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SI to Inch/Pound

Temperature in degrees Celsius (°C) may be converted to degrees Fahrenheit (°F) as follows: \degree F=(1.8× \degree C)+32

Temperature in degrees Fahrenheit (°F) may be converted to degrees Celsius (°C) as follows: $°C = (°F-32)/1.8$

Abbreviations

deg. Degrees Deg. T, Degrees True kiloHertz kHz,

Acronyms

- ADCP, Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler
- A depth cell from an ADCP Bin,
- GPS, **Global Positioning System**
- LISST, Laser In-situ Scattering and Transmissometry
- **Suspended Solids Concentration** SSC,
- USGS, U.S. Geological Survey

Julian Date Calendar – non leap years

Julian Date Calendar—leap years

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Abstract

The U. S. Geological Survey conducted hydrodynamic measurements in Upper Klamath Lake during four summer seasons (approximately mid-June to mid-September) during 2003 to 2006. Measurements included water current profiles made by acoustic Doppler current profilers at a number of fixed locations in the lake during all four years as well as from a moving boat during 2005 and 2006. Measurements of size distribution of suspended material were made at four locations in the lake during 2004-2006. Raw (unfiltered) data are presented as time series of measurements. In addition, watervelocity data have been filtered to remove wind-induced variations with periods less than thirty hours from the measurements. Bar graphs of horizontal and vertical water speed and acoustic backscatter have been generated to discern diurnal variations, especially as they relate to wind patterns over the lake.

Mean speeds of the horizontal currents in the lake range between about 3.5 to 15 cm/s with the higher speeds at the deep locations in the trench on the west side of the lake. Current directions generally conform to the lake's bathymetry contours and the water circulation pattern is usually in a clockwise direction around the lake as established by the prevailing north to northwesterly surface winds in the region. Diurnal patterns in horizontal currents probably relate to diurnal wind patterns with minimum wind speeds near noon and maximum wind speeds near 2100. Diurnal variations in vertical velocities do not appear to be related to wind patterns; they do appear to be related to expected patterns of vertical migration of *Aphanizomenon flos aquae*, (AFA) the predominant species of blue-green algae in the lake. Similarly, diurnal variations in acoustic backscatter, especially near the lake's surface, are probably related to the vertical migration of AFA.

Introduction

Field measurements described in this report were collected from 2003 to 2006 as part of ongoing research by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) into the hydrodynamic characteristics of Upper Klamath Lake, Oregon. Upper Klamath Lake has been historically eutrophic and has experienced annual occurrences of large cyanobacterial blooms (primarily *Aphanizomenon flos-aquae,* or AFA) in recent decades. The growth and decomposition of the dense algal blooms frequently cause extreme water quality conditions characterized by high pH $(9-10.5)$ and ammonia concentrations (>0.5 mg/l unionized) and widely variable dissolved oxygen (anoxic to supersaturated) (Wood, 2001; Wood and others, 2006). The lake is the habitat of two endangered species, the Lost River and shortnose suckers.

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this report is to document the hydrodynamic measurements collected in Upper Klamath Lake by acoustic Doppler current profilers (ADCPs) and by an in-situ laser particle size analyzer during 2003 to 2006. The report describes water velocity measurements by ADCPs made at both fixed stations and from a moving boat. Because these data provide a general, but spatially limited understanding of circulation in Upper Klamath Lake, the water velocity measurements have been used to calibrate and validate a detailed numerical hydrodynamic model that has been implemented to provide quantitative evaluation of impacts of hydrodynamics on water quality in the lake (Cheng and others, 2005, Wood and Cheng, 2006). The ADCP measurements are presented in the form of time series plots of unfiltered and filtered speeds and directions at representative depths (Appendix A) and bar graphs of horizontal and vertical water speeds at representative depths for the 2005 ADCP measurements (Appendices B and C). Some additional analyses were conducted with the 2005 data sets because those measurements included the most complete simultaneous spatial coverage of the lake. In order to facilitate interpretation of original data by other potential users, the data file formats are documented in Appendix D. During 2005 and 2006, numerous measurements of velocity profiles were made by a downward oriented ADCP mounted on a boat. Those data are documented in tabular form. In addition to the ADCP water-velocity data, suspended solids size-distribution and volumeconcentration measurements recorded by an in-situ laser particle size analyzer are included in Appendix E. Bar graphs showing diurnal variations of acoustic backscatter intensity, a qualitative surrogate for suspended solids, as recorded by the five ADCPs deployed in 2005 are presented in Appendix F. For comparative purposes, time series of wind speeds and directions are documented in Appendix G and bar graphs showing diurnal variations in wind speeds for 2005 are displayed in Appendix H.

