Judy Reservoir Monitoring Project 2011 Final Report

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Introduction

The purpose of this study was to identify and count the phytoplankton and measure chlorophyll, total nitrogen, and total phosphorus levels in water samples collected from Judy Reservoir. Water quality and algal data have been collected on a weekly basis since October 2006; annual reports have been sent to the Skagit Public Utility District No. 1 in 2007, 2008, and 2010 (January and December).

This report will include a description of the water quality and algal data collected from October 2006 through October 2011. The data will be described in a series of annotated figures, beginning on page 5. Appendix A, beginning on page 23, contains an updated photographic record of our calculations for estimating algal biovolume. Appendix B, beginning on page 57, contains updated tables of the data that include all corrections and revisions to the data set, including biovolume estimates for most types of algae.

Methods

Skagit Public Utility District No. 1 personnel collected water samples from the pump house at Judy Reservoir once a week from October 26, 2006 through October 25, 2011. The samples were shipped on ice by courier to the Institute for Watershed Studies laboratory the same day.

Samples for chlorophyll-a were collected in amber polyethylene bottles, transported on ice, then measured in the lab using a fluorometer and an acetone extraction as described by Standard Method 10200 H. (APHA, 2005). Samples were measured in duplicate and the mean was reported.

Samples for total phosphorus and total nitrogen analyses were collected in 500 mL acid-washed polyethylene bottles. The samples were preserved upon arrival in the laboratory then measured by methods as described in Table 1.

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1Three water quality parameters, nitrate, soluble phosphate, and turbidity, were collected during the first year, but were discontinued in October 2007. The data for these parameters are included in Appendix B but will not be discussed in this report.
Samples for phytoplankton identification were collected in polyethylene bottles and preserved with Lugol’s solution as described in Standard Method 10200 A (APHA, 2005). During the first year of monitoring, an improved method of concentrating the algae samples was introduced. The original method was used on samples collected from October 26, 2006 through May 16, 2007. Algae were concentrated by filtering the sample through 20 µm Nitex mesh and counted using a Palmer counting cell. This method can miss cells smaller than 10–20 µm, so we adopted a revised method that uses a settling chamber to retain all cells. Beginning in March 2007, samples were counted using a 25-, 50- or 100-mL settling chamber. Counts were made using a compound microscope at 200x or 400x. Multiple fields were counted on each slide, with the number of fields being determined by cell density.

Algal biovolume calculations were made following the procedures outlined by EPA (2008). When possible, at least 10 photographs were taken of each algal species identified from the site. The images were calibrated using a stage micrometer and biovolume was estimated based on a representative geometric shape (e.g., ovoid, sphere, rectangle). To estimate phytoplankton biovolume, the weekly species counts were multiplied by the corresponding average biovolume for that species.

2Samples were counted using both methods from March through May 2007.
3Algal species that were too rare to provide at least 10 images were omitted from the biovolume calculations. This has little effect on biovolume because the species represent a small fraction of the total count.
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Table 1: Summary of analytical methods used by the Institute for Watershed Studies in the Judy Reservoir monitoring project.
References


Annotated Figures
Figure 1: Chlorophyll is the primary photosynthetic pigment in algal cells and is used to indicate the amount of algae in a sample. In typical lakes, chlorophyll levels are high during the summer and fall, coinciding with summer/fall algal blooms. In Judy Reservoir, the chlorophyll concentrations were occasionally high during the winter as well, which was usually associated with chrysophyte blooms (see Figure 10). The median 2006–2011 chlorophyll concentration was 2.0 μg/L. The median chlorophyll concentration was lower in 2011 than in previous years.

