

Upper Hudson River Surface Water and Fish Data Overview

Hudson River Community Advisory Group

PCBs in Upper Hudson River Fish



Available Fish Data

GE collects five species of fish from fourteen locations between Fort Edward and Stillwater

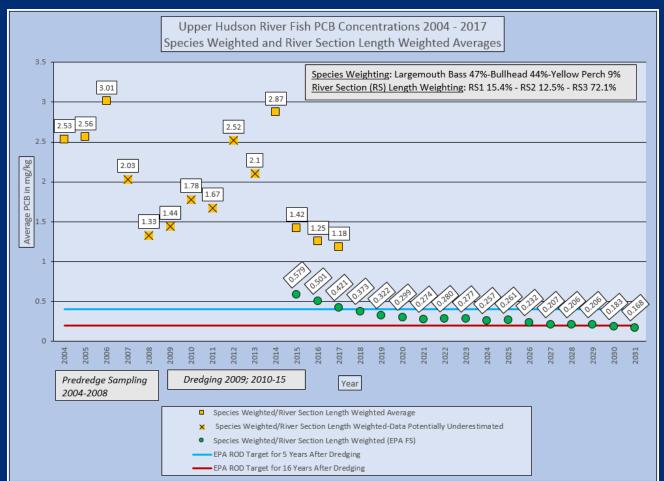
To date this monitoring program does not capture fish PCB concentrations in the first four river reaches below Lock 4 (Stillwater).



Available Fish Data

- The project baseline period was 2004 to 2008.
- Dredging began in 2009, and was completed in 2015.
- For areas dredged in Phase 1, there are eight years of post dredging data available.
- For other areas, there are two to seven years of data available.



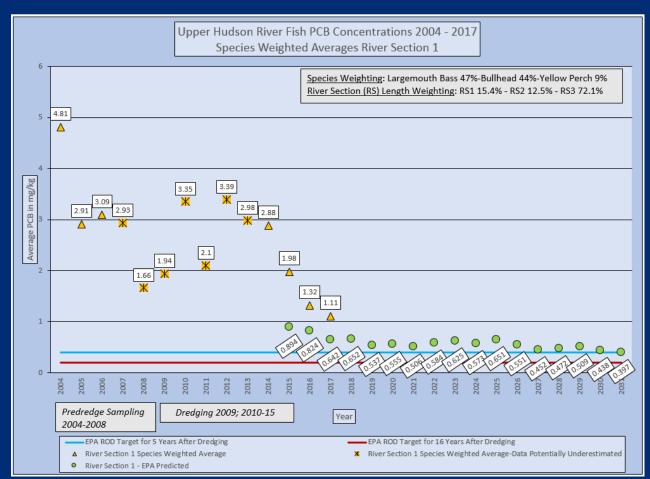




Reach 8 / River Section 1 Thompson Island Pool

Dredging at these sampling locations: 2009 (*TD1*), 2011 (*TD1-TD2*), 2012 (*TD3-TD4*) and 2013 (*TD5*).

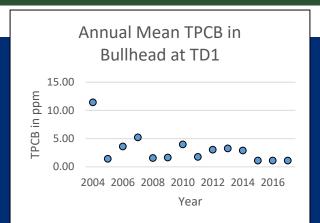


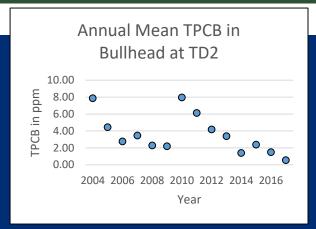


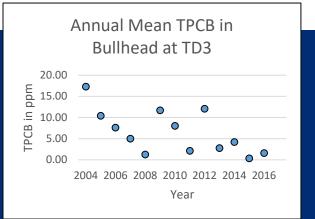


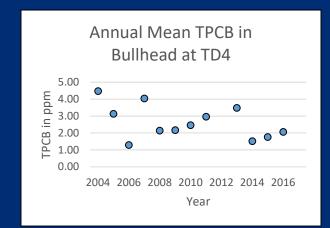
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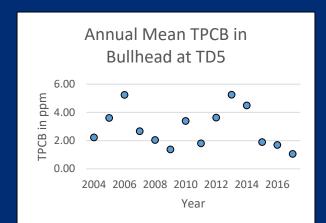




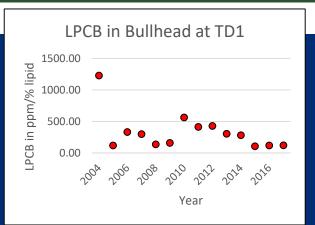


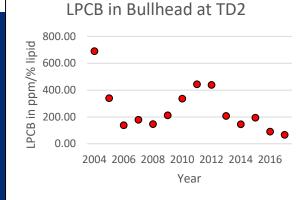


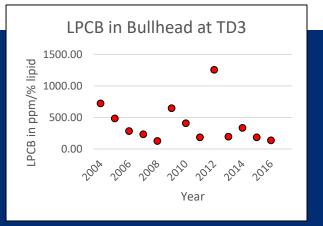


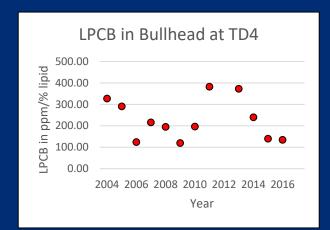


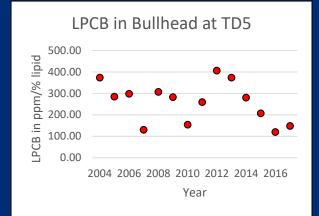








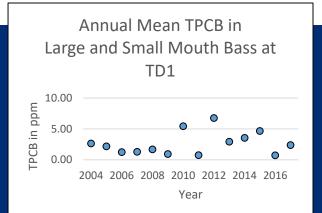


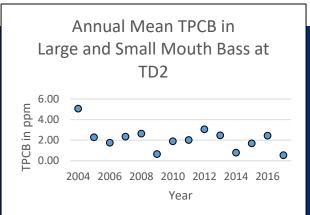


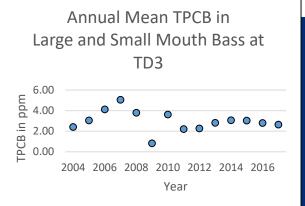


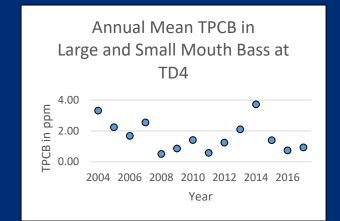
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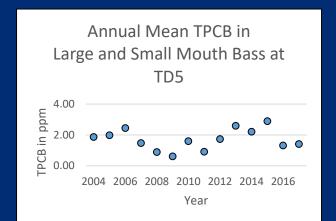




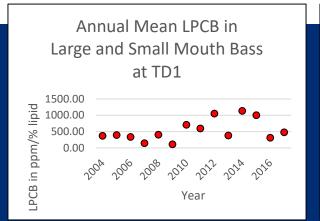


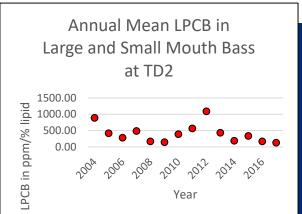


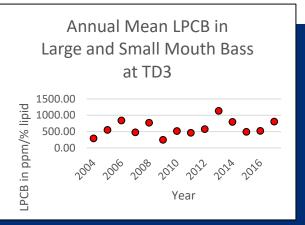


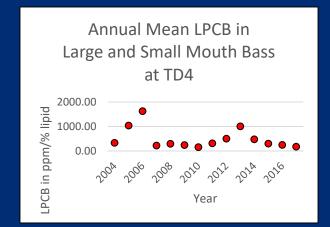


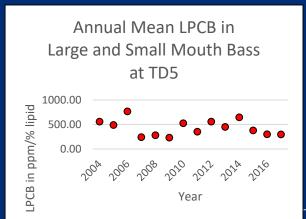










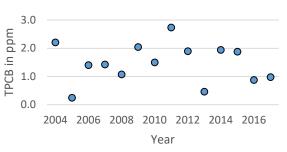




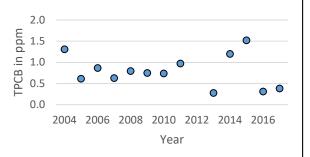
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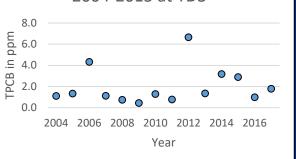
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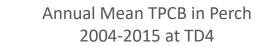


