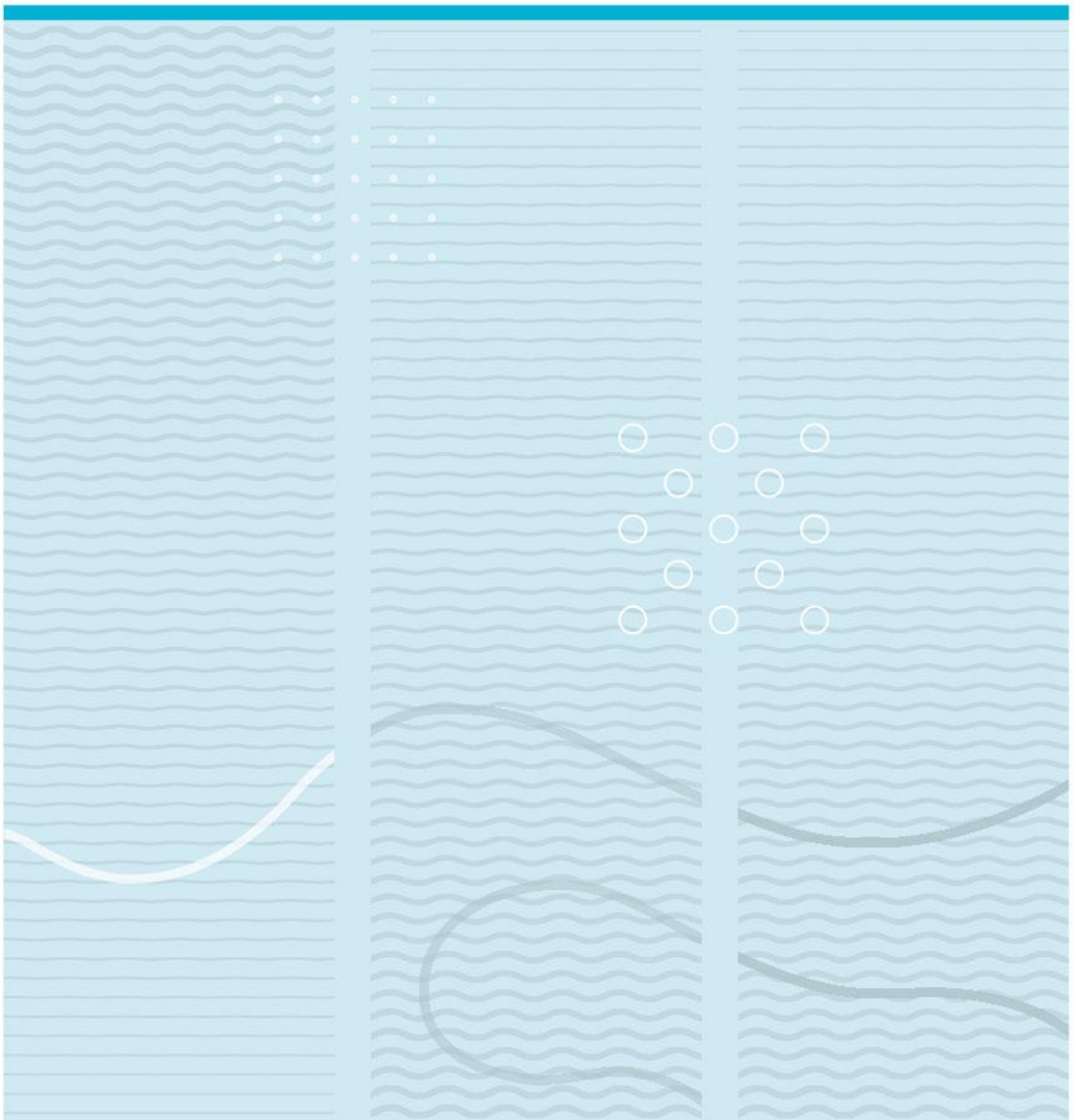


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Abstract

In 2019, seasonal variations in water chemistry, including total phosphorus, total-nitrogen, and chlorophyll-a were investigated in Lake Fyresvatn, Vestfold and Telemark county, to reveal potential local and whole lake effects of open pen fish farming in the lake. The investigation was performed monthly from May to September 2019 at six local stations, 10 m, 100 m, and 1000 m north and south from the fish farm. Integrated water samples were taken in epilimnion (0-6 m), and at one defined hypolimnion depth (20 or 40 m) depending on the station depths. Early July, a bottom fauna investigation was implemented with four transect, 0 m, 10 m and 30 m out from the fish farm. In addition, integrated epilimnion samples (0-12 m) were sampled at the same dates as the local water sampling, near the lake inlet in north and near the lake outlet in south. These data were also compared with corresponding data from 2016, 2017 and 2018. Different statistical analyses were used to reveal possible local and whole lake effects of the fish farm activity.

The concentrations of nutrients (Tot-P: total phosphorous and Tot-N: total nitrogen), in Lake Fyresvatn were low, with subsequent low concentrations of chlorophyll-a (Chl-a) during the investigation period. No significant differences were found between the stations, though one station close to the fish farm (N-10), had somewhat higher phosphorus concentration, and thus reduced ecological status according to EQR values (Ecological Quality Ratio) set by the Norwegian classification system, in accordance with the European water framework directives. Despite significant differences in nutrients and Chl-a between months, it did not alter the lake classification status. Only small effects of the fish farm on the bottom fauna was documented at > 10 m from the pens. The two most common bottom fauna organisms found belongs to the family Chironomidae and the subclass Oligochaeta, the latter primarily within the genus Tubifex. Of the two predominant bottom fauna groups, the Chironomidae individuals are generally far more sensitive to high loads of organic matter and nutrients compared with Oligochaeta. Accordingly, while increasing numbers of Chironomidae individuals were found by increasing distance from the fish farm, the opposite gradient was revealed for Oligochaeta. However, at the edge of the pens (0 m), a decreased number of Oligochaeta was observed compared with at 10 m, where very high numbers of individuals were observed, i.e. > 2000 ind. m⁻². This may indicate suboptimal conditions, even for the low oxygen adapted Tubifex individuals, very close to the fish farm.

The EQR values for sight depth, Chl-a, Tot-P and Tot-N, both near the inlet and outlet of Lake Fyresvatn, corresponded to very good to good ecological status in 2019, similar to 2016, 2017, 2018 investigations. The reduction in Tot-N in the lake in 2019 caused a change in the EQR status for this parameter, from good to very good compared to the previous investigated years. Overall, there is so far minor indications of fish farm effects on the water chemistry and Chl-a in Lake Fyresvatn, despite the production volume has increased significantly the last two years. However, as the lakes residence time is ≈ 8 years, it takes time to document the whole lake effects of at date production. Accordingly, further monitoring is needed.

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Preface

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1 Introduction

Aquaculture is a large- and increasing industry. It contributes to approximately 40 % of all sea food consumption in the world and is estimated to grow to meet future demands (Bostock et al. 2010). In 2018, Norway produced 1.36 mill. ton aqua cultural fish, a production increase of 3.6 % from 2017 (Fauske 2019, Fiskeridirektortet 2018). The industry provides food to the worlds increasing population, workspace and government revenues. It is also a potential everlasting industry, provided it is done in a sustainable way (Mustafa & Shapawi 2015, Norsk vannforening 2016). In Norway aquaculture production of marine fish species dominates, primarily Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*). However, Norway has a vast variety of freshwater environments, with very good natural conditions for inland fish, both for wild fish and fish farming (Lydersen 2015). Currently, 65.8 % of all lakes and rivers in Norway have a good or higher ecological state (Vann-nett 2020).

The growing industry constitutes several environmental concerns and challenges, with regards to nutrient pollution and how to maintain the pristine nature of Norwegian freshwater lakes. Open pen fish farms discharge nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen) and organic materials into the surrounding aquatic environment, from spillage of fish feed, fish excrement and other excretion products (Kelly 1993, Islam 2005). Phosphorus and nitrogen are biogenic elements, not toxins (Olsen et al., 2008). The increased supply of nutrients can change or increase the biological growth and production, which can lead to resurgence of phytoplankton (algal bloom), also known as eutrophication (Holtan & Åstebøl 1990). Imposed eutrophication can have major consequences on a waterbody's natural biology and water chemistry, with long-term effects (Hongve & Kjensmo 2018). As eutrophication develops, gradual degeneration of the waters functions occurs. The process may create severe build-up of anoxic sediments, toxic algae, decreased biodiversity, changes in species composition and in worst case, lead to widespread death. Eutrophication may not just affect the environment negatively, but also the production in the fish farm as well (Colby et al. 1972, Xiao-e et al. 2008, Mustafa & Shapawi 2015).