Time series of both unfiltered and filtered ADCP water velocity profile measurements are available online at *<http://pubs/usgs.gov/of/2007/1279/data>* and software (VPV) to animate the ADCP data can be found at *<http://ca.water.usgs.gov/program/sfbay/vpv/>*. In addition, field measurements by the in-situ laser particle size analyzer are available at *<http://pubs/usgs.gov/of/2007/1279/data>*. Software (Gr) to view those data can be found at *<http://ca.water.usgs.gov/program/sfbay/gr/>*. A program (GetADCPbin.exe) is included in the directory with the field data that allows a user to generate a time series of water direction, speed, and vertical velocity, as well as backscatter in counts and (corrected) dB from a selected bin in an ADCP record. The time series can be plotted using the Gr software. Wind data from Upper Klamath Lake can be found at *[http://or.water.usgs.gov/projs_dir/klamath_ltmon/](http://or.water.usgs.gov/projs_dir/klamath_ltmon/#Anchor-DAT-35519)*.

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Field Location and Equipment

Upper Klamath Lake is the largest fresh-water lake in Oregon with an area of about 235 km^2 , but a mean depth of only about 2.4 m (fig. 1). The lake trends generally from northwest to southeast. The north end of the lake is dominated by marshes and the lake's connection to adjoining Agency Lake and the Williamson River. At the south, the lake ends at the Link River Dam and the city of Klamath Falls, Oregon. While the majority of the lake is relatively shallow, on the west side of the lake, a 15-km

trench with depths up to about 15 m runs between Bare Island and Eagle Ridge to the north and Sesti Tgawaals Point to the south.

Figure 1. Upper Klamath Lake, Oregon showing locations of ADCPs and meteorological sample stations during 2003-2006 field seasons.

Field Measurement Locations

In order to help define wind-driven circulation and calibrate and validate a numerical hydrodynamic model, current velocity profile data were measured by ADCPs during 16 deployments at nine long-term station locations in the lake during the four field seasons (2003-2006). Station location information is contained in figure 1 and table 1a. Long-term ADCP measurements were made at two locations in the lake during 2003 and 2006, at four locations in 2004, and at five locations in 2005. During the 2006 field season, the ADCP mooring at station 1 (ADCP1C) was hit by a barge at about 1330 on July 5. The ADCP mooring was dragged about 210 m to the north. Although the ADCP mooring was recovered and redeployed on July 18 (ADCP1D), subsequent analysis showed that the data collected between 1400 July 5, 2006 and July 18, 2006 was usable (the ADCP was oriented relatively level during that time). Several different ADCPs, all manufactured by Teledyne RD Instruments, were used during these studies. A 600 kHz WorkHorse (WH) ADCP was used at the deep location in the lake and 1200 kHz WH and BroadBand (BB) ADCPs were used at the shallow locations. All of the ADCPs were self contained units with battery packs and internal memory for data recording.

Table 1a. ADCP deployment location information during 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006 field

seasons in Upper Klamath Lake, Oregon. The last good data bin is variable because the lake

level decreases during the summer. The water depth is the depth at the beginning of the

deployment.

In addition to the in-situ measurements, short-duration water velocity measurements were also made with a vessel-mounted 1200 kHz ADCP at 29 locations in the lake in 2005. Velocity profile measurements were computed at 24 additional locations along discharge transects made between Eagle Point and Bare Island. In 2006, short-duration velocity measurements were made at 21 locations in the lake and 8 additional measurements were calculated from discharge transects collected near Sesti Tgawaals Point. Vessel positions for the measurements were determined using a Global Positioning

System (GPS). Those synoptic measurements were conducted to determine water velocity information in areas of interest not previously measured by long-term deployments. Locations of those measurements are shown in table 1b and 1c.

Table 1b. Location information for boat collected ADCP velocity profiles during 2005 field

season.

Table 1c. Location information for boat collected ADCP velocity profiles during 2006 field

season.

Characteristics of the suspended solids in Upper Klamath Lake measured by a Laser In Situ Scattering and Transmissometry (LISST) instrument, including mean size distribution, volume concentration, and percent transmission are documented in this report. LISST data were collected at shallow water sites ADCP2 and ADCP3 in 2004, near ADCP6 in 2005, and near ADCP9 in 2006.

Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP)

An ADCP determines water velocity profiles by transmitting sound pulses at a fixed frequency and measuring the frequency (or phase) shift of acoustic echoes reflected back from scatterers (organics and sediment) in the water (Simpson, 2001). Doppler shifted echoes are then converted to along (acoustic) beam velocity components. Finally, the ADCP transforms the along beam velocities to north/south, east/west, and vertical velocity components using trigonometric relations. Velocity profiles are determined by range gating echoes so that velocities are determined at preset intervals (bins) along the acoustic path. When the instrument is oriented facing down and measurements are made from a moving vessel, relative instrument position is determined using separate bottom track acoustic pings or GPS position information.

There are several modes of ADCP operation available; selection depends upon the water depth and other considerations. An evaluation and detailed discussion of the ADCP modes can be found in RD Instruments, Inc (1996) and RD Instruments, Inc (1997). Typically, the highest sampling rate and smallest usable bin-size consistent with instrument frequency and accuracy requirements are chosen to give the best possible spatial resolution of velocity distribution in the vertical direction.

During these studies, all bottom-mounted ADCPs were programmed to sample using Water Mode 1 with a 25 cm (WH ADCPs) or 35 cm (BB ADCPs) blank distance (figs. 2 and 3). A blank distance (in which no usable data are available) is required because these instruments use the same transducers to both transmit and receive the acoustic signals. A short time interval is necessary for acoustic ringing to dissipate before the transducers can receive usable information. Also, because there is flow distortion near the transducers, some small distance is required before reliable velocity data can be determined (Gartner and Ganju, 2002). The location of the center of bin 1 for each ADCP profile depends on the mooring platform design and ADCP setup commands. The 600 kHz ADCP was usually programmed with a 50 cm bin size, thus the center of the first bin was located at about 125 cm above bed; the 1,200 kHz ADCPs were programmed with 20 or 25 cm bin sizes. The center of the first bin in the 1,200 kHz data sets varied from about 87-156 cm depending on instrument and mooring design. (See table 1a for the exact distances from the lake bottom to the center of the first bin for each ADCP data set.) Sufficient individual acoustic pings were averaged to reduce the theoretical standard deviation of the recorded horizontal velocities to be less than 1 cm/s for each measurement. Theoretical standard deviations of vertical velocities are better; they were approximately 0.3 cm/s. Water velocity measurements were made at thirty-minute intervals.

Figure 2. 600 kHz WorkHorse model acoustic Doppler current profiler shown on bottom mooring platform as deployed in Upper Klamath Lake. Onboard data measurements are being downloaded to laptop computer via cable shown in bottom right of photograph.

Figure 3. A 1200 kHz Broadband model acoustic Doppler current profiler on bottom mooring platform readied for deployment in Upper Klamath Lake in 2005.

Laser In-situ Scattering and Transmissometry (LISST)

There is a class of instrument that uses laser diffraction for measurement of particle size distribution (Hildebrand and Row, 1995); McCave and others, 1986). In the early 1990s, a completely in-situ version of a laser diffraction instrument (Agrawal and Pottsmith, 1994) was developed and tested. A commercial counterpart, the LISST-100, has been introduced by Sequoia Scientific Inc. (Pottsmith and Bhogal, 1995; Agrawal and others, 1996). Instrument theory (Agrawal and Pottsmith, 1994), operation (Agrawal and others, 1991; Agrawal and Pottsmith, 1993), and testing (Pottsmith and Bhogal, 1995; Agrawal and others, 1996; Traykovski and others, 1999; Gartner and others, 2001) are well documented and will not be discussed here.

The LISST-100B (the version deployed in Upper Klamath Lake) measures forward scattered laser light intensity distribution through a 5 cm laser path length utilizing a series of 32 annular ringdetectors to estimate particle size distribution in the range of 1.25-250 μ m. Data acquisition and analysis software supplied by the manufacturer is used to convert measurements to particle size distribution in 32 logarithmically spaced size classes. Particle volume distribution is estimated by

determining the volume in each size class utilizing a known calibration value. Conversion from volume distribution to mass concentration is possible if characteristic density of the suspended material is known and relatively constant. In this report, concentration of suspended material is presented as volume concentration since density of suspended material in Upper Klamath Lake is presently unknown and is assumed to vary with depth, time, and composition. The LISST instrument also measures optical transmission, water temperature, and water pressure.

The LISST was moored at about 30 cm above bed in 2004 and at about 120 cm above bed in 2005 and 2006. The LISST was programmed to average 99 readings (45 readings in 2006) to calculate a mean data set once every 15 minutes. The time required for each recorded reading took about 25 seconds when 99 readings were averaged. Only short records are usable in 2004 because of biological fouling of the optical lenses. In 2005 and 2006 the LISST was moored on its own array that was recovered and redeployed on a weekly cycle for lens cleaning. (Appendix E contains a list of dates and times that the optical lenses on the LISST were cleaned during the 2005 and 2006 deployments.) In spite of lens cleaning, there are still some periods of signal degradation that are especially severe during periods of high algal bloom. Only a short data set is available in 2006 because of biological fouling and subsequent instrument failure.