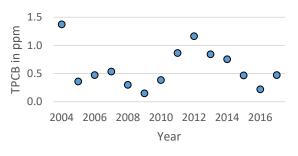
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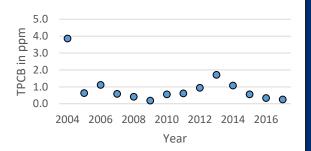
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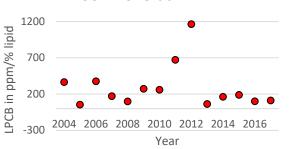
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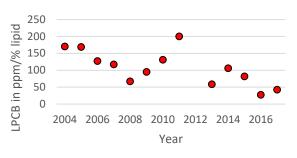


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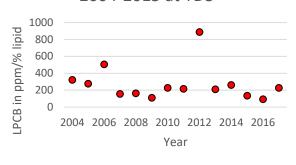
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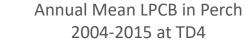


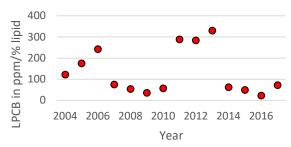
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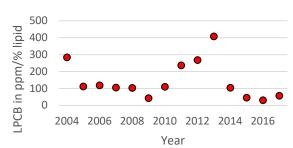
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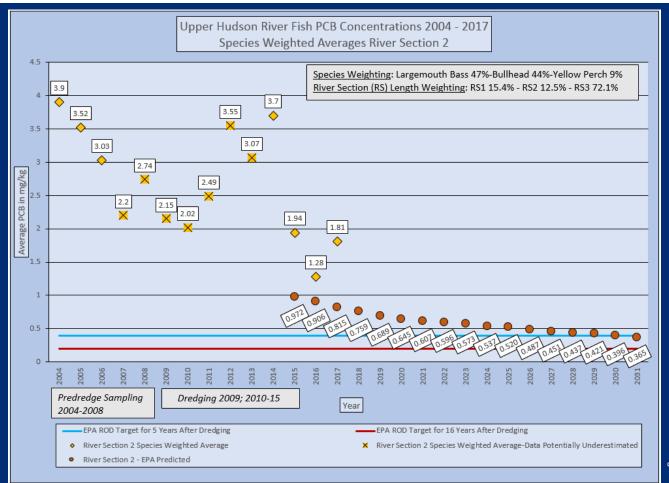








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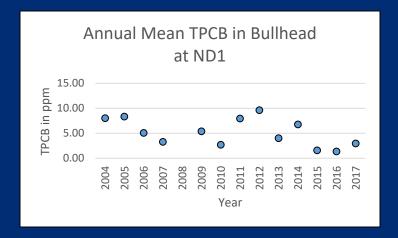
Reach 7 / River Section 2 "Landlocked" or Fort Miller Pool

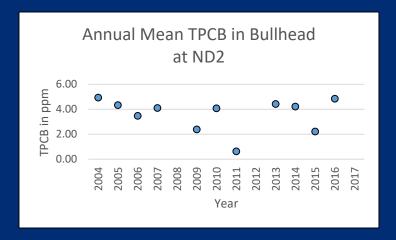
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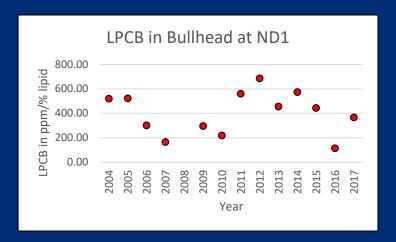
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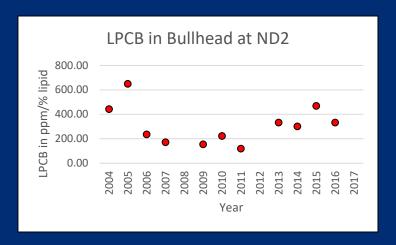








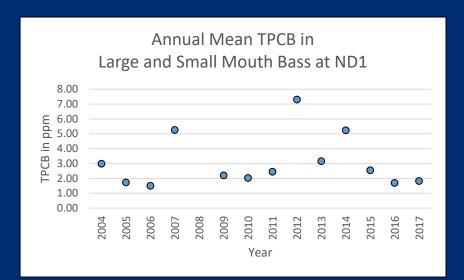


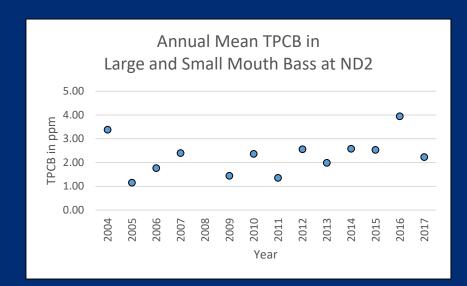




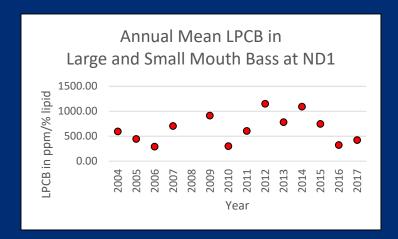
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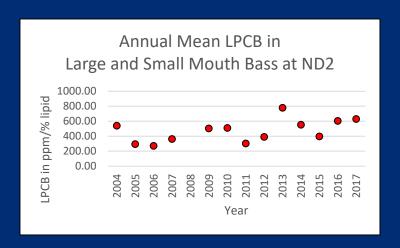








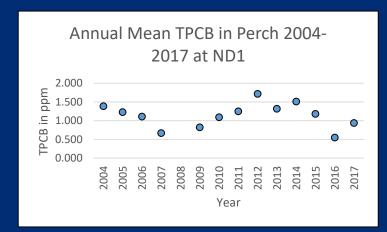


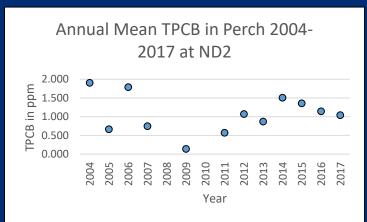




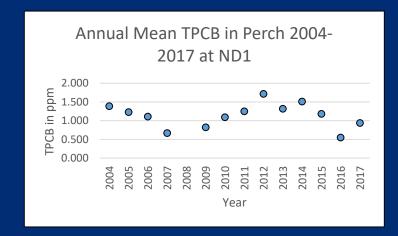
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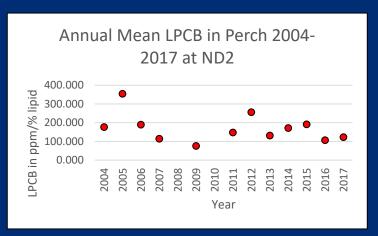














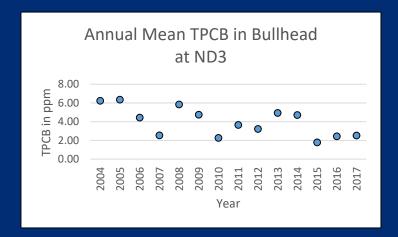
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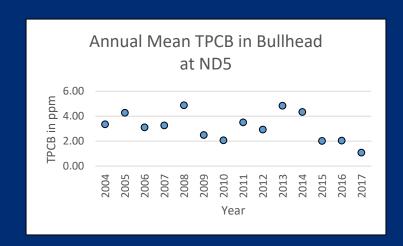
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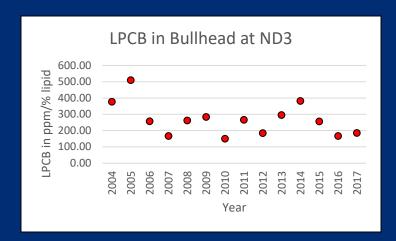
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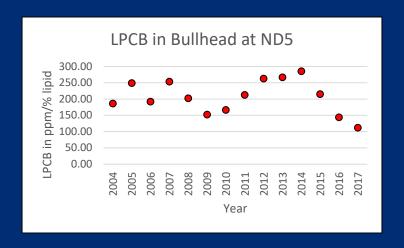








