

Center for Coastal Monitoring and Assessment

National Status and Trends

Data Dictionary for Mussel Watch, Bioeffects and Special Studies Site Files

Variable	Variable Label	Description	Example
Study_Name	Study Name	This is the study for which the given record was collected.	San Pedro Bay
NST_Site	NS&T Site Code	A character code that defines the NS&T sampling site name. Codes are generally defined by the site's general and specific location.	BBBE
General_Location	General Location	A character string that defines the general location of a site. This field is included to give the user a general understanding of where a site is located.	San Pedro Bay

Specific_Location	Specific Location	A character string that defines the specific location of a site. This field is included to give the user a more specific understanding of where a site is located.	Southwest Slip
Latitude	Latitude	Latitude in decimal degrees	47.25687
Longitude	Longitude	Longitude in decimal degrees	119.25687
State_Name	State	The US State or Territory where a NS&T sampling location resides.	Maryland
Coastal_Ecological_Area	Coastal Ecological Area	This is another field to help define where an NS&T sampling location is located	Hudson River, Raritan Bay and Southern Long Island
Region_Name	Region Name	This defines the basic region where an NS&T sampling location is located.	Delaware Bay to Gulf of Maine

Stratum	Stratum	Some studies were split into stratified random samples in order to ensure that each subpopulation was sampled appropriately. Where available, this field defines the stratum for a given location.	(A)A
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