Data Presentation

Water currents in the lake are displayed as time series plots of unfiltered water speed and direction measurements. Plots of water velocity from near-bottom, mid-water, and near surface ADCP bins are shown as representative. Velocity measurements have been low-pass-filtered; similar to the unfiltered velocity measurements, those data are also presented as time-series plots of filtered water speed and direction from the same near-bottom, mid-water, and near-surface bins. The near-surface bin displayed in the time-series plot is the highest good measurement bin at the end of the deployment period. Additionally, short-duration velocity profile measurements made by vessel mounted ADCP in 2005 and 2006 are documented. Those data are presented as mean water speed and direction for the entire profile, and at near-bottom, mid water, and near-surface sections of the water column. Bar graphs of ADCP data from 2005 at the five, long-term stations are included in order to show diurnal variations in horizontal and vertical water currents. Time series plots of the LISST data and bar graphs of the ADCP backscatter intensity data from 2005 are provided. Wind data from 2003-2006 are presented and bar graphs of wind data from 2005 are shown to show diurnal variations in wind. For consistency, all references to time in this report are local time (Pacific Daylight Savings Time).

Low-Pass Filtered Data

Applying a low-pass filter to the data selectively removes frequency signals that are greater than a specified cutoff value. In the analysis of data from wind-driven waters such as Upper Klamath Lake, the objective is to remove signals in the data with periods less than 30 hours (most importantly, the diurnal wind effects). The data in this report were filtered using a discrete Fourier transform filter similar to that described by Walters and Heston (1982). A cosine taper was applied between a stop frequency of 30 hours and a pass frequency of 40 hours to reduce "ringing" in the results (Burau and others, 1993). The filtered ADCP records provided online contain the same number of bins of data as do the corresponding unfiltered records. In both cases, as the deployment progresses, some data from near-surface bins become unreliable because of decreasing water level in the lake. (See the column labeled "last bin" in table 1a which displays the last good data bin at the start and end of each ADCP measurement.)

Bar Graphs to Display Timing of Diurnal Patterns

Diurnal patterns and the timing of minimum and maximum horizontal and vertical water velocities, wind speed, and acoustic backscatter are displayed in bar graphs. Bar graphs were created from data sets by summing measurements at each recorded time of day (15- or 30-minute intervals) over the length of the record and then dividing by the number of valid measurements. Except for wind, bar graphs were created for near-surface and near bottom positions in order to examine spatial and vertical variations in the daily timing of maxima and minima in the lake.

Converting ADCP Backscatter to Backscatter Intensity in Decibels

As use of ADCPs has become more widespread, so have attempts to characterize suspended material from acoustic backscatter intensity measurements made by those acoustic instruments used to measure water velocity (e.g. Thevenot and others, 1992; Reichel and Nachtnebel, 1994). In addition to being less susceptible to biological fouling than are optical sensors, commercially available ADCPs may provide non-intrusive estimates of suspended solids concentration (SSC) profiles concurrent with measurements of velocity profiles using the same instrument. However, the process of converting backscatter intensity to mass concentration is not straightforward. Among other things, complex acoustic transmission losses from beam spreading and attenuation from water and suspended solids must be accounted for correctly. Transmission losses depend on multiple factors including the characteristics and quantity of suspended material, the salinity, temperature, and pressure of water, and the instrument power, transducer size, and frequency. Gartner (2004) provides a discussion of the theoretical background of the technique, including inherent limitations using single frequency instruments, appropriate frequency for a given particle size distribution, and corrections for attenuation from suspended materials, and non-spherical spreading in the transducer near field.

In this report, recorded ADCP backscatter is converted to backscatter intensity (units of dB) by correcting for transmission losses including acoustic spreading and absorption from water; however, no attempt is made to correct for attenuation from suspended materials or to convert the corrected backscatter intensity to SSC. There are several reasons for not compensating for suspended material including lack of sufficient calibration samples to define the vertical variations in the ratio of inorganic to organic material or actual mass concentration, the large size of the organic material (AFA) relative to acoustic frequency, and the lack of knowledge regarding composition and in-situ density of suspended materials. Therefore, in this report, spatial and temporal variations of suspended material are limited to a qualitative analysis of the corrected backscatter intensity only.

