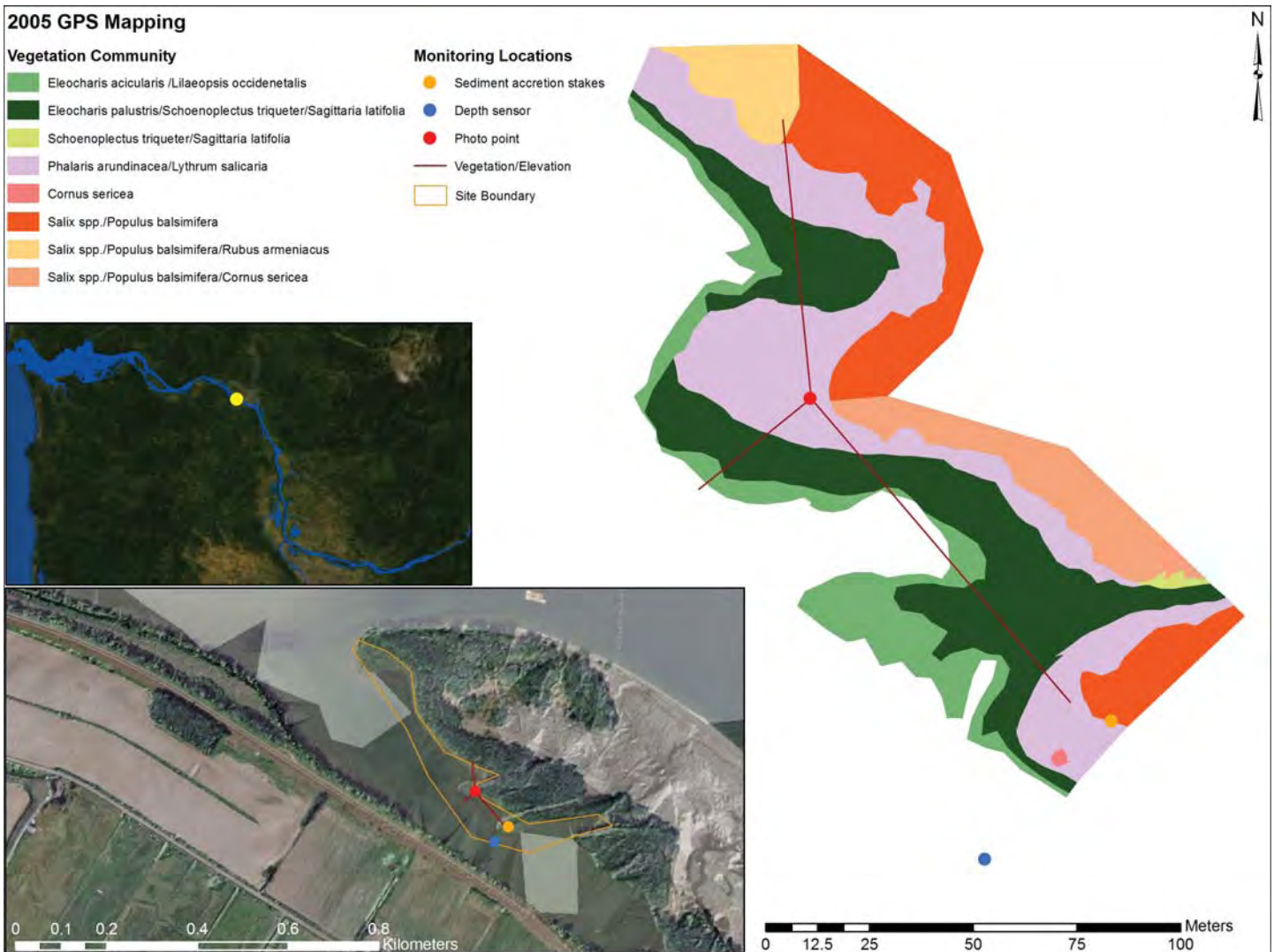
Total Site Area: 4.7 ha

Study Area: 2.63 ha

Total channel length: NA

Channel surveyed: NA

Channel slope: NA



Site Information

Dibblee Slough is located near Dibblee’s Beach and Dibblee Point in Rainier, Oregon. The site is a mainland slough with a fringing emergent marsh backed by cottonwood and willow trees. The site was created from dredge material and was not present on the historic maps from the 1880’s. Dibblee’s Beach is an active dredge material deposition site; the most recent deposition is visible on the site map above. The area is owned by the State of Oregon and managed by the Division of State Lands. There are numerous trails throughout the wooded area, which are popular for walking and horseback riding, however the recent dredge material activity may have reduced access to some areas.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 1.74

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.82

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.88

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 1.96

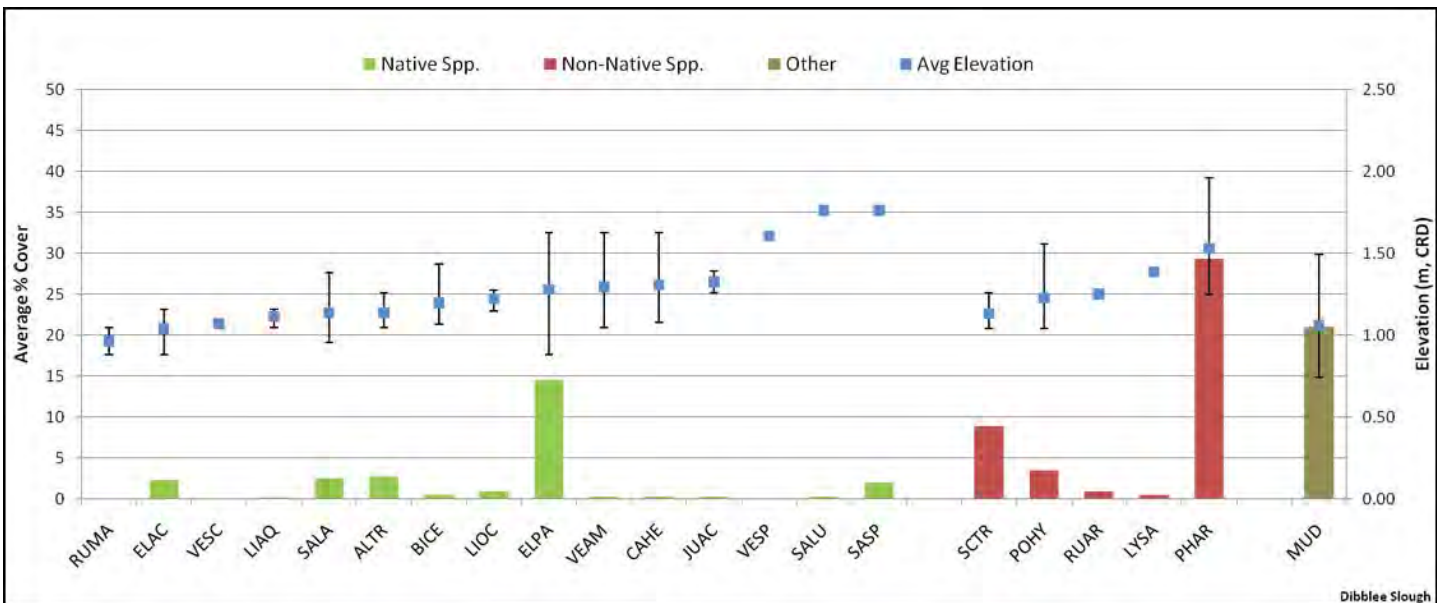
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 15

% Native Cover: 27.12

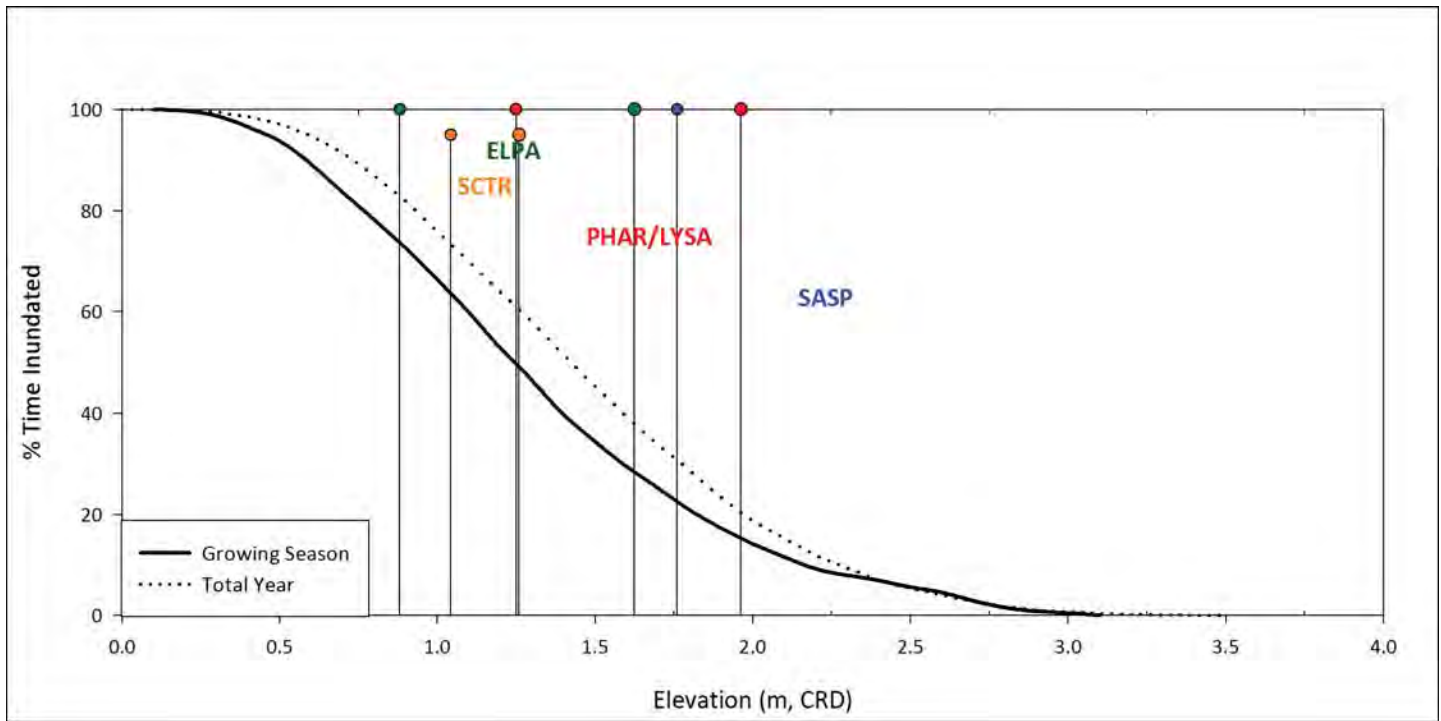
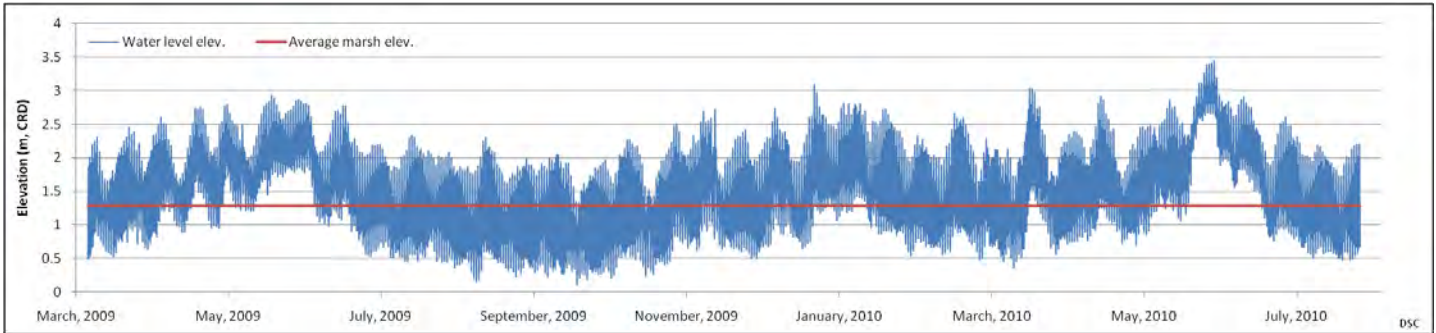
Number of Non-native species: 5

% Non-native Cover: 43.22



Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.28</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>17.0</u>	<u>47.3</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 0.17 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.79 m, CRD

Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: D

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5102716 Easting: 509507

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 113 rkm

Distance from main channel: 197 meters

Type: Marsh



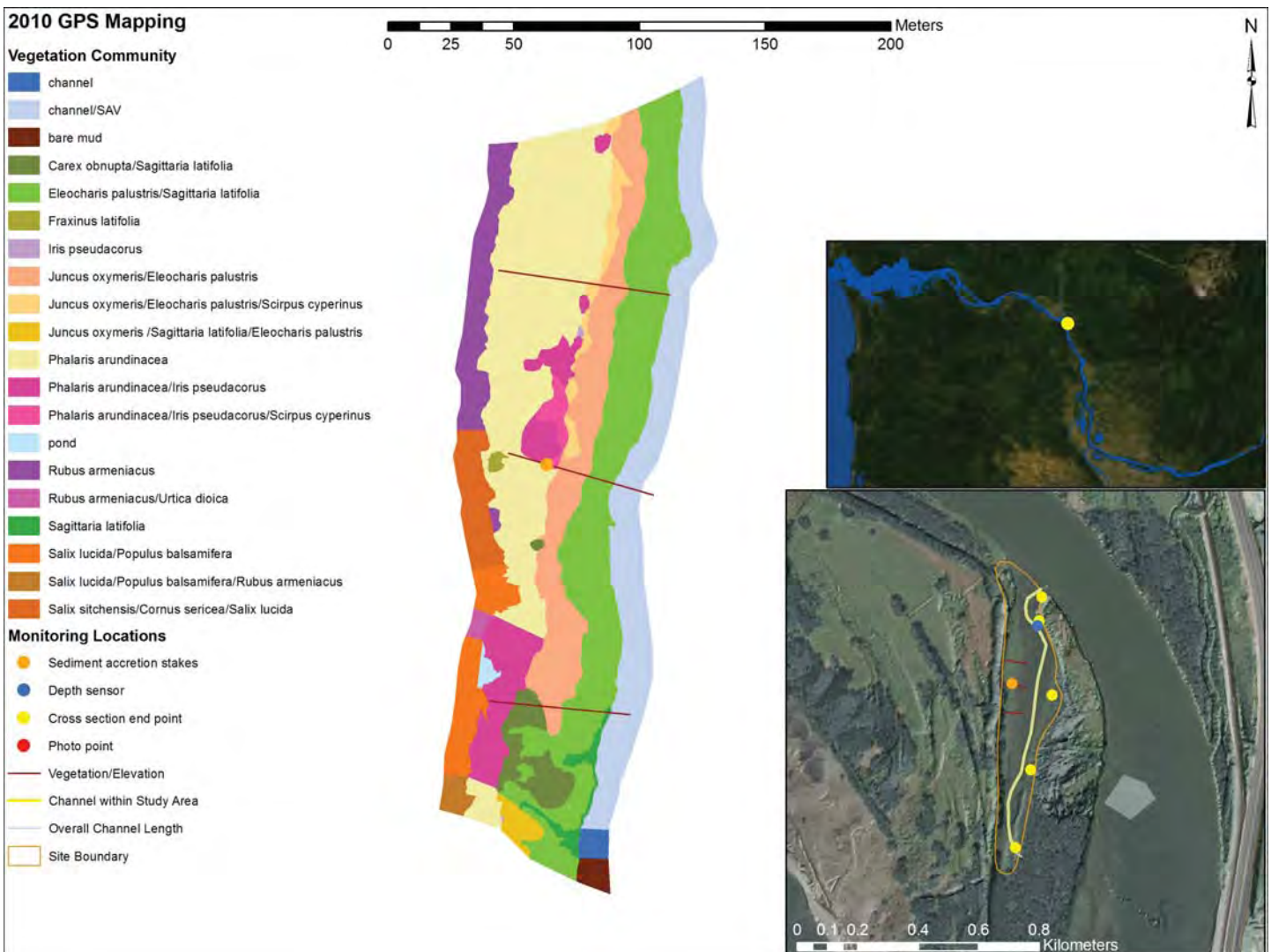
Total Site Area: 13.4 ha

Study Area: 2.04 ha

Total channel length: 963 m

Channel surveyed: 928 m

Channel slope: 2.10 m/km



Site Information

Cottonwood Island is located near Longview, WA upstream from the confluence of the Cowlitz River. Primarily created from dredge material, it is currently managed for white-tailed deer habitat by a consortium of four Washington ports. The monitoring site is in a large shallow slough on the off-channel side of the island.

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.71

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 2.31

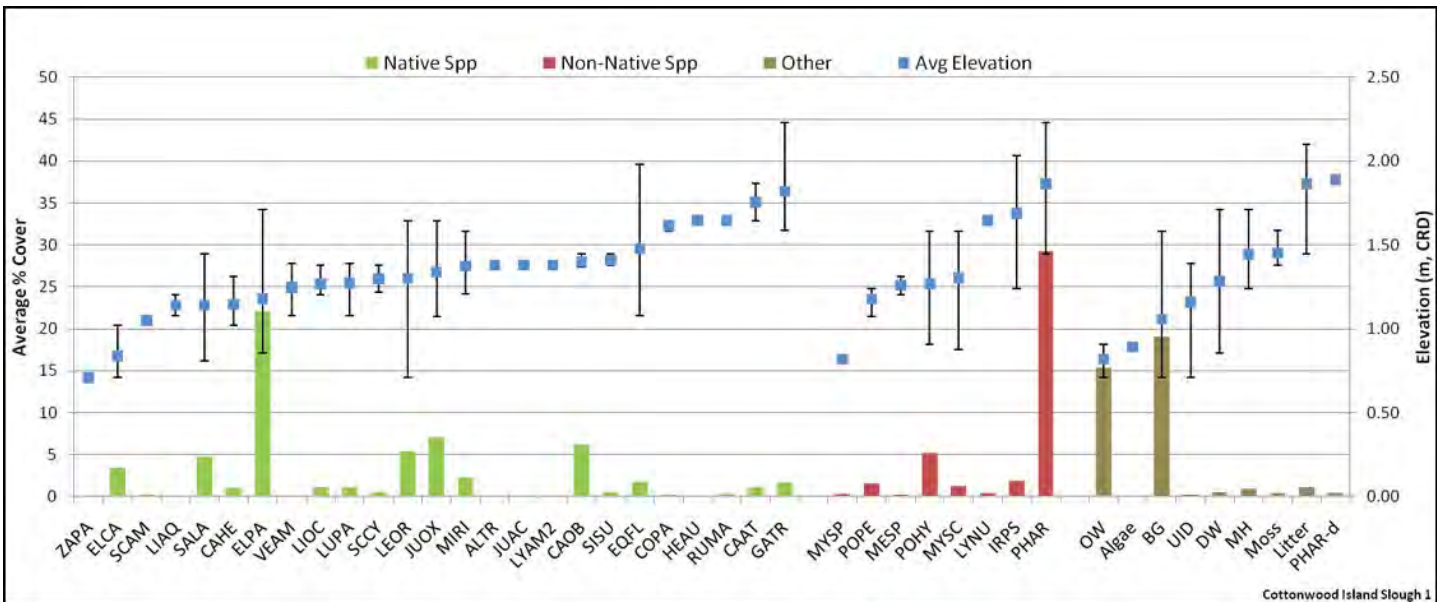
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 25

% Native Cover: 61.20

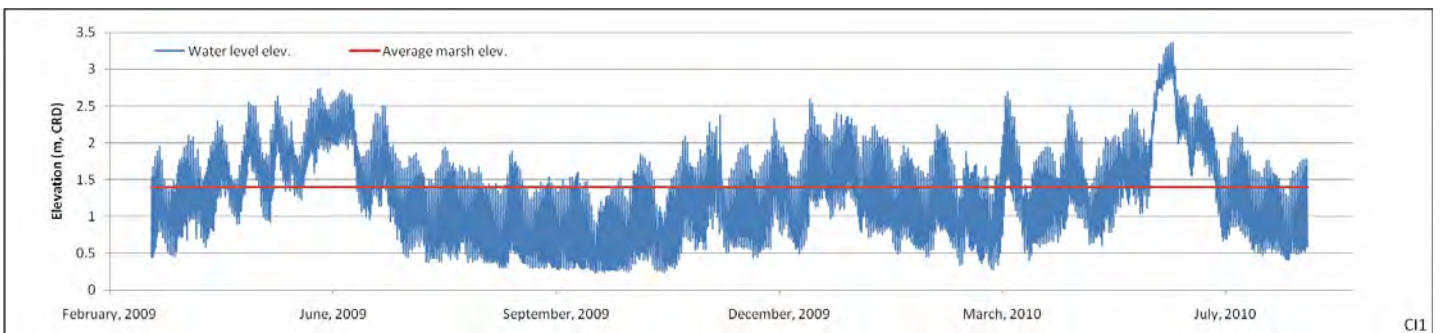
Number of Non-native species: 8

% Non-native Cover: 39.93

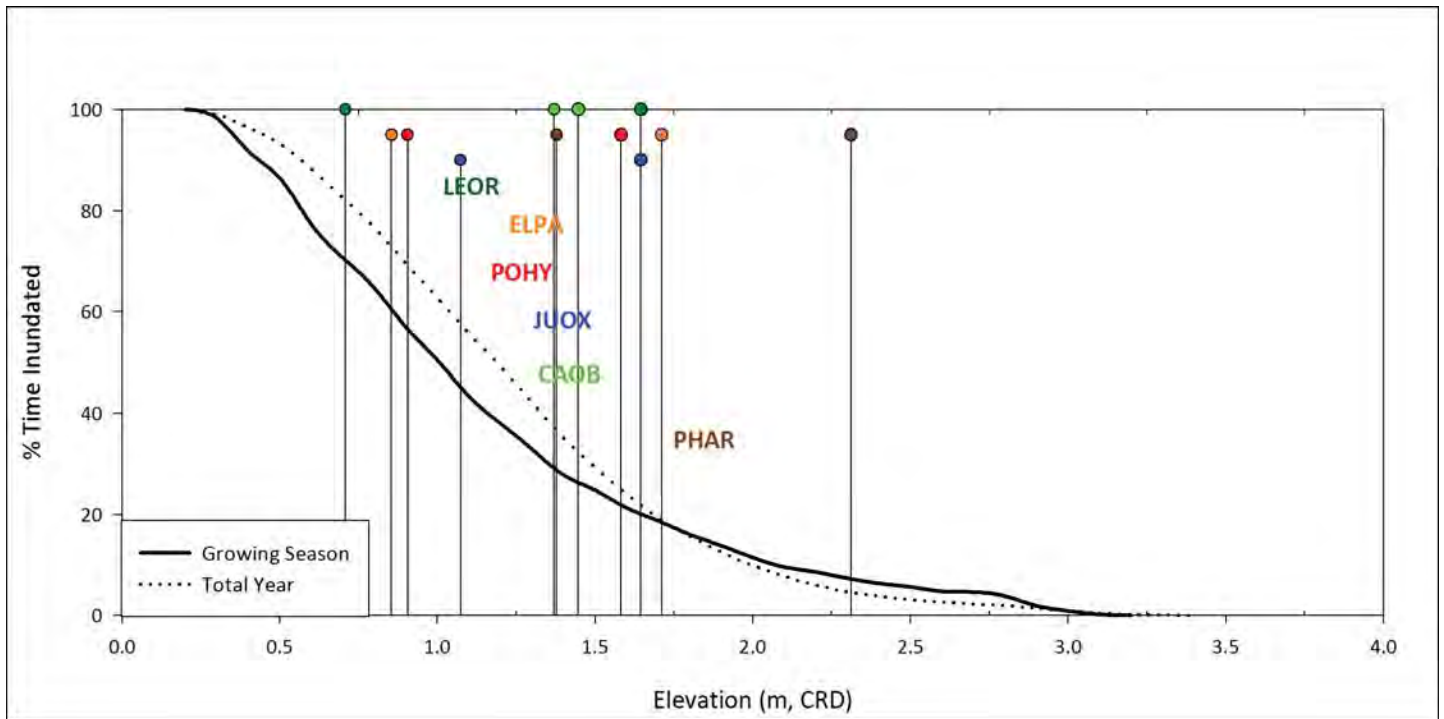


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.40</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>14.0</u>	<u>29.9</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



Inundation (cont.)



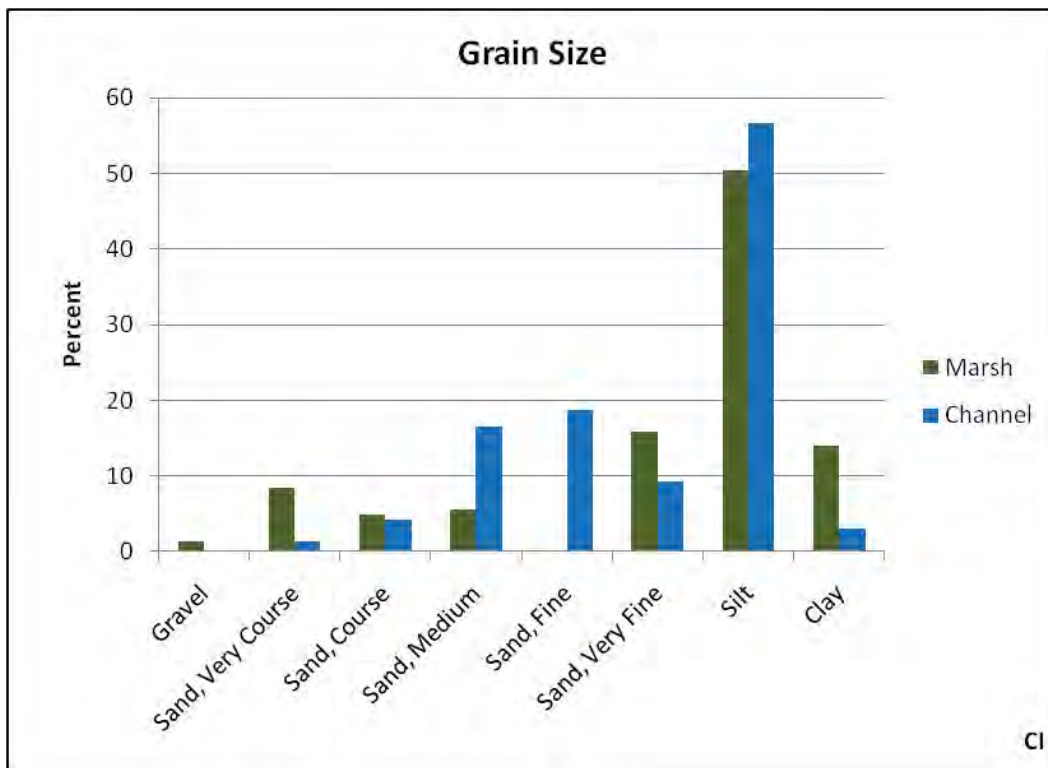
Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 0.50 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.56 m, CRD

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 2.48

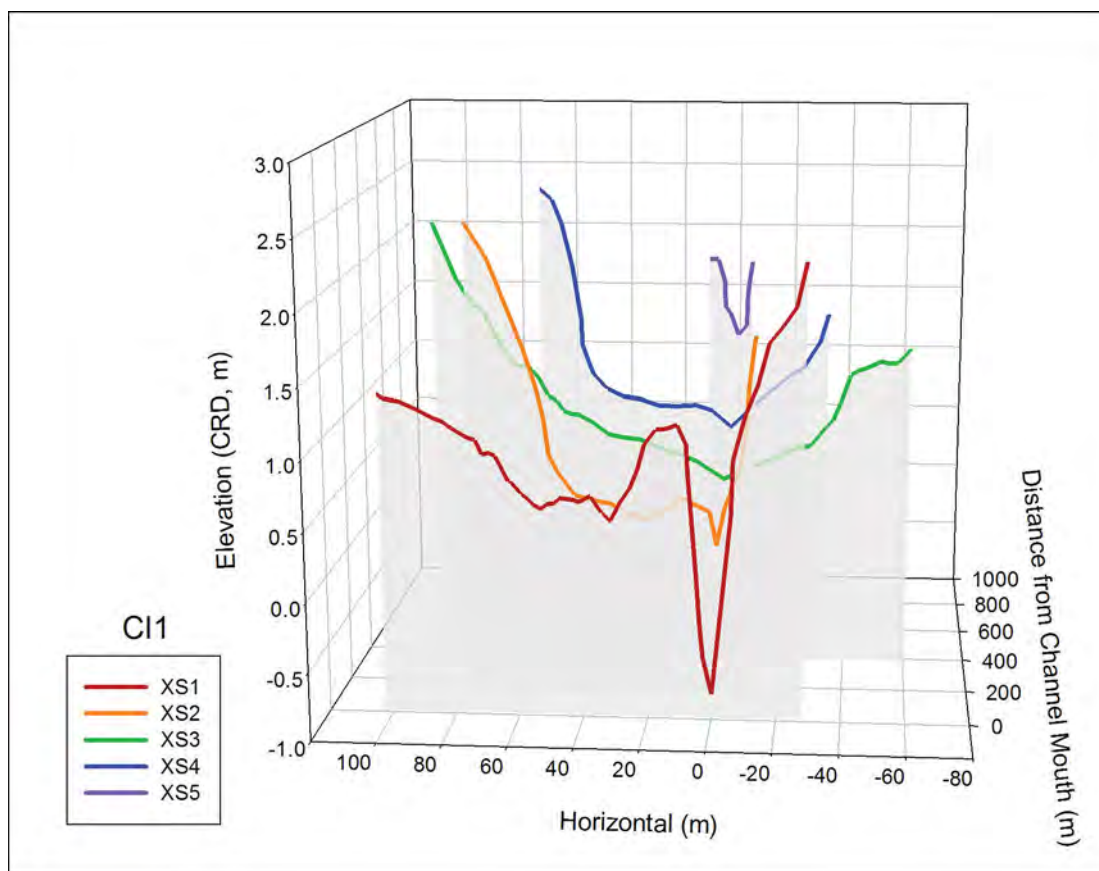
in wetland: 0.54



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
1	0.88	-0.83	1.71	26.7	73.0	42.8	100	71	100	58	
2	0.74	0.13	0.62	18.7	60.1	97.6	100	80	99	69	
3	0.88	0.40	0.48	21.6	86.6	180.4	91	71	82	58	
4	0.88	0.59	0.29	7.1	56.9	196.7	80	71	69	58	
5	1.46	1.13	0.33	1.8	8.1	24.6	44	32	34	26	

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: D

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5101674 Easting: 509760

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 114 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Marsh



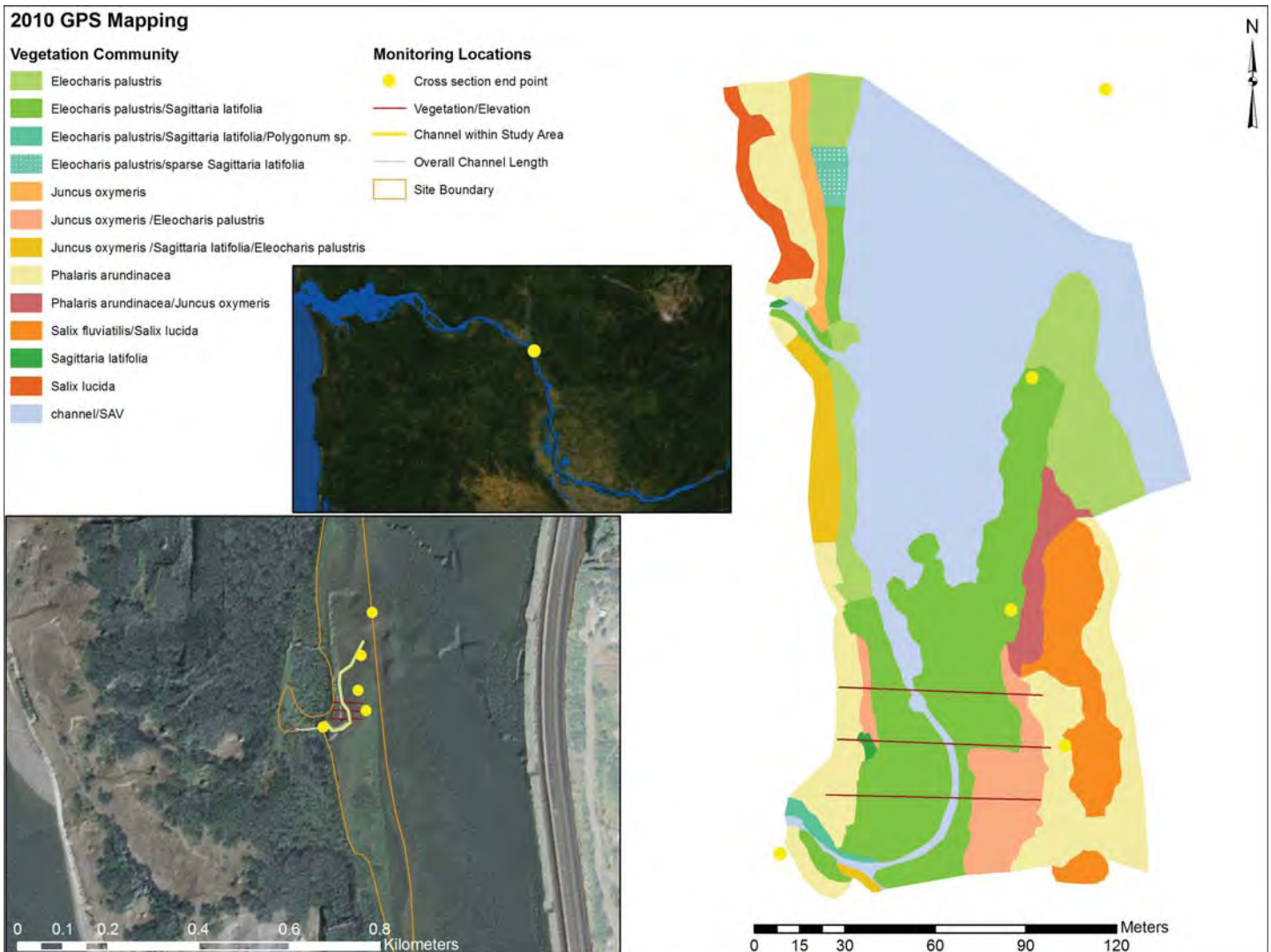
Total Site Area: 11.7 ha

Study Area: 2.56 ha

Total channel length: 340 m

Channel surveyed: 288 m

Channel slope: -0.28 m/km



Site Information

Cottonwood Island is an island complex located between Kalama and Longview and owned by four Columbia River port authorities. In 2008, the Cowlitz Tribe was granted use of most of the island as a refuge for Columbia River white-tailed deer. The upstream end and the main channel side of the island are active dredge material deposition areas. Most of the island has been formed from the placement of dredge material. The monitoring site is an emergent marsh in a large shallow area on the off-channel side of the island. Emergent species grade up from the channel to willow (*Salix* spp.) and cottonwoods (*Populus balsamifera*).

