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This appendix presents the slimy sculpin (*Cottus cognatus*) metals data for Red Devil Creek (see Tables G-1 and G-2). The fish were collected by the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in 2010 and 2011. The EPCs developed from the sculpin data (see Table G-3) were used in the BERA Supplement to develop benthos-to-sculpin trophic transfer factors (see Appendix I).



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Table G-2. Sculpin Methylmercury and Total Mercury Data from Red Devil Creek Used in the Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA, E&E 2014) and BERA Supplement for the Red Devil Mine Site.

Sample Month-Year	LabID	Client Samp ID	Methyl Hg (mg/kg wet)		Total Hg (mg/kg wet)		Fraction Methyl Hg
			Result	Q	Result	Q	
			June 2010*	1007189-40	RD 5, 6, 14	0.312	
Aug 2010	1009071-04	2-RD-9-SC	0.16		0.684		0.23
June 2011	1110258-01	RDSS1-1	0.114		0.273		0.42
June 2011	1110258-02	RDSS1-2	0.164		0.269		0.61
June 2011	1110258-03	RDSS1-3	0.0501		0.161		0.31
Sept 2011	1110264-01	RDSS2-1	0.135		0.219		0.62
Sept 2011	1110264-02	RDSS2-2	0.0827		0.0998		0.83

0.50 Average

* Composite sample of 3 sculpin

Key:

na = not available

Table G-3. ProUCL Output Summary for Sculpin Metals Data from Red Devil Creek Used in Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA, E&E 2014) and BERA Supplement.

Data Set	Analyte	Units	Number of Observations	Number of Detections	Mean of Detected	SD of Detected	Maximum Detected	Distribution (detects only)	UCL Statistic	95% UCL	EPC	EPC Source
Sculpin	Antimony	mg/kg wet	21	21	10.6	10.18	38.1	Gamma	95% Approximate Gamma UCL	17.06	17.06	95% UCL
Sculpin	Arsenic	mg/kg wet	45	45	10.35	9.642	45.9	Gamma	95% Approximate Gamma UCL	12.98	12.98	95% UCL
Sculpin	Barium	mg/kg wet	45	45	3.295	1.243	6.96	Normal	95% Student's-t UCL	3.606	3.606	95% UCL
Sculpin	Beryllium	mg/kg wet	45	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sculpin	Cadmium	mg/kg wet	45	30	0.042	0.0193	0.103	Not Discernable	95% KM (Chebyshev) UCL	0.0456	0.0456	95% UCL
Sculpin	Chromium	mg/kg wet	45	21	0.191	0.515	2.431	Not Discernable	95% KM (t) UCL	0.199	0.199	95% UCL
Sculpin	Copper	mg/kg wet	45	45	1.157	0.324	2.263	Lognormal*	95% CLT UCL*	1.236	1.236	95% UCL
Sculpin	Lead	mg/kg wet	45	18	0.0396	0.0138	0.079	Normal	95% KM (t) UCL	0.0228	0.0228	95% UCL
Sculpin	Manganese	mg/kg wet	45	45	13.71	6.84	40.7	Lognormal*	95% CLT UCL*	15.39	15.39	95% UCL
Sculpin	Mercury	mg/kg wet	45	45	0.731	1.007	3.701	Not Discernable	95% Chebyshev (Mean, Sd) UCL	1.386	1.386	95% UCL
Sculpin	Methylmercury	mg/kg wet	7	7	0.145	0.0841	0.312	Normal	95% Student's-t UCL	0.207	0.207	95% UCL
Sculpin	Nickel	mg/kg wet	45	33	0.153	0.0955	0.503	Normal	95% KM (t) UCL	0.142	0.142	95% UCL
Sculpin	Selenium	mg/kg wet	45	45	1.281	0.584	2.975	Gamma	95% Approximate Gamma UCL	1.432	1.432	95% UCL
Sculpin	Vanadium	mg/kg wet	45	24	0.215	0.0878	0.433	Normal	95% KM (t) UCL	0.181	0.181	95% UCL
Sculpin	Zinc	mg/kg wet	45	45	24.51	4.36	35.37	Normal	95% Student's-t UCL	25.61	25.61	95% UCL

Key:

- CLT = Central limit theorem
- EPC = Exposure point concentration
- KM = Kaplan-Meier
- SD = Standard deviation
- UCL = Upper confidence level

Note:

* Use of nonparametric methods are preferred to compute UCL95 for skewed data sets which do not follow a gamma distribution.