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Figure 2: This boxplot shows median chlorophyll (center line) and upper/lower 25% quartiles by season; the dashed lines show the minimum/maximum values for each season. The extremely high winter chlorophyll levels were unexpected; the moderately high levels in the fall are similar to what has been observed in other regional lakes and reservoirs. The 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 winter peaks appear to have been caused by chrysophyte blooms; the chrysophyte density was lower in the winter of 2009/2010 (Figure 11). Beginning in the fall of 2010, the chlorophyll concentrations have been relatively low, with less seasonal variability.
Figure 3: Carlson’s trophic state index (TSI$_{chl}$) is often used to classify lakes based on biological productivity (Carlson and Simpson, 1966). Productive or *eutrophic* lakes have high TSIs ($\geq 50$); unproductive or *oligotrophic* lakes have low TSIs ($\leq 40$); lakes falling between these ranges are labeled *mesotrophic*. Trophic state is usually measured during the summer, or whenever algae populations are expected to be high. In Judy Reservoir, some of the highest TSIs occurred during the winter. During most of the year, the TSI$_{chl}$ was fairly low, with the median falling at the boundary between mesotrophic and oligotrophic (median TSI$_{chl} = 37$).
Figure 4: Trihalomethanes are “disinfection by-products” that are created when chlorine is added to kill pathogens during the drinking water treatment process. The chlorine interacts with organic matter to form bromoform, chloroform, bromodichloromethane, and chlorodibromomethane (collectively called total trihalomethanes or TTHMs) and haloacetic acids (Figure 6). Some TTHMs are potentially carcinogenic, so the Environmental Protection Agency has established a limit of 80 µg/L in treated drinking water. This figure shows TTHM concentrations at several monitoring sites in the water distribution system. Although Judy Reservoir chlorophyll concentrations were lower in 2011, the TTHMs were higher. The production of disinfection by-products is a function of the amount of organic matter in the water and the contact time between organic matter and chlorine, so the higher TTHMs may be due to a change in the treatment process.
Trihalomethanes are created when organic matter comes in contact with chlorine, which occurs during the drinking water treatment process when chlorine is used as a disinfectant. Algae are a common source of organic carbon, so there is often a strong correlation between chlorophyll levels in the source water and TTHMs in the treated water. In Judy Reservoir, however, the correlation between TTHMs and chlorophyll was not statistically significant (Kendall’s $\tau = -0.224$; p-value = 0.183). The poor correlation was largely due to the 2010/2011 results, where chlorophyll levels were not a good predictor of TTHMs in the treated water.
Figure 6: Like TTHMs (Figure 4), haloacetic acids are disinfection by-products that are created when chlorine interacts with organic matter. There are five haloacetic acids that are normally included in monitoring: monochloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, monobromoacetic acid, and dibromoacetic acid (collectively called HAA5). Some HAA5 are potentially carcinogenic, so the Environmental Protection Agency has established a limit of 60 µg/L in treated drinking water. This figure shows HAA5 at several monitoring sites in the water distribution system. Although Judy Reservoir chlorophyll concentrations were lower in 2011, the HAA5 concentrations were approximately the same as in previous years.
Figure 7: Haloacetic acids are created when organic matter comes in contact with chlorine, which occurs during the drinking water treatment process when chlorine is used as a disinfectant. Algae are a common source of organic carbon, so we can expect a correlation between chlorophyll levels in the source water and HAA5 in the treated water. Sung, et al. (2000), however, reported that the link between algae and HAAs is not as strong as between algae and TTHMs. In Judy Reservoir, the correlation between HAA5 and chlorophyll was not statistically significant (Kendall’s $\tau = -0.047$; p-value = 0.779); as illustrated in this figure, chlorophyll levels were not a good predictor of HAA5 in the treated water.
Figure 8: Total phosphorus includes organic phosphorus (phosphorus associated with algae and other biota) and dissolved phosphorus (primarily soluble orthophosphate). Phosphorus is an important nutrient for algae, and is generally considered the nutrient that limits the amount of algae in a lake. The median total phosphorus concentration in Judy Reservoir was only 5.8 µg-P/L (barely above the detection limit of 5 µg-P/L), and all but eight of the 239 samples were <15 µg-P/L. Given the relatively high chlorophyll levels that occur in the reservoir, the low phosphorus may seem surprising, but algae are very efficient at extracting this nutrient from the water column.
Figure 9: Total nitrogen represents the combined concentrations of organic nitrogen (nitrogen associated with algae and other biota) and dissolved inorganic nitrogen (nitrate, nitrite, and ammonium). Based on data from 2006–2007, about half of the total nitrogen in Judy Reservoir is inorganic (nitrate sampling was discontinued in 2007). Algae use inorganic nitrogen for growth, so it is common to see depletion of total nitrogen as algae take up nitrate during the summer. Nitrogen rarely limits total algal growth, but low concentrations of inorganic nitrogen can favor the growth of cyanobacteria. Total nitrogen concentrations appear to have decreased slightly, and the seasonal patterns have become more stable. This may be related to changes in the source water entering the reservoir or the lower algal densities (see Figures 1 and 10).
Figure 10: Algal density is determined by settling a known volume of Judy Reservoir water, then counting and identifying the settled algae. The highest algal counts usually occurred from summer to late fall, which is typical for lakes in our region, or in the winter. High winter counts are unusual for most lakes, but consistent with occasional high winter chlorophyll concentrations in Judy Reservoir (Figures 1 and 2). The 2011 algal densities lacked extreme peaks, but were actually higher than in earlier years. By comparison, median chlorophyll levels and algal biovolumes were lower in 2011 (Figures 1 and 13). This is a good illustration of the differences between cell count, biovolume, and chlorophyll (see Figure 17).

