

ENVIRONMENT CANADA  
INLAND WATERS DIRECTORATE

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT  
WATER MANAGEMENT BRANCH

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING PROGRAM  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER  
DESIGN BRIEF**

DECEMBER 1990

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.  
One West 7th Avenue  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V5Y 1L5

**HAYCO**

## Contents

1	INTRODUCTION .....	1
2	SOURCES OF INFORMATION .....	1
3	FIELD INSPECTIONS .....	2
4	HYDROLOGY .....	2
4.1	Flood Frequency Studies - Methodology .....	2
4.2	Stuart River Floods .....	2
4.3	Stuart Lake Flood Levels .....	3
4.4	Regional Flood Studies - Nahounli Creek and Necoslie River .....	5
4.5	Historical Data .....	7
5	HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS - STUART RIVER .....	8
5.1	Model Calibration .....	8
5.2	Sensitivity Studies .....	9
5.3	Designated Flood Level and Freeboard Requirements .....	9
6	HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS - NECOSLIE RIVER .....	10
6.1	Model Calibration .....	10
6.2	Sensitivity Studies .....	10
6.3	Designated Flood Level and Freeboard Requirements .....	10
7	HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS - NAHOUNLI CREEK ..	11
7.1	Model Calibration .....	11
7.2	Sensitivity Studies .....	11
7.3	Designated Flood Level and Freeboard Requirements .....	11
8	WIND/WAVE ANALYSIS - STUART LAKE .....	12
8.1	Wave Runup .....	12
8.2	Wind Setup .....	13
8.3	Designated Flood Level and Freeboard Requirements .....	13

9 SPECIAL FLOOD CONDITIONS .....	13
10 FLOODPLAIN MAPS .....	14
11 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ....	14

Appendix A Flood Frequency Analysis - Stuart River

Appendix B Stage Frequency Analysis - Stuart Lake

Appendix C Tabulated Flood Level Profiles (Freeboard  
Included)

Appendix D Data Sources and References

Figures

Photos

Drawings

## **Figures**

**Figure 1: Location Map**

**Figure 2: Stuart Lake Levels - Rating Curve at Outlet of  
Stuart Lake**

**Figure 3: Mean Annual Maximum Daily Discharge vs.  
Drainage Area (Prince George Region)**

**Figure 4: Ratio Return Period Floods to Mean Flood vs.  
Drainage Area - Fort St. James Region**

**Figure 5: Nahounli Creek - Flow vs Return Period**

**Figure 6: Necoslie River - Flow vs. Return Period**

**Figure 7: Stuart River - Designated Flood Profile**

**Figure 8: Necoslie River - Designated Flood Profile**

**Figure 9: Nahounli Creek - Designated Flood Profile**



## **Photographs**

**Photo 1: Stuart Lake Looking Northwest From Pitka Bay Marina**

**Photo 2: Stuart Lake Shoreline Near Paarens Beach Park**

**Photo 3: Stuart River Looking Downstream At Section 17 (Back Channel)**

**Photo 4: Stuart River Looking Upstream From Bridge (Main Channel)**

**Photo 5: Stuart River Looking Downstream From Bridge**

**Photo 6: Stuart River Looking Upstream At Bridge**

**Photo 7: Stuart River Looking Upstream From Gas Pipeline Crossing (Section 4)**

**Photo 8: Stuart River Looking Downstream At Section 3**

**Photo 9: Necoslie River Looking Downstream From Bridge**

**Photo 10: Necoslie River Looking Upstream From Bridge**

**Photo 11: Necoslie River Looking Downstream At Bridge**

**Photo 12: Necoslie River Looking Downstream Near Section 15**

**Photo 13: Necoslie River Looking Downstream At Section 15**

**Photo 14: Necoslie River Looking Downstream At Section 21**

**Photo 15: Nahounli Creek Looking Downstream From Bridge (Stuart Drive West)**

**Photo 16: Nahounli Creek Looking Downstream At Culvert Entrance (Section 3)**

**Photo 17: Nahounli Creek Looking Downstream From Above  
Section 5**

**Photo 18: Nahounli Creek Looking Downstream From Douglas  
Avenue Bridge**

**Photo 19: Nahounli Creek Looking Upstream At Douglas  
Avenue Bridge (Section 9)**

**Photo 20: Nahounli Creek Looking Upstream At Ash Road  
Bridge Culverts (Section 11)**

**Photo 21: Nahounli Creek At Ash Road Culvert Entrance  
(Section 12)**

**Photo 22: Nahounli Creek Looking Upstream near Station 13**

## **Drawings**

**Drawing 1: Floodplain Mapping - Stuart River & Lake - At  
Fort St. James (Includes Necoslie River and  
Nahounli Creek) No. 89-42-1 - Sheet 1 of 7**

**Drawing 2: Floodplain Mapping - Stuart River & Lake - At  
Fort St. James (Includes Necoslie River and  
Nahounli Creek) No. 89-42-2 - Sheet 2 of 7**

**Drawing 3: Floodplain Mapping - Stuart River & Lake - At  
Fort St. James (Includes Necoslie River and  
Nahounli Creek) No. 89-42-3 - Sheet 3 of 7**

**Drawing 4: Floodplain Mapping - Stuart River & Lake - At  
Fort St. James (Includes Necoslie River and  
Nahounli Creek) No. 89-42-4 - Sheet 4 of 7**

**Drawing 5: Floodplain Mapping - Stuart River & Lake - At  
Fort St. James (Includes Necoslie River and  
Nahounli Creek) No. 89-42-5 - Sheet 5 of 7**

**Drawing 6: Floodplain Mapping - Stuart River & Lake - At  
Fort St. James (Includes Necoslie River and  
Nahounli Creek) No. 89-42-6 - Sheet 6 of 7**

**Drawing 7: Floodplain Mapping - Stuart River & Lake - At  
Fort St. James (Includes Necoslie River and  
Nahounli Creek) No. 89-42-7 - Sheet 7 of 7**

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Hay & Company Consultants were engaged by the B.C. Ministry of Environment to undertake studies and prepare floodplain maps for Stuart River, Necoslie River, Nahounli Creek and the Stuart Lake Shoreline near Fort St. James. This work is covered under the 1987 joint Federal/Provincial Agreement on Floodplain Mapping.

The watershed of the Stuart River and its aforementioned tributaries is part of the Fraser River drainage basin and is located in the interior plateau of British Columbia northwest of Prince George, Figure 1. Nahounli Creek drains into Stuart Lake which is the headwaters for the Stuart River. The Necoslie River joins the Stuart River a few hundred metres below the outlet from Stuart Lake. The Stuart River flows south to join the Nechako River which then joins the Fraser at Prince George. The Stuart River drains a total area of 14,600 km<sup>2</sup> with an elevation range of 680 m to 2079 m. Necoslie River drains 595 km<sup>2</sup> with an elevation range of 680 m to 1240 m and Nahounli Creek drains approximately 149 km<sup>2</sup> with an elevation range of 680 m to 1400 m.

The floodplain mapping studies described herein cover approximately the first 4 km of the Stuart River downstream of Stuart Lake as well as the first 8 km of the Necoslie River above the Stuart River confluence. The studies also cover approximately 1.8 km of Nahounli Creek and 20 km of the Stuart Lake shoreline.

Representative photographs of the study areas are included with locations referenced to the survey cross sections or principal features.

## 2 SOURCES OF INFORMATION

This study made use of river and lakeshore survey information supplied by Mr. P.J. Woods of the Water Management Branch, B.C. Environment. The information package included cross section data, thalweg and water surface profiles, photographs of river cross sections, notes on Water Survey of Canada gauge descriptions, bridge drawings plus 1:5000 base mapping. Mr. G.W. Davidson, Water Management Branch (Prince George), provided a background report dealing with flooding in Fort St. James. In addition, Water Survey of Canada streamflow and water level records were utilized along with 1:50,000 and 1:250,000 topographic mapping. A complete listing of data sources and references is included in Appendix D.

### 3 FIELD INSPECTIONS

A field inspection was conducted by Mr. R.J. Wallwork, on September 25-26, 1990, prior to preparation of the HEC-2 backwater models. This reconnaissance inspection was conducted to familiarize Hay & Company staff with the study area and to ascertain if any changes had occurred subsequent to preparation of the river survey package.

### 4 HYDROLOGY

#### 4.1 Flood Frequency Studies - Methodology

The Water Survey of Canada CFA-88 computer program was utilized for the frequency estimates of both the Stuart Lake levels and Stuart River flows. Frequency distributions utilized by the computer program included:

1. Generalized Extreme Value Distribution (Types 1,2 or 3).
2. Three Parameter Lognormal Distribution
3. Log Pearson Type III Distribution

#### 4.2 Stuart River Floods

Water Survey of Canada have operated a stream gauge (Sta. No. 08JE001) on the Stuart River near the lake outlet since 1929. The station was operated as a manual gauge until 1986 after which a continuous recording gauge was installed. Consequently there are 59 years of annual maximum daily records but only 3 years of maximum instantaneous flow records.

Frequency estimates from the three distributions are summarized below. The mean flood was  $317 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .

Table 1 - Stuart River Flood Frequency Estimates ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )  
Sta. 08JE001

Distribution	Return Period - Years							
	500	200	100	50	20	10	5	2
GEV (EV3)	651	607	571	533	479	435	386	306
3-Par Lognormal	691	634	590	546	486	438	387	305
Log Pearson Type III	665	615	576	536	480	436	386	306

There were no high or low outliers identified in the record. The 3-parameter lognormal estimates were adopted for this study on the basis of their being slightly more conservative than the other estimates. The associated flood frequency plot is enclosed, Appendix A. The adopted flood estimates are therefore as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}200 \text{ year maximum daily flood} &= 634 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \\20 \text{ year maximum daily flood} &= 486 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}\end{aligned}$$

The ratio of instantaneous to daily flood peaks was taken to be 1.02 based on the limited instantaneous records available and regional I/D ratios. Instantaneous flood estimates are therefore as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}200 \text{ year instantaneous flood} &= 647 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \\20 \text{ year instantaneous flood} &= 496 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}\end{aligned}$$

#### 4.3 Stuart Lake Flood Levels

A water level recording station has been operated near the outlet of Stuart Lake since 1956 (WSC Sta. 08JE003). Initially operated as a manual gauge, the station was converted to a continuous recorder in 1979, but since 1986 has reverted to manual operation. As such there are 32 years of maximum daily water levels and seven years of maximum instantaneous water levels. Lake levels peak between June 22 and July 31 with July 4 being the average date for annual peak water levels.

In addition to the recorded lake levels, there are the 59 years of discharge records at the Stuart River gauge located about 1.5 km downstream of the lake outlet. Necoslie River enters the Stuart River between the lake outlet and the gauge, however, it peaks earlier than the Stuart River and therefore has little or no effect on flood levels in Stuart Lake. Consequently, there is a very strong correlation between Stuart Lake levels and Stuart River flows. A rating curve, Figure 2, was developed from the 32 years of concurrent records. The 1972 flood was the recorded extreme event for both the Stuart Lake and Stuart River stations.

In light of the above, three frequency analysis methods were considered in the estimation of Stuart Lake flood levels:

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>Method 1</b> | frequency analysis of 32 years of Stuart Lake stage records   |
| <b>Method 2</b> | as above with historic information: treat 1972 flood level as the largest in 60 years (1930-1990 excluding 1932). |

**Method 3**

frequency analysis of 59 years of Stuart River floods with conversion to lake level by means of the rating curve, Figure 2.

Results from the lake level frequency analyses using methods 1 and 2 are listed below with the historic estimates in brackets:

**Table 2 - Stuart Lake Flood Frequency Estimates - Stage in metres  
Sta. 08JE003**

Distribution	Return Period - Years							
	500	200	100	50	20	10	5	2
GEV (EV3)	4.87 (4.69)	4.70 (4.56)	4.55 (4.44)	4.39 (4.30)	4.15 (4.09)	3.94 (3.90)	3.69 (3.67)	3.26 (3.25)
3-Par Lognormal	5.09 (4.89)	4.85 (4.69)	4.66 (4.53)	4.46 (4.35)	4.18 (4.11)	3.95 (3.90)	3.69 (3.67)	3.25 (3.25)
Log Pearson Type III	5.04 (4.86)	4.81 (4.66)	4.62 (4.50)	4.43 (4.33)	4.16 (4.09)	3.94 (3.89)	3.69 (3.66)	3.26 (3.25)

The mean annual maximum lake stage is 3.30 m which corresponds to a lake elevation of 680.81 m (WSC gauge zero = 677.512 m). There were no outliers identified in the record. The 3-parameter lognormal estimates were selected for further consideration as they are slightly more conservative than the other estimates. Lake stage frequency plots are included in Appendix B.

The previously derived flood estimates for the Stuart River (3-parameter lognormal) were converted to lake stage by means of the rating curve, Figure 2.

Stuart Lake flood elevations determined by the three methods are tabulated below for comparison.

**Table 3 - Stuart Lake Flood Levels - (Elevation - metres GSC)**

Return Period Years	Method 1 Stage analysis	Method 2 Stage analysis (historic)	Method 3 Flood analysis /rating curve
500	682.60	682.40	682.50
200	682.36	682.20	682.26
100	682.17	682.04	682.06
50	681.97	681.86	681.87
20	681.69	681.62	681.60
10	681.46	681.41	681.38
5	681.20	681.18	681.15
2	680.76	680.76	680.73

Adjusting the stage record with the historic data resulted in a reduction in the extreme flood level estimates obtained from the stage analysis. These estimates (Method 2) were also in closer agreement with estimates derived from the rating curve approach (Method 3). The rating curve estimates<sup>(\*)</sup> will be adopted for this study as they are slightly more conservative and are based on actual records as opposed to historic adjustments on a shorter record base. Stuart Lake flood levels are therefore as follows:

200 year lake level = 682.26 m (GSC)  
 20 year lake level = 681.60 m (GSC)

No adjustment will be made for the difference between maximum instantaneous and maximum daily water levels as the difference is small, the seven year average being only 17 mm.

#### 4.4 Regional Flood Studies - Nahounli Creek and Necoslie River

Nahounli Creek and Necoslie River both drain ungauged catchments characterized by generally low relief, numerous small lakes and swampy ground. Drainage areas and elevation ranges derived from 1:50000 topographic mapping are as follows:

Table 4 - Nahounli Ck. and Necoslie R. Catchments

	Drainage Area km <sup>2</sup>	Elevation Range m
Nahounli Creek	149	680-1400
Necoslie River	595	680-1240

A regional flood frequency analysis was conducted based on station records for the following WSC stations:



**Table 5 - Regional Analysis - Stations Used**

WSC Sta.	Name	Drainage Area km <sup>2</sup>	Elev. Range m	Flood Peaks years
08JE001	Stuart R.	14600	680-2079	59
07ED001	Nation R.	4350	850-2079	34
08KC001	Salmon R.	4300	610-1580	37
08JC005	Chilako R.	3390	610-1322	13
08JE005	Kazchek Ck.	881	690-1344	5
08JE004	Tsilcoh R.	414	720-1123	14
07EE009	Chuchinka Ck.	311	760-1220	14
08KC003	Muskeg R.	303	820- 980	12
08KC002	Wright Ck.	181	610-1000	9
08JC007	Clear Ck.	52.1	670- 976	4
08JC008	Murray Ck.	20.2	640- 920	8

Snowmelt floods appear exclusively at all of these stations with flood peaks in all but the largest catchments occurring in the months of April and May.

