Appendix D

Calculation of Municipal Domestic Wasteload Equivalents

Typical pollutant concentrations and loads associated with municipal domestic wastewater reported by WEF and ASCE (1998) are shown in Table D-1. These estimated daily per capita pollutant load production values are used in the sizing and design of wastewater treatment facilities. Similar values are reported in Metcalf and Eddy, Inc. (1991).

Table D-1

Typical Major Pollutant Composition of Domestic Wastewater

| | | | Estimated Annual Per |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Concentration in | Estimated Daily Per Capita | Capita Production of |
| Parameter | Domestic Wastewater | Production of Pollutants | Pollutants |
| BOD ₅ | 400 mg/L | 0.17 lb/cap d | 62.05 lb/cap year |
| Total Nitrogen | 30 mg/L | 0.04 lb/cap d | 14.60 lb/cap year |
| Total Phosphorus | 7 mg/L | 0.006 lb/cap d | 2.19 lb/cap year |
| Total Suspended Solids | 240 mg/L | 0.2 lb/cap d | 73.00 lb/cap year |

The per capita values can be used to estimate annual municipal domestic wasteload equivalents. The equation for this calculation is:

Human Equivalents (persons) = <u>AAP Facility Load (lb/yr)</u> Human Load (lb/capita yr)

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Metcalf and Eddy, Inc. 1991. *Wastewater Engineering: Treatment, Disposal, and Reuse*, 3d ed., revised by Tchobanoglous, G., and F. Burton., McGraw Hill, Inc., NY.

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Appendix E

Literature Review for AAP Impacts on Water Quality

Examples of Effluents by Production System Type

| Table E1. | Examples of | Effluents f | rom Cage | Systems |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------|----------|---------|
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| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|-----------|--------------------|--------|---------|--|--|----------------------|
| | Foreign | Cages | Trout | 8 cages, each 9m x 9m x 9m, combined producing 14 metric tons fish per year with feed input of 52,125 kg dry feed/year | After 4 years of operation, water quality was sampled at the farm: 0.09 to 0.011 mg/l PO ₄ -P, 0.05 to 0.06 mg/l NO ₃ -N, 0.03 to 0.04 mg/l NH ₄ -N. Daphnia were less abundant around the farm during the summer. Wild perch, and escaped farm trout hang around outside the net pens to eat waste feed. Bloodworm (<i>Chironomus</i>) was the most widespread benthic organism. Bloodworms are a pollution-tolerant species; therefore, their abundance is a negative indicator of water quality. There was low DO around the farm, but nutrient and chlorophyll a levels were small and localized. Sediment available P levels were higher at the farm than at control sites, but the peaks coincided | nutrients (other) |

Table E2. Examples of Effluents from Flow-Through Systems

| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|---|--------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| Ruane, R.J., T.Y.J. Chu, and V.E. Vandergriff. 1977. Characterization and treatment of waste discharged | Primary | Flow- Through | Catfish | 190 liters/sec | 0.07 kg/day/100 kg fish ammonia nitrogen 0.8 kg/day/100 kg fish suspended | nutrients |
| from high-density catfish cultures. Water Res. 11: 789- 800. | | | | | solids, 0.3 ml/l settleable solids | (other) |
| | | | | | Fecal coliforms | (ouler) |
| Westers, H. 2000. Michigan's Platte River State | Gray | Flow- Through | Salmon | 1200 + 5000 +8500 GPM | Yearly P loading from Platte River Hatchery: | nutrients |
| Fish Hatchery Case History, RAS 2000 Conference, | | | | (three potential | 1990 to1996: 157 kg/yr P. | |
| Blacksburg, VA | | | | sources) | 1990 to 1992: 316 kg/yr P. 1993 to 1996: 96 kg/yr P. | |
| Weston, D.P., B. Dixon, and C. Forney. 1998. Fate and Microbial Effects of Aquacultural Drug Residues in the Environment. University of California, Berkeley. | | Flow- Through | Sturgeon | unknown | Tetracycline concentrations in sediments downstream of a sturgeon farm were up to 5 ug/g. Oxytetracycline concentrations in sediments beneath net-cage sites are commonly in the 1 to 10 ug/g range. 300 ug/g under a salmon net pen in Norway was the highest oxytetracycline concentration ever recorded in aquaculture sediment. | (other) |

| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|--|--------------------|------------------|---------|--|---|-----------------------|
| Boardman, G.D., V. Mallard, J. Nyland, G.J. Flick, and | | Flow- Through | Trout | Farm A - 2.70 to 4.05 m ³ /min | -Farm A outlet: 0.5 to 0.6 mg/l NH ₃ -N | nutrients |
| G.S. Libey. 1998. Final Report: The Characterization, | | | | | Farm B outlet: 0.45 mg/l NH ₃ -N | |
| Treatment and Improvement of Aquacultural Effluents. | | | | Farm B - 11.2 to 24.8 m ³ /min | Farm C outlet: 0.02 to 0.17 mg/l NH ₃ -N | solids |
| Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. October | | | | Farm C - 25.6 | -Farm A outlet: 0.8 to 6 mg/l TSS, 0 to 0.04 ml/l suspended solids | |
| 23, 1998. | | | | to 28.9 m ³ /min | Farm B outlet: 1.5 to 7.5 mg/l TSS, 0.01 to 0.08 ml/l suspended solids | |
| | | | | | Farm C outlet: 4.1 to 62 mg/l TSS, 0.04 to 0.08 ml/l suspended solids | organic |
| | | | | | - Farm A outlet: 0.96 to 1.9 mg/l BOD ₅ , 1.5 to 2.4 mg/l DOC | enrichment |
| | | | | | Farm B outlet: 0.6 to 2.4 mg/l BOD ₅ , 1.2 to 3.1 mg/l DOC | |
| | | | | | Farm C outlet:, 0.5 to 1.8 mg/l BOD ₅ , 1.5 to 3.8 mg/l DOC | |
| Brannon, E.L. no date. Fish | | Flow- | Trout | unknown, | Post-settling effluent: | |
| Farm Effluent Quality. Idaho. | | Through | | from groundwater source | 0.074 mg/l total P, 0.054 mg/l orthophosphate, .040 mg/l ammonia, 4.980 mg/l NO ₂ -N + NO ₃ -N. | nutrients |
| | | | | | <0.02 ml/l settleable solids, 3.0 mg/l suspended solids | solids |
| Jensen, J.B. No date. Environmental Regulation of Fresh Water Fish Farms in Denmark. Danish National Agency of Environmental Protection. 11 pp. | Foreign | Flow- Through | Trout | not specified | In 1985, pelleted feed was made mandatory. Mandatory improvements in feed quality were phased in 1989-1992. Total Danish fish farm effluent in 1987 was approximately 5,000 t BOD ₅ /year, 2,200 t nitrogen/year, and 400 t phosphorus/year. | (other) |
| JRB Associates. 1984. Development of Effluent Limitations for Idaho Fish Hatcheries. July 23, 1984. | | Flow- Through | Trout | Flow 22 to 30 cfs | JRB study: 0.72 to 1.64 pounds TSS/ 100 pounds fish. Pisces effluent:, 92 to 150 mg/l TSS, 4,880 to 11,370 kg/day TSS, trace ml/l settleable solids. | solids |
| Kendra, W. 1991. Quality of salmonid hatchery effluents during a summer low-flow season. Trans. Am. Fish Soc. 120:43-51 | Primary | Flow- Through | Trout | 0.06 to 0.41 m ³ /sec | Yakima Trout Hatchery: - normal operations: 0.43 mg/l TKN, 0.22 mg/l total P - during cleaning: 1.7 mg/l TKN, 4.0 mg/l total P | nutrients |
| | | | | | normal operations: 1 mg/l total suspended solids, 0 mg/l total volatile suspended solids, <0.1 ml/l settleable solids during cleaning: 88 mg/l total suspended solids, 69 mg/l total volatile suspended solids, and 2.5 ml/l settleable solids. | solids |
| | | | | | normal operations: 6 mg/l COD, 3 mg/l BOD₅. during cleaning: 130 mg/l COD, 32 mg/l BOD₅. | organic enrichment |

| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---------|--|---|------------------------|
| Niemi, M., and I. Taipalinen. 1982. Faecal indicator bacteria at fish farms. Hydrobiologia 76(1982):171- 175. | Foreign | Flow- Through | Trout | 2.6 m ³ /sec | Fecal streptococci in effluent 0.18 to 0.37 ml -1, g-1, total coliforms 5.2 to 8.0 ml -1, g -1, fecal coliforms 0.48 to 1.2 ml-1, g-1. | (other) |
| Piedrahita, R.H. 1994. Managing Environmental Impacts in Aquaculture. Bull. Natl. Res. Inst. Aquaculture, Suppl. 1:13-20. 1994. | | Flow- Through | Trout | 22.6 m ³ /sec | -Fish waste solids were analyzed at 4.13 mg/l N, 2.15 mg/l P, and 88% moisture. | nutrients |
| Rennert, B. 1994. Water pollution by a land-based trout farm. J. Appl. Ichthyol. 10(1994):373-378. | Foreign | Flow- Through | Trout | 110 l/sec with additional 240 l/sec recycled | -Effluent values: 0.02 mg/l NO ₂ -N, 0.96 mg/l NO ₃ -N, 0.64 mg/l NH ₄ -N, 0.21 mg/l PO ₄ -P. Nitrogen loading rate was 465 g N per tone of fish per day. Phosphorus loading rate was 155 g P per tone of fish per day in water, and also an additional 2.07 g P per ton of fish per day that is in suspended solids that are flushed from the raceways once per day | nutrients |
| | | | | | -Effluent values: 0.03 mg/l suspended matter. Nitrogen loading rate was 465 g N per metric ton of fish per day. Additional loadings of 30 liters or suspended matter per metric ton of fish per day. | solids |
| | | | | | - Effluent values: 4.2 mg/l COD. Additional loadings of 3100 g COD per metric ton of fish per day were also observed. | organic enrichment |
| Selong, J.H. and L.A. Helfrich. 1998. Impacts of trout culture effluent on water quality and biotic | Primary | Flow- Through | Trout | 0.27 to 1.24 m ³ /sec | 0.3 to 1.0 mg/l total ammonia-N for trout farm A; highest ammonia concentrations occurred during low flow conditions in fall. | nutrients |
| communities in Virginia headwater streams. The Progressive Fish-Culturist 35(7): 247-262. | | | | | | benthic degradation |

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|---|--------------------|---------------|------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
| Pardue, J.H., R.D. DeLaune, W.H. Patrick, Jr., and J.A. Nyman. 1994. | Primary | Gator Pens | Alligators | hypothetical 6000 m ³ /year | Data from alligator farm effluent: | |
| Treatment of alligator farm wastewater using land application. Aquacult. Eng. 13(1994) 129-145. | | | | | 10.9 mg/l total P, 77.5 mg/l NH ₃ , 4.6 mg/l NO ₃ -N, 153.4 mg/l TKN | nutrients |
| | | | | | 379 mg/l total solids, 219 mg/l volatile solids | solids |
| | | | | | 452 mg/l BOD | organic enrichment |

Table E3. Examples of Effluents from Other Types of Production Systems: Gator Pens

Table E4. Examples of Effluents from Net Pens

| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|--|--------------------|-------------|---------|---|---|------------------------|
| Hargrave, B.T., Phillips, G.A., Doucette, L.I., White, M.J., Milligan, T.G., Wildish, D.J., and R.E. Cranston. 1997. Assessing benthic impacts of organic enrichment from marine aquaculture. Water, Air and Soil Pollution 99: 641-650. | Foreign | Net Pens | Salmon | 11 farms and 11 reference sites. Farm production varied from 40,000 to 320,000 tons of fish per year. | Sediment cores were collected under farms and at reference sites and analyzed at a lab. The authors do not report specific data values for specific farms or control sites. The most sensitive variables for finding differences between farms and reference sites were total sulfide, benthic O ₂ uptake, benthic CO ₂ release, and redox potential. The polychaete Capitella sp. can tolerate total sulfide concentrations up to 2 mM. Total sulfide concentrations above 2 mM are toxic to larvae and prevent settlement. No Capitella sp. were observed at any of the farm sites. All of the farms had total sulfide over 180 uM, with a maximum of 6 to 7mM. All but one of the reference sites had total sulfide under 200 uM. Redox potential at all but three of the farms was under +100 mV. Redox potential at all but two of the reference sites was over +100 mV. Mean values for total sediment O2 uptake was 175 percent higher at the farms than reference sites. Measurements of modal grain size pore water salinity, SO ₄ , and sediment water content were not significantly different between farms and reference sites. | benthic degradation |

| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|---|--------------------|-------------|---------|-------------------|---|------------------------|
| Holmer, M. 1991. Impacts of Aquaculture on Surrounding Sediments: Generation of Organic-Rich Sediments. In Aquaculture and the Environment: Reviews of the International Conference Aquaculture Europe 91, European Aquaculture Society, Dublin, Ireland, June 10-12, 1991, pp. 155-175. | Foreign | Net Pens | Salmon | not specified | One farm, seasonal variation 34 to 41 mmol per m2 per day SOU. Six farms, annual mean 86 to 446 mmol per m2 per day SOU. One farm, seasonal variation 60 to 230 mmol per m2 per day SOU. CO2 production in sediment metabolism was related to food input with an r2 = 0.975. Oxygen uptake in sediments increased sharply with sediment thickness up to 10 cm, and then gradually leveled out. Antibiotic resistant bacteria were found in sediments from antibiotic feeds. Zinc from feed, and copper from antifouling agents have been measured in fish farm sediments. Sedimentation rates under mussel rafts were three times the sedimentation rates at control sites. | benthic degradation |
| | | | | | antifouling agents have been measured in fish farm sediments. Sedimentation rates under mussel rafts were three times the sedimentation rates at control sites. | (other) |
| Johnsen, R.I., O. Grahl- Nielsen, and B.T. Lunestad. 1993. Environmental distribution of organic waste from a marine fish farm. Aquaculture 118(3-4): 229- 244. | | Net Pens | Salmon | N/A | Researchers collected sediment under a working farm and at control sites. Feed, feces and sediment were analyzed to screen fatty acids that might be used as chemical markers for organic sediment enrichment caused by fish farms. Pristane is one of the compounds investigated. Anoxic sediments beneath fish farms gave off H ₂ S smell. Beneath the farm, divers observed a fine white blanket of what was likely elemental sulfur and sulphur- oxidizing bacteria (Beggiatoa) on the sediment surface. The authors used multivariate statistics to show differences between pristine concentrations in farm sediments and control sediments. Fatty acids and/or pristane show promise as fish farm sediment markers. | benthic degradation |

| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|---|--------------------|-------------|---------|-------------------|--|------------------------|
| Kaspar, H.F., G.H. Hall, and A.J. Holland. 1988. Effects of sea cage salmon farming on sediment nitrification and dissimilatory nitrate reduction. Aquaculture 70(4): 333-344. | Foreign | Net Pens | Salmon | N/A | Sediment cores and gas bubbles from sediment were collected beneath a working salmon farm in New Zealand. At site 1 (the site beneath the center of a cage at a water depth of 13 m): 14.3 to 34.3 mmol/m ² NH ₄ +, 1.4 to 5.3 mol/m ² Organic N, 0.4 to 3.6 mol/m ² Total P, 1.4 to 3.1 N:P ratio. | nutrients |
| | | | | | - Gas evolving from sediment at site 1 consisted of 64 percent methane, 5 percent carbon dioxide, 2 percent water vapor, 7 percent air, and 22 percent unknown. The unknown portion probably contained H ₂ S, because the divers could smell it. In situ nitrification rates were <0.1 to 0.3 mmol N/m ² per day. Denitrification at the sites was determined not to be a significant nitrogen removal mechanism. Nitrification / Denitrification was not occurring because the sediments lacked oxygen to supply the nitrification step. Beneath the net pens, divers observed black colored sediments covered by a <i>Beggiatoa</i> - like bacterial mat that smelled like H ₂ S and was bubbling off methane. | benthic degradation |
| Milewski, I., J. Harvey, and B. Buerkle. 1997. After the Goldrush: Salmon Aquaculture in New Brunswick. In Murky Waters: Environmental Effects of Aquaculture in the U.S, ed. R. Goldberg and T. Triplett, pp. 131-152. The Environmental Defense Fund, New York. | Gray | Net Pens | Salmon | N/A | In one study, 8.3 ha out of 34.6 ha salmon farms investigated were classified as heavily degraded. Heavy degradation includes bubbling gas, the absence of fish and sediment-dwelling organisms, accumulations of fish feed and feces not dispersed by a tidal cycle, and bacterial mats. Areas less impacted would have no organisms other than worms tolerant of low DO. | benthic degradation |

| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|--|--------------------|-------------|--------------|---|---|------------------------|
| Mazzola, A., S. Mirto, and R. Danovaro. 1999. Initial fish-farm impact on meiofaunal assemblages in coastal sediments of the Western Mediterranean. Mar. Poll. Bull. 38(12): 1126-1133. | Foreign | Net Pens | Sea Bream | N/A(cultured fish biomass varied from about 18,000 - 30,000 kg fish during the year) | Sampling of sediment chemistry and meiofauna started when the cages were stocked and continued for six months. After six weeks the sediments were suboxic. Chemical parameters included 2.3 to 8.2 ug/g Chlorophyll-a at the control, and 1.3 to 15.4 ug/g Chlorophyll-a at the cage. 1617 to 3304 ug/g Proteins at the control, and 1677 to 6740 ug/g Proteins at the cage. 503 to 2814 ug/g sedimentary carbohydrates at the control, and 628 to 5690 ug/g sedimentary carbohydrates at the control, and 628 to 5690 ug/g sedimentary carbohydrates at the control, and 848 to 3096 ug/g Lipids at the cage. No significant differences were found between control and cage for biopolymeric carbon. Redox potential discontinuity (RPD) depth is the depth at which sediment turns brown to black. 1.4 to 2.9 cm RPD at the control, and 0 to 1.1 cm RPD at the control, and ostracods significantly decreased in farm sediments. Kinorhynchs were extremely sensitive to farm reducing sediments and disappeared almost completely from the farms. Polychaete densities were the same at cages and controls. Nematodes are usually tolerant of reducing conditions in sediment, but did show some effects at the farm sites. The nematode to copepod ratio has been used in the literature to detect pollution. In this study, the ratio did not reliably point to pollution effects at either cage or control. | benthic degradation |
| Gale, P. 1999. Appendix 9. Water Quality Impacts from Aquaculture Cage Operations in the LaCloche/North Channel of Lake Huron. In Addressing Concerns for Water Quality Impacts from Large-Scale Great Lakes Aquaculture: A Roundtable. Habitat Advisory Board of the Great Lakes | Foreign | Net Pens | Trout | N/A | Water quality monitoring at Grassy Bay site: 6 to 10 ug/l total phosphorus. Near the pens, researchers observed 16 to 26 ug/l total P in September, and 40 ug/l total P in October. Anoxic conditions in the hypolimnion can result in the release of P from the sediments. Historic P concentration in that part of the lake is 5 ug/l total P. | nutrients |

| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|---|--------------------|--------|---------|---|--|-----------------------|
| Boyd et al. 2000. Environmental Assessment of Channel Catfish Farming in Alabama, Auburn University, Department of | | Ponds | Catfish | | -Average effluent concentrations during precipitation <u>overflow</u> <u>events</u> : 0.12 mg/l soluble reactive P, 0.68 mg/l total P, 0.86 mg/l NO3-N, 1.20 mg/l total ammonia N, 3.42 mg/l total N. | nutrients |
| Fisheries and Allied Aquaculture, Auburn, AL. | | | | | -Average effluent concentrations during <u>partial drawdown events</u> : 0.01 mg/l soluble reactive P, 0.25 mg/l total P, 0.69 mg/l NO3-N, 1.13 mg/l total ammonia N, 5.68 mg/l total N. | |
| | | | | | -Average effluent concentrations during <u>final pond drawdown</u> : 0.06 mg/l soluble reactive P, 1.59 mg/l total P, 0.14 mg/l NO3-N, 1.37 mg/l total ammonia N, 9.58 mg/l total N | |
| | | | | | -Average effluent concentrations during precipitation <u>overflow</u> <u>events</u> : 81 mg/l TSS. | solids |
| | | | | | -Average effluent concentrations during <u>partial draw down events</u> : 69 mg/l TSS. | |
| | | | | | -Average effluent concentrations during <u>final pond draw down</u> : 1027 mg/l TSS | |
| | | | | | -Average effluent concentrations during precipitation <u>overflow</u> events: 11.0 mg/l. | organic enrichment |
| | | | | | -Average effluent concentrations during <u>partial draw down events</u> : 9.42 mg/l BOD ₅ . | |
| | | | | | Average effluent concentrations during <u>final pond draw down</u>: 31.8 mg/l BOD₅ | |
| Boyd, C.E. 1978. Effluents from catfish ponds during fish harvest. Journal of Environmental Quality 7(1):59-62. | Primary | Ponds | Catfish | 0.53 to 5.02 ha with depths of 1.5 to 1.8 m | Mean effluent parameters during seining phase of harvest (Over half of the total settleable matter and orthophosphate was lost during the seining phase.): | |
| | | | | | 59 ug/l soluble orthophosphate, 0.49 mg/l total P, 2.34 mg/l total NH ₃ , 0.14 mg/l NO ₃ -N. | nutrients |
| | | | | | 28.5-ml/l settleable matter | solids |
| | | | | | 28.9 mg/l BOD, 342 mg/l COD | organic enrichment |