Concentrations of chlorophyll-a (Chl-a), total nitrogen (Tot-N), total phosphorus (Tot-P) and sight depth are eutrophication (nutrient) linked parameters used globally to evaluate water quality (Poikane et al. 2010). Nutrient pollution can come from several other human and natural linked sources, that must be taken into consideration when evaluating eventual pollution

(Holtan & Åstebøl 1990). Norway is an EEA member and follow the standards of EU water framework directive (WFD). The Norwegian water management conducts the WFD in Norwegian law and is a guide on processes and criteria on how our water resources should be managed. The main goal is to protect and secure sustainable water use. WFDs environmental objective is that all waterbodies must have a good ecological- and chemical state. In cases were a waterbody is heavily modified, a good potential is the objective. The Ecological state has five condition classes (very good to very bad) and chemical state, just good or bad (Direktoratsgruppen 2018). All waterbodies are classified based on quality elements, physical, chemical and biological parameters. Where the biological quality elements are the ruling factor, while the physical and chemical quality elements are used as a support parameter to adjust the condition class (Pedersen & Green 2013). To be able to evaluate a waterbody, it must be typologized (location, size, depth etc.) and the water body reference values assessed, so the “at present” conditions can be evaluated in light of these scientifically based condition classes (Direktoratsgruppen 2018).

Local conditions in a lake i.e. hydrological and morphological factors can affect the nutrient pollutions, like water exchange rate in the lake e.g. large inflow of water and short residence time can give frequent water replacement in a lake and have a dilutive effect on nutrients. Thus, a lake with frequent water exchange can withstand greater nutrient supply than a similar lake with less frequent water exchange (Lydersen et al. 2017). Over 70 % of Norway’s largest watercourses are regulated ($\approx 6000 \text{ km}^2$), mainly for hydroelectrical production (Sørensen et al. 2014, A. Kålås et al., 2010). This normally affects the water level, and residence time of lakes, with subsequently effects on the critical loads of nutrients in lakes. Our study site, Lake Fyresvatn is no exception, with both regulated water bodies upstream and in the lake itself. In Norway, large and deep lakes, like Fyresvatn, are often naturally very nutrient poor, and even more nutrient poor as the regulation *per se* often results in increased residence time, with subsequent increased retention of nutrients in the lake and in the downstream waterbodies. Hydrological load and residence time are therefore crucial factors for all lakes, including Lake Fyresvatn, when assessing effects of increased inputs of nutrients from open pen fish farming (Lydersen et al. 2017, Rognerud et al. 1979, Berge 1987).

In this master thesis, Lake Fyresvatn was investigated in 2019 to assess potential lake impacts of discharged nutrients from an open pen fish farm, Telemarkrøye AS, a farm established in the lake in May 2014 with an annual production permit of around 300-ton of indigenous Arctic charr, *Salvelinus alpinus* L. (Fiskeridirektoratet 2012). Thus, the main goals were to reveal potential seasonal variations in water chemistry, phosphorus (P), nitrogen (N), chlorophyll-a (Chl-a) and bottom fauna close to the fish farm, and potential effects on the whole lake. Whole lake effects have been implemented in the four previous years by the University of South-eastern Norway. As it is mandatory for all fish farms in Norway to monitor and report effects of emissions to the recipient (Akvakulturloven 2013, §11), our results were also given to Rådgivende Biologer AS who was responsible for monitoring lake program on behalf of Telemarkrøye AS (Johnsen et al. 2019).

2 Methods

2.1 Study area

Lake Fyresvatn is a large oligotrophic and calcium poor clearwater lake in Fyresdal municipality in Vestfold and Telemark county. The lake is located 280 m.a.s.l with a surface area of 49.6 km² and a volume of 5956 mill. m³. The catchment area is 878.8 km² and is a part of the Arendal watercourse with outlet to the ocean at Arendal, a city in Agder county. The lake has max depth of 377 m and an average depth of 120 m (**Figure 2.1**) making it the 22nd largest and 5th deepest lake in Norway (Lydersen 2015). Residence time of the lake is ≈8 years and a hydrological load of 15.2 m³ m² yr⁻¹ (**Table 2.1**). The average annual precipitation the last 4 years (2016-2019) is 1013 mm, based on the nearest weather station Tveitsund.

Table 2.1: Morphological and hydrological data for Lake Fyresvatn (Vann-nett, NVE atlas).

Waterbody id: 019-1274-L							
Surface area	Catchment area	Annual inflow	Volume	Average depth	max depth	Residence time	Hydrological load
km ²	km ²	km ³	km ³	m	m	years	m ³ m ² yr ⁻¹
49.63	878.8	0.753	5.956	120	377	7.97	15.2

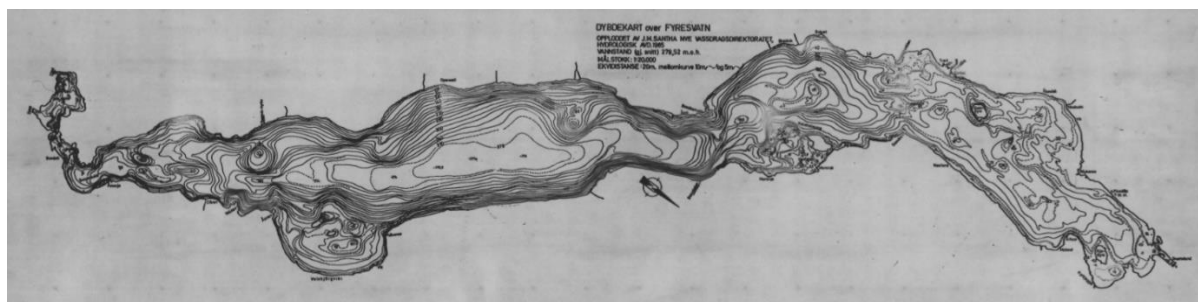


Figure 2.1: Depth map of Lake Fyresvatn from 1965, north towards the right (NVE atlas) (reworked from Johnsen et al. 2019).

The lake is a heavily modified water body, as the lake is hydrological reservoir for hydroelectric production by Momrak kraftlag AS and Finndøla Agder Energi vannkraft AS (Sørensen et al. 2014, NVE 2019). Barriers, sluice, floodgates and morphological changes to the habitat have an impact on regulated water level of 4.5 m, i.e. from 279.65 to 275.15 m a.s.l. (Vann-nett).

Water from Finndøla power plant, comes from several waters that lead down to Gausvatn, which runs out to Fyresvatn in the North-west of the lake (59°11'22.9"N 8°03'25.8"E). The power plant has minimum flow requirements, approx. 1.5 m³ sec⁻¹ at all times, and a yearly

average flow of $20 \text{ m}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$ (Borgstrøm 1976, Sørensen et al. 2014). Fyresvatn itself is regulated in the South of the lake, at Glomdammen ($59^\circ 00' 33.9'' \text{ N } 8^\circ 16' 06.0'' \text{ E}$), where the surface water is discharged from 2-3 meters depth (Lydersen et al. 2017).

Acid rain has a middle impact on the lake today, but the lake was earlier heavily affected by acid rain, and the lake was limed in 1996, by >1100-ton lime. Accordingly, pH and the acid neutralizing capacity increased. Due to the long residence time of the lake (8 yrs), the effects of this liming are relatively long lasting (Hindar & Larssen 2004).

There is registered one wastewater treatment plant with emission into Lake Fyresvatn, but this plant is shown to have low impact on the lake, **Annex 1** (Norskeutslipp 2018).

Most common fish species in Lake Fyresvatn are Brown trout (*Salmo Trutta*), Whitefish (*Coregonus lavaretus*), and Arctic charr (*Salvelinus alpinus*) (Lydersen 2015). The fish farm (Telemarkrøye AS) is located northwest in the lake, just south from the island Gunnøyne (**Figure 2.2**). The first open pen production of indigenous Arctic charr in Lake Fyresvatn started in May 2014. It started with about 44 000 fish stocked to an annual number of about 200 000 fish the last two years (Johnsen et al. 2019).

