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Proposed Construction and Dredging Areas  
Alma DFO-SCH  
Alma, New Brunswick**

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**Re: Underwater Benthic Habitat Survey at the Alma Fisheries and Oceans Canada Small Craft Harbour, Alma, New Brunswick – Draft Report**

Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, a Division of Amec Foster Wheeler Americas Limited (Amec Foster Wheeler), is pleased to provide Public Works and Government Services Canada with the findings of an Underwater Benthic Habitat Survey undertaken within the footprint of a proposed breakwater extension and dredge areas at the Alma Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbour in Alma, New Brunswick.

Amec Foster Wheeler appreciates the opportunity to provide services to your organization. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding this or any other matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

At the request of Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC), an Underwater Benthic Habitat Survey (UBHS) program was completed on 13 July 2015 within the footprint of a breakwater extension and dredge area at the Alma Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) – Small Craft Harbour (SCH) in Alma, New Brunswick (NB).

## 2.0 SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

Qualitative and quantitative observations were obtained from the footprint of the breakwater extension and dredge areas using video survey techniques to map substrate types and document macrofaunal and macrofloral species presence and abundance. Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, a Division of Amec Foster Wheeler Americas Limited (Amec Foster Wheeler) contracted Diversified Divers Inc. to perform the diving and video surveillance services. An Amec Foster Wheeler representative was on-site to guide the dive crew in the event that any issues arose and to obtain supporting habitat and biological information.

A total of 465 metres (m) of video surveillance was divided into two transects (T1 and T2) and four transect tie lines (TT1 to TT4) of various lengths from the footprint of the breakwater extension and dredge areas at the Alma DFO-SCH (Figure 1).

A handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) was used to locate the pre-determined start and finish points of the transects.

The survey of the transects required the use of a video camera, operated by a Canadian Standards Association (CSA)-certified diver. Video at the Alma DFO-SCH were collected at low tide with all but the first 10 m of T-1 completed in dry conditions. As much as was practical, the underwater video survey encompassed a span of approximately 1m on either side of the transect line. Seabed characterization involved field observations made by the field crew and a review of the video survey recording. Observations along the video transect were made for every 5m segment.