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 1.60

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.41

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.55

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 1.36

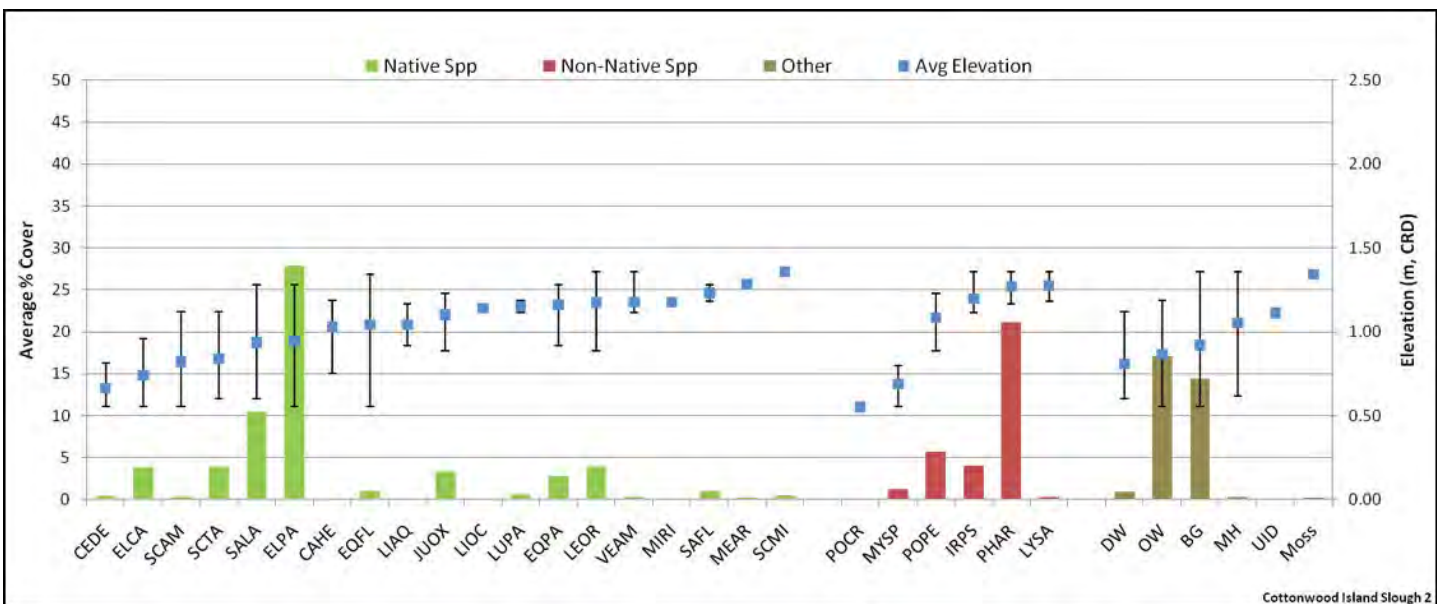
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 19

% Native Cover: 60.84

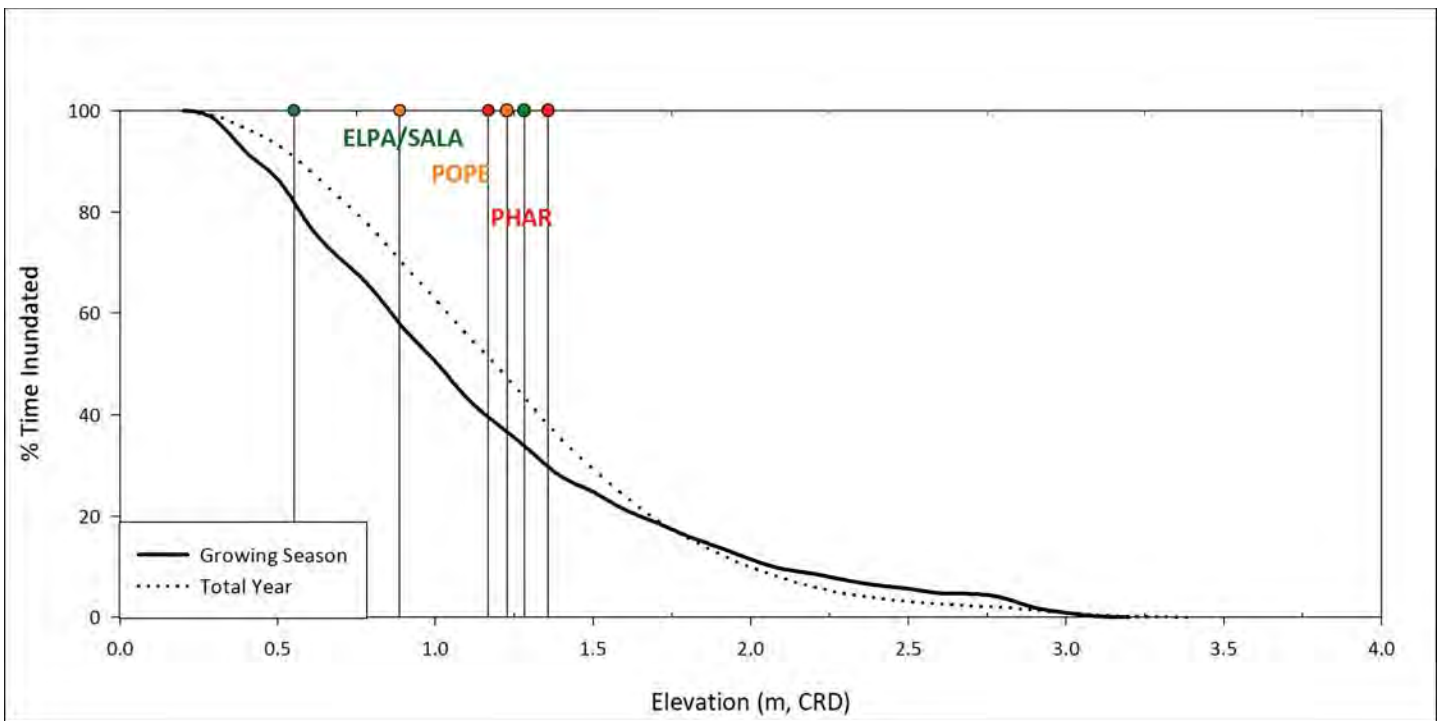
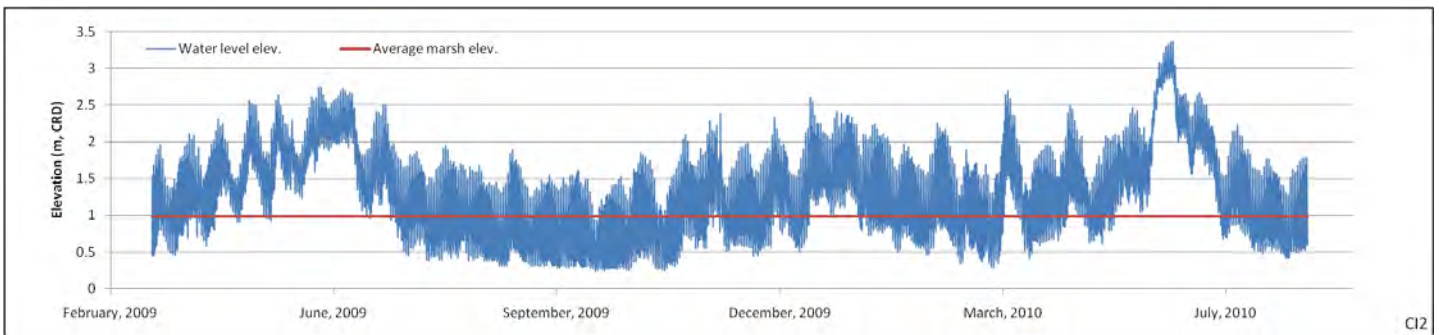
Number of Non-native species: 6

% Non-native Cover: 32.32



Inundation

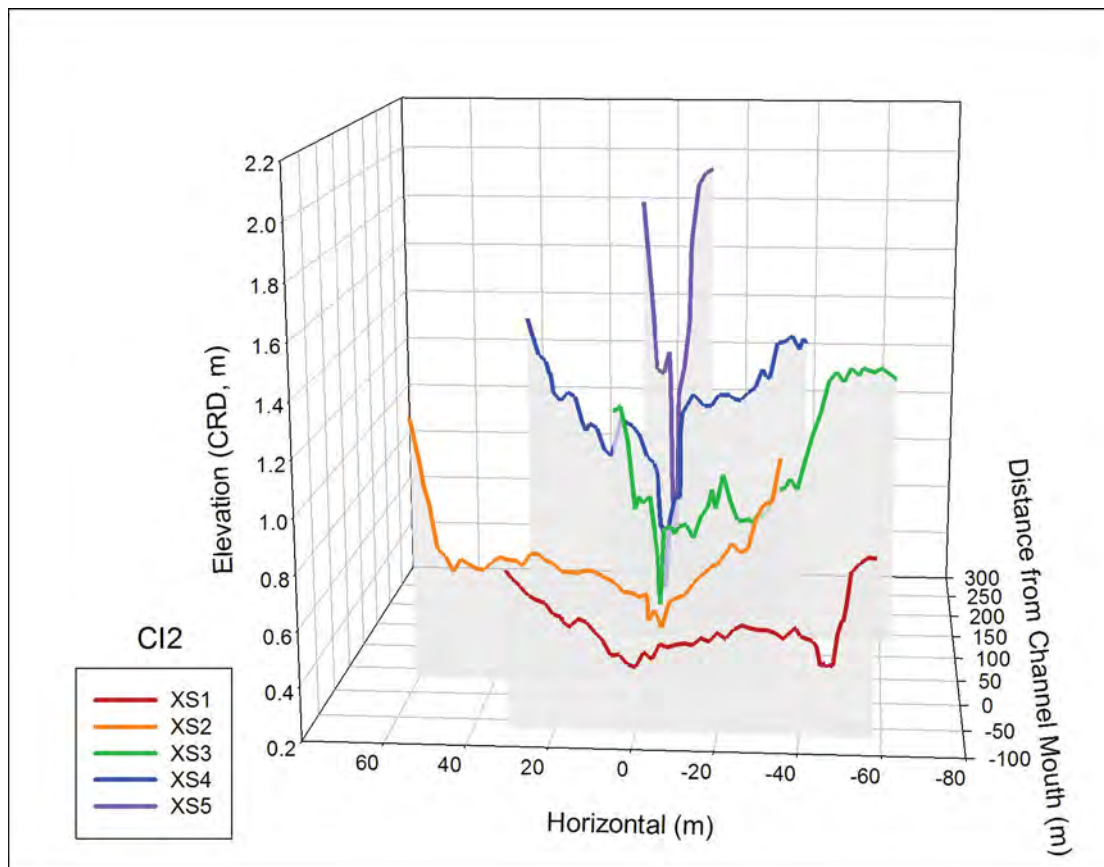
	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>0.98</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>14.0</u>	<u>54.0</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
CI2	1	0.60	0.44	0.16	4.0	67.3	420.6	89	88	79	78
	2	0.61	0.44	0.17	1.9	63.7	374.5	89	88	78	77
	3	0.66	0.33	0.33	0.6	9.0	27.6	94	85	87	74
	4	0.79	0.32	0.47	1.2	6.4	13.7	94	77	88	65
	5	1.00	0.36	0.65	1.0	2.3	3.6	93	63	86	50

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: E

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5094980 Easting: 510350

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 121 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Created



Total Site Area: 10.9 ha

Study Area: 3.82 ha

Total channel length: 551 m

Channel surveyed: 551 m

Channel slope: 0.29 m/km

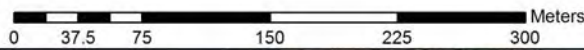
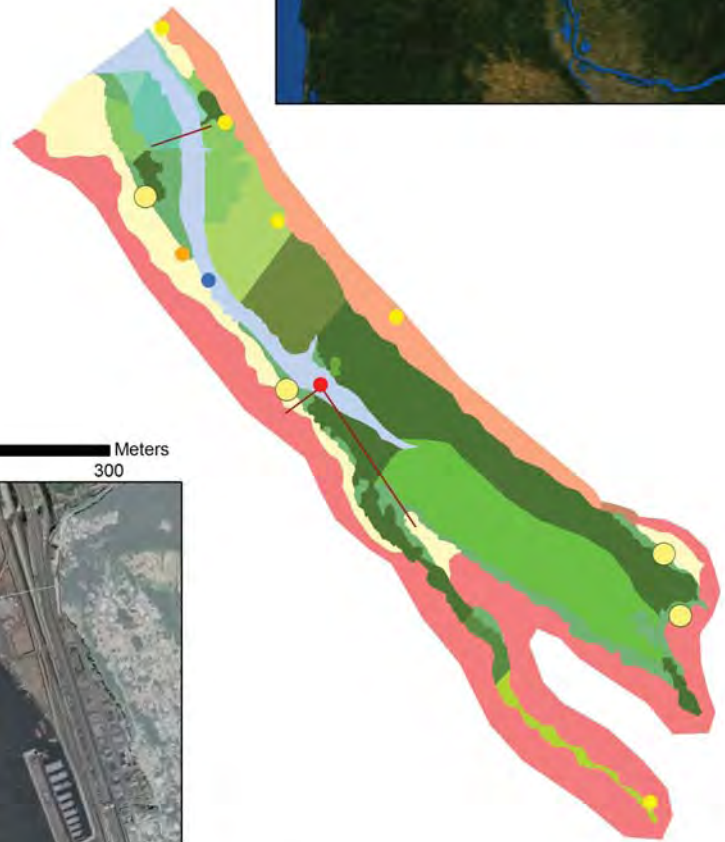
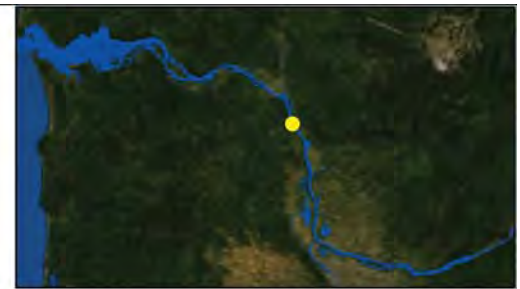
2007 GPS Mapping

Vegetation Community

- Eleocharis palustris
- Eleocharis palustris/Sagittaria latifolia
- Eleocharis palustris/Sagittaria latifolia/Scirpus lacustris
- E. palustris/S. latifolia/S. lacustris/Scirpus americanus
- Eleocharis palustris/Scirpus hybrid
- Open water/SAV
- Phalaris arundinacea
- P. arundinacea/Cornus sericea/Populus balsamifera
- Phalaris arundinacea/Salix spp.
- P. arundinacea/S. latifolia/Polygonum hydropiperoides
- Populus balsamifera
- Sagittaria latifolia
- Sagittaria latifolia/Polygonum hydropiperoides
- Sagittaria latifolia/Potamogeton natans
- Sagittaria latifolia/Scirpus americanus
- Sagittaria latifolia/Scirpus lacustris
- Scirpus lacustris

Monitoring Locations

- Sediment accretion stakes
- Depth sensor
- Cross section end stake
- Photo point
- Iris pseudacorus
- Vegetation/Elevation
- Overall Channel Length
- Site Boundary



Site Information

Sandy Island (1) is located across from Kalama, WA. The study site was located on the west side of the island approximately mid-island. The site is an expansive shallow wetland and channel with fine (mud/silt) sediments that extends almost a kilometer from the mouth of the slough. While Sandy Island was present on an 1877 map, the island is much larger today and includes two emergent marsh areas that were not present historically. The increase in area is likely due to the installation of pile dikes and placement of dredge material.

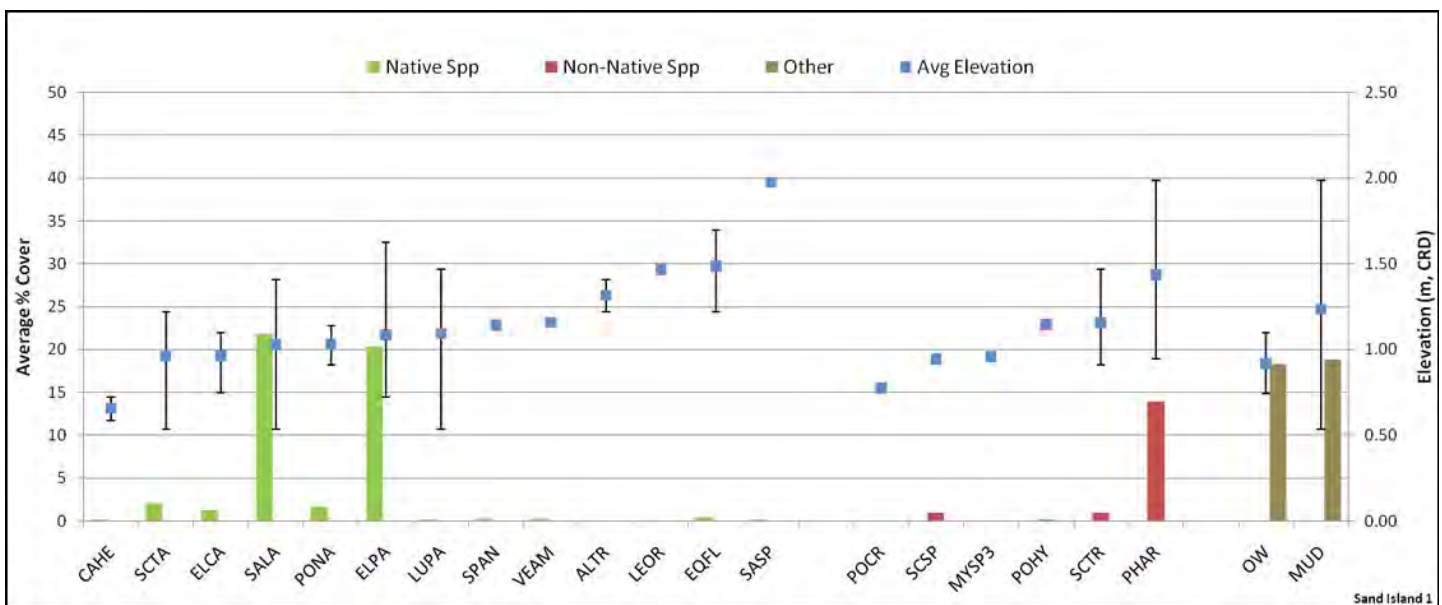
Elevation

	NAVD88, m		CRD, m	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
Marsh	<u>1.92</u>	<u>3.39</u>	<u>0.79</u>	<u>2.31</u>
SALA	<u>1.92</u>	<u>2.80</u>	<u>0.84</u>	<u>1.72</u>
ELPA	<u>1.87</u>	<u>2.41</u>	<u>0.79</u>	<u>1.32</u>
PHAR	<u>2.05</u>	<u>3.39</u>	<u>0.97</u>	<u>2.31</u>
SASP	<u>3.38</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>2.30</u>	<u>NA</u>

Vegetation

Number of Native species: 13 % Native Cover: 48.73

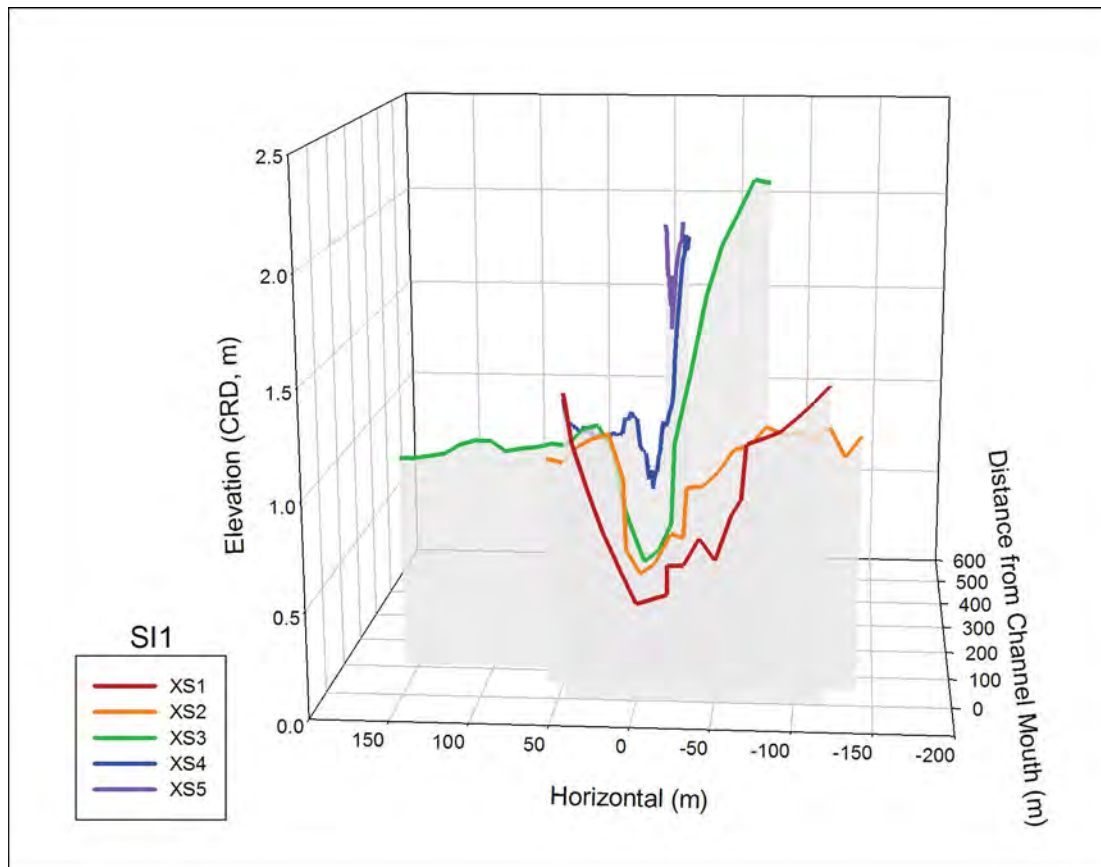
Number of Non-native species: 6 % Non-native Cover: 16.02



Channels

Physical Metrics							
	Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio
SI1	1	1.20	0.46	0.74	16.0	33.3	44.7
	2	1.18	0.53	0.65	8.8	28.9	44.4
	3	1.18	0.53	0.65	6.2	16.0	24.8
	4	1.12	0.75	0.38	4.4	26.3	69.5
	5	1.85	1.30	0.55	3.0	12.9	23.4

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: E

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5094048 Easting: 510573

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 123 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Created



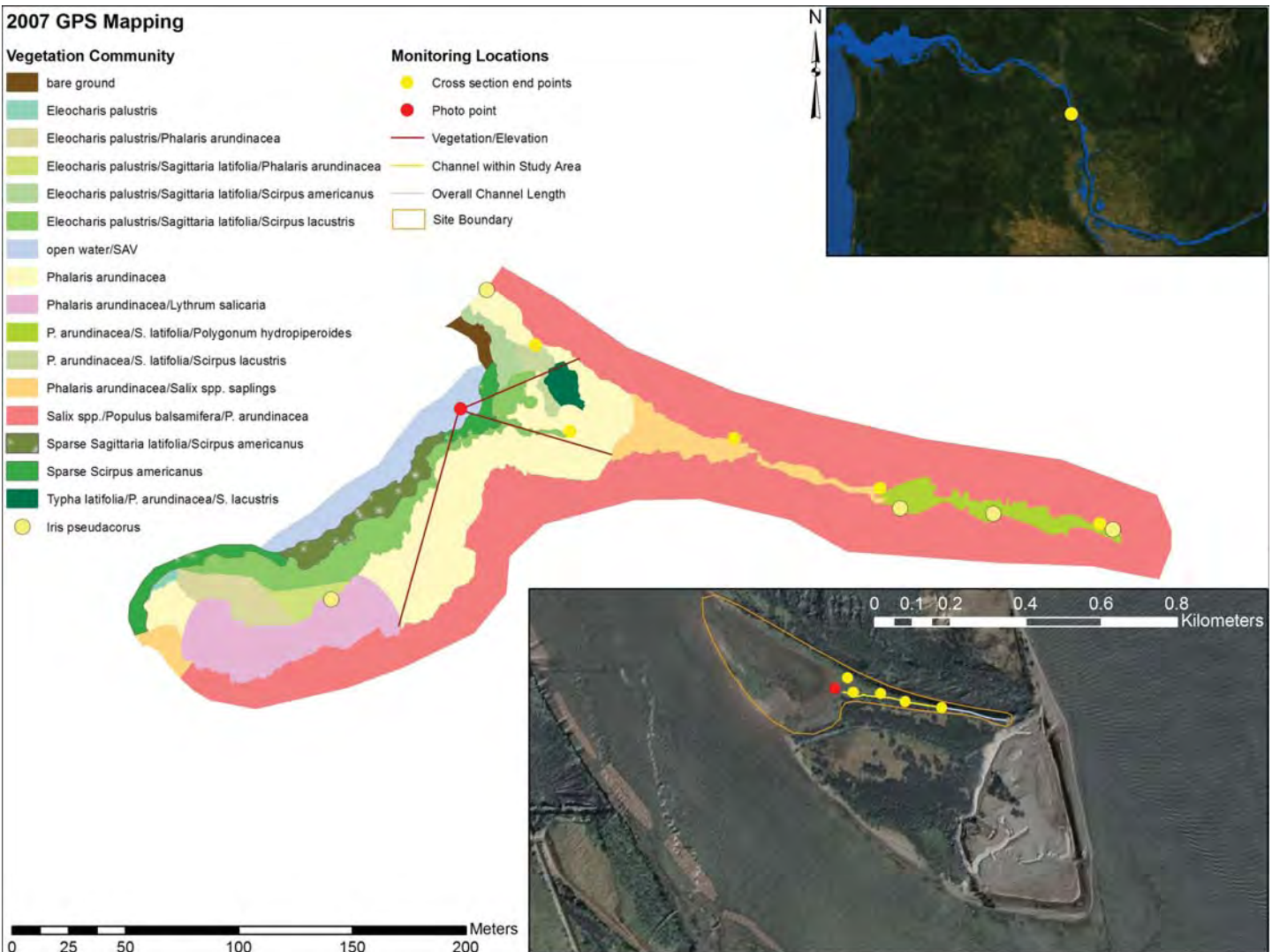
Total Site Area: 9.6 ha

Study Area: 1.23 ha

Total channel length: 443 m

Channel surveyed: 270 m

Channel slope: 1.76 m/km



Site Information

Sandy Island (2) is located across from Kalama, WA, with the study site located at the south end of the Island. The majority of the surveyed site sits at the head of a wide inlet/slough, with a small channel extending away from the mouth of the slough. Sediments here are coarser than those at Sandy Island 1. While Sandy Island was present on an 1877 map, the island is much larger today; the increase in area is likely due to the installation of pile dikes and placement of dredge material. Directly south of the site is an active dredged material deposition area.

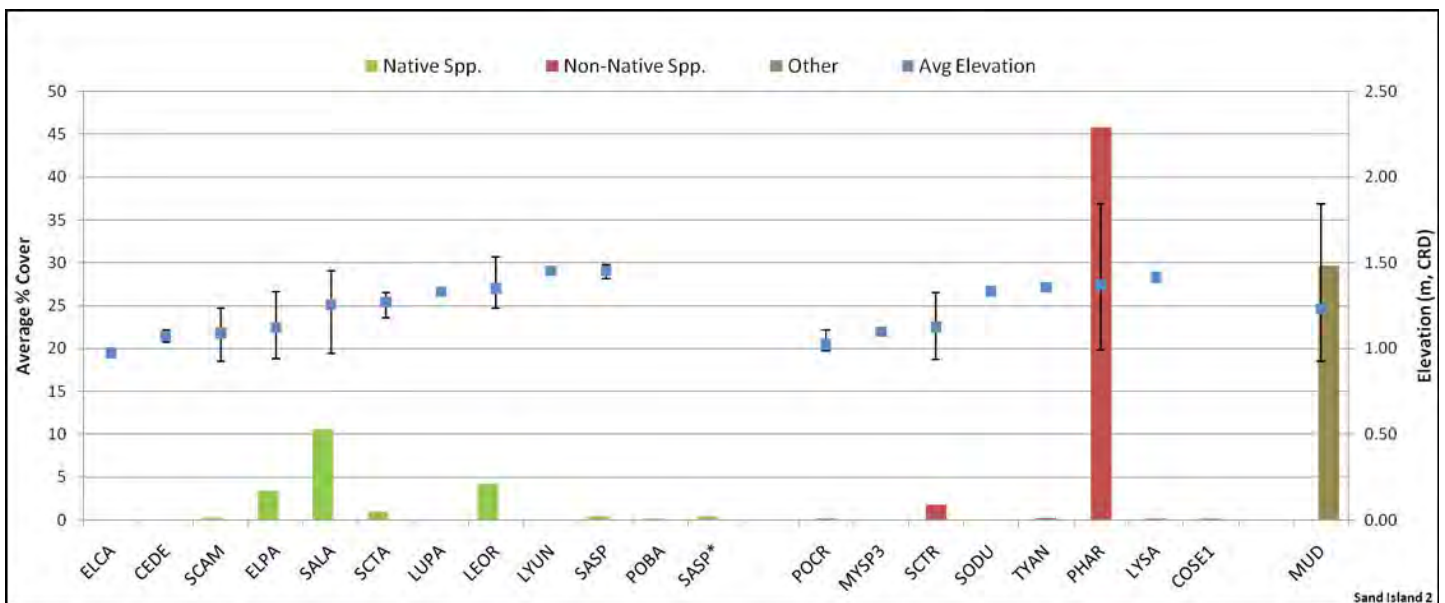
Elevation

	NAVD88, m		CRD, m	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
Marsh	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.67</u>	<u>0.89</u>	<u>1.56</u>
SALA	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.47</u>	<u>0.89</u>	<u>1.36</u>
ELPA	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.42</u>	<u>0.89</u>	<u>1.30</u>
PHAR	<u>2.13</u>	<u>3.18</u>	<u>1.02</u>	<u>2.07</u>
TYSP	<u>2.43</u>	<u>2.46</u>	<u>1.32</u>	<u>1.35</u>
SASP	<u>2.67</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>1.56</u>	<u>NA</u>

Vegetation

Number of Native species: 12 % Native Cover: 20.69

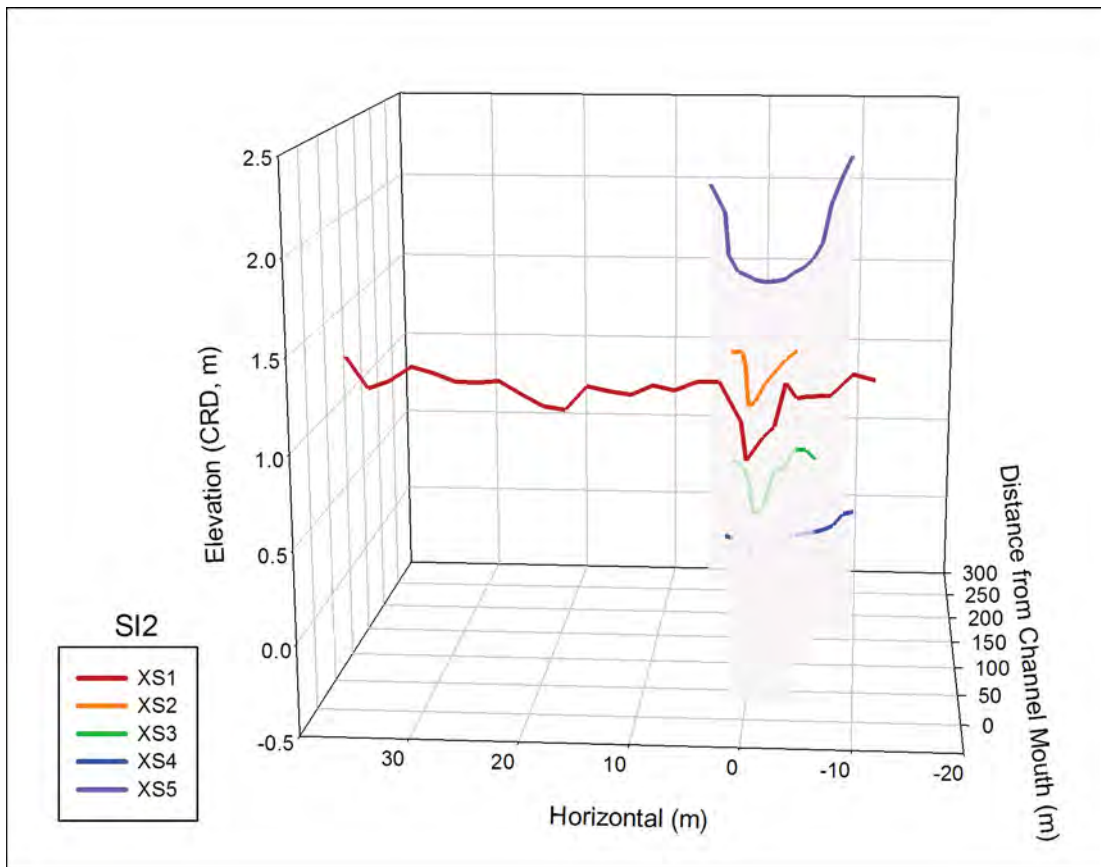
Number of Non-native species: 8 % Non-native Cover: 48.38



Channels

Physical Metrics							
	Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio
SI2	1	1.31	0.89	0.42	2.6	6.0	14.4
	2	1.43	1.14	0.29	0.6	4.8	16.6
	3	0.61	0.36	0.25	0.4	2.9	11.6
	4	0.05	-0.13	0.18	0.3	3.6	20.1
	5	1.82	1.40	0.42	3.7	11.0	26.3

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: E

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5086713 Easting: 514322

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 131 rkm

Distance from main channel: 707 meters

Type: Created



Total Site Area: 15.7 ha

Study Area: 0.99 ha

Total channel length: 1330 m

Channel surveyed: 329 m

Channel slope: -0.44 m/km

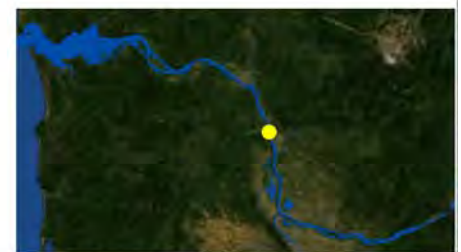
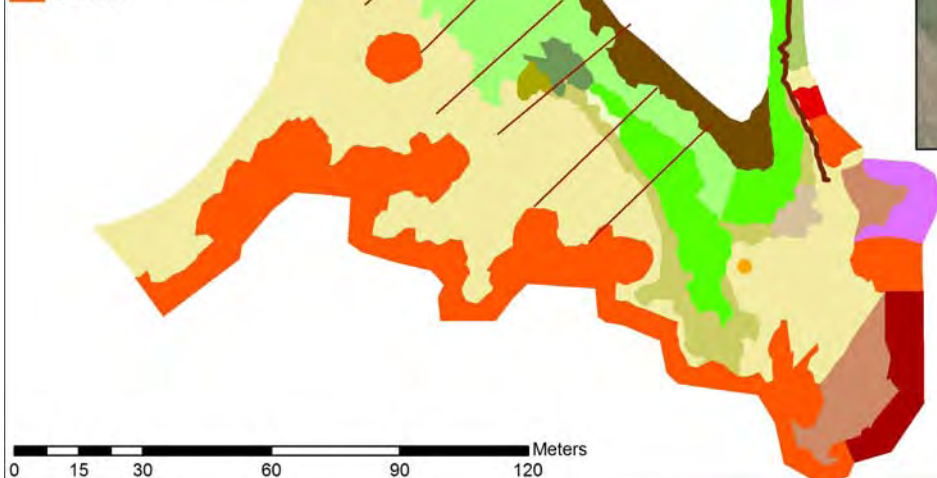
2009 GPS Mapping

Vegetation Community

- Callitriche heterophylla/bare mud
- Crataegus douglasii
- Eleocharis acicularis/Sagittaria latifolia
- Eleocharis acicularis/Sagittaria latifolia/Phalaris arundinacea
- Eleocharis palustris
- Eleocharis palustris/Sagittaria latifolia
- Helenium autumnale
- bare mud
- Phalaris arundinacea
- Phalaris arundinacea/Helenium autumnale
- Phalaris arundinacea/Populus balsamifera saplings
- Phalaris arundinacea/Sagittaria latifolia
- Phalaris arundinacea/S. latifolia/C. heterophylla
- Phalaris arundinacea/Shrub
- Populus balsamifera
- Populus balsamifera/Rubus armeniacus
- Salix lucida

Monitoring Locations

- Sediment accretion stakes
- Depth sensor
- Cross section end point
- Photo point
- Vegetation/Elevation
- Cow trample
- Channel within Study Area
- Overall Channel Length
- Site Boundary



Site Information

Goat Island, located near Deer Island, Oregon, is a dredge material island created in the last 50 years and now in private ownership. The monitoring site, located at the upstream end of the island, includes a fringing emergent marsh. Steep banks surround the slough on most sides, dominated by cottonwood.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.04

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.43

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.84

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 2.23

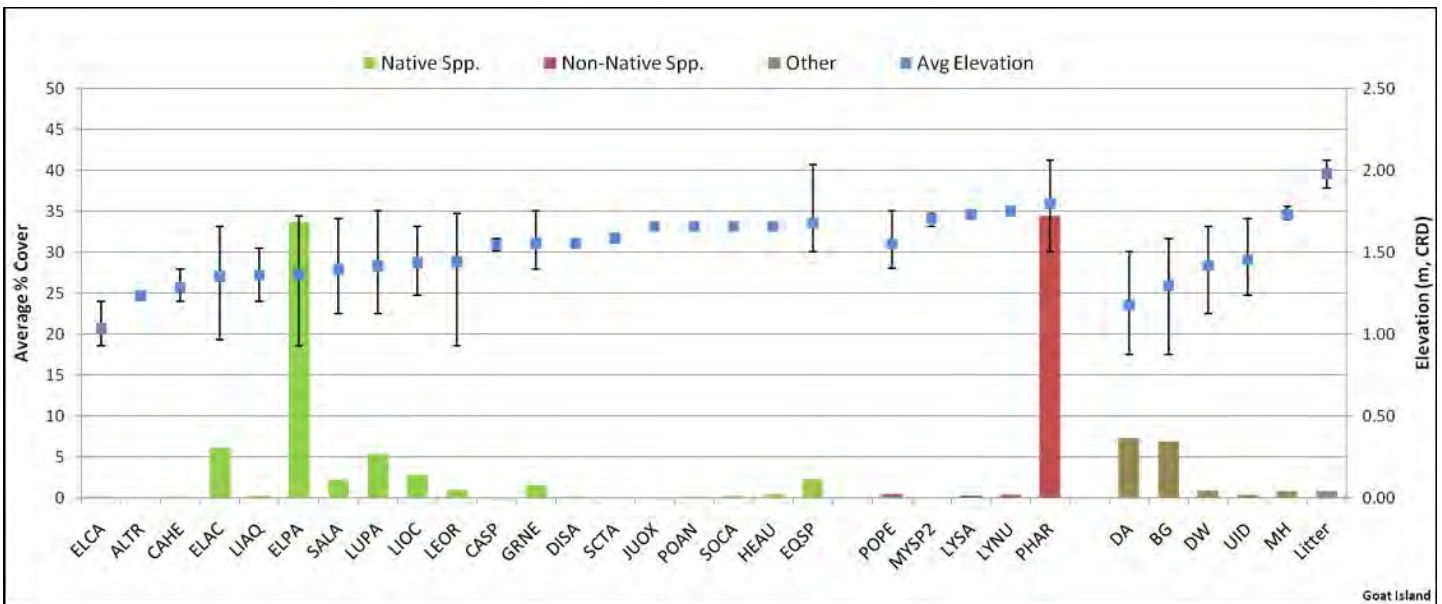
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 19

% Native Cover: 57.06

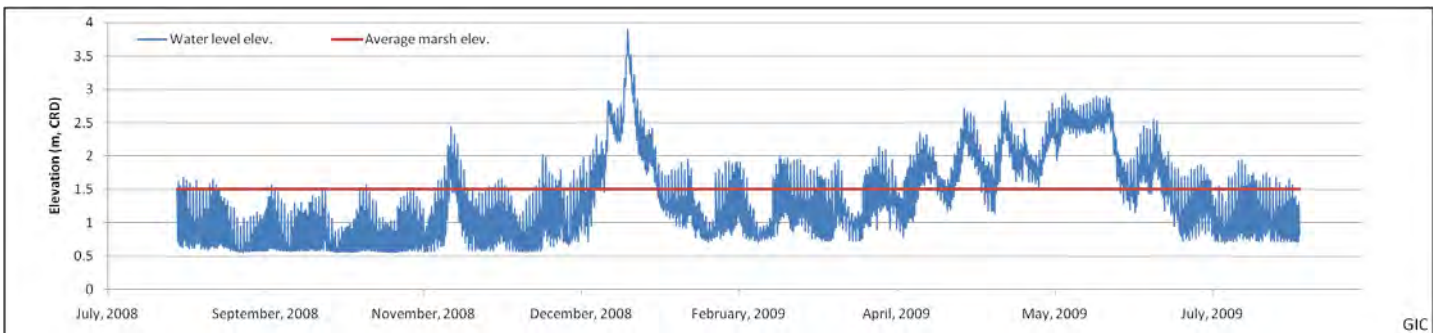
Number of Non-native species: 5

% Non-native Cover: 35.69

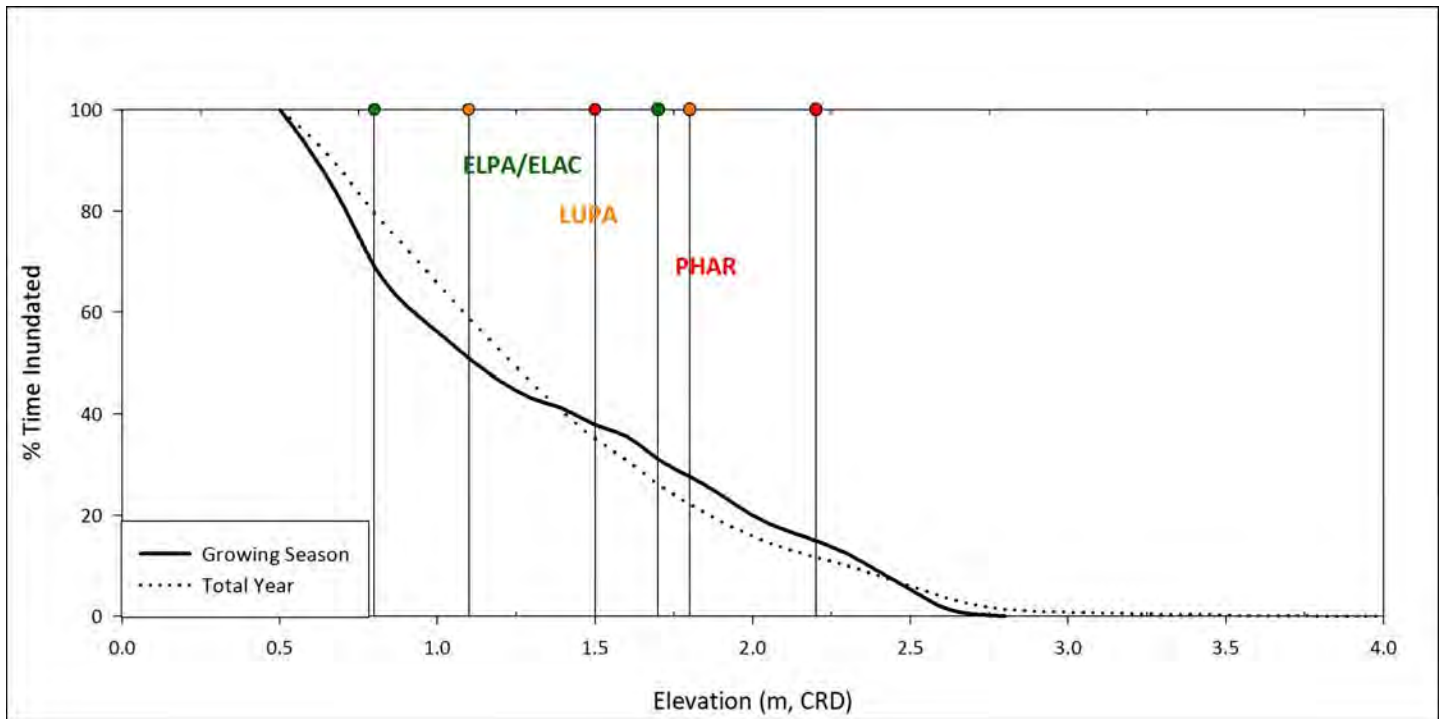


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.51</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>19.2</u>	<u>38.6</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



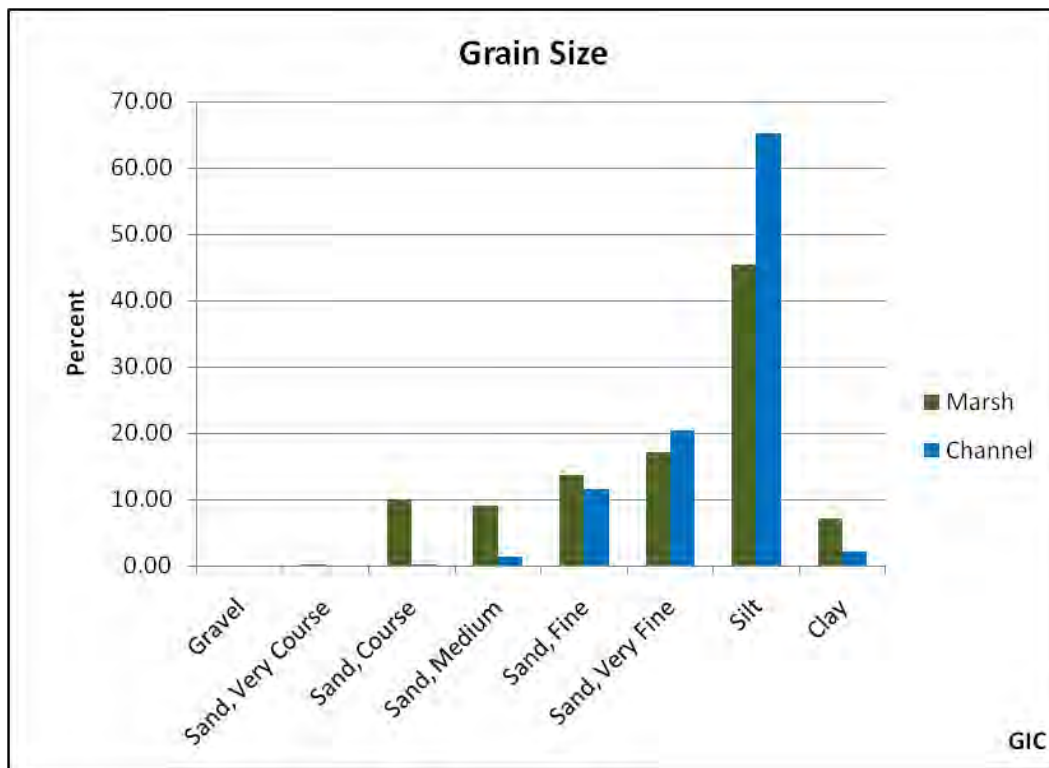
Inundation (cont.)



Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 0.07 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.61 m, CRD

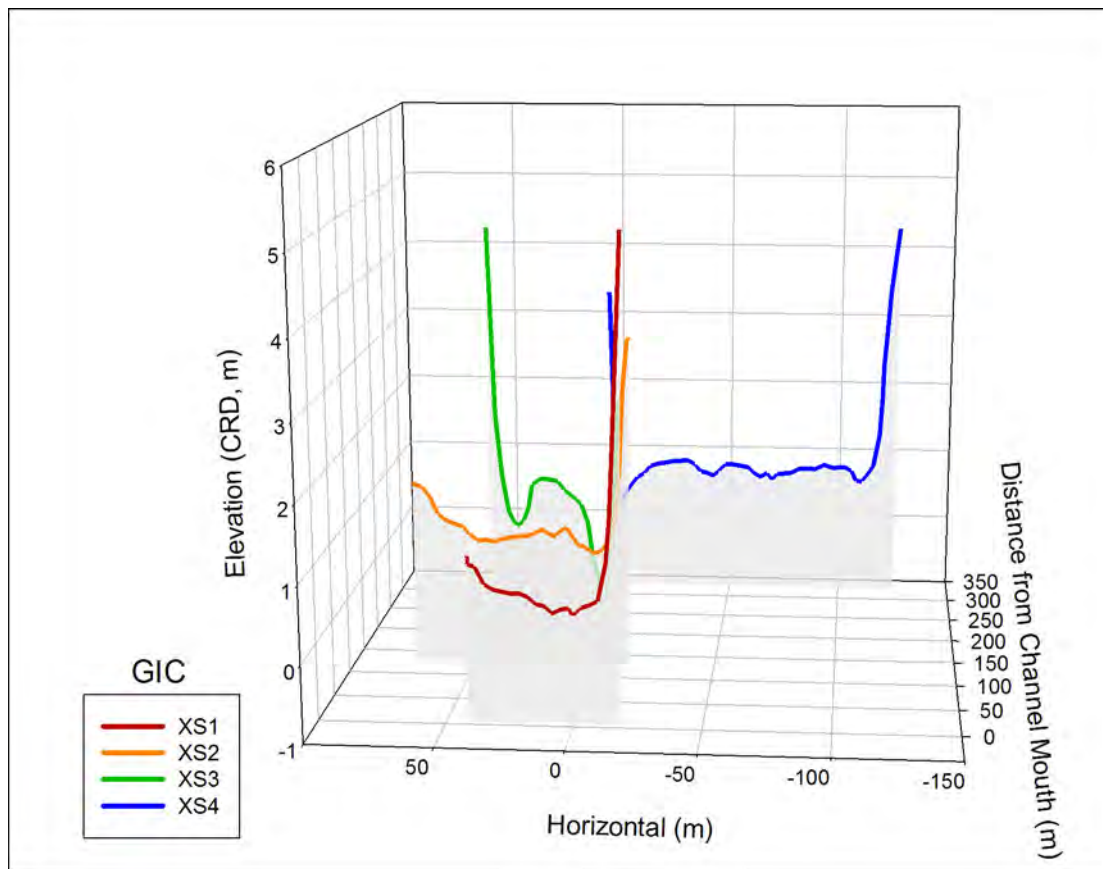
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 1.47 in wetland: 2.25



Channels

		Physical Metrics						Inundation			
		Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Year		Growing Season
Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)								Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
GIC	1	1.11	0.39	0.72	26.0	54.2	75.2	100	58	100	50
	2	1.39	0.53	0.85	48.7	81.4	95.3	89	41	82	41
	3	2.23	-0.67	2.90	79.3	52.5	18.1	100	11	100	14
	4	3.36	0.25	3.11	321.7	127.0	40.8	100	0	100	0

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: E

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5076877 Easting: 517291

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 141 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Riparian Wetland



Total Site Area: 9.7 ha

Study Area: 3.31 ha

Total channel length: 3194 m

Channel surveyed: 829 m

Channel slope: 0.47 m/km



Site Information

Gee Creek is a small tributary to the Columbia River near the confluence of the Lewis River in Washington. The monitoring site encompassed the riparian area from the mouth to 700 m upstream. Only the south side was monitored due to cattle grazing on the north side. The site is part of the USFWS Ridgefield NWR.

Elevation

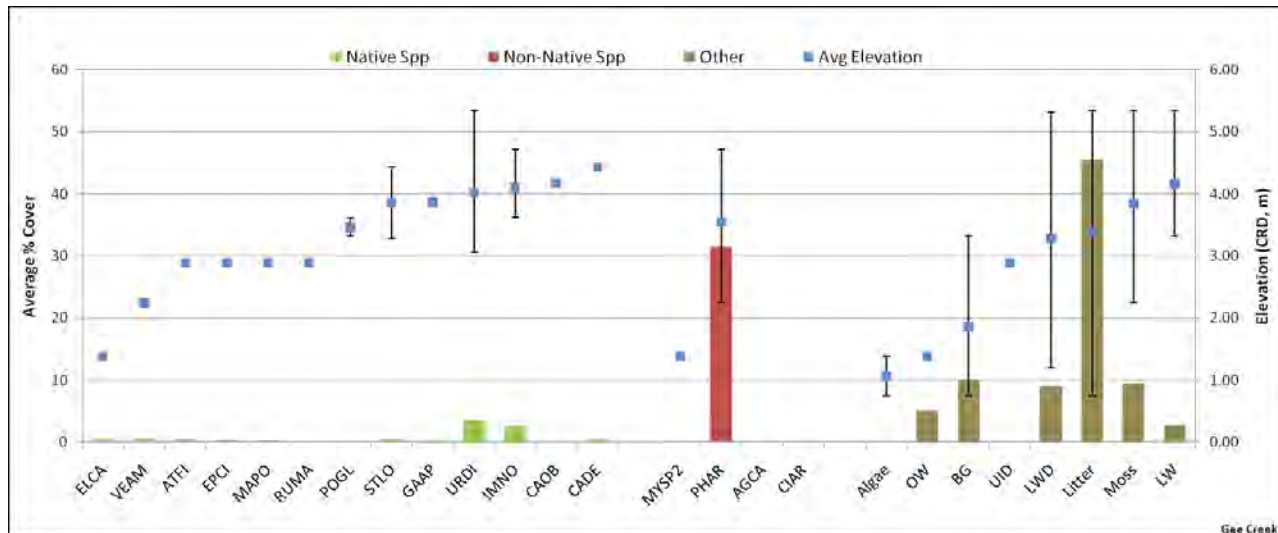
	Herb		Shrub		Tree	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
CRD, m	<u>2.25</u>	<u>5.34</u>	<u>2.99</u>	<u>5.69</u>	<u>2.99</u>	<u>5.59</u>
NAVD88, m	<u>3.50</u>	<u>6.60</u>	<u>4.24</u>	<u>6.94</u>	<u>4.24</u>	<u>6.85</u>

Vegetation

	Herb	Shrub	Tree
Number of Native species	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
% Cover Native species	<u>10.05</u>	<u>67.9</u>	<u>NA</u>
Number of Non-native species	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
% Cover Non-native species	<u>31.71</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>NA</u>

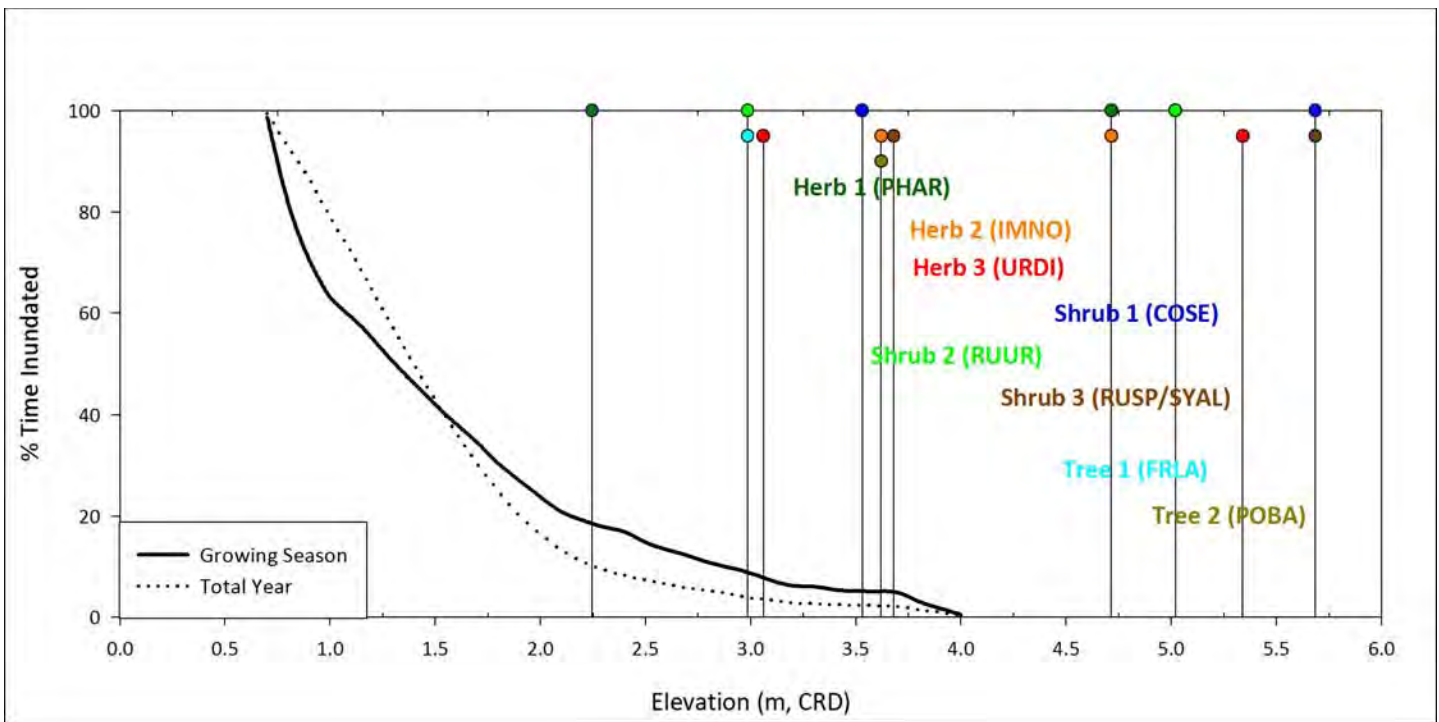
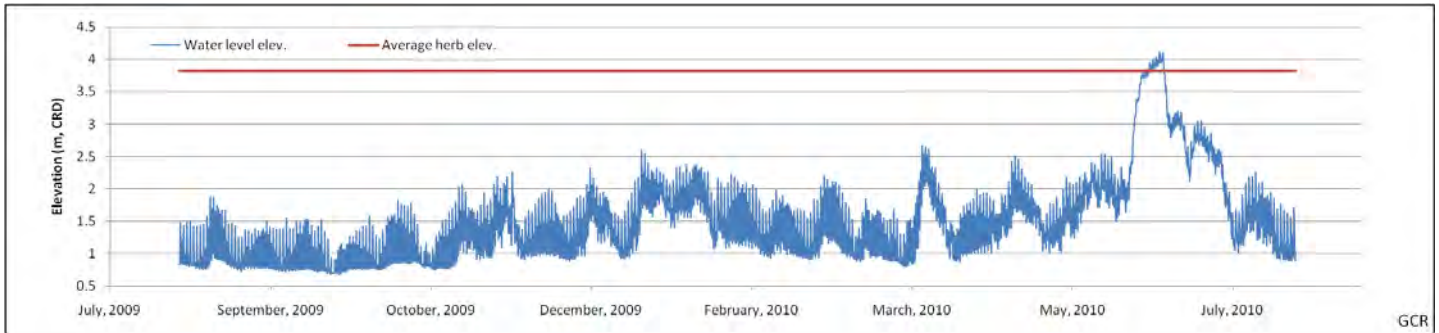
Species	Density (stems/ha)	Cover (%)
COSE	1765	18.5
CRDO	1412	2.4
LOIN	1706	4.4
RONU	4706	6.9
ROPI	118	0.1
RUUR	38706	6.5
SPDO	2706	5.2
SYAL	13176	7.8
COSE	6600	36.8
RILA	1200	0.4
RUAR	200	0.3
RUSP	4200	6.2
RUUR	22733	17.8
SARA	200	0.3
SYAL	4733	6.3

Species	Density Stems/ha	Relative Frequency %	Relative Density %	Relative Dominance %	Elevation (m, CRD)	
					Min	Max
Gee Creek						
FRLA	428	63.3	48.7	85.4	2.99	4.94
MAFU	29	6.7	3.3	0.1	4.04	5.59
POBA	388	13.3	44.1	5.3	3.62	4.70
Snag	35	16.7	3.9	9.2	3.38	5.59



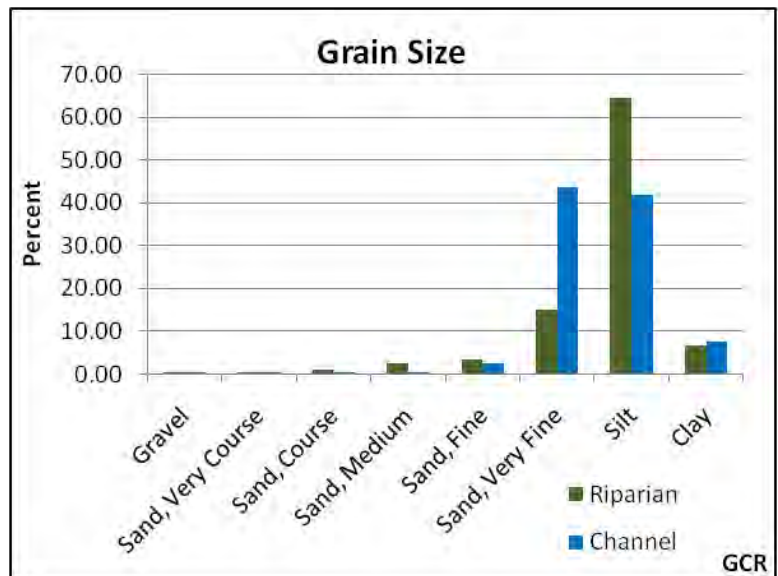
Inundation

	Std	Herb	Shrub	Tree	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>3.82</u>	<u>4.20</u>	<u>3.78</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>30.4</u>	<u>0.63</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.85</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



Sediment

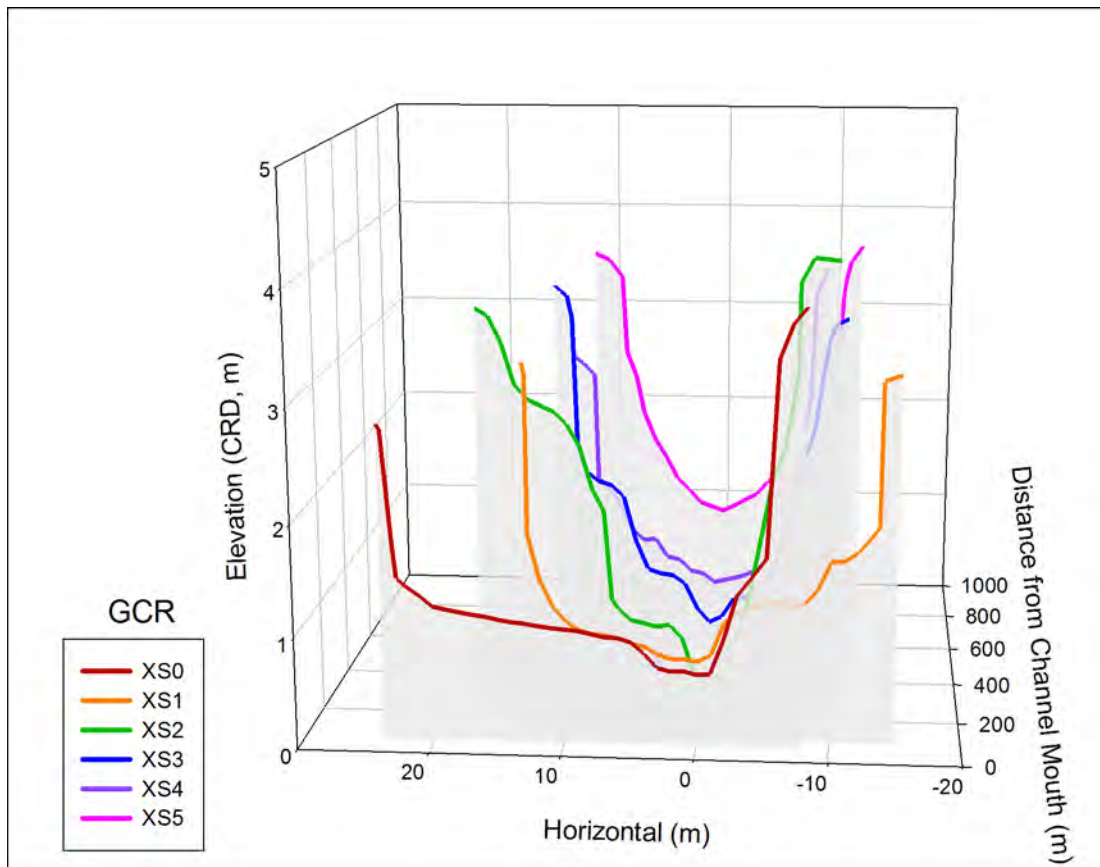
Sediment accretion rate: NA cm per year
 Elevation at sediment stakes: NA m, CRD
 Total Organic Carbon (TOC)
 in channel: 0.63
 in wetland: 4.14



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
GCR	0	2.76	0.65	2.11	48.6	29.4	13.9	93	5	83	11
	1	3.21	0.71	2.50	55.0	27.0	10.8	89	3	73	6
	2	3.63	0.25	3.38	47.1	25.0	7.4	100	2	99	5
	3	3.37	0.55	2.82	41.5	21.1	7.5	99	3	99	6
	4	2.69	0.68	2.01	29.2	18.1	9.0	91	6	76	12
	5	3.42	1.04	2.39	34.6	19.6	8.2	66	2	56	5

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: F

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5075924 Easting: 513882

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 143 rkm

Distance from main channel: 3822 meters

Type: Marsh



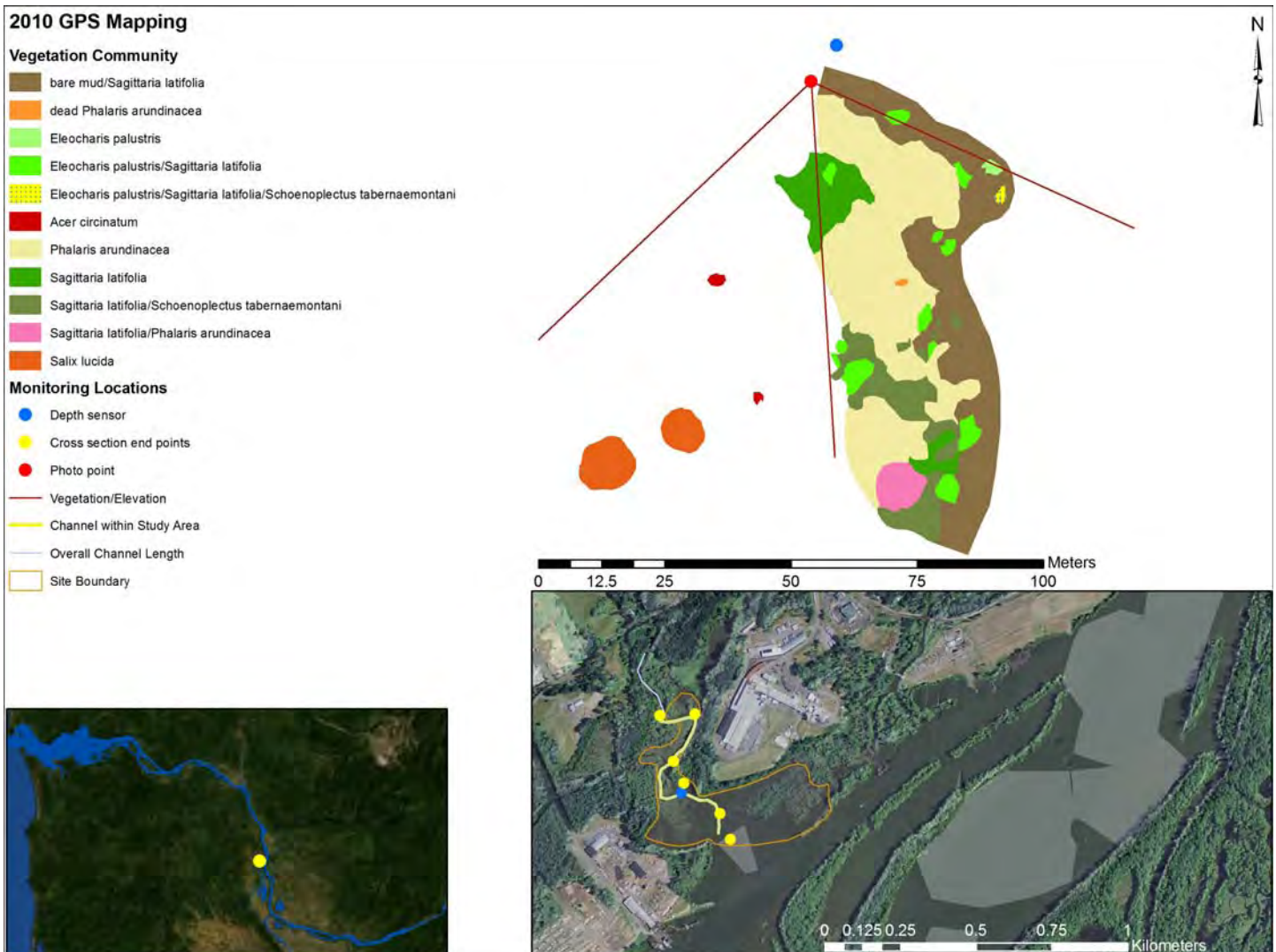
Total Site Area: 13.6 ha

Study Area: 0.27 ha

Total channel length: 974 m

Channel surveyed: 735 m

Channel slope: -0.07 m/km



Site Information

The monitoring site in Scappoose Bay is located at the mouth of McNulty Creek. The site is bracketed on 2 sides by large industrial areas which have likely contributed contaminants to the site in the past. The monitoring site is comprised of a large emergent marsh that grades from steeper banks to extensive mud flats at the mouth of the Creek.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.23

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.91

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.94

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 1.62

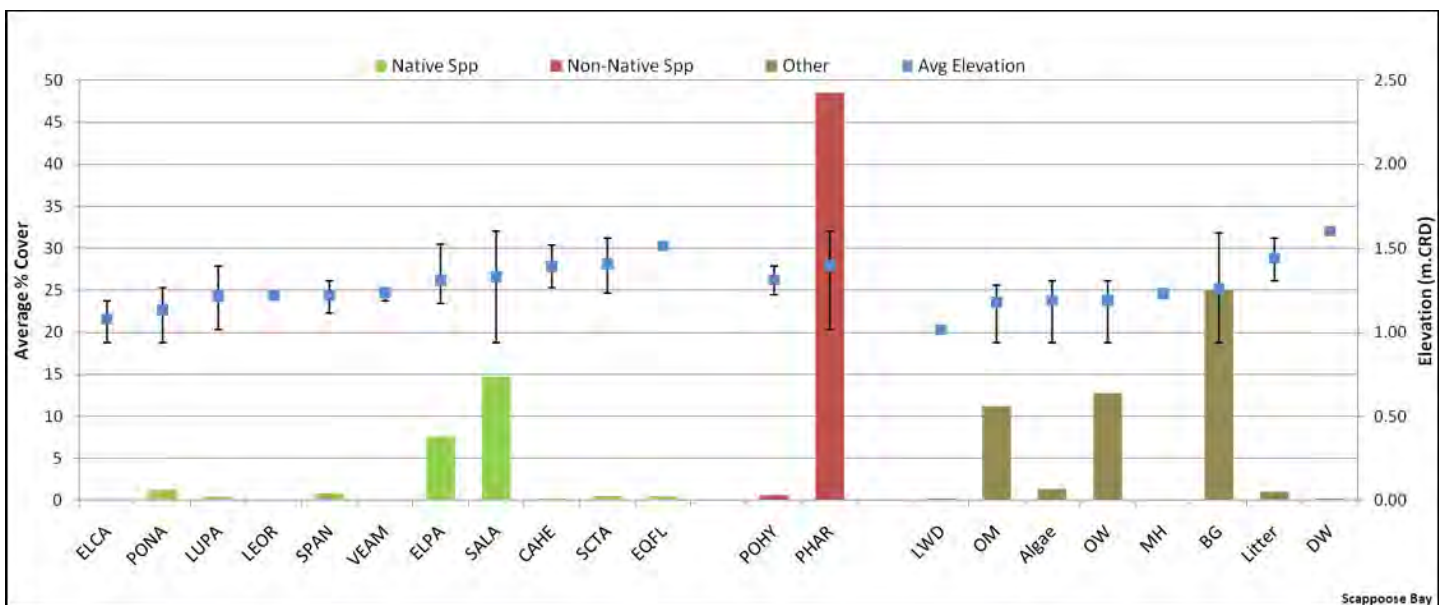
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 11

% Native Cover: 26.16

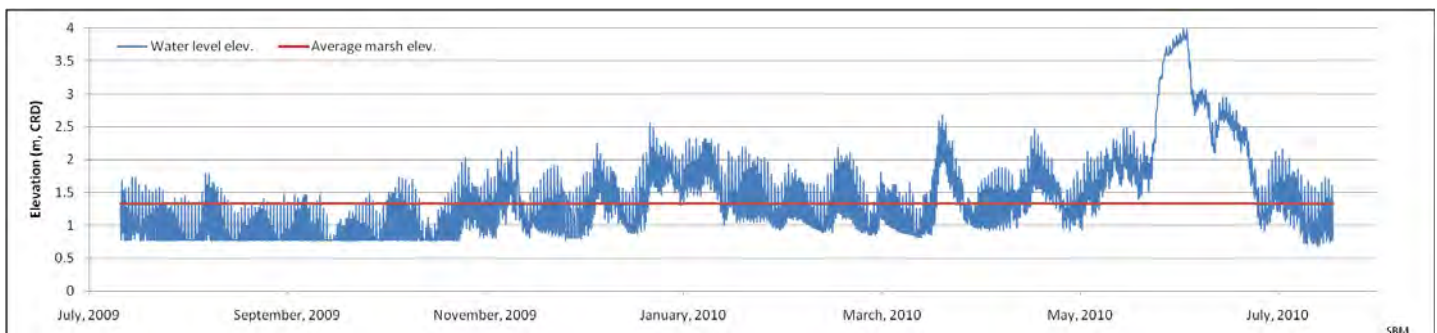
Number of Non-native species: 3

% Non-native Cover: 49.16

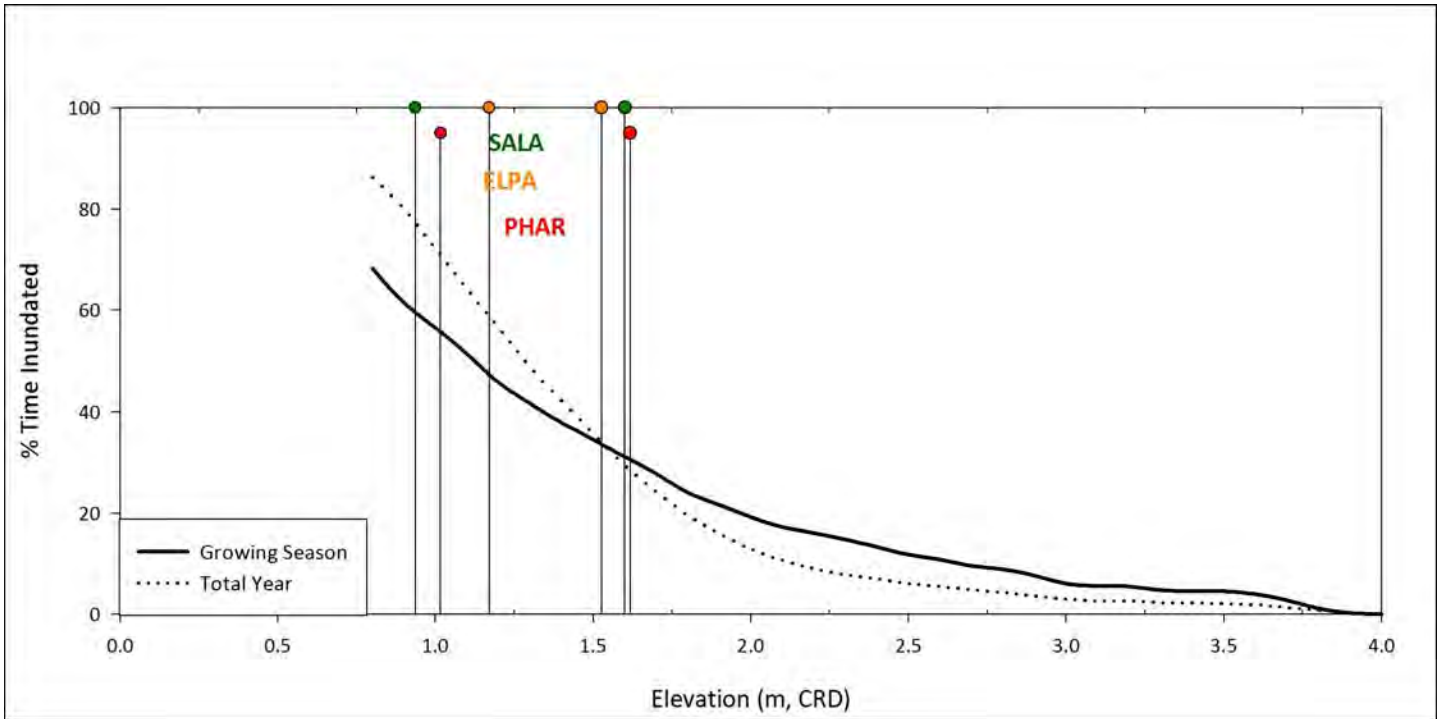


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.33</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>26.9</u>	<u>50.9</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



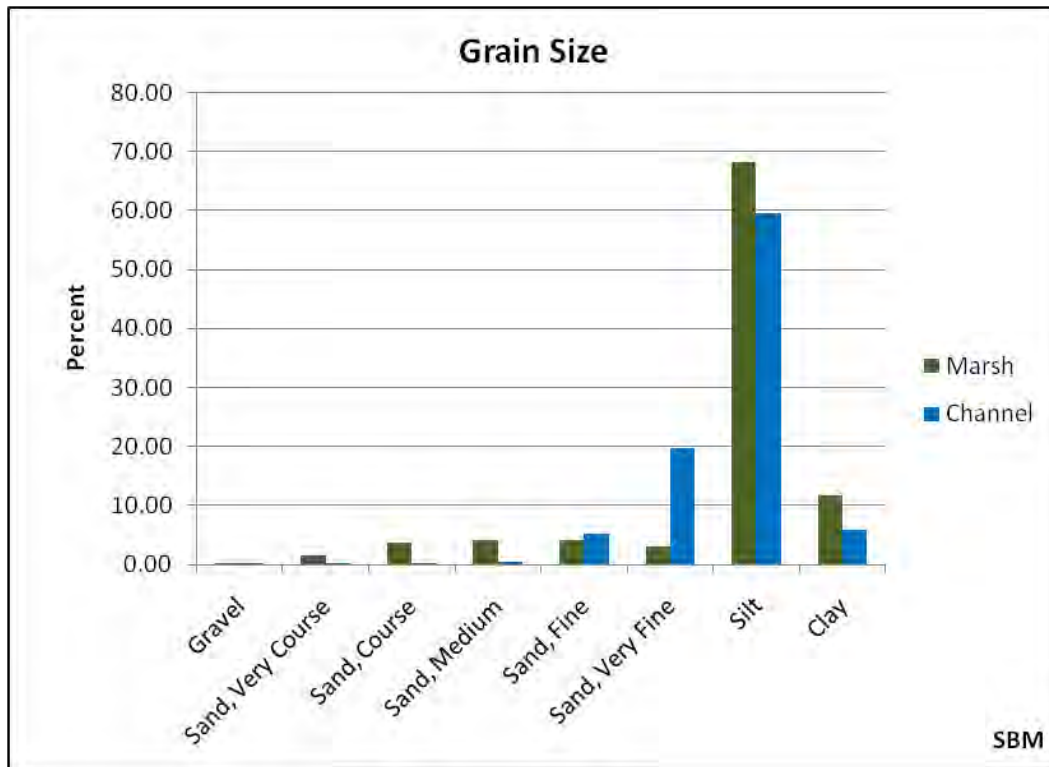
Inundation (cont.)