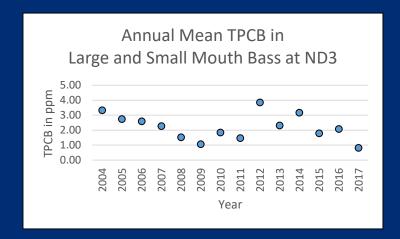


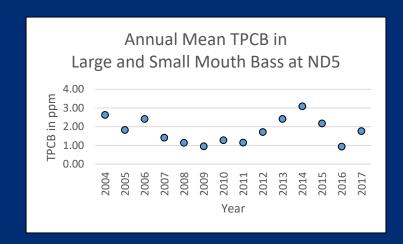




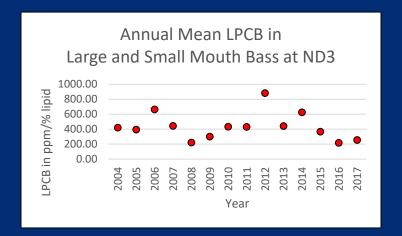
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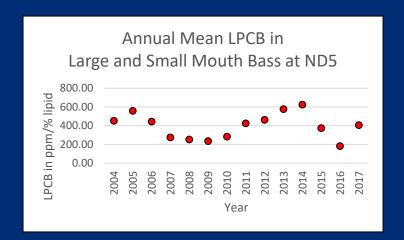








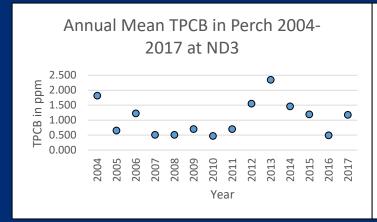


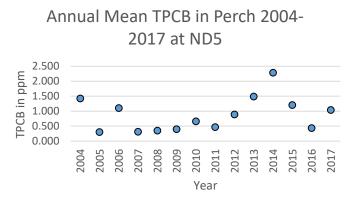




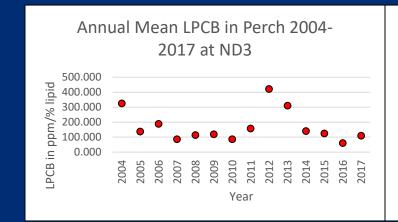
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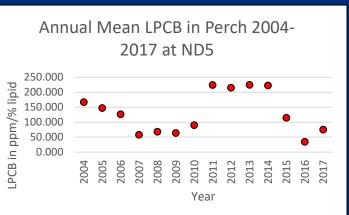




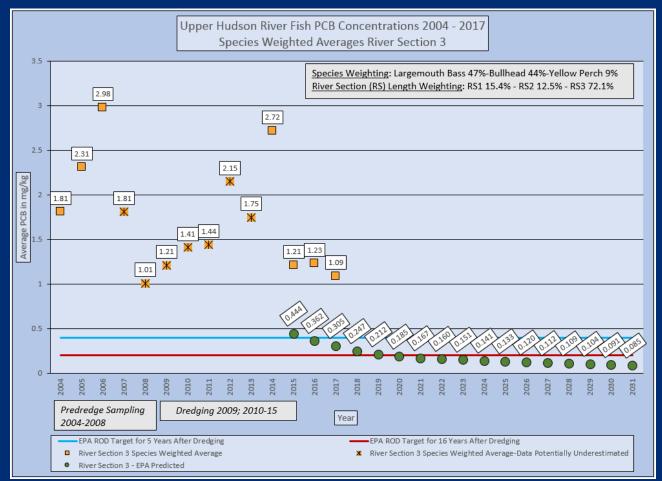














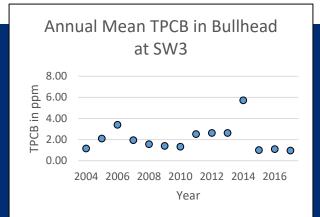
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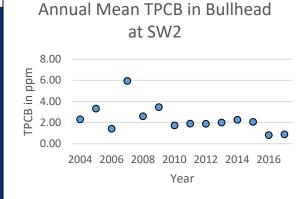
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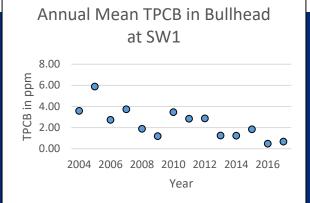


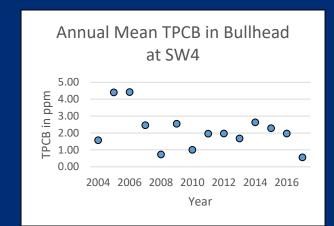
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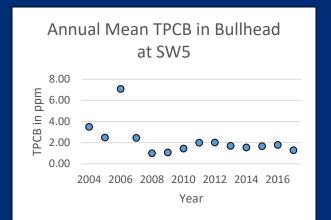




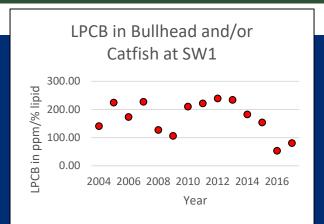


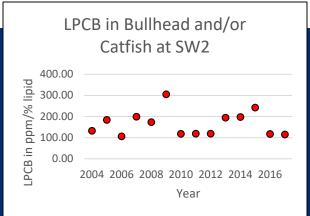


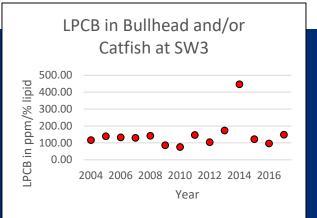


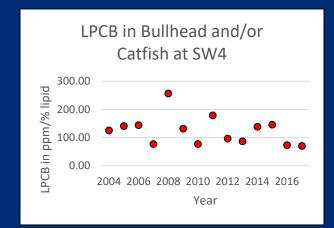


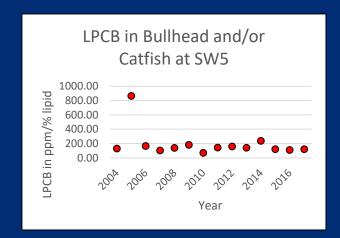








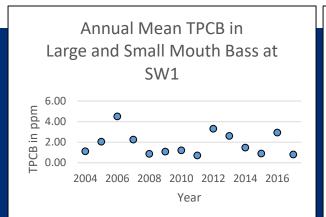


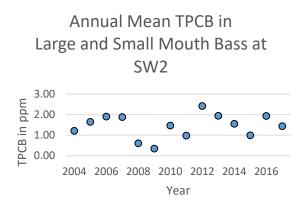


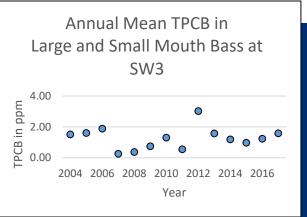


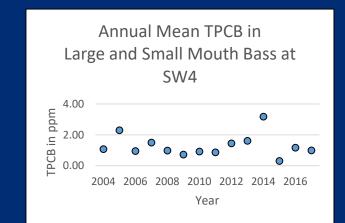
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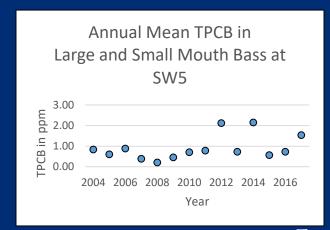




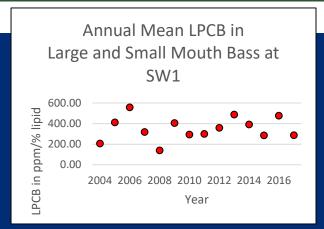


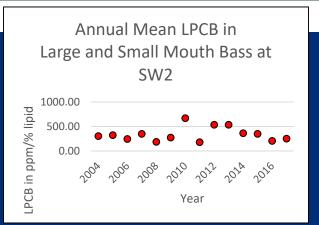


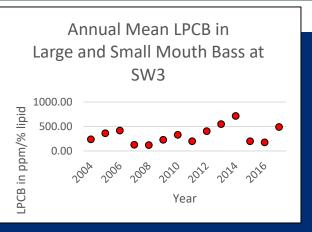


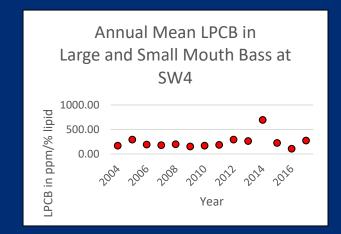


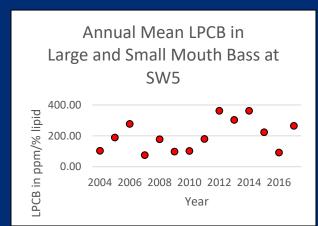








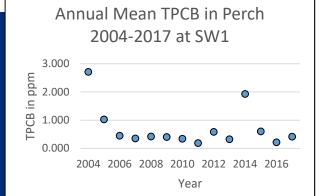


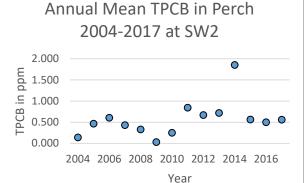


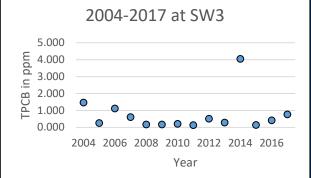


Perch in Stillwater Pool (R5/RS3)