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Figure 11: Cyanobacteria, green algae, and chrysophytes usually dominate the cell counts in Judy Reservoir. Cyanobacteria (bluegreen “algae”) typically bloom during fall, and were especially dense in October 2007. Green algae had rather erratic counts, but were usually higher during the summer and fall. The chrysophyte counts were very high during the winter/spring of 2007/2008 and moderately high during the winter/spring of 2008/2009. Chrysophytes often bloom during early spring, and winter blooms are not too unusual. Of the three types, chrysophytes are most likely to cause taste and odor problems.
Figure 12: Dinoflagellates and cryptomonads are usually less abundant than other types of algae (note scale difference in this figure compared to Figure 11), but the species that are present in Judy Reservoir are often large in size. As a result, they may contribute disproportionately to the algal biovolume or chlorophyll measurements. The cryptomonad densities in 2011 were slightly higher than in previous years, but not high enough to cause a distinct increase in the 2011 chlorophyll or biovolume levels (see Figures 1 and 15).
Figure 13: Freshwater algae range in size from very tiny (<2 µm diameter) to large enough to see without magnification (>1 mm diameter). Algal biovolume is calculated by measuring the size of the algal cell, calculating the volume occupied by that cell, then multiplying the individual “biovolume” by the number of algal cells in the sample. The biovolume results matched the chlorophyll concentrations, showing a slight decrease in 2011.

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Figure 14: Cyanobacteria, green algae, and chrysophytes usually dominate the biovolume estimates as well as the cell counts. Several species that are present in the numerical counts do not yet have biovolume measurements. These include two large colonial species (Woronichinia - cyanobacteria; Botryococcus - green algae) and four diatoms (Asterionella, Cyclotella, Navicula, and Surirella). Adding biovolume estimates for these six species may slightly alter the biovolume patterns in this figure.
Figure 15: Cryptomonads (lower plot) were rarely common in the Judy Reservoir samples, so they rarely contribute much to algal biovolume estimates. Dinoflagellates occasionally form blooms in the reservoir, and because the dinoflagellate cells are quite large, when blooms occur the dinoflagellate biovolume can be high.
Figure 16: Because of the variation in cell sizes between different algal species, biovolume is calculated separately for each species. This figure illustrates how variation in cell size affects biovolume. If all of the species in a sample are approximately the same size, the relationship between density and biovolume is nearly linear (e.g., dinoflagellates). If, however, the sample contains species that are very different in size, as is the case for green algae and chrysophytes, there is little relationship between density and biovolume. Some types of algae, like the cyanobacteria, have many species present in the sample, but the different species have somewhat similar cell shapes and sizes. The cryptomonads are interesting because there are only a few species present, and the cells are all basically the same shape (ovals), but they range from tiny to very large.
Figure 17: Although algal counts, algal biovolume, and algal chlorophyll levels are related, each measurement tells you something distinctly different about the amount of algae in a sample. Numerical counts show general patterns in algal population dynamics. For example, the Judy Reservoir counts revealed unusually high winter densities of chrysophytes (Figure 11). Chlorophyll measurements are fast, inexpensive, and widely used to indicate trophic state (Figure 3), but won’t let you distinguish algae by type. Algal biovolume is the most direct measurement of the “weight” of algae in the sample, but needs to be measured for each species separately. As a result, it is not unusual to see weak relationships like this when you plot the measurements against each other.
A  Plankton Images

This appendix contains photographic images and biovolume equations for most of the phytoplankton in Judy Reservoir. Biovolume calculations require measurements from a minimum of ten cells, so only moderately common taxa are used for biovolume estimates.
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†Taxonomic revisions may result in moving this genus to a different group

Table 2: List of algae collected in Judy Reservoir, October 2006 - October 2011. Algae with density measurements are identified using an open circle (○); algae that also have biovolume measurements are identified using a solid circle (●).
Figure 18: *Anabaena flos-aquae* (cyanobacteria).

