

NEWFOUND LAKE

2015 SAMPLING HIGHLIGHTS

Station - Deep 1



Refer to the Newfound Lake Watershed Assessment (2013) for additional information,

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3Zgrj7TV9sZRTJwaVk3S2IHMFE/view?pli=1>

Blue = Excellent = Oligotrophic

Yellow = Fair = Mesotrophic

Red = Poor = Eutrophic

Light Gray = No Data

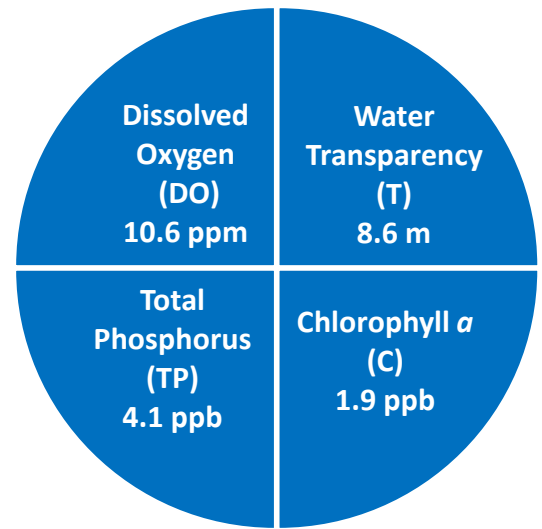


Figure 1. Station Deep 1 Water Quality (2015)

Table 1. 2015 Station Deep 1 Seasonal Averages and NHDES Trophic Level Classification Criteria

Parameter	Oligotrophic "Excellent"	Mesotrophic "Fair"	Eutrophic "Poor"	Station Deep 1 Average (range)	Station Deep 1 Classification
Water Clarity (meters)	4.0 – 7.0	2.5 - 4.0	< 2.5	8.6 meters (range: 6.7 - 9.6)	Oligotrophic
Chlorophyll <i>a</i> (ppb)	< 3.3	> 3.3 – 5.0	> 5.0 – 11.0	1.9 ppb (range: 1.5 - 2.4)	Oligotrophic
Total Phosphorus (ppb)	< 8.0	> 8.0 – 12.0	> 12.0 – 28.0	4.1 ppb (range: 3.1 - 5.2)	Oligotrophic
Dissolved Oxygen (ppm)	5.0 – 7.0	2.0 – 5.0	<2.0	10.6 ppm (range: 10.5 – 10.7)	Oligotrophic

* Dissolved oxygen concentrations measured on 8/19/15 between 12.0 and 31.5 meters in the bottom water layer.

Table 2. 2015 Station Deep 1 Seasonal Average Accessory Water Quality Measurements.

Parameter	Assessment Criteria					Station Deep 1 Average (range)	Station Deep 1 Classification
Color (color units)	< 10 uncolored	10 – 20 slightly colored	20 – 40 lightly tea colored	40 – 80 tea colored	> 80 highly colored	9.9 color units (range: 8.1 – 11.0)	Uncolored
Alkalinity (ppm)	< 0.0 acidified	0.1 – 2.0 extremely vulnerable	2.1 – 10 moderately vulnerable	10.1 – 25.0 low vulnerability	> 25.0 not vulnerable	4.6 ppm (range: 4.4 – 4.8)	Moderately vulnerable
pH (std units)	< 5.5 suboptimal for successful growth and reproduction		6.5 – 9.0 optimal range for fish growth and reproduction			7.2 standard units (range: 7.0 – 7.3)	Optimal range for fish growth and reproduction
Specific Conductivity (uS/cm)	< 50 uS/cm Characteristic of minimally impacted NH lakes		50-100 uS/cm Lakes with some human influence	> 100 uS/cm Characteristic of lakes experiencing human disturbances		37.2 uS/cm (range: 36.6 – 38.2)	Characteristic of minimally impacted NH lakes

Recommendations for Property Owners:

Implement Best Management Practices within the Newfound Lake watershed to minimize the adverse impacts of polluted runoff and erosion into the lake. Refer to "Landscaping at the Water's Edge: An Ecological Approach" and "New Hampshire Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management: Do-It-Yourself Stormwater Solutions for Your Home" for more information on how to reduce nutrient loading caused by overland run-off.

- https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001799_Rep2518.pdf
- <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wd/documents/wd-11-11.pdf>

LONG TERM WATER QUALITY

Site Deep 1 is the most centrally located of the Newfound Lake sampling locations (Figure 4) and provides the best representation of the overall condition of Newfound Lake. The condition of site Deep 1 is a reflection of the various inputs that enter the lake through the drainages to the north and many points to the east and west of Newfound Lake. Further review of water quality measurements at the other Newfound Lake sampling locations will provide a better assessment of more localized pollutant inputs that impact the other sampling locations (refer to the 2015 summary data contained in Table 3).