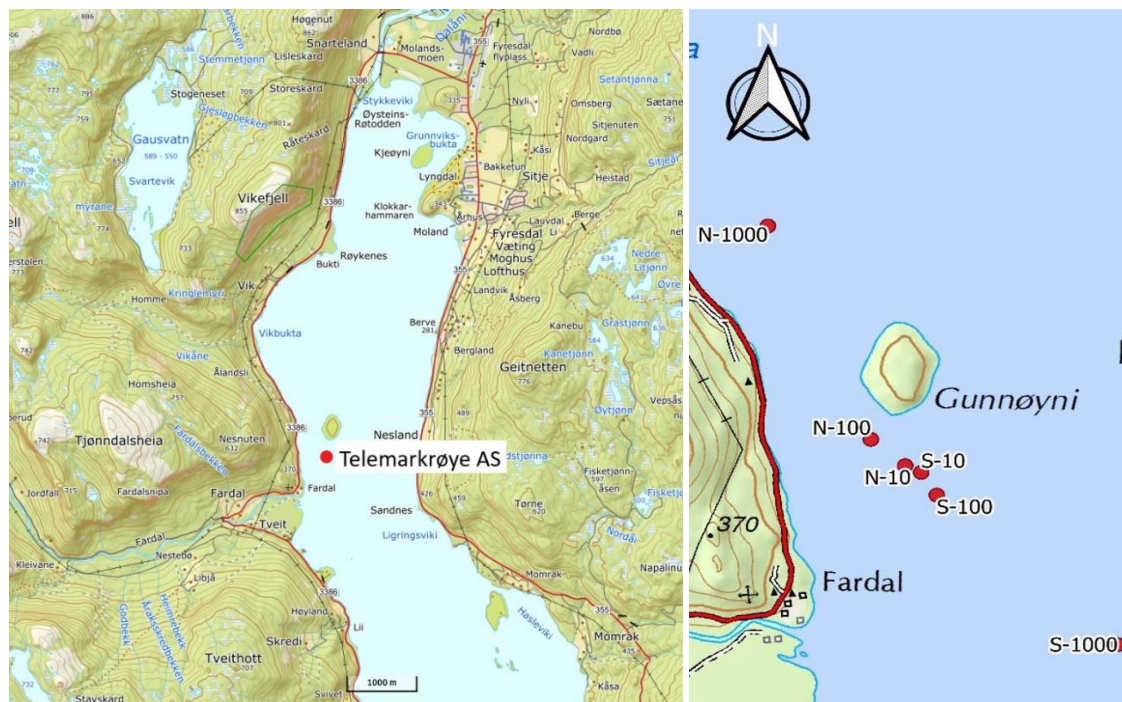


Figure 2.2: Overview of the northern part of Lake Fyresvatn with the fish farm (Telemarkrøye AS) marked, and map of sampling sites N-10, N-100, N-1000, S-10, S-100 and S-1000. Station N means north, S means south, numbers are the distance (m) from the fish farm (modified from Norgeskart, Angelovičová 2018).

2.2 Sampling

The water sampling was done monthly, five times from May to September 2019. Six sites were included, three at different distances (10, 100 and 1000 m) north from the farm, three corresponding sites south from the farm. Accordingly, the sites are named N-10, N-100, N-1000, S-10, S-100 and S-1000. (Table 2.2). Data recording in field was implemented with an YSI EXO 2 multiparameter sonde (Ch. 2.2.1), while sight depth was measured by a standard secchi disk. Water samples were taken by a Limnos water collector. At the same dates the investigations were implemented close to the farm, another water sampling program was carried out north and south of Lake Fyresvatn by two colleagues from the University of South-eastern Norway. These samples were included in this master thesis. A bottom fauna (Ch. 2.2.3) investigation was implemented early July at 12 stations close to the farm, i.e. 4 transects (two south and two north) with 3 sample sites 0, 10 and 30 m from the farm (Table 2.3). The sediments were collected by and an Ekman bottom grab.

Table 2.2: Water sampling sites, site depths and 3 different sites (10, 100 and 1000 m) north and south from the fish farm in Lake Fyresvatn 2019.

Station	Distance from Net pen m	Depth m	GPS North	GPS East
N-10	10	40	59.15143	8.06019
N-100	100	20	59.15235	8.05805
N-1000	1000	20	59.15992	8.051483
S-10	10	40	59.15119	8.06119
S-100	100	40	59.15039	8.062167
S-1000	1000	>40	59.14514	8.073487

Table 2.3: Overview of the 12 bottom fauna stations, 3 stations along four different transects in Lake Fyresvatn in 2019. The 3 stations along each transect are located 0, 10 and 30 m away from the fish farm.

Station	Cardinal direction	Dist. Net pen m	GPS North	GPS East	Depth m	Date
1	South-west	0	59 09.055	008 03.593	44.5	02.07.2019
2	South-west	10	59 09.050	008 03.599	45.6	03.07.2019
3	South-west	30	59 09.042	008 03.612	52.0	04.07.2019
4	South-east	0	59 09.072	008 03.634	46.0	02.07.2019
5	South-east	10	59 09.068	008 03.643	48.0	02.07.2019
6	South-east	30	59 09.060	008 03.655	54.0	04.07.2019
7	North-west	0	59 09.061	008 03.583	46.0	03.07.2019
8	North-west	10	59 09.066	008 03.576	42.0	03.07.2019
9	North-west	30	59.09.073	008 03.563	38.0	04.07.2019
10	North-east	0	59 09.079	008 03.630	46.0	02.07.2019
11	North-east	10	59 09.084	008 03.623	43.0	03.07.2019
12	North-east	30	59 09.090	008 03.608	38.0	04.07.2019

2.2.1 YSI EXO 2 Multiparameter Sonde

By the EXO 2 water quality sonde instrument it was possible to record lake depth, conductivity, temperature, turbidity, dissolved O₂, pH, chlorophyll-a and blue green algae. At all six water stations near the fish farm (**Table 2.2**), the sonde was submerged and all the above-mentioned parameters logged at every meter from 0-12 m, then at every 5th meter down to the bottom. Due to limited cable length, the maximal logging depth was 60 m. The sensors were calibrated with standards before each field day. Data from EXO 2 log was transferred to an excel sheet after each field day. Corresponding sonde was not used at the two stations north and south in Lake Fyresvatn. Here, only water temperature was measured down to 12 m, secchi depth recorded, and water samples collected. The results for turbidity measured with the YSI multiparameter sonde is not implemented in this study, due to turbidity sensor problems.

2.2.2 Water sampling – Limnos water collector

Water samples were collected by a Limnos water collector (volume: 2 L) with a thermometer. Samples were collected at each meter from 0-6 m and one sample near the bottom or at deepest at 40 m (**Table 2.2**). These samples should represent the hypolimnion water of the lake, while the 0-6 m should represent the epilimnion water of the lake. All water collected from 0-6 m were transferred to a 25 L can. From this mixed 0-6 m water, 0.5 L was transferred to a polyethylene bottle (PE) for water chemistry analysis, while about 3-4 L was transferred to 5 L blue plastic can for Chl-a filtration/analysis. Furthermore, 100 mL was transferred to a brown glass bottle and preserved with 1 mL Lugols solution, for later zoo- and phytoplankton analyses. Water collected from the deepest point was only transferred to 0.5L PE bottle for water chemical analysis. At all depths were water was collected by the Limnos sampler, also the temperature was registered.

Water samples collected, north, close to the inlet, and south, close to the outlet of Lake Fyresvatn were taken from a mixed samples of water from 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 m. In addition, sight depth was measured, and the mixed water was transferred to same type of bottles, as described above for analysis of water chemistry Chl-a and zoo- and phytoplankton. The other sample depth strategy at these two sites rely on the fact that this procedure has been followed at these two station the last 3 years. At all sampling sites we have decided to not follow the

Norwegian management regulations (Direktoratsgruppen 2018), recommending sampling of epilimnion down to twice the sight depth, meaning that samples depth likely will be different at all sampling dates. In addition, as the weather conditions often differ between sampling dates, with large impacts on sight depth recordings, we have decided to take samples from the same depth during all field trips.

2.2.3 Bottom fauna

Bottom fauna sampling was implemented at 12 stations near the fish farm using an Ekman bottom grab (areal: $0.152 \times 0.156 \text{ m} = 0.237 \text{ m}^2$) from 2. to 4. July 2019 (Table 2.3, Figure 2.3). Five parallel samples were taken at each of the 12 locations, except for station 7 and 11 where only 3 parallel samples were sufficient enough (all 3 samples were similar). Each sample was washed and sieved through a sieve box, to remove small particles as mud and sand. The remaining material was systematically examined for benthos and other interesting organic structures as dead fish eggs, i.e. roe. All benthos and roe were collected and transferred to prenumbered bottles containing 96 % ethanol (Figure 2.4), before stored dark and cold ($4 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) until analysed. Sediment consistency, smell and other sediment characteristics were also noted.