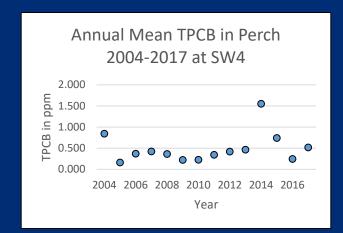


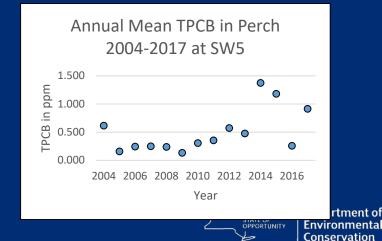




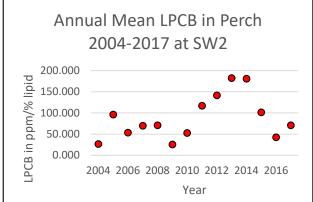


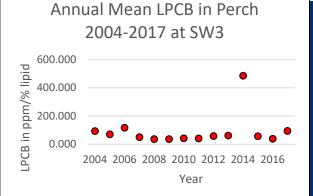
Annual Mean TPCB in Perch

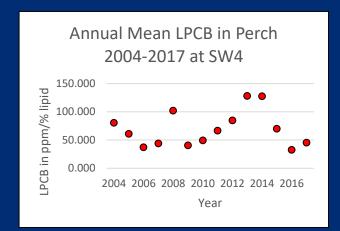


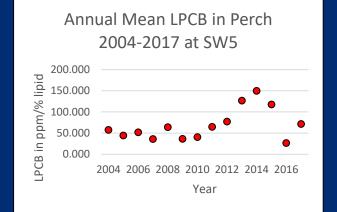


Annual Mean LPCB in Perch 2004-2017 at SW1 300.000 200.000 100.000 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 Year

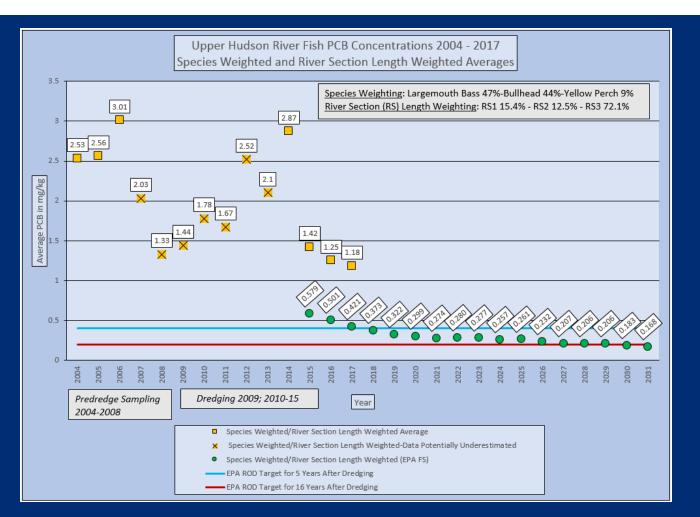












The overall weighted average fish PCB concentration is ~ 3X the target to be reached in 2020.



Current DEC Assessment – Fish PCB Data

The fish PCB concentrations in the upper Hudson do not appear to have declined as predicted by EPA in the ROD.

To achieve the RAOs for the site, the rate of decline would need to exceed 20% per year to reach the five year target of 0.4 ppm by 2020, and exceed 10% per year to reach the 16 year target of 0.2 ppm by 2031.



Current DEC Assessment – Fish PCB Data

The available fish data support a conclusion that the existing concentrations remain well above the EPA RAOs, that the rate of decline is slowing, and that it is unlikely that the RAOs will be met by the existing remedy.

It is likely that further remediation of contaminated sediments in the Upper Hudson will be required for the remedial action to meet the EPA ROD RAOs for protection of human health and the environment.

PCBs in Upper Hudson Surface Water



Available Surface Water Data

- GE weekly collections at Thompson Island, Schuylerville, and Waterford (weather allowing); less frequently at Bakers Falls, Rogers Island, Albany and Poughkeepsie
- High flow event sampling
- Three years of data since dredging ended



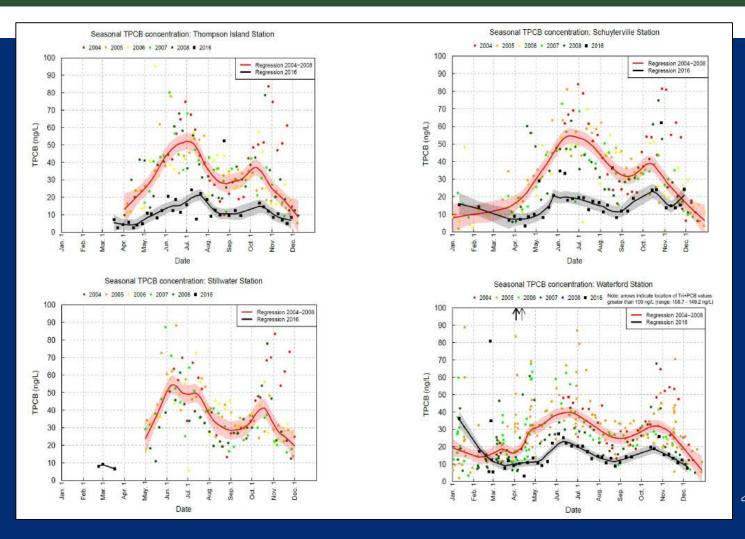
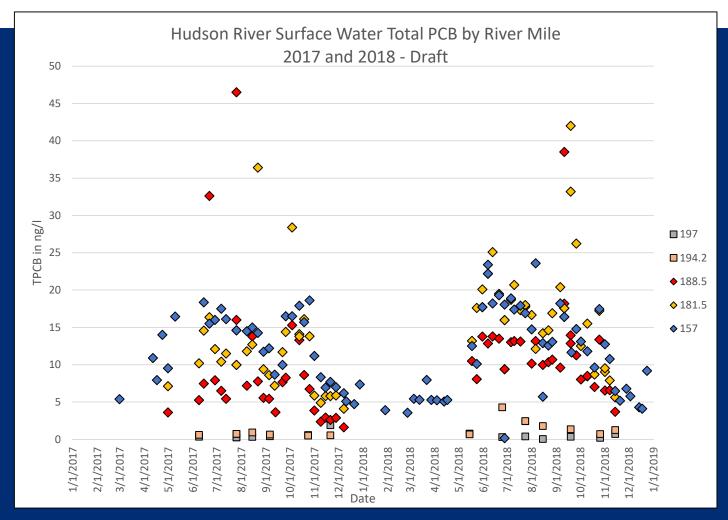


Figure A1-8 from EPA's "Second Five Year Review Report", Appendix 1

Total PCB in surface water - 2016 vs baseline





Surface water data from GE Monthly Reports

Total PCB by River Mile -2017 and 2018

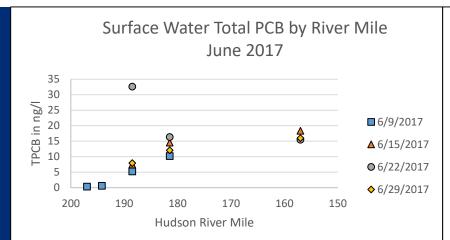


Total PCB concentration vs. mass flux

- GE's data set PCB concentrations at multiple locations
- USGS flow data Fort Edward, Thompson (Lock 5), and Lock 1 above Waterford
- Use flow rate and PCB concentration to calculate rate of PCB transport by surface water

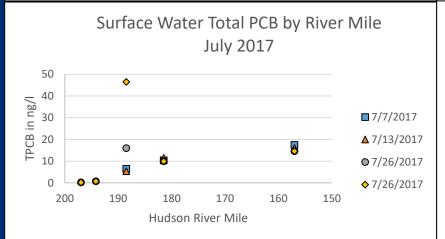
(Flow rate) x (PCB conc.) x (units factor) = PCB mass flux rate)

