



# **Snow & Ice Control and the Aquatic Environment Report**

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## Executive Summary

The objective of this report is to provide SDOT with information about the potential risks to the aquatic environment from SDOT's updated draft approach for snow and ice control (SDOT, 2009).

This evaluation is intended to assist SDOT in balancing environmental risks with providing the safest possible transportation system and maximum mobility for the traveling public during snow and ice conditions, within reasonable budget, product performance and environmental constraints.

Major findings of this assessment include:

1. Substantial areas of the City, including downtown, where street runoff flows to Puget Sound, to large lakes or to a wastewater treatment plant may be treated with chloride-based snow and ice control products with little or no risk of impacting aquatic organisms.
2. Use of chloride-based snow and ice control materials could have a negative impact on aquatic environments under extreme conditions. Freshwater systems with low dilution potential, such as creeks and wetlands, are most sensitive to these inputs. Salmon-bearing creeks (i.e., Major Creeks) are of special concern.
3. The risk of use of salt under expected environmental conditions is relatively low, consistent with other studies.
4. EPA has established chronic and acute threshold levels that can be used to judge when chloride levels could be harmful to aquatic life.
5. The primary value of the chloride model is to show tendencies, trends and relative risk. Numerous, conservative (i.e., tending towards worse case) assumptions were made in the model. The model allowed evaluation of potential impacts of repeated application, application rates, runoff rates and flow to show their relative significance in determining levels of chloride in specific streams. Actual chloride levels in streams can only be known through field verification and will vary considerably from one storm event to another. Output values from this modeling exercise have not been confirmed through field testing, so these values should be considered as approximations only.
6. Risk increases under certain conditions, some of which may be exclusive of one another:
  - a. Accumulating amount of chloride due to repeated treatments,
  - b. Rapid meltoff,
  - c. Low flow conditions.
7. Thornton Creek, followed by Longfellow Creek, has the highest potential for impacts due to the density and length of Snow & Ice routes within the creek watershed.
8. Risk of impact of chloride-based treatments would be reduced with:
  - a. Higher flows,
  - b. Gradual meltoff,
  - c. Selective use of anti-icing and deicing treatments,
  - d. Use of alternative anti-icing and deicing materials.
9. Under application rates provided by SDOT, brine treatments are expected to result in lower chloride concentrations in creeks than would solid NaCl treatments due to the amount of chloride applied to the roadway per treatment.

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10. Sand can have long-term degrading effects on stream habitat quality and aquatic biota.
11. Glucose has the potential of increasing demand for oxygen in receiving waters, but the levels that would be applied appear to be too low to lower dissolved oxygen levels in streams.
12. Use of products that meet Pacific Northwest Snowfighters (PNS) specifications will help to minimize risk of unintentionally introducing other pollutants.

## **Introduction**

The objective of this technical memo is to provide SDOT with information about the potential risks to the aquatic environment from SDOT's updated draft approach for snow and ice control (SDOT, 2009). This includes information on:

- proposed SDOT snow and ice route segments that drain to Seattle's sensitive receiving water bodies (i.e., Seattle creeks and wetlands),
- potential aquatic impacts of proposed snow and ice control materials (chloride, glucose, and sand) on Seattle's sensitive receiving water bodies, and
- snow and ice control product specifications related to environmental concerns

This memo and related attachments are intended to assist SDOT in balancing environmental risks with providing the safest possible transportation system and maximum mobility for the traveling public during snow and ice conditions, within reasonable budget, product performance and environmental constraints.

## **Summary of Findings and Recommendations**

### Sensitive Receiving Waters

- Effects of anti-icing and deicing treatments proposed by SDOT are unlikely to exceed accepted threshold concentrations of chloride under conditions commonly seen in Seattle and at treatment levels projected by SDOT for these conditions.
- It is important to recognize what areas are most sensitive to winter deicing and anti-icing treatments and what environmental factors can influence potential impacts on receiving waters. Under certain extreme and unlikely conditions, snow and ice control materials proposed by SDOT could have a negative impact on aquatic environments. Freshwater systems with low dilution potential (i.e., creeks and wetlands) are most sensitive to these inputs. Salmon-bearing creeks (i.e., Major Creeks) are of special concern. (Attachment A).
- Snow and ice control procedures on roadways that drain to these sensitive waters should consider the risk factors presented in this report. SPU has provided maps which indicate Snow & Ice route segments that drain to sensitive waters (i.e., Major Creeks (salmon bearing), Minor Creeks (non-salmon bearing), and wetlands) (Attachment B).
- Snow and ice control scenarios proposed by SDOT pose little or no risk to saltwater systems and large freshwater systems due to dilution and/or salinity (Attachment B). Likewise, SDOT's deicing and anti-icing activities in areas draining to combined pipe systems in the city do not pose a risk to the aquatic environment.

### Salt and Potential Aquatic Risks

- In freshwater systems with relatively low dilution potential (i.e. sensitive waters), chloride concentrations can be elevated as a result of snow and ice control activities involving salt. Studies on the effects of salt on receiving water bodies have mostly been undertaken in areas where severe winter conditions exist and where salt application occurs more frequently and salt accumulates over a longer period than would be encountered in Seattle. In the absence of

relevant literature to Seattle, a simple, mass-balance model was developed using local data to generate estimates of chloride concentrations in specific streams. The model is only a rough estimate given the uncertainty and unlimited possibilities regarding treatment scenarios, washoff extent and duration, and creek flows – all items which are highly dependent on weather conditions, among other factors. Model results have not been field verified so it is not known how closely the model would reflect actual values. The primary value of the simple model was to show sensitivity and relative impact of changes in conditions such as flow, melt-off period, treatment and frequency of treatment.

- The simple, conservative (i.e., tending towards worst-case) model developed for the four Major Creeks (Thornton, Piper's, Longfellow and Fauntleroy creeks) that receive drainage from the Snow & Ice route roadways evaluates the risk to the aquatic environment associated with estimated chloride concentrations in the creek from various SDOT treatment scenarios at various washoff durations during typical (i.e., mean) winter stream flows (Attachments C1 & C2). Risk was evaluated by comparing estimated chloride concentrations for a scenario to acute and chronic standards (WAC 173-201A-240). Standards are not to be exceeded more than once every three years for chloride; however, the risk of a scenario occurring more than once every three years was not evaluated as part of this report. This analysis indicated that Thornton Creek, followed by Longfellow Creek, was the most sensitive to salting activities. Creek sensitivity is directly related to the density and length of Snow & Ice Routes within the creek watershed. At typical winter streamflows, the analysis also indicated:
  - Chloride concentrations were not a concern for typical deicing scenarios provided by SDOT for "light freezing conditions overnight" and "brief snowfall followed by rain."
  - Chloride concentrations were not a concern for Liquid Anti-Ice application scenarios.
  - Chloride concentrations were not a concern for the friction Sand:solid NaCl application scenarios.
  - Use of solid NaCl results in greater risk of exceeding chloride standards as the number of treatments prior to a melt-off increases. This was particularly evident for snow routes in Thornton and Longfellow creek basins.
- To evaluate how risk associated with SDOT treatment scenarios changed during extremely low and high creek flows, a sensitivity analysis was performed (Attachments C1 & C3). Extremely low flows were calculated using the minimum mean daily flow from December through February for the period of record for each creek. While these flows would be very unlikely, particularly during a melt-off event, they were used to illustrate how risk changes as flows decrease. Similarly, winter storm flows, as calculated using one-half of the maximum daily flow from December through February for the period of record, were used to illustrate the impacts of increased flow on risk of exceeding chloride thresholds. Higher flows reduce the risk of exceeding chloride thresholds. However, as flow decreases to extremely low levels, the model predicts that risks of exceeding chloride standards associated with certain scenarios and conditions could increase. Additional care may be needed at very low flows under the following scenarios:
  - Brief melt-off period, particularly in Thornton Creek.
  - Friction sand:solid NaCl application in Thornton Creek.
  - Solid NaCl applications in Thornton Creek or
  - Solid NaCl application associated with a relatively short washoff period or repeated NaCl applications in Longfellow Creek and Piper's Creek.
- To minimize salt impacts to sensitive receiving waters, it is recommended that the Snow and Ice Control Implementation Plan:

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- Include consideration of the risk factors identified in this report in defining a treatment plan that balances public safety and environmental health. The use of salt for icing and deicing represents little or no risk under expected conditions and application scenarios; however, some flexibility should be maintained to respond to certain extreme conditions that would elevate risk to the aquatic environment.
- Include a recommendation to monitor at least one of the most sensitive receiving water bodies to better evaluate actual (vs. modeled) risk to aquatic habitats, and
- Specify that the least material possible should be applied that will meet snow & ice control objectives, especially in areas that drain to sensitive receiving waters. This is recommended for all materials, not just salts.

### Sand and Potential Aquatic Impacts

- Fine sediment associated with road sanding can have negative impacts on aquatic ecosystems. Therefore, the use of sand should be minimized on roads that drain to sensitive aquatic ecosystems. Additionally, sand should be removed from road surface via street sweeping or other methods as soon as feasible after snow and ice conditions end (Attachment D).

### Glucose and Potential Aquatic Impacts

- Glucose has the potential to increase demand for oxygen in receiving waters. The levels that would be applied in scenarios evaluated appear to be too low to lower dissolved oxygen levels in streams (Attachment E).

### Product Specification – Environmental Attributes

- Snow and ice control materials often include additives or impurities which can be a concern to the aquatic environment. It is recommended that SDOT use Pacific Northwest Snowfighters (PNS) qualified products. Alternatively, SDOT should have an established quality testing process that utilizes PNS or similar specifications for environmental contaminants of concern (Attachment F).

Findings and recommendations presented above are based on analysis and background information summarized in the follow attachments to this memo:

**Attachment A. Aquatic Impacts of Snow & Ice Control Methods** - brief review of relevant literature

**Attachment B. Major Creeks, Minor Creeks, and Wetlands Drainage Basins and Snow & Ice Routes**

**Attachment C. Salt and Potential Aquatic Impacts**

**C1. Conservative Chloride Analysis – Typical Scenarios**

**C2. Conservative Chloride Analysis - Various Scenarios – Typical Conditions**

**C3. Conservative Chloride Analysis - Various Scenarios – Sensitivity Analysis**

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**Attachment D. Sand and Potential Aquatic Impacts**

**Attachment E. Glucose and Potential Aquatic Impacts**

**Attachment F. Product Specification – Environmental Attributes**

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Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), 2009. Draft Memo: Alternative Scenarios, SDOT ANTI\_ICING & DEICING PRACTICES. From Paul Roberts, SDOT Street Maintenance Manager. June 16, 2009. 1 p.

**Attachment A. Aquatic Impacts of Snow and Ice Control Methods** – Brief Review of Relevant Deicing Literature

Roadway runoff from deicing activities may impact freshwater streams, lakes and wetlands in Seattle. The biggest concern for Seattle's waterways is the potential impact on salmon and trout species in Thornton, Piper's, Longfellow, Fautleroy and Taylor creeks. Deicing activities pose little risk to saltwater systems and large freshwater systems due to the existing salinity and high dilution potential of these receiving waters.

Chloride is present in salt-based deicing compounds. Elevated chloride concentrations may interfere with aquatic organism survival, growth or reproduction. Sand used on roads as a friction agent may also impact freshwater communities by decreasing habitat quality. Other additives in deicing compounds may also impact freshwater organisms. The following issues and references on this subject were found to be pertinent to the evaluation of chloride on Seattle's freshwater systems.

*What is known about the impact of salting roadways on freshwater life?*

The impacts of road deicing activities on instream organisms are well documented in the literature. Most freshwater organisms can tolerate some changes in chloride concentrations. However, aquatic life including salmon, trout and macroinvertebrates that live in Seattle's streams could be impacted by road deicing applications, if chloride concentrations in receiving waters are high enough. In general, fish eggs, embryos and fry are the most sensitive life history stages to salt (James et al. 2003, Environment Canada 2001). For salmon, these life stages may be present in Seattle's creeks during the months when deicing is most likely. Trout spawn in the spring and are less likely to be affected.

