

SUMMARY OF RESULTS – FIBI018



1. Stream Name:	Raritan R S Br
2. Sampling Date:	9/29/00
3. Sampling Location:	Stanton Station Rd (40 34 20.72N; 74 52 04.31W)
4. County:	Hunterdon
5. Watershed Management Area:	8
6. Contributing Drainage Area (Sq. Mi.):	150.2
7. Stream Water Quality Class:	FW2-TM
8. FIBI Rating:	Fair (36) (See Appendix 3)
9. Habitat Assessment Rating:	Sub Optimal (141) (See Appendix 3)
10. Fishable Species Present:	Yes
11. Relevant AMNET ¹ Station Data:	
Proximity of FIBI station to AMNET station:	Same as AN0326
AMNET Rating:	1994 - Non-impaired; 1999 - Moderate
12. Stream Chemistries:	
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	11.46
Temperature °C.	11.8
pH	8.6
Conductivity (µmhos/cm)	253
Secchi Disk (inches)	NA
13. Number of Fish With Anomalies:	21
14. Water Clarity:	clear
15. Forest Canopy:	Mostly Open
16. Flow:	moderate
17. Substrate: (qualitative)	40% Gravel/Sand, 60% Cobble
18. Habitat Type: (qualitative)	10% Riffle, 70% Run, 20% Pool
19. Other observations:	invasive asiatic clams prevalent
20. Number of Fish Species Identified: (see next page)	16
21. Total Number of Fish Collected:	348

¹ AMNET is the acronym for the DEP's ambient benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring network – a series of 820 monitoring stations located throughout the state's waterways that collects data on the health of bottom dwelling stream fauna which in turn is used to assess general water quality

LISTED IN ORDER OF ABUNDANCE FOUND (see also Figure 1.1)

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	# FOUND	SIZE RANGE (INCHES)
Tessellated Darter	<i>Etheostoma olmstedii</i>	82	
Margined Madtom	<i>Noturus insignis</i>	64	
Redbreast Sunfish*	<i>Lepomis auritus</i>	53	3.1 - 5.9
Shield Darter	<i>Percina peltata</i>	43	
Satinfin Shiner	<i>Cyprinella analostana</i>	33	
Banded Killifish	<i>Fundulus diaphanus</i>	20	
White Sucker*	<i>Catostomus commersoni</i>	17	
American Eel*	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	17	
Longnose Dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	7	
Largemouth Bass*	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	3	3.1 - 11.8
Smallmouth Bass*	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>	2	2.8 - 7.5
Common Shiner	<i>Luxilus cornutus</i>	2	
Redfin Pickerel*	<i>Esox americanus americanus</i>	1	5.5
Spottail Shiner	<i>Notropis hudsonius</i>	1	
Bluegill*	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	1	0.8
Pumpkinseed*	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>	1	3.1

*Regulated as a fishable species under current New Jersey Fish and Wildlife codes

HABITAT ASSESSMENT FOR HIGH GRADIENT STREAMS SOUTH BRANCH RARITAN RIVER
(FIBI018) – 9/29/00

Habitat Parameter	Condition Category			
	Optimal	Suboptimal	Marginal	Poor
1. Epifaunal Substrate/Available Cover Greater than 50% of substrate favorable for epifaunal colonization and fish cover; mix of snags, submerged logs, undercut banks, cobble or other stable habitat and at stage to allow full colonization potential (i.e., logs/snags that are <u>not</u> new fall and <u>not</u> transient). SCORE 14	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
2. Embeddedness Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 0-25% surrounded by fine sediment. SCORE 13	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
3. Riffle Quality Well-developed riffle and run; riffle is as wide as stream and length extends two times the width of stream; abundance of cobble. (Boulders prevalent in headwater streams). SCORE 8	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
4. Sediment Deposition Little or no enlargement of islands or point bars and less than 5% (<20% for low-gradient streams) of the bottom affected by sediment deposition. SCORE 16	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
5. Channel Flow Status Water reaches base of both lower banks, and minimal amount of channel substrate is exposed. SCORE 18	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
6. Channel Alteration Channelization or dredging absent or minimal; stream with normal pattern. SCORE 18	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
7. Frequency of Riffles (or bends) Occurrence of riffles relatively frequent; ratio of distance between riffles divided by width of the stream <7:1 (generally 5 to 7); variety of habitat is key. In streams where riffles are continuous, placement of boulders or other large, natural obstruction is important. All 4 velocity/depth patterns present. SCORE 8	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0
8. Bank Stability (score each bank) Banks stable; evidence of erosion or bank failure absent or minimal; little potential for future problems. <5% of bank affected. Note: determine left or right side by facing downstream. SCORE 8 (LB) SCORE 5 (RB)	Left Bank 10 9 Right Bank 10 9	8 7 6 8 7 6	5 4 3 5 4 3	2 1 0 2 1 0
9. Bank Vegetative Protection (score each bank) More than 90% of the streambank surfaces and immediate riparian zone covered by native vegetation, including trees, under story shrubs, or nonwoody macrophytes; vegetative disruption through grazing or mowing minimal or not evident; almost all plants allowed to grow naturally. SCORE 9 (LB) SCORE 9 (RB)	Left Bank 10 9 Right Bank 10 9	8 7 6 8 7 6	5 4 3 5 4 3	2 1 0 2 1 0
10. Riparian Vegetative Zone Width (score each bank riparian zone) Width of riparian zone >18 meters; human activities (i.e., parking lots, roadbeds, clear-cuts, lawns, or crops) have not impacted zone. SCORE 6 (LB) SCORE 9 (RB)	Left Bank 10 9 Right Bank 10 9	8 7 6 8 7 6	5 4 3 5 4 3	2 1 0 2 1 0

HABITAT SCORE

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HABITAT SCORES	VALUE
OPTIMAL	160 C 200
SUB-OPTIMAL	110 C 159
MARGINAL	60 C 109
POOR	< 60

FIBI018-So. Br. Raritan River @ Stanton Station Rd. Excellent Good **Fair** Poor
 Date Sampled - 9/29/2000

	Score
# of Fish Species	5
# of Benthic Insectivorous Species (BI)	5
# of Trout and Centrarchid Species (trout, bass, sunfish, crappie)	3
# of Intolerant Species (IS)	3
Proportion of Individuals as White Suckers	5
Proportion of Individuals as Generalists (carp, creek chub, banded killifish, goldfish, fathead minnow, green sunfish)	5
Proportion of Individuals as Insectivorous Cyprinids (I and BI)	1
Proportion of Individuals as Trout *whichever gives better score OR Proportion of Individuals as Piscivores (Excluding American Eel)*	3
Number of Individuals in Sample	5
Proportion of Individuals w/disease/anomalies (excluding blackspot)	1
Total	36

Stream Rating

45-50	Excellent
37-44	Good
29-36	Fair
10-28	Poor