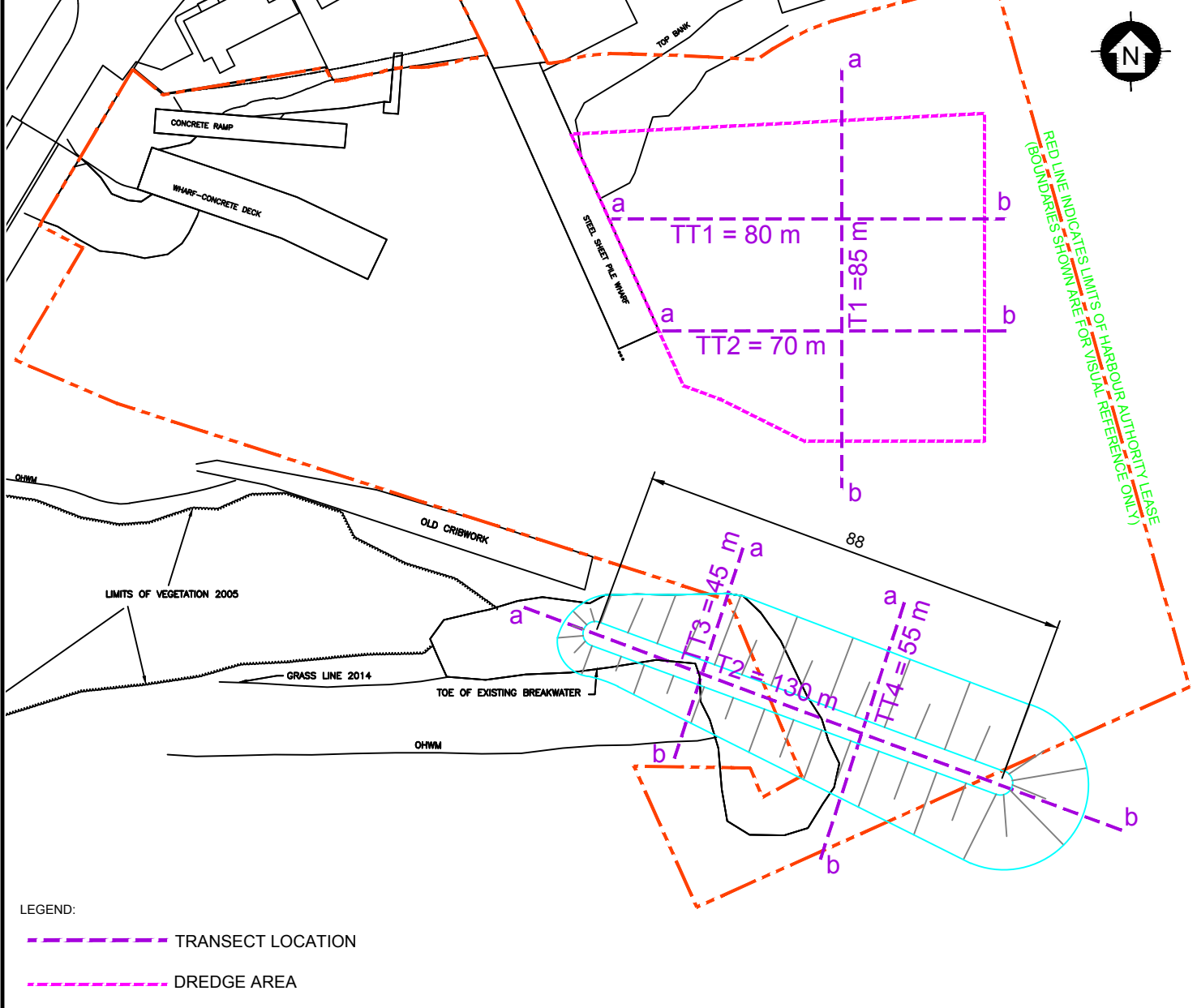
## 3.0 UNDERWATER HABITAT SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the transect surveys for the proposed project footprint are presented in Appendix A (Tables A.1 to A.6), including the following information for each 5m increment of transect line:

- visual determination of substrate type (in order of dominance);
- macrofaunal species identification and abundance; and
- macrofloral species identification and percent coverage.

A summary of the information provided in Tables A.1 to A.6 (Appendix A) is described in the following paragraphs. An annotated species list has been included in Appendix B. Photographs of the area at low tide have been included in Appendix C.

SITE	TRANSECT		NAD83 UTM ZONE 20N EASTING (m)	NAD83 UTM ZONE 20N NORTHING (m)	NAD83 LONGITUDE (DECIMAL DEGREES)	NAD83 LATITUDE (DECIMAL DEGREES)
ALMA	T1	a	348373.71	5051497.975	-64.94424	45.60048
		b	348373.71	5051412.975	-64.94421	45.59971
	T2	a	348308.959	5051388.516	-64.94504	45.59948
		b	348430.757	5051343.071	-64.94346	45.59910
	TT1	a	348326.854	5051467.75	-64.94483	45.60020
		b	348406.854	5051467.75	-64.94381	45.60021
	TT2	a	348337.203	5051444.907	-64.94469	45.59999
		b	348407.203	5051444.907	-64.94379	45.60001
	TT3	a	348353.585	5051400.579	-64.94447	45.59960
		b	348339.603	5051357.806	-64.94463	45.59921
	TT4	a	348386.475	5051389.493	-64.94404	45.59951
		b	348369.385	5051337.215	-64.94425	45.59903



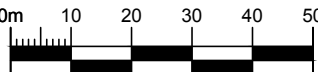
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- - - - - DREDGE AREA

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ALMA SMALL CRAFT HARBOUR  
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For the purposes of the video survey review and macrofaunal species identification and enumeration, four categories were developed to characterize the observed abundance levels. The categories are as follows:

**A = Abundant**

Numerous (not quantifiable) observations made throughout the entire 5 m segment.

**C = Common**

Numerous (not quantifiable) observations made intermittently along the 5 m segment.