Sporadic, low-level or short-term deicing activities generally have not been found to impact fish or macroinvertebrate communities. The chronic toxicity threshold for chloride is 230 mg/L for a 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average. The acute threshold is 860 mg/l for a 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).<sup>1</sup>

Volume, flow, runoff and receiving water flushing are important in the ability of a system to receive chloride runoff without harming aquatic organisms (NCHRP 2007). For example, short-term exposure to road salt from deicing processes did not significantly affect stream macro-invertebrate communities (e.g., Blasius and Merrit 2002). A creek adjacent to Highway 97 in eastern Washington was studied after a liquid deicer was applied to the roadway. The study revealed that no degradation in water chemistry or macroinvertebrate communities occurred (Yonge and Marcoe 2001). Furthermore, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) testing in three streams adjacent to highways where deicing materials were applied showed increased chloride in the creeks (MDT 2004). However, 36 mg/l chloride was the highest level found in streams adjacent to deiced highways, and levels were most frequently under 15 mg/l (MDT

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<sup>1</sup> These numbers were established and verified through toxicity testing on several aquatic organisms. See New Hampshire DES 2007 for more details.

2004). These levels were well below the chloride thresholds for chronic or acute toxicity. A Michigan DOT study found deicer runoff could be toxic to aquatic organisms in streams with very low flow or extensive wetlands and ponds (as cited in MDT 2004). However, in urban areas that use salt extensively to manage heavy snowfall and where the majority of runoff occurs in spring, the chloride thresholds can be exceeded. Shingle Creek, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is listed as impaired for chloride and has a TMDL (Wenck 2006).

The effects of salt use for anti-icing and deicing are influenced by the amounts of chloride entering receiving waters and the dilution effect of the receiving waters. Concentration thresholds have been established and serve as reference levels for evaluating the risk of applying salt on roadways to aquatic organisms. Most studies on the effects of salt occur where salt application occurs more frequently due to severe winter weather conditions. In these areas, deicing salt also accumulates over a longer period than would be encountered in Seattle.

*What is known about the impact of sanding roadways on freshwater life?*

In some situations, sanding may be more harmful to freshwater communities than chemical deicers. As sand moves into streams from roadways, it can degrade instream habitat, increase turbidity and may transport other pollutants to receiving waters. Sand blocks interstitial spaces within stream substrates interfering with egg incubation and macroinvertebrate habitat.. Sand was cited as being of greater concern to the Montana DEQ than deicers are (MDT 2004). The MDT (2004) found decreases in the diversity and productivity of aquatic ecosystems at some sites with inflow of highway runoff containing sediment (Buckler and Granato 1999). Particle sizes less than two mm can block movement of oxygen into streambed gravels (where salmon and trout eggs are). NCHRP (2007) reports that sand runoff to streams can result in partial or complete burial of invertebrate leaf packs, which impacts invertebrate activity, colonization and feeding. Three sand application guidelines help to reduce the negative impacts of sanding on streams: reduce application, recover the sand through street sweeping and capture the runoff using structural treatment facilities (BMPs) that may already be in place (MDT 2004).

*What is known about the impact of other deicing chemicals on freshwater communities?*

When a deicer contains product that is high in carbon content, such as molasses, there is the potential to have high biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) in receiving waters. An increase in BOD in receiving waters can cause low-oxygen conditions for aquatic organisms (NCHRP 2007). Yonge and Marco (2001) found that BOD associated with a liquid deicer did not increase to levels that would impact aquatic life. However, dilution is important. High BOD is most likely in deep pools, ponds or lakes, where mixing is minimal (NCHRP 2007).

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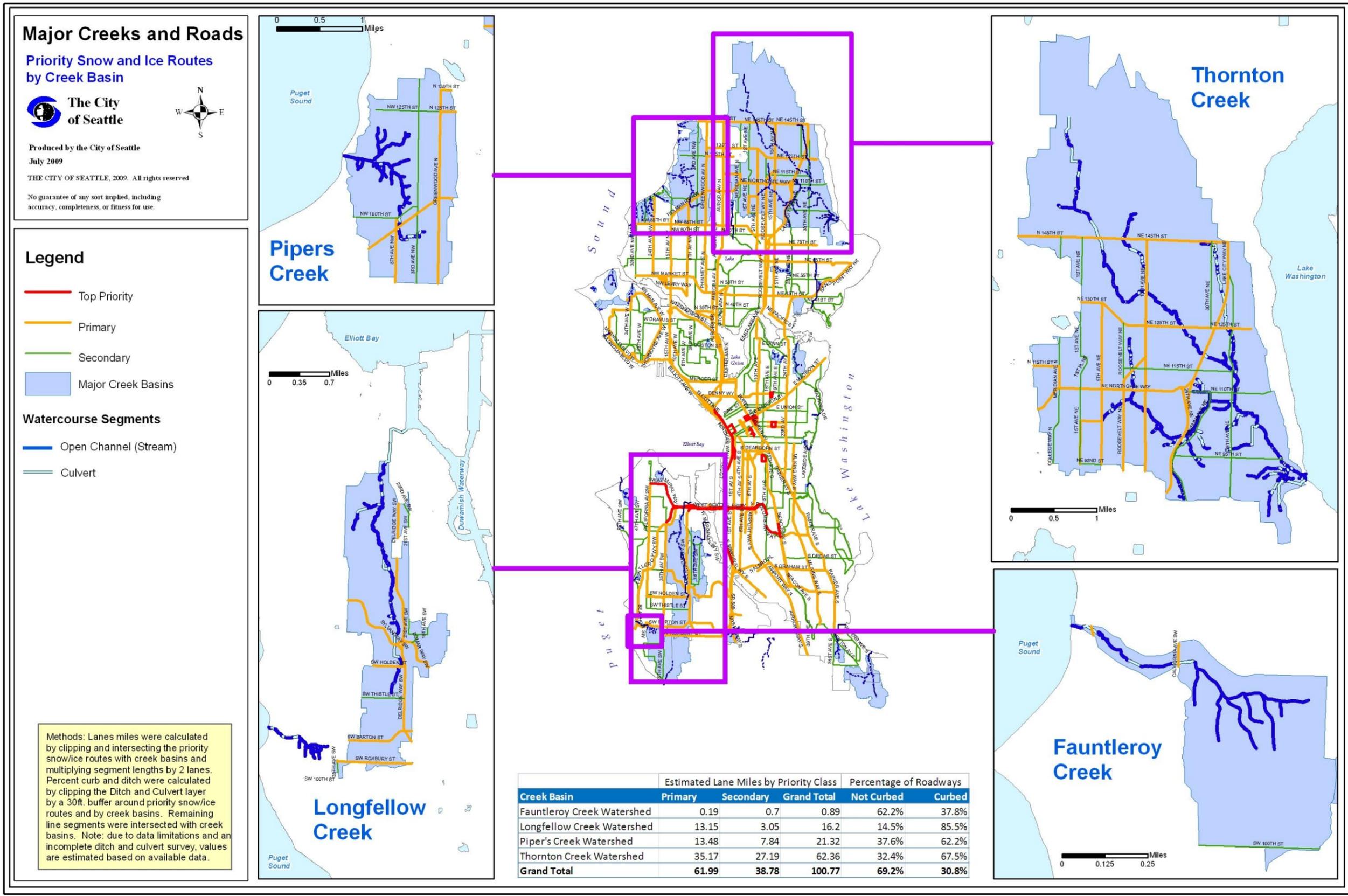
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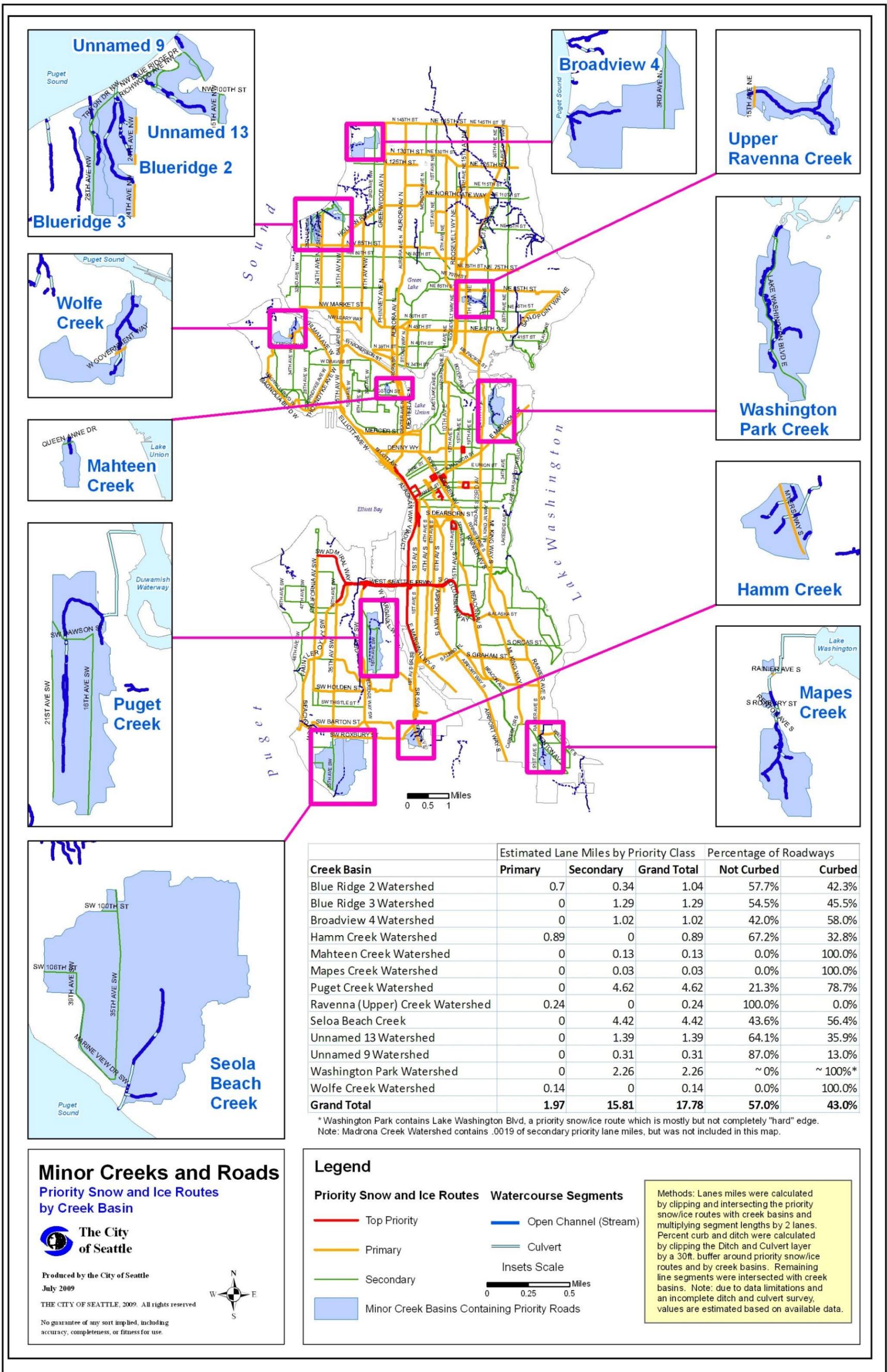
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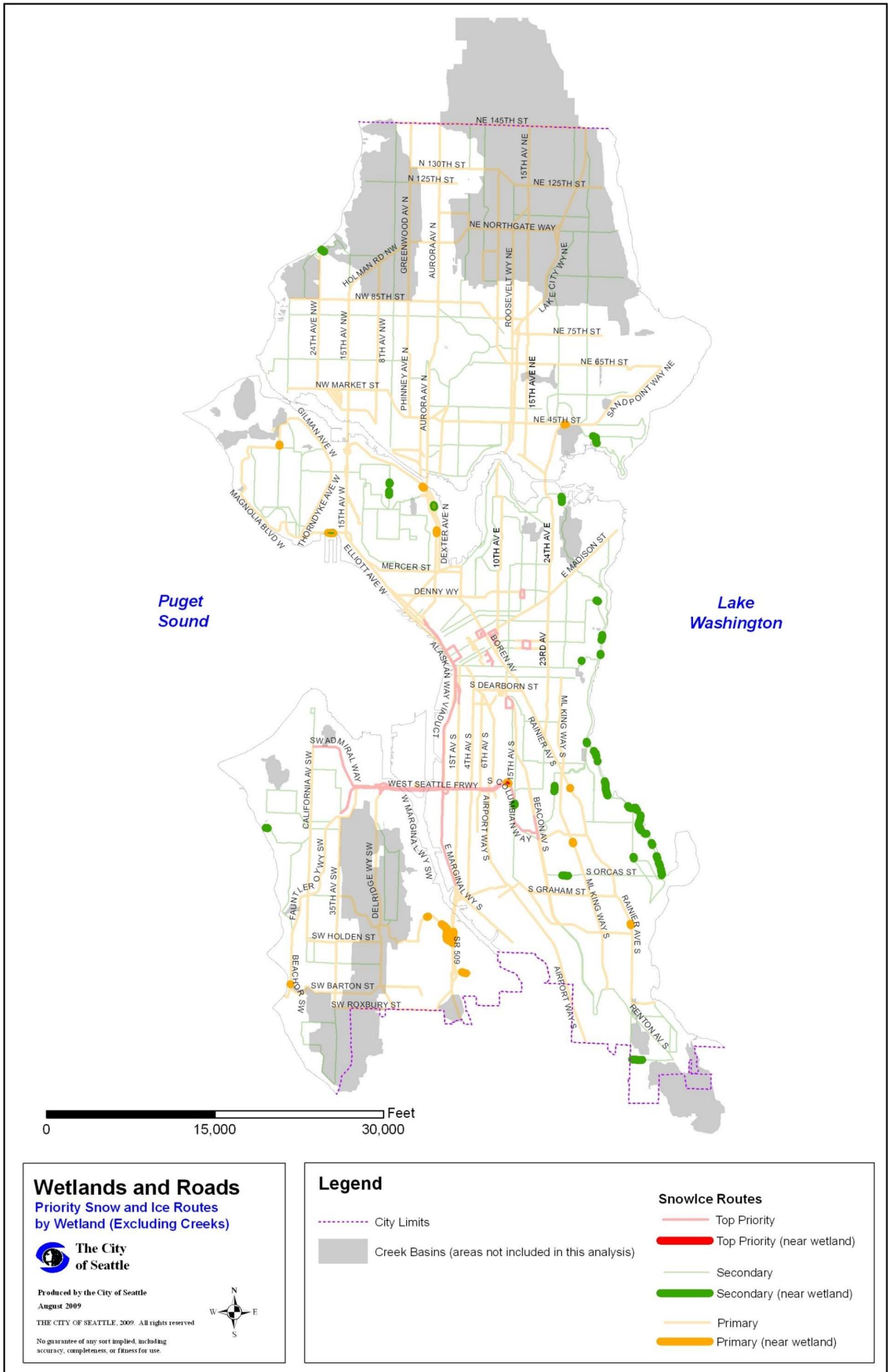
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**Attachment B. Major Creeks, Minor Creeks, and Wetlands Drainage Basins and Snow & Ice Routes**







