Day in the Life of the Hudson River 10/4/12 Data RIVER MILE 90

George Freer Memorial Park, Port Ewen, Ulster County Meg Meisch, Rondout Valley High School 150 students 9th-10th graders, 15 adult helpers GPS Latitude 41°907 N Longitude 73°978 W

Location: George Freer Memorial Park, Town of Ulster, Ulster, NY **Area:** Park space with grassy area, used for picnics, fishing and boating **Surrounding Land Use**: 30% urban/residential; 20% forested; 40%

industrial/commercial

Sampling Site: Shore is beach, muddy and rocky along the water, banks have been

altered with piping noted entering the river

Plants in area: no Water depth:

River Bottom: muddy, rocky

Plants in sampling area: water chestnut 35% of the area, pickerel weed 5% of the

sample area, dotted smartweed 2% of the sample area.

About the site: area has bricks and brick pieces, water chestnut seeds, goose droppings. **Any possible impacts to the data you are collecting?** Rain may have impacted the data

ITEM	Time	Reading 1	Reading 2	Comments		
Physical Physical						
Air	10:40 AM	22°C				
Temperature						
Wind Speed	None reported		East (direction ne	(direction noted but no		
			beaufort)			
Cloud Cover	Overcast,					
	foggy					
Weather today	Rain, drizzle to heavy at times					
Weather	Monday sunny, Tuesday and Wednesday rainy					
recently						
Water						
Temperature	10:39 AM	19 °C				
	12:50 PM	20 °C				
	1:00 PM	20 °C				
Water calm	yes					
Turbidity long	10:00 AM	46 cm		Average 50		
Site tube		54 cm		cm		
		50 cm				
Chlorophyll	10:10AM	0.01				
Chemical						
DO	10:39 AM	19 °C	8 ppm	85%		
Test tabs				saturated		

	12:50 PM	20 °C	8 ppm	90%
				saturated
	1:00 PM	20 °C	8 ppm	90%
				saturated
pH –				
Salinity -	1.2 scale	28 ppm Cl-	Converts to 51	
Quantab			ppm total salinity	
Fish Catch	Number	Species -	Largest Size	Diversity &
<i>30'seine X 4 ft.</i>	Caught-			Totals
	6	Eels	6 cm	Div = 6
	4	Sunfish	16 cm	Totals = 33
	1	Darter		
	20	Herring	3-5 cm	
	1	Pumpkinseed		
	1	blue crab		
Also collected		Zebra		
		mussels		
Tides	12:00 PM	34 cm	rising	
	12:15 PM	40 cm	Rising	
	12:30 PM	50 cm	rising	
	12:50 PM	54 cm	rising	
Currents	12:30 PM	213 cm/60	3.55 c/sec	0.07 knots -
		sec		Ebb
Commercial	11:24 AM	Barge-red	North	Loaded
Traffic				
	11:59 AM	Tug-blue	North	Light
	11:55 AM	Train – silver	North	Loaded
Recreational	11:54 AM	Sailboat –	North	Light
Traffic		white		
	12:17 PM	Sailboat	South	Light
		White		
	1:05 PM	Kayak –	South	Light
		yellow		
Core –	Length	Rare	Common	Abundant
10:00 AM	6 inches – no	Gravel	Sand, Coal	Brick
	oxidized top			
Other Items	seagulls,			
	cranes			