CFS x ng/l x units factor = kg/day



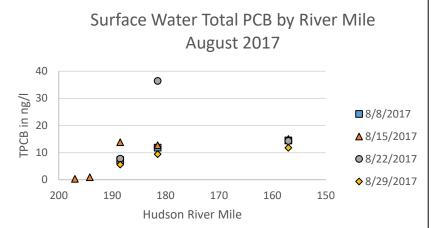


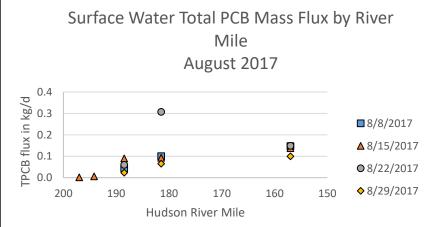
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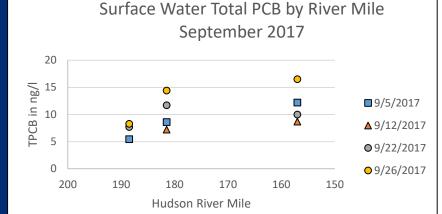


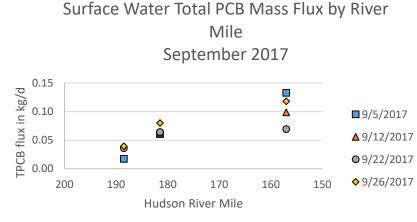


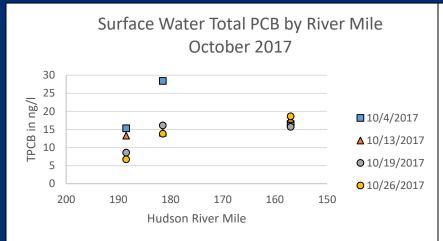
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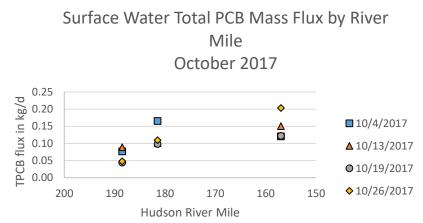


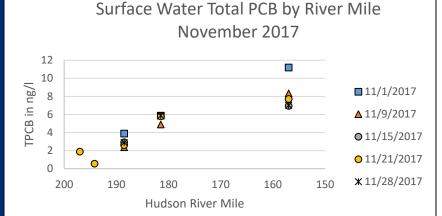






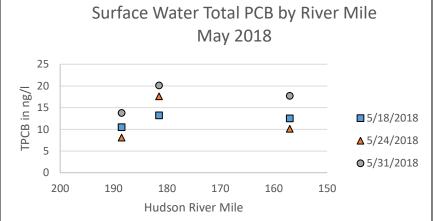


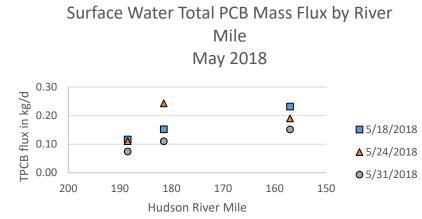


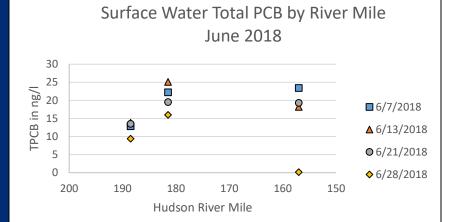


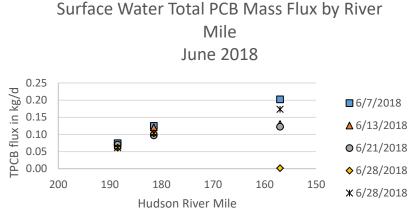


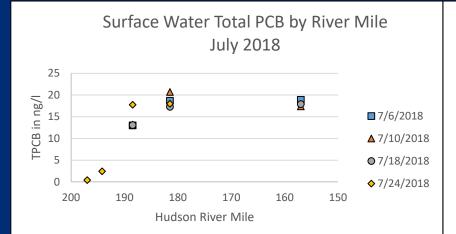
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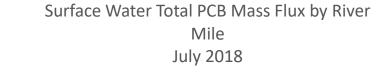












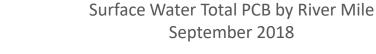






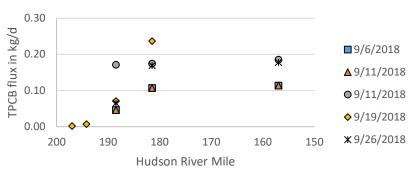
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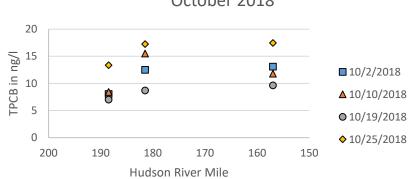




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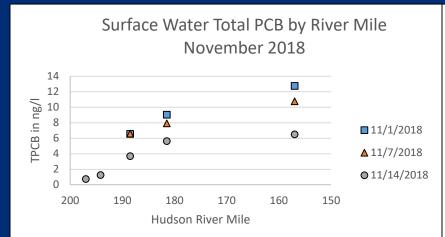


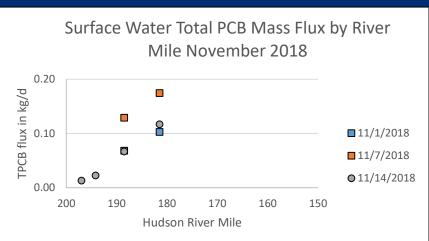




Surface Water Total PCB Mass Flux by River Mile October 2018









Observations – Surface Water

- Surface Water Total PCB concentrations and mass fluxappear to be reduced by ~ 2/3 at Thompson Island and Schuylerville, and by ~1/2 at Waterford
- PCB mass flux continues to increase with distance downstream of Fort Edward – ongoing sources to water column
- 2019 a "wet year" so far; first since end of dredging



Thank You

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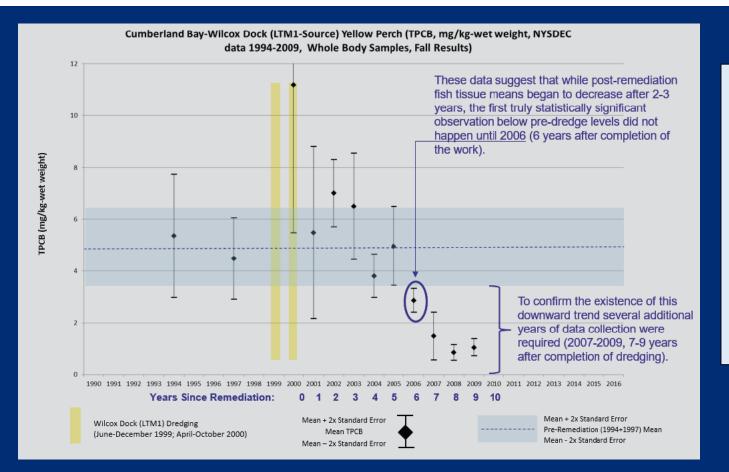
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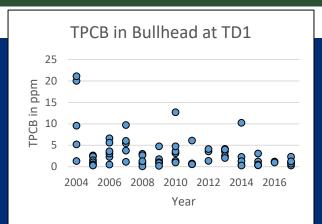


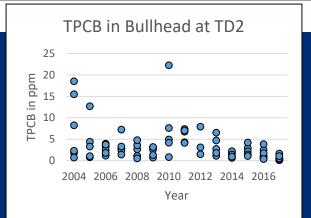
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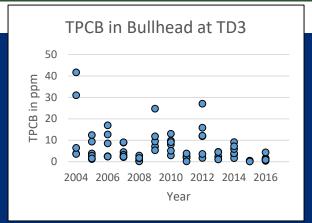


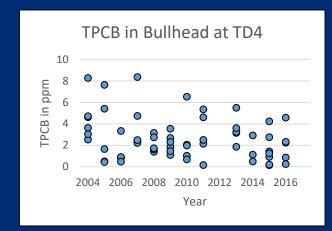
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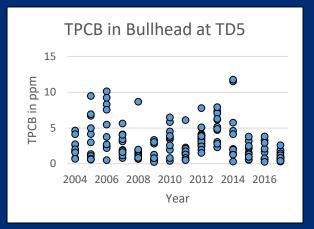