Sediment

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 3.67

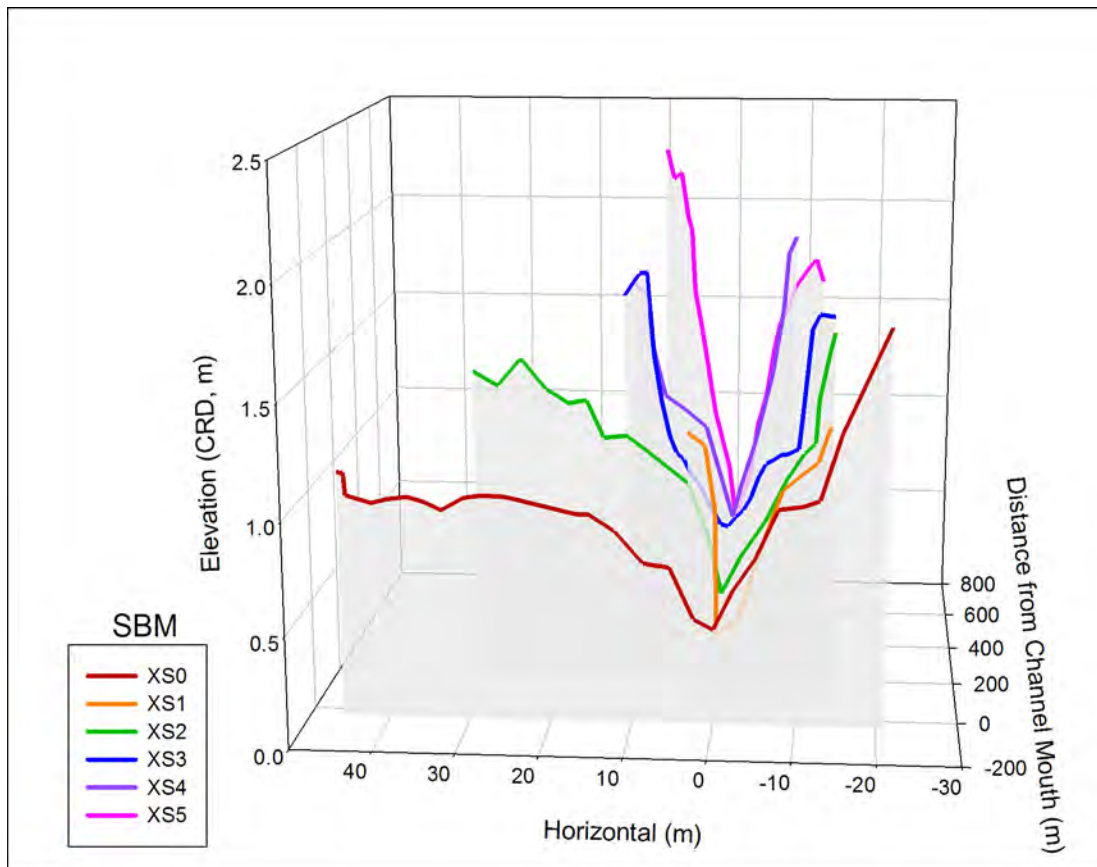
in wetland: 5.13



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
SBM	0	0.99	0.43	0.56	6.9	54.3	97.4	99	73	99	57
	1	0.90	0.32	0.57	2.6	7.4	12.9	99	80	99	62
	2	1.29	0.40	0.90	11.6	29.6	33.0	99	49	99	42
	3	1.52	0.56	0.97	14.1	21.4	22.1	99	34	99	34
	4	1.59	0.49	1.10	11.7	18.9	17.1	99	30	99	31
	5	1.73	0.38	1.35	10.7	17.3	12.8	99	23	99	27

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: F

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5072874 Easting: 514541

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 145 rkm

Distance from main channel: 10120 meters

Type: Marsh



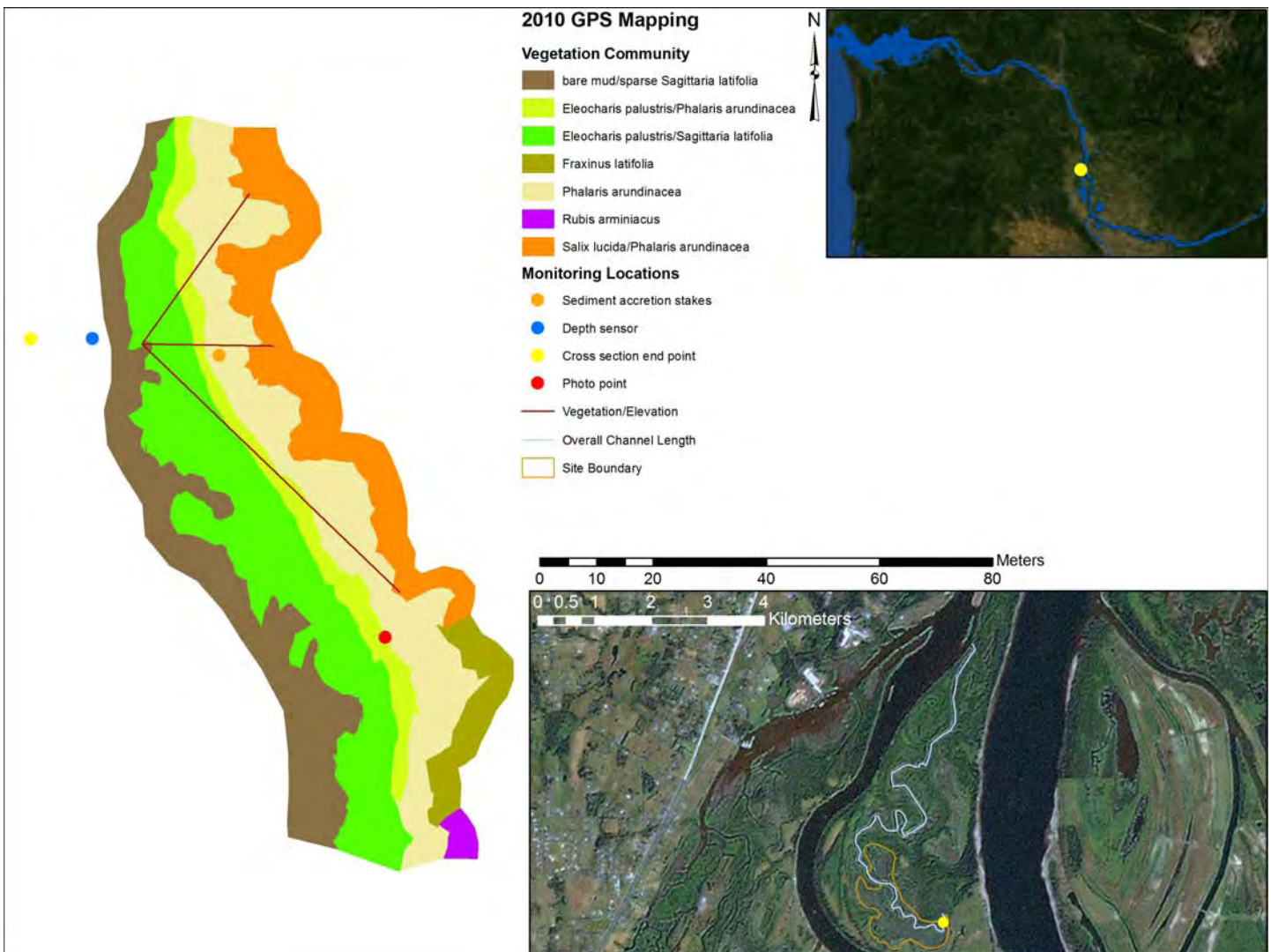
Total Site Area: 64.0 ha

Study Area: 0.39 ha

Total channel length: 7087 m

Channel surveyed: 6986 m

Channel slope: NA



Site Information

Cunningham Lake is located on Sauvie Island in the Oregon DFW Wildlife Area at the end of Cunningham Slough approximately 6.4 km from the mainstem of the Columbia River. The site is a fringing emergent marsh bordering the extremely shallow “lake” that in some years is covered with wapato (*Sagittaria latifolia*). Cunningham Lake has been surveyed annually since 2005 as part of the LCREP Ecosystem Monitoring Program.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.28

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.01

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.99

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 1.72

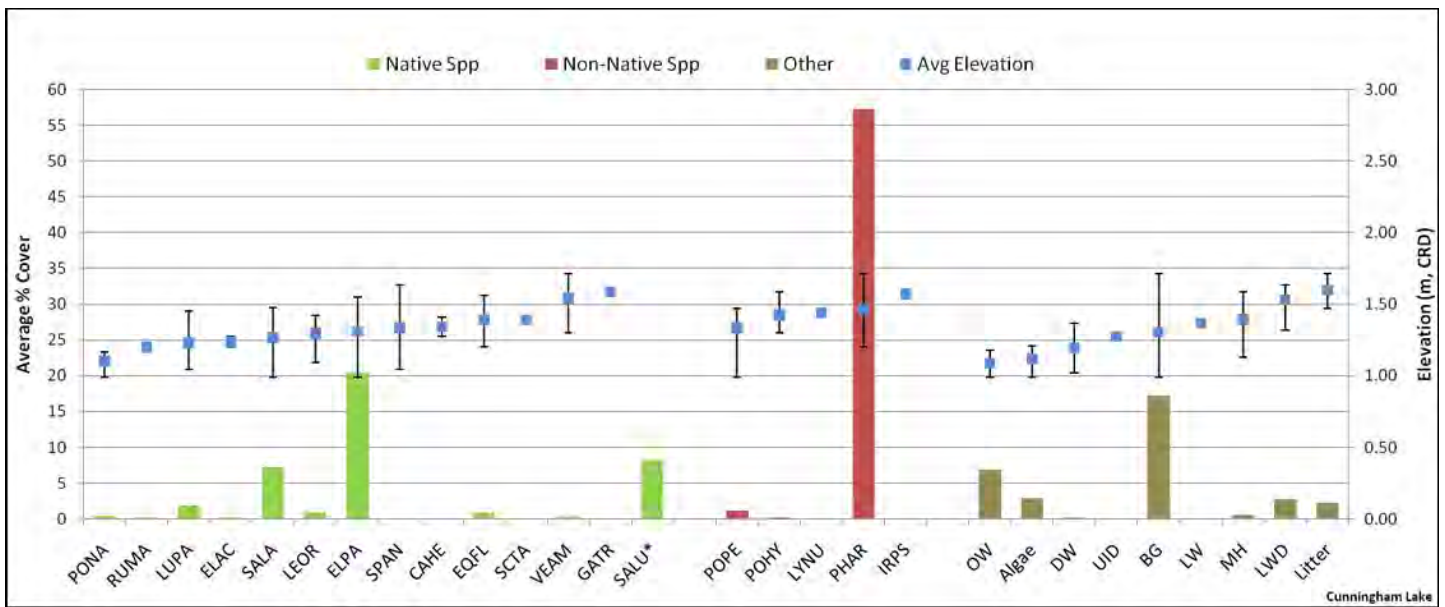
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 14

% Native Cover: 40.84

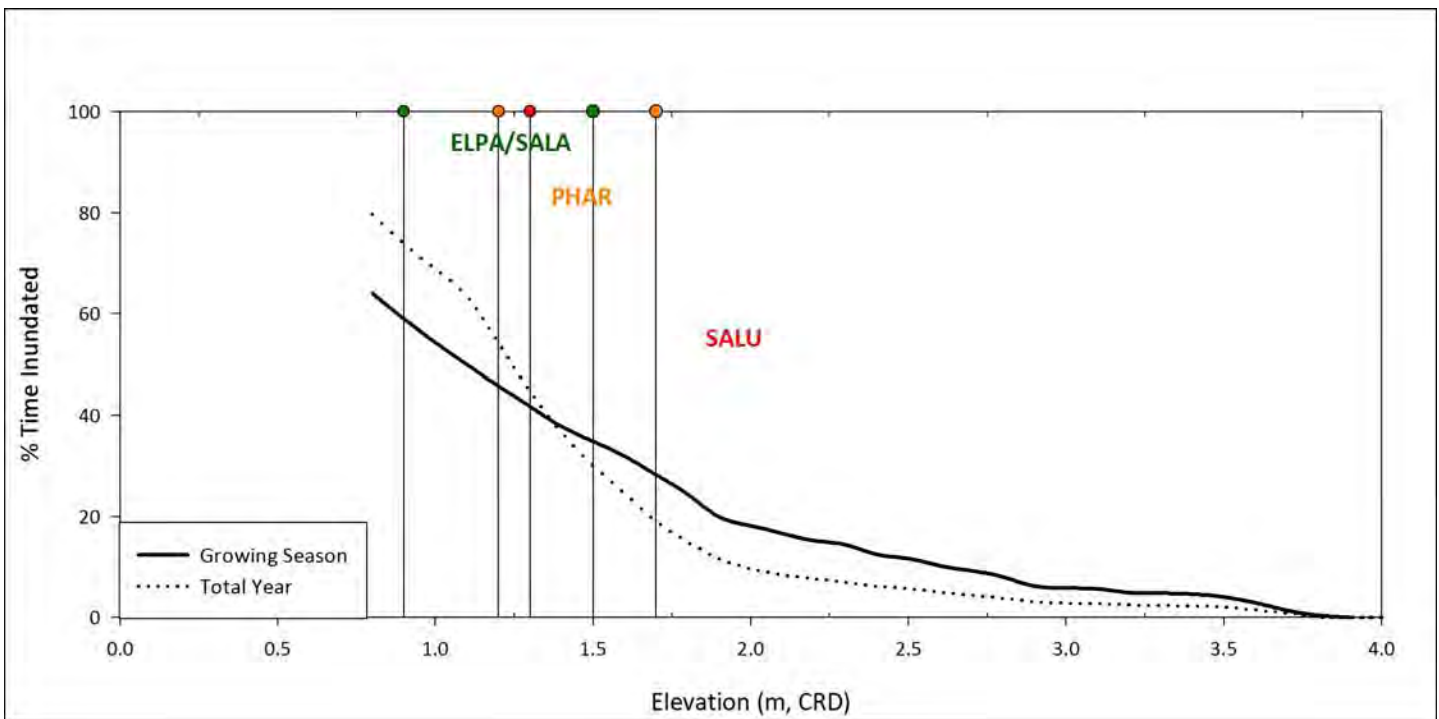
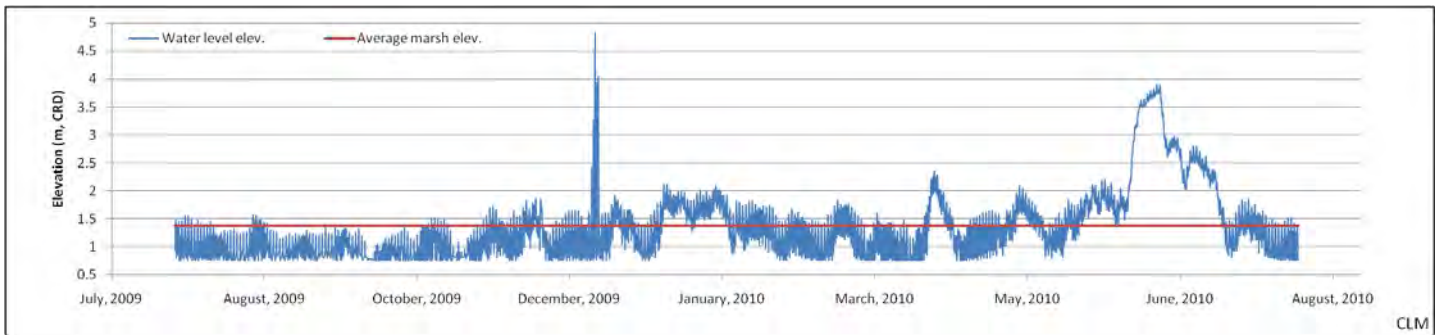
Number of Non-native species: 5

% Non-native Cover: 58.63



Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.37</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>23.6</u>	<u>43.1</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



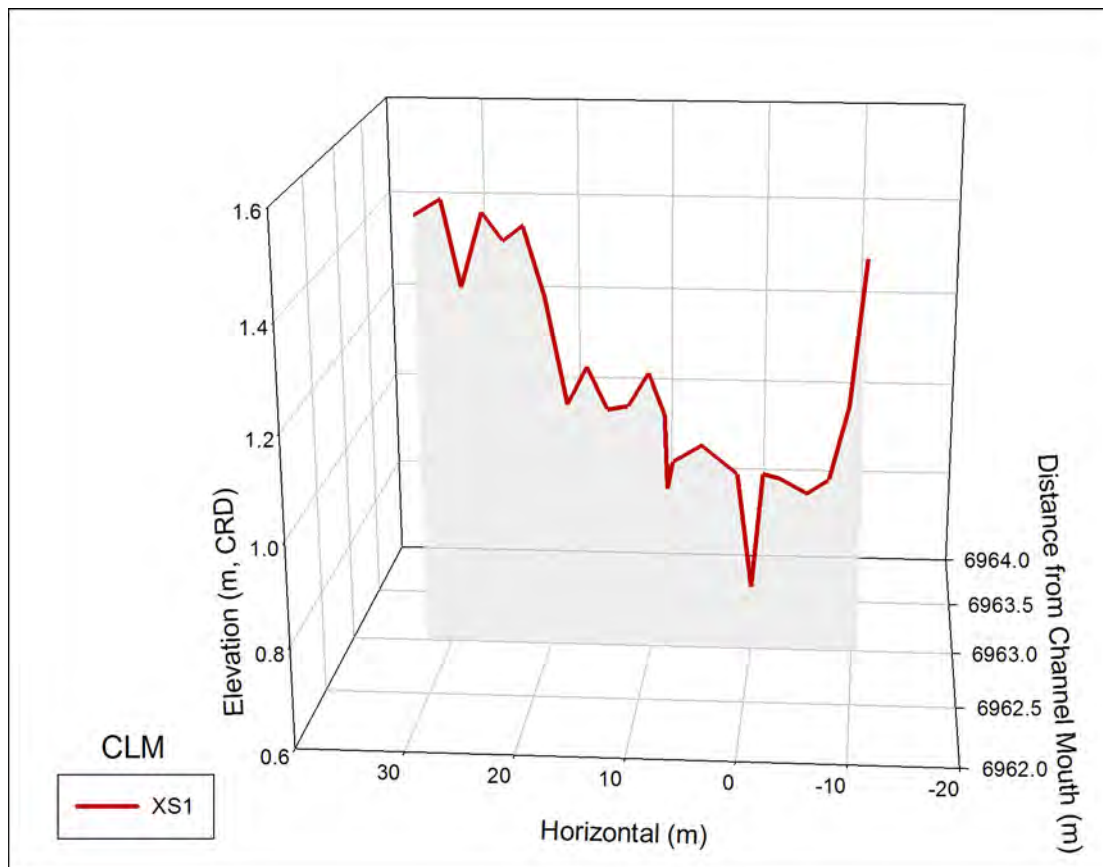
Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 1.88 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.45 m, CRD

Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
	Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)
CLM	1	1.17	0.73	0.44	3.7	19.7	45.1	75	57	60	47

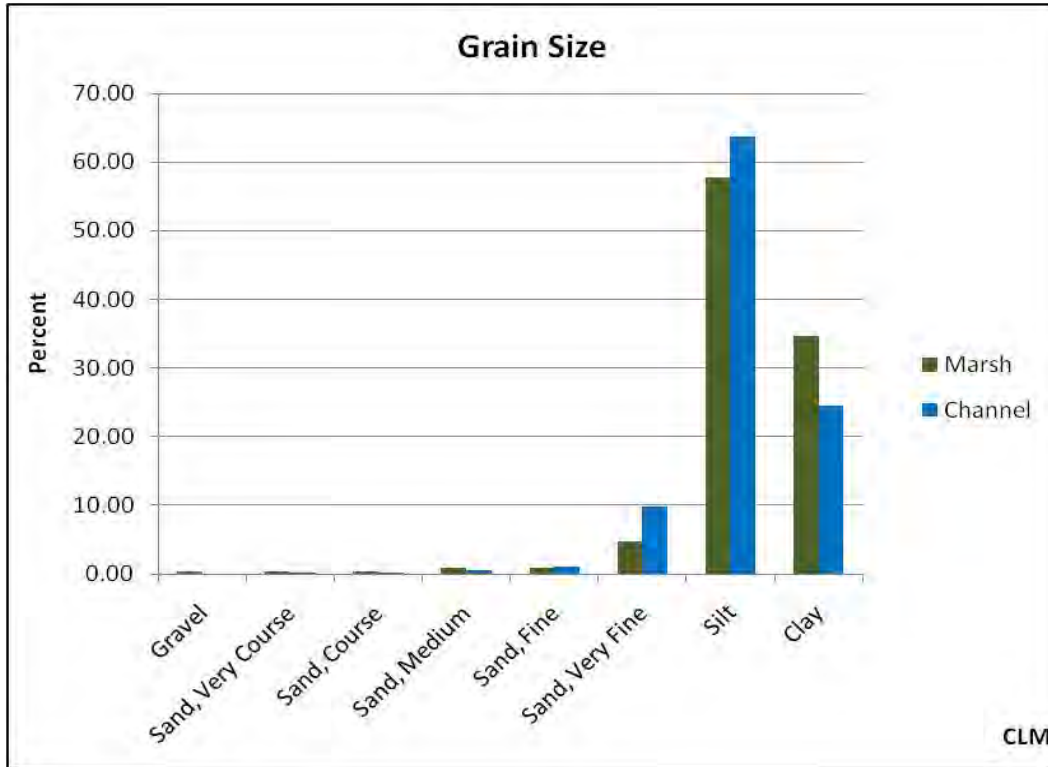
Cross Sections



Sediment

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 7.30

in wetland: 9.54



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: F

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5070175 Easting: 519154

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 149 rkm

Distance from main channel: 2109 meters

Type: Marsh



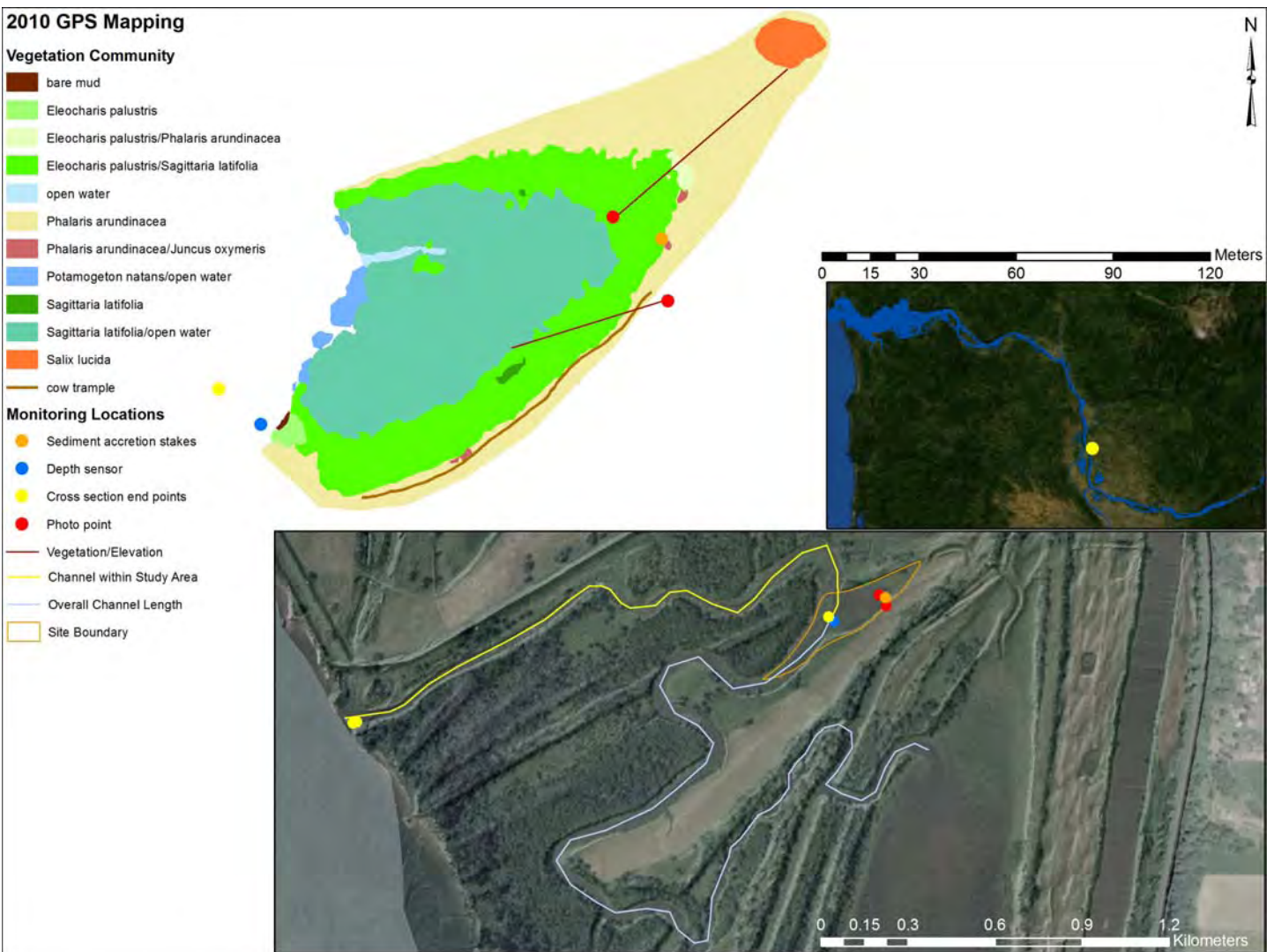
Total Site Area: 2.61 ha

Study Area: 1.21 ha

Total channel length: 4387 m

Channel surveyed: 1550 m

Channel slope: -0.11 m/km



Site Information

Campbell Slough, is located on the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge in Washington. The monitoring site is an emergent marsh adjacent to the slough approximately 1.4 km from the mainstem of the Columbia River. The site grades from wapato up to reed canary grass and is adjacent to fenced in pasture land. Extensive grazing occurred at the site in 2007, when cows inadvertently entered the site, but has been recovering since then. Campbell Slough has been surveyed annually since 2005 as part of the LCREP Ecosystem Monitoring Program.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.45

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 4.02

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 1.15

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 2.71

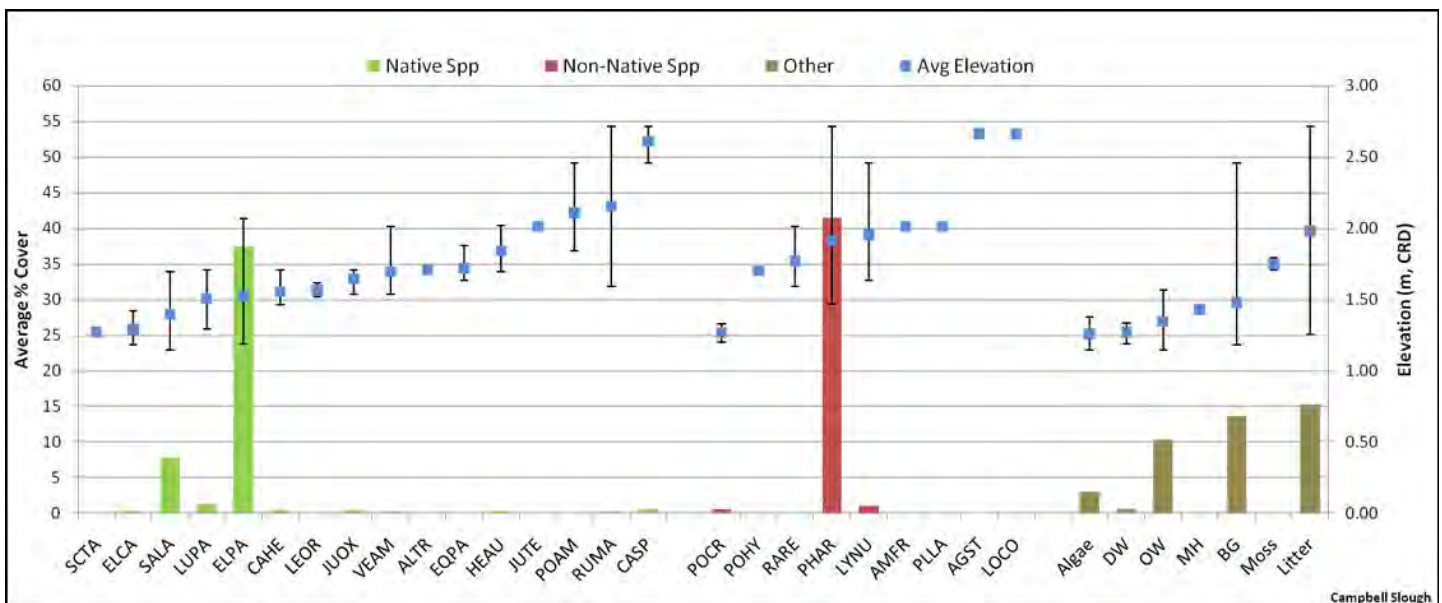
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 16

% Native Cover: 49.89

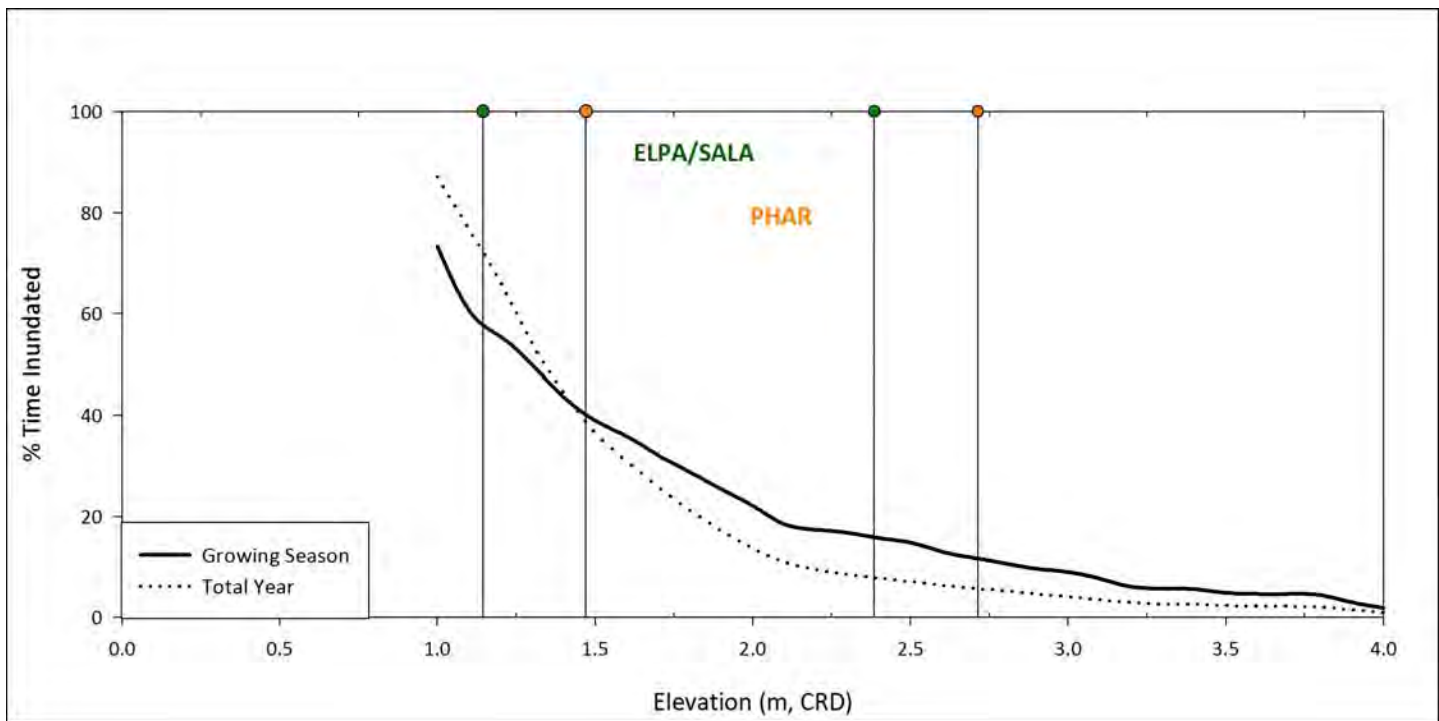
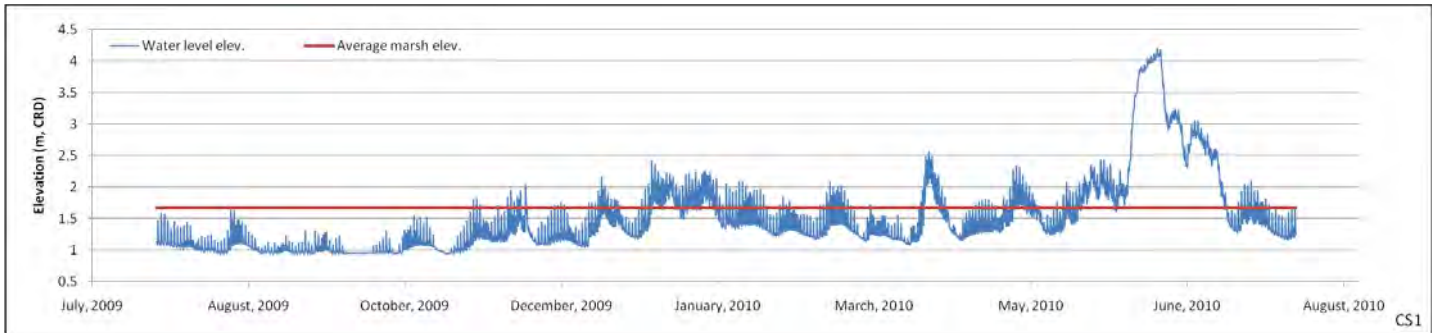
Number of Non-native species: 9

% Non-native Cover: 43.71



Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.67</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>31.3</u>	<u>39.7</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



Sediment

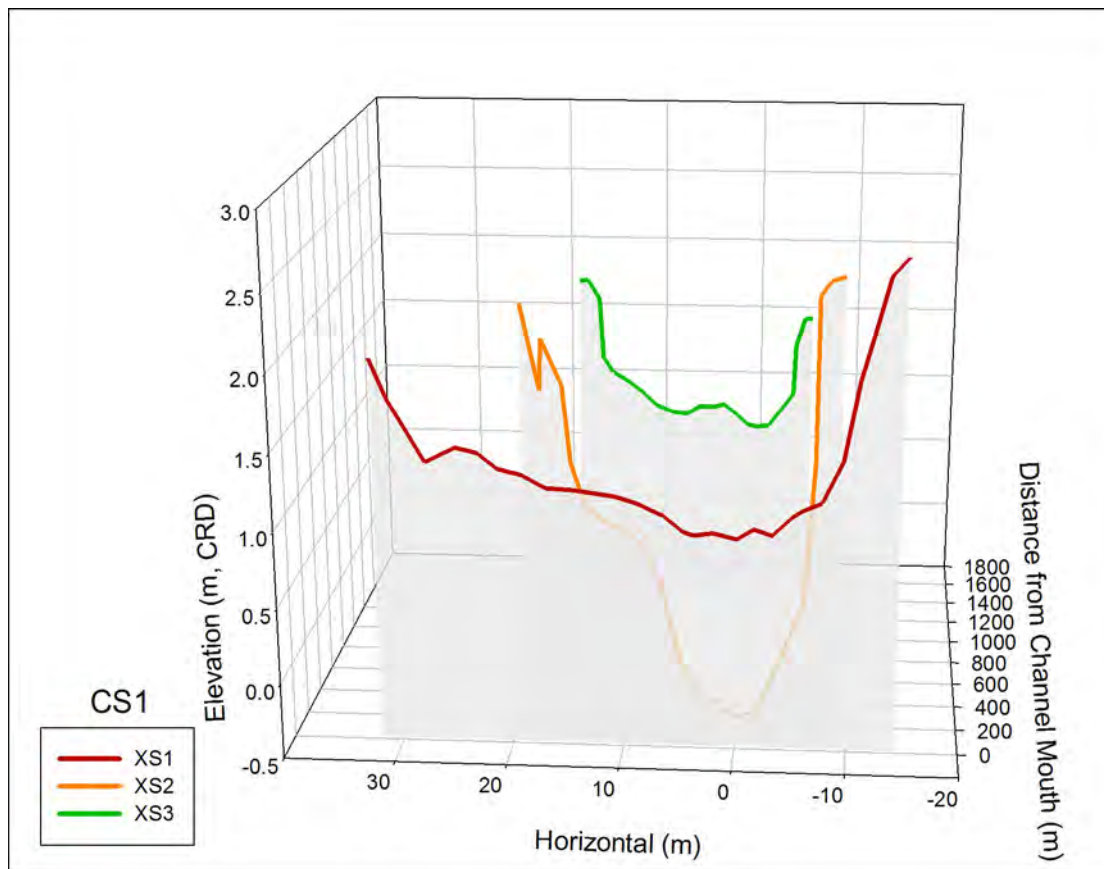
Sediment accretion rate: 0.40 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.51 m, CRD

Channels

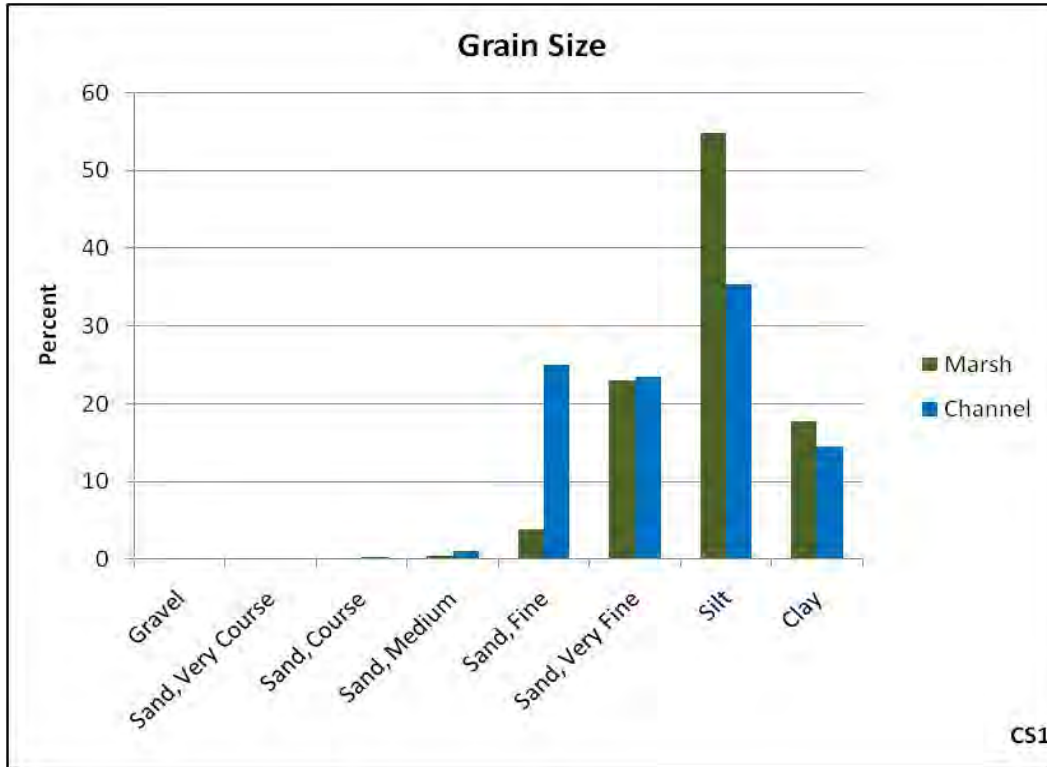
Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
	Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)
CS1	1	2.01	0.89	1.12	33.9	43.0	38.5	83	13	67	22
	2	1.85	-0.31	2.16	31.9	22.2	10.3	99	19	98	27
	3	1.34	0.73	0.61	8.9	19.9	32.5	99	50	98	47