## **Attachment C1. Conservative Chloride Analysis – Typical Scenarios**

### **Method**

A simple, spreadsheet model was developed to roughly estimate conservative (i.e., tending toward worse case) chloride concentrations for the four Major Creeks that receiving drainage from the Snow & Ice Route roadways (i.e., Thornton, Longfellow, Piper's, and Fauntleroy creeks). The model helps evaluate the risk to the aquatic environment associated from salting activities by providing conservative estimates of chloride concentrations in the creek from typical SDOT treatment scenarios at various washoff durations. Estimated chloride concentrations are compared to EPA's acute and chronic standards for chloride (WAC 173-201A-240) listed below:

**Acute Standard**, a 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average = 860 mg/L;

**Chronic Standard**, a 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average = 230 mg/L.

Chloride concentrations were considered a potential concern if they were greater than the acute standard or greater than the chronic standard concentration for a washoff period of four days. The model did not consider whether the scenario was likely to occur more than once every three years.

The model estimated chloride concentrations by calculating the chloride load accumulated on the roadway in the creek drainage basin as a result of SDOT snow & ice control material for that scenario. Chloride load accumulated was based on the number of applications, application rate, and application routes for the snow and ice control material. This chloride volume was then diluted by the volume of water that passed through the creek during the washoff duration. The volume of water passing through the creek was determined by multiplying the creek flow rate by the washoff duration.

### **Inputs**

#### **Snow and Ice Control - Typical Scenarios**

SDOT provided two typical application scenarios for evaluation: a scenario for "light freezing conditions overnight" and "brief snowfall followed by rain." The first scenario consisted of one application of 20 gallons (gal)/lane mile (LM) of liquid anti-ice on high priority and primary routes. The second scenario consisted of one application of solid NaCl (75 lbs/LM) prewet with liquid anti-ice (4 gal/LM). Chloride concentrations in snow and ice control materials were calculated from MSDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

### **Assumptions**

#### **Creek Flow Rates**

As part of the simple model, the following creek flow rates were evaluated:

**Winter Mean Flow** = Average mean daily flow from December through February for the period of record. This is intended to represent typical winter flows.

**Winter Minimum Flow** = Minimum mean daily flow from December through February for the period of record. This extremely low flow is intended to represent the unlikely worst case scenario.

**One-half Winter Maximum Flow** = One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from December through February for the period of record. This is intended to represent flow during larger winter storm events.

Creek flow estimates are based on the daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders that represent flow near the mouth of the creek. Amount of data varies between creeks. See Attachments C1, C2 and C3 for further information.

### **Washoff Extent and Duration**

Several simple, conservative assumptions were made regarding washoff extent and duration. It was assumed that chloride load accumulated on the roadway until the washoff period. It was assumed that 80% of the chloride load applied to the roadway was washed off into the creek. The remaining 20% was assumed to be retained on the road, in vegetated areas, or in the drainage system. It was assumed that the chloride load washed off uniformly throughout the washoff duration. It was assumed that typical washoff durations for the Seattle area were between 6 and 96 hours.

### **Results**

Model results are shown in two tables for each creek in this section.

### **Discussion**

Model results from this conservative analysis indicate:

- At typical winter stream flows, chloride concentrations were not a concern for typical deicing scenarios provided by SDOT for “light freezing conditions overnight” and “brief snowfall followed by rain” (Tables C1-A through C1-H).
- During extremely low flow conditions, chloride concentrations may be a concern for typical deicing scenarios provided by SDOT for “light freezing conditions overnight” and “brief snowfall followed by rain” associated with a relatively short washoff period in Thornton Creek (Tables C1-A and C1-B).

Note that concern (“risk”) associated with chloride concentrations was assessed by comparing conservative estimates of chloride concentrations in the creek to acute and chronic water quality standards. These standards are not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the

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average. The average three year frequency is not considered in the model but may be a factor for SDOT when evaluating approaches to infrequent storm events.

# Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Typical SDOT Deicing Scenarios

## Thornton Creek

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	62	<b>WDOE WQ Standards:</b> Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).
Lane Miles (LM) Friction	18.2	
Lane Miles (LM) High	0	
Lane Miles (LM) Primary	35.2	
Lane Miles (LM) Secondary	27.2	
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%	

Winter Mean Flow	Winter Minimum Flow	1/2 Winter Maximum Flow
Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.	Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.	One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.
cfs	cfs	cfs
<b>Flow: 8.0</b>	<b>Flow: 0.6</b>	<b>Flow: 47.8</b>

### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
0.6	57,495	57,495
8.0	820,141	820,141
47.8	4,876,586	4,876,586

Legend
Over acute standard
Over chronic standard
Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
Below chronic and acute standards

<sup>1</sup>Tending towards worst-case.

**Scenario:** Light freezing conditions overnight

Trace to 2" of accumulation  
2.b Liquid Anti-Ice

	mg Cl per cycle	Prewet. gal/LM	Gallons per LM
High and Primary	336,738,503		20

**Table C1-A**

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Winter Flow		
	Mean	Minimum	1/2 Max
	6	68	976
12	34	488	6
24	17	244	3
36	11	163	2
48	9	122	1
72	6	81	1
96	4	61	1

**Scenario:** Brief snowfall followed by rain

Trace to 2" of accumulation  
2.b Liquid Anti-Ice  
2.c Solid/prewet

	mg Cl per cycle	Gal/LM	Lbs per LM
High	-	20	0
Primary	651,221,302	4	75

**Table C1-B**

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Winter Flow		
	Mean	Minimum	1/2 Max
	6	132	1,888
12	66	944	11
24	33	472	6
36	22	315	4
48	17	236	3
72	11	157	2
96	8	118	1

### Model Input

Scenarios provided by SDOT. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

#### Model Assumptions

- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
  - Winter Mean Flow = Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent typical winter flows.
  - Winter Minimum Flow = Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This extremely low flow is intended to represent the unlikely worst case scenario.
  - One-half Winter Maximum Flow = One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent flow during larger winter storm events.
- Duration of runoff ranges from 6 to 96 hours.
- 80% of Cl- load applied to roadways in the drainage basin is diluted by the total creek flow.
- Cl- uniformly washes off throughout the runoff duration.

See accompanying text for more information.

# Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Typical SDOT Deicing Scenarios

## Piper's Creek

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	21
Lane Miles Friction	2.2
Lane Miles (LM) High	0
Lane Miles (LM) Primary	13.5
Lane Miles (LM) Secondary	7.8
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%

<b>WDOE WQ Standards:</b>
Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years
Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).

Winter Mean Flow	Winter Minimum Flow	1/2 Winter Maximum Flow
Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.	Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.	One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.
cfs	cfs	cfs
<b>Flow: 2.5</b>	<b>Flow: 1.3</b>	<b>Flow: 5.6</b>

### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
1.3	134,562	134,562
2.5	250,386	250,386
5.6	575,557	575,557

Legend
Over acute standard
Over chronic standard
Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
Below chronic and acute standards

<sup>1</sup>Tending towards worst-case.

<b>Scenario:</b> Light freezing conditions overnight	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b>	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b>	<b>Gallons per LM</b>
Trace to 2" of accumulation	High and Primary 129,065,539		20

Table C1-C

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Winter Flow		
	Mean	Minimum	1/2 Max
6	86	160	37
12	43	80	19
24	21	40	9
36	14	27	6
48	11	20	5
72	7	13	3
96	5	10	2

<b>Scenario:</b> Brief snowfall followed by rain	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b>	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b>	<b>Lbs per LM</b>
Trace to 2" of accumulation	High -	20	0
2.b Liquid Anti-Ice	Primary 249,600,886	4	75

Table C1-D

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Winter Flow		
	Mean	Minimum	1/2 Max
6	166	309	72
12	83	155	36
24	42	77	18
36	28	52	12
48	21	39	9
72	14	26	6
96	10	19	5

### Model Input

Scenarios provided by SDOT. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

### Model Assumptions

- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
  - Winter Mean Flow = Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent typical winter flows.
  - Winter Minimum Flow = Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This extremely low flow is intended to represent the unlikely worst case scenario.
  - One-half Winter Maximum Flow = One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent flow during larger winter storm events.
- Duration of runoff ranges from 6 to 96 hours.
- 80% of Cl- load applied to roadways in the drainage basin is diluted by the total creek flow.
- Cl- uniformly washes off throughout the runoff duration.

See accompanying text for more information.

# Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Typical SDOT Deicing Scenarios

## Longfellow Creek Winter Base Flow

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice  
 Lane Miles Friction  
 Lane Miles (LM) High  
 Lane Miles (LM) Primary  
 Lane Miles (LM) Secondary  
 Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water

16	<b>WDOE WQ Standards:</b>
10.1	Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the
0	
13.2	Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the
3.1	average (WAC 173-201A-240).
80%	

Winter Mean Flow	Winter Minimum Flow	1/2 Winter Maximum Flow
Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.	Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.	One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.
cfs	cfs	cfs
<b>Flow:</b> 2.1	<b>Flow:</b> 0.7	<b>Flow:</b> 37.5

### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
0.7	66,669	66,669
2.1	209,012	209,012
37.5	3,822,061	3,822,061

Legend
Over acute standard
Over chronic standard
Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
Below chronic and acute standards

<sup>1</sup> Tending towards worst-case.