Table E5. Examples of Effluents from Ponds

| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|--|--------------------|--------|---------|---|--|--|
| Huggett, D.B., D. Schlenk and B.R. Griffin. 2001. Toxicity of copper in an oxic stream sediment receiving aquaculture effluent. Chemosphere 44: 361-367. | Primary | Ponds | Catfish | Nine-10,000 fish/ha ponds were treated with a total of 45 kg of dispersed copper over 3 years, drained after harvest into a nearby stream | Hyallea azteca and Typha latifolia were exposed to sediments collected upstream, at outflow, and downstream from catfish ponds medicated with copper. No significant loss was observed in the upstream or outflow samples. H. azteca did suffer significant mortality in the downstream sample. However, because copper levels in all 3 locations were similar to each other and to those from ponds where copper was not used, it was determined the use of copper in this study did not negatively impact the receiving stream. Bulk sediment copper concentrations in the samples were: Upstream: 29 mg Cu/kg dry weight Outfall: 31 mg Cu/kg dry weight Downstream: 25 mg Cu/kg dry weight | |
| Schwartz, M.F., and C.E. Boyd. 1994a. Channel catfish pond effluents. Prog. Fish Cult. 56: 273- 281. | Primary | Ponds | Catfish | Unknown | -Production water values: 0 to 1.85 mg/l total P, 0 to 0.074 mg/l soluble reactive P, 0.58 to 14.04 mg/l TKN, 0.008 to 8.071 mg/l TAN, 0 to 6.661 mg/l NO ₃ -N. -Production water values: 0 to 1.8 ml/l settleable solids, 5.2 to 336.7 | nutrients solids |
| | | | | | mg/l suspended solids, 0.02 to 221.0 mg/l volatile solids. - Production water values: 1.9 to 35.54 mg/l BOD ₅ | organic enrichment |
| Shireman, J.V., and C.E. Cichra. 1994. Evaluation of aquaculture effluents. Aquaculture 123(1994): 55-68. | Primary | Ponds | Catfish | 0.4 hectare by 1.5 m deep = 6,000 m ³ (1 acre pond) | At Schuler Fish Farm, production water ranges: 0.050 to 0.350 mg/l NH ₄ -N, 0.030 to 0.280 mg/l NO ₃ -N, 0.000 to 0.007 mg/l NO ₂ -N, 0.8 to 4.9 mg/l Total N, 0.148 to 0.238 mg/l Total P | nutrients |
| | | | | | 4.3 to 63.4 mg/l TSS, 2.7 to 39.4 mg/l VSS, 1.6 to 29.3 mg/l FSS 4 to 16 mg/l CBOD 1,400 to 160,000 number/100ml Fecal coliforms | solids organic enrichment (other) |

| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|--|--------------------|--------|---------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| Tucker, C. S., S.K. Kingsbury, J.W. Pote, and C.L. Wax. 1996. Effects of water management practices on discharge of nutrients and organic matter from channel catfish (Ictalurus punctatus) ponds. | Primary | Ponds | Catfish | Ponds averaged 7 ha in area and 1.25 m in depth; water was supplied by wells pumping from an aquifer; periodic additions of well water were made to replace evaporation; overflow occurred only during periods of excessive rainfall. | Predicted discharge (kg ha ⁻¹ of pond surface) of selected parameters in overflow from levee-type ponds, in an average year, under two management scenarios(1) With no water storage potential: total nitrogen: Spring 14.7; Summer 12.4; Autumn 15.2; Winter 17.2 ; total phosphorus: Spring 1.0; Summer 0.9; Autumn 0.7; Winter 1.1; chemical oxygen demand (as O2) Spring 223; Summer 172; Autumn 165; Winter 245; biochemical oxygen demand (as O2) Spring 45; Summer 41; Autumn 25; Winter 42.(2) With 7.5-cm water storage potential: total nitrogen: Spring 4.2; Summer 1.0; Autumn 2.0; Winter 10.1; total phosphorus: Spring 0.3; Summer 0.1; Autumn 0.2; Winter 0.7; chemical oxygen demand (as O2) Spring 64; Summer 14; Autumn 22; Winter 143; biochemical oxygen demand (as O2) Spring 13; Summer 3; Autumn 3; Winter 25. | |
| Tucker, C.S. no date. Quality of potential effluents from channel catfish culture ponds | | Ponds | Catfish | Unknown, but stocked at 17,000 fish / ha | Production water values for August: 3.9 to 9.9 mg/l total N, 0.06 to 1.79 mg/l total ammonia, 0 to 0.15 mg/l NO ₃ -N, 0 to 0.08 mg/l NO ₂ -N, 0.45 to 1.13 mg/l total P, 0.01 to 0.06 mg/l soluble phosphorus. 64 to 200 mg/l COD | nutrients organic enrichment |