Cross Sections



Sediment

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 4.19 in wetland: 5.17



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: F

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5064833 Easting: 517703

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 154 rkm

Distance from main channel: 1870 meters

Type: Marsh



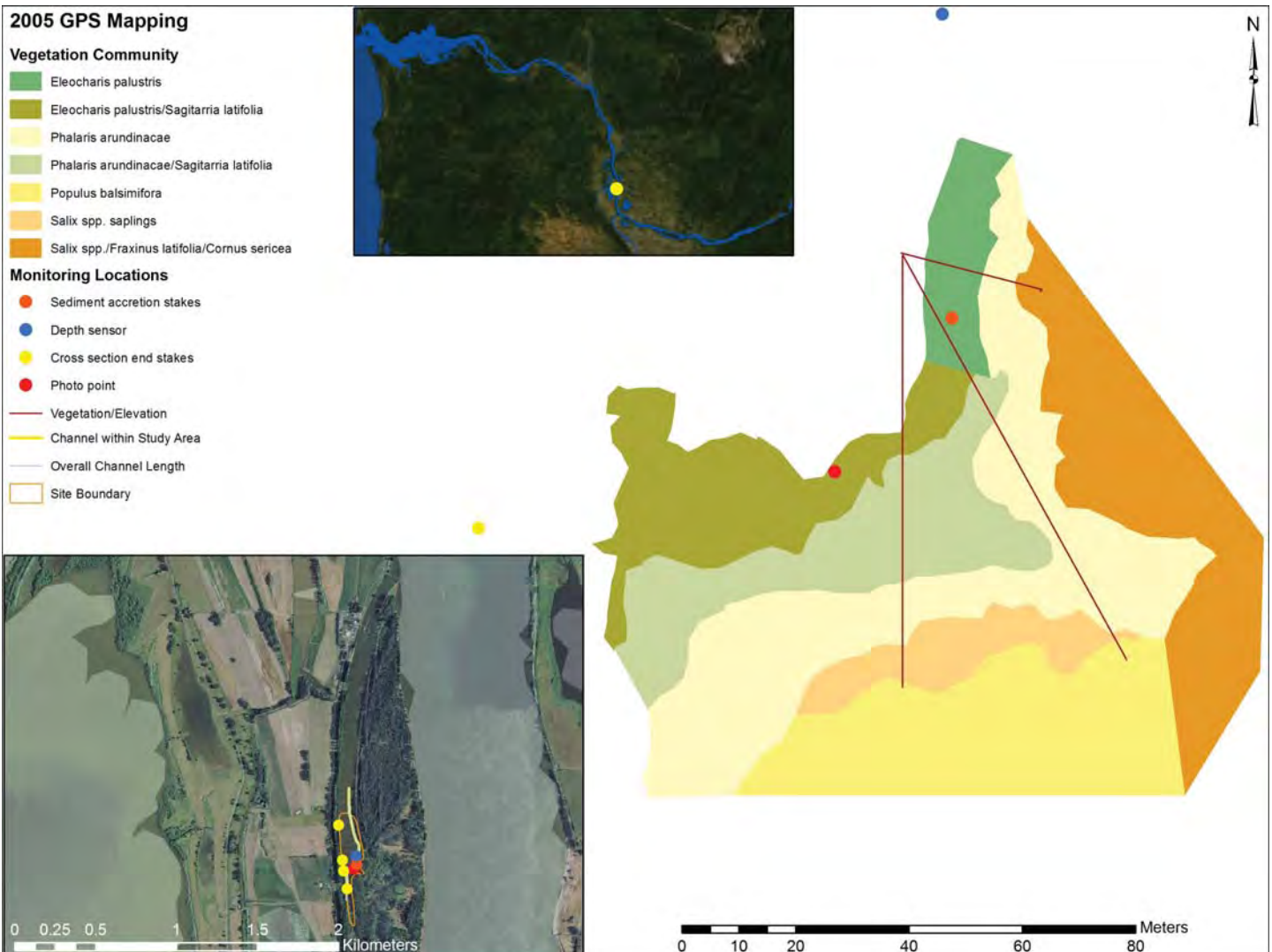
Total Site Area: 5.3 ha

Study Area: 0.53 ha

Total channel length: 748 m

Channel surveyed: 681 m

Channel slope: 0.84 m/km



Site Information

Sauvie Slough is a finger slough off the main channel on the east side of Sauvie Island. The mouth of the slough is home to a yacht club mooring area and RV park. The location of the monitoring site is at the shallow, upper end of the slough, where a shallow emergent marsh is surrounded by willow, and cottonwoods. This area is under the management of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Sauvie Island Refuge.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.37

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.28

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 1.03

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 1.95

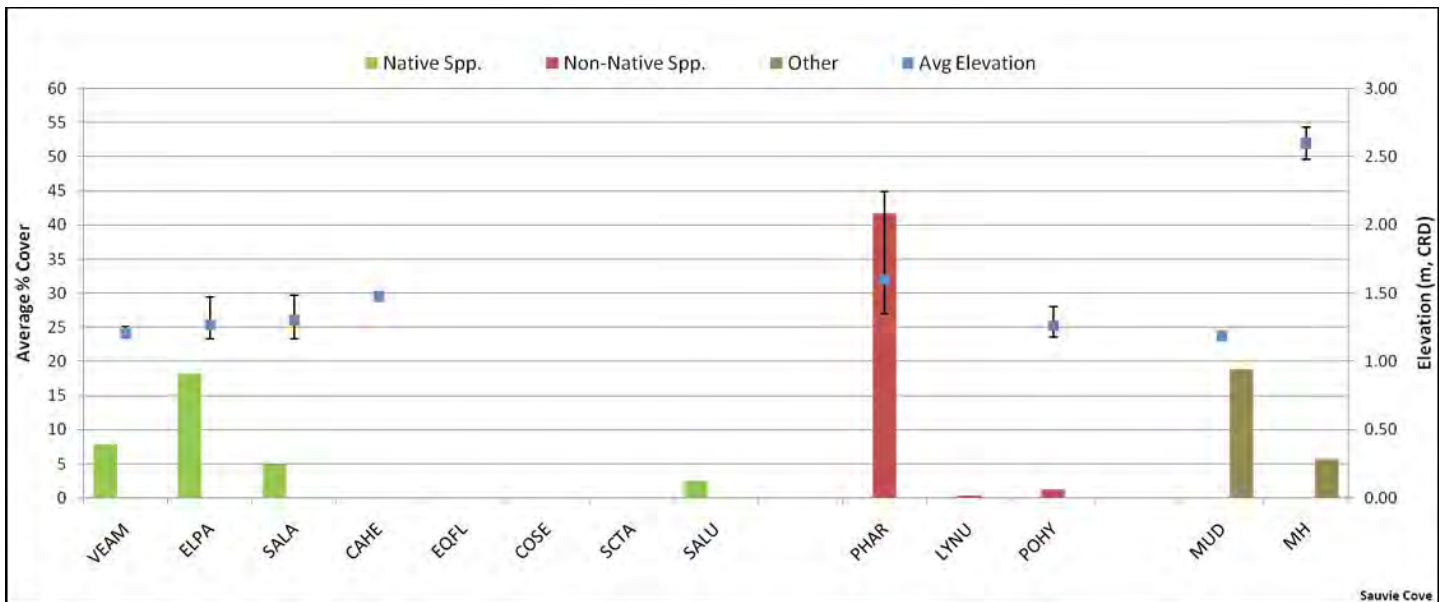
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 8

% Native Cover: 33.70

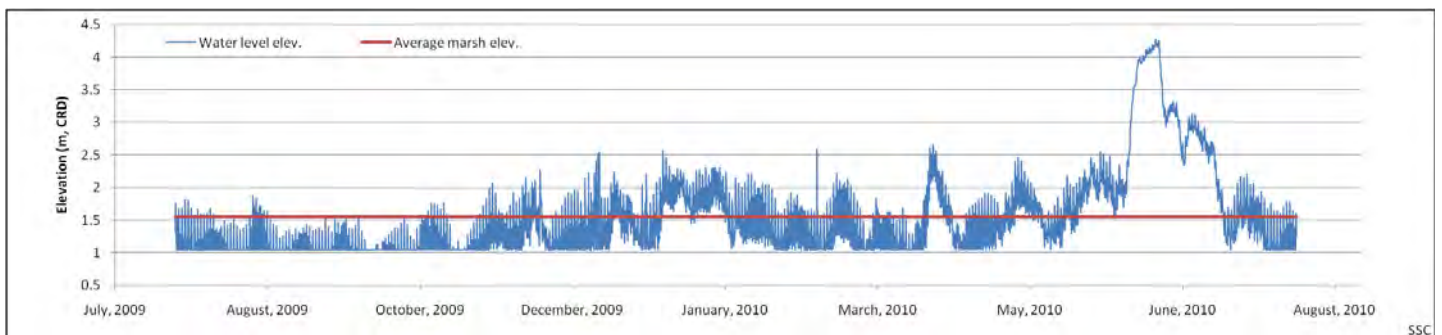
Number of Non-native species: 3

% Non-native Cover: 43.28

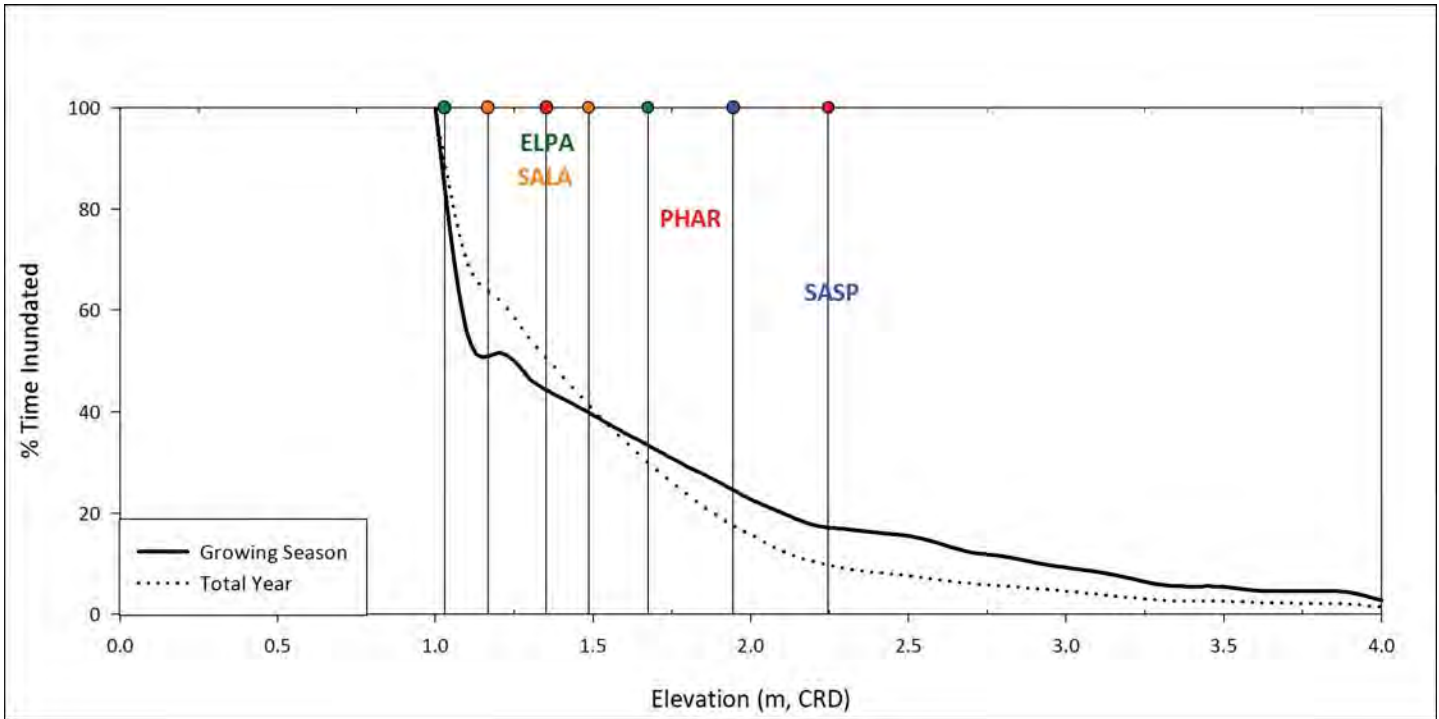


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.55</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>33.5</u>	<u>48.5</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010



Inundation (cont.)



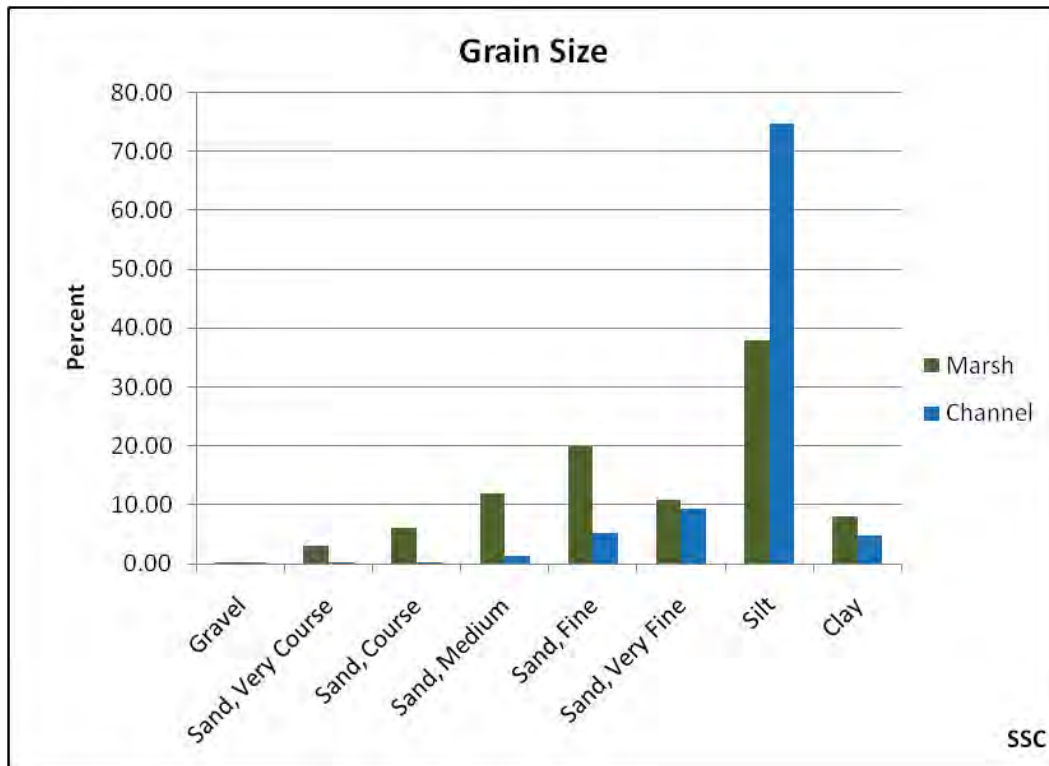
Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 2.52 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.43 m, CRD

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 2.32

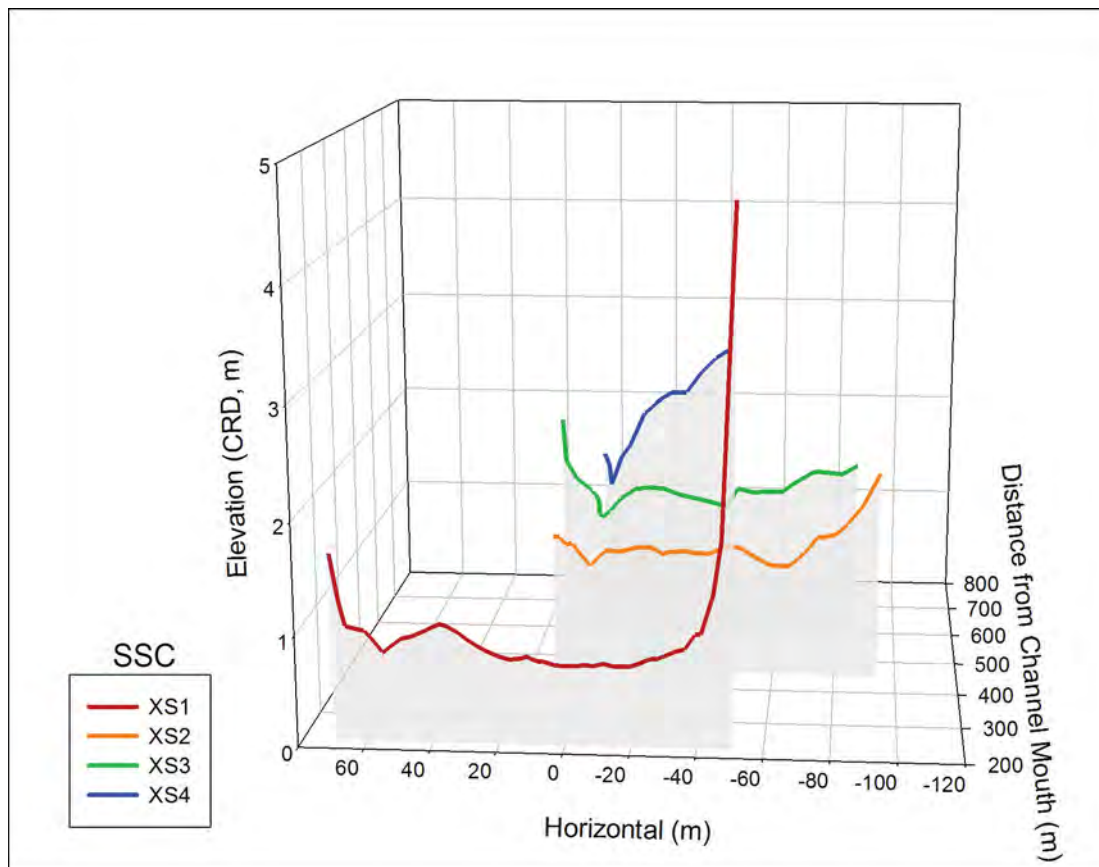
in wetland: 2.63



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
SSC	1	1.03	0.72	0.31	19.4	107.2	342.6	100	100	100	100
	2	1.17	1.02	0.15	2.0	9.2	61.4	100	65	100	53
	3	1.33	1.19	0.14	0.4	5.9	42.9	51	52	45	45
	4	1.49	1.29	0.20	0.3	3.3	16.6	45	41	41	40

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: G

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5045599 Easting: 542578

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 190 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Created



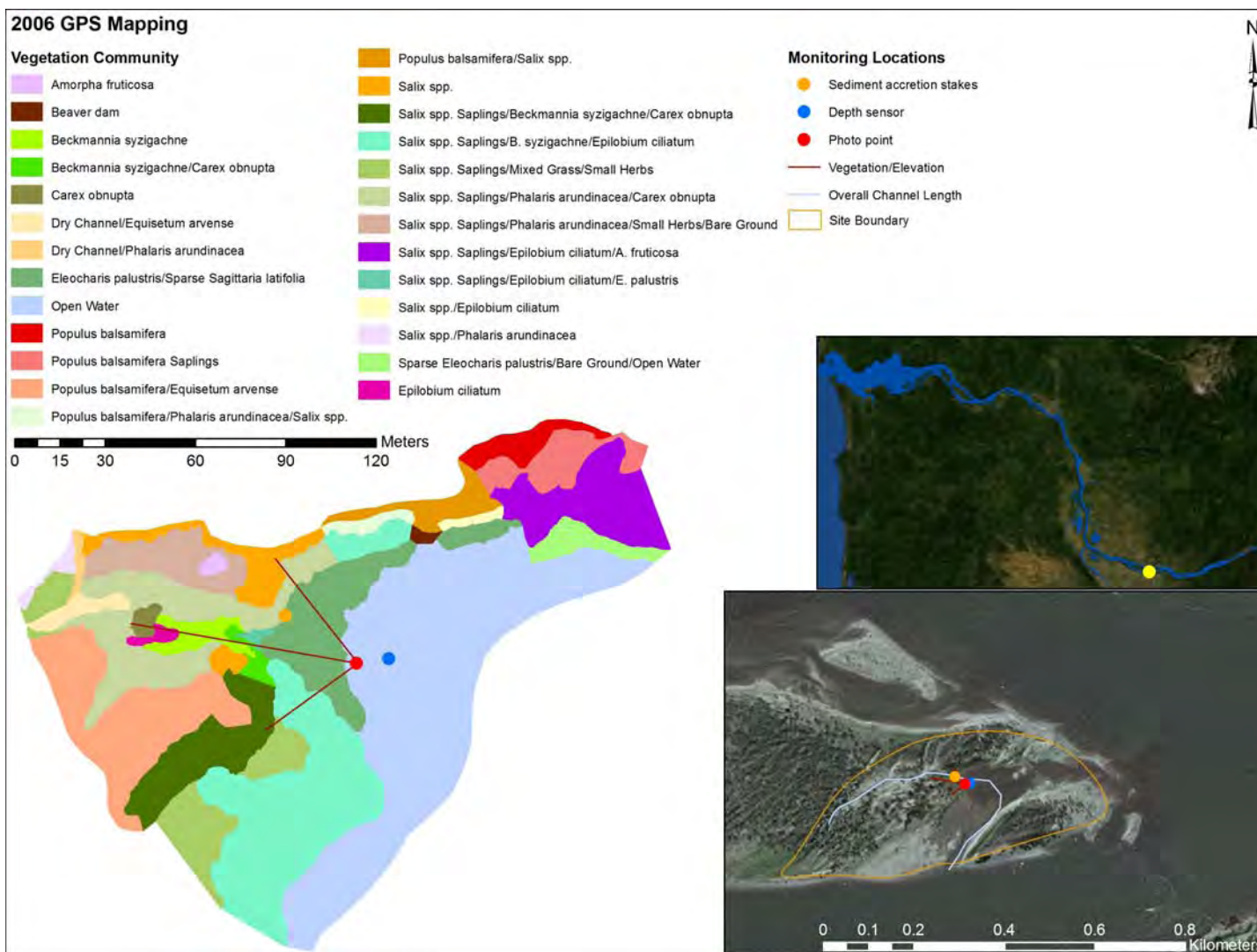
Total Site Area: 15.0 ha

Study Area: 1.93 ha

Total channel length: 731 m

Channel surveyed: 0 m

Channel slope: NA



Site Information

McGuire Island is located near Portland, Oregon. It was purchased by the Port of Portland in 1969 and is currently held to prevent flight path issues with the nearby airport but is managed by Oregon State Parks and Recreation. The island was created from dredge material and is surrounded by pile structures to maintain the navigation channel. The monitoring site is an off-channel emergent marsh grading up to cottonwoods with a seasonal channel.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.90

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.69

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.89

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 1.68

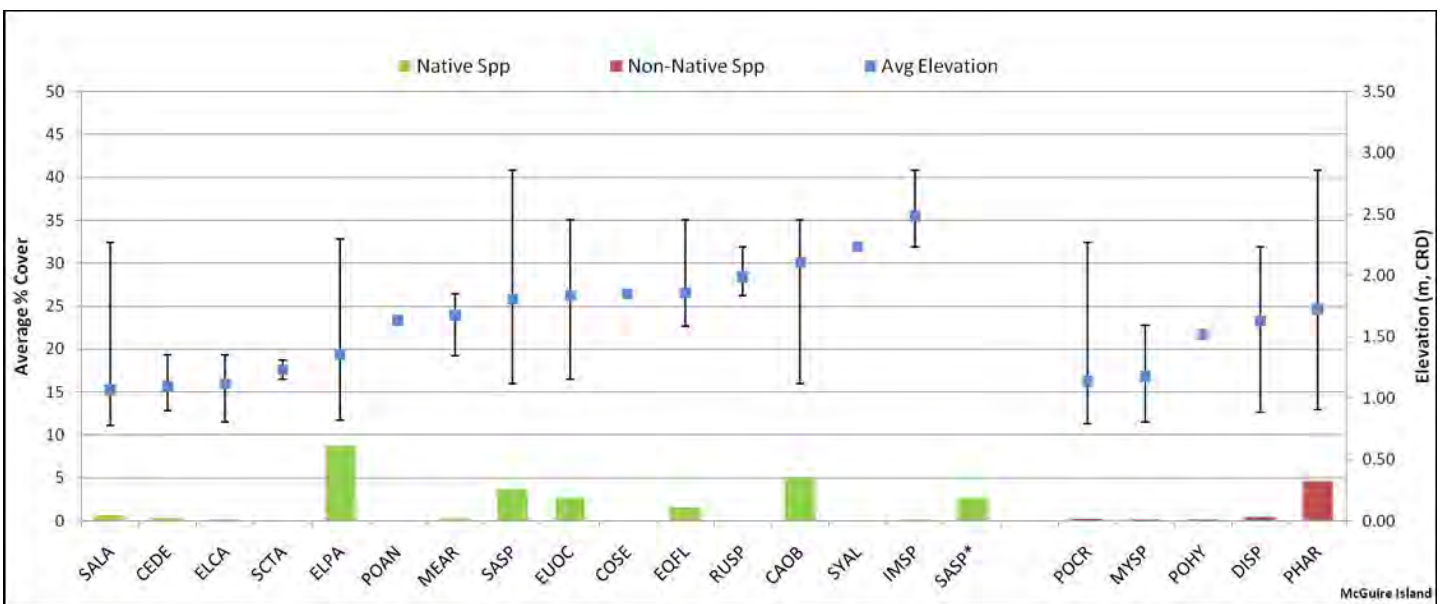
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 16

% Native Cover: 23.66

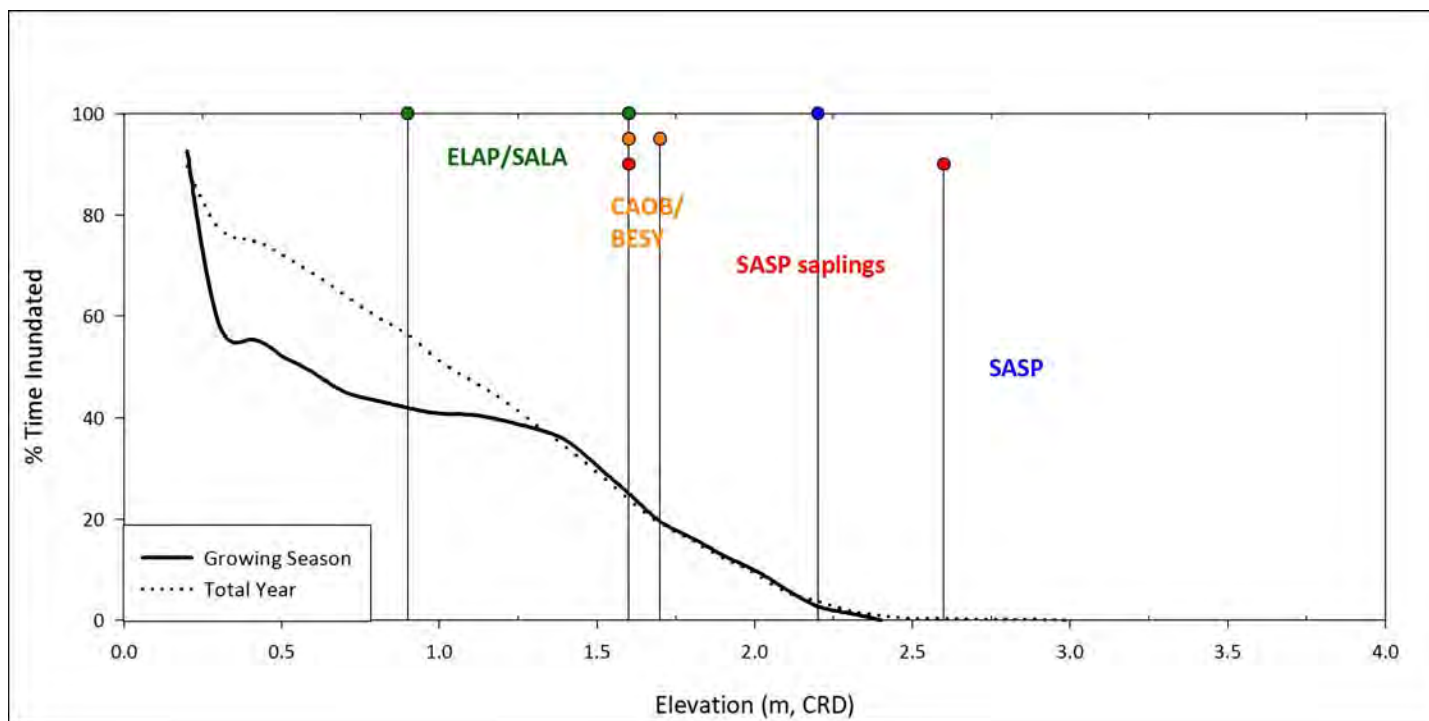
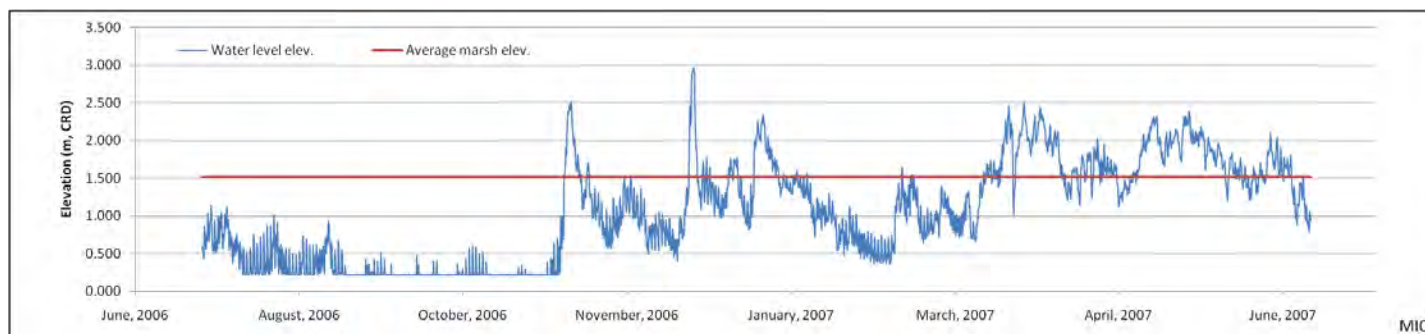
Number of Non-native species: 5

% Non-native Cover: 5.67



Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.51</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2006
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>3.45</u>	<u>15.0</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2007



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: G

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5047518 Easting: 546963

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 195 rkm

Distance from main channel: 654 meters

Type: Marsh



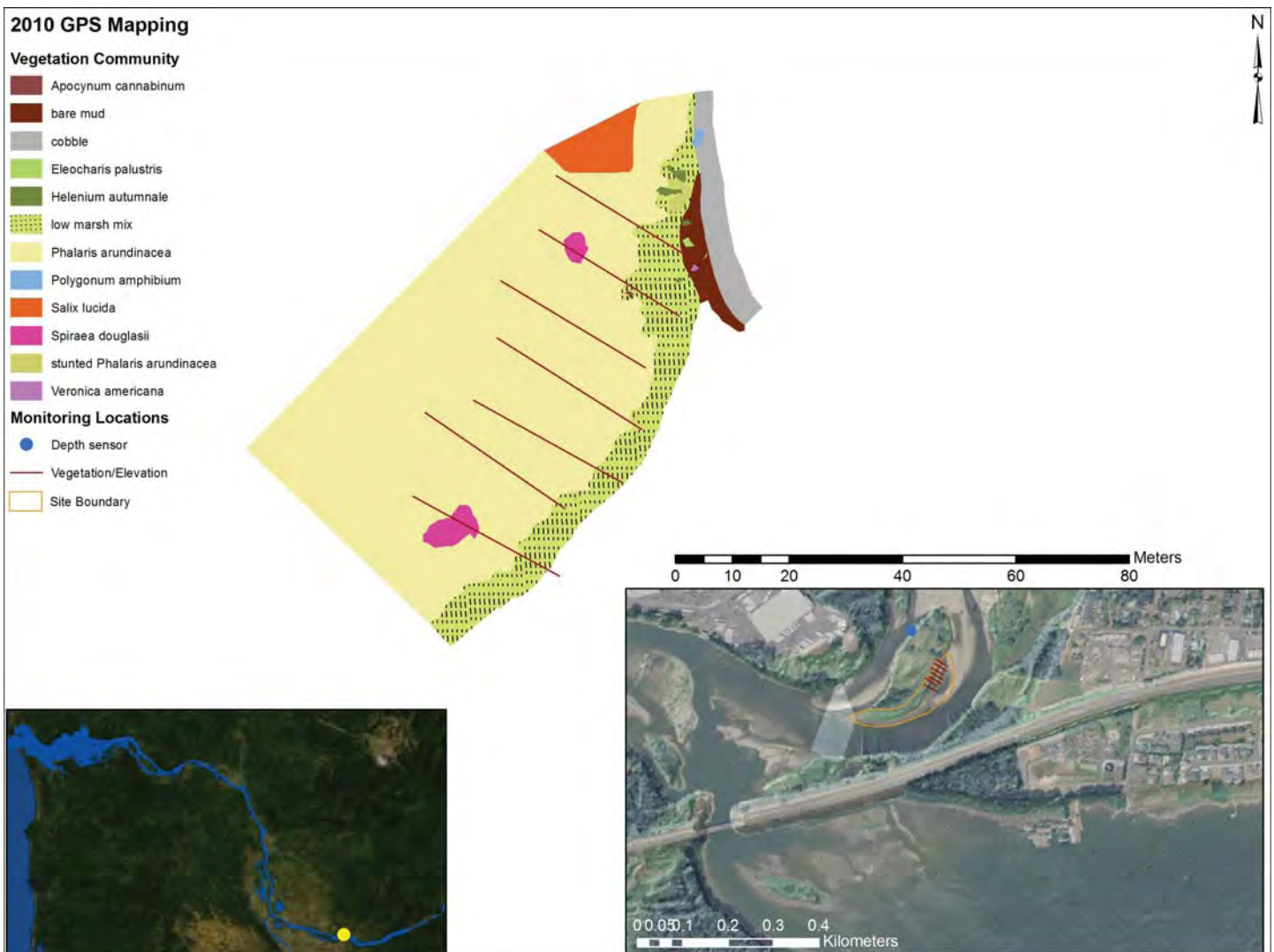
Total Site Area: 1.1 ha

Study Area: 0.43 ha

Total channel length: 0 m

Channel surveyed: 0 m

Channel slope: NA



Site Information

The monitoring site was located on Bead Island near the Washougal River mouth. The island sits in the middle of the Washougal River which flows past an industrial site between the towns of Camas and Washougal in Washington. The emergent marsh at this site is small and grades up from the river cobble to Phalaris arundinacea and cottonwoods.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.31

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 5.69

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 1.19

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 3.56

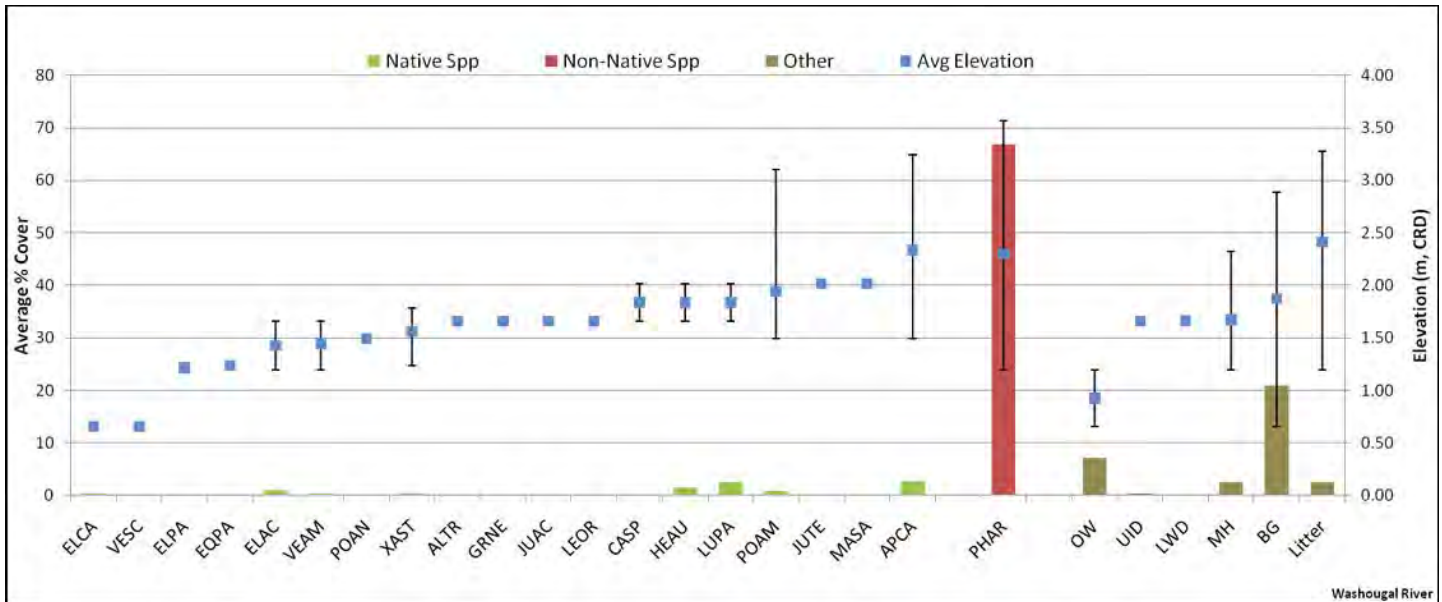
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 19