Scenario:	mg Cl per cycle	Prewet. gal/LM	Gallons per LM
Light freezing conditions overnight	High and Primary	157,382,404	25
Trace to 2" of accumulation			
2.b Liquid Anti-Ice			

Table C1-E

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Winter Flow		
	Mean	Minimum	1/2 Max
6	125	393	7
12	63	197	3
24	31	98	2
36	21	66	1
48	16	49	1
72	10	33	1
96	8	25	0

Scenario:	mg Cl per cycle	Prewet. gal/LM	Lbs per LM
Brief snowfall followed by rain	High	20	0
Trace to 2" of accumulation	Primary	4	75
2.b Liquid Anti-Ice			
Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice			
2.c Solid/prewet			

Table C1-F

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Winter Flow		
	Mean	Minimum	1/2 Max
6	194	609	11
12	97	304	5
24	49	152	3
36	32	101	2
48	24	76	1
72	16	51	1
96	12	38	1

### Model Input

Scenarios provided by SDOT. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

### Model Assumptions

- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
  - Winter Mean Flow = Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent typical winter flows.
  - Winter Minimum Flow = Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This extremely low flow is intended to represent the unlikely worst case scenario.
  - One-half Winter Maximum Flow = One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent flow during larger winter storm events.
- Duration of runoff ranges from 6 to 96 hours.
- 80% of Cl- load applied to roadways in the drainage basin is diluted by the total creek flow.

# Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Typical SDOT Deicing Scenarios

## Fauntleroy Creek

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	1
Lane Miles Friction	0.8
Lane Miles (LM) High	0
Lane Miles (LM) Primary	0.2
Lane Miles (LM) Secondary	0.7
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%

<b>WDOE WQ Standards:</b>
Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).
Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).

Winter Mean Flow	Winter Minimum Flow	1/2 Winter Maximum Flow
Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.	Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.	One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.
<b>cfs</b>	<b>cfs</b>	<b>cfs</b>
<b>Flow: 0.5</b>	<b>Flow: 0.4</b>	<b>Flow: 5.6</b>

### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
0.4	44,752	44,752
0.5	48,432	48,432
5.6	575,557	575,557

Legend
Over acute standard
Over chronic standard
Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
Below chronic and acute standards

<sup>1</sup> Tending towards worst-case.

<b>Scenario:</b> 2.b Trace to 2" of accumulation	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b>	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b>	<b>Gallons per LM</b>
Liquid Anti-Ice	High and Primary 2,273,966	0	25

Table C1-G

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Winter Flow		
	Mean	Minimum	1/2 Max
6	8	8	1
12	4	4	0
24	2	2	0
36	1	1	0
48	1	1	0
72	1	1	0
96	0	1	0

<b>Scenario:</b> 2.bc Trace to 2" of accumulation	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b>	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b>	<b>Lbs per LM</b>
Liquid Anti-Ice	High 0	20	0
Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	Primary 3,518,113	4	75

Table C1-H

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Winter Flow		
	Mean	Minimum	1/2 Max
6	12	13	1
12	6	7	1
24	3	3	0
36	2	2	0
48	2	2	0
72	1	1	0
96	1	1	0

### Model Input

Scenarios provided by SDOT. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

### Model Assumptions

- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
  - Winter Mean Flow = Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent typical winter flows.
  - Winter Minimum Flow = Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This extremely low flow is intended to represent the unlikely worst case scenario.
  - One-half Winter Maximum Flow = One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent flow during larger winter storm events. Due to the short period of record for Fauntleroy Creek, this value was estimated by using flow data from Piper's Creek.
- Duration of runoff ranges from 6 to 96 hours.
- 80% of Cl- load applied to roadways in the drainage basin is diluted by the total creek flow.
- Cl- uniformly washes off throughout the runoff duration.

See accompanying text for more information.

## **Attachment C2. Conservative Chloride Analysis – Various Scenarios - Typical Conditions**

### **Method**

The same simple, spreadsheet model used to evaluate typical SDOT snow & ice control scenarios was used to evaluate various other, potentially less typical, SDOT snow & ice control scenarios during typical stream flow conditions. Refer to method description in Attachment C1. The model was expanded to look at additional snow & ice control materials and repeated applications prior to washoff and to deemphasize unlikely scenarios. These scenarios were applied to the four Major Creeks that have snow and ice routes within their basins.

### **Inputs**

#### **Snow and Ice Control – Various Scenarios**

SDOT provided a draft list of SDOT 14 anti-icing and de-icing practices at a range of application rates for evaluation (Source: DRAFT SDOT memo, Alternative Scenarios, SDOT ANTI-ICING & DEICING PRACTICES, June 16, 2009). All the practices relied on one of the following three snow & ice control materials at the following range of application rates:

- Liquid anti-ice, 23.3% NaCl salt-brine with 5% MgCl, 15–30 gal/lane mile (LM).
- Solid NaCl, 50-200<sup>2</sup> lbs/LM prewet with liquid anti-ice (4 gal/LM)
- Sand:solid NaCl (3:1 or 5:1 ratio) (271 lbs/LM) prewet with liquid anti-ice (4 gal/LM) applied in friction areas only.

To focus on worst case scenarios, the following high-end application rates were evaluated using the simple model:

- Liquid anti-ice (25 gal/LM)
- Solid NaCl (100 lbs/LM) prewet with liquid anti-ice (4 gal/LM)
- Solid NaCl (200 lbs/LM) prewet with liquid anti-ice (4 gal/LM)
- Sand:solid NaCl (3:1 ratio) (271 lbs/LM) prewet with liquid anti-ice (4 gal/LM)

Chloride concentrations in snow and ice control materials were calculated from MSDS sheets or SDOT-provided information. The model evaluated up to ten applications cycles of each material prior to washoff.

### **Assumptions**

#### **Creek Flow Rates**

To reflect typical stream flow conditions during typical small winter storms, the following creek flow rate was evaluated:

**Winter Mean Flow** = Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent typical winter flows.

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<sup>2</sup> Maximum was revised by SDOT to 200 lbs/LM.

Creek flow estimates are based on the daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders that represent flow near the mouth of the creek.

### **Washoff Extent and Duration**

Washoff extent and duration assumptions were the same as used for Typical Scenarios. These are outlined in Attachment C1, Conservative Chloride Analysis – Typical Scenarios.

### **Unlikely Scenarios**

Some scenarios included in the analysis seemed unlikely due to either conditions under which a deicing practice is used or likelihood that a flow condition occurred. For example, it is unlikely that SDOT would do 10 applications of any deicing practice, runoff would occur over a six hour period, and it would be extremely low flow conditions. The following rules were used for deemphasizing unlikely scenarios:

**Rule 1.** If the scenario is for 2" or over of accumulation (Scenarios 3a and 3c)...

**Rule 1a.** runoff in 6 hrs or less is unlikely (because will likely take greater than 6 hrs for over 2" accumulation to melt off)

**Rule 2.** If 5 or greater applications of any scenario...

**Rule 2a.** runoff in 12 hrs or less is unlikely (because more applications indicate more accumulation which would likely take more than 12 hrs to meltoff)

**Rule 3.** If the scenario is for trace to 2" of accumulation (Scenario 2c)...

**Rule 3a.** runoff in 72 or more is unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to take 3 or more days to runoff)

**Rule 4.** If 3 or less applications of any scenario...

**Rule 4a.** runoff in 72 hrs or more is unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less accumulation which is unlikely to take 3 days to runoff)

Note that Rules 1 and 2 refer to unlikely high concentration scenarios and Rules 3 and 4 refer to unlikely low concentration scenarios. Situations resulting in these conditions are shaded out in the C2 tables.

### **Results**

Model results are shown in four tables for each Major Creek in the attached tables.

### **Discussion**

Model results from this conservative analysis indicate:

- Thornton Creek, followed by Longfellow Creek, is the most sensitive to salting activities. Creek sensitivity is directly related to the density of Snow & Ice Routes within the creek watershed.
- At typical winter stream flows, chloride concentrations were not a concern for liquid anti-ice application scenarios (Tables C2-A, C2-E, C2-I and C2-M).

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- At typical winter stream flows, chloride concentrations were not a concern for the friction Sand:solid NaCl application scenarios (Tables C2-D, C2-H, C2-L and C2-P).
- At typical winter stream flows, chloride concentrations may be a concern for repeated solid NaCl applications prior to washoff in Thornton and Longfellow Creek basins (Tables C2-B, C2-C, C2-J and C2-K).

Note that concern (“risk”) associated with chloride concentrations was assessed by comparing conservative estimates of chloride concentrations in the creek to acute and chronic water quality standards. These standards are not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average. The average three year frequency is not considered in the model but may be a factor for SDOT when evaluating approaches to infrequent storm events.

## Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Various SDOT Deicing Scenarios - Typical Winter Flow

### Thornton Creek

Winter Mean Flow - Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	62
Lane Miles Friction	18.2
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%

Flow:	cfs 8.0
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WDOE WQ Standards:	Legend
Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the	Over acute standard
Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).	Over chronic standard
	Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
	Below chronic and acute standards
	Unlikely scenarios

#### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	up/down (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	up/down (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
8.0	0	820,141	-	820,141

<sup>1</sup>Tending towards worst-case.

<b>Scenario:</b> 3.a 2" and over of accumulation Liquid Anti-Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 746,339,673	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b>	<b>Gallons per LM</b> 25
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**Table C3-A**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	152	303	455	607	758	910	1,062	1,213	1,365	1,517
	12	76	152	228	303	379	455	531	607	683	758
	24	38	76	114	152	190	228	265	303	341	379
	36	25	51	76	101	126	152	177	202	228	253
	48	19	38	57	76	95	114	133	152	171	190
	72	13	25	38	51	63	76	88	101	114	126
	96	9	19	28	38	47	57	66	76	85	95

<b>Scenario:</b> 2.c Trace to 2" of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 1,499,771,007	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 100
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**Table C2-B**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	305	610	914	1,219	1,524	1,829	2,133	2,438	2,743	3,048
	12	152	305	457	610	762	914	1,067	1,219	1,372	1,524
	24	76	152	229	305	381	457	533	610	686	762
	36	51	102	152	203	254	305	356	406	457	508
	48	38	76	114	152	190	229	267	305	343	381
	72	25	51	76	102	127	152	178	203	229	254
	96	19	38	57	76	95	114	133	152	171	190

<b>Scenario:</b> 3.c 2" and over of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 2,880,127,667	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 200
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**Table C2-C**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	585	1,171	1,756	2,341	2,926	3,512	4,097	4,682	5,268	5,853
	12	293	585	878	1,171	1,463	1,756	2,049	2,341	2,634	2,926
	24	146	293	439	585	732	878	1,024	1,171	1,317	1,463
	36	98	195	293	390	488	585	683	780	878	975
	48	73	146	219	293	366	439	512	585	658	732
	72	49	98	146	195	244	293	341	390	439	488
	96	37	73	110	146	183	219	256	293	329	366

<b>Scenario:</b> 4.b 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice Friction Areas Only	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 264,410,686	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 271
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**Table C2-D**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	54	107	161	215	269	322	376	430	484	537
	12	27	54	81	107	134	161	188	215	242	269
	24	13	27	40	54	67	81	94	107	121	134
	36	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
	72	4	9	13	18	22	27	31	36	40	45
	96	3	7	10	13	17	20	24	27	30	34

**Model Input**

Scenarios provided by SDOT. Scenarios selected to represent heaviest application amounts for each control material. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

**Model Assumptions**

- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
  - Winter Mean Flow = Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent typical winter flows.
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See accompanying text for more information.