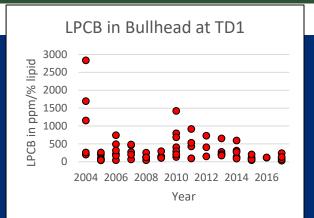


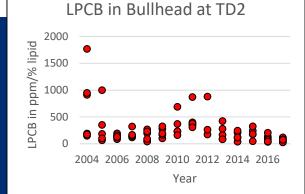


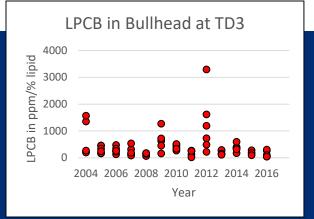


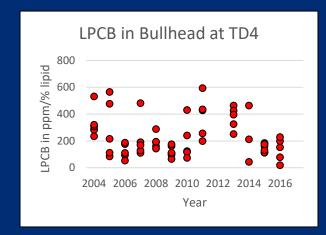


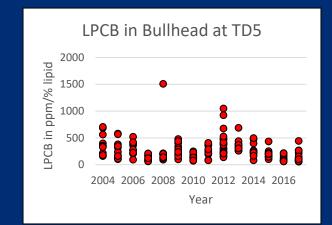








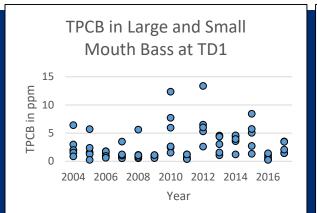


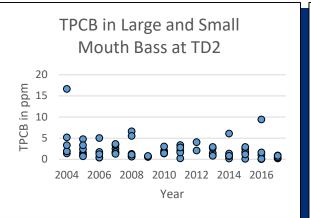


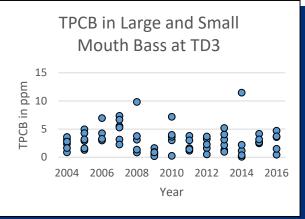


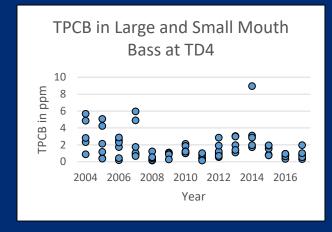
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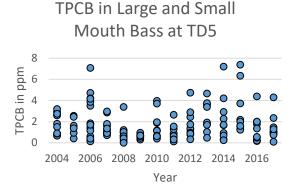




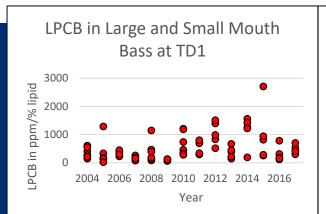


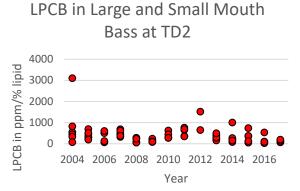


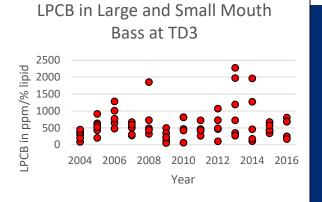


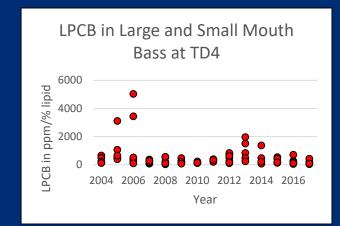


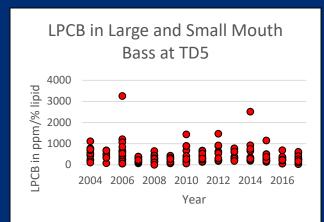








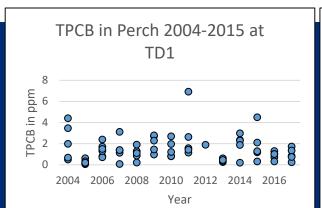


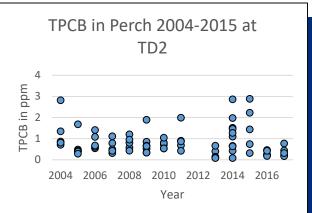


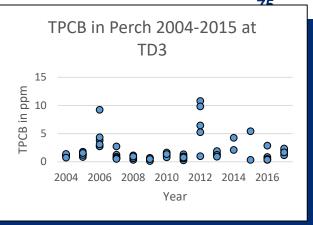


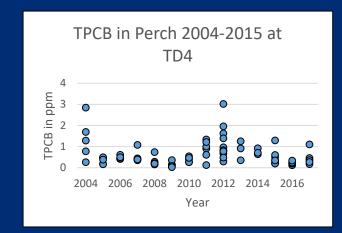
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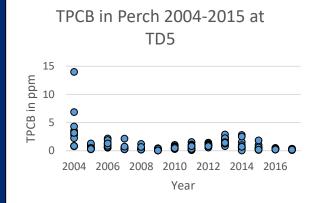




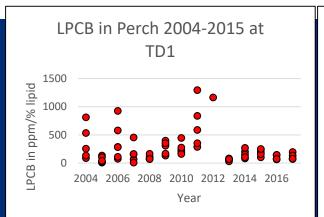


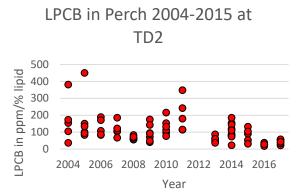


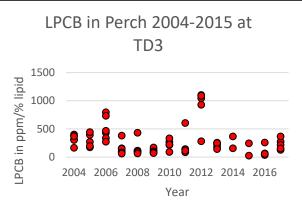


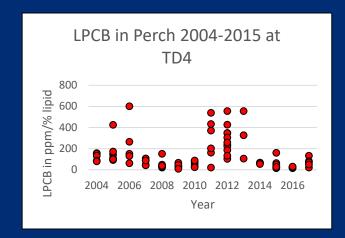


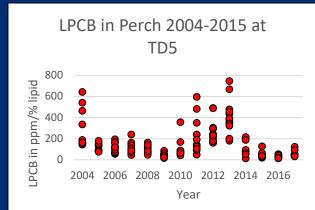












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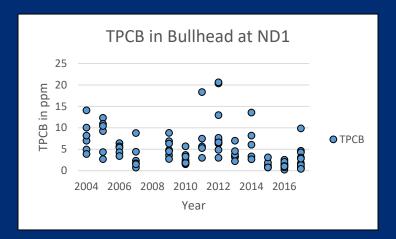
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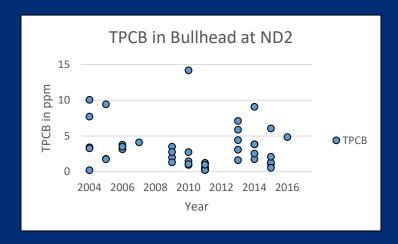
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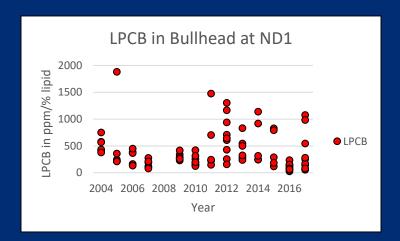
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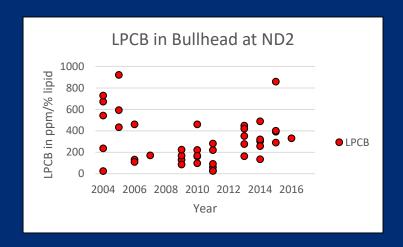








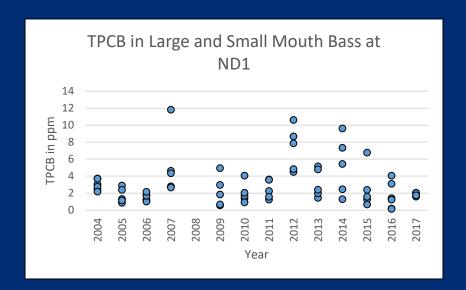


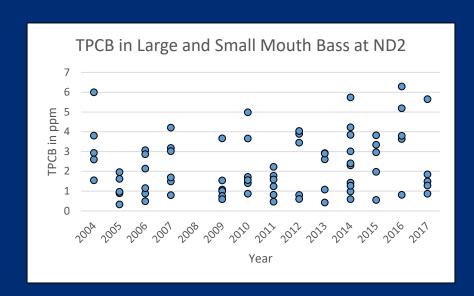




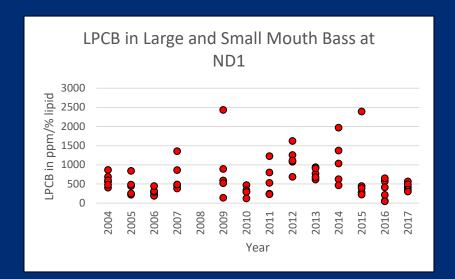
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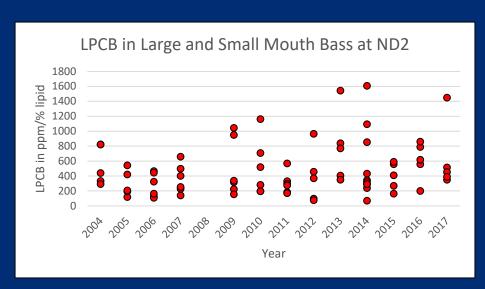