**O = Occasional**

Quantifiable observations made intermittently along the 5 m segment.

**U = Uncommon**

Quantifiable observations made infrequently along the 5 m segment.

Observations of macrofaunal life were noted along three of the six transects (T1, TT1, and TT2), as further described in this section.

Macrofloral life was noted in four of the six transects (T1, TT1, TT2 and TT3) as further described below and in the associated tables in Appendix A (where encountered). Macrofloral debris (i.e., detritus from macrofloral species) was noted along segments of two transects (T2 and TT3).

### 3.1 Transect 1 (T1)

Transect 1 (T1) was 85 m long, starting in the channel proceeding north to the upper intertidal zone (Figure 2.1).

**Substrate:**

The substrate along the first half of the transect was predominantly composed of rock with lesser amounts of cobble, sand, and gravel. The second half of the transect was predominantly cobble with lesser amounts of gravel, rock, and sand.

**Macrofauna:**

Macrofaunal life was generally devoid along T1 with Northern rock barnacle (*Semibalanus balanoides*) noted as abundant in only the 15-20 and 20-25m segments. Shell hash was noted in the first three segments of the transect.

**Macroflora:**

Macrofloral life was noted the first half of the transect. Soft sour weed (*Desmarestia viridis*), green algae (*Spongomorpha* sp. and *Enteromorpha* sp.), and bladderwrack (*Fucus vesiculosus*) were noted with coverage of 5-25% in the first two segments of the transect. From the 10-15 m to the 45-50 m segments bladderwrack was noted in six segments with cover between 10-65% and *Spongomorpha* sp. was noted in two segments with a cover between 5 and 10%. No flora was noted between the 50-55 and 80-85 m segments.

### 3.2 Transect 2 (T2)

Transect 2 (T2) was 130 m long starting on top of the existing armourstone breakwater and proceeded in east-southeast to the lower intertidal zone (Figure 2.1).

#### **Substrate:**

The substrate along the existing breakwater was comprised of boulder except for a 20 m portion that crossed the beach and was predominantly sand. The substrate along the seabed was predominantly cobble (35-80%) with lesser amounts of rock, gravel, and sand.

#### **Macrofauna:**

No macrofaunal life was observed along the entire length of T2. Shell hash was noted between 20 and 40 m.

#### **Macroflora:**

No aquatic macrofloral life was observed along the entire length of T2. Terrestrial shrubs and lichens were noted between the 0 and 20 m segments and the 45 to 65 m segments.

### 3.3 Transect Tie Line 1 (TT1)

Transect tie line 1 (TT1) was 80 m long. This transect started in the mid-intertidal and proceeded west to the steel sheet pile wharf. (Figure 2.1).

#### **Substrate:**

The substrate was predominantly sand (25-90%) with varying amounts of rock, cobble, and silt.

#### **Macrofauna:**

Macrofaunal life in TT1 was restricted to a common occurrence of the Northern rock barnacle in the 10-15 m segment.

#### **Macroflora:**

*Spongomorpha* sp. was noted in the 25-30, 30-35, and 40-45 m segments with 5% coverage.

### 3.4 Transect Tie Line 2 (TT2)

Transect tie line 2 (TT2) was 70 m long. This transect started in the mid-intertidal and proceeded west to the steel sheet pile wharf. (Figure 2.1).

#### **Substrate:**

The substrate was predominantly cobble (10-65%) with varying amounts of sand, silt, rock, and boulder.

#### **Macrofauna:**

Macrofaunal life in TT2 was restricted to a common occurrence of the Northern rock barnacle in the 0-5 m segment.

**Macroflora:**

Bladderwrack was noted in 11 of the 14 segments of the transect with a cover between 5 and 40%. *Spongomorpha* sp. was observed in the 25-30 m, segment with 5% cover and rockweed (*Ascophyllum nodosum*) was noted in the 15-20 m segment with 5% cover.

### 3.5 Transect Tie Line 3 (TT3)

Transect tie line 3 (TT3) was 45 m long. It was filmed in an approximate south to north orientation, from the intertidal zone over the existing breakwater and back to the intertidal zone (Figure 2.1).