**Unlikely Scenario Rules**

Rule 1. If the scenario is for 2" or over of accumulation (Scenarios 3a and 3c)...  
 Rule 1a. runoff in 6 hrs or less is unlikely (because will likely take greater than 6 hrs for over 2" accumulation to melt off)

Rule 2. If 5 or greater applications of any scenario...  
 Rule 2a. runoff in 12 hrs or less is unlikely (because more applications indicate more accumulation which would likely take more than 12 hrs to meltoff) more accumulation which would contribute to flow)

Rule 3. If the scenarios is for trace to 2" of accumulation (Scenario 2c)...  
 Rule 3a. runoff in 72 or more is unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to take 3 or more days to runoff) flows)

Rule 4. If 3 or less application of any scenario...  
 Rule 4a. runoff in 72 hrs or more is unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less accumulation which is unlikely to take 3 days to runoff) accumulation and less likely to have max flow scenarios)

## Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Various SDOT Deicing Scenarios - Typical Winter Flow

### Piper's Creek

Winter Mean Flow - Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	21
Lane Miles Friction	2.2
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%

<b>Flow:</b>	<b>cfs</b>
	2.5

WDOE WQ Standards:	Legend
Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).	Over acute standard
Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).	Over chronic standard
	Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
	Below chronic and acute standards
	Unlikely scenarios

#### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	up/down (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	up/down (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
2.5	0	250,386	-	250,386

<b>Scenario:</b> 3.a 2" and over of accumulation Liquid Anti-Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 255,162,954	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b>	<b>Gallons per LM</b> 25
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		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	170	340	510	679	849	1,019	1,189	1,359	1,529	1,698
	12	85	170	255	340	425	510	594	679	764	849
	24	42	85	127	170	212	255	297	340	382	425
	36	28	57	85	113	142	170	198	226	255	283
	48	21	42	64	85	106	127	149	170	191	212
	72	14	28	42	57	71	85	99	113	127	142
96	11	21	32	42	53	64	74	85	96	106	

<b>Scenario:</b> 2.c Trace to 2" of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 512,750,447	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 100
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		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	341	683	1,024	1,365	1,707	2,048	2,389	2,730	3,072	3,413
	12	171	341	512	683	853	1,024	1,195	1,365	1,536	1,707
	24	85	171	256	341	427	512	597	683	768	853
	36	57	114	171	228	284	341	398	455	512	569
	48	43	85	128	171	213	256	299	341	384	427
	72	28	57	85	114	142	171	199	228	256	284
96	21	43	64	85	107	128	149	171	192	213	

<b>Scenario:</b> 3.c 2" and over of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 984,674,821	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 200
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		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	655	1,311	1,966	2,622	3,277	3,933	4,588	5,243	5,899	6,554
	12	328	655	983	1,311	1,639	1,966	2,294	2,622	2,949	3,277
	24	164	328	492	655	819	983	1,147	1,311	1,475	1,639
	36	109	218	328	437	546	655	765	874	983	1,092
	48	82	164	246	328	410	492	574	655	737	819
	72	55	109	164	218	273	328	382	437	492	546
96	41	82	123	164	205	246	287	328	369	410	

<b>Scenario:</b> 4.b 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice Friction Areas Only	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 32,071,768	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 271
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		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	21	43	64	85	107	128	149	171	192	213
	12	11	21	32	43	53	64	75	85	96	107
	24	5	11	16	21	27	32	37	43	48	53
	36	4	7	11	14	18	21	25	28	32	36
	72	2	4	5	7	9	11	12	14	16	18
	96	1	3	4	5	7	8	9	11	12	13

#### Model Input

Scenarios provided by SDOT. Scenarios selected to represent heaviest application amounts for each control material. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

#### Model Assumptions

- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
  - o Winter Mean Flow = Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent typical winter flows.
- Duration of runoff ranges from 6 to 96 hours.
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- Cl- uniformly washes off throughout the runoff duration.

See accompanying text for more information.

#### Unlikely Scenario Rules

- Rule 1. If the scenario is for 2" or over of accumulation (Scenarios 3a and 3c)...
  - Rule 1a. runoff in 6 hrs or less is unlikely (because will likely take greater than 6 hrs for over 2" accumulation to melt off)
- Rule 2. If 5 or greater applications of any scenario...
  - Rule 2a. runoff in 12 hrs or less is unlikely (because more applications indicate more accumulation which would likely take more than 12 hrs to meltoff) more accumulation which would contribute to flow)
- Rule 3. If the scenarios is for trace to 2" of accumulation (Scenario 2c)...
  - Rule 3a. runoff in 72 or more is unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to take 3 or more days to runoff) flows)
- Rule 4. If 3 or less application of any scenario...
  - Rule 4a. runoff in 72 hrs or more is unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less accumulation which is unlikely to take 3 days to runoff) accumulation and less likely to have max flow scenarios)

## Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Various SDOT Deicing Scenarios - Typical Winter Flow

### Longfellow Creek

Winter Mean Flow - Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	16
Lane Miles Friction	10.1
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%

<b>Flow:</b>	cfs 2.1
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<b>WDOE WQ Standards:</b> Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240). Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).	Legend
	Over acute standard
	Over chronic standard
	Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
	Below chronic and acute standards
	Unlikely scenarios

**Volume Calculations**

	up/down	Baseflow		
Flow (cfs)	(cfs)	(L/hr)	up/down (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
<b>2.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>209,012</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>209,012</b>

<b>Scenario:</b> 3.a 2" and over of accumulation Liquid Anti-Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 193,885,547	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b>	<b>Gallons per LM</b> 25
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**Table C2-I**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	155	309	464	618	773	928	1,082	1,237	1,391	1,546
	12	77	155	232	309	387	464	541	618	696	773
	24	39	77	116	155	193	232	271	309	348	387
	36	26	52	77	103	129	155	180	206	232	258
	48	19	39	58	77	97	116	135	155	174	193
	72	13	26	39	52	64	77	90	103	116	129
96	10	19	29	39	48	58	68	77	87	97	

<b>Scenario:</b> 2.c Trace to 2" of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 389,613,379	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 100
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**Table C2-J**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	311	621	932	1,243	1,553	1,864	2,175	2,485	2,796	3,107
	12	26	311	466	621	777	932	1,087	1,243	1,398	1,553
	24	1	155	233	311	388	466	544	621	699	777
	36	0	104	155	207	259	311	362	414	466	518
	48	0	78	117	155	194	233	272	311	350	388
	72	0	52	78	104	129	155	181	207	233	259
96	0	39	58	78	97	117	136	155	175	194	

<b>Scenario:</b> 3.c 2" and over of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 748,205,071	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 200
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**Table C2-K**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	597	1,193	1,790	2,386	2,983	3,580	4,176	4,773	5,370	5,966
	12	298	597	895	1,193	1,492	1,790	2,088	2,386	2,685	2,983
	24	149	298	447	597	746	895	1,044	1,193	1,342	1,492
	36	99	199	298	398	497	597	696	795	895	994
	48	75	149	224	298	373	447	522	597	671	746
	72	50	99	149	199	249	298	348	398	447	497
96	37	75	112	149	186	224	261	298	336	373	

<b>Scenario:</b> 4.b 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice Friction Areas Only	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 146,862,576	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 271
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**Table C2-L**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	117	234	351	468	586	703	820	937	1,054	1,171
	12	10	117	176	234	293	351	410	468	527	586
	24	0	59	88	117	146	176	205	234	263	293
	36	0	39	59	78	98	117	137	156	176	195
	72	0	20	29	39	49	59	68	78	88	98
	96	0	15	22	29	37	44	51	59	66	73

**Model Input**  
Scenarios provided by SDOT. Scenarios selected to represent heaviest application amounts for each control material. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

**Model Assumptions**

- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
  - Winter Mean Flow = Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent typical winter flows.
- Duration of runoff ranges from 6 to 96 hours.
- 80% of Cl- load applied to roadways in the drainage basin is diluted by the total creek flow.
- Cl- uniformly washes off throughout the runoff duration.

See accompanying text for more information.

**Unlikely Scenario Rules**

Rule 1. If the scenario is for 2" or over of accumulation (Scenarios 3a and 3c)...  
 Rule 1a. runoff in 6 hrs or less is unlikely (because will likely take greater than 6 hrs for over 2" accumulation to melt off)

Rule 2. If 5 or greater applications of any scenario...  
 Rule 2a. runoff in 12 hrs or less is unlikely (because more applications indicate more accumulation which would likely take more than 12 hrs to melt off) more accumulation which would contribute to flow)

Rule 3. If the scenarios is for trace to 2" of accumulation (Scenario 2c)...  
 Rule 3a. runoff in 72 or more is unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to take 3 or more days to runoff) flows)

Rule 4. If 3 or less application of any scenario...  
 Rule 4a. runoff in 72 hrs or more is unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less accumulation which is unlikely to take 3 days to runoff) accumulation and less likely to have max flow scenarios)

## Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Various SDOT Deicing Scenarios - Typical Winter Flow

### Fauntleroy Creek

Winter Mean Flow - Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	1
Lane Miles Friction	0.8
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%

<b>Flow:</b>	<b>cfs</b> 0.4
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Flow (cfs)	up/down	Baseflow (L/hr)	up/down	1 h volume (L)
<b>0.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,752</b>

<b>WDOE WQ Standards:</b> Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).  Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).	Legend
	Over acute standard
	Over chronic standard
	Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days Below chronic and acute standards Unlikely scenarios

<b>Scenario:</b>	<b>3.a</b> 2" and over of accumulation Liquid Anti-Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 10,651,737	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 0	<b>Gallons per LM</b> 25
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**Table C2-M**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	40	79	119	159	198	238	278	317	357	397
	12	20	40	60	79	99	119	139	159	179	198
	24	10	20	30	40	50	60	69	79	89	99
	36	7	13	20	26	33	40	46	53	60	66
	48	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
72	3	7	10	13	17	20	23	26	30	33	

<b>Scenario:</b>	<b>2.c</b> Trace to 2" of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 21,404,686	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 100
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**Table C2-N**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	80	159	239	319	399	478	558	638	717	797
	12	40	80	120	159	199	239	279	319	359	399
	24	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	159	179	199
	36	13	27	40	53	66	80	93	106	120	133
	48	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
	72	7	13	20	27	33	40	47	53	60	66
96	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	

<b>Scenario:</b>	<b>3.c</b> 2" and over of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 41,105,093	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 200
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**Table C2-O**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	153	306	459	612	765	919	1,072	1,225	1,378	1,531
	12	77	153	230	306	383	459	536	612	689	765
	24	38	77	115	153	191	230	268	306	344	383
	36	26	51	77	102	128	153	179	204	230	255
	48	19	38	57	77	96	115	134	153	172	191
	72	13	26	38	51	64	77	89	102	115	128
96	10	19	29	38	48	57	67	77	86	96	

<b>Scenario:</b>	<b>4.b</b> 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice Friction Areas Only	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 12,190,174	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 271
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**Table C2-P**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	45	91	136	182	227	272	318	363	409	454
	12	23	45	68	91	113	136	159	182	204	227
	24	11	23	34	45	57	68	79	91	102	113
	36	8	15	23	30	38	45	53	61	68	76
	72	4	8	11	15	19	23	26	30	34	38
	96	3	6	9	11	14	17	20	23	26	28

**Model Input**

Scenarios provided by SDOT. Scenarios selected to represent heaviest application amounts for each control material. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

**Model Assumptions**

- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
  - o Winter Mean Flow = Average mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent typical winter flows.
- Duration of runoff ranges from 6 to 96 hours.
- 80% of Cl- load applied to roadways in the drainage basin is diluted by the total creek flow.
- Cl- uniformly washes off throughout the runoff duration.

See accompanying text for more information.

**Unlikely Scenario Rules**

- Rule 1. If the scenario is for 2" or over of accumulation (Scenarios 3a and 3c)...
  - Rule 1a. runoff in 6 hrs or less is unlikely (because will likely take greater than 6 hrs for over 2" accumulation to melt off)
- Rule 2. If 5 or greater applications of any scenario...
  - Rule 2a. runoff in 12 hrs or less is unlikely (because more applications indicate more accumulation which would likely take more than 12 hrs to meltoff) more accumulation which would contribute to flow)
- Rule 3. If the scenarios is for trace to 2" of accumulation (Scenario 2c)...
  - Rule 3a. runoff in 72 or more is unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to take 3 or more days to runoff) flows)
- Rule 4. If 3 or less application of any scenario...
  - Rule 4a. runoff in 72 hrs or more is unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less accumulation which is unlikely to take 3 days to runoff) accumulation and less likely to have max flow scenarios)

### **Attachment C3. Conservative Chloride Analysis – Various Scenarios – Sensitivity Analysis**

#### **Method**

To evaluate how risk associated with various SDOT treatment scenarios changed with changes in creek flow, a sensitivity analysis was performed. The same simple, spreadsheet model was used to evaluate various SDOT snow and ice control scenarios during various stream flow conditions. Refer to method description in Attachment C1. The model was expanded to look at extremely low creek flow rates and creek flow rates during typical large winter storm events. These scenarios were applied to the four Major Creeks that have snow and ice routes within their basins.