Discussion

ADCP Velocity Measurements

A preliminary analysis of the 2003 and 2004 ADCP measurements can be found in Wood and others (2006). They found that during periods of prevailing (west-northwesterly) wind conditions, currents in the trench west of Bare Island at site ADCP4 flowed generally north (\approx 350 degrees) whereas currents at ADCP8, the more shallow site to the east of Bare Island, were generally aligned to the southeast (\approx 120-150 degrees). (All wind and current directions are referenced to true north. By convention, wind directions are given as direction the wind is blowing from and current directions refer to the direction the currents are flowing toward.) The generally clockwise circulation pattern established in the lake under prevailing wind conditions seen in the 2003-2004 data is further confirmed by the velocity profile measurements by ADCP in 2005 and 2006. Time series of ADCP data from

near-surface, mid-depth, and near-bottom bins collected from 2003-2006 can be found in Appendix A and a summary of mean speeds and predominant directions near surface and near bottom are tabulated in table 2. As in 2003 and 2004, currents in the trench on the west side of the lake (ADCP1) were aligned with the bathymetry (generally north or northwest, $\approx 320-330$ degrees), as were the currents at ADCP3. Predominant currents at ADCP3, which was located at the end of a segment of the trench that runs across Ball Point and turns north at the entrance to Ball Bay, were about 340-350 degrees in 2005 but currents at ADCP9 which was located about 1100 m east and 800 m south of ADCP3, in open water north of the trench, were about 280-310 degrees in 2006. Prevailing current directions at ADCP5 aligned with a segment of the trench that runs across the entrance to Shoalwater Bay, consistent with the conceptual model of wind-driven current patterns in the lake shown in Wood and others (2006). Currents at ADCP5 flowed southwest between about 230 to 250 degrees. Currents in the shallow east side of the lake at ADCP6 were generally south to southeast $(\approx 150-160$ degrees) and currents at ADCP7 were generally northeast at about 30-40 degrees. ADCP7 was located at the southern most end of the trench which trends to the northeast at that location.

Summaries of the results of vessel-mounted ADCP measurements in 2005 and 2006 are tabulated in tables 3a and 3b.

Table 2. Mean current speeds and directions near surface and near bottom as measured by

ADCP. Near-bottom data are not necessarily from bin 1 but vary from about 1.6-1.7 m above

bed based on ADCP setup and transducer height. Near surface data are from the last "good"

data bin at end of deployment (lake levels dropped about 1.1-1.2 cm/day during deployments).

Table 3a. Summary results of measurements by boat mounted ADCP during 2005 field

season.

nd = No data available

Table 3b. Summary results of measurements by boat mounted ADCP during 2006 field

season.

nd = No data available

From examination of time series of unfiltered current speeds and directions measured by ADCPs (Appendix A) it is apparent that there are significant diurnal patterns. As an example, one week of measurements near mid-depth at site ADCP1 are shown in figure 4. However, further analysis shows that there are significant differences in timing of diurnal patterns of horizontal and vertical currents and backscatter among the various stations.

Figure 4. One week of measurements from 6/29/05 (day 180) to 7/6/05 (day 187) by ADCP at station, ADCP1. Measurements are from bin 12 at about 6.7 meters above bottom; water depth was about 14.2 meters.

For detailed analyses of spatial and temporal variations of horizontal and vertical current speeds and backscatter intensity, ADCP measurements from 2005 were processed to compute bar graphs to show diurnal patterns. (As previously described, some additional analyses of ADCP data from 2005 were performed because that data set had the most complete spatial coverage.) The computed bar graphs are included in Appendix B (horizontal velocities), Appendix C (vertical velocities), and Appendix F (backscatter); results are summarized in tables 4 and 5. As part of the analysis, bar graphs

from wind measurements were also generated (Appendix H) to show diurnal variations in wind speeds and their relations to diurnal variations in horizontal and vertical water currents and backscatter at the near-surface and near-bottom levels.

In the case of an upward-looking ADCP, the last usable velocity measurement from the ADCP bin that is closest to the air/water interface is determined during post processing by identifying an increase in backscatter (which occurs at a density discontinuity) or alternatively, from the actual water depth. These methods normally work well; however, both techniques are problematic for ADCP data sets from Upper Klamath Lake. First, the large concentration of AFA in the near-surface zone of the lake causes a large increase in backscatter prior to the point where the acoustic signal reaches the boundary. Second, the lake level changes throughout the summer season resulting from a drawdown of just over 1 cm/day. Thus, the last good ADCP bin closest to the water surface at the start of the summer instrument deployment will be invalid within a few weeks. The last good ADCP bin at instrument recovery may be 3-4 bins lower than at start of deployment. Therefore, in order to look at near-surface characteristics, a "near-surface" time series of measurements has been spliced together from appropriate bin data from sequentially lower and lower bins as the deployment progresses and the water depth becomes gradually shallower. The bar graphs in Appendices B, C, and F that display near surface variables for 2005 ADCP data have been generated from those spliced time series data.