Frequency analyses were conducted on stations with 9 or more years of records. Preliminary estimates were made utilizing Creager's method of regional analysis, relating flows to catchment area. However this method, which was established for rainfall events, gave unrealistically high flood estimates.

A standard index flood approach was then followed whereby the mean unit flood discharge and ratios of extreme flood events to the mean are calculated and plotted against catchment drainage area on log-log paper, Figures 3 and 4. The procedure used was essentially the same as that followed by the Water Management Branch (References 1 and 2).

In this analysis, greatest weight was given to the data for the Tsilcoh and Salmon Rivers due to their close proximity to the site and length of record. Results of the regional frequency analyses are summarized below:

**Table 6 - Flood Estimates: Nahounli Creek (D.A. = 149 km<sup>2</sup>)**

Return Period Years	<u>Daily</u>			<u>Instantaneous</u>		Inst./daily estimated
	m <sup>3</sup> /s	l/s/km <sup>2</sup>	Ratio to mean	m <sup>3</sup> /s	l/s/km <sup>2</sup>	
mean	11.5	77	1.0	13.1	87.8	1.14
20	20.5	138	1.79	23.4	157	1.14
200	29.3	196	2.55	33.4	224	1.14

**Table 7 - Flood Estimates: Necoslie River (D.A. = 595 km<sup>2</sup>)**

Return Period Years	<u>Daily</u>			<u>Instantaneous</u>		Inst./daily estimated
	m <sup>3</sup> /s	l/s/km <sup>2</sup>	Ratio to mean	m <sup>3</sup> /s	l/s/km <sup>2</sup>	
mean	38.1	64	1.0	39.6	66.6	1.04
20	64.7	109	1.70	67.3	113	1.04
200	89.5	150	2.35	93.1	156	1.04

Flood frequency plots for Nahounli Creek and Necoslie River are shown on Figures 5 and 6, respectively.

#### 4.5 Historical Data

There are reports of recent flooding on Nahounli Creek (Reference 3) in the vicinity of the Douglas Avenue Bridge. The creek has been known to freeze up solid to bank full stage with ice spreading over the banks in places. Flooding occurred in May 1974 and April 1976 and potential flooding situations were mentioned in April 1982 and the winter of 1985-86. Due to the relatively frequent occurrence of these events, assessments were made of the hydraulic capacity of the bridge culverts on Nahounli Creek. It was determined that the 3890 x 2690 mm arch culvert at the Highway 27 road crossing, Photo 16, (Stuart Drive West) would pass approximately 28 m<sup>3</sup>/s under inlet control prior to overtopping the road. This capacity corresponds to a flood return period of approximately 60 years, Figure 5, supporting the absence of reported flooding for this culvert.

The twin culverts at the Ash Road crossing, Photos 20 and 21, just upstream of the wooden Douglas Avenue Bridge, were estimated to be 2690 x 2080 mm arch culverts from site photos (Reference 11). These culverts have little cover and in fact the culvert crowns are actually about 0.9 m above the level of the nearby Douglas Road. Flow escapement at the right bank culvert entrance is possible for flows as little as 7.2 m<sup>3</sup>/s and would definitely occur for discharges of 16 m<sup>3</sup>/s and higher. The latter flow corresponds to a flood return period of only 4.3 years, Figure 5, and is in agreement with the relatively frequent flood reports. If the right embankment at the culvert entrance were raised, culvert capacity would increase to 22 m<sup>3</sup>/s (return period = 16 years) prior to overtopping the concrete deck of the Ash Road Bridge. It therefore appears that flooding in the vicinity of the Douglas Avenue Bridge may be linked to underutilized culvert capacity at the Ash Road crossing.

Areas at risk along the shoreline of Stuart Lake were identified by Mr. Lyle Larsen, Water Management Branch (Prince George) during a field inspection June 20, 1988. Stuart Lake water levels were 681.364 m during the inspection or approximately 0.9 m below the 200 year flood level (zero

freeboard). Mr. Larsen visited 4 sites along the shoreline and reported that residents would be affected if water levels were to rise a further 0.3 m to 0.5 m. It should be noted that the 1972 flood level was 682.07 m (4.557 m on gauge) or 0.7 m above the level during Mr. Larsen's inspection. Therefore all of the sites he identified would have suffered flood damage in 1972. Based on the frequency analysis presented herein, the 1972 flood has a return period of approximately 100 years.

## **5 HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS - STUART RIVER**

### **5.1 Model Calibration**

The HEC-2 water surface profile model of the Stuart River was developed from the 18 river cross sections supplied by the Ministry plus an additional 10 sections developed either from the 1:5000 topographic mapping or interpolated from the given sections. These additional sections were added as refinements to the model to ensure that the upstream model limit reflected static lake levels and to fulfill data requirements which could not be foreseen at the time of the original survey. The back channel sections 17 and 18 were used as extensions to the main channel section 15 and 14 respectively. Some of the surveyed cross section points for section 15 were dropped in order to limit the combined section to the model limit of 100 points. The bridge was modelled using the normal bridge method and additional sections were also developed on either side of the old bridge piers.

The HEC-2 model was calibrated using the river survey profile taken May 27, 1989 which corresponds to a discharge of  $174 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Initial estimates of Manning's "n" values were based on reference 9 in conjunction with the May 1989 river survey photographs. Adjustments were made to the roughness values until the computed profile was within 0.03 m of the surveyed profile. Channel roughness values varied from  $n=0.026$  near the lake outlet to  $n=0.070$  at XS-3.5. Overbank areas were assigned n values of 0.060 to 0.100.

It should be noted that XS-10.9 (downstream face of the bridge) corresponds to WSC Sta 08JE001 and XS-20 (Stuart Lake) corresponds to WSC Sta 08JE003. Flood elevations derived from the rating curves for these stations were used as target levels during subsequent HEC-2 flood runs with the calibrated model. Starting water levels at XS-1 were adjusted so as to minimize the differences between the computed and target water levels. These differences were limited to a maximum of 0.05 m for the 200 year and 20-year flood runs.

## **5.2 Sensitivity Studies**

The sensitivity of the calibrated model to variations in discharge was investigated by means of a multiple flow run in which the 200-year instantaneous discharge was increased by 10, 20 and 30% (see Study File: Vol.1 - Stuart River). Starting water levels were derived using the slope-area option ( $ES = 0.001$ ). A 30% increase in discharge resulted in stage increases ranging from 0.51 m at XS-2 to 0.72 m at XS-14.

Similar sensitivity studies were conducted to determine the effects of changes to the bed roughness (multiple "n" run). The calibrated model roughness values were increased by 20 and 40% with the 200-year mean daily discharge. A 40% increase in roughness resulted in stage increases ranging from 0.68 m at XS-20 to 0.82 m at XS-2.

It should be noted that no attempt was made, during the above sensitivity studies, to match target levels at the WSC gauges. The sensitivity studies therefore overstate the potential uncertainties with the model as large variations in roughness would result in unrealistic water levels in Stuart Lake.

The results from the sensitivity studies were used to evaluate the adequacy of the freeboard allowance used for the designated flood level.

## **5.3 Designated Flood Level and Freeboard Requirements**

The designated flood level generally consists of the computed 200-year instantaneous peak profile plus 0.3 m of freeboard or the computed 200-year mean daily peak profile plus 0.6 m of freeboard, whichever level is higher; or as deemed advisable if special conditions are apparent. Stated another way, unless the instantaneous profile is 0.3 m or more above the maximum daily profile, the maximum daily profile plus 0.6 m freeboard allowance will govern. For the Stuart River there is only about 0.05 m difference between the two profiles so the 200-year mean daily flood profile plus 0.6 m freeboard will govern. Tabulated values for the Stuart River flood profile (freeboard included) are given in Appendix C. The freeboard allowance used for the designated flood level therefore appears adequate to accommodate about a 25% flow increase or a 30% increase in roughness.

Interpolated flood levels at a 0.2 m interval spacing were derived from the designated flood profile, Figure 7, and used to draw flood level isograms on the enclosed floodplain maps. The interval spacing was increased to 0.4 m for the steep reach downstream of the gas pipeline crossing. Similarly, 20-year flood levels, including freeboard, were derived and noted on the floodplain maps.

## **6 HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS - NECOSLIE RIVER**

### **6.1 Model Calibration**

The HEC-2 model of the Necoslie River was developed from the 22 river cross sections supplied by the Ministry with extensions to the limit of the floodplain according to the 1:5000 topographic mapping. Modifications were made to XS-16 to reflect a more realistic alignment of the left half of the section. Also the station chainages for XS-8 were factored by 0.9 to allow for the row of dolphins across the river. The bridge was modelled using the special bridge method.

As there were no high watermark data available, attempts were made to calculate Manning's "n" values from the surveyed water surface profile and an assumed discharge. This approach proved futile as there were several flat reaches which yielded unrealistic roughness values. Consequently, Manning's "n" values were estimated based on reference 9 used in conjunction with the May 1989 river survey photographs. The chosen roughness values resulted in flow into the overbank areas for most of the cross sections upstream of XS-12 when the flow equalled the mean annual flood of  $38.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  (mean daily flow). The Manning's "n" values adopted for the channel varied from 0.030 in the lower reaches to 0.050 in the upper reaches of the river. Overbank areas were given "n" values of 0.050 to 0.125.

### **6.2 Sensitivity Studies**

The sensitivity of the calibrated model to variations in discharge and roughness was investigated by means of multiple flow and multiple n runs (see Study File: Vol.2 - Necoslie River) using the same procedures followed for the Stuart River (Section 5.2) with the exception that starting water levels were held constant for each sensitivity study. It was determined that a 30% flow increase would result in a maximum stage increase of 0.33 m at XS-18. Likewise, a 40% roughness increase resulted in a maximum stage increase of 0.48 m at XS-17.

### **6.3 Designated Flood Level and Freeboard Requirements**

Based on the discussion of freeboard criteria presented in Section 5.3, it was determined that the designated flood level for the Necoslie River would consist of the 200-year maximum daily profile plus 0.6 m freeboard. The designated flood level also translates into 0.54 m or more freeboard on top of the 200-year peak instantaneous flood profile. This freeboard allowance would therefore be adequate to accommodate about a 50% increase in either flow or roughness. The Necoslie River is therefore less sensitive than the Stuart River to flow and roughness changes and consequently the adopted freeboard allowance can accommodate the higher degree of uncertainty in the hydrological estimates and model calibration on the Necoslie River.

The designated flood profile (freeboard included) is shown on Figure 8 and tabulated values for the profile are listed in Appendix C. Even numbered interpolated flood levels were derived from this profile and used to draw flood level isograms on the enclosed floodplain maps. Also shown are the 20-year flood levels (freeboard included).

The Necoslie River is subject to freeze up, however, it is believed that due to the relative breadth of the floodplain, overbank channel capacity may limit ice related flooding. The flood profiles presented in this report are for open water conditions only as noted on the mapping.

## **7 HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS - NAHOUNLI CREEK**

### **7.1 Model Calibration**

The HEC-2 model of Nahounli Creek was developed from the 16 river cross sections supplied by the Ministry plus one interpolated cross section. Sections were extended to the limit of the floodplain according to the 1:5000 topographic mapping. The three bridge/culvert crossings were modelled by the special bridge method.

Once again, there were no high watermark data available so Manning's  $n$  values were estimated from the May 1989 river survey photographs and reference 9. The chosen roughness values resulted in flow into the overbank areas for many of the cross sections when flow equalled the mean annual flood of  $11.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  (mean daily flow). The Manning's  $n$  values adopted for the channel varied from 0.045 at the mouth to 0.075 at XS-15. Overbank areas were assigned  $n$  values of 0.050 to 0.125.

### **7.2 Sensitivity Studies**

The sensitivity of the calibrated model to variations in discharge and roughness was investigated by means of multiple flow and multiple  $n$  runs (see Study File: Vol. 3 - Nahounli Creek) using the same procedures followed for the Necoslie River (Section 6.2). Results from these tests indicated that a 30% flow increase would result in a maximum stage increase of 0.22 m at XS-3 and a 40% roughness increase would result in a maximum stage increase of 0.29 m at XS-14.

Nahounli Creek is therefore the least sensitive of the three streams to changes in either flow or roughness.

### **7.3 Designated Flood Level and Freeboard Requirements**

Application of the standard freeboard criteria to Nahounli Creek resulted in selection of the 200-year mean daily profile plus 0.6 m of freeboard.

There is a maximum difference of 0.14 m between the 200-year peak instantaneous and 200-year mean daily flood profiles which translates into 0.46 m or more freeboard on top of the 200-year peak instantaneous flood profile. This freeboard could accommodate about a 60% increase in either flow or roughness.

Nahounli Creek is subject to freeze up, as mentioned in Section 4.5, which has the potential to increase flood levels. Also, the culverts and bridge crossings are subject to debris blockages which could also increase flood levels. These flood related factors are noted on the mapping. The designated flood profile (freeboard included) is shown on Figure 9 and tabulated values for the profile are listed in Appendix C. Even numbered interpolated flood levels were then derived from this profile and used to draw flood level isograms on the enclosed floodplain maps. The 20-year flood levels (freeboard included) are also shown on the maps.

## 8 WIND/WAVE ANALYSIS - STUART LAKE

### 8.1 Wave Runup

Flood levels in Stuart Lake are based on the assumed concurrence of high lake levels and common seasonal winds. High lake levels generally occur in June or July so winds during the months of May to September were analyzed using wind data for the Fort St. James airport. The maximum fetch is 39 km for winds from the northwest. In the runup analysis, a beach slope of approximately 7 degrees (1V:8H) was used based on estimates of the slope at Paarens Beach Park (photo 2). Results of the wave runup analysis are tabulated below.

Table 8 - Stuart Lake - Wave Runup

Return Period Years	Wave Height m	Wave Period s	Wave Runup m
1	1.3	4.8	0.7
5	1.8	5.2	0.9
10	2.0	5.4	1.0
25	2.2	5.6	1.0

An additional analysis was conducted to ensure that uncommon high winds coincident with lower lake levels do not exceed the high water case. The results of this analysis are tabulated below.

**Table 9 - Stuart Lake - Flood Level/Runup Combinations**

Return Period - Lake Level Years	m	Return Period - Wave Runup years	m	Combined Level m
200	682.26	1	0.7	682.96
40	681.81	5	0.9	682.71
20	681.60	10	1.0	682.60
8	681.31	25	1.0	682.31

The above analysis shows that the highest flood levels will result from the combination assuming common seasonal winds.

