Development and Management of Sewage Outfalls Database

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Topics To Be Covered

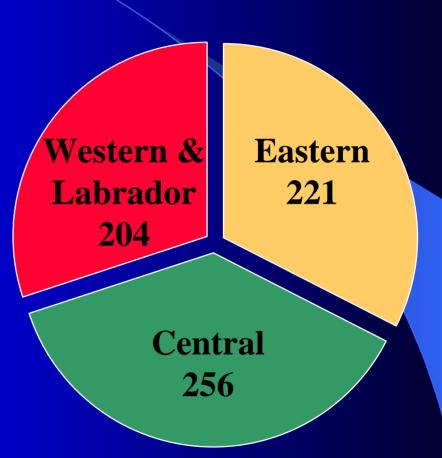
- History of the Sewage Outfalls Database
- Database Records
- Database Information
- QA/QC Process and Results
- Wastewater Quality Information
- GIS Application
- Future Direction for Sewage Outfalls Database

History/Drivers

- > 1992 Collection of data through files and selected site visits to communities/outfalls
- > 1994/95 Auditor General identified this as a gap
- > 1997 Sewage Outfalls Database was created
- Data in demand by a number of Federal and Provincial Departments (DFO, Coast Guard, Fisheries and Aquaculture)

Database - Records

- > 681 Records in the Database
 - Each record represents a single outfall





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- > Section 1 Outfall Physical Description
 - Location
 - (region, coordinates, map information)
 - Approval
 - (approval/permit #, drawing location)
 - Outfall Info
 - (length, grade, water cover, pipe type, diameter)

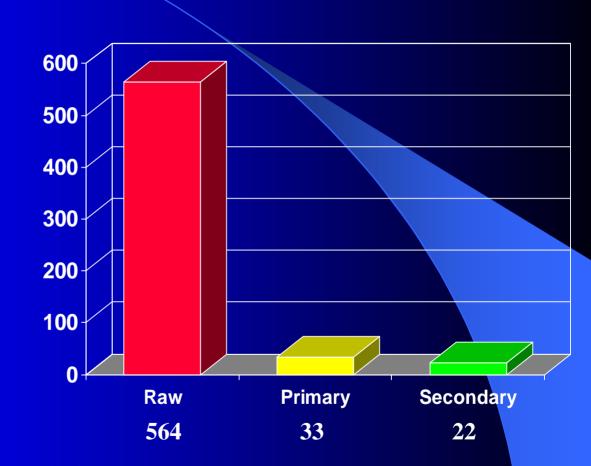
- Section 1 Outfall Physical Description (cont'd)
 - Armour
 - (type of armour, if applicable)
 - Flow
 - (hydraulic capacity, pumped/gravity, diffused/straight)
 - Miscellaneous
 - (# of hook-ups, avg. & peak loadings, outfall condition)

- Section 2 Sensitivity of Receiving Waterbody
 - Water
 - Type of Receiving Water (salt, estuary, freshwater)
 - Type of Receiving Waterbody (open ocean, harbour, bay, lake, stream)
 - Fish Plant Intake Present

- Section 2 Sensitivity of Receiving Waterbody (cont'd)
 - Aquaculture/Fishing Present
 - shellfish, other, and kelp
 - Distance to each, if applicable
 - Tourism/Recreation
 - tourist attraction, salmon river, cabins/campgrounds, swimming beach
 - Distance to each, if applicable

Section 3 –Treatment Level

- raw,
- primary,
- secondary,
- tertiary,
- chlorinated,
- dechlorinated,
- UV,
- other





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- > Section 4 Remarks
 - This space is available for any additional noteworthy information or comments

QA/QC Process

- Joint project between DFO and DOEC
- > Initiated in March 2004
- This Process will verify the following;
 - that we have records for all outfalls in the Province
 - that the records we have in the database are correct

QA/QC Process - Results

- Verification of outfalls in the Eastern Region is nearing completion
- Database will now have links to pictures collected by DFO of individual outfalls
- ➤ The process has resulted in the need for some additional ground-truthing exercises.

Wastewater Quality Data

- Historical wastewater influent and effluent data has been collected by Regional Staff at various outfalls;
 - pH, TSS, BOD, ammonia, total coliform, fecal coliform, etc.
- Available data will be linked to the Sewage Outfalls Database
- Emerging need for on-going monitoring due to provincial and federal regulatory tools

Information Sharing

- Database will be converted into a GIS Format
- Similar to Drinking Water Quality GIS
- > 1st phase will be internal
- > 2nd phase will be external

Need for GIS Application

- Future of Information Sharing
- Enterprise Level Database Management
 - Information security
 - Departmental/Government level sharing
 - Increased processing ability/efficiency
 - Government IT Standards and Protocols

Need for GIS Application (cont'd)

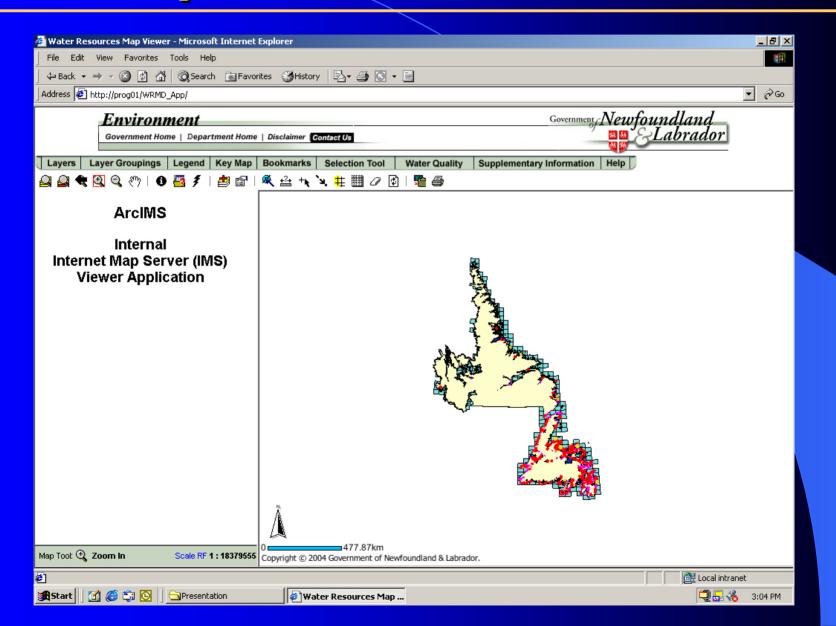
- Provincial Geomatics Strategy
 - Obligation
 - Advantage (Data from other agencies)
- > Integrated Resource Management
- > Spatial Analysis
 - Exploit Spatial Nature of Environment Data