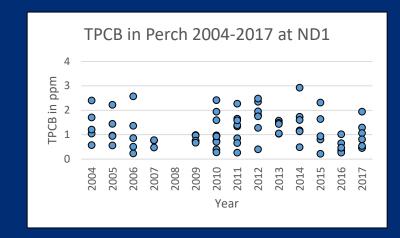


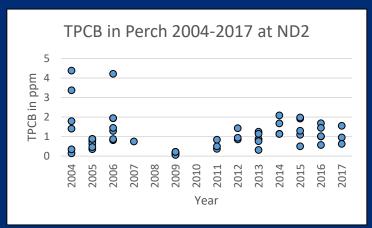




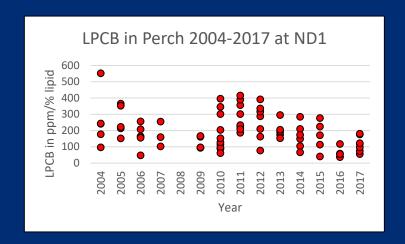
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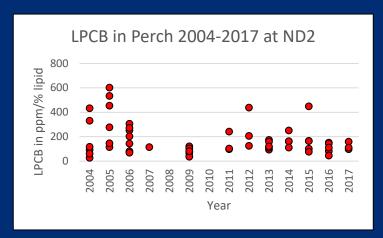














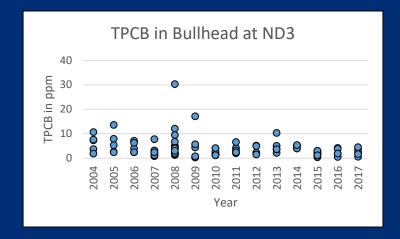
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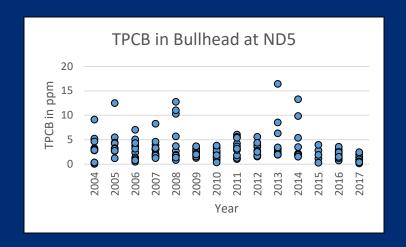
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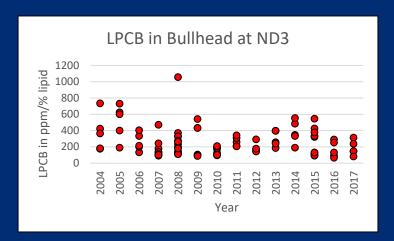
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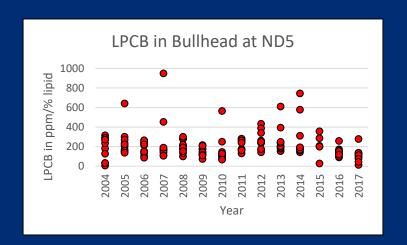








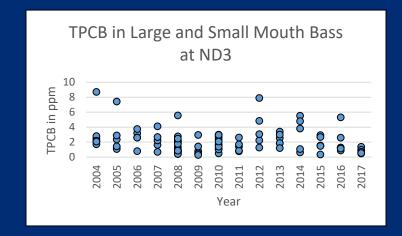


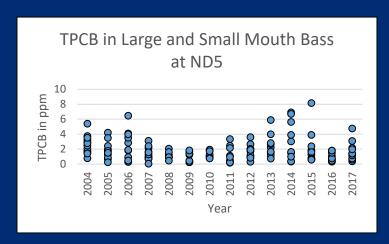




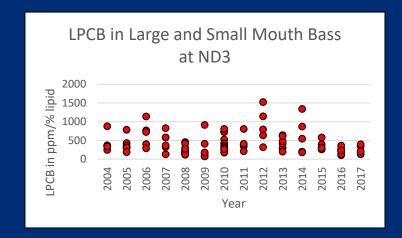
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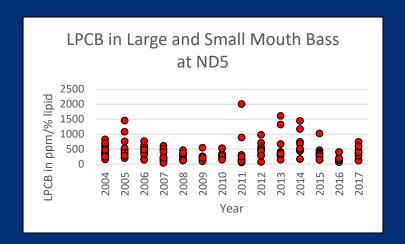








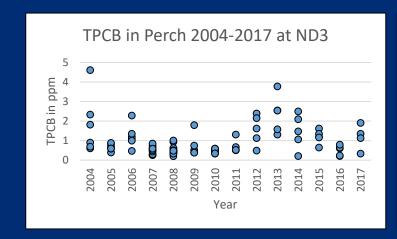


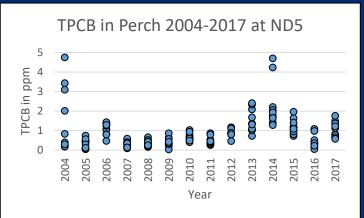




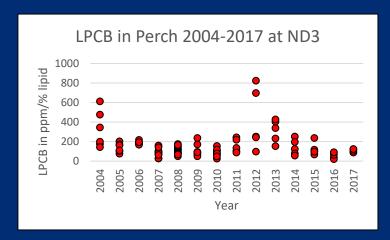
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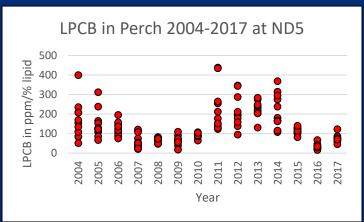














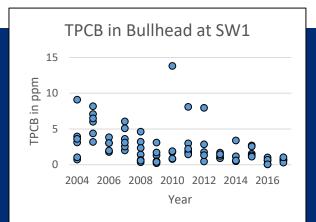
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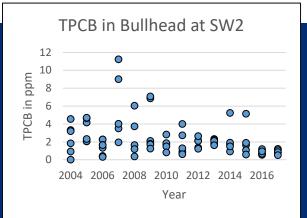
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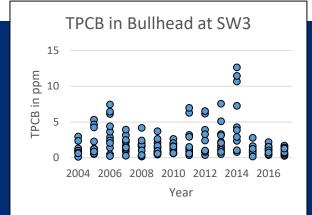


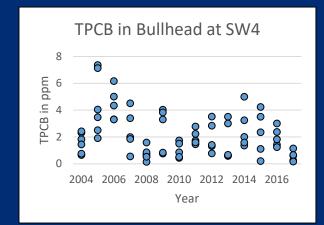
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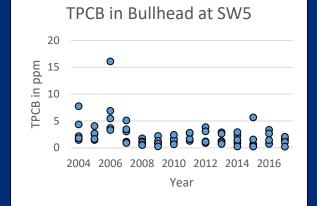




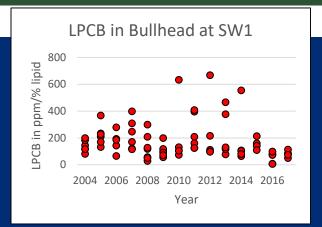


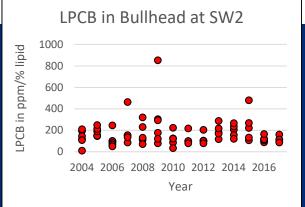


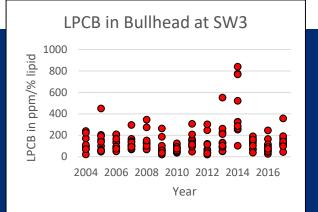


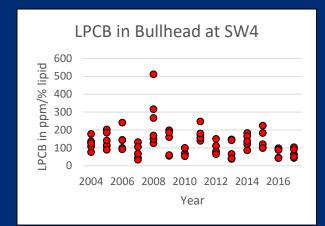


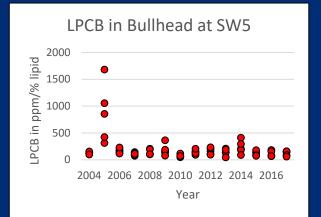








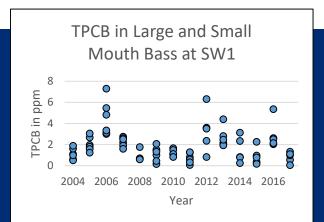


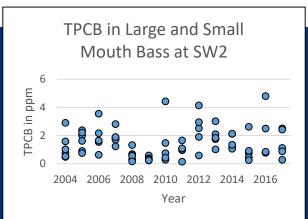


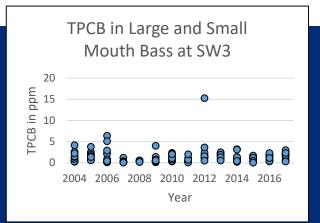


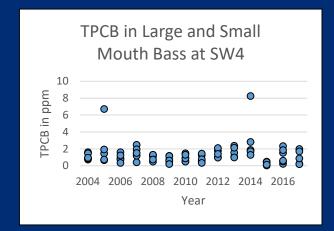
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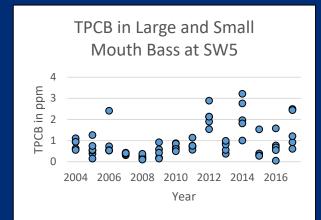