In the above analysis it should be noted that wave runup is a dynamic effect apparent only at the shore edge or beach and does not imply still water levels in the backshore area unless overtopping of a berm could result in ponding.

## **8.2 Wind Setup**

A wind setup analysis was conducted based on a long duration wind speed of 32 km/h acting over a 10 hour period. Using bathystrophic theory and bathymetry data obtained from the Department of Fisheries, a total wind setup of 0.06 m was obtained. This value was rounded up to 0.1 m to be conservative.

## **8.3 Designated Flood Level and Freeboard Requirements**

The designated flood level for Stuart Lake is recommended to be 683.1 m. This value (rounded up) is the combination of the 200-year lake level of 682.26 m (Section 4.3) plus 0.8 m freeboard allowance for wave runup and wind setup.

The Ministry currently uses a value of 683.5 m (includes 3.0 feet freeboard) for the Stuart Lake flood level. This value is understood to have been based on a stage - frequency analysis conducted in 1975 by hydrological staff of the Water Management Branch (reference 3). The record base was only 19 years at that time and included the 1972 flood which appears to have a return period of approximately 100 years. The recommended level has the benefit of an additional 13 years of record plus an analysis of wave runup and wind setup for freeboard determination. It is thus recommended the 200 year flood level for Stuart Lake, including freeboard, be lowered from the current value of 683.5 m to 683.1 m.

## **9 SPECIAL FLOOD CONDITIONS**

There do not appear to be any special flood conditions for the Stuart River, however, it should be noted that flood levels in the uppermost reach of the river (above XS-16) may be governed by the still water flood level in the lake plus wind



effects such as setup and surface waves. Stuart Lake freezes in winter but the river remains relatively free of ice according to one of the local float plane pilots.

Necoslie River is highly meandering and could be subject to channel shifting during extreme flood events. There is evidence of extensive bank erosion (see photos 12-14) which could undermine trees during flood conditions. Consequently there is some danger of log jams forming although these are not expected to have much of an effect on flood levels due to the width of the floodplain in most areas. Ice conditions could also result in elevated flood levels above the open water conditions depicted on the maps.

Nahounli Creek is subject to freeze up as previously mentioned. Ice related flooding is of particular concern because of the close proximity of houses along the watercourse and the potential for culvert blockages at the three bridge crossings. There is also a risk from debris blockages at these culverts. These flood risks have been noted on the mapping.

## **10 FLOODPLAIN MAPS**

The floodplain maps for Stuart Lake, Stuart River, Necoslie River and Nahounli Creek are enclosed, Drawing nos. 89-42-1 to 89-42-7 (7 sheets). The limits of the respective floodplains are shown together with flood level isograms showing approximate lines of equal 200-year flood water level to the edge of the floodplain.

As noted on the drawings, the floodplain limits have not been established on the ground by legal survey and the maps depict open water conditions only.

## **11 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

On the basis of our investigations for this study, we make the following recommendations:

1. That the floodplain maps prepared for Stuart River and Lake at Fort St. James (includes Necoslie River and Nahounli Creek), as presented herein, be interim designated under the terms of the joint Federal/Provincial Floodplain Mapping Agreement.
2. That the floodplain maps be reviewed and updated as required on the basis of future flood data or information relating to major physical changes in the floodplain.
3. That the hydraulic features at the Ash Road culvert entrance be reviewed to see if hydraulic performance can be improved, particularly with respect to flow escapement at the right abutment.

Prepared by: R.J. Wallwork.  
R.J. Wallwork, P.Eng.

Approved by: D.D. McConnell  
D.D. McConnell, P.Eng.

**Appendix A**  
**Flood Frequency Analysis - Stuart River**

WSC STATION NO=08JE001

WSC STATION NAME=STUART RIVER NEAR FORT ST. JAMES

MONTH	YEAR	DATA	ORDERED	RANK	PROB.	RET. PERIOD
----	----	----	----	----	----	----
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
		(CMS)	(CMS)		(%)	(YEARS)
7	1930	177.000	592.000	1	1.01	98.667
7	1931	272.000	501.000	2	2.70	37.000
7	1933	385.000	453.000	3	4.39	22.769
6	1934	343.000	450.000	4	6.08	16.444
7	1935	279.000	447.000	5	7.77	12.870
7	1936	320.000	433.000	6	9.46	10.571
7	1937	218.000	432.000	7	11.15	8.970
7	1938	218.000	428.000	8	12.84	7.789
6	1939	377.000	428.000	9	14.53	6.884
6	1940	306.000	428.000	10	16.22	6.167
6	1941	215.000	422.000	11	17.91	5.585
6	1942	261.000	419.000	12	19.59	5.103
7	1943	212.000	391.000	13	21.28	4.698
7	1944	180.000	385.000	14	22.97	4.353
7	1945	204.000	382.000	15	24.66	4.055
6	1946	309.000	377.000	16	26.35	3.795
7	1947	278.000	364.000	17	28.04	3.566
6	1948	391.000	354.000	18	29.73	3.364
7	1949	300.000	345.000	19	31.42	3.183
7	1950	309.000	343.000	20	33.11	3.020
6	1951	328.000	340.000	21	34.80	2.874
7	1952	428.000	336.000	22	36.49	2.741
7	1953	334.000	334.000	23	38.18	2.619
7	1954	428.000	328.000	24	39.86	2.508
7	1955	219.000	321.000	25	41.55	2.407
7	1956	215.000	320.000	26	43.24	2.312
6	1957	286.000	314.000	27	44.93	2.226
6	1958	422.000	309.000	28	46.62	2.145
7	1959	453.000	309.000	29	48.31	2.070
6	1960	433.000	306.000	30	50.00	2.000
6	1961	297.000	300.000	31	51.69	1.935
7	1962	232.000	299.000	32	53.38	1.873
6	1963	265.000	297.000	33	55.07	1.816
7	1964	501.000	297.000	34	56.76	1.762
6	1965	354.000	289.000	35	58.45	1.711
6	1966	382.000	286.000	36	60.14	1.663
6	1967	447.000	284.000	37	61.82	1.617
7	1968	428.000	280.000	38	63.51	1.574
7	1969	280.000	279.000	39	65.20	1.534
6	1970	289.000	278.000	40	66.89	1.495
7	1971	345.000	272.000	41	68.58	1.458
6	1972	592.000	265.000	42	70.27	1.423
7	1973	340.000	261.000	43	71.96	1.390
7	1974	419.000	258.000	44	73.65	1.358
7	1975	258.000	249.000	45	75.34	1.327
6	1976	450.000	232.000	46	77.03	1.298
6	1977	314.000	231.000	47	78.72	1.270
7	1978	209.000	225.000	48	80.41	1.244

WSC STATION NO=08JE001

WSC STATION NAME=STUART RIVER NEAR FORT ST. JAMES

MONTH	YEAR	DATA	ORDERED	RANK	PROB.	RET. PERIOD
----	----	----	-----	----	-----	-----
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
		(CMS)	(CMS)		(%)	(YEARS)
7	1979	321.000	219.000	49	82.09	1.218
7	1980	167.000	218.000	50	83.78	1.194
6	1981	364.000	218.000	51	85.47	1.170
7	1982	336.000	215.000	52	87.16	1.147
7	1983	249.000	215.000	53	88.85	1.125
7	1984	299.000	212.000	54	90.54	1.104
7	1985	231.000	209.000	55	92.23	1.084
7	1986	297.000	204.000	56	93.92	1.065
6	1987	284.000	180.000	57	95.61	1.046
6	1988	432.000	177.000	58	97.30	1.028
6	1989	225.000	167.000	59	98.99	1.010

FREQUENCY ANALYSIS - THREE-PARAMETER LOGNORMAL DISTRIBUTION  
 08JE001 STUART RIVER NEAR FORT ST. JAMES

SAMPLE STATISTICS

	MEAN	S.D.	C.V.	C.S.	C.K.
X SERIES	317.068	89.651	0.283	0.595	3.356
LN X SERIES	5.720	0.283	0.049	-0.047	2.635
LN(X-A) SERIES	5.700	0.288	0.051	-0.059	2.636

X(MIN)=	167.000	TOTAL SAMPLE SIZE=	59
X(MAX)=	592.000	NO. OF LOW OUTLIERS=	0
LOWER OUTLIER LIMIT OF X=	137.058	NO. OF ZERO FLOWS=	0

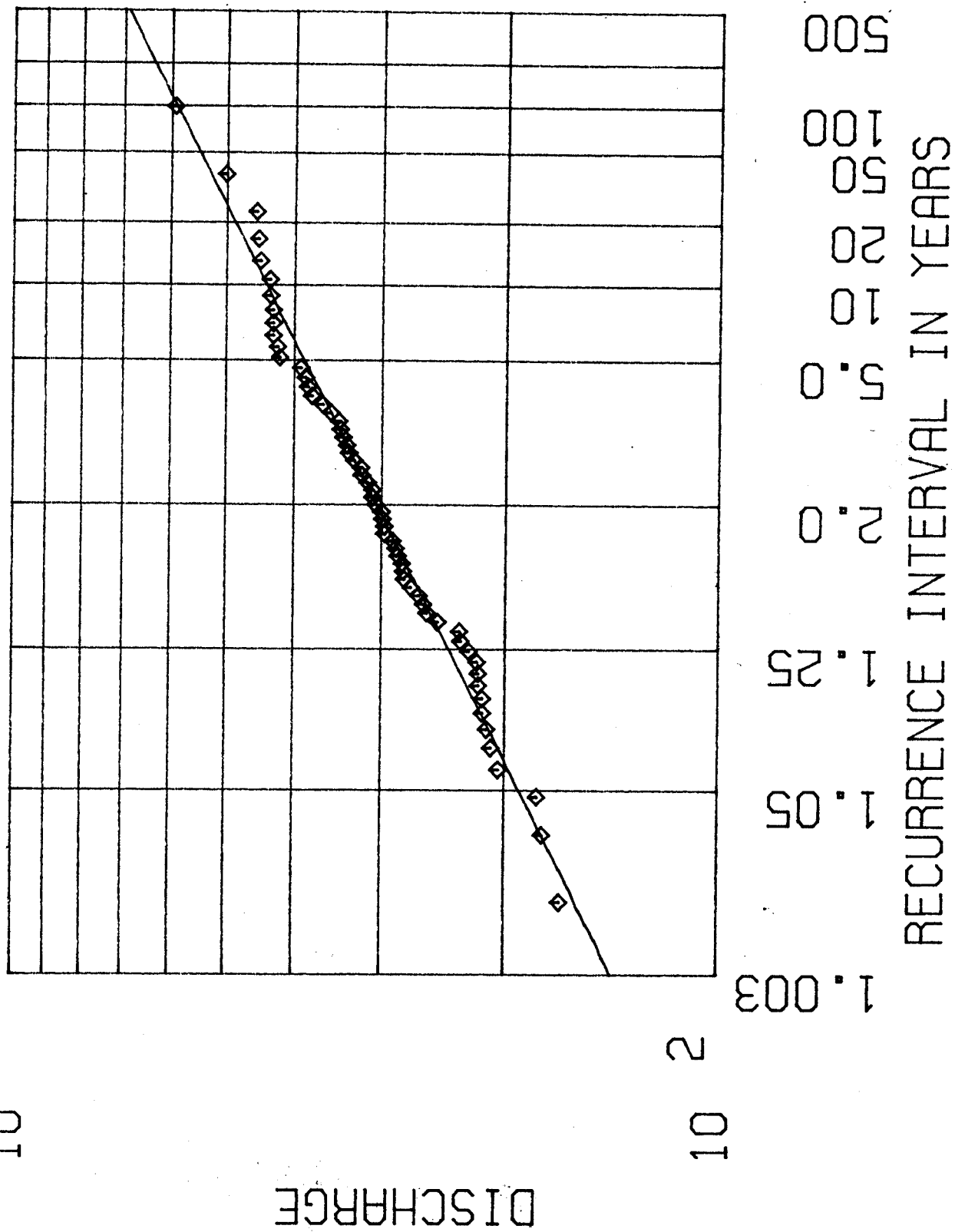
SOLUTION OBTAINED VIA MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD

3LN PARAMETERS: A= 5.799 M= 5.700 S= 0.288

FLOOD FREQUENCY REGIME

RETURN PERIOD	EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITY	FLOOD
1.003	0.997	141.00
1.050	0.952	191.00
1.250	0.800	240.00
2.000	0.500	305.00
5.000	0.200	387.00
10.000	0.100	438.00
20.000	0.050	486.00
50.000	0.020	546.00
100.000	0.010	590.00
200.000	0.005	634.00
500.000	0.002	691.00

# FREQUENCY ANALYSIS - 08JE001 THREE PARAMETER LOGNORMAL-MAX LIKELIHOOD



**Appendix B**

**Stage Frequency Analysis - Stuart Lake**



WSC STATION NO=08JE003

WSC STATION NAME=STUART LAKE NEAR FORT ST. JAMES

TOTAL TIME SPAN, YT= 60 YRS. FLOW THRESHOLD = 4557.000  
 OBSERVED PEAKS, N= 32 HISTORIC PEAKS ABOVE THRESHOLD, NHA= 1

OBSERVED PEAKS ABOVE THRESHOLD, NA= 1  
 OBSERVED PEAKS BELOW THRESHOLD, NB= 31  
 MISSING PEAKS BELOW THRESHOLD, NC= 28

MONTH	YEAR	FLOOD STAGE $\times 10^3$	DESCENDING ORDER	RANK M	RANK ADJ.	CUM. PROB.	RET.PERIOD YEARS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
7	1956	2679.000	4557.000	1	1.00	1.00	100.33
			THRESHOLD				
6	1957	3063.000	4066.000	2	2.90	4.16	24.05
6	1958	3673.000	3923.000	3	4.81	7.32	13.66
6	1960	3764.000	3871.000	4	6.71	10.48	9.54
6	1961	3103.000	3868.000	5	8.61	13.64	7.33
7	1962	2752.000	3786.000	6	10.52	16.80	5.95
6	1963	2947.000	3764.000	7	12.42	19.97	5.01
7	1964	4066.000	3761.000	8	14.32	23.13	4.32
6	1965	3408.000	3673.000	9	16.23	26.29	3.80
7	1966	3527.000	3527.000	10	18.13	29.45	3.40
6	1967	3868.000	3453.000	11	20.03	32.61	3.07
7	1968	3761.000	3448.000	12	21.94	35.77	2.80
6	1969	2938.000	3408.000	13	23.84	38.93	2.57
7	1970	3112.000	3371.000	14	25.74	42.10	2.38
7	1971	3453.000	3355.000	15	27.65	45.26	2.21
7	1972	4557.000	3237.000	16	29.55	48.42	2.07
7	1973	3371.000	3225.000	17	31.45	51.58	1.94
7	1974	3786.000	3191.000	18	33.35	54.74	1.83
7	1975	2905.000	3112.000	19	35.26	57.90	1.73
7	1976	3923.000	3111.000	20	37.16	61.07	1.64
6	1977	3225.000	3103.000	21	39.06	64.23	1.56
7	1978	2655.000	3063.000	22	40.97	67.39	1.48
6	1979	3237.000	2947.000	23	42.87	70.55	1.42
7	1980	2374.000	2938.000	24	44.77	73.71	1.36
6	1981	3448.000	2921.000	25	46.68	76.87	1.30
7	1982	3355.000	2905.000	26	48.58	80.03	1.25
7	1983	2921.000	2756.000	27	50.48	83.20	1.20
7	1984	3191.000	2752.000	28	52.39	86.36	1.16
7	1985	2756.000	2717.000	29	54.29	89.52	1.12
6	1987	3111.000	2679.000	30	56.19	92.68	1.08
6	1988	3871.000	2655.000	31	58.10	95.84	1.04
6	1989	2717.000	2374.000	32	60.00	99.00	1.01