**Substrate:**

The substrate in the intertidal areas (0-15 m and 40-45 m) was predominantly sand with lesser amount of cobble. The substrate along the breakwater was comprised of boulder.

**Macrofauna:**

No macrofauna was noted in TT3.

**Macroflora:**

*Spongomorpha* sp. was noted in the 34-40 m segment with 5% coverage and macrofloral debris was noted in three segment (0-15 m) with coverage between 5 and 35%. In addition terrestrial shrubs and lichens were observed.

### 3.6 Transect Tie Line 4 (TT4)

Transect tie line 4 (TT4) was 55 m long. It was filmed in an approximate south to north orientation in the intertidal zone approximately 5 m from the toe of the breakwater (Figure 2.1).

**Substrate:**

The substrate was a mix of cobble (35-70%) and sand (10-60%) with lesser amounts of gravel and rock.

**Macrofauna:**

No macrofauna was noted in TT4.

**Macroflora:**

No macroflora was noted in TT4.

## 4.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL (QA/QC)

The diving crew was directed by an on-site Amec Foster Wheeler representative (Mr. Bruce Moore, B.Sc.) who is experienced in data collection for environmental assessment project components. Mr. Moore was responsible for the data collection and overall data quality as well as for ensuring that all standard operating procedures were followed and that adequate health and safety measures were taken.

A Project Reviewer (Ms. Kerry Higgins, B.Sc, EP) has reviewed this report prior to its release. The limitations of this document are provided in Appendix D.



## 5.0 SUMMARY

Characterization of the substrate and benthic communities along six transects within the footprint of a breakwater extension and dredge areas at the Alma DFO–SCH in Alma, NB was completed using a combination of visual field observations and underwater video survey techniques. All of the collected video except for the first 10 m of T1 was completed at low tide.

The intertidal zone surveyed was a mix of sand, cobble, and rock, with any of the three possible as the predominant substrate depending on the location. Gravel and silt were noted throughout the transects but generally were not a major component of the substrate. The existing breakwater which was surveyed in T2 and TT3 was composed almost entirely of boulders with gravel and sand noted in discrete locations.

Macrofaunal life was observed in three of the six transects, but was limited to a common or abundant occurrence of Northern rock barnacle in only 4 segments of the entire survey.

Macrofloral life was observed in five of the six transects, but was generally sparse. The greatest diversity was observed within the channel with four different algal species. In the remainder of the transects bladderwrack was the predominant species with coverage ranging between 5 and 65%. The green alga, *Spongomorpha* sp. was the next most prevalent species but was noted in only six 6 segments with coverage never higher than 5%. Rockweed was noted in only one segment within the surveyed area with a cover of 5%.

## 6.0 CLOSING

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**APPENDIX A**  
**Transcript of Video and On-Site Observations**