Diurnal Patterns in Wind Measurements (2005)

Examination of bar graphs showing diurnal wind patterns (Appendix H and table 4) shows that minimum wind speeds occur during late morning (\approx 1100-1200) and maximum wind speeds occur during late evening (≈ 2100) at stations MDN, MDL, and HDB-MET. Because Upper Klamath Lake is a wind driven system with little river inflow; horizontal water circulation is expected to correlate with wind patterns. However, times of minimum and maximum horizontal current speeds are spatially variable in the lake because of the effects of bathymetry and geometry on water motion. Details of spatial variations in water motion at the ADCP measurement sites during the 2005 field season are described in the following section.

Table 4. Approximate times of day of maximum and minimum wind speed and maximum and

minimum horizontal current speed (both near-surface and near-bottom) in Upper Klamath

Lake during the field sample period June 21, 2005 to September 12, 2005. Where

appropriate, the meteorological station closest to the corresponding ADCP site is noted.

Spatial Variations in Diurnal Patterns of ADCP Horizontal Velocity Measurements (2005)

The ADCP records from 2005 exhibit diurnal patterns in velocity measurements that appear to correlate with wind or other hydrodynamic or biological processes (tables 4 and 5).

Deployment of ADCP7 was at the south end of the trench on the west side of the lake where water depth was about 5 m. In general, maximum and minimum horizontal current speeds lag the maximum and minimum wind speeds by about two to three hours at the site, except for the minimum water speed near bottom which occurs prior to the minimum wind speed. There is a distinct period of minimum water current speed near surface at about 1500; however, the bar graph of near-bottom speed displays a broad minimum between about 0700 and 1300. Maximum currents near-surface and nearbottom occur at about 2200.

Located in the trench where water depth was about 14 m at the start of the deployment, ADCP1 displays daily patterns of horizontal currents somewhat similar to ADCP7. However, there is a larger phase difference between wind patterns and current patterns (about 5-7 hours near-surface and about 3 hours near-bottom). The daily patterns of maximum and minimum speeds are more pronounced than at ADCP7 and there is a tendency for the bottom currents to lead the near-surface currents. Maximum current speeds occur at about 0300 near-surface and about 2230 near-bottom. Minimum current speeds occur at about 1630 near-surface and about 1500 near-bottom.

ADCP5 was deployed east of Eagle Point in about 5 m of water in an area where the bathymetry contour lines tend to run generally east-west rather than north-south as they do in the trench where ADCP1 was located. At this site, the currents are lower than at ADCP1 or ADCP7 and, as at those sites, tend to oppose the prevailing winds. As a result there is far less distinct daily variation in current speed near surface. The average near-surface current is near 8 cm/s for most of the day although the maximum (about 0300) and minimum (about 1630) occur at times that are close to the times they occur at ADCP1. Near-bottom currents also appear similar to those at ADCP1 with minimum current speeds occurring at about 1600 and maximum current speeds at about 2200 (about a 2-hour delay between winds and currents).

Located further west of Eagle Point than ADCP5, the ADCP deployed at site ADCP3 measured water currents that lack distinct diurnal variations. Current speeds typically range between about 5-6 cm/s although there are some higher values near-surface at about 1430 and near-bottom at about 0330 which do not seem to correlate with local wind speeds. Near-surface minimum current speeds occur near midnight (about 2130-0100 and near-bottom minimums occur near noon.

ADCP6 was the station deployed in the most eastern and shallowest location in the lake during 2005. The highest current speeds near surface occur near 1600 and are completely out of phase with maximum surface currents on the west side of the lake at ADCP7, ADCP5, and ADCP1. Minimum currents occur in early morning near about 0230. Near-bottom currents display an unusual pattern during the day with a short period of slightly lower currents during late morning (about 1030), but little overall variation during the day.

Diurnal Patterns of ADCP Vertical Velocity Measurements (2005)

In interpreting measurements by ADCP, it is critical to remember that the ADCP calculates velocity from the Doppler shift of acoustic backscatter from particles moving in the water (which may not be the same as the water motion). This fact is particularly important when evaluating the calculated vertical velocity. Vertical velocities measured by ADCP may include sediment suspension and settling, plankton migration and settling, and possibly even buoyancy of entrained bubbles near the water surface in addition to actual water motion. Although the measured vertical velocities are substantially larger than typically expected based on numerical model results, the measured vertical velocities for each ensemble (of averaged single pings) is the same order of magnitude as the theoretical standard deviation of the vertical velocity (≈ 0.3 cm/s). However, the averaging technique used to create the bar graphs and the generally consistent daily patterns of currents and wind suggest that any conclusions inferred from the bar graphs are probably meaningful.