HISTORICAL FREQUENCY ANALYSIS - THREE-PARAMETER LOGNORMAL DISTRIBUTION  
 OBJE003 STUART LAKE NEAR FORT ST. JAMES

SAMPLE STATISTICS

	MEAN	S.D.	C.V.	C.S.	C.K.
X SERIES	3297.406	490.596	0.149	0.414	3.259
LN X SERIES	8.090	0.148	0.018	0.061	2.964
LN(X-A) SERIES	8.095	0.147	0.018	0.063	2.964

X(MIN)=	2374.000	TOTAL SAMPLE SIZE=	32
X(MAX)=	4557.000	NO. OF LOW OUTLIERS=	0
LOWER OUTLIER LIMIT OF X=	2224.562	NO. OF ZERO FLOWS=	0

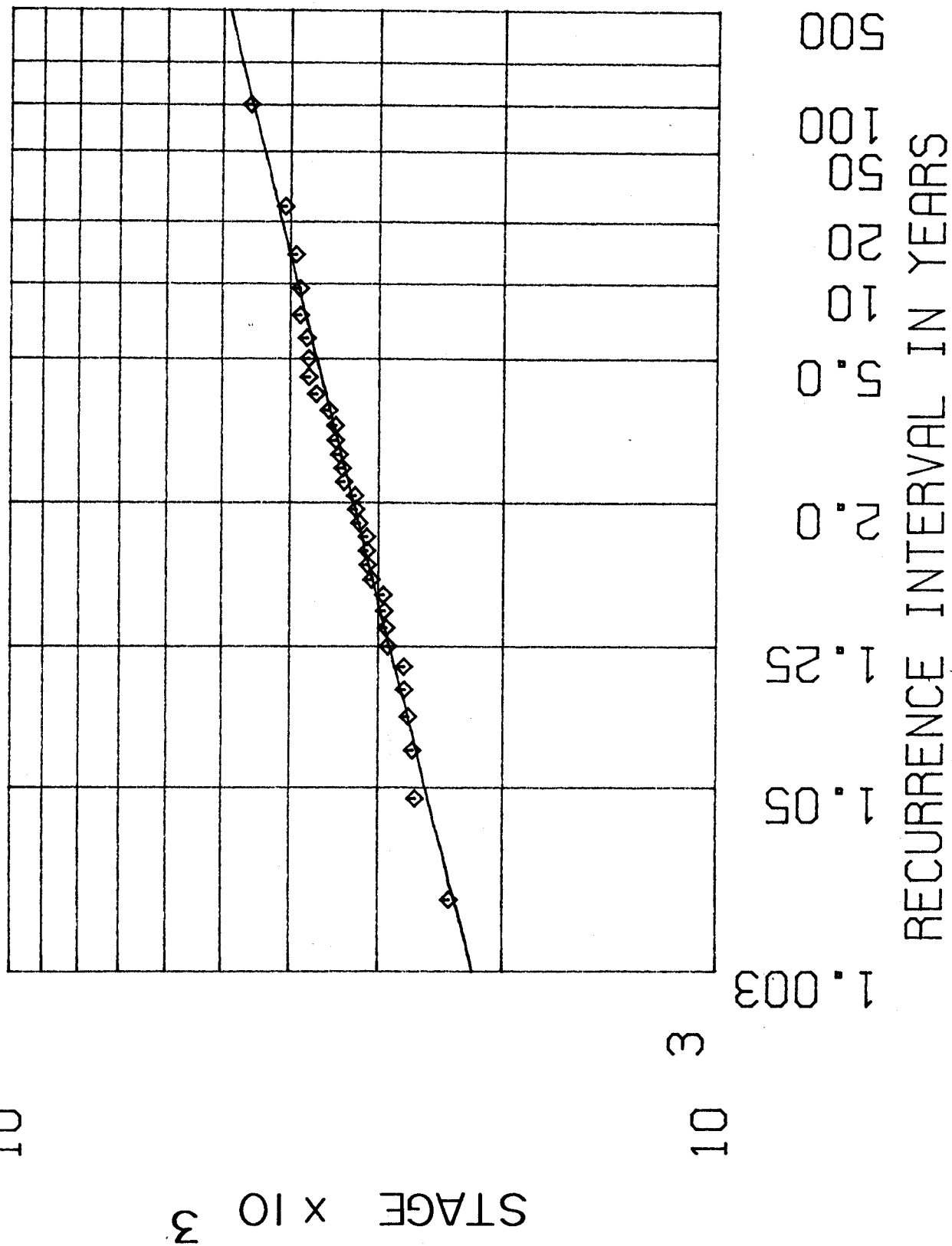
SOLUTION OBTAINED VIA MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD

3LN PARAMETERS: A= -15.765 M= 8.092 S= 0.141

FLOOD FREQUENCY REGIME

RETURN PERIOD	EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITY	FLOOD STAGE $\times 10^3$
1.003	0.997	2200.00
1.050	0.952	2570.00
1.250	0.800	2890.00
2.000	0.500	3250.00
5.000	0.200	3670.00
10.000	0.100	3900.00
20.000	0.050	4110.00
50.000	0.020	4350.00
100.000	0.010	4530.00
200.000	0.005	4690.00
500.000	0.002	4890.00

# HISTORICAL FREQUENCY ANALYSIS - 08JE003 THREE PARAMETER LOGNORMAL-MAX LIKELIHOOD



**Appendix C**  
**Tabulated Flood Level Profiles (Freeboard Included)**

**Stuart River: Flood Level Profile (Freeboard Included)\***

Cross Section No.	Flood Level (Freeboard Included) m
-------------------	---------------------------------------

1	681.17
2	681.22
3	681.76
3.5	682.13
4	682.22
5	682.34
6	682.38
7	682.43
7.5	682.47
7.75	682.49
8	682.51
8.5	682.49
8.9	682.43
9	682.43
9.1	682.47
10	682.63
10.9	682.63
11	682.63
11.1	682.65
12	682.71
13	682.79
14	682.84
15	682.85
16	682.86
19	682.87
20	682.87

\* Refer to Study File: Vol.1 - Stuart River  
Test 12 - 200-Year Flood (Daily) + 0.6 m Freeboard

**Necoslie River : Flood Level Profile (Freeboard Included) \***

Cross Section No.	Flood Level (Freeboard Included) m
-------------------	---------------------------------------

1	682.86
2	682.86
3	682.86
4	682.86
5	682.86
6	682.86
7	682.85
8	682.87
9	682.88
10	682.88
11	682.91
12	682.96
13	683.13
14	685.31
15	686.16
16	686.60
17	687.67
18	689.53
19	690.36
20	691.00
21	691.61
22	692.72

\* Refer to Study File: Vol. 2 - Necoslie River  
Test 8 - 200-Year Flood (Daily) + 0.6 m Freeboard.

**Nahounli Creek : Flood Level Profile (Freeboard Included)\***

<b>Cross Section No.</b>	<b>Flood Level (Freeboard Included)</b> <b>m</b>
--------------------------	---

1	683.1
2	683.1
3	684.04
4	684.30
4.5	684.32
5	684.54
6	685.97
7	686.96
8	688.98
9	690.65
10	690.91
11	690.97
12	691.15
13	691.67
14	694.37
15	694.89
16	696.67

\* Refer to Study File: Vol. 3 - Nahounli Creek  
Test 6 - 200-Year Flood (Daily) + 0.6 m Freeboard.  
Flood level at XS-1 and XS-2 governed by the flood level in  
Stuart Lake.

**Appendix D**  
**Data Sources and References**



## **Data Sources and References**

### **Information Supplied by the Water Management Branch:**

#### **1. River Survey - Project 89 09 F029**

##### **Binder (Volume 1 of 1) containing:**

- a. Uncontrolled mosaic of Stuart River, Necoslie River and Nahounli Creek at Fort St. James, Drawing No. 90-4-1, scale 1:10,000.
- b. Work sheets of 6 topographic maps, Project No. 82-024 T and 83-137 T, showing cross section locations, thalwegs, bench marks and gauges.
- c. Nahounli Creek water level and thalweg written profiles and plots.
  - o Nahounli Creek GR data listing, cross sections 1 to 16.
  - o Nahounli Creek written cross sections (left to right), plots and photographs for cross sections 1 to 16.
- d. Necoslie River water level and thalweg written profiles and plots.
  - o Necoslie River GR data listing, cross sections 1 to 22.
  - o Necoslie River written cross sections (left to right), plots and photographs for cross sections 1 to 22.
- e. Water Survey of Canada gauge description forms for stations 08JE001 and 08JE003, and Water Management Branch background information regarding establishment of the Stuart Lake flood level (freeboard included).
- f. Stuart River water level and thalweg written profiles and plots including Stuart River back channel.

- o Stuart River GR data listing, cross sections 1 to 18.
  - o Stuart River written cross sections (left to right), plots and photographs for cross sections 1 to 18.
  - g. Stuart Lake water level data, June 1988, and related water level information and photographs.
  - h. Floppy disk containing GR data in HEC-2 format.
2. Drawings
- a. Prints of Drawings Nos. 89-42-1 to 89-42-7, base mapsheets for floodplain mapping titled "Stuart River and Lake at Fort St. James," scale 1:5000.
  - b. Ministry of Highways
    - o Stuart River Bridge - General Arrangement, Dwg. No. 84-53-B.
    - o Necoslie River Bridge-- General Arrangement, Dwg. No. 930-4.
3. The Stuart Lake flood level (freeboard included) presently used for administrative purposes is 683.5 m. This level is subject to review by the consultant.

#### Other Data Sources and References

1. Water Management Branch, February 1987, "A Procedure for Regionalization of Peak Flows in B.C.", D.E. Reksten, Senior Hydrological Engineer.
2. Water Management Branch, February 1987, "Guide to Peak Flow Estimation of Ungauged Watersheds in the Omineca - Peace Region (Prince George)".
3. Water Management Branch, March 1988, "Village of Fort St. James - Floodplain Bylaw Requirements - Background Report", P.A. Campbell, Prince George Regional Office.
4. Water Survey of Canada, Surface Water Data - Reference Index - Canada 1988.

5. Water Survey of Canada, Historical Streamflow Summary - British Columbia - to 1988.
6. Water Survey of Canada, Historical Water Levels Summary - British Columbia - to 1987.
7. FAXCOM from Mr. Oliver Nagy, Water Survey of Canada, re Streamflow and Water Level data to 1989.
8. Water Resources Branch, Inland Waters Directorate, Environment Canada, July 1985, "Consolidated Frequency Analysis Package - CFA-User Manual For Version 1 - Dec Pro Series", by Paul J. Pilon, Robert Condie, K. David Harvey.
9. U.S. Geological Survey, Water-Supply Paper 1849, "Roughness Characteristics of Natural Channels", by Henry H. Barnes, Jr.
10. Hay & Company, October 3, 1990 letter to Water Management Branch re Survey Data Base - Stuart Lake and River - Floodplain Mapping Program.
11. Hay & Company, October 17, 1990 letter report to Water Management Branch re Flood Frequency Studies - Stuart Lake and River - Floodplain Mapping Program.
12. National Topographic Mapping, Energy, Mines and Resources, Canada.

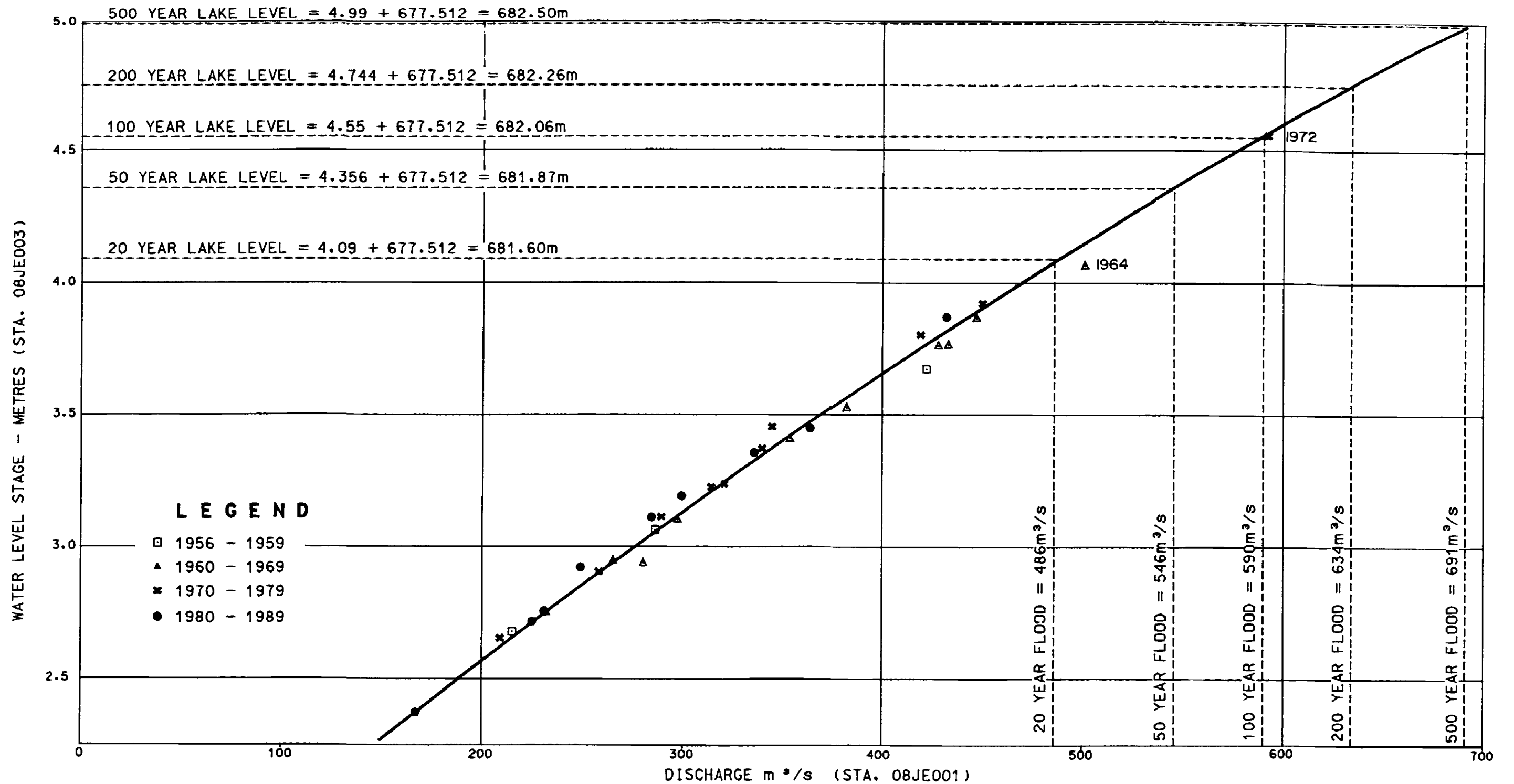
#### 1:250,000 Maps

Nechako River	93F	Edition 2
Prince George	93G	Edition 1
Fort Fraser	93K	Edition 2
McLeod Lake	93J	Edition 2
Manson River,B.C.	93N	First Status Edition
Pine Pass	93O	Edition 2

