Historic Chesapeake Bay Studies: Benthic Surveys from the Lower Chesapeake Bay Mainstem, James, York and Potomac Rivers.

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        Abstract:

This project was intended to demonstrate the feasibility and usefulness of adding historical benthic data to the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Monitoring Data Base. A set of seven studies were selected, and compiled for use with the existing Data Base. The addition of these historic data sets is hoped to aid the review of the major habitat and water quality goals of the Chesapeake Bay Program in respect to living resource issues.   Benthic community data for Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries extend back to the late 1950's. Since then the Chesapeake has become the best studied estuarine system in North America for all aspects of estuarine ecology and modeling. The importance of benthos as an indicator and integrator of habitat quality has remained high through time, collimating in the development of the Benthic Restoration Goals document. The current long-term benthic community monitoring programs initiated in the mid 1980's and run by the states of Maryland and Virginia were instrumental in development of the Benthic Restoration Goals. However, there exist a large number of smaller effort benthic studies from around the Bay that could be very useful in establishing the direction of longer-term benthic trends. These

smaller data sets range from published accounts on the dynamics of benthic communities, to student thesis and dissertations, to applied studies. In all cases the actual data used for these studies are kept by the authors and are generally not accessible for further analysis.

The studies selected for this pilot effort were:
Location Date Reference
Piney Point, Potomac River 1975 Virnstein & Boesch, 1975
Possum Point, Potomac River 1977-78 EA, 1979
Tangier Island, Chesapeake Bay 1975 Orth & Boesch, 1975
Amoco Refinery, Lower York River 1977 Hinde, 1981
Thimble Shoals, Chesapeake Bay 1981 Hobbs et al., 1985
Warwick River, James River 1975-76 Diaz & Boesch, 1976
James River 1981 Schaffner et al., 1987

These data sets are representative of the types of small studies that have been conducted throughout the Chesapeake and its tributaries.

Purpose:
The current long-term benthic community monitoring programs initiated in the mid 1980's and run by the states of Maryland and Virginia were instrumental in development of the Chesapeake Bay Program Benthic Restoration Goals. However, there exists a large number of smaller effort benthic studies from around the Bay that would be very useful in establishing the direction of longer-term benthic trends. These smaller data sets range from published accounts on the dynamics of benthic communities, to student thesis and dissertations, to applied studies. In all cases the actual data used for these studies are kept by the authors and are generally not accessible for further analysis. This project was intended to demonstrate the feasibility and usefulness of adding historical benthic data to the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Monitoring Data Base. A set of seven studies were selected, and compiled for use with the existing database.

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