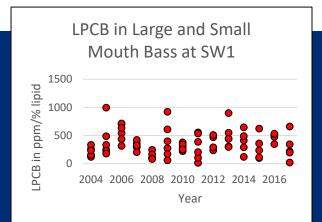


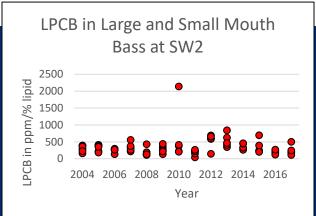


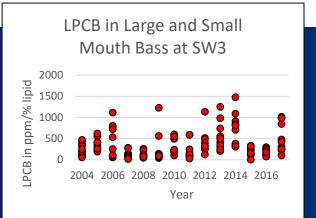


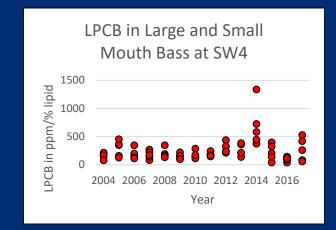


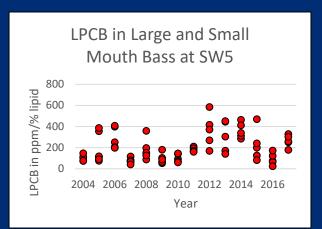








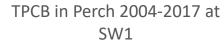


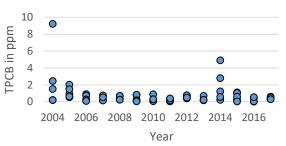




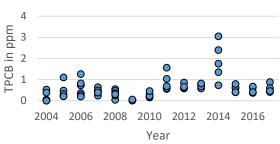
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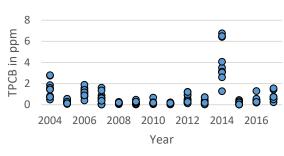




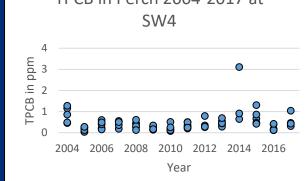




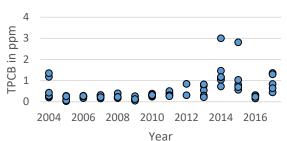




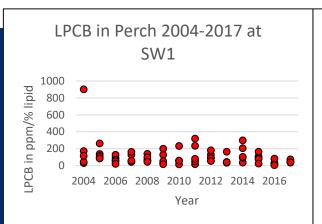


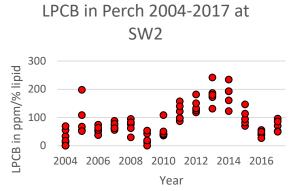


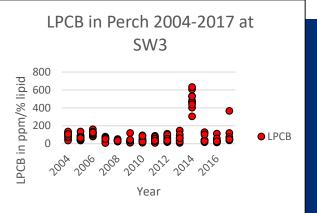


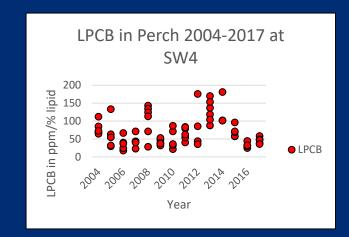


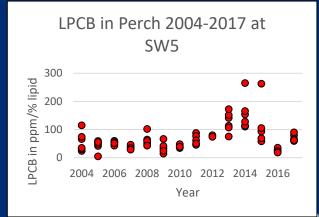
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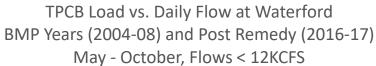


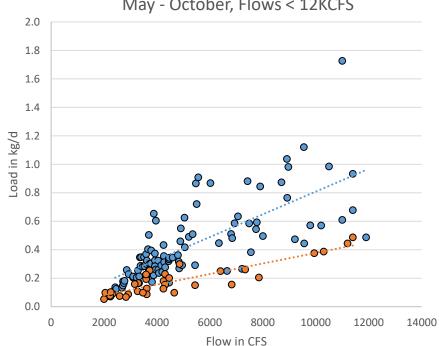












At Waterford, there may have been an overall reduction in PCB load, and a reduction in the degree to which increasing flow results in an increase in load.

(2016 and 2017 TPCB data from GE reports; flow from USGS)

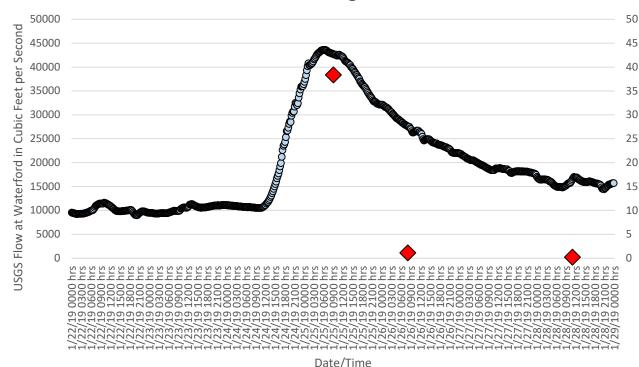


The peak postremedy high flow event occurred in January 2019.

Load calculated from a sample collected after the peak was ~38 kg/day Total PCB.

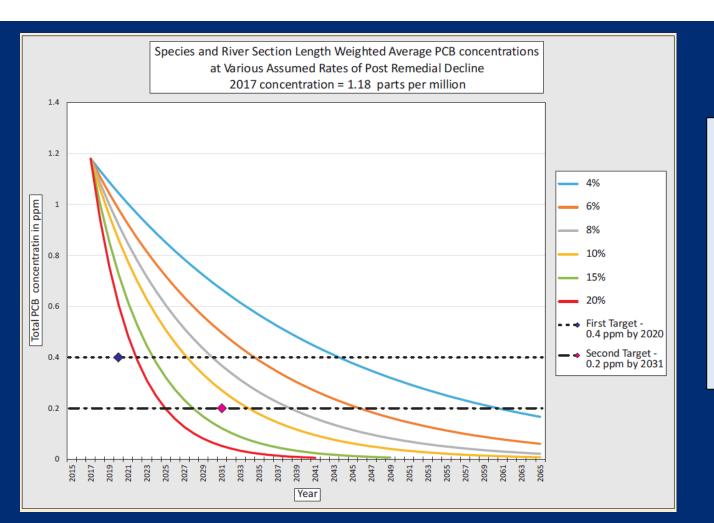
Calculated Total PCB Mass Flux Rate During January 2019 High Flow Event

USGS Flow @ Hudson River Near Waterford - GE Preliminary High Flow Monitoring Data



○ Flow at WF ◆ PCB Mass Flux Rate

Calculated



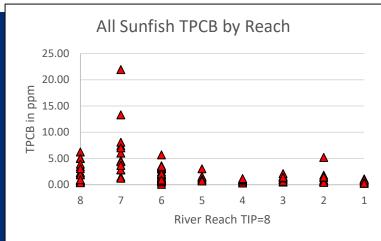
The rates of decline would need to exceed 20% per year to achieve the first target, and exceed 10% per year to achieve the second target.

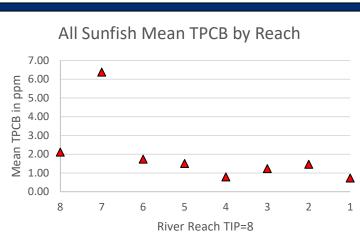


2017 DEC Fall Fish Sampling

- DEC also conducted fish sampling in the fall of 2017.
- Sampling was performed in each pool of the upper Hudson for the first time.
- Fall sampling forage fish and small sunfish.







Sunfish collected by size to target young of year.

TPCB = Total PCB

LPCB = Lipid Based PCB

