

King County DNRP Water Quality Index

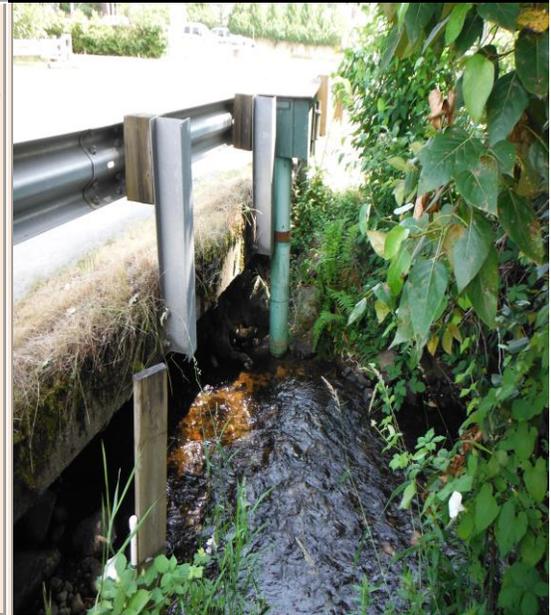
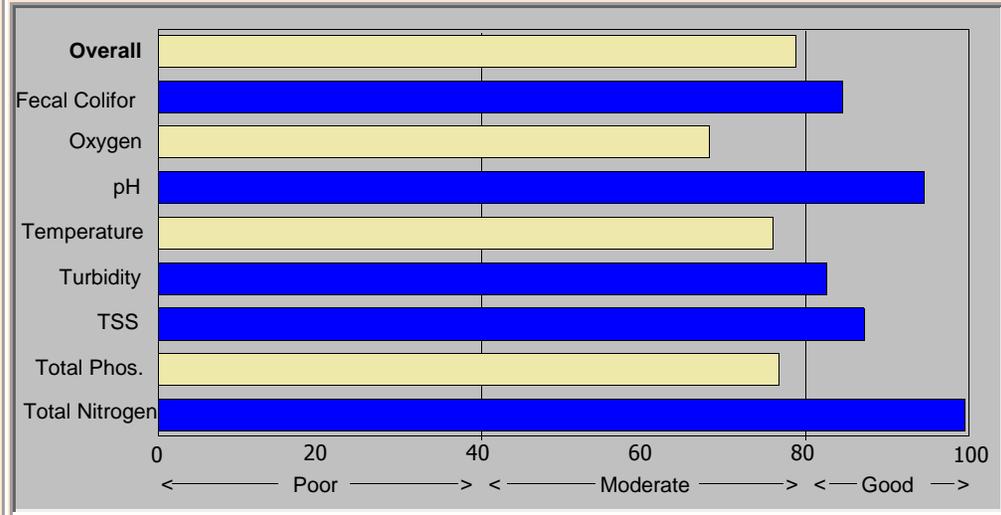
STATION **A632** WATER YEAR **2008**

GAUGE # 46a Issaquah Creek, North Fork Overall Index **79**

Issaquah Creek has been monitored for water quality by King County at three sites. Station A632 is located near the mouth of the North Fork on E Lake Sammamish Parkway SE. Sampling at A632 began in 1972 and continued through 2008 when budget cutbacks reduced the breadth of King County's water quality monitoring program. Issaquah Creek originates along the slopes of Cougar, Squak, Tiger, and Taylor mountains and covers 39,000 acres. More than 75 percent of the basin is forested, with the remainder in wetlands, pastures, and less than 10 percent urban and cleared areas. As of 2001, 30 percent of the basin is zoned forest production, 12 percent is within the urban growth boundary, and the remaining 58 percent is zoned rural. Over 40 percent of the land is in public ownership. Issaquah Creek has been identified as a Regionally Significant Resource Area because of its exceptional fisheries habitat, though the expected population growth within the basin (18% by 2020) could threaten this status.

Annual Water Quality Index Scores

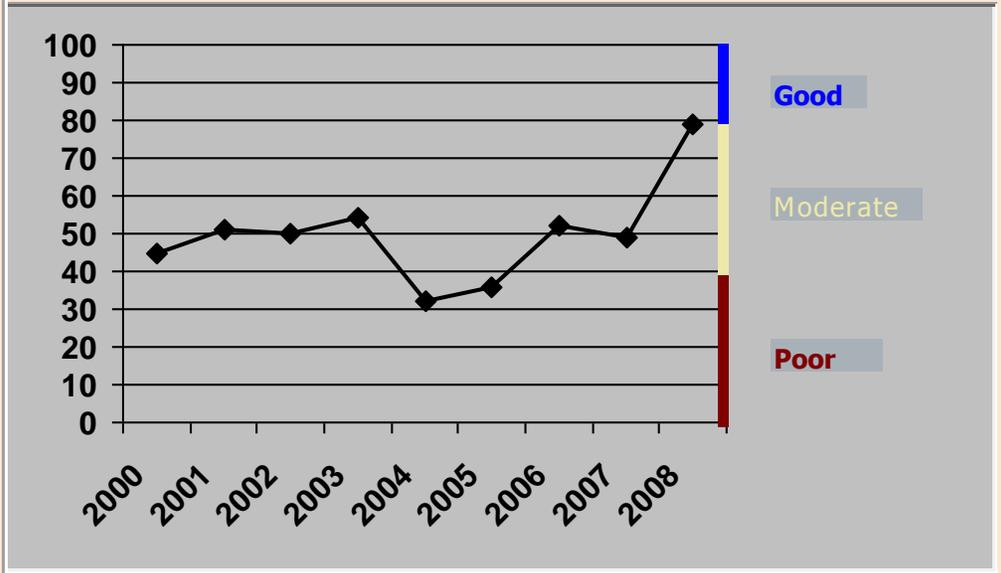
Water quality was MODERATE based on data collected 10/1/2007 to 9/30/2008.



Monthly Scores For Water Year 2008

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
73	88	96	95	93	95	95	91	92	81	81	93

WQI Score Comparison By Water Year



About The Water Quality Index:

The Water Quality Index (WQI) score is a unit-less number ranging from 10 to 100: the higher the number, the higher the water quality. Scores are calculated from data collected during the monthly routine sampling. For temperature, pH, fecal coliform bacteria, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen, the index expresses results relative to levels required to maintain beneficial uses according to criteria in Washington's Water Quality Standards, WAC 173-201A. For nutrient and sediment measures where there are no standard, results are expressed relative to guidelines for this eco-region. Results from the eight parameters are aggregated over time to produce a single score for each sample station. In general, stations scoring 80 and above did not fail water quality standards or guidelines and are of "low concern", scores 40 to 80 indicate "moderate concern", and water quality at stations with scores below 40 are of "high concern". For more information about the WQI please visit <http://green.kingcounty.gov/WLR/Waterres/StreamsData/WQI.aspx>

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