#### 1:50,000 Maps

Knight Creek	93J/4	Edition 2
Great Beaver Lake	93J/5	Edition 2
Fort St. James	93K/8	Edition 2
Pinchi Lake	93K/9	Edition 2





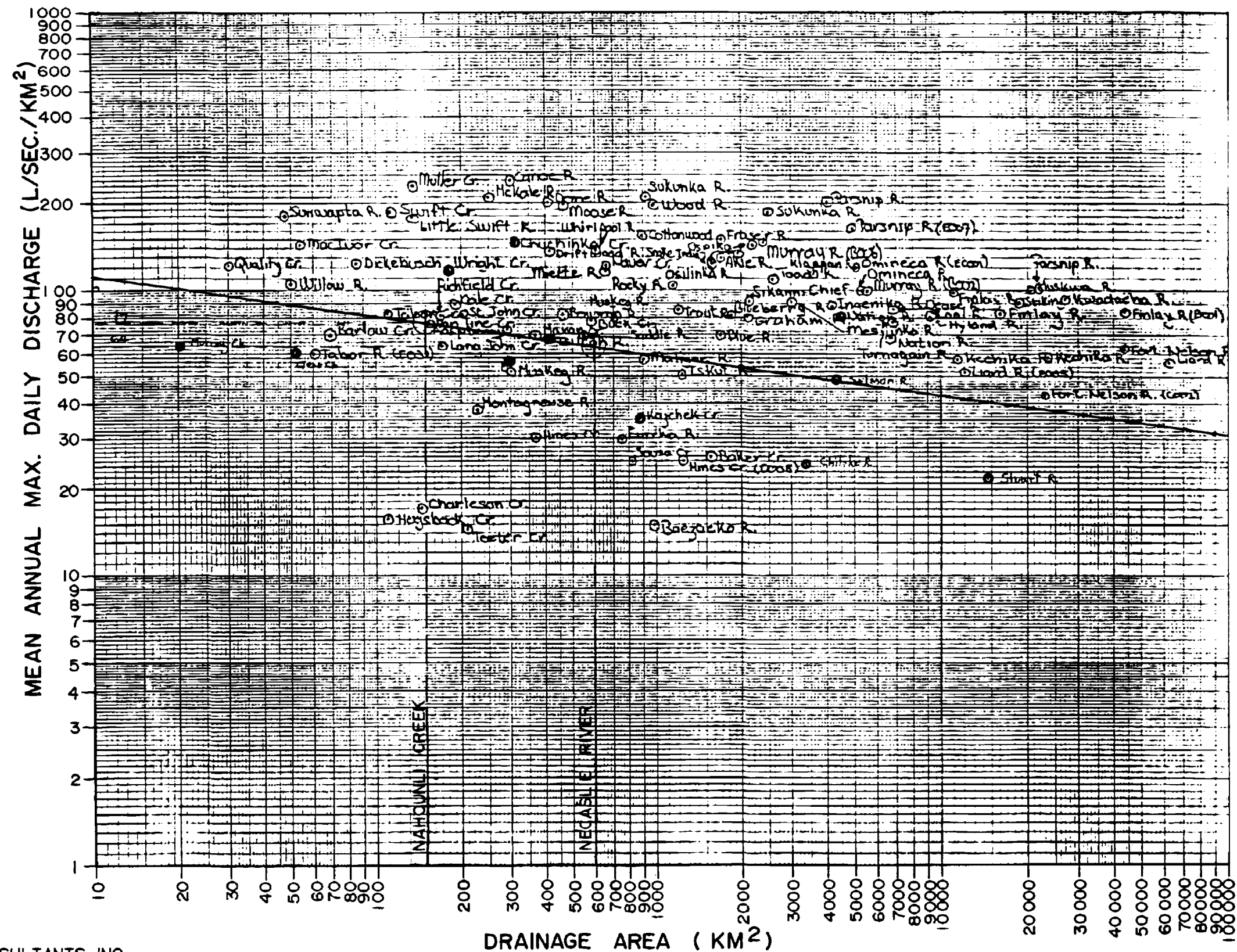
HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B.C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING**  
**STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**STUART LAKE LEVELS**  
**RATING CURVE AT OUTLET OF STUART LAKE**

FIG.  
2

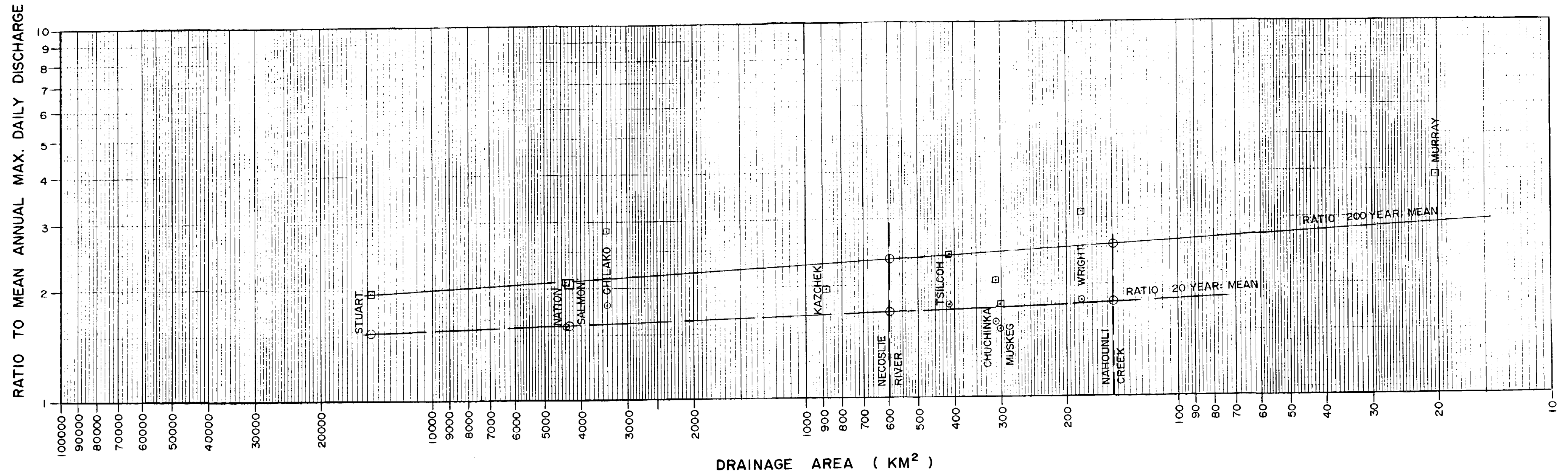


HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT  
FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER

MEAN ANNUAL MAXIMUM DAILY DISCHARGE Vs.  
DRAINAGE AREA (PRINCE GEORGE REGION)

FIG.  
3



HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

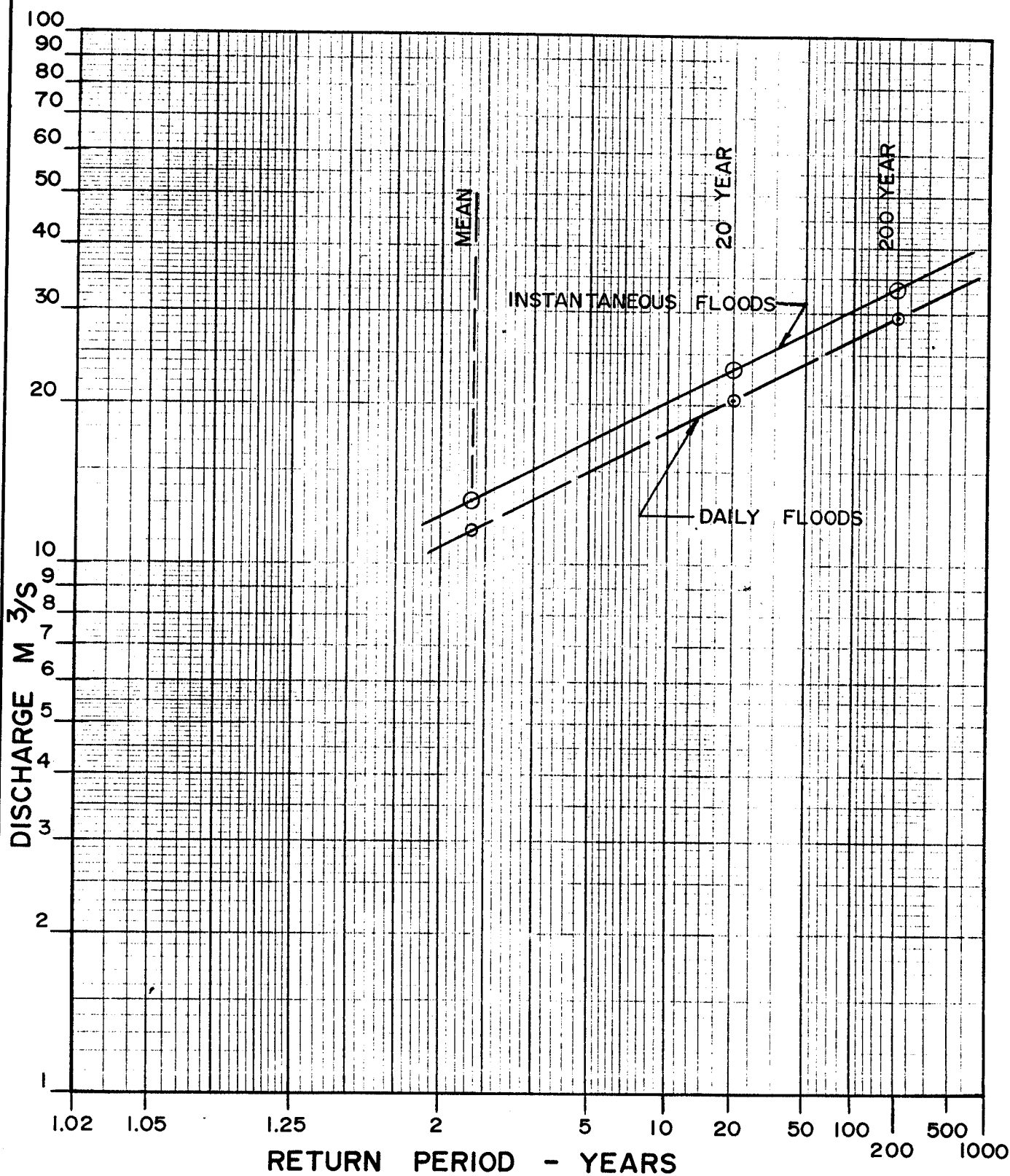
B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER

MENV-10/DWG. DGN/90-10-15

RATIO RETURN PERIOD FLOODS TO MEAN FLOOD Vs. DRAINAGE AREA  
FORT ST. JAMES REGION

FIG.  
4



HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

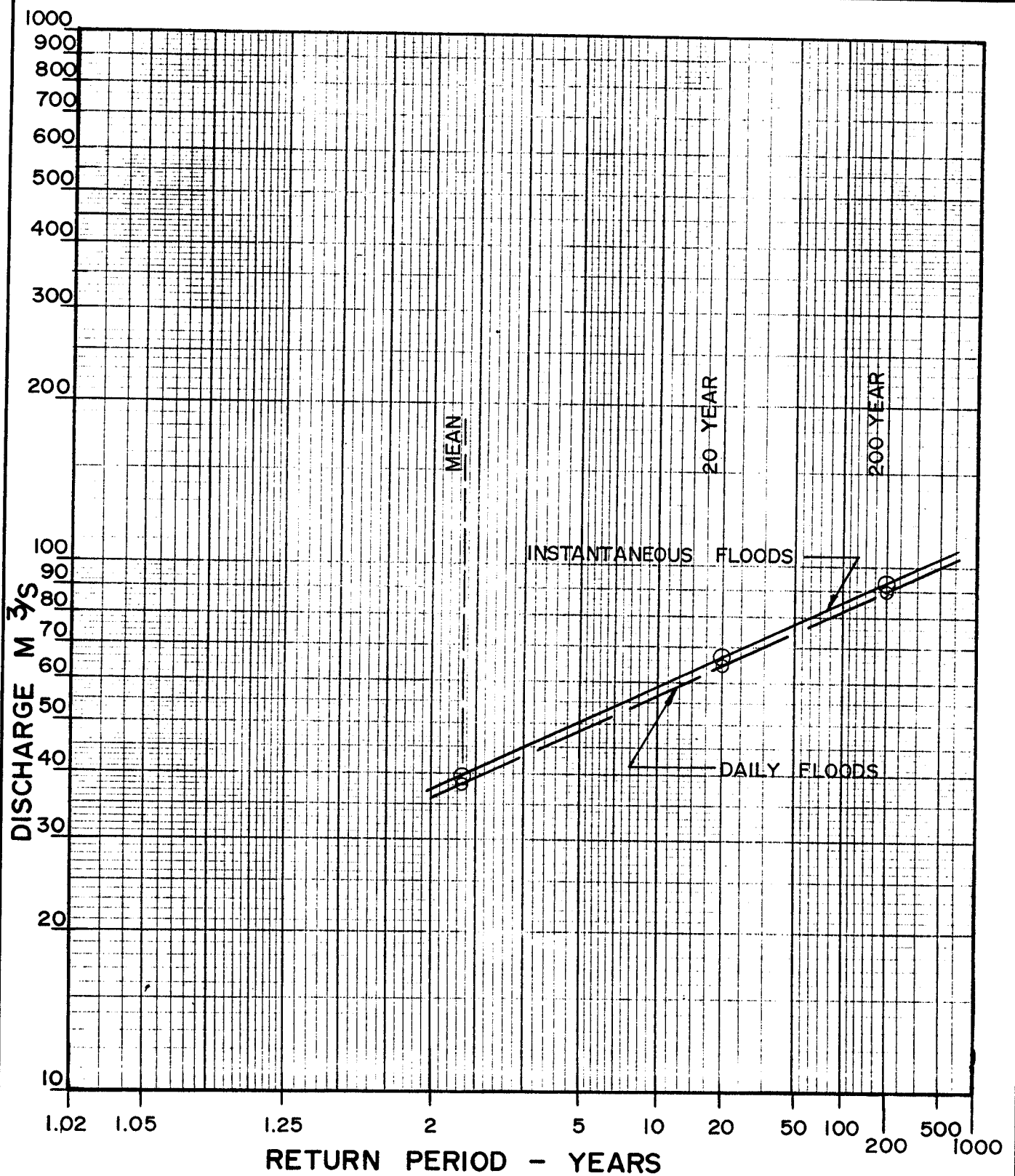
B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**NAHOUNLI CREEK  
FLOW Vs. RETURN PERIOD**