**Table A.1 85 m Survey – Transect T1, 13 July 2015**

Transect Distance (m)	Transect Tag Numbers	Substrate (Estimated % Coverage)	Macrofaunal Life Observed (Estimated Abundances*)	Macrofloral Life Observed (Estimated % Coverage)
0-5 <b>T1 Start</b>	0-5	Rock (50%); Gravel (25%); Sand (25%)	Shell hash	Soft sour weed ( <i>Desmarestia viridis</i> ) (25%); Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (5%); Green alga ( <i>Spongomorpha</i> sp.) (5%)
5-10	5-10	Rock (75%); Sand (15%); Gravel (10%)	Shell hash	Soft sour weed ( <i>Desmarestia viridis</i> ) (30%); Green alga ( <i>Enteromorpha</i> sp.) (10%); Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (5%); Green alga ( <i>Spongomorpha</i> sp.) (5%)
10-15	10-15	Silt (45%); Sand (40%); Cobble (10%); Rock (5%)	Shell hash	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (15%)
15-20	15-20	Rock (65%); Silt (15%); Cobble (10%); Sand (10%)	Northern rock barnacle ( <i>Semibalanus balanoides</i> ) (A)	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (65%)
20-25	20-25	Rock (50%); Silt (30%); Sand (15%); Cobble (5%)	Northern rock barnacle ( <i>Semibalanus balanoides</i> ) (A)	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (45%); Green alga ( <i>Spongomorpha</i> sp.) (10%)
25-30	25-30	Rock (70%); Cobble (30%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (35%)
30-35	30-35	Rock (70%); Cobble (30%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (15%)
35-40	35-40	Rock (60%); Cobble (25%); Gravel (15%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (10%)
40-45	40-45	Rock (30%); Cobble (30%); Gravel (20%); Sand (20%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
45-50	45-50	Gravel (40%); Cobble (25%); Rock (20%); Sand (15%)	No fauna observed	Green alga ( <i>Spongomorpha</i> sp.) (5%)
50-55	50-55	Cobble (45%); Gravel (25%); Rock (20%); Sand (15%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
55-60	55-60	Cobble (40%); Gravel (25%); Rock (15%); Sand (10%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
60-65	60-65	Cobble (40%); Gravel (25%); Rock (15%); Sand (10%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
65-70	65-70	Cobble (55%); Gravel (20%); Rock (10%); Sand (10%); Boulder (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
70-75	70-75	Cobble (40%); Gravel (30%); Sand (25%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
75-80	75-80	Gravel (35%); Sand (25%); Cobble (20%); Rock (20%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
80-85 <b>T1 End</b>	80-85	Rock (35%); Cobble (25%); Gravel (20%); Sand (20%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed

\*A = Abundant, C = Common, O = Occasional, U = Uncommon (See below).

**Table A.2 130 m Survey – Transect T2, 13 July 2015**

Transect Distance (m)	Transect Tag Numbers	Substrate (Estimated % Coverage)	Macrofaunal Life Observed (Estimated Abundances*)	Macrofloral Life Observed (Estimated % Coverage)
0-5 <b>T2 Start</b>	0-5	Boulder (100%)	No fauna observed	Terrestrial shrubs
5-10	5-10	Boulder (100%)	No fauna observed	Terrestrial shrubs
10-15	10-15	Boulder (100%)	No fauna observed	Terrestrial shrubs
15-20	15-20	Boulder (100%)	No fauna observed	Terrestrial shrubs
20-25	20-25	Sand (95%); Cobble (5%)	Shell hash	Macrofloral debris (20%)
25-30	25-30	Sand (95%); Cobble (5%)	Shell hash	Macrofloral debris (20%)
30-35	30-35	Sand (95%); Cobble (5%)	Shell hash	Macrofloral debris (40%)
35-40	35-40	Sand (90%); Cobble (5%); Boulder (5%)	Shell hash	Macrofloral debris (20%)
40-45	40-45	Boulder (95%); Sand (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
45-50	45-50	Boulder (100%)	No fauna observed	Lichens (10%)
50-55	50-55	Boulder (100%)	No fauna observed	Lichens (10%)
55-60	55-60	Boulder (100%)	No fauna observed	Lichens (10%)
60-65	60-65	Boulder (100%)	No fauna observed	Lichens (10%)
65-70	65-70	Boulder (60%); Gravel (20%); Cobble (15%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
70-75	70-75	Cobble (35%); Boulder (25%); Rock (25%); Gravel (15%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
75-80	75-80	Cobble (80%); Gravel (10%); Rock (10%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
80-85	80-85	Cobble (70%); Rock (15%); Sand (15%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
85-90	85-90	Cobble (80%); Sand (15%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
90-95	90-95	Cobble (75%); Sand (20%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
95-100	95-100	Cobble (65%); Sand (25%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
100-105	100-105	Cobble (65%); Sand (25%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
105-110	105-110	Cobble (65%); Sand (25%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
110-115	110-115	Cobble (65%); Sand (25%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
115-120	115-120	Cobble (50%); Sand (40%); Rock (10%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
120-125	120-125	Cobble (50%); Sand (40%); Rock (10%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
125-130 <b>T2 End</b>	125-130	Cobble (50%); Sand (40%); Rock (10%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed

\*A = Abundant, C = Common, O = Occasional, U = Uncommon (See below).