| Reference | Source Category | System | Species | Flow Or Volume | Parameter Data | Pollutant |
|--|--------------------|--------|--|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Tucker, C.S., and S.W. Lloyd. 1985. Water Quality in Streams and Channel Catfish (Ictalurus punctatus) Ponds in West- Central Mississippi. Technical Bulletin 129. Mississippi Agricultural & Forestry Experiment Station, Mississippi. | Secondary | Ponds | Catfish | pond volumes 20,000 to 80,000 m ³ , stocked at 10,000 to 20,000 fish per hectare | -Mean production water values for spring: 0.072 mg/l soluble reactive phosphorus, 0.560 mg/l total P, 0.934 mg/l total ammonia, 0.053 mg/l NO ₂ -N + NO ₃ -N, 4.41 mg/l total N. -Mean production water values for summer: 0.159 mg/l soluble reactive phosphorus, 0.855 mg/l total P, 0.416 mg/l total ammonia, 0.235 mg/l NO ₂ -N + NO ₃ -N, 5.55 mg/l total N. | nutrients |
| | | | | | -Mean production water values for spring: 481 mg/l total solids, 149 mg/l total volatile solids. -Mean production water values for summer: 500 mg/l total solids, 162 mg/l total volatile solids. | solids |
| | | | | | -Mean production water values for spring: 61 mg/l COD. -Mean production water values | organic |
| | | | | | for summer: 97 mg/l COD | enrichment |
| Smydra, T.M. 1994. Characterization and effects of aquacultural effluents from two Iowa hatcheries. Master's thesis, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. | Primary | Ponds | Catfish, Walleye, Largemouth Bass | Unknown and variable | 0.10 to 0.49 kg/day soluble reactive P, 0.13 to 0.41 kg/day NO ₂ -N, 0.29 to 11.68 kg/day ammonia-N, 0.00 to 0.0378 kg/day un-ionized ammonia, 0.95 to 10.11 kg/day Total N | nutrients |
| Oniversity, Anies, Iowa. | | | | | 22.8 to 549.9 kg/day TSS 3.38 to 20.11 kg/day CBOD₅ | solids organic enrichment |
| Tucker, C.S. 1998a. Characterization and Management of Effluents from Aquaculture Ponds in the Southeastern United States. July 1998. SRAC Final Project No. 600. Southern Regional Aquaculture Center. | Gray | Ponds | Crawfish | 2.2 to 23.6 ha commercial ponds | Mean values for effluents during draining period (Effluent quality is poorest during the summer drainage period. Ponds with native vegetation generally have lower concentrations of nutrients and solids than ponds with rice or sorghum-sudan grass): 0.139 mg/l soluble reactive P, 0.614 mg/l total P, 0.353 mg/l | nutrients |
| | | | | | total ammonia N, 0.009 mg/l NO ₂ -N, 0.040 mg/l NO ₃ -N. 607 mg/l total solids, 109 mg/l | solids |
| | | | | | total volatile solids. 61.3 mg/l COD, 11.6 mg/l BOD | organic enrichment |
| Dierberg, F.E., and W. Kiattisimkul. 1996. Issues, impacts, and implications of shrimp aquaculture in Thailand. Environ. Manage. 20(5): 649-666. | Foreign | Ponds | Shrimp | N/A | Effluent loading per 4 month cycle from shrimp grow out ponds stocked at 50-60 shrimp per m2: 0.71 kg/ha NO ₂ -N, 2.7 kg/ha NO ₃ -N, 18.4 kg/ha TAN, 178 kg/ha total N, 2.0 kg/ha SRP, | nutrients |
| | | | | | 15.7 kg/ha total P 6,650 kg/ha TSS. | solids |
| | | | | | 6,650 kg/na 155. 474 kg/ha BOD ₅ . | organic enrichment |

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| | | | | | 14 to 143 mg/l volatile solids 5.7 to 43.0 mg/l | organic enrichment |
| Hopkins, J.S., J.D. Holloway, P.A. Sandifer, and C.L. Browdy. No date. Results of Recent Controlled Comparisons of Intensive Shrimp Ponds Operated With and With very Worker Enchance | Gray | Ponds | Shrimp | 0.25 ha lined ponds, 1.3 to 1.5 m deep (about 3,500 m ³) that did not use water exchange | Feeding at 136 kg/ha feed per day with a 20% protein feed, production water values were: 0.2 mg/l TAN, 2.8 mg/l NO ₃ -N, 0.3 mg/l NO ₂ -N, 4.0 mg/l TKN, 1.2 mg/l Total P, 0.4 mg/l Reactive orthophosphate | nutrients |
| Without Water Exchange. Waddell Mariculture Center, Bluffton, South Carolina. | | | | | 93.3 mg/l TSS, 46.2 mg/l organic suspended solids 15.7 mg/l BOD, 16.5 mg/l total organic carbon. | solids organic enrichment |
| Lopez-Ivich, M.A. 1996. Characterization of effluents from three commercial aquaculture facilities in South Texas. Master's thesis, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, Texas. | Primary | Ponds | Shrimp | Taiwan Shrimp Village, sampling point TV3 (located at the end of the discharge canal running along eastern border of facility) - 63,961 m ³ /day | -TV3 effluent sampling point: 1.14 mg/l NH₄-N, 0.23 mg/l NO₂-N, 0.45 mg/l NO₃-N, 0.45 mg/l Total P, 0.23 mg/l Total reactive P -H2 effluent sampling point: 0.04 mg/l NH₄-N, 0.01 mg/l NO₂-N, 0.65 mg/l NO₃-N, 0.15 mg/l Total P, 0.01 mg/l Total reactive P -SS2 effluent sampling point: 0.44 mg/l NH₄-N, 0.12 mg/l NO₂-N, 0.34 mg/l NO₃-N, 0.34 mg/l Total reactive P | nutrients |
| | | | | Shrimp Farm sampling point H2 (located before the last gate of the farm's discharge canal) - 193,562 m ³ /day Southern Star Farm sampling point SS2 (located in front of the | -TV3 effluent sampling point: 99.46 mg/l TSS, 0.29 ml/l settleable solids -H2 effluent sampling point: 95.08 mg/l TSS, 0.14 ml/l settleable solids -SS2 effluent sampling point: 71.46 mg/l TSS, 0.12 ml/l settleable solids -TV3 effluent sampling point: 3.56 mg/l CBOD₅ H2 effluent sampling point: 9.16 mg/l CBOD₅ SS2 effluent sampling point: 3.93 | solids organic enrichment |
| | | | | last gate of the farm's discharge canal) - 12,748 m ³ /day | mg/l CBOD5 | |