It is therefore potentially possible to quantify the diurnal (vertical) migration patterns of AFA colonies in Upper Klamath Lake. The simplest theoretical model of AFA migration predicts a buoyancy gain (net rising) of colonies during dark hours once excess nutrient stores have been exhausted and the cells are once again energy limited and a buoyancy loss (net sinking) of the blue-green algae during daylight hours after energy saturation is achieved (Porat and others, 2001).

Consideration of the vertical velocities at the five ADCP sites, in conjunction with the backscatter information (discussed below), suggests that the suspended material, which is primarily organic as determined by the analysis of water quality samples that is discussed below, consists of AFA populations that are a mixture of rising and sinking colonies. In many cases, the patterns of vertical velocity observed in the bar graphs (Appendix C and table 5) fit the conceptual model of diurnal migration of AFA, displaying net buoyancy during darkness and net sinking during daylight (Porat and others, 2001). Where there are significant variations from the theoretical diurnal vertical migration pattern of AFA, those differences can be explained by hydrodynamic effects related to water depth variations near the deep channel and wind-driven circulation patterns in the lake, both of which would be expected to affect suspended materials consisting of re-suspended bed sediments and AFA populations. Further detailed analyses of the spatial variations of vertical velocity are beyond the scope of this report.

Table 5. Approximate times of day of maximum and minimum vertical current speed and backscatter intensity (both near-surface and near-bottom) in Upper Klamath Lake during the field sample period June 21, 2005 to September 12, 2005. Where appropriate, the meteorological station closest to the corresponding ADCP site is noted.

Variations in Backscatter Intensity Measurements (2005)

Acoustic backscatter intensity, a surrogate for suspended material, varies seasonally as well as by location in the lake, vertical position in the water column, and time of day. Seasonal variations throughout the 2005 summer field season at the five ADCP sites are shown in figure 5 which displays the filtered values of acoustic backscatter intensity in dB (corrected for transmission losses from acoustic beam spreading and absorption from water). Although the 2005 measurements begin too late in the spring to capture the large increase in backscatter that would likely indicate the start of the bluegreen algae bloom, the population decline at the end of July (near day 212) is clearly shown.

As previously described, the backscatter intensity measurements have not been calibrated to convert them to mass concentration. Thus, the results contain instrument differences as well as variations related to differences in suspended material at each site. Therefore the backscatter measurements, as a surrogate for SSC, are not directly comparable among ADCP stations; however, timing of maxima and minima and vertical variations (Appendix F and table 5) determined by individual instruments are meaningful since measurements are corrected for acoustic transmission losses.

Times of maximum near-surface backscatter intensity are similar at the five measurement sites ≈ 1800) and precede the time of maximum wind speed (≈ 2100) by about three hours. Similarly, times

of minimum near-surface backscatter intensity are nearly simultaneous at the five measurement sites ≈ 0800) and precede the time of minimum wind speed (about 1100-1200) by about three hours. Times of maximum backscatter near-bottom at the various sites are scattered throughout the day while times of minimum backscatter near-bottom (≈ 1400) occur about three hours after the minimum wind speeds. The exception is the deep station, ADCP1, where the minimum backscatter near-bottom occurs near 2130. The times of maximum backscatter near-surface at the five ADCP measurement sites also precede the time of maximum upward (or minimum downward) vertical velocity (\approx 2000-2100) by about two to three hours and precede the time of maximum daily water temperature (about 1900) by one to two hours (Wood and others, 2006). Thus, the maximum backscatter tends to occur in the late afternoon, roughly coincident with the maximum stratification of the water column (Wood and others, 2006). It is beyond the scope of this report to determine if diurnal patterns in near-surface backscatter estimates relate to diurnal variations in vertical migration of AFA, wind patterns, or a combination of multiple factors. Nevertheless, the patterns in backscatter intensity seen in the near-surface and nearbottom bar graphs, especially when viewed with the diurnal variations in vertical velocity and in the context of the daily variations in water temperature are suggestive of diurnal variations from vertical migration of AFA.

Figure 5. Time series plots of (filtered) ADCP acoustic backscatter intensity from Upper Klamath Lake (near surface) as a surrogate for suspended material. Minimum values near calendar day 212 probably represent the decline of AFA population.