% Native Cover: 10.46

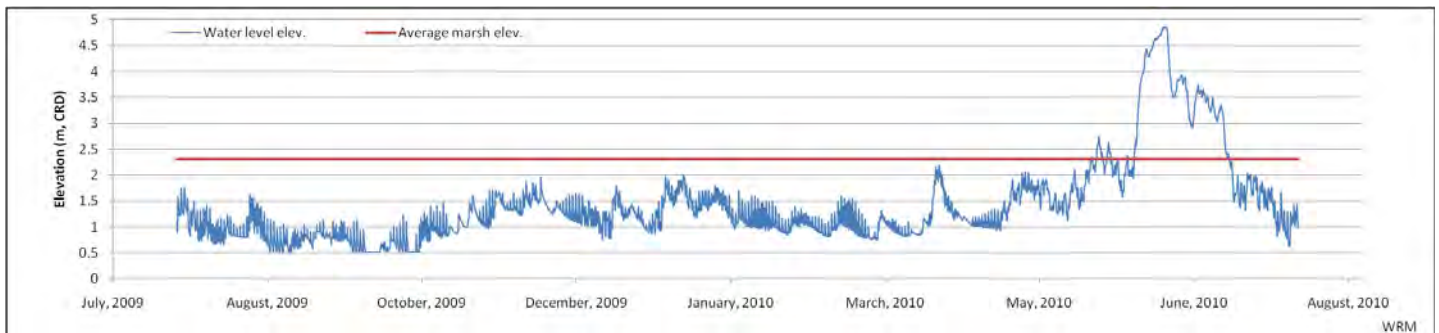
Number of Non-native species: 1

% Non-native Cover: 66.82

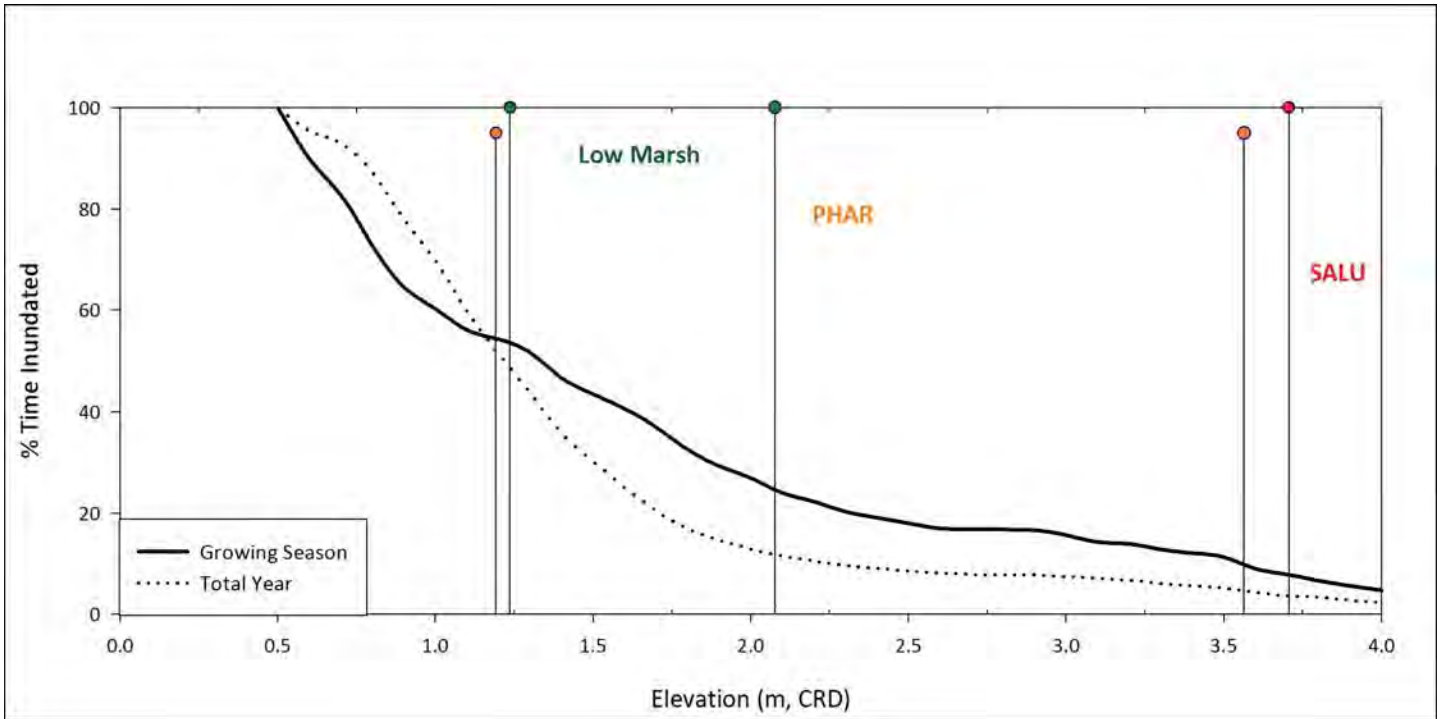


Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>2.31</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2009
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>45.0</u>	<u>32.6</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2010

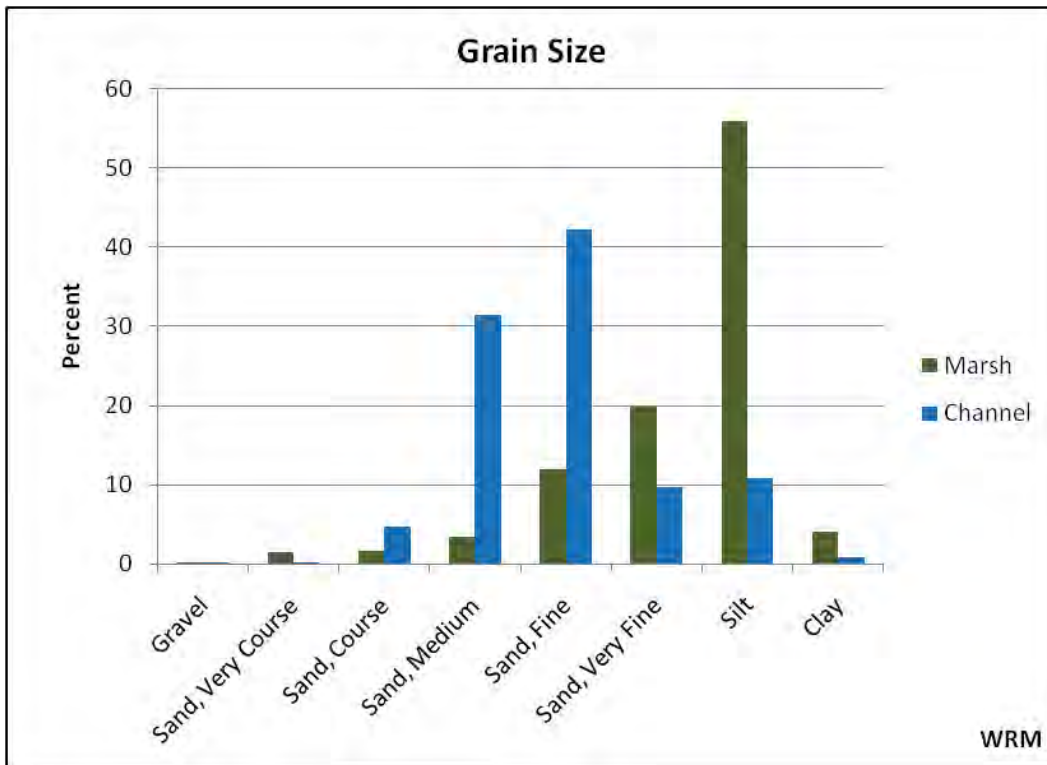


Inundation (cont.)



Sediment

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 1.28 in wetland: 4.05



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: G

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5045652 Easting: 549789

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 198 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Marsh



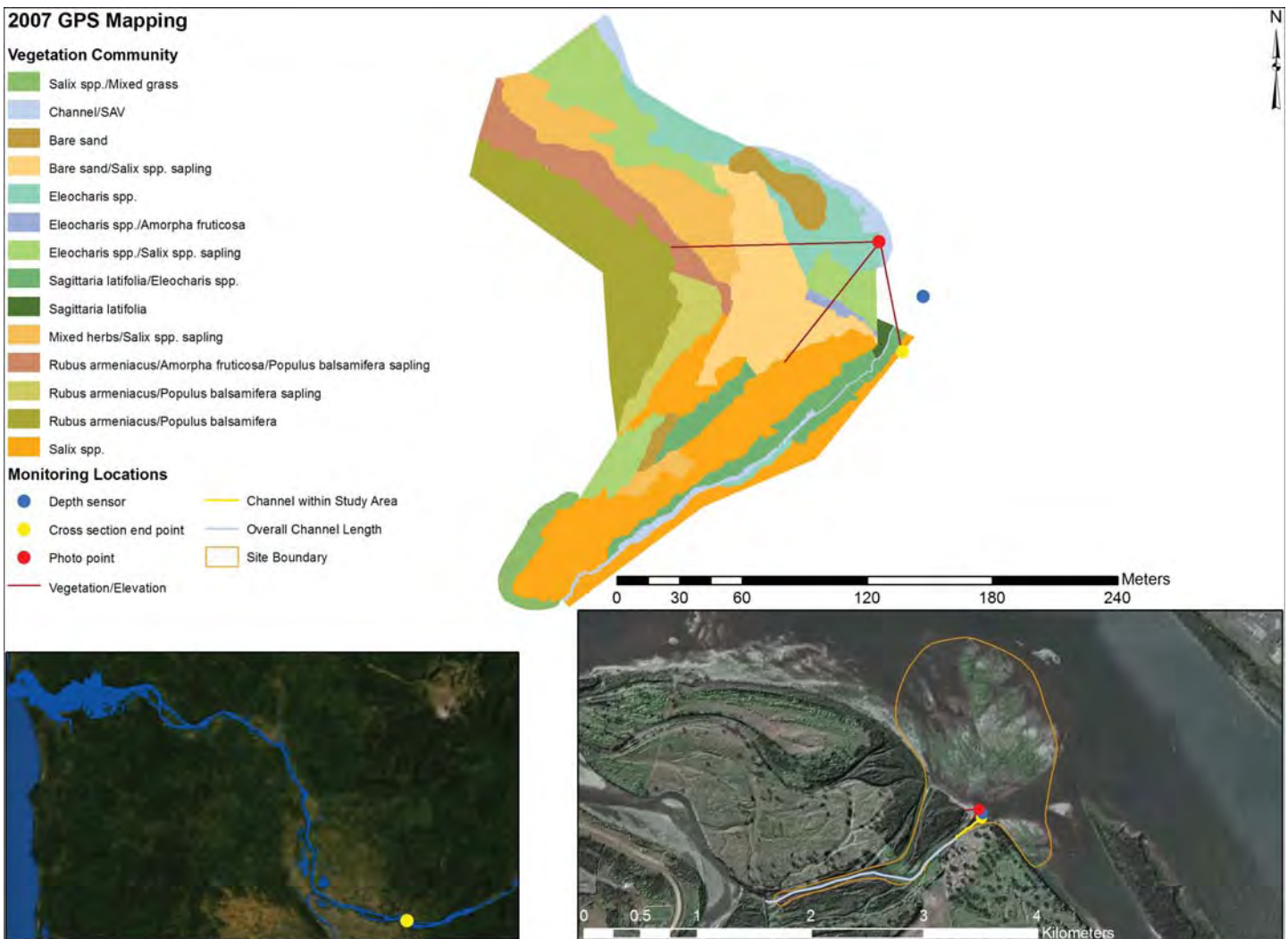
Total Site Area: 109.0 ha

Study Area: 1.77 ha

Total channel length: 1525 m

Channel surveyed: 213 m

Channel slope: NA



Site Information

The Old Sandy Mouth site is a wetland area formed behind the complex of islands that used to make up the Sandy River delta near Portland, Oregon. The Sandy River originally had two outlets, but the upper one was diked by Portland General Electric for servicing power lines that crossed the delta. This area is frequented by hikers from the Lewis and Clark State Park on the Sandy River. The monitoring site is a fringing emergent wetland that is primarily disconnected from the mainstem of the Columbia during the low water season in the fall.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 2.90

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.94

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.72

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 1.76

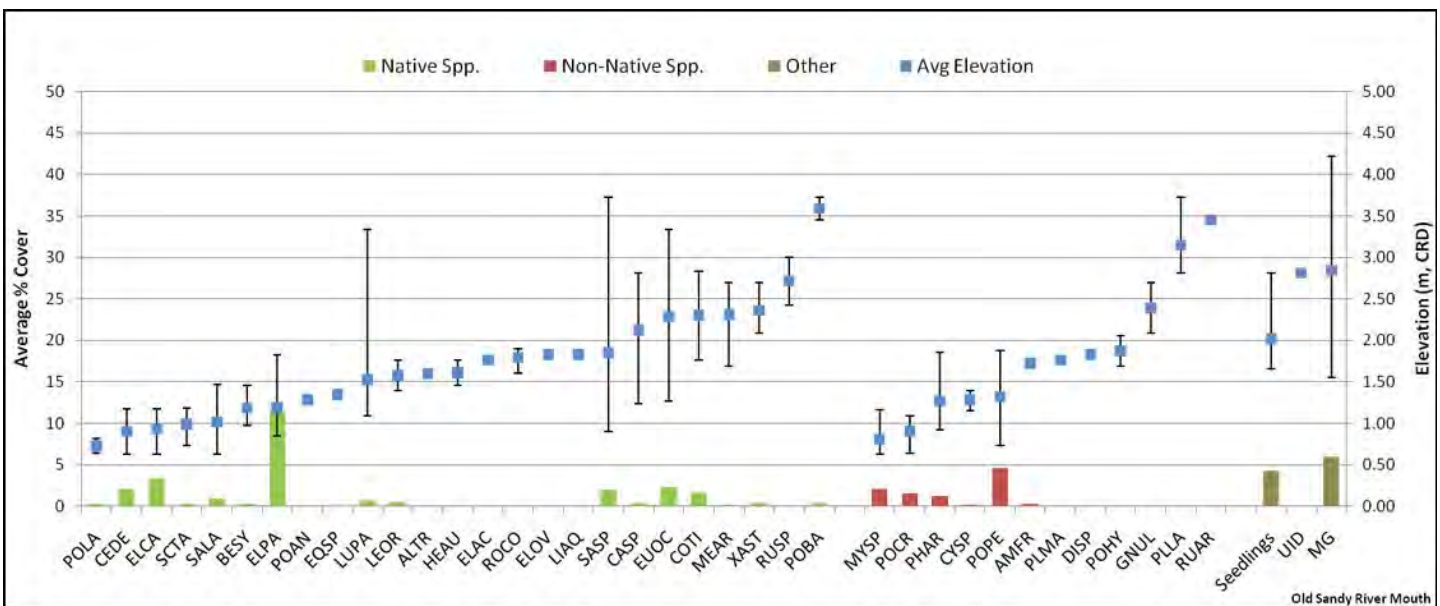
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 25

% Native Cover: 27.86

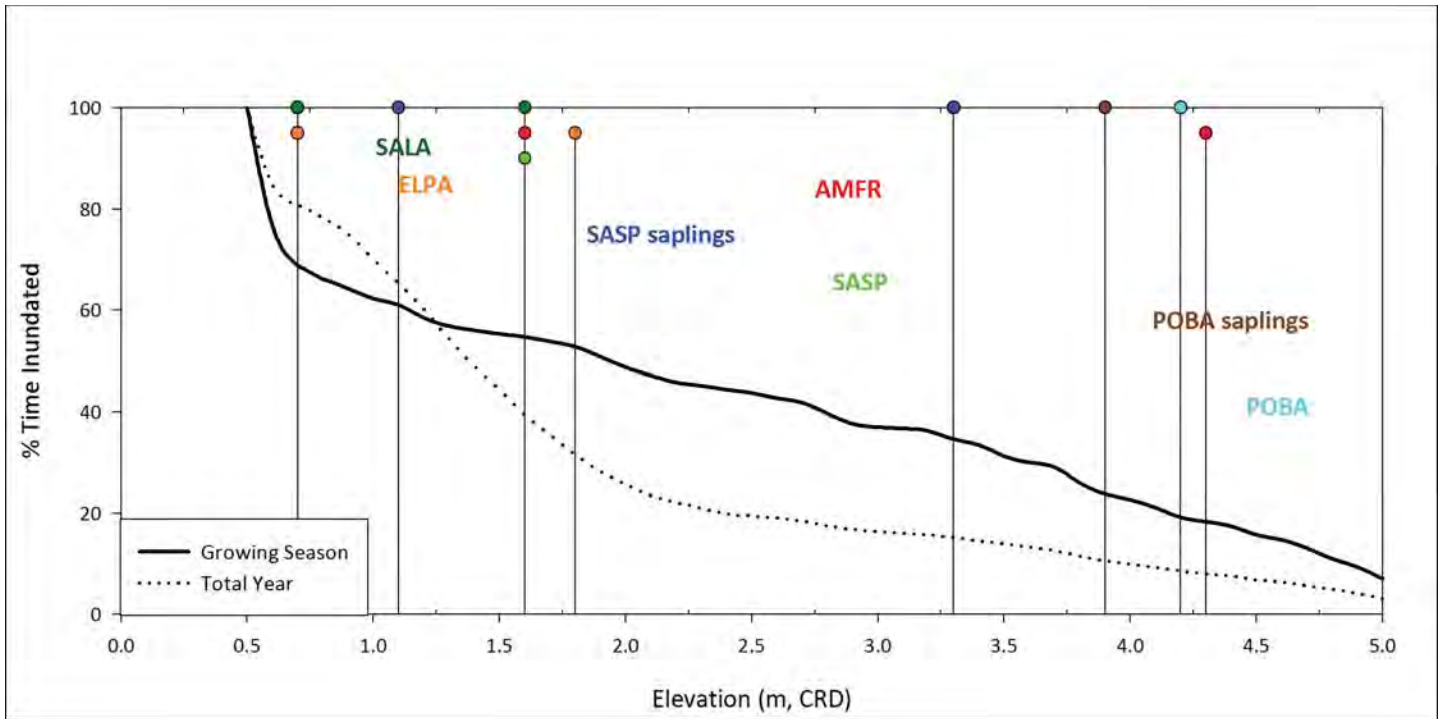
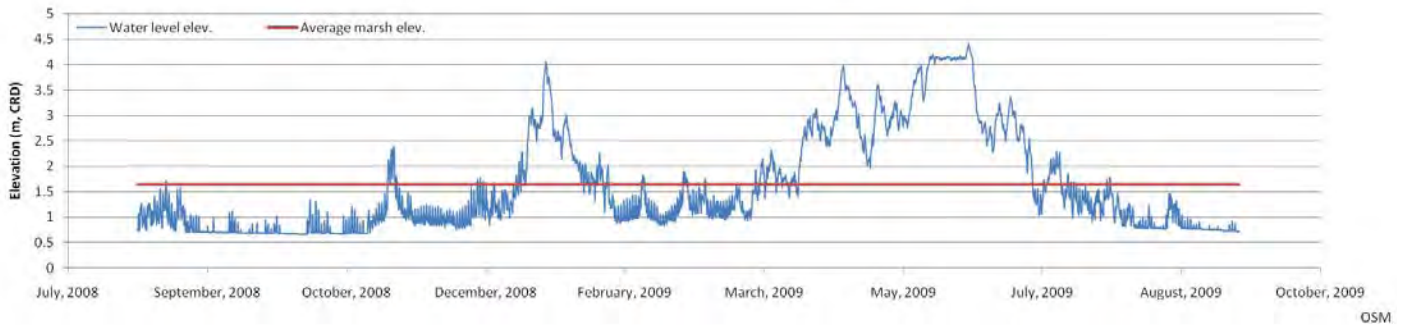
Number of Non-native species: 13

% Non-native Cover: 10.77



Inundation

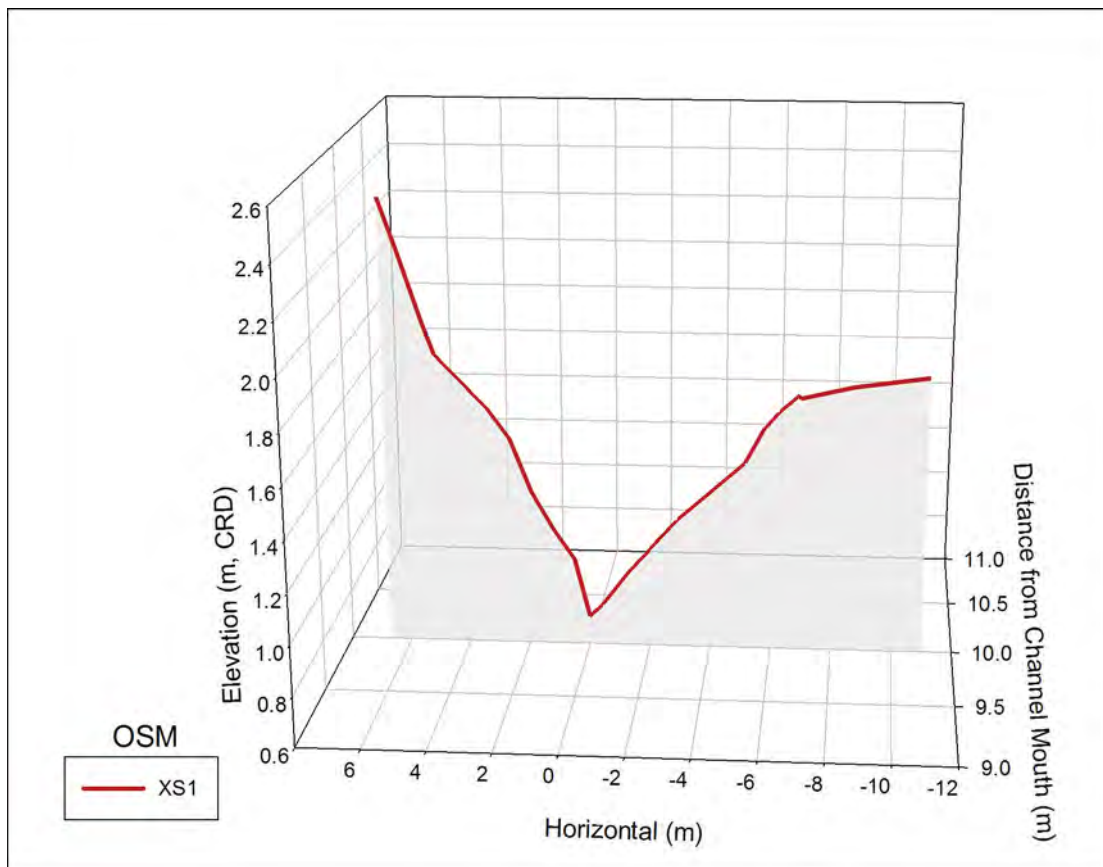
	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.64</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>89.1</u>	<u>104</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year	Growing Season		
	Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width:Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)
OSM	1	1.65	0.72	0.93	4.7	10.7	11.5	76	35	74	34

Cross Sections



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: G

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5043698 Easting: 551767

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 201 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Created



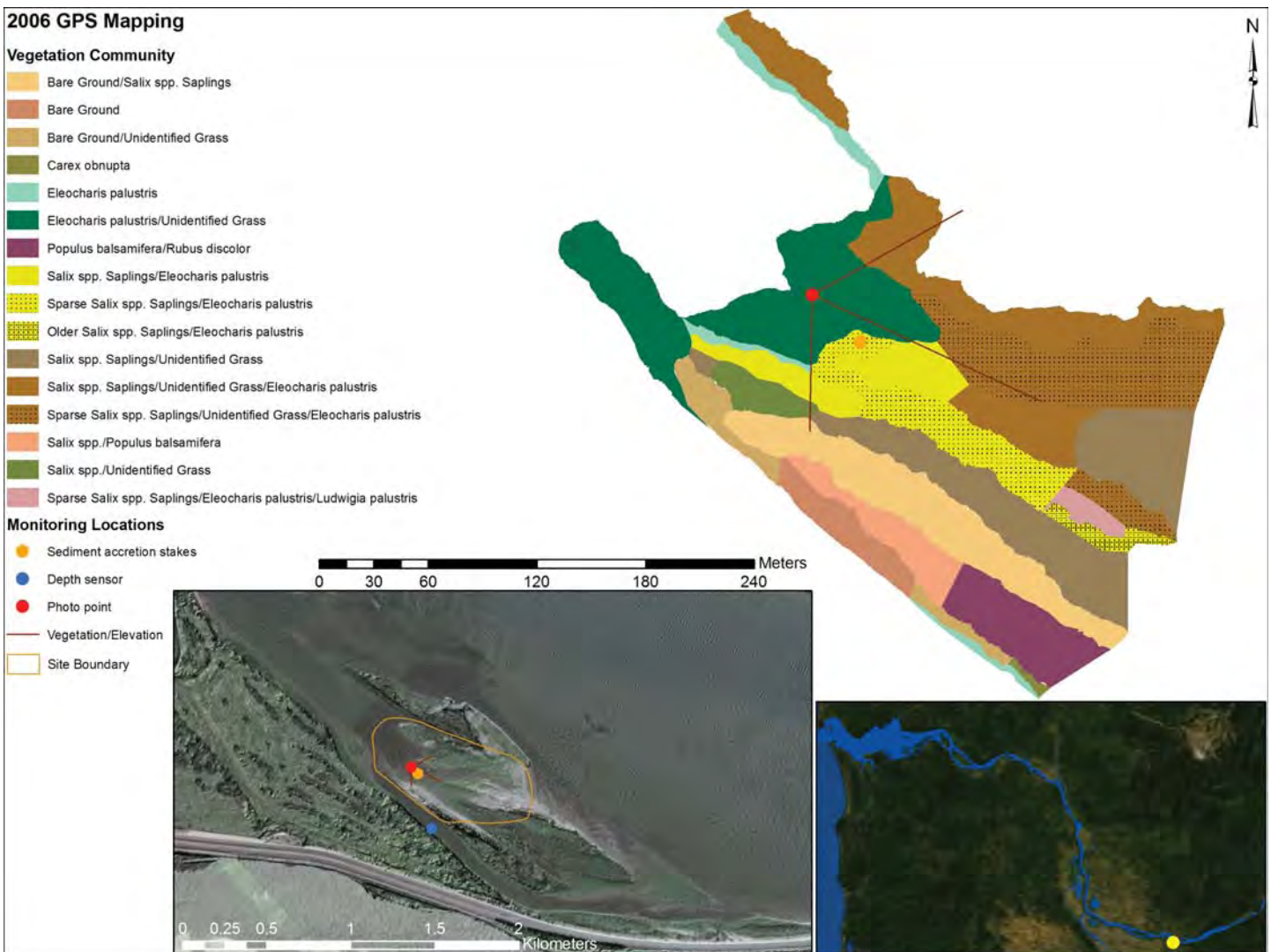
Total Site Area: 20.1 ha

Study Area: 4.73 ha

Total channel length: 0 m

Channel surveyed: 0 m

Channel slope: NA



Site Information

Chatham Island, located upstream from the mouth of the Sandy River in Oregon, is owned by Multnomah County and has been listed as an Oregon Natural Heritage Resource site. The Chatham Island site is located in an inlet along the island shoreline in an area of low energy, though with direct connection to the Columbia River. Connectivity is likely limited at the site during low river flows due to pile structures and extensive flats surrounding the island. The site is characterized by emergent marsh and willow saplings grading up to mature willows and cottonwoods.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.40

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.94

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 1.16

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 1.70

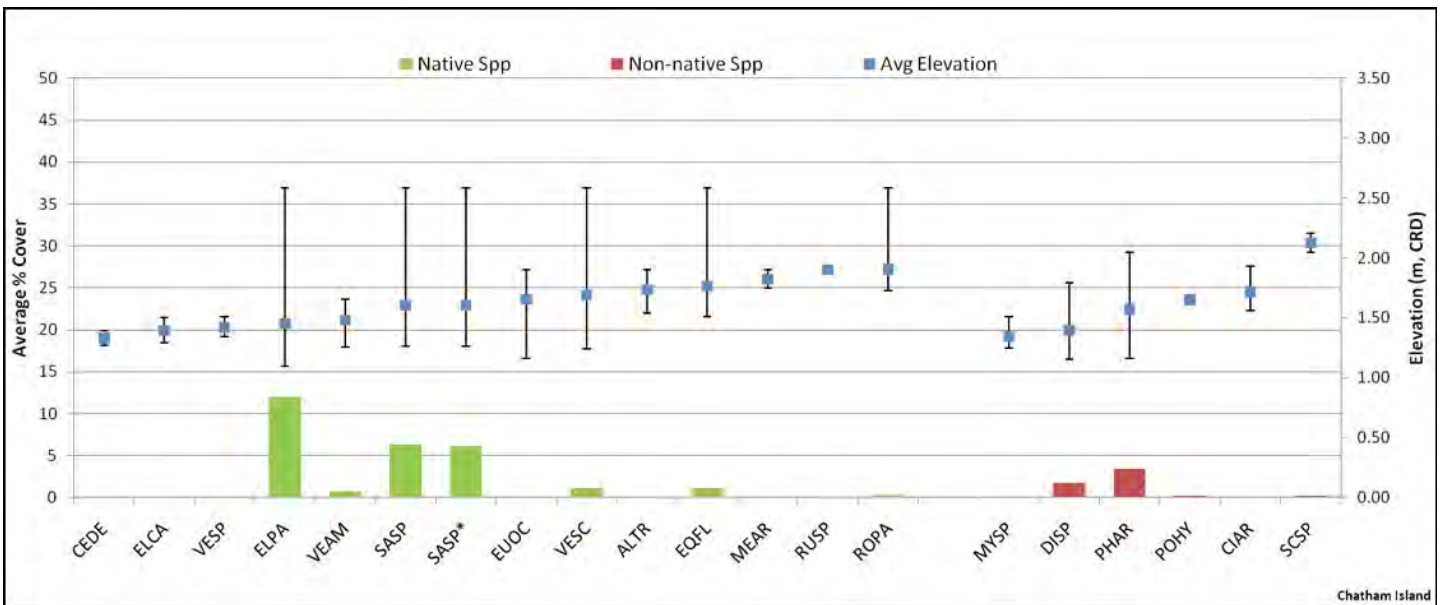
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 14

% Native Cover: 28.03

Number of Non-native species: 6

% Non-native Cover: 5.76



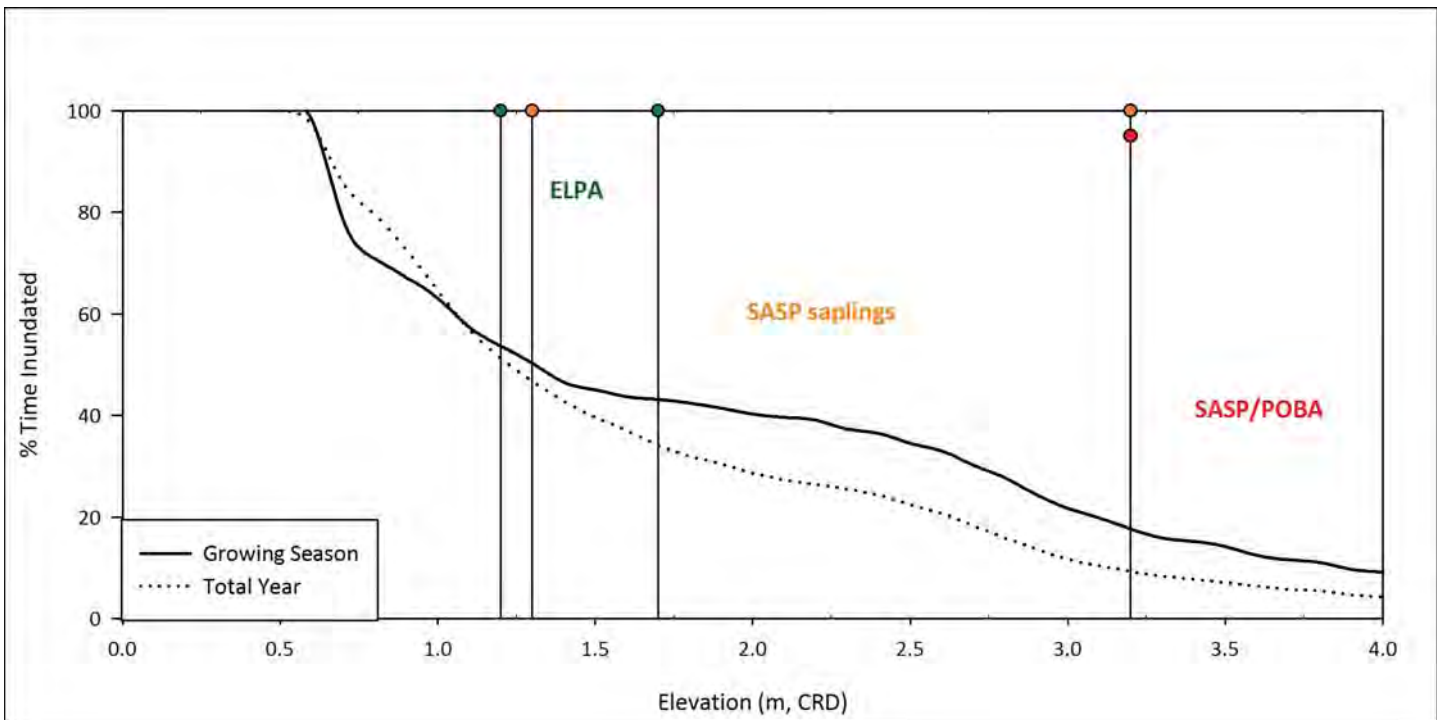
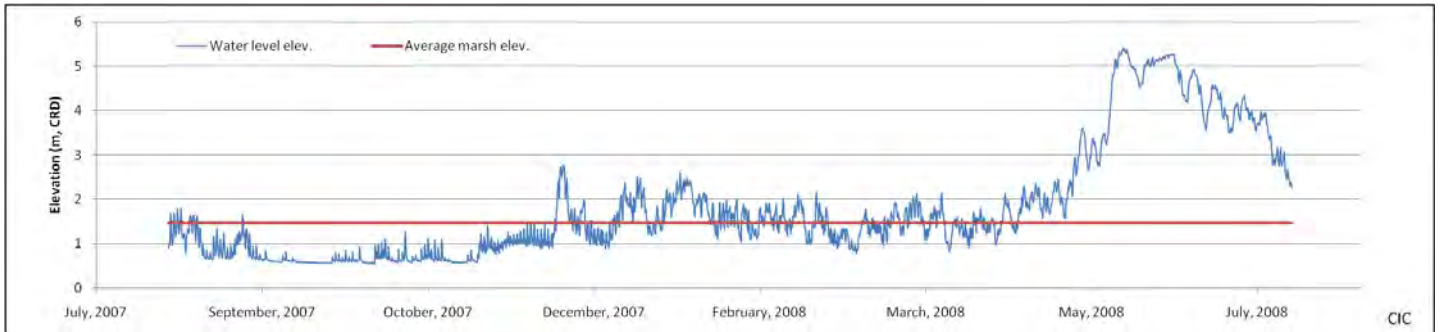
Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: -0.22 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.33 m, CRD

Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.46</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>85.7</u>	<u>112</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: H

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5044722 Easting: 561649

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 211 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Marsh



Total Site Area: 4.5 ha

Study Area: 1.66 ha

Total channel length: 157 m

Channel surveyed: 157 m

Channel slope: 4.16 m/km

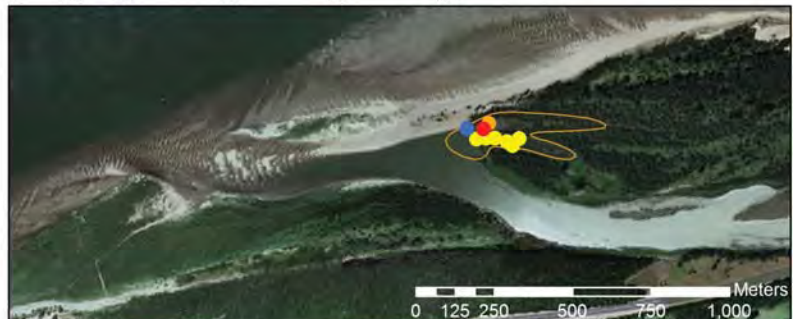
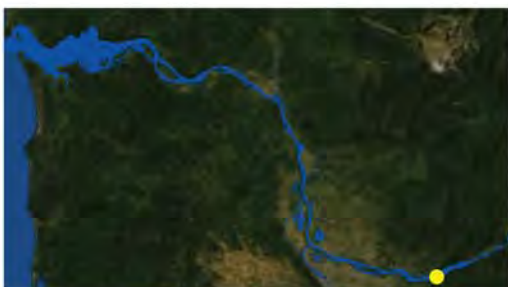
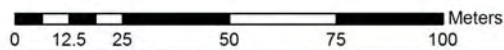
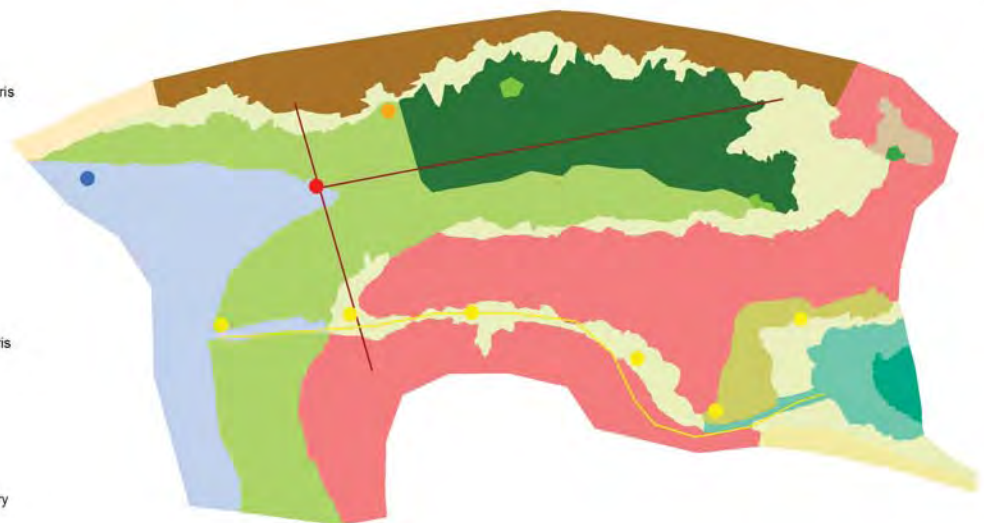
2008 GPS Mapping

Vegetation Community

- Cornus stolonifera/Salix spp./Fraxinus latifolia
- Eleocharis palustris
- Eleocharis palustris/Polygonum persicaria/Ludwigia palustris
- Eleocharis palustris/Sagittaria latifolia
- Eleocharis palustris/Scirpus lacustris
- open water/Ludwigia palustris/Polygonum persicaria
- open water/SAV
- Phalaris arundinacea
- Phalaris arundinacea/Carex spp.
- Phalaris arundinacea/Eleocharis palustris
- Phalaris arundinacea/Ludwigia palustris/Eleocharis palustris
- Phalaris arundinacea/Salix spp.
- Sagittaria latifolia
- sand

Monitoring Locations

- Sediment accretion stakes
- Depth sensor
- Cross section end point
- Photo point
- Vegetation Transect
- Channel within Study Area
- Site Boundary



Site Information

Sand Island is located along the mainstem of the Columbia River at and is part of Rooster Rock State Park. The island is predominantly forest and shrub wetlands that are periodically flooded during high water. An emergent marsh and ponded area at the downstream end of the island was the location of the sample area. True to its name, Sand Island has sandy sediments and a high, steep banked bluff to the north of the sampling area. This Island may have been present historically: Christy and Putera (1992) state Sand Island is the “last remaining unstabilized sand dunes on lower Columbia River; active burial of cottonwood forest; regionally significant, many historic losses.”

