



<b>BCLSMP Level 3 Program Overview</b>	
<b>Coordinated By</b>	The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
<b>Training</b>	Training on how to use monitoring and/or sampling equipment, fill out forms, and ship samples will be provided by the Ministry staff at no cost to volunteers. The meeting location, date, and time will be coordinated with the volunteers.
<b>Volunteer Commitment</b>	<p>The primary responsibilities of volunteers are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have reviewed and signed a Volunteer Service Agreement.</li> <li>• Collect <b>bi-weekly</b> water samples and submit to an accredited laboratory for analysis.</li> <li>• Record data on water clarity (Secchi disk), lake profile readings using a water meter, as well as general weather and site information.</li> <li>• Maintain and store sampling equipment provided by the Ministry, as well as report to the Ministry any issues or damages as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Data entry and submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Send photos of your completed lab requisition and field sheet to the Ministry <b>after each sampling event</b>.</li> <li>○ Submit field data in a digital format (either via the online Field Data Submission Tool or by using the standardized digital format provided).</li> <li>○ Data should be submitted on a <b>regular basis and completed within 30 days of the final sampling event for the season</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Return sampling equipment to Ministry for maintenance and storage <b>within 30 days</b> of the final sampling event for the season, unless otherwise arranged.</li> </ul>
<b>Location</b>	Level 3 studies can be conducted on any lake of interest. Each volunteer group will be provided with coordinates to a <b>predetermined station site</b> from which to collect samples.
<b>Frequency</b>	At least <b>12 evenly spaced samples</b> during ice-off season.
<b>Timing</b>	The samples should be taken between <b>10 am and 2 pm</b> (gives the best Secchi disk readings) and on the same day of the week, if possible. <b>DO NOT SAMPLE on Thursday late, Friday, or Saturday</b> as the lab is not available to receive samples within holding times.
<b>Equipment</b>	<p>Provided by Ministry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secchi disk for measuring lake water clarity data and depth,</li> <li>• Handheld thermometer,</li> <li>• Field meter (such as a YSI) for lake profile data,</li> <li>• Water sampling equipment and bottles, and</li> <li>• Forms, instructions, shipping labels, and shipping waybills.</li> </ul> <p>Monitoring programs may also require watercrafts, fuel and other equipment required for safe watercraft operation, including personal flotation devices. These items must be supplied by volunteers.</p>