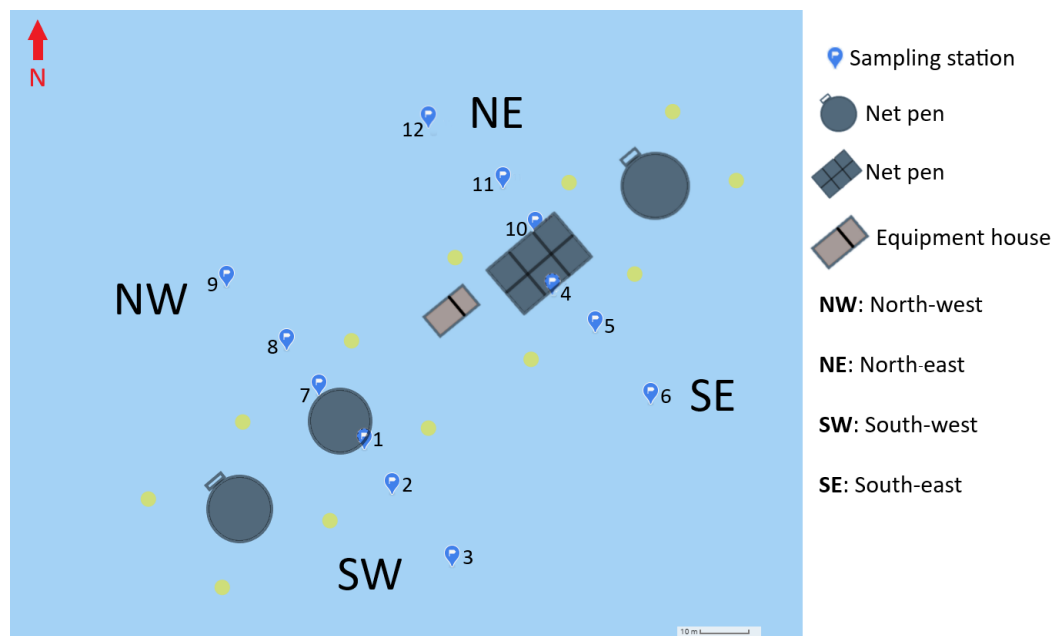


Figure 2.3: Overview of bottom fauna sampling sites and transects, based on GPS coordinates (modified from google maps).

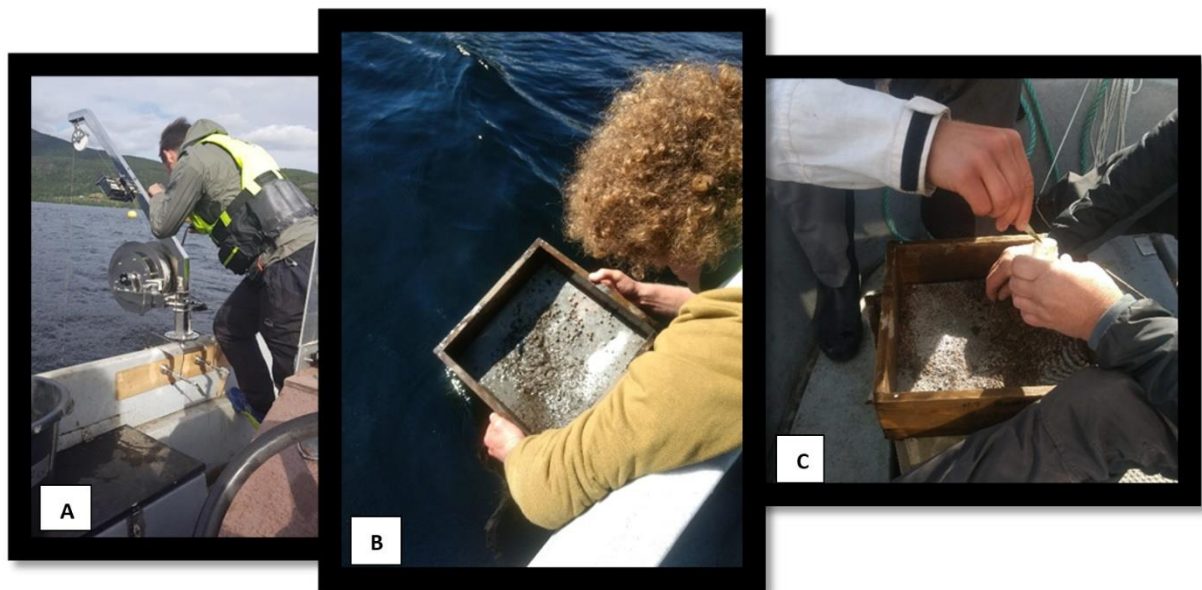


Figure 2.4: Bottom fauna sampling in Lake Fyresvatn, July 2019. A = collecting a sample with the Ekman bottom grab. B = washing of a sample. C = systematically examining for benthos and collecting them. Photo: Charles H. Carr and Tarald T. Håland.

2.3 Laboratory Methods

Directly after field, i.e. the same day, pH, conductivity and turbidity were measured in all water chemistry samples, both from the stations close to the farm and the two stations north and south in Lake Fyresvatn. In addition, a certain volume (between 1700-2500 mL) of water from each station was filtrated through a 0,45 mm glass microfiber filter (GFC), for later Chl-a measurements. The amount of water filtered differed between months, but identical volumes was filtrated for all station from the same sample day.

After filtration, the filter was folded with filtrate inwards and packed in aluminium foil and freezed down (-18°C) until analysed. The remaining volume in the water chemistry bottles, were also stored cold (4°C) and dark until analysed for the remaining microchemical parameters Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Na^+ , K^+ , SO_4^{2-} , Cl^- , NH_4^+ , NO_3^- , Tot-N (Total Nitrogen), Tot-P (Total Phosphorus), and water colour, the latter due to trouble with our TOC analyser instrument. All analyses were performed according to defined standard methods (**Table 2.4**).

All analyses were carried out at the Department of Nature, Health and Environment (INHM) at USN during October-November 2019, except for the zoo- and phytoplankton analyses implemented by Rådgivende Biologer AS in Bergen (Johnsen et al. 2019).

Table 2.4. Overview of standard water chemistry methods and instruments used for water analyses in Lake Fyresvatnet 2019.

Parameter	Unit	Standard	Equipment
pH	$-\log[H^+]$	NS 4720	PHM210, Meterlab
Conductivity	$\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$	NS-ISO 7888	WTW Conductivity meter LF 320
Turbidity	NTU	NS-EN ISO 7027-1:2016	Merck Turbiquant 1100 IR
Colour	mg Pt L^{-1}	NS-EN ISO 7887:2011 C	Perkin Elmer Lambda 25 Spectrophotometer
Total phosphorus (TOT-P)	$\mu\text{g P L}^{-1}$	NS-EN 1189	Perkin Elmer Lambda 25 Spectrophotometer
Total nitrogen (TOT-N)	$\mu\text{g N L}^{-1}$	NS-EN 4743	FIALab-2500
Chlorophyll-a (Chl-a)	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	NS-EN ISO 7887:2011 C	Perkin Elmer Lambda 25 Spectrophotometer
Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Na^+ , K^+ , NH_4^+	mg L^{-1}	NS-EN ISO 14911	IC Dionex IC 1100 Ionic chromatography
Cl^- , SO_4^{2-} , NO_3^-	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	NS-EN 10304-1:2009	IC Dionex IC 1100 Ionic chromatography

Due to uncertainty when measuring Tot-P and Tot-N, two parallel water samples were always analysed. Tot-P concentrations $< 5 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ are difficult, i.e. due to problems with accuracy and reproducibility at such low concentrations. In addition, 15 Tot-N and 11 Tot-P samples were reanalysed, as the parallels exhibited large deviations. Reasons for this might be contamination during sampling or analysis preparation. The bottles used in field has never been used before, only rinsed with water from Lake Fyresvatn before sampling.

Identifying Benthos

Identifying bottom fauna (benthos) was done with a magnifier and microscope at USN. Benthos was mainly identified to family (*Chironomidae*) and subclass (*Oligochaeta*) (Økland, 1996). Dead roe from Arctic charr was also registered. Bottom fauna density is defined as individuals m^2 . The Ekman grab has an area of 0.237 m^2 , this gives an upscaling factor of 4.22 to be able to specify bottom fauna density as individuals per m^2 .

2.4 Statistics

Statistical analyses were performed on Minitab version 18. Since many statistical tests require the data to be normally distributed, the Anderson-Darling normality test (AD test) was used on various parameters. The AD test confirms if the data is normally distributed at p-value > 0.05. One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used for normal distributed data and Kruskal-Wallis for non-normal distributed data, in addition Tukey pairwise comparisons were performed to visualise eventual grouping information based on significance level of variation in means. These analyses were used to find out if there was a statistical difference in water chemistry between the sampling months and between the sampling sites. To check for significant difference between epilimnion and hypolimnion, two-sample t-test was used for normal distributed data and Mann-Whitney U test for non-normal distributed data. Some certain parameters were analysed with simple regressions and regression analysis for variance between the individual parameters and months or years (Whitlock & Schluter 2015).

All parameters and results were calculated with arithmetic average, standard deviation (st.dev), maximum (max), minimum (min) values and correlation matrix for each individual sampling site and month in Excel. Tot-P and Tot-N calculations were based on the lowest analysing value of the two parallels. Major cations and anions were also converted to $\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$ in order to calculate charge balance and ANC (Acid neutralizing capacity), the latter calculated as the difference between base cations (Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Na^+ , K^+) and strong acid anions (SO_4^{2-} , NO_3^- , Cl^-) according to Reuss and Johnson (1986)(Table 2.5).

Table 2.5: Parameters with transformed units and formula for transforming from weight concentrations to equivalent concentrations.

