FIBI093a-R4 NB Raritan River

Mosle Road

Municipality: MENDHAM TWP

County: Morris

Drainage Area (sq miles): 21

Sample Date: 9 /9 /2019

Site Type: Fixed



IBI Metrics

Metric 1-%Rheophilic Richness	100.00
Metric 2-%Cold Non-tolerant Coolwater	99.21
Metric 3-%Generalist Richness	56.43
Metric 4-Tolerance Index	81.01
Metric 5-%Lithophilic Richness	62.09
Metric 6-%Cyprinidae	100.00
Metric 7-%Dominant 3 Taxa	34.15
Metric 8-%Benthic Insectivore Richness	37.84

Field Chemistry

Air Temp (°C)	18.7
Water Temperature (°C)	17.80
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	9.8
% Saturation	100.5
pН	7.16
Conductivity (µS/cm)	391
Total Kjeldahl (mg/L)	0.15
Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	0.02
Nitrate/Nitrite (mg/L)	1.75

Northern Fish IBI Score (0-100): 71.34

IBI Rating: Good

High Gradient Habitat Score (0-200): 161

Habitat Rating: Optimal

Summary: Scores from this station (FIBI093a) and the previously sampled upstream location (FIBI093) differed by just 1.4 points since 2009. The two stations are separated by less than 200-m and the habitat and stream conditions are similar between the two. Despite consistent results over time, the number of wild trout has declined substantially. In 2009, 68 wild brown trout representing 21% of the total catch were collected compared to just 16 wild brown trout in 2019 which represented only 2.6% of the total catch.

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Abundance
Longnose Dace	Rhinichthys cataractae	323
Blacknose Dace	Rhinichthys atratulus	88
Fallfish	Semotilus corporalis	60
White Sucker	Catostomus commersonii	42
Tessellated Darter	Etheostoma olmstedi	29
Brown Trout	Salmo trutta	16
Largemouth Bass	Micropterus salmoides	10
American Eel	Anguilla rostrata	9
Green Sunfish	Lepomis cyanellus	9
Bluegill	Lepomis macrochirus	4
Creek Chub	Semotilus atromaculatus	3
Pumpkinseed	Lepomis gibbosus	3
Hybrid Green Sunfish x Pumpkinseed	Lepomis cxg	2
Yellow Bullhead	Ameiurus natalis	2
American Brook Lamprey	Lethenteron appendix	1