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| | | | | | 30.6 to 44.3 mg/l BOD | organic enrichment |

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| Ziemann, D.A. 1991. Effluent Mixing Zones - Theory and Practice | Gray | Ponds | Shrimp | Pacific Sea Farms - 2.7 to 4.5 mgd Oceanic Institute - 0.032 to 0.058 mgd | -Pacific Sea Farms effluent: 90 to 330 ug/l NO ₃ -N + NO ₂ -N, 150 to 1280 ug/l NH ₄ -N, 1110 to 3930 ug/l Total N, 270 to 1030 ug/l Total P. Loadings Pacific Sea Farms effluent: 2.7 to 4.5 mgd flow, 0.9 to 5 kg/day NO ₃ -N + NO ₂ -N, 1.5 to 20.4 kg/day NH ₄ - N, 17.6 to 61 kg/day Total N, 2.8 to 13.6 kg/day Total P. -Oceanic Institute effluent: 0 to 548 ug/l NO ₃ -N + NO ₂ -N, 3 to 1534 ug/l NH ₄ -N, 80 to 3055 ug/l Total N, 15 to 712 ug/l Total P. Loadings Oceanic Institute effluent: 0.032 to 0.058 mgd flow, 0.000 to 0.100 kg/day NO ₃ - N + NO ₂ -N, 0.001 to 0.277 kg/day NH ₄ -N, 0.020 to 0.600 kg/day Total N, 0.003 to 0.140 kg/day Total P. | nutrients |
| | | | | | Pacific Sea Farms effluent: 16 to 36 mg/l TSS. Loadings Pacific Sea Farms effluent: 197 to 565 kg/day TSS. Oceanic Institute effluent: 13 to 102 mg/l TSS. Loadings Oceanic Institute effluent: 2.8 to 17 kg/day TSS. | solids |
| | | | | | - Pacific Sea Farms effluent: 4 to 10 mg/l BOD. Loadings Pacific Sea Farms effluent 63 to 157 kg/day BOD. -Oceanic Institute effluent: 7 to 15 mg/l BOD. Loadings Oceanic Institute effluent: 1.1 to 2.8 kg/day BOD. | organic enrichment |
| Tucker, C.S. 1998a. Characterization and Management of Effluents from Aquaculture Ponds in the Southeastern United States. July 1998. SRAC Final Project No. 600. Southern Regional | Gray | Ponds, Freshwater And Saltwater | Hybrid Striped Bass | Commercial ponds of unknown size | Production water mean values 7.1 mg/l Kjeldahl Nitrogen, 0.95 mg/l total ammonia, 0.07 mg/l NO ₂ -N, 0.36 mg/l NO ₃ -N, 0.31 mg/l total P, 0.02 mg/l soluble reactive P. 49 mg/l suspended solids, 29 mg/l volatile suspended solids. | nutrients solids organic |
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| | | | | | 4/ to 1948 mg/1155, 1.1 to 10.0 ml/l settleable solids. 30.0 to 54.4 mg/l BOD. | solids organic enrichment |

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| | | | | | 9,362 kg/ha settleable solids. Loadings discharged per metric ton (MT) of fish in pond: 2,302 kg/MT settleable solids. | solids |
| | | | | | 164 kg/ha BOD. Loadings discharged per metric ton (MT) of fish in pond: 39.3 kg/MT BOD. | organic enrichment |

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