WATER CLARITY: The site Deep 1 Lake water clarity display a trend of decreasing water clarity over the nineteen years of sampling (1986–2015).

CHLOROPHYLL: The site Deep 1 Lake chlorophyll *a* data display a trend of increasing chlorophyll *a* concentrations over the nineteen years of sampling (1986–2015).

COLOR: The site Deep 1 color data display a trend of increasing color concentrations over the sixteen years of sampling (1988–2015).

TOTAL PHOSPHORUS: The site Deep 1 total phosphorus concentrations do not display a trend over the past seventeen years of sampling (1986-2015).

In summary, site Deep 1 and Newfound Lake continues to show excellent quality conditions. However, there are some indications of a slight decrease in the site Deep 1 water quality. The long-term water clarity has decreased while the chlorophyll *a* concentrations have increased. One should be aware that water quality data have not been collected on an annual basis and that data gaps among years exist (Figure 2 and 3).

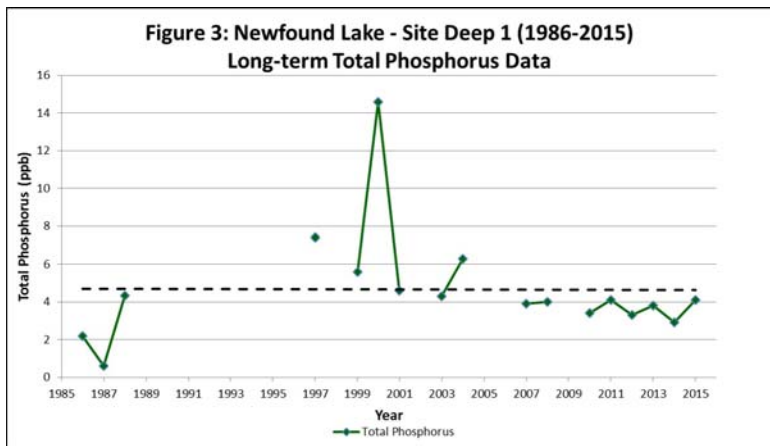
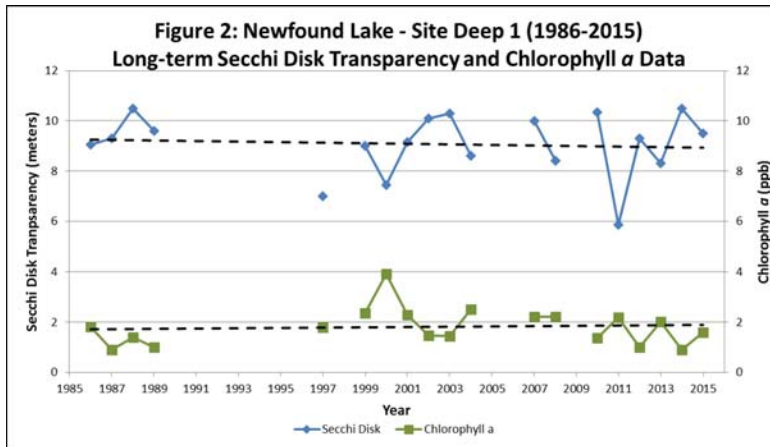


Table 3. Seasonal Average Water Quality by Sampling Location (2015)

Site	Average Secchi Disk Transparency (meters)	Average Chlorophyll <i>a</i> (ppb)	Average Total Phosphorus (ppb)	Average Dissolved Oxygen (ppm)
Deep 1	8.6	1.9	4.1	10.6
Mayhew 2	7.7	2.0	4.6	1.5
Pasquaney 3	8.4	2.4	4.6	10.2
Loon Island 4	9.4	2.0	3.9	XXXX
Cockermouth 5	7.9	2.0	4.6	10.2
Beechwood 6	9.5	1.9	5.2	XXXX
Follansbee 8	9.4	1.8	4.6	10.4

XXXX indicates site is too shallow to collect comparable oxygen data.

Figures 2 and 3. Changes in the Newfound Lake water clarity (Secchi Disk depth), chlorophyll *a* and total phosphorus concentrations measured between 1986 and 2015 at site Deep 1. **These data indicate the relationship between plant growth and water clarity. Total phosphorus data are also displayed and are oftentimes correlated with the amount of plant growth.** Note: due to difficulties in accessing the deep site and personnel limitations, there are years when site Deep 1 was not sampled between 1986 and 2015.

Figure 4. Newfound Lake

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2015 Deep sampling sites with seasonal average water clarity