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\text{Ovoid biovolume} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right)
\]

- Avg. width = 6.07 µm
- Avg. length = 7.97 µm
- Avg. biovolume = 159.3 µm³
- Biovolume 95% CI = 124.1 − 194.5 µm³
Figure 19: *Aphanocapsa* (cyanobacteria).

Ovoid biovolume = \( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right) \)

Avg. width = 1.34 µm
Avg. length = 1.54 µm
Avg. biovolume = 1.50 µm³
Biovolume 95% CI = 0.96 – 2.03 µm³
Figure 20: *Aulacoseira* (diatom).

Cylinder biovolume \[= \pi \times \left(\frac{\text{width}}{2}\right)^2 \times \text{length}\]

Avg. width \[= 6.6 \, \mu m\]
Avg. length \[= 29.0 \, \mu m\]
Avg. biovolume \[= 1,033 \, \mu m^3\]
Biovolume 95% CI \[= 769 - 1,296 \, \mu m^3\]
Figure 21: *Ceratium hirundinella* (dinoflagellate).

Ceratium biovolume = \( \left( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{diameter}}{2} \right)^2 \times \text{length} \right) + \left( \pi \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \text{depth} \right) \)

Avg. width = 44.3 µm  
Avg. length = 52.4 µm  
Ave. depth = 43.2 µm  
Ave. diameter = 9.4 µm  
Avg. biovolume = 72,215 µm³  
Biovolume 95% CI = 61,334 – 83,096 µm³
Figure 22: *Chroococcus dispersus* (cyanobacteria)

Ovoid biovolume \[= \frac{4}{3}\pi \times \left(\frac{\text{width}}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{\text{length}}{2}\right)\]

Avg. width \[= 1.52 \, \mu m\]
Avg. length \[= 2.20 \, \mu m\]
Avg. biovolume \[= 2.95 \, \mu m^3\]
Biovolume 95% CI \[= 2.26 - 3.64 \, \mu m^3\]
Figure 23: *Chroococcus turgidus* (cyanobacteria)

Ovoid biovolume  = \( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right) \)

Avg. width  = 6.52 \( \mu \text{m} \)

Avg. length  = 7.22 \( \mu \text{m} \)

Avg. biovolume  = 187.5 \( \mu \text{m}^3 \)

Biovolume 95% CI  = 143.0 – 232.1 \( \mu \text{m}^3 \)
Figure 24: *Cosmarium* (green algae - desmid).

Ovoid biovolume  =  \( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right) \)

Avg. width  =  15.11 µm
Avg. length  =  15.39 µm
Avg. biovolume  =  1,866 µm³
Biovolume 95% CI  =  1,535 – 2,197 µm³
Figure 25: *Crucigenia* (green algae).

Ovoid biovolume = \( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left(\frac{\text{width}}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{\text{length}}{2}\right) \)

Avg. width = 2.51 µm  
Avg. length = 2.11 µm  
Avg. biovolume = 11.06 µm³  
Biovolume 95% CI = 4.22 - 17.90 µm³
Figure 26: Cryptomonas (cryptomonad).

Ovoid biovolume = \( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right) \)

Avg. width = 8.85 \( \mu \text{m} \)
Avg. length = 17.51 \( \mu \text{m} \)
Avg. biovolume = 945.4 \( \mu \text{m}^3 \)
Biovolume 95% CI = 226.7 \(-1,664 \mu \text{m}^3 \)
Figure 27: *Dictyosphaerium* (green algae).

Ovoid biovolume \( = \frac{4}{3}\pi \times \left(\frac{\text{width}}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{\text{length}}{2}\right) \)

Avg. width = 6.64 µm
Avg. length = 7.27 µm
Avg. biovolume = 169.2 µm³
Biovolume 95% CI = 138.2 – 200.2 µm³
Figure 28: *Dinobryon bavaricum* (chrysophyte).

Ovoid biovolume $= \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right)$

Avg. width $= 2.51 \mu m$
Avg. length $= 8.06 \mu m$
Avg. biovolume $= 122.4 \mu m^3$
Biovolume 95% CI $= 43.2 - 201.5 \mu m^3$
Figure 29: *Dinobryon sertularia* (chrysophyte).