FIG.  
5





HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

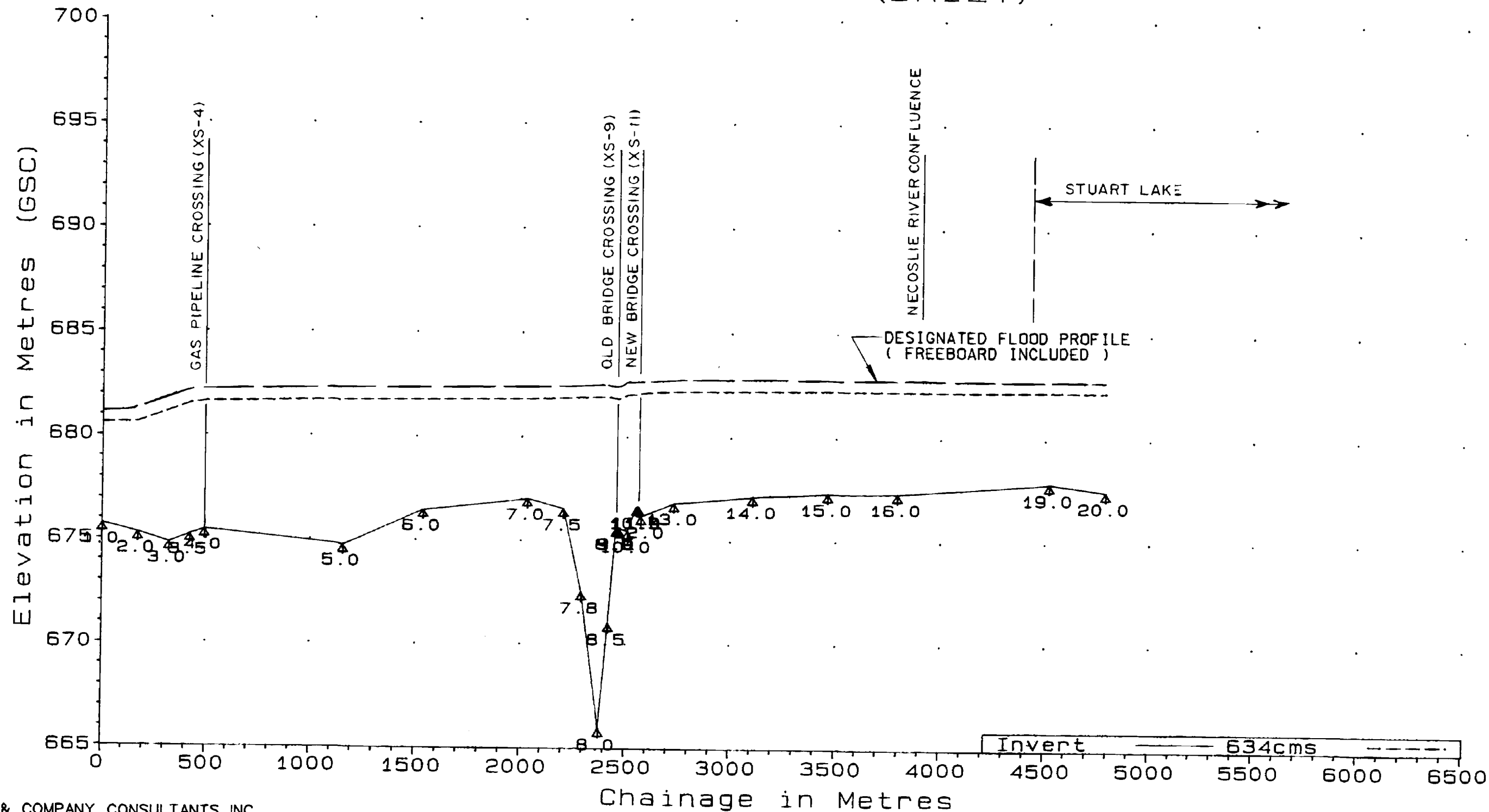
B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**NECOSLIE RIVER  
FLOW Vs. RETURN PERIOD**

FIG.  
6

# STUART RIVER: TEST 12 200-YR FLOOD (DAILY)



HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

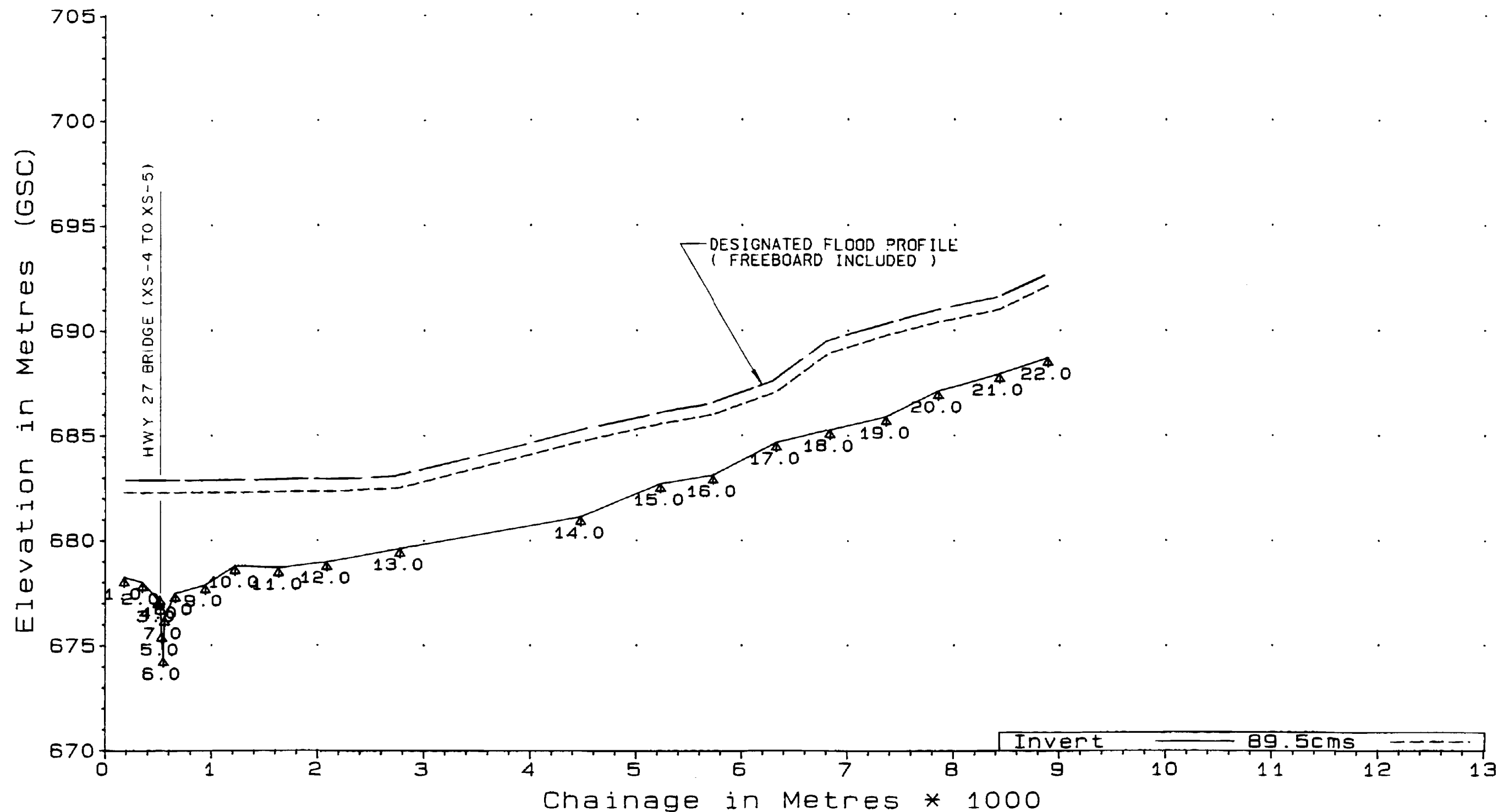
B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**STUART RIVER  
DESIGNATED FLOOD PROFILE**

FIG.  
7

# NECOSLIE RIVER: TEST 8 200-YR FLOOD (DAILY)



HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

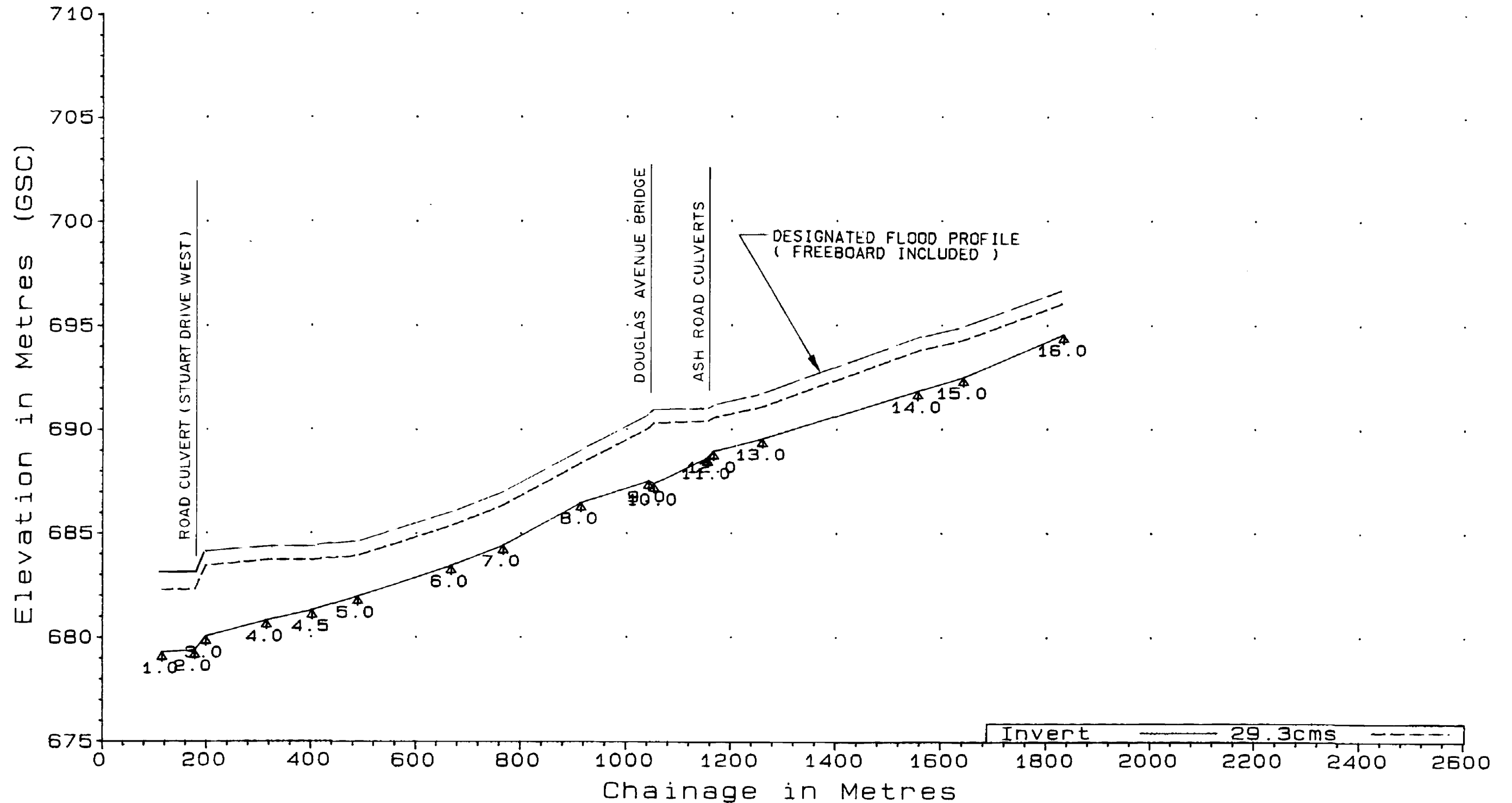
B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**NECOSLIE RIVER  
DESIGNATED FLOOD PROFILE**

FIG.  
8

# NAHOUNLI CREEK: TEST 6 200-YR FLOOD (DAILY)



HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT  
**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING**  
**STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**NAHOUNLI CREEK**  
**DESIGNATED FLOOD PROFILE**

FIG.  
9



PHOTO 1 • STUART LAKE LOOKING NORTHWEST FROM PITKA BAY MARINA



PHOTO 2 • STUART LAKE SHORELINE NEAR PAARENS BEACH PARK

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**PHOTOS 1 & 2**





PHOTO 3 • STUART RIVER LOOKING DOWNSTREAM AT SECTION 17 (BACK CHANNEL)