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.23

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 4.71

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.66

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 2.14

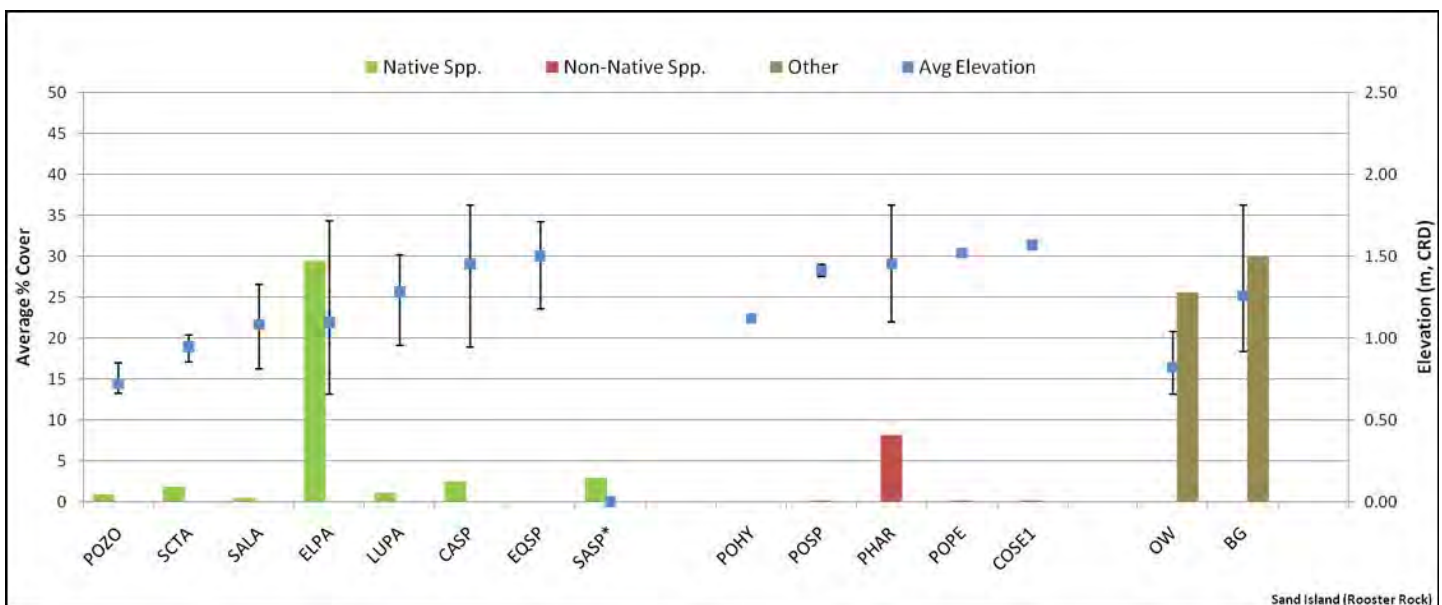
Vegetation

Number of species: 8

% Native Cover: 39.62

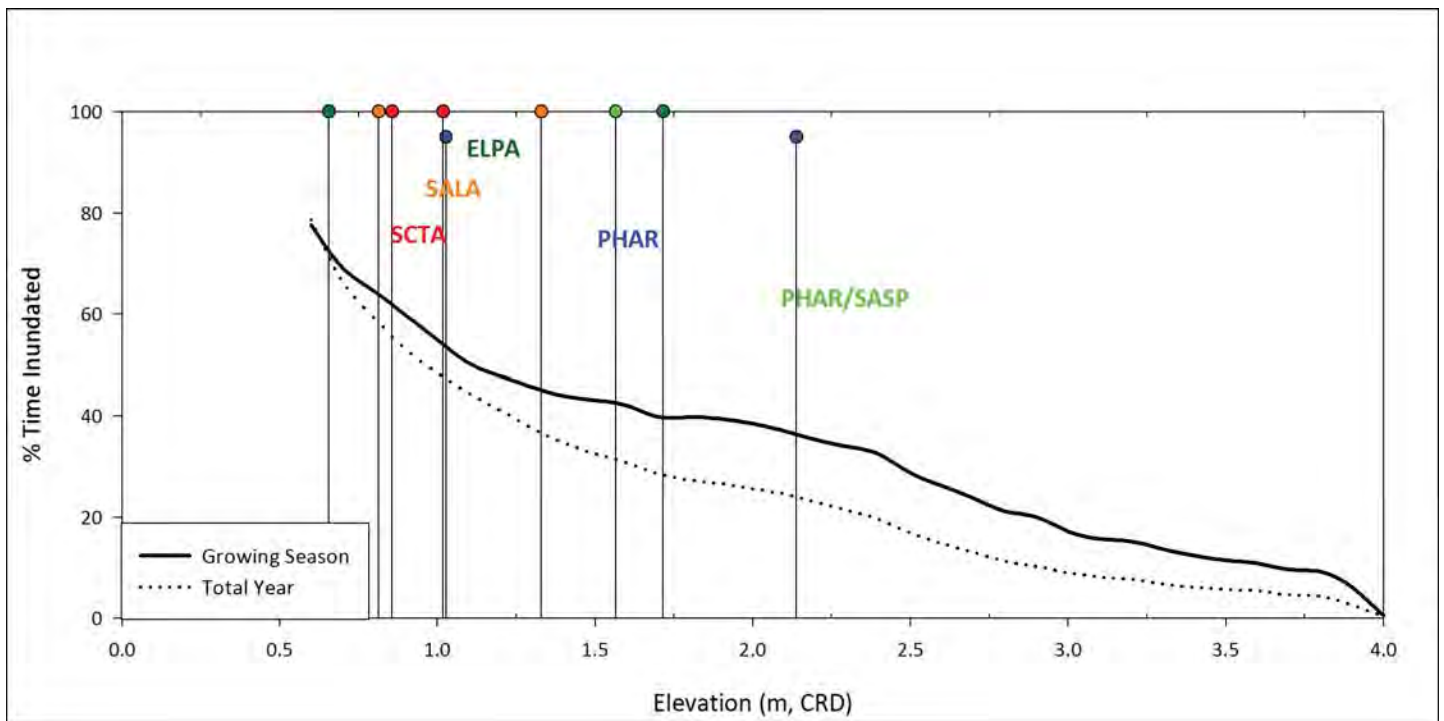
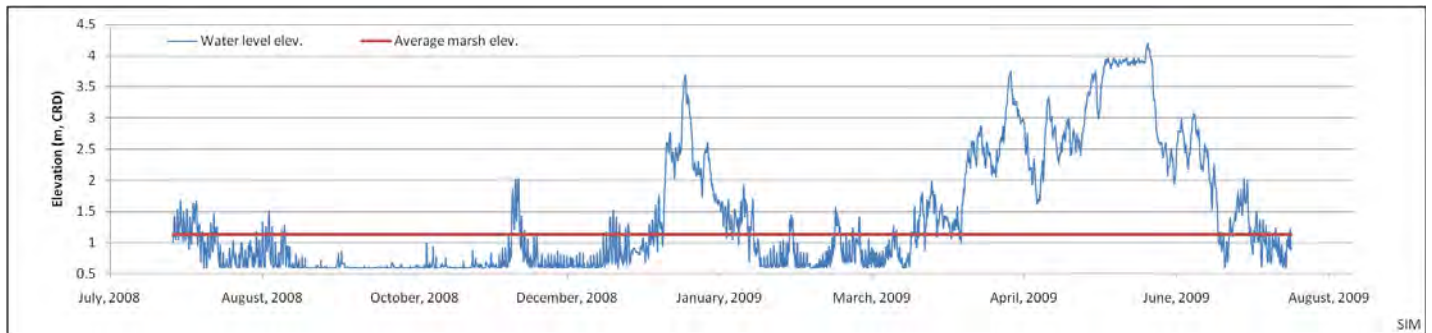
Number of Non-native species: 5

% Non-native Cover: 8.62



Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.13</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>72.5</u>	<u>119</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



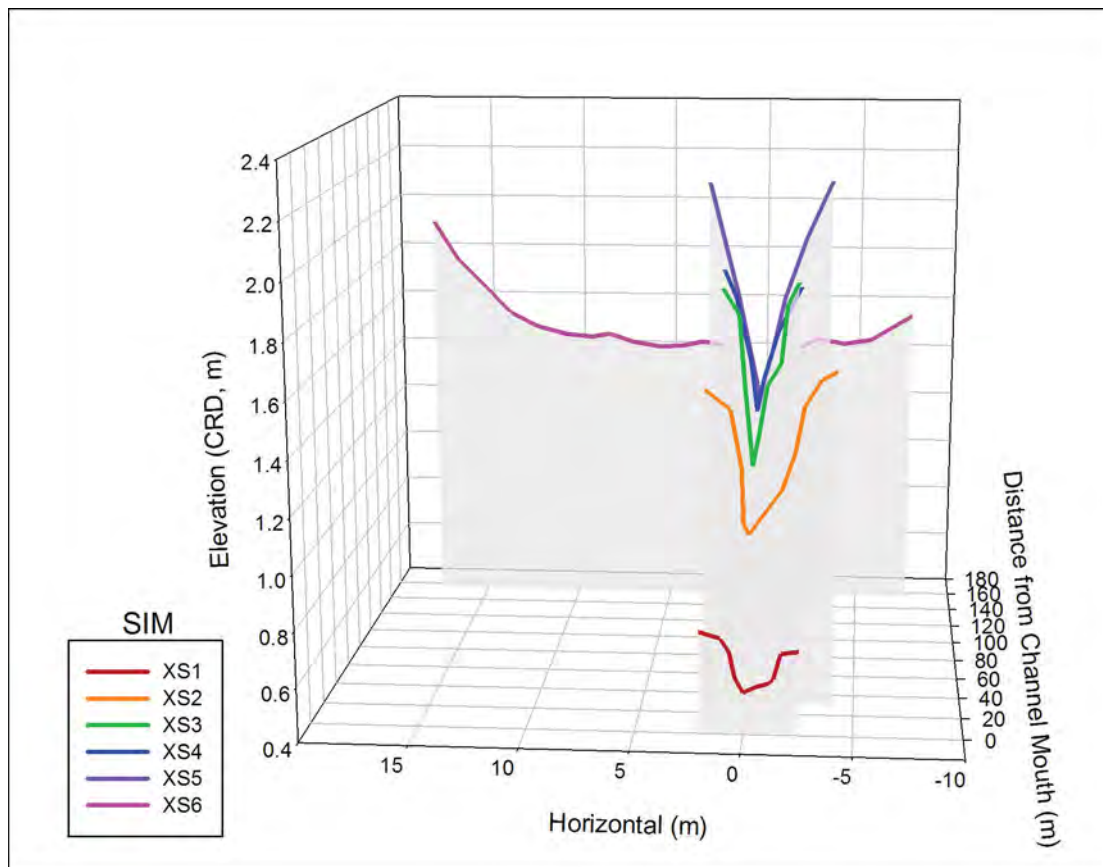
Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: -7.76 cm per year Elevation at sediment stakes: NA m, CRD

Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
SIM	1	0.70	0.55	0.15	0.3	1.7	11.1	84	66	83	69
	2	1.55	1.03	0.52	1.2	5.1	9.7	42	32	48	43
	3	1.85	1.20	0.65	0.9	3.5	5.3	36	27	45	40
	4	1.79	1.31	0.48	0.7	3.5	7.3	33	27	43	40
	5	2.13	1.27	0.86	2.4	6.2	7.2	34	24	44	37
	6	1.45	1.20	0.25	0.5	5.6	22.3	36	33	45	43

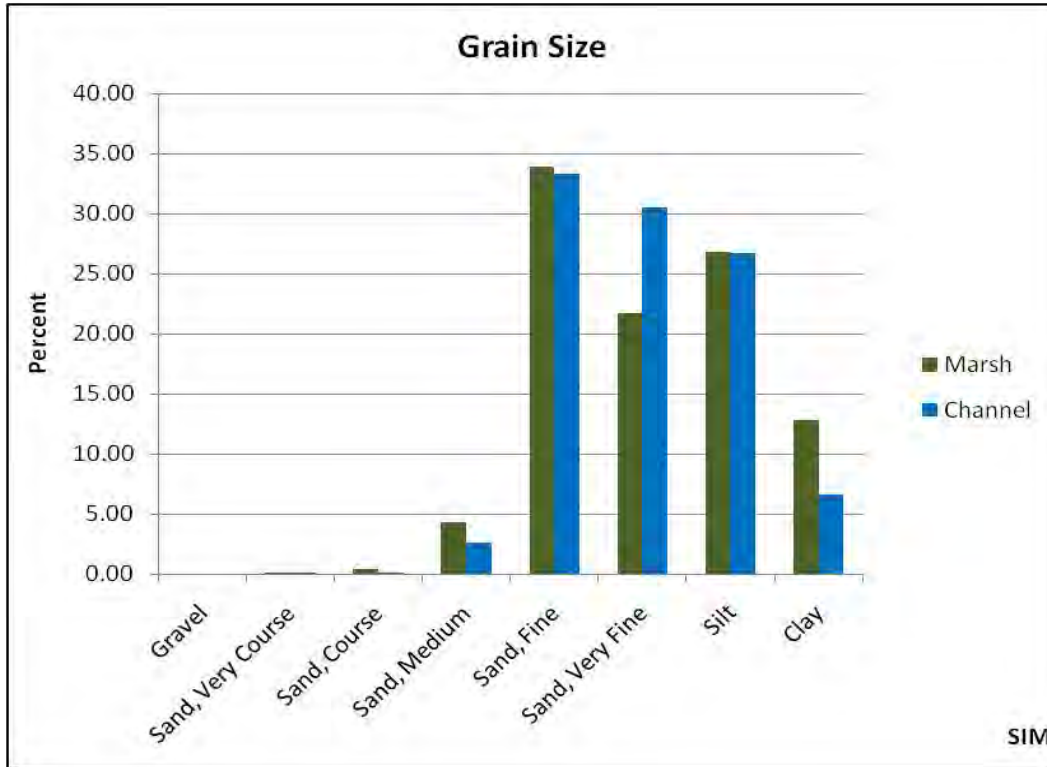
Cross Sections



Sediment

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 2.59

in wetland: 4.22



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: H

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5050398 Easting: 571388

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 221 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Marsh



Total Site Area: 69.1 ha

Study Area: 0.49 ha

Total channel length: 1973 m

Channel surveyed: 342 m

Channel slope: 1.25 m/km

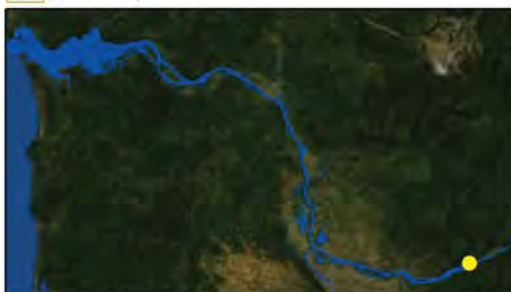
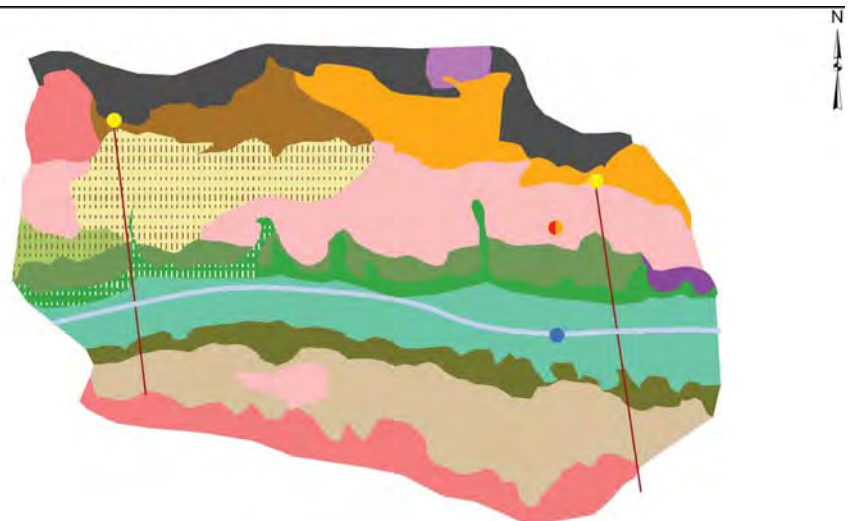
2009 GPS Mapping

Vegetation Community

- Carex obnupta/Leersia oryzoides
- Carex spp./Eleocharis palustris/Leersia oryzoides
- Fraxinus latifolia/Rubus discolor
- Phalaris arundinacea/Polygonum amphibium/Salix lucida saplings
- Polygonum amphibium
- P. amphibium/E. palustris/L. oryzoides/Carex spp
- Polygonum amphibium/Salix lucida
- Polygonum amphibium/Salix lucida/Phalaris arundinacea
- Polygonum amphibium/stunted Phalaris arundinacea
- rock
- Sagitaria latifolia
- Sagitaria latifolia/channel
- Salix lucida/Phalaris arundinacea
- sparse Sagitaria latifolia
- stunted Phalaris arundinacea/Leersia oryzoides/Carex obnupta

Monitoring Locations

- Sediment accretion stakes/Photo point
- Depth sensor
- Cross section end point
- Vegetation/Elevation
- Channel within Study Area
- Overall Channel Length
- Site Boundary



Site Information

Franz Lake is part of the Pierce National Wildlife Refuge. The site has an expansive area of emergent marsh extending 2 km from the mouth of the slough to a large, shallow ponded area. The sample site was located approximately 350 m from the channel mouth. Several beaver dams have created a series of ponds along the length of the channel resulting in large areas of shallow-water wetland with fringing bank gradually sloping to upland.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.91

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 4.85

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 1.19

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 2.14

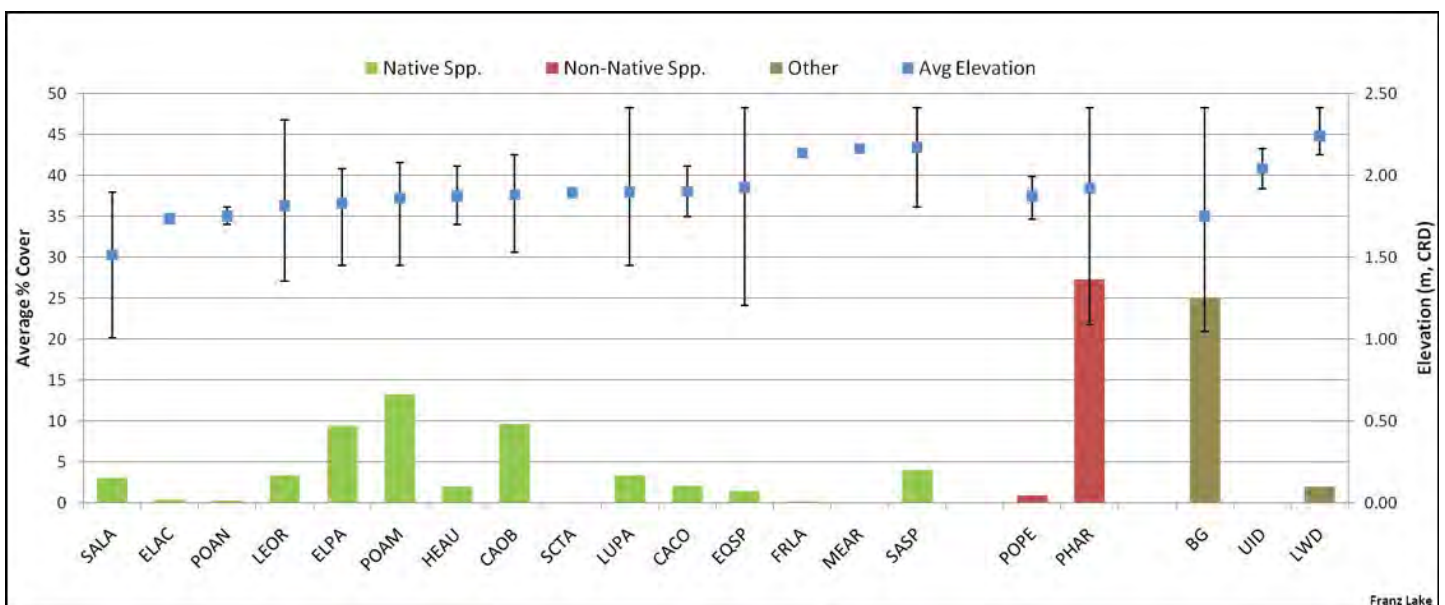
Vegetation

Number of Native species: 15

% Native Cover: 52.67

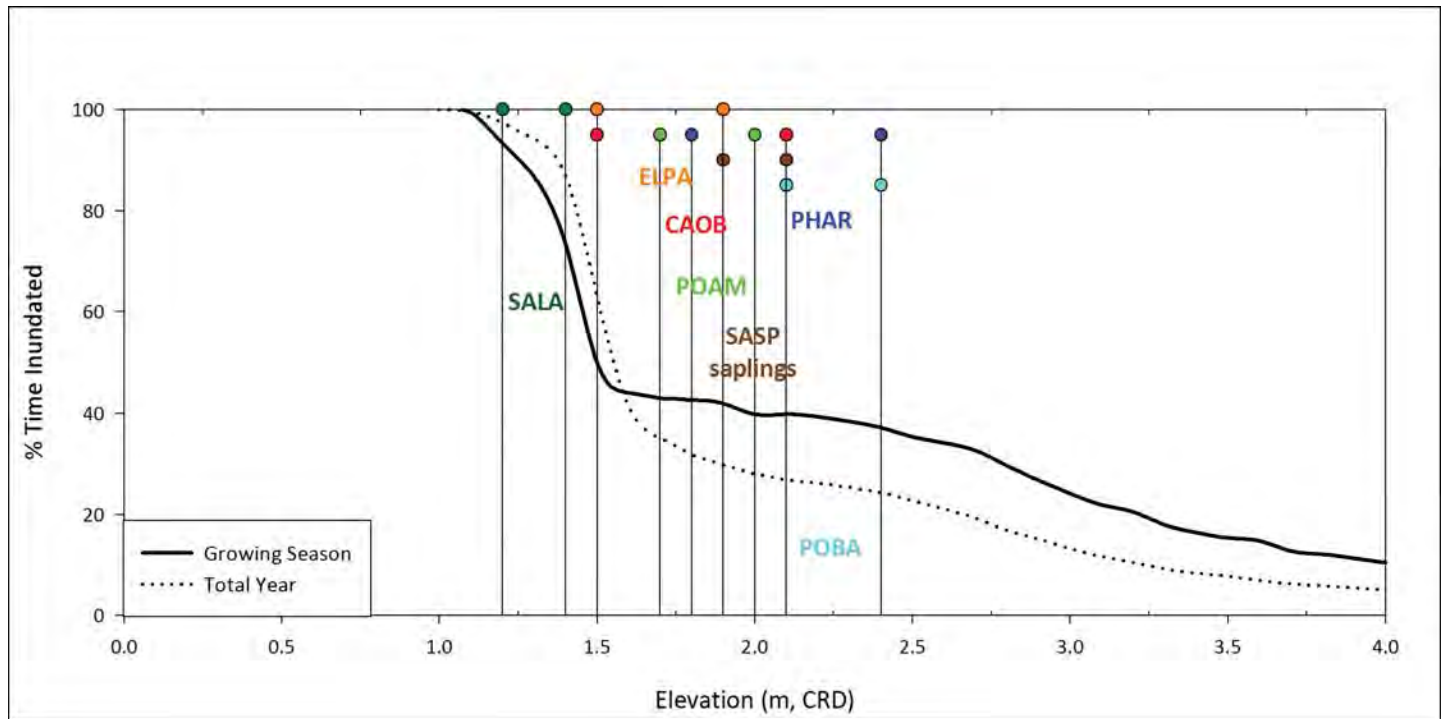
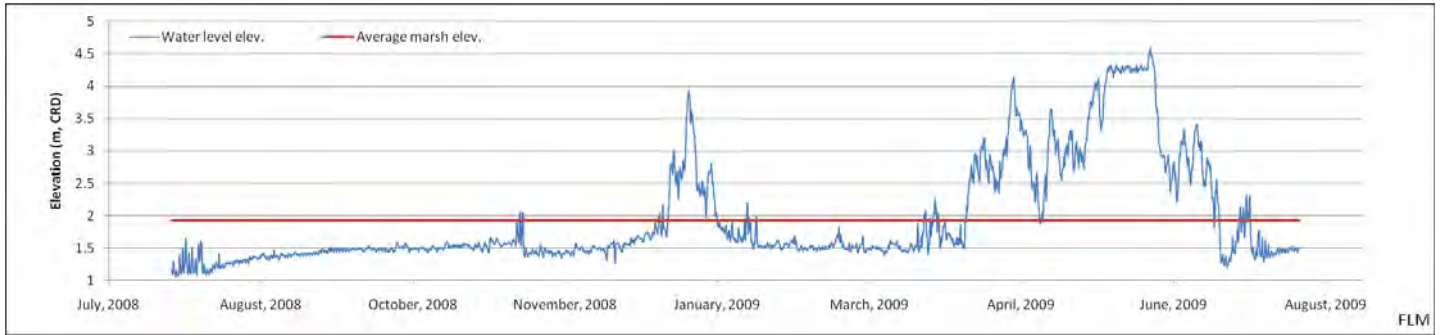
Number of Non-native species: 2

% Non-native Cover: 28.18



Inundation

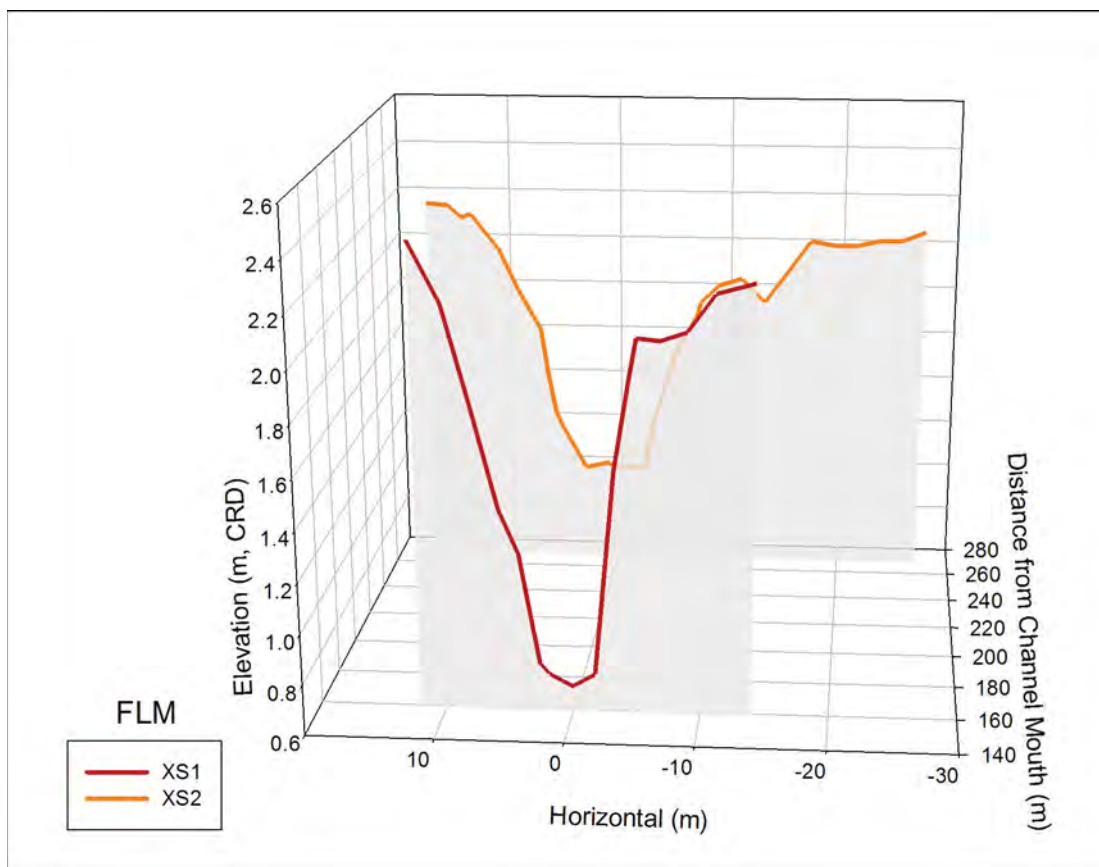
	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.93</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>92.7</u>	<u>90.2</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



Channels

Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
	Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)
FLM	1	2.06	0.70	1.36	11.4	14.1	10.4	100	27	100	40
	2	1.76	1.00	0.75	7.7	15.9	21.0	98	33	96	43

Cross Sections



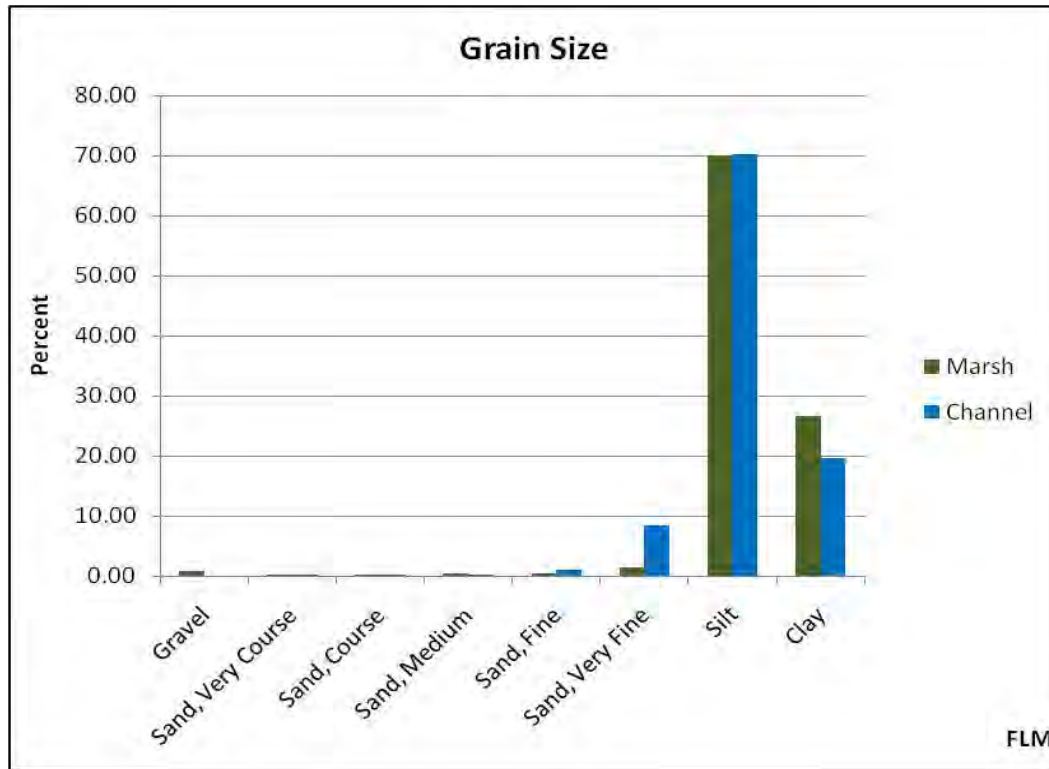
Sediment

Sediment accretion rate: 0.49 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: 1.84 m, CRD

Sediment

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 5.47 in wetland: 7.16



Site Description

Hydrogeomorphic Reach: H

Coordinates (UTM, NAD83 meters):

Northing: 5052414 Easting: 577124

Distance from Columbia River mouth: 228 rkm

Distance from main channel: 0 meters

Type: Marsh



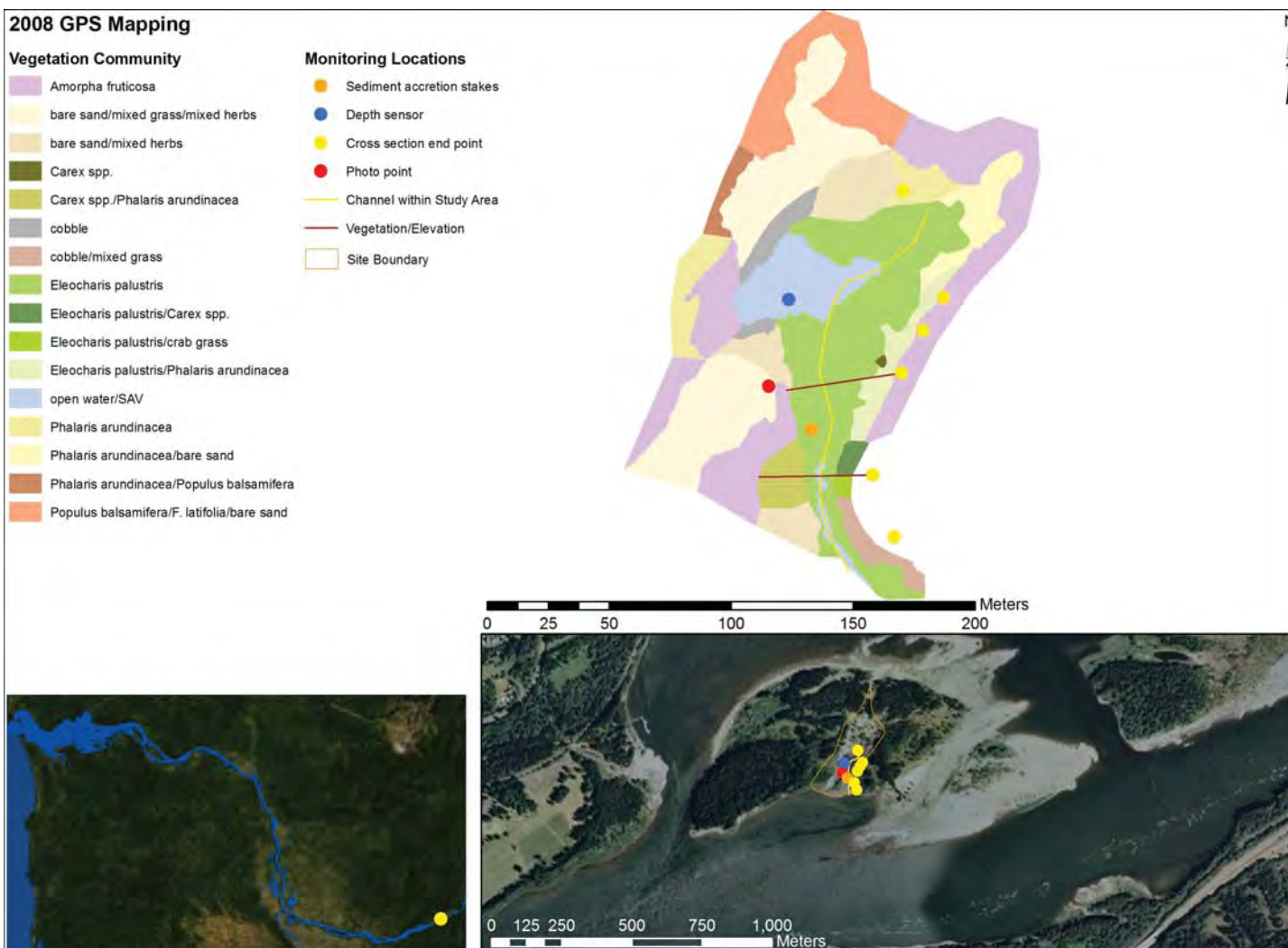
Total Site Area: 4.1 ha

Study Area: 0.86 ha

Total channel length: 170 m

Channel surveyed: 170 m

Channel slope: 0.93 m/km



Site Information

Pierce Island, owned by the Nature Conservancy, is a mainstem island. The site is broadly characterized by forested and shrub/scrub areas that are periodically flooded during high water, with a lower emergent marsh and ponded area. The sample area at this site, located in the emergent marsh, had sand/cobble sediments and a gradual bank rising to the upland portions of the island.