#### **Inputs**

##### **Snow and Ice Control – Various Scenarios**

The same materials and application rates were used as for Various Scenarios. These are outlined in Attachment C2, Various Scenarios – Typical Conditions.

#### **Assumptions**

As part of the simple model, the following creek flow rates were evaluated:

**Winter Minimum Flow** = Minimum mean daily flow from December through February for the period of record. This extremely low flow is intended to represent the unlikely worst case scenario.

**One-half Winter Maximum Flow** = One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from December through February for the period of record. This is intended to represent flow during typical large winter storm events.

Creek flow estimates are based on the daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders that represent flow near the mouth of the creek.

#### **Washoff Extent and Duration**

Washoff extent and duration assumptions were the same as used for Typical Scenarios. These are outlined in Attachment C1, Conservative Chloride Analysis – Typical Scenarios.

#### **Unlikely Scenarios**

Some scenarios included in the analysis seemed unlikely due to either conditions under which a deicing practice is used or likelihood that a flow condition occurred. For example, it is unlikely that SDOT would do 10 applications of any deicing practice, runoff would occur over a six hour period, and it would be extremely low flow conditions. The following rules were used for deemphasizing unlikely scenarios:

**Rule 1.** If the scenario is for 2" or over of accumulation (Scenarios 3a and 3c)...

**Rule 1a.** runoff in 6 hrs or less is unlikely (because will likely take greater than 6 hrs for over 2" accumulation to melt off)

**Rule 1b.** baseflow scenarios are unlikely (because runoff of over 2" accumulation will contribute to flow)

**Rule 2.** If 5 or greater applications of any scenario...

**Rule 2a.** runoff in 12 hrs or less is unlikely (because more applications indicate more accumulation which would likely take more than 12 hrs to meltoff)

**Rule 2b.** baseflow scenarios are unlikely (because more applications indicate more accumulation which would contribute to flow)

**Rule 3.** If the scenario is for trace to 2" of accumulation (Scenario 2c)...

**Rule 3a.** runoff in 72 or more is unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to take 3 or more days to runoff)

**Rule 3b.** 1/2 max flow scenarios are unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to cause highest flows)

**Rule 4.** If 3 or less applications of any scenario...

**Rule 4a.** runoff in 72 hrs or more is unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less accumulation which is unlikely to take 3 days to runoff)

**Rule 4b.** 1/2 max flow scenarios are unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less accumulation and less likely to have max flow scenarios)

Note that Rules 1 and 2 refer to unlikely high concentration scenarios and Rules 3 and 4 refer to unlikely low concentration scenarios. Situations resulting in these conditions are shaded out in the C2 tables.

## **Results**

Model results are shown in four tables for each Major Creek for each of the two flow rates in the attached tables.

## **Discussion**

Model results from this conservative analysis indicate:

- During extremely low flow conditions, chloride concentration may be a concern for friction sand:solid NaCl application in Thornton Creek (Table C3-D).
- During extremely low flow conditions, chloride concentrations may be a concern for:
  - Solid NaCl applications in Thornton Creek (Table C3-B).
  - Solid NaCl application associated with a relatively short washoff period or repeated NaCl applications in Longfellow Creek (Table C3-R).
  - Solid NaCl application associated with a relatively short washoff period (Tables C3-B, C3-J and C3-R).
- During high creek flows, chloride concentrations were not a concern in any creek basin (Tables C3-E, C3-F, C3-G, C3-H, C3-M, C3-N, C3-O, C3-P, C3-U, C3-V, C3-W, C3-X, C3-CC, C3-DD, C3-EE and C3-FF).

Note that concern (“risk”) associated with chloride concentrations was assessed by comparing conservative estimates of chloride concentrations in the creek to acute and chronic water quality standards. These standards are not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average. The average three year frequency is not considered in the model but may be a factor for SDOT when evaluating approaches to infrequent storm events.

# Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Various SDOT Deicing Scenarios - Minimum Winter Flow

## Thornton Creek

Winter Minimum Flow - Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	62
Lane Miles Friction	18.2
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%

Flow:	cfs
	0.6

WDOE WQ Standards:	Legend
Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).	Over acute standard
Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).	Over chronic standard
	Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
	Below chronic and acute standards
	Unlikely scenarios

### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	up/down (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	up/down (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
0.6	0	57,495	-	57,495

<sup>1</sup>Tending towards worst-case.

Scenario: 3.a 2" and over of accumulation  
Liquid Anti-Ice

mg Cl per cycle	Prewet. gal/LM	Gallons per LM
746,339,673		25

Table C3-A

Duration of washoff (hrs)		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6		2,164	4,327	6,491	8,654	10,818	12,981	15,145	17,308	19,472	21,635
12		1,082	2,164	3,245	4,327	5,409	6,491	7,572	8,654	9,736	10,818
24		541	1,082	1,623	2,164	2,704	3,245	3,786	4,327	4,868	5,409
36		361	721	1,082	1,442	1,803	2,164	2,524	2,885	3,245	3,606
48		270	541	811	1,082	1,352	1,623	1,893	2,164	2,434	2,704
72		180	361	541	721	901	1,082	1,262	1,442	1,623	1,803
96		135	270	406	541	676	811	947	1,082	1,217	1,352

Scenario: 2.c Trace to 2" of accumulation  
Solid NaCl  
Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice

mg Cl per cycle	Prewet. gal/LM	Lbs per LM
1,499,771,007	4	100

Table C3-B

Duration of washoff (hrs)		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6		4,348	8,695	13,043	17,390	21,738	26,085	30,433	34,781	39,128	43,476
12		2,174	4,348	6,521	8,695	10,869	13,043	15,217	17,390	19,564	21,738
24		1,087	2,174	3,261	4,348	5,434	6,521	7,608	8,695	9,782	10,869
36		725	1,449	2,174	2,898	3,623	4,348	5,072	5,797	6,521	7,246
48		543	1,087	1,630	2,174	2,717	3,261	3,804	4,348	4,891	5,434
72		362	725	1,087	1,449	1,811	2,174	2,536	2,898	3,261	3,623
96		272	543	815	1,087	1,359	1,630	1,902	2,174	2,446	2,717

Scenario: 3.c 2" and over of accumulation  
Solid NaCl  
Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice

mg Cl per cycle	Prewet. gal/LM	Lbs per LM
2,880,127,667	4	200

Table C3-C

Duration of washoff (hrs)		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6		8,349	16,698	25,047	33,396	41,745	50,094	58,443	66,792	75,141	83,490
12		4,174	8,349	12,523	16,698	20,872	25,047	29,221	33,396	37,570	41,745
24		2,087	4,174	6,262	8,349	10,436	12,523	14,611	16,698	18,785	20,872
36		1,391	2,783	4,174	5,566	6,957	8,349	9,740	11,132	12,523	13,915
48		1,044	2,087	3,131	4,174	5,218	6,262	7,305	8,349	9,393	10,436
72		696	1,391	2,087	2,783	3,479	4,174	4,870	5,566	6,262	6,957
96		522	1,044	1,565	2,087	2,609	3,131	3,653	4,174	4,696	5,218

Scenario: 4.b 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl  
Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice  
Friction Areas Only

mg Cl per cycle	Prewet. gal/LM	Lbs per LM
264,410,686	4	271

Table C3-D

Duration of washoff (hrs)		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6		766	1,533	2,299	3,066	3,832	4,599	5,365	6,132	6,898	7,665
12		383	766	1,150	1,533	1,916	2,299	2,683	3,066	3,449	3,832
24		192	383	575	766	958	1,150	1,341	1,533	1,725	1,916
36		128	255	383	511	639	766	894	1,022	1,150	1,277
72		64	128	192	255	319	383	447	511	575	639
96		48	96	144	192	240	287	335	383	431	479

### Model Input

Scenarios provided by SDOT. Scenarios selected to represent heaviest application amounts for each control material. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

#### Model Assumptions

- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
- o Winter Minimum Flow = Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This extremely low flow is intended to represent the unlikely worst case scenario.
- Duration of runoff ranges from 6 to 96 hours.
- 80% of Cl- load applied to roadways in the drainage basin is diluted by the total creek flow.
- Cl- uniformly washes off throughout the runoff duration.

See accompanying text for more information.

#### Unlikely Scenario Rules

- Rule 1. If the scenario is for 2" or over of accumulation (Scenarios 3a and 3c)...
  - Rule 1a. runoff in 6 hrs or less is unlikely (because will likely take greater than 6 hrs for over 2" accumulation to melt off)
  - Rule 1b. baseflow scenarios are unlikely (because runoff of over 2" accumulation will contribute to flow)
- Rule 2. If 5 or greater applications of any scenario...
  - Rule 2a. runoff in 12 hrs or less is unlikely (because more applications indicate more accumulation which would likely take more than 12 hrs to meltoff) more accumulation which would contribute to flow)
  - Rule 2b. baseflow scenarios are unlikely (because more applications indicate)
- Rule 3. If the scenarios is for trace to 2" of accumulation (Scenario 2c)...
  - Rule 3a. runoff in 72 or more is unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to take 3 or more days to runoff) flows)
  - Rule 3b. 1/2 max flow scenarios are unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to cause highest)
- Rule 4. If 3 or less application of any scenario...
  - Rule 4a. runoff in 72 hrs or more is unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less accumulation which is unlikely to take 3 days to runoff) accumulation and less likely to have max flow scenarios)
  - Rule 4b. 1/2 max flow scenarios are unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less)

## Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Various SDOT Deicing Scenarios - Maximum Winter Flow

### Thornton Creek

1/2 Winter Max Flow - One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	62
Lane Miles Friction	18.2
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%

<b>Flow:</b>	<b>cfs</b> 47.8
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WDOE WQ Standards:	Legend
Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than	Over acute standard
Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).	Over chronic standard
	Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
	Below chronic and acute standards
	Unlikely scenarios

#### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	up/down (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	up/down (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
47.8	0	4,876,586	-	4,876,586

<sup>1</sup>Tending towards worst-case.

**Scenario:** 3.a 2" and over of accumulation  
Liquid Anti-Ice

<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 746,339,673	<b>Prewet.</b> gal/LM	<b>Gallons per LM</b> 25
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**Table C3-E**

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Number of application cycles									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	26	51	77	102	128	153	179	204	230	255
12	13	26	38	51	64	77	89	102	115	128
24	6	13	19	26	32	38	45	51	57	64
36	4	9	13	17	21	26	30	34	38	43
48	3	6	10	13	16	19	22	26	29	32
72	2	4	6	9	11	13	15	17	19	21
96	2	3	5	6	8	10	11	13	14	16

**Scenario:** 2.c Trace to 2" of accumulation  
Solid NaCl  
Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice

<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 1,499,771,007	<b>Prewet.</b> gal/LM	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 100
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**Table C3-F**

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Number of application cycles									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	51	103	154	205	256	308	359	410	461	513
12	26	51	77	103	128	154	179	205	231	256
24	13	26	38	51	64	77	90	103	115	128
36	9	17	26	34	43	51	60	68	77	85
48	6	13	19	26	32	38	45	51	58	64
72	4	9	13	17	21	26	30	34	38	43
96	3	6	10	13	16	19	22	26	29	32

**Scenario:** 3.c 2" and over of accumulation  
Solid NaCl  
Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice

<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 2,880,127,667	<b>Prewet.</b> gal/LM	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 200
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**Table C3-G**

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Number of application cycles									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	98	197	295	394	492	591	689	787	886	984
12	49	98	148	197	246	295	345	394	443	492
24	25	49	74	98	123	148	172	197	221	246
36	16	33	49	66	82	98	115	131	148	164
48	12	25	37	49	62	74	86	98	111	123
72	8	16	25	33	41	49	57	66	74	82
96	6	12	18	25	31	37	43	49	55	62

**Scenario:** 4.b 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl  
Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice  
Friction Areas Only