**Table A.3 80 m Survey – Transect TT1, 20 July 2015**

Transect Distance (m)	Transect Tag Numbers	Substrate (Estimated % Coverage)	Macrofaunal Life Observed (Estimated Abundances*)	Macrofloral Life Observed (Estimated % Coverage)
0-5 <b>TT1 Start</b>	0-5	Sand (50%); Cobble (35%); Silt (10%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
5-10	5-10	Cobble (60%); Sand (30%); Silt (5%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
10-15	10-15	Sand (65%); Cobble (35%); Silt (5%); Rock (5%)	Northern rock barnacle ( <i>Semibalanus balanoides</i> ) (C)	No flora observed
15-20	15-20	Sand (55%); Cobble (25%); Silt (5%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
20-25	20-25	Sand (45%); Cobble (45%); Silt (5%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
25-30	25-30	Cobble (65%); Sand (25%); Silt (5%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	Green alga ( <i>Spongomorpha</i> sp.) (5%)
30-35	30-35	Cobble (50%); Sand (35%); Rock (10%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Green alga ( <i>Spongomorpha</i> sp.) (5%)
35-40	35-40	Sand (50%); Cobble (40%); Silt (5%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
40-45	40-45	Sand (45%); Cobble (40%); Rock (10%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Green alga ( <i>Spongomorpha</i> sp.) (5%)
45-50	45-50	Sand (70%); Cobble (25%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
50-55	50-55	Sand (70%); Cobble (25%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
55-60	55-60	Sand (70%); Cobble (20%); Rock (5%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
60-65	60-65	Sand (50%); Cobble (35%); Rock (10%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
65-70	65-70	Sand (40%); Cobble (30%); Rock (25%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
70-75	70-75	Sand (85%); Cobble (5%); Rock (5%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
75-80 <b>TT1 End</b>	75-80	Sand (90%); Rock (5%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed

\*A = Abundant, C = Common, O = Occasional, U = Uncommon (See below).

**Table A.4 70 m Survey – Transect TT2, 13 July 2015**

Transect Distance (m)	Transect Tag Numbers	Substrate (Estimated % Coverage)	Macrofaunal Life Observed (Estimated Abundances*)	Macrofloral Life Observed (Estimated % Coverage)
0-5 <b>TT2 Start</b>	0-5	Cobble (65%); Rock (20%); Sand (15%)	Northern rock barnacle ( <i>Semibalanus balanoides</i> ) (A)	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (10%)
5-10	5-10	Cobble (45%); Sand (35%); Rock (15%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (5%)
10-15	10-15	Sand (55%); Cobble (30%); Rock (10%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (5%)
15-20	15-20	Cobble (55%); Sand (35%); Boulder (10%); Rock (5%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (5%); Rockweed ( <i>Ascophyllum nodosum</i> ) (5%)
20-25	20-25	Sand (55%); Cobble (35%); Rock (5%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (5%)
25-30	25-30	Sand (50%); Rock (25%); Cobble (20%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Green alga ( <i>Spongomorpha</i> sp.) (5%)
30-35	30-35	Cobble (60%); Rock (20%); Sand (15%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (10%)
35-40	35-40	Sand (45%); Cobble (30%); Rock (20%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (40%)
40-45	40-45	Sand (70%); Cobble (20%); Rock (5%); Silt (5%)	Shell hash	No flora observed
45-50	45-50	Sand (80%); Cobble (10%); Rock (5%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
50-55	50-55	Sand (40%); Cobble (40%); Rock (15%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (20%)
55-60	55-60	Cobble (55%); Rock (35%); Sand (5%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (35%)
60-65	60-65	Sand (45%); Cobble (40%); Rock (10%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	Bladderwrack ( <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> ) (15%)
65-70 <b>TT2 End</b>	65-70	Sand (75%); Cobble (15%); Rock (5%); Silt (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed

\*A = Abundant, C = Common, O = Occasional, U = Uncommon (See below).