Elevation

Lowest marsh (NAVD88, m): 3.47

Highest marsh (NAVD88, m): 6.27

Lowest marsh (CRD, m): 0.66

Highest marsh (CRD, m): 3.45

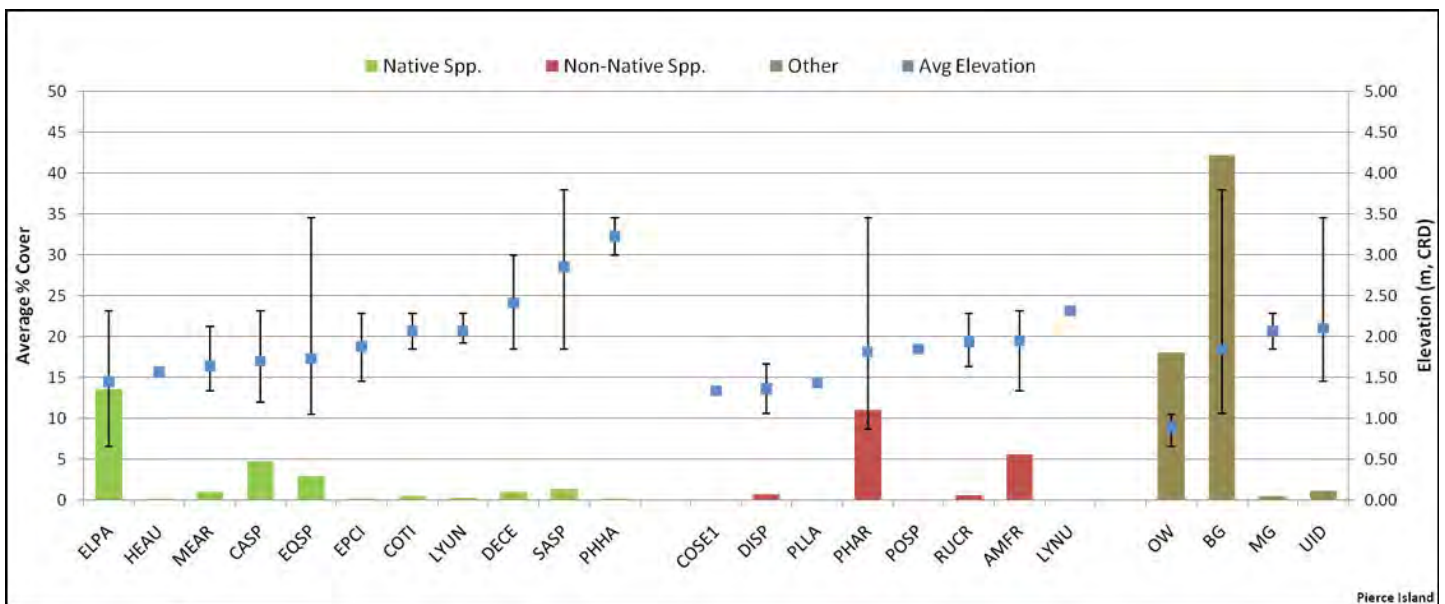
Vegetation

Number of species: 11

% Native Cover: 26.05

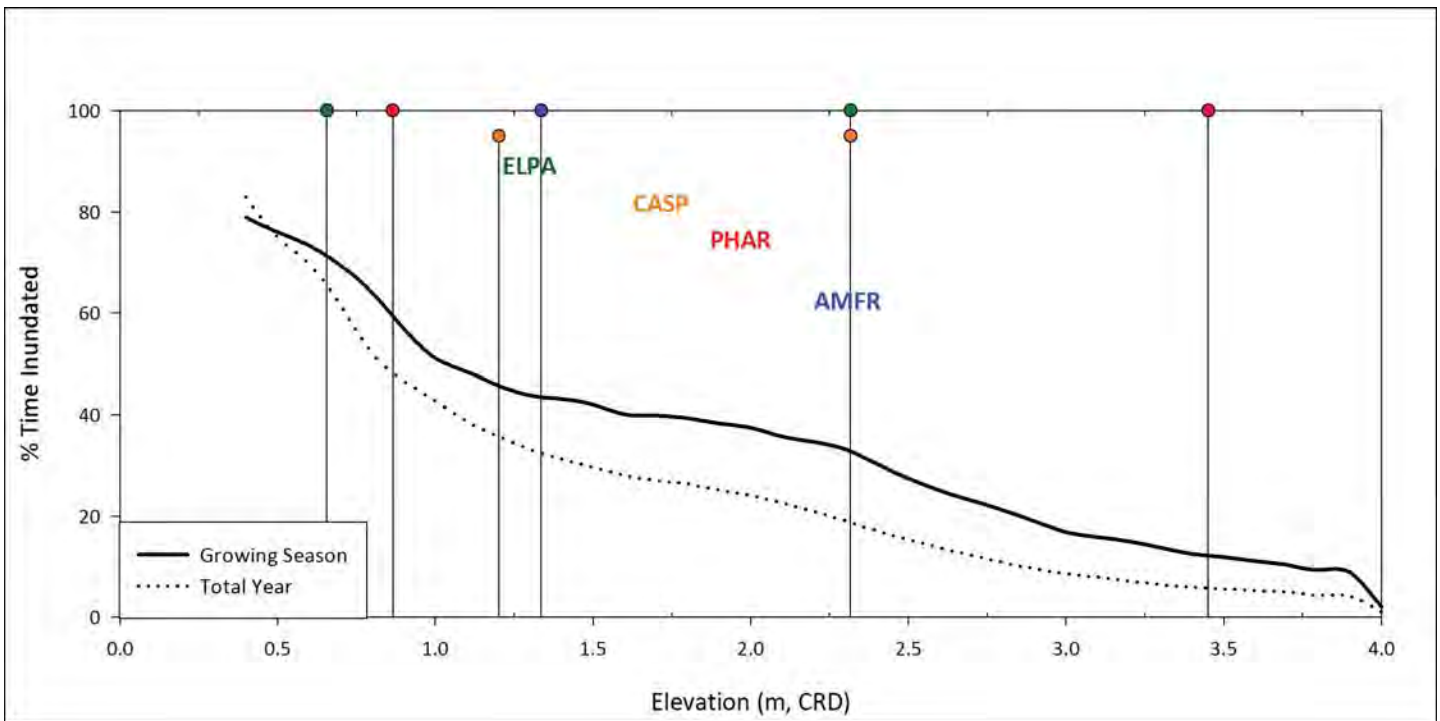
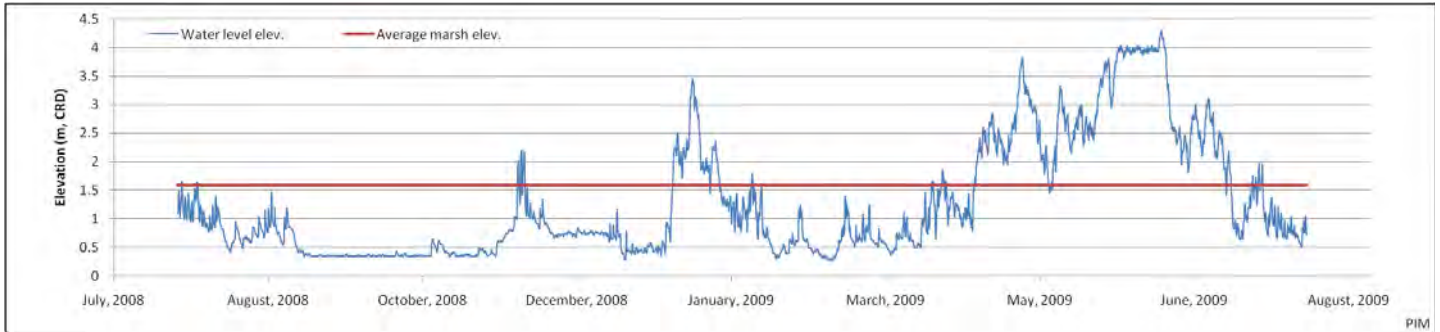
Number of Non-native species: 9

% Non-native Cover: 18.33



Inundation

	Std	Marsh	Modified Growing Season:
Average Elev (m, CRD)	<u>1.89</u>	<u>1.59</u>	Aug 20 to Oct 12, 2008
Sum Exceedance Value (SEV)	<u>72.0</u>	<u>90.0</u>	Apr 22 to Jun 21, 2009



Sediment

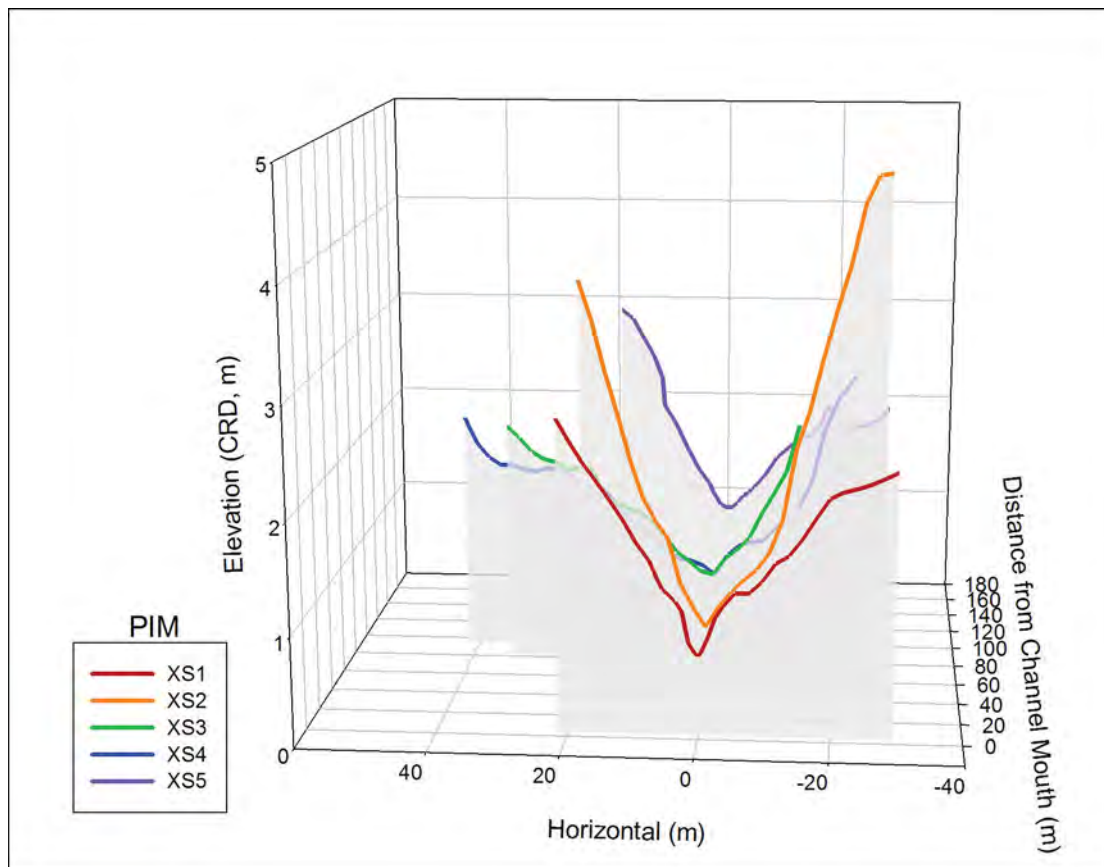
Sediment accretion rate: 1.60 cm per year

Elevation at sediment stakes: NA m, CRD

Channels

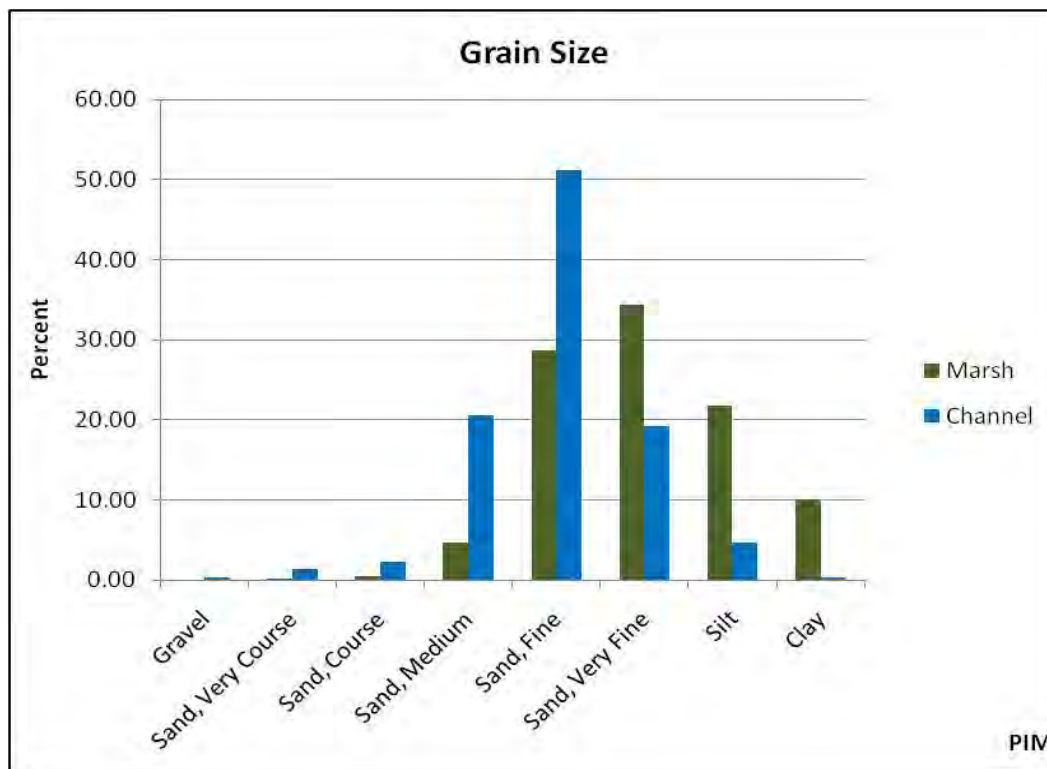
Physical Metrics								Inundation			
								Year		Growing Season	
Cross Section	Bank Elevation (m)	Thalweg Elevation (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Cross Section Area (m ²)	Channel Width (m)	Width: Depth Ratio	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	Time WL > Thalweg (%)	Time WL > Bank (%)	
1 (mouth)	1.59	0.71	0.88	7.6	20.3	23.1	48	28	60	40	
2	1.59	0.66	0.93	9.4	18.9	20.2	52	28	64	40	
3	1.59	0.84	0.76	10.6	27.7	36.7	43	28	52	40	
4	1.59	0.72	0.87	17.3	35.5	40.8	48	28	59	40	
5	1.59	0.87	0.72	8.0	20.5	28.5	42	28	51	40	

Cross Sections



Sediment

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in channel: 1.33 in wetland: 3.20



Appendix C

Vegetation Species List

Code	Scientific Name	Common Name	Status	Category	Native	Invasive /Weedy	NOTES	Previous Species Code
ACCI	<i>Acer circinatum</i>	Vine maple	FAC-	Shrub	yes			
ADAL	<i>Adiantum aleuticum</i>	Aleutian Maidenhair fern	FAC	Fern	yes		formerly <i>Adiantum pedatum</i> (ADPE)	ADPE
AGCA	<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	Colonial bentgrass	FAC	Grass	no			
AGEX	<i>Agrostis exarata</i>	spike bentgrass	FACW	Grass	yes			
AGGI	<i>Agrostis gigantea</i>	redtop; black bentgrass	NI	Grass	no			
AGOR	<i>Agrostis oregonensis</i>	Oregon bentgrass	FAC	Grass	yes			
AGST	<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i> L.	creeping bentgrass	FAC	Grass	no	yes		
ALTR	<i>Alisma triviale</i>	northern water plantain	OBL	Herb	yes		formerly <i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i> var. <i>americanum</i>	ALPL
ALRU	<i>Alnus rubra</i>	Red alder	FAC	Tree	yes			
ALPR	<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow foxtail	FACW	Grass	no			
AMAL	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Saskatoon serviceberry	FACU	Shrub	yes			
AMFR	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	indigo bush	FACW	Shrub	no	yes		
ANAR	<i>Angelica arguta</i>	Sharptooth angelica	FACW	Herb	yes			
ANGE	<i>Angelica geniflexa</i>	Kneeling angelica	FACW	Herb	yes			
APCA	<i>Apocynum cannabinum</i>	dogbane, Indian hemp	FAC+	Herb	yes			
ARDI	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goat's beard	FACU+	Herb	yes			
ASTR	<i>Asplenium trichomanes-ramosum</i>	Green spleenwort	FACU	Herb	yes		formerly <i>Asplenium viride</i> (ASVI)	ASVI
ATFI	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady fern	FAC	Fern	yes			
ATPA	<i>Atriplex patula</i>	spear saltbush	FACW	Herb	yes			
BESY	<i>Beckmannia syzigachne</i>	American sloughgrass	OBL	Grass	yes			
BICE	<i>Bidens cernua</i>	Nodding beggars-ticks	FACW+	Herb	yes	yes		
BIFR	<i>Bidens frondosa</i>	devil's beggartick	FACW+	Herb	yes			
BLSP	<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	Deer fern	FAC+	Fern	yes			
CACA	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	bluejoint	FACW+	Grass	yes			
CASP2	<i>Calamagrostis</i> spp.	reedgrass		Grass	yes			
CAHE	<i>Callitriche heterophylla</i>	Water starwort	OBL	Herb	yes			
CAPA	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Yellow marsh marigold	OBL	Herb	yes			
CAAN	<i>Cardamine angulata</i>	Angled bittercress	FACW	Herb	yes			
CAPE	<i>Cardamine pensylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania bittercress	FACW	Herb	no			
CAAP	<i>Carex aperta</i>	Columbia sedge	FACW	Sedge	yes		nearly exterpedated in CR	
CAAT	<i>Carex athrostachya</i>	slender-beak sedge	FACW	Sedge	yes			
CACO	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Bearded sedge	OBL	Sedge	yes		sensitive spp in WA	
CADE2	<i>Carex densa</i>	dense sedge	OBL	Sedge	yes		threatened	
CADE	<i>Carex deweyana</i>	Dewey sedge	FAC+	Sedge	yes			
CADI	<i>Carex disperma</i>	Soft-leaved sedge	FACW	Sedge	yes			
CAEC	<i>Carex echinata</i>	star sedge	NI	Sedge	yes			
CALY	<i>Carex lyngbyei</i>	Lynby sedge	OBL	Sedge	yes			
CAOB	<i>Carex obnupta</i>	Slough sedge	OBL	Sedge	yes			
CASP	<i>Carex</i> sp.	Carex	mixed	Sedge	yes			
CAST	<i>Carex stipata</i>	Sawbeak sedge	FACW	Sedge	yes			
CAVE	<i>Carex vesicaria</i>	inflated sedge, blister sedge	OBL	Sedge	yes			
CAAM	<i>Castilleja ambigua</i>	paint-brush owl-clover; johnny-nip	FACW+	Herb	yes			ORCA
CEDE	<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	Coontail	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
CHAN	<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>	Fireweed	FACU+	Herb	yes		formerly <i>Epilobium angustifolium</i>	EPAN
CHAL	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	lambsquarters	FAC	Herb	no	yes	possibly var. <i>striatum</i> , which is native	
CIDO	<i>Cicuta douglasii</i>	Western water-hemlock	OBL	Herb	yes	yes		
CIAR	<i>Cirsium arvense</i> var. <i>horridum</i>	Canada thistle	FACU+	Herb	no	yes		
CIVU	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bull thistle	FACU	Herb	no	yes		
CLSI	<i>Claytonia sibirica</i>	Candy flower; Siberian spring beauty	FAC	Herb	yes			
COPA	<i>Comarum palustre</i>	purple marshlocks, marsh cinquefoil	OBL	Herb	yes		formerly <i>Potentilla palustris</i>	POPA
COMA	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Poison hemlock	FAC+	Herb	no			
COAR	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Morning glory; Field bindweed	UPL	Herb	no	yes		
COSE1	<i>Convolvulus sepium</i>	Hedge bindweed	FAC	Herb	no		formerly COSE	COSE
COTI	<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>	golden tickseed	FACU	Herb	yes			
COCA	<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	bunchberry	FAC	Shrub	yes			
COSE	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red-osier dogwood	FACW	Shrub	yes		formerly COST	COST
COCO	<i>Catula coronopifolia</i>	common brassbuttons	FACW+	Herb	no			
COCO2	<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	beaked hazelnut	FACU	Tree	yes			
CRDO	<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	black hawthorn	FAC	Shrub	yes			
CYSP	<i>Cyperus</i> sp.	flatsedge		Herb	mixed			
CYST	<i>Cyperus strigosus</i>	Strawcolor flatsedge; nutsedge	FACW	Sedge	yes			
DAGL	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Orchard-grass	FACU	Grass	no			
DECE	<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	Tufted hairgrass	FACW	Grass	yes			
DIIS	<i>Digitaria ischaemum</i>	smooth crabgrass	FACU	Grass	no			
DISA	<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	hairy crabgrass	FACU	Grass	yes			
DISP	<i>Digitaria</i> sp.	crabgrass	FACU	Grass	mixed			
DISP2	<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	saltgrass	FACW	Grass	yes			
ELAC	<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>	Needle spikerush	OBL	Sedge	yes			
ELOV	<i>Eleocharis ovata</i>	Ovoid spikerush	OBL	Sedge	yes			
ELPA	<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	Common spikerush	OBL	Sedge	yes			
ELPAR	<i>Eleocharis parvula</i>	Dwarf spikerush	OBL	Sedge	yes			
ELSP	<i>Eleocharis</i> spp.	Spikerush	OBL	Sedge	yes			
ELCA	<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	Canada waterweed	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
ELNU	<i>Elodea nuttallii</i>	waterweed	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
ELRE	<i>Elymus repens</i>	Quackgrass	FAC-	Grass	no			
EPCI	<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	Willow herb	FACW-	Herb	yes			
EQFL	<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>	Water horsetail	OBL	Fern	yes			
EQHY	<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>	scouringrush horsetail	FACW	Fern	yes			
EQPA	<i>Equisetum palustre</i>	marsh horsetail	FACW	Fern	yes			

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EQSP	<i>Equisetum</i> spp.	Horsetail	mixed	Fern	yes			
EQTE	<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	giant horsetail	FACW	Fern	yes			
EUOC	<i>Euthamia occidentalis</i>	western goldentop	FACW*	Herb	yes			
FRPU	<i>Fragula purshiana</i>	Cascara	FAC-	Tree	yes		formerly <i>Rhamnus purshiana</i> (RHPU)	RHPU
FRLA	<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	Oregon ash	FACW	Tree	yes			
FUDI	<i>Fucus distichus</i>	Rockweed	OBL	Algae	yes			
GAAP	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers bedstraw	FACU	Herb	yes	yes	hairy nutlets	
GASP	<i>Galium</i> spp	Pacific bedstraw; cleavers; small bedstraw	mixed	Herb	yes			
GATR	<i>Galium trifidum</i> var. <i>pacificum</i>	Pacific bedstraw	FACW	Herb	yes		smooth nutlets	
GATR2	<i>Galium triflorum</i>	fragrant bedstraw	FACU	Herb	yes		hairy nutlets, usually partial shade	
GATR3	<i>Galium trifidum</i>	small bedstraw	FACW+	Herb	yes		smooth nutlets, smaller than var. <i>pacificum</i>	
GASH	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	Salal	FACU	Shrub	yes			
GEMA	<i>Geum macrophyllum</i>	Largeleaf avens	FACW-	Herb	yes			
GLMA	<i>Glaux maritima</i>	sea milkwort	FACW+	Herb	yes			
GLHE	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Creeping Charlie	FACU+	Herb	no	yes		
GLGR	<i>Glyceria grandis</i>	American mannagrass	OBL	Grass	yes			
GLST	<i>Glyceria striata</i>	Fowl mannagrass	OBL	Grass	yes		formerly <i>G. elata</i>	GLEL
GNUL	<i>Gnaphalium uliginosum</i>	Marsh cudweed	FAC+	Herb	no			
GREB	<i>Gratiola ebracteata</i>	bractless hedgehyssop	OBL	Herb	yes			
GRNE	<i>Gratiola neglecta</i>	American Hedge-hyssop	OBL	Herb	yes			
HEHE	<i>Hedera helix</i>	English ivy	UPL	Herb	no	yes		
HEAU	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	common sneezeweed	FACW	Herb	yes			
HEMA	<i>Heracleum maximum</i>	Cow-parsnip	FAC+	Herb	yes		formerly <i>Heracleum lanatum</i>	HELA
HOLA	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Common velvetgrass	FAC	Grass	no			
HOBR	<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	Meadow barley	FACW-	Grass	yes			
HYRA2	<i>Hydrocotyle ranunculoides</i>	Water pennywort	OBL	Herb	yes			
HYSC	<i>Hypericum scouleri</i>	Western St. Johns wort	FAC	Herb	yes		Also called <i>Hypericum formosum</i> HYFO (should be HYSC according to USDA database)	HYFO
HYRA	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Spotted cat's ear	FACU	Herb	no			
ILAQ	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	English holly	UPL	Tree	no			
ILSP	<i>Ilex</i> sp.	Holly	UPL	Tree	no			
IMSP	<i>Impatiens capensis</i> , <i>Impatiens noli-tangere</i>	touch-me-not	FACW	Herb	yes			
IRPS	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow iris	OBL	Herb	no			
JUAC	<i>Juncus acuminatus</i>	Tapertip rush	OBL	Rush	yes			
JUBA	<i>Juncus balticus</i>	Baltic rush	FACW+	Rush	yes			
JUBU	<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	Toad rush	FACW	Rush	yes			
JUEF	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft rush	FACW	Rush	mixed			
JUEN	<i>Juncus ensifolius</i>	Daggerleaf rush	FACW	Rush	yes			
JUFA	<i>Juncus falcatus</i>	Sickleleaf rush	FACW-	Rush	yes			
JUGE	<i>Juncus gerardii</i>	saltmeadow rush	FACW+	Rush	yes			
JUNE	<i>Juncus nevadensis</i>	Sierra rush	FACW	Rush	yes			
JUOX	<i>Juncus oxymiris</i>	Pointed rush	FACW+	Rush	yes			
JUSP	<i>Juncus</i> spp.	Rush	mixed	Rush	mixed			
JUSU	<i>Juncus supiniformis</i>	Spreading rush	OBL	Rush	yes			
JUTE	<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	slender rush, poverty rush	FACW-	Rush	yes		Campbell Slough 2010	
LAPA	<i>Lathyrus palustris</i>	Marsh peavine	OBL	Herb	yes			
LEOR	<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	Rice cutgrass	OBL	Grass	yes			
LEMI	<i>Lemna minor</i>	Duckweed	OBL	Herb	yes			
LEMO	<i>Leymus mollis</i>	American dunegrass	UPL	Grass	yes		Trestle Bay 2008	
LEVU	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	oxeye daisy	UPL	Herb	no	yes	noxious weed	
LIOC	<i>Lilaeopsis occidentalis</i>	Western lilaepsis	OBL	Herb	yes			
LIAQ	<i>Limosella aquatica</i>	Water mudwort	OBL	Herb	yes			
LOIN	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Black twinberry	FAC+	Shrub	yes			
LOCO	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Birdsfoot trefoil	FAC	Herb	no			
LUPA	<i>Ludwigia palustris</i>	False loosestrife	OBL	Herb	yes			
LUPO	<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i>	Large-leaved lupine	FAC+	Herb	yes		from Welch Is.	
LYAM2	<i>Lycopus americanus</i>	American water horehound	OBL	Herb	yes			
LYSP	<i>Lycopus</i> sp.	Bugleweed; horehound	OBL	Herb	yes			
LYUN	<i>Lycopus uniflorus</i>	Northern bugleweed	OBL	Herb	yes			
LYAM	<i>Lysichiton americanus</i>	Skunk cabbage	OBL	Herb	yes			
LYNU	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i> L.	Moneywort, Creeping Jenny	FACW	Herb	no			
LYSA	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple loosestrife	FACW+	Herb	no	yes		
MASA	<i>Madia sativa</i>	coast tarweed	UPL	Herb	yes			
MADI	<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>	Wild lily-of-the-valley	FAC	Herb	yes			
MARA	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	Large false lily of the valley	UPL	Herb	yes		formerly <i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	
MAFU	<i>Malus fusca</i>	Pacific crab apple	FACW	Tree	yes			
MAPO	<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>	Lung liverwort	na	NV	yes		Gee Creek 2010	
MEAR	<i>Mentha arvensis</i>	wild mint	FACW-	Herb	yes		pointy serrations	
MESP3	<i>Mentha spicata</i> L.	spearmint	OBL	Herb	no		rounded serrations	
MESP	<i>Mentha</i> spp.	Mint (field mint, spearmint)	mixed	Herb	mixed			
MIAL	<i>Mimulus alsinoides</i>	Chickweed monkey-flower	OBL	Herb	yes			
MIGU	<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	Yellow monkeyflower	OBL	Herb	yes			
MILE	<i>Mimulus lewisii</i>	great purple monkey flower	FACW+	Herb	yes			
MIRI	<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	Allegheny monkeyflower	OBL	Herb	yes		Cottonwood Island 2010	
MITR	<i>Mitella trifida</i>	Three-toothed mitrewort	na	Herb	yes			
MYLA	<i>Myosotis laxa</i>	Small forget-me-not	OBL	Herb	yes			
MYSP	<i>Myosotis laxa</i> , <i>M. scorpioides</i>	Small forget-me-not, Common forget-me-not	mixed	Herb	mixed			
MYSC	<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	Common forget-me-not	FACW	Herb	no			

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MYAQ	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	Parrot-feather milfoil	OBL	Herb	no	yes	SAV	
MYHI	<i>Myriophyllum hippuroides</i>	western milfoil	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
MYS3	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian water milfoil	OBL	Herb	no	yes	SAV	
MYS2	<i>Myriophyllum spp.</i>	Milfoil	OBL	Herb	mixed			
MYSI	<i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>	northern milfoil, short spike milfoil	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
NULU	<i>Nuphar lutea</i>	Yellow pond-lily	OBL	Herb	yes			
OECE	<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	Indian-plum	FACU	Shrub	yes			
OESA	<i>Oenanthe sarmentosa</i>	Water parsley	OBL	Herb	yes			
OXOR	<i>Oxalis oregana</i>	Redwood sorrel	UPL	Herb	yes			
PACA	<i>Panicum capillare</i>	witchgrass	FACU+	Grass	yes			
	<i>Panicum occidentale/Dichantheium acuminatum</i>	western panicgrass	FACW	Grass	yes			
PAVI	<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow parentucellia	FAC-	Herb	no			
PADI	<i>Paspalum distichum</i>	Knotgrass	FACW	Grass	yes			
PENE	<i>Pellia neesiana</i>	Ring peltia		Liverwort	yes			
PHHA	<i>Phacelia hastata</i>	silver-leaf phacelia	UPL	Herb	yes			
PHAR	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed canary grass	FACW	Grass	no	yes		
PHCA	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Pacific ninebark	FACW-	Shrub	yes			
PISI	<i>Picea sitchensis</i>	Sitka spruce	FAC	Tree	yes			
PLLA	<i>Plantago lanceolata var. lanceolata</i>	Rib plantain	FAC	Herb	no			
PLMA	<i>Plantago major</i>	common plantain	FACU+	Herb	no			
PLDI	<i>Platanthera dilatata</i>	white bog orchid	FACW+	Herb	yes			
POAN2	<i>Poa annua</i>	annual bluegrass	FAC	Grass	no			
POAM	<i>Polygonum amphibium</i>	water ladysthumb, water smartweed	OBL	Herb	yes			
POCU	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>	Japanese knotweed	FACU	Herb	no	yes		
POHY	<i>Polygonum hydropiper, P. hydropiperoides</i>	Waterpepper, mild waterpepper, swamp smartweed	OBL	Herb	mixed		POHY and POHY2 combined into this category	
POLA	<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>	curly top knotweed	FACW	Herb	yes			
POPE	<i>Polygonum persicaria</i>	Spotted ladysthumb	FACW	Herb	no	yes		
POSP	<i>Polygonum sp.</i>	Knotweed, Smartweed	mixed	Herb	mixed			
POGL	<i>Polypodium glycyrrhiza</i>	Licorice fern	FACU	Fern	yes			
POMU	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	Sword fern	FACU	Fern	yes			
POBA	<i>Populus balsamifera</i>	black cottonwood	FAC	Tree	yes			
POCR	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	Curly leaf pondweed	OBL	Herb	no	yes	SAV	
PONA	<i>Potamogeton natans</i>	Floating-leaved pondweed	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
POPU	<i>Potamogeton pusillus</i>	Small pondweed	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
PORI	<i>Potamogeton richardsonii</i>	Richardson's pondweed	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
POSP2	<i>Potamogeton sp.</i>	Pondweed	OBL	Herb	mixed			
POZO	<i>Potamogeton zosteriformis</i>	Eelgrass pondweed	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
	<i>Potentilla anserina ssp. Pacifica/Argentina</i>						also known as <i>Argentina egedii</i> spp.	
POAN	<i>egedii ssp. Egedii</i>	Pacific silverweed	OBL	Herb	yes		<i>Egedii</i>	
PRVU	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self heal	FACU+	Herb	yes			
PREM	<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	Bitter cherry	FACU	Tree	yes			
PSCA	<i>Pseudognaphalium canescens</i>	Slender cudweed; Wright's cudweed	UPL	Herb	yes		formerly <i>Gnaphalium microcephalum</i>	GNMI
PTAQ	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken fern	FACU	Fern	yes			
PUPU	<i>Puccinellia pumila</i>	dwarf alkaligrass	FACW+	Herb	yes			
RACY	<i>Ranunculus cymbalaria</i>	Alkali buttercup	OBL	Herb	yes			
RAFL	<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>	Small creeping buttercup	FACW	Herb	yes			
RARE	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping buttercup	FACW	Herb	no			
RASC	<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	Celery-leaved buttercup	OBL	Herb	yes			
RAUN	<i>Ranunculus uncinatus</i>	Woodland buttercup	FAC-	Herb	yes			
RIBR	<i>Ribes bracteosum</i>	Stink currant	FAC	Shrub	yes			
RIDI	<i>Ribes divaricatum</i>	Wax currant, coast black currant	FAC	Shrub	yes			
RILA	<i>Ribes lacustre</i>	Swamp gooseberry	FAC+	Shrub	yes			
RIFL	<i>Riccia fluitans</i>	Liverwort	na	Liverwort	yes			
RINA	<i>Ricciocarpos natans</i>	Purple fringed liverwort	na	Liverwort	yes			
ROSP	<i>Rorippa calycina, R. curvisiliqua</i>	Yellow cress	mixed	Herb	yes			
ROCO	<i>Rorippa columbiana</i>	Columbian yellowcress	OBL	Herb	yes		Threatened in Washington state	ROCA
ROCU	<i>Rorippa curvisiliqua</i>	curvepod yellow cress	OBL	Herb	yes			
	<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum/Nasturtium officinale</i>	Watercress	OBL	Herb	no			
ROPA	<i>Rorippa palustris</i>	Marsh yellow-cress	OBL	Herb	yes			
RONU	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	Nootka rose	FAC	Shrub	yes			
	<i>Rosa pisocarpa</i>	Clustered wild rose, peafruit rose, swamp rose	FAC	Shrub	yes			
ROPI	<i>Rosa pisocarpa</i>	swamp rose	FAC	Shrub	yes			
RUAR	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	Himalayan blackberry	FACU	Shrub	no		formerly <i>Rubus discolor</i>	RUDI
RULA	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	Evergreen blackberry	FACU+	Shrub	no			
RUPA	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	Thimbleberry	FAC-	Shrub	yes			
RUSP	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	Salmonberry	FAC+	Shrub	yes			
RUUR	<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	Trailing blackberry	FACU	Shrub	yes			
RUAC	<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	common sheep sorrel	FACU+	Herb	no	yes		
RUAQ	<i>Rumex aquaticus</i>	Western dock	FACW+	Herb	yes		formerly <i>Rumex occidentalis</i>	RUOC
RUCR	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curly dock	FAC+	Herb	no			
RUMA	<i>Rumex maritimus</i>	Golden dock, seaside dock	FACW+	Herb	yes			
RUMA2	<i>Ruppia maritima</i>	Widgeongrass	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
SALA	<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	Wapato	OBL	Herb	yes			
SAVI	<i>Salicornia virginica</i>	pickleweed	OBL	Herb	yes			
SAFL	<i>Salix fluviatilis</i>	Columbia River willow, river willow	OBL	Shrub	yes		Cottonwood Island 2; 2010	
SALU	<i>Salix lucida</i>	Pacific willow	FACW+	Shrub	yes			
SASI	<i>Salix sitchensis</i>	Sitka willow	FACW	Shrub	yes			
SASP	<i>Salix spp.</i>	Willow	mixed	Shrub	yes			

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SARA	<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	Red elderberry	FACU	Shrub	yes			
SCAC	<i>Schoenoplectus acutus</i>	Hardstem bulrush, tule	OBL	Sedge	yes		formerly <i>Scirpus acutus</i> (SCAC)	SCAC
SCAM	<i>Schoenoplectus americanus</i>	American bulrush, threesquare bulrush	OBL	Sedge	yes		formerly <i>Scirpus americanus</i> (SCAM)	SCAM
SCMA	<i>Schoenoplectus maritimus</i>	Seacoast bulrush	OBL	Sedge	yes		formerly <i>Scirpus maritimus</i> (SCMA)	SCMA
SCSP	<i>Schoenoplectus spp.</i>	hybrid sedge	OBL	Sedge	mixed		used when spp appears to have hybridized or has no identifying features	
SCTA	<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i>	Softstem bulrush, tule	OBL	Sedge	Yes		formerly <i>Scirpus lacustris</i> (SCLA)	SCLA
SCTR	<i>Schoenoplectus triqueteter</i>	Threesquare tule	OBL	Sedge	no		formerly <i>Scirpus triqueteter</i> (SCTR)	SCTR
SCCY	<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	woolly sedge	OBL	Sedge	yes			
SCMI	<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	Small-fruited bulrush	OBL	Sedge	yes			
SCLA	<i>Scrophularia lanceolata</i>	Lance-leaf figwort	FAC	Herb	yes		formerly SCLA2	SCLA2
SISU	<i>Sium suave</i>	Hemlock waterparsnip	OBL	Herb	yes			
SODU	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet nightshade	FAC+	Herb	no			
SOCA	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod	FACU	Herb	yes			
SPAN	<i>Sparganium angustifolium</i>	Narrowleaf burreed	OBL	Herb	yes			SPEM
SPDO	<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	Douglas spiraea	FACW	Shrub	yes			
STCO	<i>Stachys cooleyae</i>	Cooley's hedge-nettle	FACW	Herb	yes			
STCR	<i>Stellaria crispa</i>	Curled starwort	FAC+	Herb	yes			
STLO	<i>Stellaria longifolia</i>	Longleaf starwort	FACW	Herb	yes			
SYAL	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Common snowberry	FACU	Shrub	yes			
SYSU	<i>Symphotrichum subspicatum</i>	Douglas aster	FACW	Herb	yes		formerly <i>Aster subspicatus</i> (ASSU)	ASSU
TAOF	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Common dandelion	FACU	Herb	no			
TEGR	<i>Tellima grandiflora</i>	Fringe cup	UPL	Herb	yes			
THPL	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	Western redcedar	FAC	Tree	yes			
TITR	<i>Tiarella trifoliata</i>	Foamflower	FAC-	Herb	yes			
TOME	<i>Tolmiea menziesii</i>	Piggy-back plant	FAC	Herb	yes			
TRAR	<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	rabbitfoot clover	UPL	Herb	no	yes		
TRSP	<i>Trifolium pratense, T. repens, T. dubium</i>	Red clover, white clover, small hop-clover	mixed	Herb	no			
TRWO	<i>Trifolium wormskioldii</i>	Springbank clover	FACW+	Herb	yes			
TRMA	<i>Triglochin maritima</i>	Seaside arrowgrass	OBL	Arrow-grass	yes			
TSHE	<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>	Western hemlock	FACU-	Tree	yes			
TYAN	<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Narrowleaf cattail	OBL	Herb	no			
TYSP	<i>Typha angustifolia, T. latifolia</i>	Narrowleaf cattail, common cattail	OBL	Herb	mixed			
TYLA	<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Common cattail	OBL	Herb	yes			
URDI	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging Nettle	FAC+	Herb	yes			
UTVU	<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	Common bladderwort	OBL	Herb	yes		carnivorous	
VAPA	<i>Vaccinium parvifolium</i>	Red huckleberry	FACU	Shrub	yes			
VECA	<i>Veratrum californicum</i>	California false hellebore	FACW+	Herb	yes			
VEBH	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Common mullein	UPL	Herb	no			
VEAM	<i>Veronica americana</i>	American speedwell	OBL	Herb	yes			
VEAN	<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	water speedwell	OBL	Herb	yes			
VESE	<i>Veronica scutellata</i>	marsh speedwell	OBL	Herb	yes			
VESE	<i>Veronica spp.</i>	speedwell	OBL	Herb	yes			
VIEN	<i>Viburnum edule</i>	Highbush cranberry	FACW	Shrub	yes			
VIAM	<i>Vicia americana</i>	American vetch	FAC	Herb	yes			
VISP	<i>Vicia spp.</i>	Vetch		Herb	mixed			
WOSP	<i>Wolffia spp.</i>	Watermeal	OBL	Herb	yes			
XAST	<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	rough cocklebur	FAC	Herb	yes			
ZAPA	<i>Zannichellia palustris</i>	horned pondweed	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
ZOJA	<i>Zostera japonica</i>	Japanese eelgrass	OBL	Herb	no		SAV	
ZOMA	<i>Zostera marina</i>	eelgrass	OBL	Herb	yes		SAV	
Other Codes Used during Vegetation Monitoring:								
BG		bare ground						
DA		drift algae						
DW		drift wrack						
FGA		filamentous green algae	OBL	Algae				
litter		litter						
LW		live wood						
LWD		large woody debris						
MG		mixed Grass	mixed	Grass	mixed			
MGA		matting green algae	OBL	Algae				
MH		mixed herbs		Herb				
MOSS		moss	na	Moss	yes			
OM		organic matter	na	mixed	mixed			
OW		open water						
SMG		small mixed grass		Grass				
SMH		small mixed herbs		Herb				

