Day in the Life of the Hudson River 10/4/12 Data RIVER MILE 43

Riverfront Green, Peekskill, Westchester

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Location: Riverfront Green, Peekskill, Westchester County

Area: Grassy park area with beachfront, pier, sandy beachfront, used for picnics, boating

and fishing

Surrounding Land Use: Recreational use 40%, beach 25%, Industrial/Commercial 25%,

forested 5%, Urban/residential 5%

Sampling Site: beach with sandy shoreline

Plants in area: Water depth:

River Bottom – sandy, muddy, rocky.

Site Observations: brick, crab shells, glass, plastic, water chestnut pods, H20 bottles

ITEM	Time	Reading 1	Reading 2	Comments		
Physical						
Air Temperature	9:10 AM	70°F	9:30 AM	72°F		
		22°C		23°C		
Wind Speed	0 Beaufort	km/hr >1,	knots/hr>1	North		
Cloud Cover	cloudy					
Weather today	cloudy					
Weather recently	Lots of rain					
Water Surface	Calm					
Water	9:20 AM	21°C		Water 3 ft.		
Temperature –				deep		
Turbidity – long-	AM	21 cm		Average		
site tube		12 cm		17.3cm		

		13 cm			
Chlorophyll		1.0			
Chemical					
DO	9:20 AM	11.1 mg/l	21°C	126 % satur.	
(drop kits)	9:22 AM	11.1 mg/l	21°C	126% satur.	
pН	9:18 AM	7.5			
Salinity -	9:18 AM	1.96 ppt			
meter					
Fish Catch-	Number	Species	Length	Diversity/	
Noon	Caught			Totals	
20 ft net X 4ft–	1	White Perch	4 inch	DIV = 3	
9:30 AM	1	Pumpkinseed	4 inch	Totals = 4	
		Sunfish			
	5	Redbreast	5 inch		
		Sunfish			
Tides	9:00 AM	Set stick			
	10:00 AM	23 cm	rising		
Currents	Time	Cm/60 sec	Cm/sec	Direction	
	9:10 AM	0	0	still	
	9:18 AM			still	
	9:25 AM			still	
Core –	Length	Rare	Common	Abundant	
Noted H2S smell	Not given	Gravel,	Pebbles,	Mud, sand	
and oxidized top		freshwater	wood,		
(but no		mussel,	shells		
measurements)		macroinvert.,			
Commercial	8:51 AM	Barge	Red &	North/loaded	
Traffic			Black		
Recreational	9:58 AM	Small boat	White	North	
Traffic					
Other Items	Killdeer, geese, fishcrows, seagulls, blue crab, mallard				
	ducks, monarch butterfly				