Parameter	Original Unit	Transformed Unit	Formula
H ⁺	pH	µekv L ⁻¹	10 ^{-pH} x 10 ⁶
Ca ²⁺	mg L ⁻¹	µekv L ⁻¹	[Ca ²⁺]/40.08 x 2000
Mg ²⁺	mg L ⁻¹	µekv L ⁻¹	[Mg ²⁺]/24.312 * 2000
Na ⁺	mg L ⁻¹	µekv L ⁻¹	[Na ⁺]/22.9898*1000
K ⁺	mg L ⁻¹	µekv L ⁻¹	[K ⁺]/39.102*1000
NH ₄ ⁺ -N	µg L ⁻¹	µekv L ⁻¹	[NH ₄ ⁺]/18.039*1000
SO ₄ ²⁻	mg L ⁻¹	µekv L ⁻¹	[SO ₄ ²⁻]/96*2000
Cl ⁻	mg L ⁻¹	µekv L ⁻¹	[Cl ⁻]/35.453 * 1000
NO ₃ ⁻ -N	µg L ⁻¹	µekv L ⁻¹	[NO ₃ ⁻] /14
ANC		µekv L ⁻¹	(Ca ²⁺ + Mg ²⁺ + Na ⁺ + K ⁺)-(SO ₄ ²⁻ + Cl ⁻ + NO ₃ ⁻)
Σcations		µekv L ⁻¹	Σcations
Σanions		µekv L ⁻¹	Σanions
CB		µekv L ⁻¹	Cations - Anions
CB		%	(CB/(cation+anions)) x 100

Time-weighted means

Time-weighted means (C_m) was calculated for sight depth, water colour, turbidity, Chl-a, Tot-P, Tot-N, pH and conductivity:

$$C_m = \sum \frac{C_n \times t_n}{St_{tot}} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

C_n = is the average concentration between two subsequent measurements (C₁+C₂/2),

t_n = is the number of days between the two measurement (t₂-t₁)

st_{tot} = is the total number of days between the first and the last sampling day.

EQR and nEQR

Lake Fyresvatn is defined to represent lake type L-N5 according to the NGIG (Northern geographic intercalibration groups), which are very calcium poor and clear lakes, 200-0 m from the forest boarder. More specifically, a L202d lake based on Norwegian lake types (Direktoratsgruppen 2018). Based on this lake classification, estimation of EQR (Ecological Quality Ratio: ratio between measured value and the expected reference value for the given lake type) (Table 2.6) and normalized EQR (nEQR) values (Equation 2) were calculated for sight depth, Tot-P, Tot-N, Chl-a, biovolume, phytoplankton trophic Index (PTI), Cyanobacteria (Cyano), pH and ANC in Lake Fyresvatn.

Table 2.6: Overview of the different methods for calculating EQR values for different physical, chemical and biological parameters where (Table references) in the Direktoratsgruppen Veileder 02:2018 the data are taken from. Lake Fyresvatn is defined to be a L-N5 lake according to the NGIG system.

NGIG: L-N5	Norwegian lake type: L202d	
Parameter	Class limit tables	EQR-Method
Sight depth	7.11	Method 1: EQR = obs/ref
Tot-P	7.8	Method 2: EQR = ref/obs
Tot-N	7.10	Method 2: EQR = ref/obs
Chl-a	4.2	Method 2: EQR = ref/obs
Biovolum	4.2	Method 3: EQR = (observed-worst)/(reference-worst)
PTI	4.2	Method 3: EQR = (observed-worst)/(reference-worst)
Cyano	4.2	Method 3: EQR = (observed-worst)/(reference-worst)
pH	7.2	Method 1: EQR = obs/ref
ANC	7.3	Method 3: EQR = (observed-worst)/(reference-worst)

$$nEQR = \left[\left(\frac{EQR - \text{lower EQR class limit}}{\text{Upper EQR limit} - \text{lower EQR limit}} \right) \times 0.2 \right] + \text{lower nEQR class limit} \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

nEQR	= Normalized EQR
EQR	= Not normalized EQR
Lower EQR class limit	= Lower not normalized EQR class limit for the relevant class
Upper EQR - lower EQR limit	= Class width for non-normalized scale (upper minus lower non-normalized limit value)
0.2	= Standardized classwidth for nomalized scale (upper minus lower normalized EQR class limit)
Lower nEQR class limit	= Lower normalized EQR class limit for relevent class (either 0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6 or 0.8)

P-retention

Relationship between hydrological residence time- and retention of phosphorus in large lakes (R or $P_{\text{Retention}}$) (Lydersen et al. 2017, Berge 1987).

$$R = \frac{1}{(1 + T_W^{-0.5})} \quad \text{or} \quad R = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_W}}} \quad (\text{Equation 3 and 4})$$

R = Retention Coefficient or retention coefficient for phosphorus in the lake

T_W = The lakes residence time (years)

3 Results

3.1 Metrological and runoff data

Based on the weather station Tveitsund (**Table 3.1**), located near Lake Fyresvatn, the annual precipitation in 2019 was 1281 mm, somewhat higher than the last 4 years average, i.e 1013mm (**Ch. 2.1**). During the sampling period (May – September 2019), monthly precipitation varied from 83.6 mm in May to 181.9 mm in August. Total precipitation during sampling period was 620.4 mm. Daily average runoff for each month during our sampling period varied from 2.1 m³ sec⁻¹ in June to 3.9 in August. The daily average runoff throughout the whole sampling period was 2.8 m³ sec⁻¹. Daily runoff had a moderate correlation with precipitation (COR: 0.6, P = 0.00), where runoff increases with increased precipitation ([Runoff]=2.22[Precip.] + 0.15, P=0.00), usually with a delayed response (**Figure 3.1**). Air temperature varied from 8.8 °C in May to 16.2 °C in July. Average wind speeds were 1.5-2.0 m s⁻¹, with predominant wind direction from north and north-west during the colder months (Jan-May and Sep-Dec), while south and south-east dominated during the summer months (Jun-Aug). These wind directions go along the length of the lake (**Table 3.1**).

Table 3.1: Weather data from Tveitsund weather station 2019, monthly and annual results of precipitation (mm), Air temperature (°C), Windspeeds (m/s) and cardinal wind direction (Eklima).

2019 Month	Precipitation mm	Air Temp °C	Windspeed m/s	Wind Direction
Jan	47.2	-1.9	1.8	N/NW ↘
Feb	54.7	1.1	1.7	N↓
Mar	94.5	2	2.0	NW ↘
Apr	54.7	6.1	1.4	N/NE ↙
May	83.6	8.8	2.0	NW ↘
Jun	112.8	13.7	2.0	S↑
Jul	145.6	16.2	1.7	E/SE ↖
Aug	181.9	15.5	1.6	SE ↖
Sep	96.5	10.6	1.8	N/NW ↘
Oct	140.8	4.9	1.4	N
Nov	150.7	0.1	1.5	NW ↘
Dec	117.8	0.6	1.5	E/NE ↙
Annual	1281	6.5	1.7	

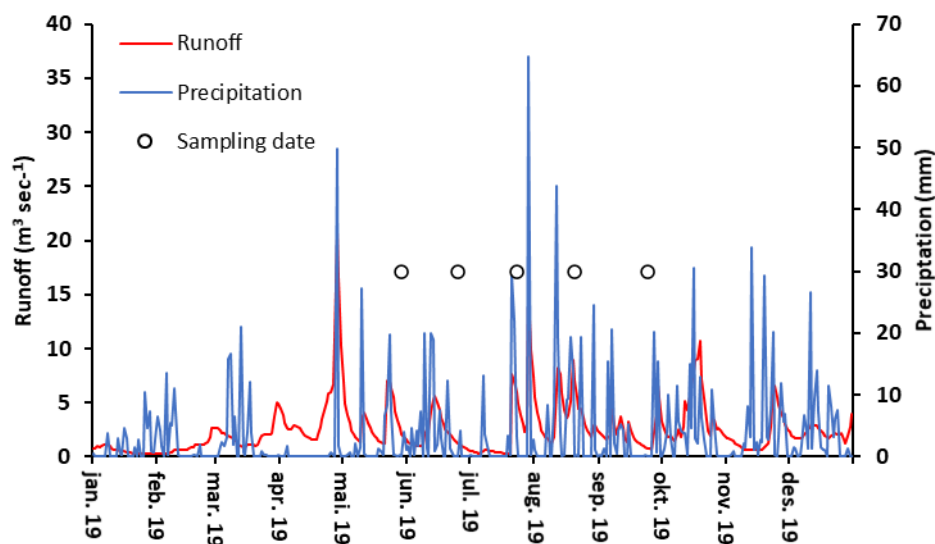


Figure 3.1: Daily average runoff ($\text{m}^3 \text{sec}^{-1}$) and precipitation (mm) at the outlet of Lake Fyresvatn (Kilåi bru) 2019. Open circles indicate sampling dates. Data from Kileåi has been received from Klausen E. NVE (per. com.), while precipitation data is taken from the database Eklima.

