



BCLSMP Level 2 Program Overview	
Coordinated By	The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
Training	Training on how to use sampling equipment and fill out forms will be provided by the Ministry staff at no cost to volunteers. The meeting location, date, and time will be coordinated with the volunteers.
Volunteer Commitment	<p>The primary responsibilities of volunteers are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have reviewed and signed a Volunteer Service Agreement. • Record weekly or biweekly water clarity (Secchi disk) and surface water temperature readings, dissolved oxygen (DO)/temperature profiles as well as information on weather and lake conditions while sampling. • Maintain and store sampling equipment provided by the Ministry, as well as report to the Ministry any issues or damages as soon as possible. • Data entry and submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Send photos of your completed field sheets to the Ministry on a regular basis. ○ Submit field data in a digital format (either via the online Field Data Submission Tool or by using the standardized digital format provided (excel spreadsheet). ○ Data should be submitted on a regular basis and completed within 30 days of the final sampling event for the season. • Return sampling equipment to Ministry for maintenance and storage within 30 days of the final sampling event for the season unless otherwise arranged.
Location	Level 2 studies are only available for select lakes where the Ministry conducts spring overturn and late summer water chemistry monitoring. Each volunteer group will be provided with map and coordinates to a predetermined station site from which to collect samples.
Frequency	At least 12 evenly spaced samples during ice-off season.
Timing	The samples should be taken between 10 am and 2 pm (gives the best Secchi disk readings) and on the same day of the week, if possible.
Equipment	<p>Provided by Ministry, if required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secchi disk for measuring lake water clarity data and depth, • Handheld thermometer, and • Field meter (such as a YSI) for collection of DO/temp profile data. <p>Monitoring programs may also require watercraft, fuel and other equipment required for safe watercraft operation, including personal flotation devices. These items must be supplied by volunteers.</p>