Variations in LISST Data

LISST measurements of characteristics of suspended material $(< 250 \mu m$) in Upper Klamath Lake, primarily size distribution, differ from year to year. Those differences may be the result of instrument locations (at ADCP2 and ADCP3 in 2004, near ADCP6 in 2005, and near ADCP9 in 2006) or changes in size distributions and characteristics of SSC from year to year. In 2004, the peak in the size distribution is 166-196 μ m and the mean size is about 117 μ m. In 2005, the peak in the size

distribution is at 86-101 μ m, although there is a small peak at 12-14 μ m; the mean size is about 105 μ m. LISST measurements from 2006 have a mean size of about $63 \mu m$ but show a clearly bimodal distribution with peaks at about 6 μ m and 86-101 μ m. As an example, figure 6, representing the LISST measurement at 1130 on May 25, 2006 (day 145), shows that the size distribution is clearly bimodal but the peak at the smaller size class is a small component of the total measured volume concentration. It should be stressed that the upper size limit for measurements with this model LISST is 250 μ m. Particles larger than that (which may include the majority of the AFA colonies) are not seen by the instrument.

Laser In-Situ Scattering and Transmissometry (LISST)

Figure 6. Size distribution and cumulative volume concentration from a LISST measurement made on May 25, 2006 at 1130. Particle size distribution shows a bi-modal character of size distribution. (The graphs are generated from manufacturer supplied software.)

Values of volume concentration in units of $\mu l / l$ (which may be similar to mass concentration in units of mg/l if particle density is about 1 gm/cm⁻³) generally ranged between about 25 μ l/l to about 100-150 μ l/l when the LISST lenses are clean although there are numerous peak values that are substantially higher (Appendix E). Some of those high values may be spurious readings from very large particles in the sample volume blocking the laser or lens. As the percent transmission decreases (from biological fouling) the volume concentration appears to increase proportionately (and probably erroneously); however, there appears to be little effect on particle size until percent transmission falls below 20 percent (either from biological fouling or high concentration that results in multiple scattering). Regardless of the source of decreased transmission, all data are assumed invalid if percent transmission falls below 20 percent.

Analyses of Water Quality Samples (2006)

Sparse water quality measurements available from 2002 indicate that values of vertically integrated SSC in the northern part of the lake were in the range of 90-150 mg/l and values for loss on ignition (LOI), the percent organic to inorganic (on a vertically integrated basis) were about 35 percent organic to about 65 percent inorganic (Wood, T.M., unpub. data, 2002).

Additional discrete water samples were collected and analyzed in 2006. (Two sets of waterquality samples collected in May and July are not included in this analysis because the samples may have been mishandled; results appear unreliable.) The remaining samples, collected on 9/11/06 and 9/25/06 at the two ADCP sites (ADCP1 and ADCP9), contained SSC between about 5 and 43 mg/l at near-bottom, mid-water, and near-surface locations (tables 6a and 6b). The standard deviation of the mass concentration from replicate samples varied from 0-10.5 mg/l. The near-surface values of SSC were slightly higher than the near-bottom values at both the shallow station (by 2.5 and 7.5 mg/l) and the deep station (by 3.0 and 2.5 mg/l); however, the differences, although consistent, are within the range of the standard deviation of the replicate samples.

LOI values for these discrete samples indicate that the percent inorganic ranged between about 5-52 percent (tables 6a and 6b). The inorganic fraction was less in the near-surface samples than in the near-bottom samples at both sites and on both sample dates, consistent with increased AFA population near-surface. The inorganic fraction was about 13 to 21 percent higher in the near-bottom samples at the shallow site, and about 15-16 percent higher in the near-bottom samples at the deep site. Replicate values of the inorganic fraction were generally repeatable within 1- 2 mg/l but the standard deviations of the percent inorganic varied from about 1-10 percent.

Table 6a. Water quality sample results from shallow station (ADCP9) at near-surface, mid-

water, and near-bottom locations in water column in 2006.

Table 6b. Water quality sample results from deep station (ADCP1) at near-surface, mid-

water, and near-bottom locations in water column in 2006.

Summary

Hydrodynamic measurements were made by the USGS in Upper Klamath Lake during four summer seasons (approximately mid-June to mid-September) during 2003 to 2006. Those measurements were primarily water current profiles by ADCP at fixed locations in the lake. Some measurements were made by ADCP from moving boat during 2005 and 2006. Measurements of size distribution of suspended material were made at four locations in the lake. Raw data are presented as time series. Filtered velocity data are provided to remove wind-induced variations from water currents. Bar graphs of horizontal and vertical current speed, acoustic backscatter, and wind speed are provided to discern diurnal variations as they might relate to wind patterns over the lake and vertical migration of AFA populations. Field data may be accessed online at *<http://pubs/usgs.gov/of/2007/1279/data>*.

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