3.2 Physical, chemical, and biological parameters

The water physical, chemical and biological parameters for each sampling site (North: N-1000, N-100, N-10, and South: S-10, S-100, S-1000) are based on mixed values from the epilimnion (0-6 m), and at one defined hypolimnion depth (20-40 m) depending on the various station depths. All statistical test of variance between months or stations (ANOVA/Kruskal-Wallis) are enclosed in **Annex 2-3**. All tests (Two-sample t-test/Mann-Whitney U) between epilimnion and hypolimnion are enclosed in **Annex 4**. Basic statistics, time-weighted means (TWM) and standard deviation (St.dev) in **Annex 5** (A and B).

3.2.1 Physical parameters

The sight depth in Lake Fyresvatn varied from 5.0 m at S-100 in May to 8.2 m at the far south station in September (**Table 3.10**). The sight depth was significantly higher in both July and September (≈ 7.5 m) compared to the other investigated months (≈ 6.0 m) (**Table 3.2**). There were no significant differences in sight depth between stations. Average sight depths for all stations were ≈ 6.7 m.

Table 3.2: Grouping information using One-Way Anova with Tukey pairwise comparisons between sight depth (m) means and sampling months. Means with no sharing letters are significantly different

Sight depth versus months			
Months	N	Mean	Grouping
September	8	7.46	A
July	8	7.46	A
May	8	6.44	B
June	8	6.05	B
August	8	6.00	B

The turbidity was low during our survey in Lake Fyresvatn (**Table 3.10** and **3.11**), ranging from 0.14 NTU at several sites in September to 0.89 NTU at station N-10 in June, both measured in hypolimnion. Turbidity was significantly higher in epilimnion (0.33 NTU) compared to hypolimnion (0.27 NTU). September was significantly lower (0.21 NTU) compared to the other months (> 0.30 NTU). There were no significant variations in turbidity between stations.

Water colour was also generally low in Lake Fyresvatn, varying from 10-30 mg Pt L⁻¹, but average was significantly higher in epilimnion, 17.0 mg Pt L⁻¹, compared to hypolimnion, 15.2 mg Pt L⁻¹ (**Table 3.10** and **3.11**). In both epilimnion and hypolimnion, it was a tendency of increasing water colour by time, i.e. from May to September (**Figure 3.2**). The water colour was significantly higher in July, August and September, compared to May and June (**Table 3.3**).

Table 3.3: Grouping information using One-Way Anova with Tukey pairwise comparisons between water colour (mg Pt L⁻¹) means and sampling months. Means with no sharing letters are significantly different.

Water Colour(mg Pt L ⁻¹) versus months			
Month	N	Mean	Grouping
Aug	8	18.91	A
Sept	8	18.23	A
Jul	8	17.22	A
Jun	8	16.45	B
May	8	14.61	C

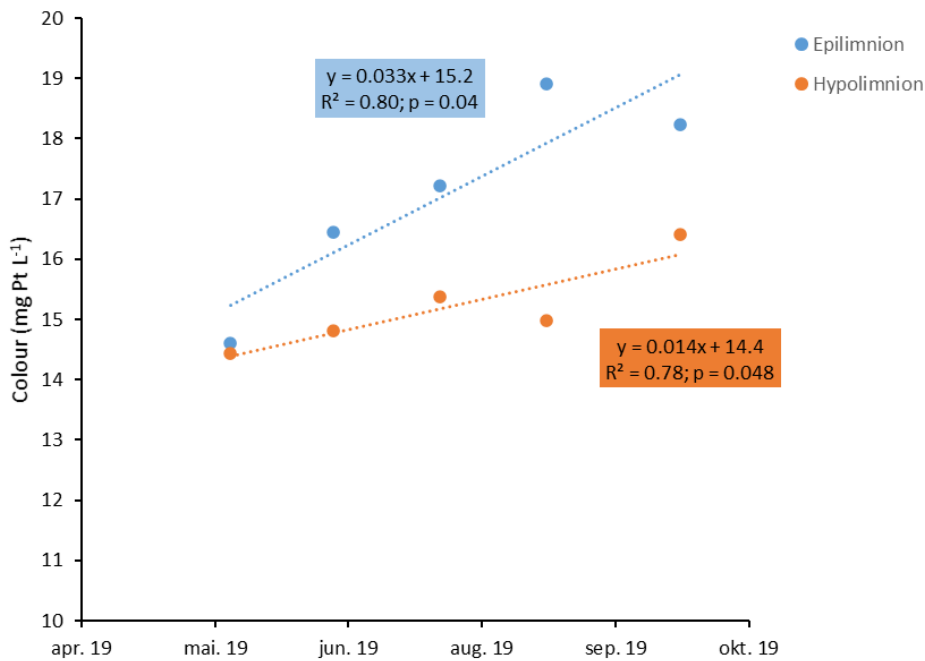


Figure 3.2: Change in water colour (mg Pt L⁻¹) by time in Lake Fyresvatn in 2019, based on monthly averages for all stations.

3.2.2 Chemical parameters

The conductivity in Lake Fyresvatn was very low. During the investigation period, lowest measured conductivity (10.0 $\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$) was measured in September at several stations, and in both epilimnion and hypolimnion. The highest conductivity (12.6 $\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$) was measured in August, in epilimnion at the far north station (**Table 3.10** and **3.11**). Statistically, conductivity was significantly higher in hypolimnion (11.2 $\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$) compared to epilimnion (10.8 $\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$), despite minor differences.

Epilimnion pH ranged from 5.6 (N-10, in May) to 6.4 in July at both the far north and the far south stations (**Table 3.10** and **3.11**). Compared to the local stations, average pH was significantly higher at both (north and south) those sites (pH = 6.2), compared to station N-10 (pH = 5.8) close to the fish farm. The remaining stations did not differ significantly from other stations, all exhibiting an average pH of ≈ 6.0 . Average monthly pH was significantly higher in July (pH = 6.2) compared to May (pH = 5.9), while the remaining months were not significantly different from the other months (**Table 3.4**). There were no significant differences in pH between epilimnion and hypolimnion water during the investigated period (pH ≈ 6.0), (**Table 3.10** and **3.11**).

Table 3.4: Grouping information using One-Way Anova with Tukey pairwise comparisons between pH means, sampling stations and months. Means with no sharing letters are significantly different.

pH versus stations				pH versus months			
Station	N	Mean	Grouping	Month	N	Mean	Grouping
South	5	6.2	A	July	8	6.2	A
North	5	6.2	A	Sept	8	6.1	A B
S-10	5	6.1	A B	Aug	8	6.1	A B
S-1000	5	6.1	A B	June	8	6.1	A B
S-100	5	6.1	A B	May	8	5.9	B
N-1000	5	6.1	A B				
N-100	5	6.0	A B				
N-10	5	5.8	B				

Calcium (Ca^{2+}) varied from 0.93 mg L^{-1} (S-100 in August) to 1.06 mg L^{-1} far north station in May (Table 3.10 and 3.11). Though small, the Ca^{2+} concentrations significantly varied between months, with the highest concentration in May (1.01 mg L^{-1}), followed by June, September and July (0.97 mg L^{-1}), and lowest in August (0.95 mg L^{-1}) (Table 3.5). No significant differences in the Ca^{2+} concentrations were revealed, neither between stations, nor between epilimnion and hypolimnion.

Table 3.5: Grouping information using One-Way Anova with Tukey pairwise comparisons between calcium (Ca^{2+}) means and months. Means with no sharing letters are significantly different.

Calcium (Ca^{2+}) versus months			
Month	N	Mean	Grouping
May	8	1.01	A
June	8	0.98	A B
Sept	8	0.97	A B
July	8	0.96	B C
Aug	8	0.94	C

The remaining major cations showed no significant variations between neither stations, nor months or depths (Table 3.10 and 3.11). The magnesium (Mg^{2+}) concentrations varied from $0.17\text{--}0.18 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$. Sodium (Na^+) ranged from 0.66 mg L^{-1} (N-1000 in July) to 0.72 mg L^{-1} at several stations in May (N-10, N-1000, S-100, S-1000 and south). Potassium (K^+) ranged from 0.16 mg L^{-1} at several station and months to 0.23 mg L^{-1} at the station far north in May.

The concentrations of ammonium (NH_4^+) was generally low, and thus often under the detection limit for the method ($< 50 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$).

Sulphate (SO_4^{2-}) varied from $1.13 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ at S-100 in August to $3.44 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ at S-10 in May, both in epilimnion. Despite small differences, the SO_4^{2-} concentrations were significantly higher in hypolimnion, $1.70 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$, compared to epilimnion, $1.60 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ (**Table 3.10** and **3.11**). SO_4^{2-} exhibited no significant differences between neither stations nor months.