Ovoid biovolume $= \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right)$

Avg. width $= 1.63 \mu m$
Avg. length $= 9.91 \mu m$
Avg. biovolume $= 17.2 \mu m^3$
Biovolume 95% CI $= 6.81 - 27.6 \mu m^3$
Figure 30: *Elakatothrix* (green algae).

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\text{Fusiform biovolume} = \frac{2}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right)
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Avg. width = 1.64 µm  
Avg. length = 14.58 µm  
Avg. biovolume = 11.81 µm³  
Biovolume 95% CI = 8.44 – 15.17 µm³
Figure 31: *Eudorina* (green algae).

Ovoid biovolume = \( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right) \)

Avg. width = 5.41 \( \mu \text{m} \)
Avg. length = 5.99 \( \mu \text{m} \)
Avg. biovolume = 180.2 \( \mu \text{m}^3 \)
Biovolume 95\% CI = 69.6 – 290.7 \( \mu \text{m}^3 \)
Figure 32: *Gloeocapsa* (cyanobacteria).

Ovoid biovolume \[= \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left(\frac{\text{width}}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{\text{length}}{2}\right)\]

Avg. width \(= 6.0 \mu m\)  
Avg. length \(= 6.5 \mu m\)  
Avg. biovolume \(= 124.6 \mu m^3\)  
Biovolume 95% CI \(= 104.7 - 144.5 \mu m^3\)
Figure 33: *Gloeocystis* (green algae).

Ovoid biovolume = \( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right) \)

Avg. width = 6.1 \( \mu \text{m} \)
Avg. length = 7.8 \( \mu \text{m} \)
Avg. biovolume = 153.1 \( \mu \text{m}^3 \)
Biovolume 95% CI = 120.8 – 185.5 \( \mu \text{m}^3 \)
Figure 34: *Gymnodinium* (dinoflagellate).

Ovoid biovolume = \(\frac{4}{3}\pi \times \left(\frac{\text{width}}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{\text{length}}{2}\right)\)

Avg. width = 50.4 \(\mu\)m
Avg. length = 51.4 \(\mu\)m
Avg. biovolume = 70,953 \(\mu\)m\(^3\)
Biovolume 95% CI = 53,043 – 88,863 \(\mu\)m\(^3\)
Figure 35: *Komma caudata* (cryptomonad; a.k.a *Chroomonas acuta*)

Ovoid biovolume \( = \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right) \)

Avg. width \( = \) 3.84 \( \mu \text{m} \)

Avg. length \( = \) 7.18 \( \mu \text{m} \)

Avg. biovolume \( = \) 78.2 \( \mu \text{m}^3 \)

Biovolume 95% CI \( = \) \( < 1 - 161.8 \mu \text{m}^3 \)
Figure 36: *Mallomonas* (chrysophyte).

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\text{Ovoid biovolume} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right)
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Avg. width = 20.0 µm  
Avg. length = 41.6 µm  
Avg. biovolume = 8,951 µm³  
Biovolume 95% CI = 6,989 – 10,913 µm³
Figure 37: Microcystis (cyanobacteria).

Ovoid biovolume = \( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right) \)

Avg. width = 5.42 \( \mu m \)
Avg. length = 6.17 \( \mu m \)
Avg. biovolume = 96.1 \( \mu m^3 \)
Biovolume 95% CI = 80.1 – 112.1 \( \mu m^3 \)
Figure 38: *Oocystis* (green algae).

Ovoid biovolume \[= \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left(\frac{\text{width}}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{\text{length}}{2}\right)\]

Avg. width = 5.48 µm  
Avg. length = 8.38 µm  
Avg. biovolume = 138.5 µm³  
Biovolume 95% CI = 113.7 – 163.4 µm³
Figure 39: Scenedesmus (green algae).

Ovoid biovolume \( = \frac{4}{3}\pi \times \left(\frac{\text{width}}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{\text{length}}{2}\right) \)

Avg. width \( = 2.89 \mu m \)
Avg. length \( = 9.20 \mu m \)
Avg. biovolume \( = 43.2 \mu m^3 \)
Biovolume 95% CI \( = 33.7 - 52.6 \mu m^3 \)
Figure 40: *Sphaerocystis* (green algae).

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\text{Ovoid biovolume} = \frac{4}{3}\pi \times \left(\frac{\text{width}}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{\text{length}}{2}\right)
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Avg. width = 1.53 µm  
Avg. length = 1.64 µm  
Avg. biovolume = 2.57 µm³  
Biovolume 95% CI = 1.71 – 3.43 µm³
Figure 41: *Stephanodiscus* (chrysophyte - diatom).