<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 264,410,686	<b>Prewet.</b> gal/LM	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 271
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**Table C3-H**

Duration of washoff (hrs)	Number of application cycles									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
12	5	9	14	18	23	27	32	36	41	45
24	2	5	7	9	11	14	16	18	20	23
36	2	3	5	6	8	9	11	12	14	15
72	1	2	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8
96	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	5	5	6

#### Model Input

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## Piper's Creek

Winter Minimum Flow - Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	21
Lane Miles Friction	2.2
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%

<b>Flow:</b>	<b>cfs</b>
	1.3

WDOE WQ Standards:	Legend
Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than	Over acute standard
Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC)	Over chronic standard
	Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
	Below chronic and acute standards
	Unlikely scenarios

### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	up/down (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	up/down (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
1.3	0	134,562	-	134,562

<b>Scenario:</b>	<b>3.a</b> 2" and over of accumulation Liquid Anti-Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 255,162,954	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b>	<b>Gallons per LM</b> 25
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**Table C3-I**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	316	632	948	1,264	1,580	1,896	2,212	2,528	2,844	3,160
	12	158	316	474	632	790	948	1,106	1,264	1,422	1,580
	24	79	158	237	316	395	474	553	632	711	790
	36	53	105	158	211	263	316	369	421	474	527
	48	40	79	119	158	198	237	277	316	356	395
	72	26	53	79	105	132	158	184	211	237	263
	96	20	40	59	79	99	119	138	158	178	198

<b>Scenario:</b>	<b>2.c</b> Trace to 2" of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 512,750,447	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 100
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**Table C3-J**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	635	1,270	1,905	2,540	3,175	3,811	4,446	5,081	5,716	6,351
	12	318	635	953	1,270	1,588	1,905	2,223	2,540	2,858	3,175
	24	159	318	476	635	794	953	1,111	1,270	1,429	1,588
	36	106	212	318	423	529	635	741	847	953	1,058
	48	79	159	238	318	397	476	556	635	714	794
	72	53	106	159	212	265	318	370	423	476	529
	96	40	79	119	159	198	238	278	318	357	397

<b>Scenario:</b>	<b>3.c</b> 2" and over of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 984,674,821	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 200
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**Table C3-K**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	1,220	2,439	3,659	4,878	6,098	7,318	8,537	9,757	10,976	12,196
	12	610	1,220	1,829	2,439	3,049	3,659	4,269	4,878	5,488	6,098
	24	305	610	915	1,220	1,525	1,829	2,134	2,439	2,744	3,049
	36	203	407	610	813	1,016	1,220	1,423	1,626	1,829	2,033
	48	152	305	457	610	762	915	1,067	1,220	1,372	1,525
	72	102	203	305	407	508	610	711	813	915	1,016
	96	76	152	229	305	381	457	534	610	686	762

<b>Scenario:</b>	<b>4.b</b> 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice Friction Areas Only	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 32,071,768	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 271
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**Table C3-L**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	40	79	119	159	199	238	278	318	358	397
	12	20	40	60	79	99	119	139	159	179	199
	24	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	79	89	99
	36	7	13	20	26	33	40	46	53	60	66
	72	3	7	10	13	17	20	23	26	30	33
	96	2	5	7	10	12	15	17	20	22	25

### Model Input

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- Rule 3. If the scenarios is for trace to 2" of accumulation (Scenario 2c)...
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- Rule 4. If 3 or less application of any scenario...
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### Piper's Creek

1/2 Winter Max Flow - One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	21
Lane Miles Friction	2.2
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%

<b>Flow:</b>	<b>cfs</b> 5.6
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WDOE WQ Standards:	Legend
Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than	Over acute standard
Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).	Over chronic standard
	Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
	Below chronic and acute standards
	Unlikely scenarios

#### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	up/down (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	up/down (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
5.6	0	575,557	-	575,557

Scenario: 3.a 2" and over of accumulation Liquid Anti-Ice	mg Cl per cycle 255,162,954	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Gallons per LM 25
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**Table C3-M**

Duration of washoff (hrs)		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	74	148	222	296	369	443	517	591	665	739	
12	37	74	111	148	185	222	259	296	332	369	
24	18	37	55	74	92	111	129	148	166	185	
36	12	25	37	49	62	74	86	99	111	123	
48	9	18	28	37	46	55	65	74	83	92	
72	6	12	18	25	31	37	43	49	55	62	
96	5	9	14	18	23	28	32	37	42	46	

Scenario: 2.c Trace to 2" of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	mg Cl per cycle 512,750,447	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Lbs per LM 100
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**Table C3-N**

Duration of washoff (hrs)		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	148	297	445	594	742	891	1,039	1,188	1,336	1,485	
12	74	148	223	297	371	445	520	594	668	742	
24	37	74	111	148	186	223	260	297	334	371	
36	25	49	74	99	124	148	173	198	223	247	
48	19	37	56	74	93	111	130	148	167	186	
72	12	25	37	49	62	74	87	99	111	124	
96	9	19	28	37	46	56	65	74	84	93	

Scenario: 3.c 2" and over of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	mg Cl per cycle 984,674,821	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Lbs per LM 200
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**Table C3-O**

Duration of washoff (hrs)		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	285	570	855	1,141	1,426	1,711	1,996	2,281	2,566	2,851	
12	143	285	428	570	713	855	998	1,141	1,283	1,426	
24	71	143	214	285	356	428	499	570	642	713	
36	48	95	143	190	238	285	333	380	428	475	
48	36	71	107	143	178	214	249	285	321	356	
72	24	48	71	95	119	143	166	190	214	238	
96	18	36	53	71	89	107	125	143	160	178	

Scenario: 4.b 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice Friction Areas Only	mg Cl per cycle 32,071,768	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Lbs per LM 271
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**Table C3-P**

Duration of washoff (hrs)		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	9	19	28	37	199	56	65	74	84	93	
12	5	9	14	19	99	28	33	37	42	46	
24	2	5	7	9	50	14	16	19	21	23	
36	2	3	5	6	33	9	11	12	14	15	
72	1	2	2	3	17	5	5	6	7	8	
96	1	1	2	2	12	3	4	5	5	6	

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### Longfellow Creek

Winter Minimum Flow - Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice	16
Lane Miles Friction	10.1
Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water	80%

<b>Flow:</b>	cfs 0.7
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WDOE WQ Standards:	Legend
Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).	Over acute standard
Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173-201A-240).	Over chronic standard
	Below chronic and acute standards
	Unlikely scenarios

#### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	up/down (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	up/down (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
0.7	0	66,669	-	66,669

Scenario: <b>3.a</b> 2" and over of accumulation Liquid Anti-Ice	mg Cl per cycle 193,885,547	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Gallons per LM 25
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**Table C3-Q**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	485	969	1,454	1,939	2,423	2,908	3,393	3,878	4,362	4,847
	12	242	485	727	969	1,212	1,454	1,696	1,939	2,181	2,423
	24	121	242	364	485	606	727	848	969	1,091	1,212
	36	81	162	242	323	404	485	565	646	727	808
	48	61	121	182	242	303	364	424	485	545	606
	72	40	81	121	162	202	242	283	323	364	404
	96	30	61	91	121	151	182	212	242	273	303

Scenario: <b>2.c</b> Trace to 2" of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	mg Cl per cycle 389,613,379	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Lbs per LM 100
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**Table C3-R**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	974	1,948	2,922	3,896	4,870	5,844	6,818	7,792	8,766	9,740
	12	487	974	1,461	1,948	2,435	2,922	3,409	3,896	4,383	4,870
	24	243	487	730	974	1,217	1,461	1,704	1,948	2,191	2,435
	36	162	325	487	649	812	974	1,136	1,299	1,461	1,623
	48	122	243	365	487	609	730	852	974	1,096	1,217
	72	81	162	243	325	406	487	568	649	730	812
	96	61	122	183	243	304	365	426	487	548	609

Scenario: <b>3.c</b> 2" and over of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	mg Cl per cycle 748,205,071	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Lbs per LM 200
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**Table C3-S**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	1,870	3,741	5,611	7,482	9,352	11,223	13,093	14,964	16,834	18,704
	12	935	1,870	2,806	3,741	4,676	5,611	6,547	7,482	8,417	9,352
	24	468	935	1,403	1,870	2,338	2,806	3,273	3,741	4,208	4,676
	36	312	623	935	1,247	1,559	1,870	2,182	2,494	2,806	3,117
	48	234	468	701	935	1,169	1,403	1,637	1,870	2,104	2,338
	72	156	312	468	623	779	935	1,091	1,247	1,403	1,559
	96	117	234	351	468	585	701	818	935	1,052	1,169

Scenario: <b>4.b</b> 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice Friction Areas Only	mg Cl per cycle 146,862,576	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Lbs per LM 271
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**Table C3-T**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	367	734	1,101	1,469	1,836	2,203	2,570	2,937	3,304	3,671
	12	184	367	551	734	918	1,101	1,285	1,469	1,652	1,836
	24	92	184	275	367	459	551	642	734	826	918
	36	61	122	184	245	306	367	428	490	551	612
	72	31	61	92	122	153	184	214	245	275	306
	96	23	46	69	92	115	138	161	184	207	229

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Flow:	37.5
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	Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
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	Unlikely scenarios

#### Volume Calculations

Flow (cfs)	up/down (cfs)	Baseflow (L/hr)	up/down (L/hr)	1 h volume (L)
37.5	0	3,822,061	-	3,822,061

**Scenario:** 3.a 2" and over of accumulation  
Liquid Anti-Ice

mg Cl per cycle 193,885,547	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Gallons per LM 25
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**Table C3-U**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	8	17	25	34	42	51	59	68	76	85
	12	4	8	13	17	21	25	30	34	38	42
	24	2	4	6	8	11	13	15	17	19	21
	36	1	3	4	6	7	8	10	11	13	14
	48	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11
	72	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	6	7
96	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	

**Scenario:** 2.c Trace to 2" of accumulation  
Solid NaCl  
Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice

mg Cl per cycle 389,613,379	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Lbs per LM 100
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**Table C3-V**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	17	34	51	68	85	102	119	136	153	170
	12	1	17	25	34	42	51	59	68	76	85
	24	0	8	13	17	21	25	30	34	38	42
	36	0	6	8	11	14	17	20	23	25	28
	48	0	4	6	8	11	13	15	17	19	21
	72	0	3	4	6	7	8	10	11	13	14
96	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	

**Scenario:** 3.c 2" and over of accumulation  
Solid NaCl  
Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice

mg Cl per cycle 748,205,071	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Lbs per LM 200
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**Table C3-W**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	33	65	98	131	163	196	228	261	294	326
	12	16	33	49	65	82	98	114	131	147	163
	24	8	16	24	33	41	49	57	65	73	82
	36	5	11	16	22	27	33	38	44	49	54
	48	4	8	12	16	20	24	29	33	37	41
	72	3	5	8	11	14	16	19	22	24	27
96	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	

**Scenario:** 4.b 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl  
Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice  
Friction Areas Only

mg Cl per cycle 127,483,596	Prewet. gal/LM 4	Lbs per LM 271
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**Table C3-X**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	6	11	17	22	28	33	39	44	50	56
	12	0	6	8	11	14	17	19	22	25	28
	24	0	3	4	6	7	8	10	11	13	14
	36	0	2	3	4	5	6	6	7	8	9
	72	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5
	96	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3

#### Model Input

Scenarios provided by SDOT. Scenarios selected to represent heaviest application amounts for each control material. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

#### Model Assumptions

- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
    - o One-half Winter Maximum Flow = One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent flow during larger winter storm events.
  - Duration of runoff ranges from 6 to 96 hours.
  - 80% of Cl- load applied to roadways in the drainage basin is diluted by the total creek flow.
  - Cl- uniformly washes off throughout the runoff duration.
- See accompanying text for more information.