Chloride (Cl^-) ranged from $1.60 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ at N-100 in May to $2.23 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ at N-10 in June (**Table 3.10** and **3.11**). Cl^- was significantly higher in epilimnion ($1.75 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) compared to hypolimnion ($1.67 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$).

Nitrate (NO_3^-) ranged from $30 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ at N-10 in June to $194 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ at S-10 in June (**Table 3.10** and **3.11**). The NO_3^- concentrations were significantly higher in both the far north and the far south station ($170 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) compared with station N-10 and S-10, located close to the fish farm ($140 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$). Even though not significant, NO_3^- showed an increasing time pattern from May ($146 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) to September ($168 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$). There were no significant differences in NO_3^- between epilimnion and hypolimnion.

The acid neutralization capacity (ANC) ranged from $-23.6 \mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$ (S-10) to $19.0 \mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$ at station N-1000, both measured in May (**Table 3.10** and **3.11**). ANC was significantly higher at the stations located north from the fish farm ($7.8 \mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$) compared to the stations located south from the farm ($0.7 \mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$), with exception of station S-100 ($8.9 \mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$). There was no significant difference in ANC neither between months nor between epilimnion and hypolimnion.

To validate the chemical data, we also did a charge balance calculation. Deviation from 0 is given in %, i.e. CB%. CB% exhibited a small percentage higher amounts of cations compared with anions. The best CB% (closest to 0) was revealed at the far north and south stations (CB%: +0.3 %), while the highest deviation was revealed at station N-10 (CB%: +0.7 %). The overall average CB% was + 0.5 %, indicating high data quality. Both epilimnion and hypolimnion exhibited identical charge balances. Monthly CB % ranged from +0.5 % in August to +0.7 % in June (**Table 3.6, 3.7** and **3.8**)

Table 3.6: Major cations and anions converted to equivalent concentrations ($\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$), and charge balance calculations (CB = Cations – Anions) in epilimnion at each station.

Epilimnion Parameter	2019 Unit	Charge Balance								
		North	N-1000	N-100	N-10	S-10	S-100	S-1000	South	Average
H ⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9
Ca ²⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	50.1	48.5	48.1	48.4	48.7	48.3	48.4	50.1	48.8
Mg ²⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.7
Na ⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	30.0	30.0	29.9	30.3	29.8	29.7	30.0	30.4	30.0
K ⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.8	4.5
NH ₄ ⁺ -N	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SO ₄ ²⁻	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	31.5	29.5	28.4	31.6	42.3	29.0	37.1	37.6	33.4
Cl ⁻	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	48.3	48.5	48.1	51.8	49.5	48.4	50.2	49.6	49.3
NO ₃ ⁻ -N	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	11.5	10.9	10.5	9.6	10.2	10.7	12.3	12.8	11.1
ANC	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	8.9	8.6	9.9	4.7	-4.4	8.9	-2.1	0.1	4.3
Σ cations	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	100.8	98.4	97.9	99.2	98.5	97.9	98.2	100.8	99.0
Σ anions	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	100.1	97.5	96.9	97.7	97.7	97.0	97.4	100.1	98.1
CB	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.9
CB	%	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5

Table 3.7: Major cations and anions converted to equivalent concentrations ($\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$), and charge balance calculations (CB = Cations – Anions) in hypolimnion at each station.

Hypolimnion Parameter	2019 Unit	Charge Balance						Average
		N-1000	N-100	N-10	S-10	S-100	S-1000	
H ⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
Ca ²⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	48.9	48.7	49.5	48.9	48.9	48.9	49.0
Mg ²⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	14.7	14.7	14.8	14.7	14.6	14.7	14.7
Na ⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	30.4	30.6	31.2	30.8	30.8	30.7	30.8
K ⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3
NH ₄ ⁺ -N	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SO ₄ ²⁻	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	29.1	34.0	36.8	38.3	33.8	36.7	34.8
Cl ⁻	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	48.1	47.9	49.0	46.2	48.3	42.9	47.1
NO ₃ ⁻ -N	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	11.2	12.4	7.9	10.4	12.2	13.2	11.2
ANC	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	10.0	3.9	6.0	4.0	4.3	5.8	5.7
Σ cations	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	99.2	99.2	101.1	99.9	99.7	99.7	99.8
Σ anions	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	98.4	98.2	99.8	98.9	98.6	98.7	98.8
CB	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1
CB %	%	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

Table 3.8: Major cations and anions converted to equivalent concentrations ($\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$), and charge balance calculations (CB = Cations – Anions) for each sampling month.

Monthly Ions	2019 Unit	Charge Balance					Average
		May	June	July	August	September	
H ⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0
Ca ²⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	49.4	48.9	48.3	48.2	48.6	48.7
Mg ²⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	14.7	14.6	14.5	14.8	14.9	14.7
Na ⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	30.9	30.0	30.3	30.2	30.4	30.4
K ⁺	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3
NH ₄ ⁺ -N	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
SO ₄ ²⁻	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	36.8	37.2	30.4	30.3	34.8	33.9
Cl ⁻	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	48.2	47.3	48.9	48.2	48.5	48.2
NO ₃ ⁻ -N	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	10.8	9.3	10.6	11.6	12.5	11.0
ANC	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	3.5	4.1	7.5	7.5	2.4	5.0
Σ cations	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	100.6	99.0	98.4	98.8	99.4	99.2
Σ anions	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	99.3	97.9	97.4	97.5	98.2	98.1
CB	$\mu\text{ekv L}^{-1}$	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2
CB	%	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6

3.2.3 Tot-P, Tot-N and Chl-a

The total phosphorus (Tot-P) concentrations were generally low, ranging from 0.98 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ in June to 11.26 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ in May, both in hypolimnion at station N-1000. (Table 3.10 and 3.11). Station N-10 (closest to the fish farm) exhibited the highest Tot-P average concentration (5.18 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$), but not significantly higher than the other stations ($\approx 3.0 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$). There were also no significant differences in Tot-P neither between months, nor depths.

Total nitrogen (Tot-N) was also generally low during the sampling months, ranging from 83 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ (N-10) to 200 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ (S-100), both measured in July in hypolimnion (Table 3.10 and 3.11). There was no significant difference between the depths, in epilimnion and hypolimnion. There were no significant differences in Tot-N neither between months, nor stations. Average Tot-N in Lake Fyresvatn was $\approx 140 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$.

The chlorophyll-a (Chl-a) concentrations were generally very low, ranging from 0.09 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ at the far north station in May, to 1.35 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ at station N-100 in August (Table 3.10). The concentrations of Chl-a were significantly higher in August (1.03 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$), followed by June (0.85 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$), September and July ($\approx 0.70 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$), and lowest in May, 0.21 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ (Table 3.9). There were no significant differences in Chl-a between stations.

Table 3.9: Grouping information using One-Way Anova with Tukey pairwise comparisons between Chl-a means ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) and sampling months. Means with no sharing letters are significantly different.

Month	N	Chl-a versus months		
		Mean	Grouping	
Aug	8	1.03	A	
Jun	8	0.85	A	B
Sept	8	0.69	B	
Jul	8	0.67	B	
May	8	0.21	C	

Table 3.10: Maximum, minimum and average values of central physical, chemical and biological parameters in the epilimnion water at different stations in Lake Fyresvatn during May to September 2019.