Need for GIS Application (cont.)

- Increased analytical ability for staff
- Real Time/Dynamic Public Reporting
- **Easy access by Regional Offices**
- Repository for Institutional Knowledge
 - Incidents/Historical Information
 - Inspections
 - Photos



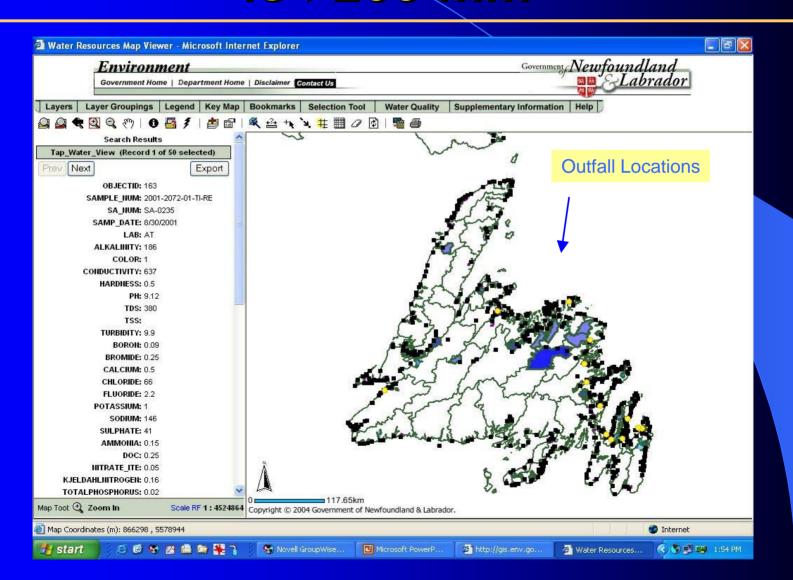
Examples of Functionalities



Examples of Functionalities (cont'd)

- > It will have a user-friendly custom query tool that allows the user to analyse the data in detail. Example: "where is pipe diameter >200mm"
 - The resulting locations will be shown on a map as yellow dots (map can be printed)
 - The relevant locations will be shown in a table and can be exported to Excel

Locations where Pipe Diameter is >200 mm



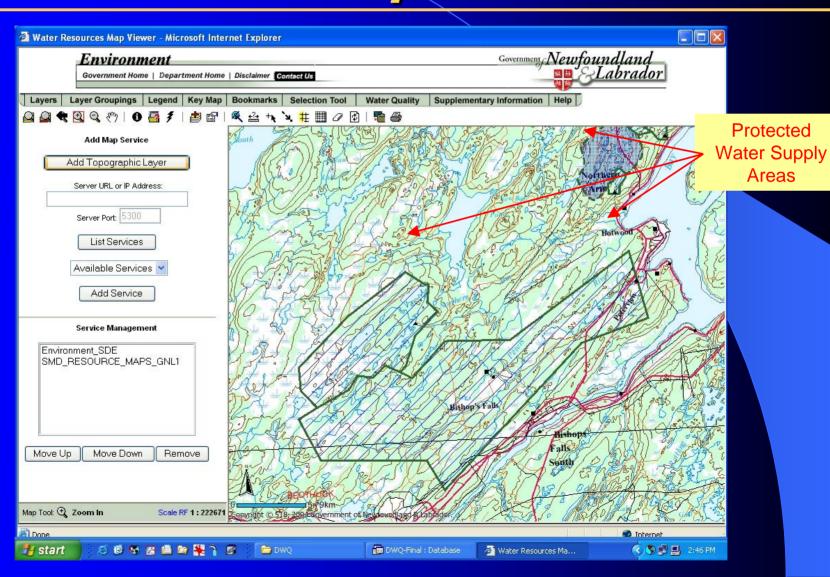
Examples of Functionalities

- Photo management system will allow storage and query of digital photos
- Store and display historical notes, incident notes, and inspection reports
 - Regional Staff will be able to directly enter these notes into the application using the Internet Explorer browser
- Display DWQ, tertiary watersheds, climate, hydrometric and WQMA stations

Examples of Functionalities (cont'd)

- Will have the ability to automatically add GIS information from other agencies like MAPA
- ➤ For example, topographic maps are available in real time from the Surveys and Mapping Division

Map Service for Topographic Maps



Future Direction

- > All records in the database will be verified
- Missing data will be collected through groundtruthing activities
- Database will be updated on an on-going basis
- DOEC and DFO will continue to share information regarding outfalls
- Database will be made accessible to the public and any other interested stakeholders

Future Direction (cont'd)

- GIS Database
- GIS Database available to stakeholders
- Database will service as a core source of information for municipal wastewater management (pollution prevention, wastewater treatment)

Conclusions

What additional information would you like to see in the Sewage Outfalls Database and GIS Application?

Questions/Comments