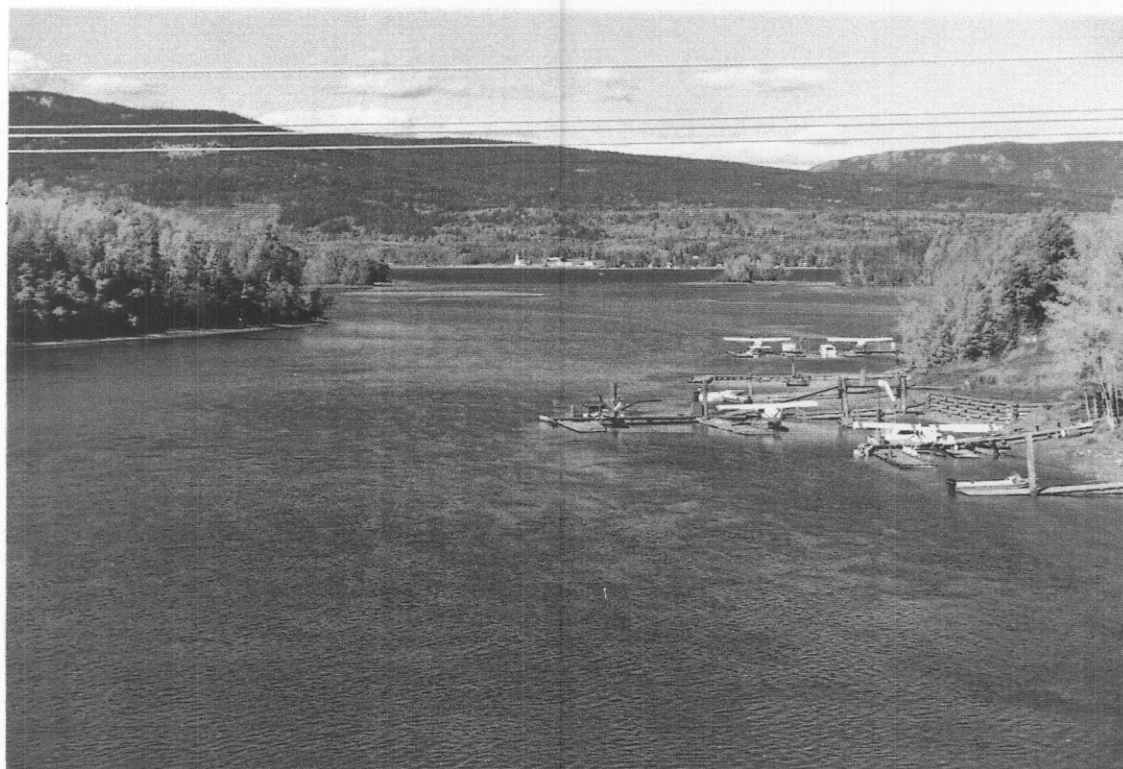


PHOTO 4 • STUART RIVER LOOKING UPSTREAM FROM BRIDGE (MAIN CHANNEL)

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**PHOTOS 3 & 4**



PHOTO 5 • STUART RIVER LOOKING DOWNSTREAM FROM BRIDGE

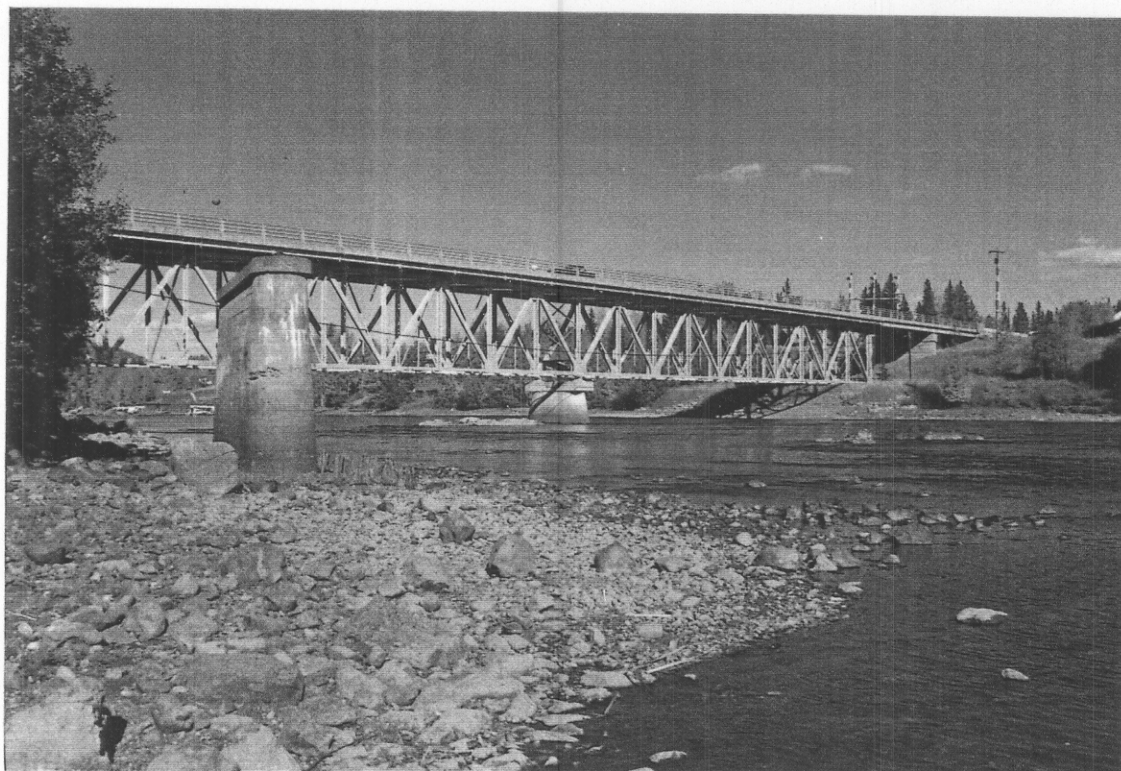


PHOTO 6 • STUART RIVER LOOKING UPSTREAM AT BRIDGE

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**PHOTOS 5 & 6**





PHOTO 7 • STUART RIVER LOOKING UPSTREAM FROM GAS PIPELINE CROSSING (SECTION 4)

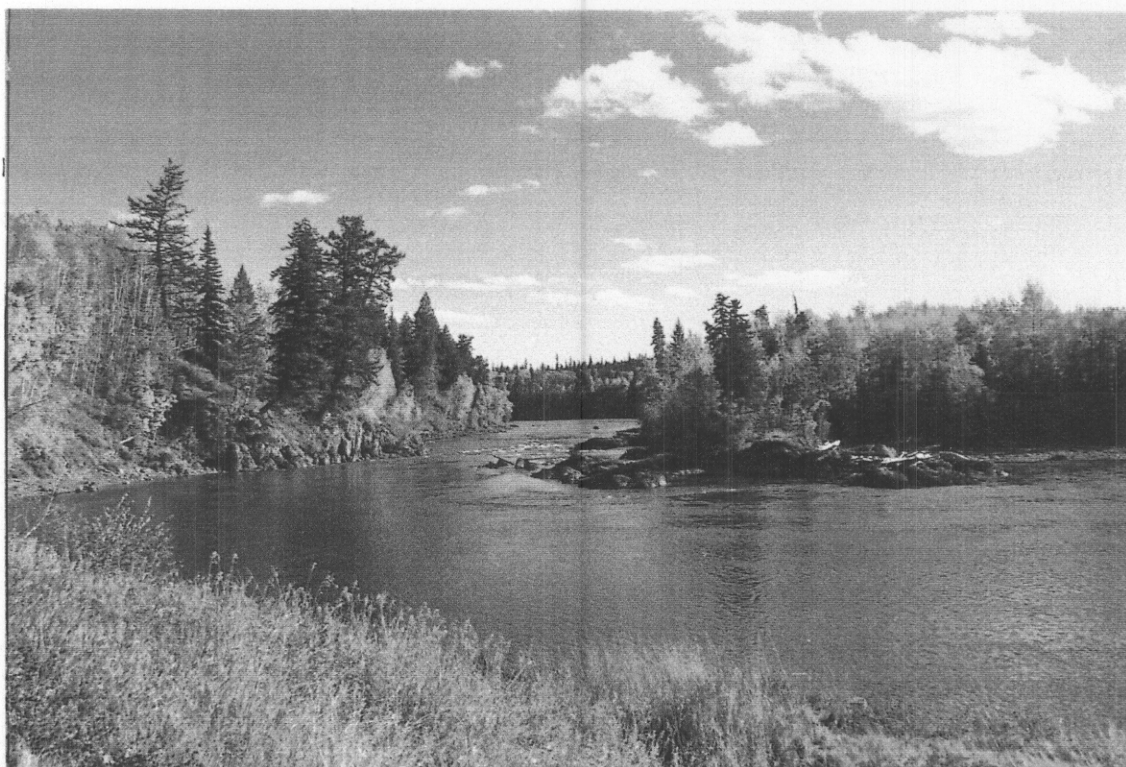


PHOTO 8 • STUART RIVER LOOKING DOWNSTREAM AT SECTION 3

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**PHOTOS 7 & 8**



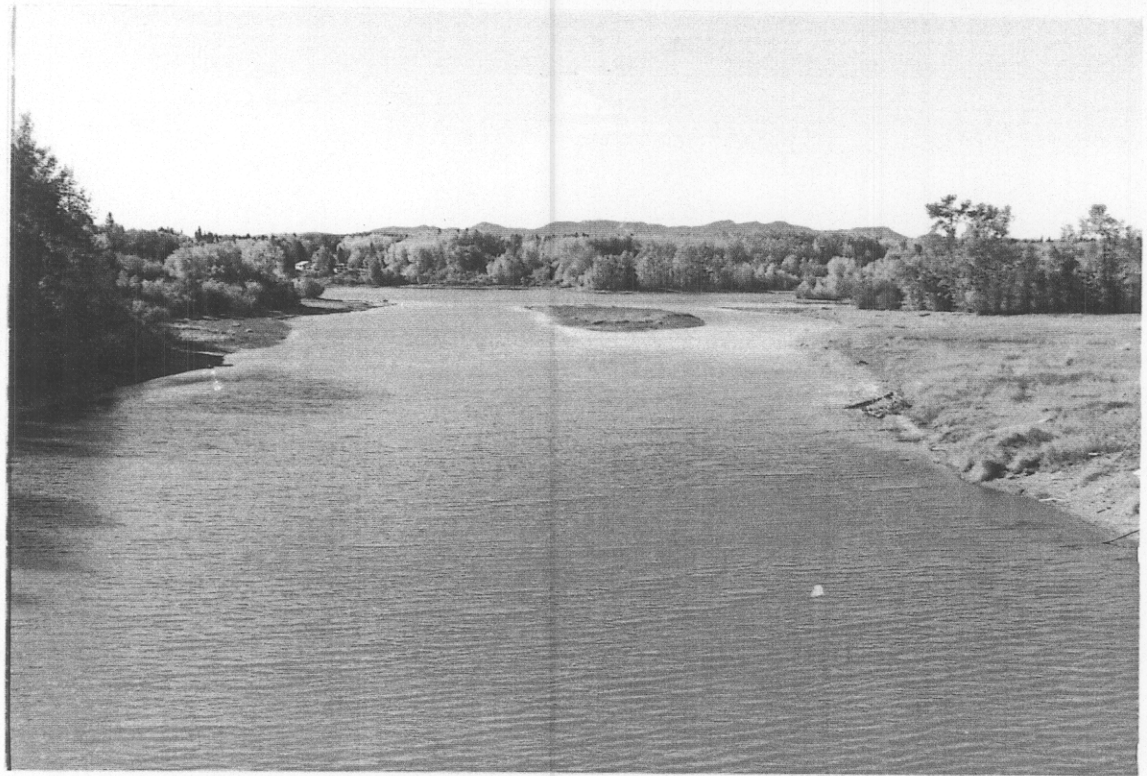


PHOTO 9 • NECOSLIE RIVER LOOKING DOWNSTREAM FROM BRIDGE

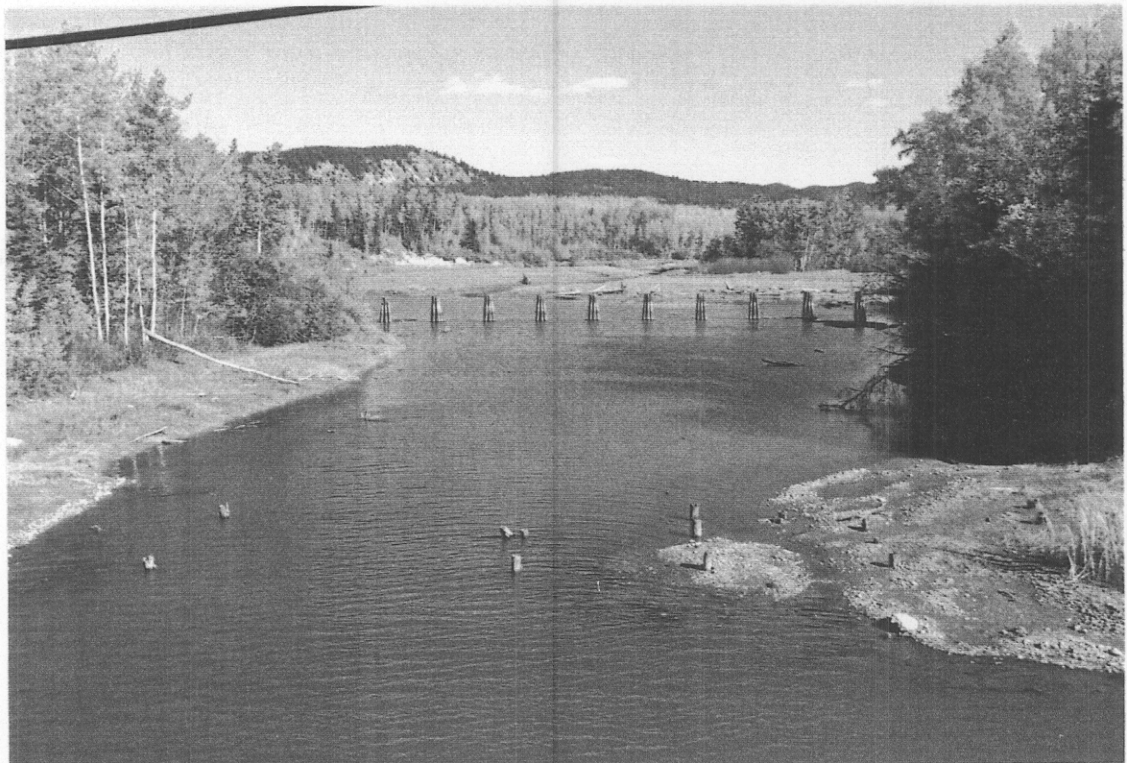


PHOTO 10 • NECOSLIE RIVER LOOKING UPSTREAM FROM BRIDGE

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**PHOTOS 9 & 10**



PHOTO 11 • NECOSLIE RIVER LOOKING DOWNSTREAM AT BRIDGE



PHOTO 12 • NECOSLIE RIVER LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NEAR SECTION 15