**Table A.5 45 m Survey – Transect TT3, 13 July 2015**

Transect Distance (m)	Transect Tag Numbers	Substrate (Estimated % Coverage)	Macrofaunal Life Observed (Estimated Abundances*)	Macrofloral Life Observed (Estimated % Coverage)
0-5 <b>T5 Start</b>	0-5	Sand (85%); Cobble (15%)	No fauna observed	Macrofloral debris (5%)
5-10	5-10	Sand (85%); Cobble (15%)	No fauna observed	Macrofloral debris (5%)
10-15	10-15	Sand (70%); Cobble (15%); Boulder (15%)	No fauna observed	Macrofloral debris (35%); Terrestrial shrubs
15-20	15-20	Boulder (100%)	No fauna observed	Terrestrial shrubs
20-25	20-25	Boulder (100%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
25-30	25-30	Boulder (100%)	No fauna observed	Lichens (25%)
30-35	30-35	Boulder (90%); Rock (10%)	No fauna observed	Lichens (25%)
35-40	35-40	Boulder (35%); Cobble (35%); Rock (15%); Sand (15%)	No fauna observed	Green alga ( <i>Spongomorpha</i> sp.) (5%)
40-45 <b>T5 End</b>	40-45	Sand (50%); Cobble (45%); Rock (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed

\*A = Abundant, C = Common, O = Occasional, U = Uncommon (See below).

**Table A.6 55 m Survey – Transect TT4, 13 July, 2015**

Transect Distance (m)	Transect Tag Numbers	Substrate (Estimated % Coverage)	Macrofaunal Life Observed (Estimated Abundances*)	Macrofloral Life Observed (Estimated % Coverage)
0-5 <b>T6 Start</b>	0-5	Cobble (60%); Sand (25%); Rock (15%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
5-10	5-10	Cobble (60%); Rock (15%); Gravel (15%); Sand (10%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
10-15	10-15	Cobble (50%); Sand (20%); Rock (15%); Gravel (15%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
15-20	15-20	Sand (60%); Cobble (25%); Rock (15%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
20-25	20-25	Sand (60%); Cobble (25%); Rock (15%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
25-30	25-30	Cobble (55%); Rock (25%); Sand (15%); Sand (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
30-35	30-35	Cobble (65%); Rock (20%); Gravel (10%); Sand (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
35-40	35-40	Cobble (55%); Rock (25%); Sand (15%); Gravel (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
40-45	40-45	Cobble (70%); Rock (15%); Gravel (10%); Sand (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
45-50	45-50	Cobble (70%); Rock (15%); Gravel (10%); Sand (5%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed
50-55 <b>T6 End</b>	50-55	Sand (45%); Cobble (35%); Rock (10%); Gravel (10%)	No fauna observed	No flora observed

\*A = Abundant, C = Common, O = Occasional, U = Uncommon (See below).

**A = Abundant**

Numerous (not quantifiable) observations made throughout the entire 5 m segment.

**C = Common**

Numerous (not quantifiable) observations made intermittently along the 5 m segment.

**O = Occasional**

Quantifiable observations made intermittently along the 5 m segment.

**U = Uncommon**

Quantifiable observations made infrequently along the 5 m segment.



**APPENDIX B**  
**Annotated Species List**



**Table B1 Annotated Species List**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
<b>Macrofauna</b>		
Arthropoda	Northern rock barnacle	<i>Semibalanus balanoides</i>
<b>Macroflora</b>		
Chlorophyta	Green alga	<i>Spongomorpha</i> sp.
	Green alga	<i>Enteromorpha</i> sp.
Phaeophyta	Soft sour weed	<i>Desmarestia viridis</i>
	Bladderwrack	<i>Fucus vesiculosus</i>
	Rockweed	<i>Ascophyllum nodosum</i>



**APPENDIX C**  
**Photo Log**

### General Site Photos



**Photo from base of armourstone at wharf, looking east across intertidal zone**



**Photo from T2 B looking west towards existing breakwater**



**Photo from toe of existing breakwater looking east towards T2 B**

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## **APPENDIX D**

### **Limitations**

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  2. The Scope of Services.
  3. Time and Budgetary limitations as described in our Contract.
  4. The Limitations stated herein.
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