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\text{Cylinder biovolume} = \pi \left(\frac{\text{diameter}}{2}\right)^2 \times \text{depth}
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Avg. diameter = 48.8 µm  
Avg. depth = 26.7 µm  
Avg. biovolume = 51,354 µm³  
Biovolume 95% CI = 37,935 - 64,773 µm³
Figure 42: *Synedra* (chrysophyte - diatom).

Diamondbox biovolume = \( \text{width} \times \text{length} \times \frac{\text{depth}}{2} \)

- Avg. width = 2.7 \( \mu m \)
- Avg. length = 87.6 \( \mu m \)
- Avg. depth = 1.7 \( \mu m \)
- Avg. biovolume = 195.9 \( \mu m^3 \)
- Biovolume 95% CI = 156.3 – 235.5 \( \mu m^3 \)
Figure 43: Synura petersenii (chrysophyte).

Ovoid biovolume \[= \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left(\frac{\text{width}}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{\text{length}}{2}\right)\]

Avg. width = 7.8 µm
Avg. length = 12.8 µm
Avg. biovolume = 649.5 µm³
Biovolume 95% CI = < 1 − 1,468 µm³
Figure 44: *Synura uvella* (chrysophyte).

Ovoid biovolume = \( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right) \)

Avg. width = 8.25 µm  
Avg. length = 17.8 µm  
Avg. biovolume = 653.1 µm³  
Biovolume 95% CI = 481.9 – 824.2 µm³
Figure 45: *Tabellaria* (chrysophyte - diatom).

Rectangle biovolume = length × width × depth

Avg. width = 7.07 µm  
Avg. length = 39.7 µm  
Avg. depth = 2.38 µm  
Avg. biovolume = 661.5 µm³  
Biovolume 95% CI = 596.3 – 726.6 µm³
Figure 46: *Tetraedron* (green algae).

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\text{Box biovolume} = \frac{(\text{length})^3}{4}
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Avg. length  =  19.8 µm  
Avg. biovolume  =  2,528 µm³  
Biovolume 95% CI  =  1,223 – 3,833 µm³
Figure 47: Unidentified bluegreen (cyanobacteria).

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\text{Ovoid biovolume} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right)
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\text{Avg. width} = 4.89 \mu m
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\text{Avg. length} = 4.84 \mu m
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\text{Avg. biovolume} = 63.7 \mu m^3
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\text{Biovolume 95\% CI} = 46.0 - 81.4 \mu m^3
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Figure 48: Unidentified golden (chrysophyte).

Ovoid biovolume = \( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right) \)

Avg. width = 2.5 \( \mu \)m
Avg. length = 4.3 \( \mu \)m
Avg. biovolume = 15.0 \( \mu \)m\(^3\)

Biovolume 95% CI = 9.82 – 20.2 \( \mu \)m\(^3\)
Figure 49: *Uroglena* (chrysophyte).

Ovoid biovolume \[= \frac{4}{3} \pi \times \left( \frac{\text{width}}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{\text{length}}{2} \right) \]

Avg. width \[= 6.50 \mu m \]
Avg. length \[= 7.11 \mu m \]
Avg. biovolume \[= 165.0 \mu m^3 \]
Biovolume 95% CI \[= 130.9 - 199.1 \mu m^3 \]
B Judy Reservoir Water Quality and Algae Data

Printed versions of this report include tables of the 2006–2009 data, edited to show detection limits. Online reports do not include copies of the original data, but electronic data files are available from the Institute for Watershed Studies. In addition, the IWS web site (http://www.ac.wwu.edu/~iws) features “dynamic” plots of the water quality data and tables containing the most recent results from the lake.

These pages represent updated water quality data, algal counts, and algal biovolume estimates, and should serve as the verified data source for results collected from October 2006 through October 2008. Electronic copies of the verified data are available from the Institute for Watershed Studies (IWS), Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA.

The code “NA” has been entered into all empty cells in the ascii data files to fill in unsampled dates and depths, missing data, etc. Questions about specific missing data should be directed to the IWS director.

Unless otherwise indicated, the electronic data files have NOT been censored to flag or otherwise identify below detection and above detection values. As a result, the ascii files may contain negative values due to linear extrapolation of the standards regression curve for below detection data. It is essential that any statistical or analytical results that are generated using these data be reviewed by someone familiar with statistical uncertainty associated with uncensored data.