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**PHOTOS 11 & 12**





PHOTO 13 • NECOSLIE RIVER LOOKING DOWNSTREAM AT SECTION 15

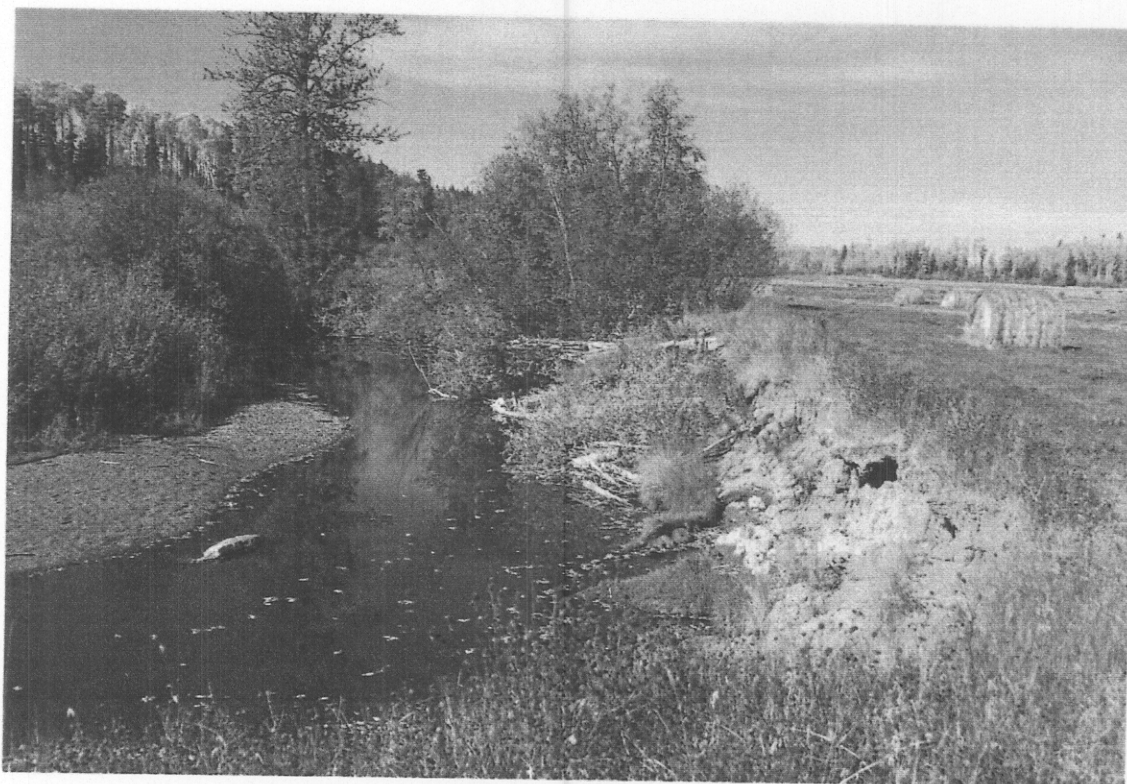


PHOTO 14 • NECOSLIE RIVER LOOKING DOWNSTREAM AT SECTION 21

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**PHOTOS 13 & 14**



PHOTO 15 • NAHOUNLI CREEK LOOKING DOWNSTREAM FROM BRIDGE (STUART DRIVE WEST)



PHOTO 16 • NAHOUNLI CREEK LOOKING DOWNSTREAM AT CULVERT ENTRANCE (SECTION 3)

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**PHOTOS 15 & 16**





PHOTO 17 • NAHOUNLI CREEK LOOKING DOWNSTREAM FROM ABOVE SECTION 5

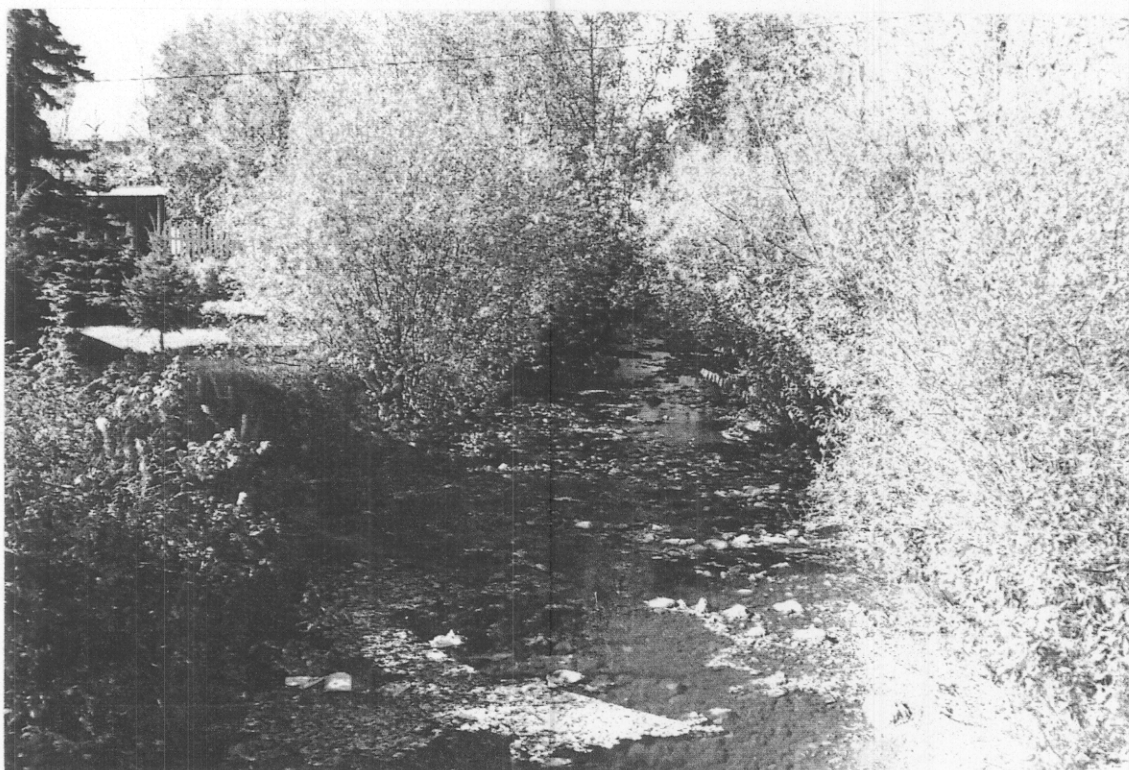


PHOTO 18 • NAHOUNLI CREEK LOOKING DOWNSTREAM FROM DOUGLAS AVENUE BRIDGE

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**PHOTOS 17 & 18**

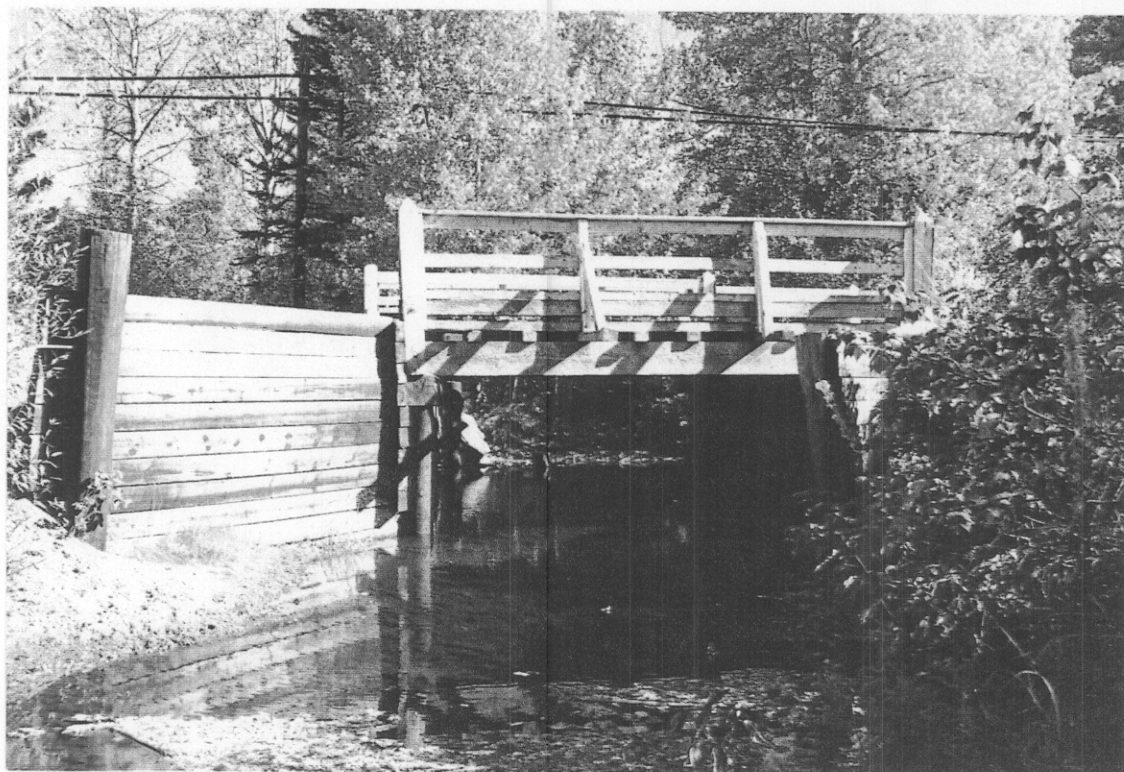


PHOTO 19 • NAHOUNLI CREEK LOOKING UPSTREAM AT DOUGLAS AVENUE BRIDGE (SECTION 9)

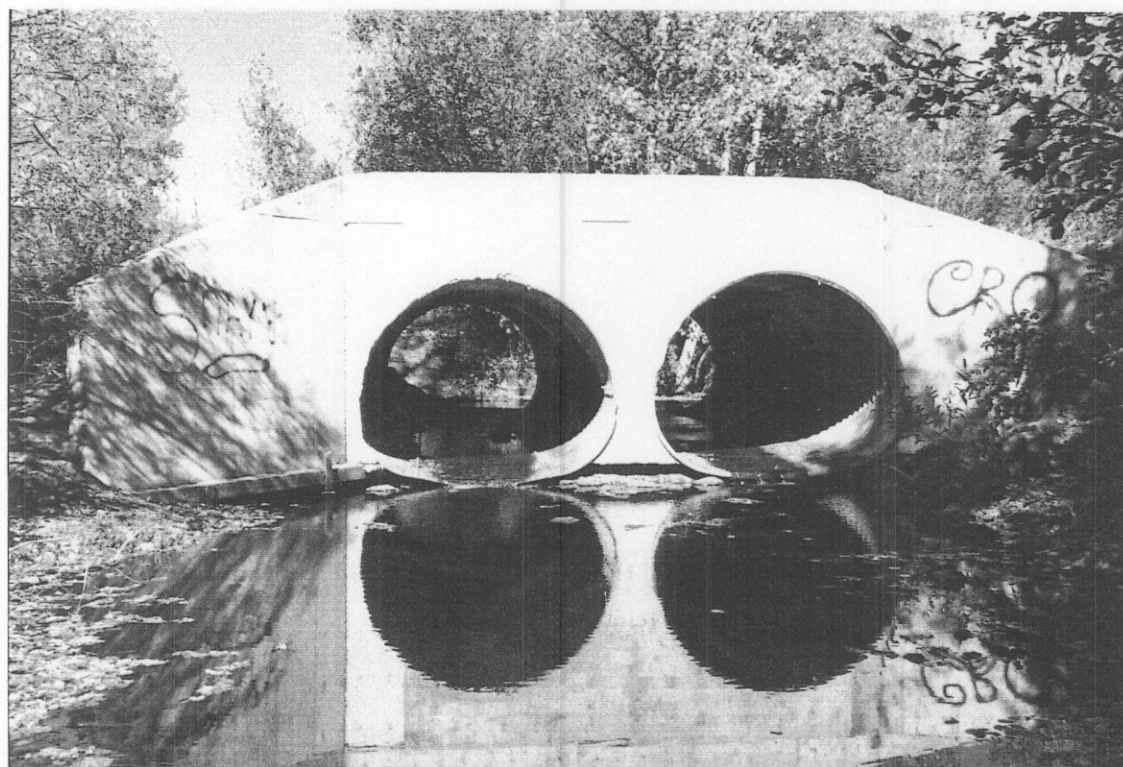


PHOTO 20 • NAHOUNLI CREEK LOOKING UPSTREAM AT ASH ROAD BRIDGE CULVERTS (SECTION 11)

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**PHOTOS 19 & 20**



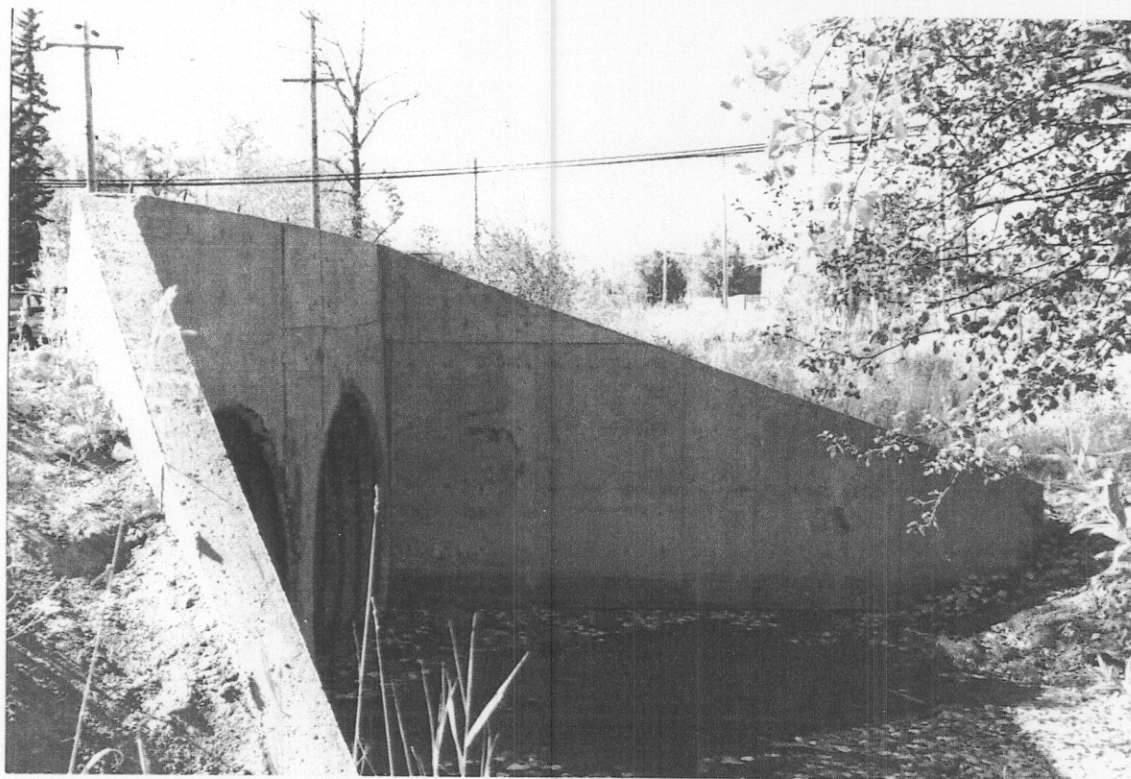


PHOTO 21 • NAHOUNLI CREEK AT ASH ROAD CULVERT ENTRANCE (SECTION 12)



PHOTO 22 • NAHOUNLI CREEK LOOKING UPSTREAM NEAR SECTION 13

HAY & COMPANY CONSULTANTS INC.

B. C. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**FLOODPLAIN MAPPING  
STUART LAKE AND RIVER**

**PHOTOS 21 & 22**