#### Unlikely Scenario Rules

- Rule 1. If the scenario is for 2" or over of accumulation (Scenarios 3a and 3c)...
  - Rule 1a. runoff in 6 hrs or less is unlikely (because will likely take greater than 6 hrs for over 2" accumulation to melt off)
- Rule 2. If 5 or greater applications of any scenario...
  - Rule 2a. runoff in 12 hrs or less is unlikely (because more applications indicate more accumulation which would likely take more than 12 hrs to meltoff) more accumulation which would contribute to flow)
- Rule 3. If the scenarios is for trace to 2" of accumulation (Scenario 2c)...
  - Rule 3a. runoff in 72 or more is unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to take 3 or more days to runoff) flows)
- Rule 4. If 3 or less application of any scenario...
  - Rule 4a. runoff in 72 hrs or more is unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less accumulation which is unlikely to take 3 days to runoff) accumulation and less likely to have max flow scenarios)

# Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Various SDOT Deicing Scenarios - Minimum Winter Flow

## Fautleroy Creek

Winter Minimum Flow - Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice 1  
 Lane Miles Friction 0.8  
 Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water 80%

**Flow:** 0.5 cfs

WDOE WQ Standards:	Legend
Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than	Over acute standard
Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173)	Over chronic standard
	Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
	Below chronic and acute standards
	Unlikely scenarios

Flow (cfs) up/down (cfs) Baseflow (L/hr) (L/hr) up/down 1 h volume (L)  
**0.5** **0** **48,432** **-** **48,432**

<b>Scenario:</b> 3.a 2" and over of accumulation Liquid Anti-Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 10,651,737	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 0	<b>Gallons per LM</b> 25
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**Table C3-Y**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	37	73	110	147	183	220	257	293	330	367
	12	18	37	55	73	92	110	128	147	165	183
	24	9	18	27	37	46	55	64	73	82	92
	36	6	12	18	24	31	37	43	49	55	61
	48	5	9	14	18	23	27	32	37	41	46
	72	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	31

<b>Scenario:</b> 2.c Trace to 2" of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 21,404,686	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 100
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**Table C3-Z**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	74	147	221	295	368	442	516	589	663	737
	12	6	74	110	147	184	221	258	295	331	368
	24	0	37	55	74	92	110	129	147	166	184
	36	0	25	37	49	61	74	86	98	110	123
	48	0	18	28	37	46	55	64	74	83	92
	72	0	12	18	25	31	37	43	49	55	61
96	0	9	14	18	23	28	32	37	41	46	

<b>Scenario:</b> 3.c 2" and over of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 41,105,093	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 200
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**Table C3-AA**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	141	283	424	566	707	849	990	1,132	1,273	1,415
	12	71	141	212	283	354	424	495	566	637	707
	24	35	71	106	141	177	212	248	283	318	354
	36	24	47	71	94	118	141	165	189	212	236
	48	18	35	53	71	88	106	124	141	159	177
	72	12	24	35	47	59	71	83	94	106	118
96	9	18	27	35	44	53	62	71	80	88	

<b>Scenario:</b> 4.b 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice Friction Areas Only	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 12,190,174	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 271
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**Table C3-BB**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	42	84	126	168	210	252	294	336	378	419
	12	21	42	63	84	105	126	147	168	189	210
	24	10	21	31	42	52	63	73	84	94	105
	36	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
	72	3	7	10	14	17	21	24	28	31	35
	96	3	5	8	10	13	16	18	21	24	26

**Model Input**  
 Scenarios provided by SDOT. Scenarios selected to represent heaviest application amounts for each control material. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided

- Model Assumptions**
- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
    - Winter Minimum Flow = Minimum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This extremely low flow is intended to represent the unlikely worst case scenario.
  - Duration of runoff ranges from 6 to 96 hours.
  - 80% of Cl- load applied to roadways in the drainage basin is diluted by the total creek flow.
  - Cl- uniformly washes off throughout the runoff duration.
- See accompanying text for more information.

- Unlikely Scenario Rules**
- Rule 1. If the scenario is for 2" or over of accumulation (Scenarios 3a and 3c)...
    - Rule 1a. runoff in 6 hrs or less is unlikely (because will likely take greater than 6 hrs for over 2" accumulation to melt off)
    - Rule 1b. baseflow scenarios are unlikely (because runoff of over 2" accumulation will contribute to flow)
  - Rule 2. If 5 or greater applications of any scenario...
    - Rule 2a. runoff in 12 hrs or less is unlikely (because more applications indicate more accumulation which would likely take more than 12 hrs to meltoff) more accumulation which would contribute to flow)
    - Rule 2b. baseflow scenarios are unlikely (because more applications indicate more accumulation which would contribute to flow)
  - Rule 3. If the scenarios is for trace to 2" of accumulation (Scenario 2c)...
    - Rule 3a. runoff in 72 or more is unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to take 3 or more days to runoff) flows)
    - Rule 3b. 1/2 max flow scenarios are unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to cause highest)
  - Rule 4. If 3 or less application of any scenario...
    - Rule 4a. runoff in 72 hrs or more is unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less accumulation which is unlikely to take 3 days to runoff) accumulation and less likely to have max flow scenarios)
    - Rule 4b. 1/2 max flow scenarios are unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less)

# Conservative<sup>1</sup> Analysis of Various SDOT Deicing Scenarios - Maximum Winter Flow

## Fauntleroy Creek

1/2 Winter Max Flow - One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record.

Lane Miles (LM) Sand and Ice 1  
 Lane Miles Friction 0.8  
 Percent of salt runoff to reach receiving water 80%

<b>Flow:</b>	<b>cfs</b> 5.6
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WDOE WQ Standards:	Legend
Chronic: 230 mg/L. A 4-day average concentration not to be exceeded more than	Over acute standard
Acute: 860 mg/L. A 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once every three years on the average (WAC 173	Over chronic standard
	Over chronic concentration, but for fewer than 4 days
	Below chronic and acute standards
	Unlikely scenarios

Flow (cfs) 5.6 up/down (cfs) 0 Baseflow (L/hr) 575,557 up/down (L/hr) - 1 h volume (L) 575,557

<b>Scenario:</b> 3.a 2" and over of accumulation Liquid Anti-Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 10,651,737	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 0	<b>Gallons per LM</b> 25
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**Table C3-CC**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	3	6	9	12	15	19	22	25	28	31
	12	2	3	5	6	8	9	11	12	14	15
	24	1	2	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8
	36	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5
	48	0	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4
	72	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3

<b>Scenario:</b> 2.c Trace to 2" of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 21,404,686	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 100
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**Table C3-DD**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	6	12	19	25	31	37	43	50	56	62
	12	3	6	9	12	15	19	22	25	28	31
	24	2	3	5	6	8	9	11	12	14	15
	36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	48	1	2	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8
	72	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5
96	0	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	

<b>Scenario:</b> 3.c 2" and over of accumulation Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 41,105,093	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 200
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**Table C3-EE**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	12	24	36	48	60	71	83	95	107	119
	12	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
	24	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
	36	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
	48	1	3	4	6	7	9	10	12	13	15
	72	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
96	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	7	

<b>Scenario:</b> 4.b 3:1 Sand:Solid NaCl Prewet with Liquid Anti Ice Friction Areas Only	<b>mg Cl per cycle</b> 12,190,174	<b>Prewet. gal/LM</b> 4	<b>Lbs per LM</b> 271
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**Table C3-FF**

		Number of application cycles									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Duration of washoff (hrs)	6	4	7	11	14	18	21	25	28	32	35
	12	2	4	5	7	9	11	12	14	16	18
	24	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	9
	36	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	5	6
	72	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3
	96	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2

**Model Input**

Scenarios provided by SDOT. Scenarios selected to represent heaviest application amounts for each control material. Cl- concentrations in snow and ice control materials calculated from MDS sheets or SDOT-provided information.

**Model Assumptions**

- Flow estimates based on daily average of continuous 5-min flow data from December through February during the period of record for SPU data recorders in the receiving water.
    - One-half Winter Maximum Flow = One-half of the maximum mean daily flow from Dec-Feb for period of record. This is intended to represent flow during typical large winter storm events. This is intended to represent flow during larger winter storm events. Due to the short period of record for Fauntleroy Creek, this value was estimated by using flow data from Piper's Creek.
  - Duration of runoff ranges from 6 to 96 hours.
  - 80% of Cl- load applied to roadways in the drainage basin is diluted by the total creek flow.
  - Cl- uniformly washes off throughout the runoff duration.
- See accompanying text for more information.

**Unlikely Scenario Rules**

- Rule 1. If the scenario is for 2" or over of accumulation (Scenarios 3a and 3c)...
  - Rule 1a. runoff in 6 hrs or less is unlikely (because will likely take greater than 6 hrs for over 2" accumulation to melt off)
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- Rule 3. If the scenarios is for trace to 2" of accumulation (Scenario 2c)...
  - Rule 3a. runoff in 72 or more is unlikely (because accumulation of less than 2" is unlikely to take 3 or more days to runoff) flows)
- Rule 4. If 3 or less application of any scenario...
  - Rule 4a. runoff in 72 hrs or more is unlikely (because fewer applications indicate less accumulation which is unlikely to take 3 days to runoff) accumulation and less likely to have max flow scenarios)

**Attachment D. Sand and Potential Aquatic Impacts**

Fine sediment associated with road sanding, specifically, and road grit in general can have negative impacts on aquatic ecosystems. Fine sediment deposition in streams, wetlands, and estuarine areas at the mouths of streams degrades habitat and may directly harm aquatic organisms, especially benthic biota. Fine sediment has been shown to harm salmonid eggs and developing embryos (alevins), as well as benthic macroinvertebrates. In the urban environment, sediment frequently carries pollutants such as metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, and organic chemicals. These pollutants can be toxic to native aquatic biota. Therefore, the use of sand should be judicious on roads that drain to sensitive aquatic ecosystems. Additionally, sand should be removed from road surface via street sweeping or other methods as soon as feasible after snow and ice conditions end.

SPU will support the mitigation of sediment impacts from roadway sanding by cleaning all catch basins located along road sanding routes annually of all accumulated material in the catch basin sump (regulatory requirements call for annual inspection and removal of material only when the catch basin sump is great than 50% full). SPU will also inspect catch basins after notification by SDOT of sand application and will remove accumulated sediment as required (as soon as feasible after snow and ice conditions end). Priority will be given to catch basins which drain directly to sensitive aquatic ecosystems (versus the combined sewer system).

**Attachment E. Glucose and Potential Aquatic Impacts**

Glucose, a type of simple sugar, binds deicing compounds to road surfaces. The increased binding of the deicing compound will lengthen the time for the material to wash into receiving waters. This decreases their concentrations in the aquatic environment. Sugars added to a water body are primarily metabolized by naturally occurring bacteria. These bacteria use some dissolved oxygen in the process. During winter the receiving waters are cold, which reduces bacteria metabolic rates. Also, winter stream flows are high and turbulent, which increases dissolved oxygen concentrations. Slow wash-off of glucose-containing deicers, low cold-weather metabolic demand for oxygen and high concentrations of dissolved oxygen in receiving waters would tend to keep dissolved oxygen concentrations high. The small amount of sugars added to roadway in deicing applications and washing into any of the streams would have negligible impact on concentrations of dissolved oxygen. In wetlands and lakes the small metabolic demand of this material would be diluted and unlikely to contribute significantly to eutrophication.

## **Attachment F. Product Specification – Environmental Attributes**

Snow and ice control materials often include additives or impurities which can be a concern to the aquatic environment. For NaCl, MgCl<sub>2</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub>, and organic materials, these contaminants may include heavy metals (e.g., zinc, copper, lead, and cadmium), phosphorus, and cyanide (NaCl only) (NCHRP 2007).

Specifications and test procedures have been developed to emphasize environmental protection. In this region, Pacific Northwest Snowfighters (PNS) has developed environmental (as well as physical and corrosion related) specifications for snow and ice control materials. PNS also has a Qualified Product List which identifies regional products which have been tested and meet their specifications.

It is recommended that SDOT use PNS qualified products. Alternatively, SDOT should have an established quality testing process that utilizes PNS (or similar) specifications for environmental contaminants of concern.

### References

National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP). 2007. Guidelines for the Selection of Snow and Ice Control Materials to Mitigate Environmental Impacts. NCHRP Report 577. Washington DC. 211 p.  
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### Related Web Sites

Pacific Northwest Snowfighters (PNS) Home Page:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/pns/default.htm>

PNS Qualified Product List: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/pns/pdf/PNSQPL.pdf>