## Day in the Life of the Hudson River 10/20/16 Data RIVER MILE 115

(Salt Front ~ RM 83)

Cohotate Preserve, Athens, Greene Co.

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**Location:** Cohotate preserve – Ice house site –

**Area:** The ice house is a flat, grassy are on the river with several cotton wood trees. It is situated at the bottom of a forested hill. Large waterfront vegetated. The artificial shoreline of the bulkhead dominates the eastern shore. Shoreline is characterized by tidal mudflats. Area is used recreationally for picnicking, hiking and fishing. Ice house is approximately ½ miles walk from the parking area.

Surrounding Land Use: Forested 85%, Beach 10%; Urban/residential 5%

**Sampling Site:** Beach area, Shoreline includes tidal mud flats in the southeast, with a rocky shore further south. To the north of the tidal mud flat there is an old bulkhead, with another tidal flat to the north of the bulkhead, rip rap in sections.

The banks have been altered at the bulkhead (entire ice house area is likely dredge spoil), wood and debris are collected in the southern mudflat, there is lots of vegetation and no pipes entering the water. Brick pieces on shoreline

Water Depth: NR

**River Bottom:** Muddy, rocky, weedy

Plants in area: NR

ITEM	Time	Reading 1	Reading 2	Comments		
Physical						
Air Temperature	10:00 AM	17°C				
Wind Speed	0					
Cloud Cover	10:00 AM	Partly cloudy	12:00 PM	Overcast		
Weather today	Cloudy and rain by 1:30 PM					
Weather recently	Warm and dry					
Water	10:00	17.3°C				
Temperature	AM					
Turbidity – long	10:50AM	88.6 cm	Average			
sight tube		76.6 cm	82.5 cm			
		82.2 cm				
Chemical						
DO	AM	7.95 ppm	17.3°C	80%		
Pasco Probe						
pH – Pasco	AM	7.33				
Probe						
Salinity -	AM	1.3 units	34 Cl ppm	66 ppm Total		
quantabs				Salinity		

Fish Catch	Total #	Species –	Size	Totals
40 ft. X 30 ft.				
FISH –	11	Pumpkinseed		Diversity – 7
2 seines	10	Bluegill		Total Catch – 259
	41	Banded Killifish		
	~175	Spottail Shiner		
	16	Tesselated		
		Darters		
	5	yoy herring		
	1	golden shiner		
Tide	AM	Falling/Ebb		