2019 Epilimnion 0-6 m	North min-max average	N-1000 min-max average	N-100 min-max average	N-10 min-max average	S-10 min-max average	S-100 min-max average	S-1000 min-max average	South min-max average
Sigth depth m	5.5 ± 7.5 6.6	5.4 ± 7.0 6.2	6.0 ± 7.8 6.8	5.5 ± 7.7 6.6	6.0 ± 7.5 6.9	5.0 ± 8.0 6.5	6.0 ± 7.8 6.7	6.1 ± 8.2 7.3
Colour mg Pt L ⁻¹	13.7 ± 20.3 18.3	15.9 ± 19.1 17.4	15.2 ± 18.6 16.8	14.5 ± 19.0 16.9	13.9 ± 18.8 16.3	13.6 ± 18.3 16.5	16.6 ± 20.8 18.0	13.2 ± 18.2 16.5
Turbidity NTU	0.21 ± 0.6 0.42	0.21 ± 0.37 0.31	0.21 ± 0.50 0.38	0.21 ± 0.48 0.35	0.21 ± 0.37 0.31	0.22 ± 0.34 0.29	0.21 ± 0.37 0.31	0.21 ± 0.20 0.27
pH pH	6.0 ± 6.4 6.2	5.8 ± 6.2 6.1	5.8 ± 6.1 6.0	5.6 ± 6.1 5.8	6.0 ± 6.3 6.1	5.9 ± 6.3 6.1	5.9 ± 6.4 6.1	6.1 ± 6.4 6.2
ANC µekv L ⁻¹	1.9 ± 16.8 8.9	-3.1 ± 19.0 8.6	-3.2 ± 17.8 9.9	-0.2 ± 17.8 4.7	-23.6 ± 11.7 -4.4	0.8 ± 14.1 8.9	-10.8 ± 5.5 -2.1	-2.8 ± 3.6 0.1
Conductivety mS cm ⁻¹	10 ± 12.6 11.3	10.0 ± 11.0 10.6	10.0 ± 12.3 11.0	10.0 ± 11.8 11.1	10.0 ± 11.5 10.8	10.0 ± 11.7 10.8	10.0 ± 11.4 10.7	10 ± 11.2 10.9
Chl-a mg L ⁻¹	0.09 ± 0.80 0.60	0.14 ± 0.98 0.74	0.14 ± 1.35 0.75	0.16 ± 1.04 0.69	0.20 ± 1.21 0.72	0.16 ± 1.26 0.70	0.15 ± 1.04 0.74	0.43 ± 0.65 0.57
Tot-P mg L ⁻¹	1.74 ± 3.41 2.28	0.98 ± 11.26 4.11	1.23 ± 2.82 2.06	1.99 ± 7.60 5.19	1.86 ± 2.34 2.13	1.20 ± 8.26 3.13	1.76 ± 2.82 2.15	1.73 ± 7.44 3.97
Tot-N mg L ⁻¹	130 ± 186 151	121 ± 161 134	124 ± 158 141	130 ± 160 143	85 ± 149 126	109 ± 150 133	133 ± 186 159	100 ± 181 149
Ca²⁺ mg L ⁻¹	0.96 ± 1.06 1.01	0.95 ± 1.01 0.97	0.94 ± 0.97 0.96	0.94 ± 0.99 0.97	0.95 ± 1.01 0.98	0.93 ± 1.00 0.97	0.95 ± 1.00 0.97	0.96 ± 1.02 1.00
Mg²⁺ mg L ⁻¹	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18	0.17 ± 0.18 0.18	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18
Na⁺ mg L ⁻¹	0.66 ± 0.71 0.69	0.66 ± 0.72 0.69	0.67 ± 0.71 0.69	0.67 ± 0.72 0.70	0.67 ± 0.70 0.69	0.67 ± 0.72 0.68	0.68 ± 0.72 0.69	0.68 ± 0.72 0.70
K⁺ mg L ⁻¹	0.17 ± 0.23 0.20	0.16 ± 0.18 0.17	0.16 ± 0.18 0.17	0.16 ± 0.18 0.17	0.17 ± 0.18 0.18	0.16 ± 0.18 0.17	0.16 ± 0.18 0.17	0.18 ± 0.20 0.19
NH₄⁺-N mg L ⁻¹	n.a < 50	n.a < 50	n.a < 50	n.a < 50	n.a < 50	n.a < 50	n.a < 50	n.a < 50
SO₄²⁻ µg L ⁻¹	1.26 ± 1.66 1.51	1.20 ± 1.78 1.42	1.16 ± 1.79 1.37	1.28 ± 1.66 1.52	1.26 ± 3.44 2.03	1.13 ± 1.71 1.39	1.44 ± 2.08 1.78	1.61 ± 1.97 1.80
Cl⁻ µg L ⁻¹	1.64 ± 1.77 1.71	1.62 ± 1.78 1.72	1.60 ± 1.80 1.70	1.68 ± 2.23 1.84	1.70 ± 1.79 1.75	1.66 ± 1.79 1.72	1.73 ± 1.82 1.78	1.72 ± 1.79 1.76
NO₃⁻-N µg L ⁻¹	144 ± 169 161	135 ± 179 152	134 ± 165 147	130 ± 175 135	33 ± 194 143	134 ± 168 150	159 ± 188 172	169 ± 188 179

Table 3.11: Maximum, minimum and average values of central physical, chemical and biological parameters in the hypolimnion water at different stations in Lake Fyresvatn during May to September 2019.

2019 Hypolimnion 20-40 m	N-1000 min-max average	N-100 min-max average	N-10 min-max average	S-10 min-max average	S-100 min-max average	S-1000 min-max average
Colour mg Pt L ⁻¹	14.3 ± 18.6 15.85	14.3 ± 18.6 15.55	12.8 ± 15.7 14.46	13.5 ± 16.9 15.24	14.2 ± 18.3 15.34	13.6 ± 15.6 14.78
Turbidity NTU	0.15 ± 0.31 0.24	0.22 ± 0.37 0.31	0.28 ± 0.89 0.47	0.18 ± 0.30 0.23	0.14 ± 0.30 0.22	0.14 ± 0.28 0.19
pH pH	6.0 ± 6.2 6.1	5.9 ± 6.1 6.0	5.7 ± 6.0 5.9	5.7 ± 6.1 6.0	5.9 ± 6.0 6.0	5.9 ± 6.1 6.0
ANC µekv L ⁻¹	-2.7 ± 14.1 10.0	-5.6 ± 11.5 3.9	-2.5 ± 14.0 6.0	-5.0 ± 16.0 4.0	-3.2 ± 14.2 4.3	-3.3 ± 13.4 5.8
Conductivity µS cm ⁻¹	10 ± 11.4 11.02	10 ± 11.7 11.12	10 ± 11.8 11.26	10 ± 12 11.24	10 ± 12.4 11.36	10 ± 12 11.28
Tot-P µg L ⁻¹	1.25 ± 6.36 2.60	1.43 ± 2.42 1.80	1.43 ± 3.45 2.43	2.17 ± 6.08 3.11	1.25 ± 6.88 2.96	1.48 ± 2.78 2.03
Tot-N µg L ⁻¹	121 ± 137 130	121 ± 138 126	83 ± 140 122	114 ± 182 151	145 ± 200 163	119 ± 151 141
Ca²⁺ mg L ⁻¹	0.97 ± 0.99 0.98	0.96 ± 0.99 0.98	0.97 ± 1.02 0.99	0.96 ± 0.99 0.98	0.97 ± 0.99 0.98	0.97 ± 0.99 0.98
Mg²⁺ mg L ⁻¹	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18	0.17 ± 0.18 0.18	0.18 ± 0.18 0.18
Na⁺ mg L ⁻¹	0.68 ± 0.73 0.70	0.68 ± 0.72 0.70	0.69 ± 0.74 0.72	0.68 ± 0.72 0.71	0.69 ± 0.71 0.71	0.69 ± 0.72 0.71
K⁺ mg L ⁻¹	0.17 ± 0.17 0.17	0.15 ± 0.18 0.17	0.16 ± 0.18 0.17	0.17 ± 0.19 0.17	0.15 ± 0.18 0.17	0.16 ± 0.17 0.17
NH₄⁺-N µg L ⁻¹	n.a < 50	n.a < 50	n.a < 50	n.a < 50	n.a < 50	n.a < 50
SO₄²⁻ µg L ⁻¹	1.28 ± 1.78 1.40	1.41 ± 2.02 1.63	1.30 ± 2.63 1.77	1.26 ± 2.52 1.84	1.27 ± 1.90 1.62	1.64 ± 1.84 1.76
Cl⁻ µg L ⁻¹	1.64 ± 1.79 1.70	1.65 ± 1.76 1.70	1.29 ± 2.26 1.74	1.37 ± 1.71 1.64	1.66 ± 1.76 1.71	1.36 ± 1.75 1.52
NO₃⁻-N µg L ⁻¹	146 ± 181 157	165 ± 184 174	14 ± 181 110	28 ± 196 145	146 ± 189 171	176 ± 204 185

3.2.4 YSI Results

The YSI multiparameter sonde monthly table results (averages of all stations), are enclosed in **Annex 6**.

Water temperatures variations were small (0.2°C) between our six sampling sites near the fish farm. The significant difference in hypolimnion temperatures between stations rely on the fact that maximum depth at station N-100 and N-1000 was 20 m compared with the other stations with hypolimnion depth > 40 m. The surface water (0-6 m) temperature ranged from 6.0 °C in May to 15.8 °C in August. In May and June there was no distinct thermocline, while in July, a distinct thermocline was established at about 8-10 m, while in August an even more distinct thermocline was established at about 10 m. In September, the water temperature started to fall, from 15.8 °C (in August) to 11.0 °C in September, and the thermocline is deepening and far less distinct (**Figure 3.3**).

Dissolved O₂ (mg L⁻¹) was lowest in July and August in epilimnion (≈9.1 mg L⁻¹), with increasing O₂ at about 10 m depth (≈ 10.0 mg L⁻¹). May, June and September were very similar, with minor variation in O₂ through the whole water column (≈ 11.0 mg L⁻¹). Bottom water O₂ concentrations were ≈ 11.0 mg L⁻¹ through all months (**Figure 3.3**). When the YSI sonde hit the sediment, O₂ concentrations dropped significantly, > 1.0 mg L⁻¹ (**Annex 6**).

YSI Conductivity in epilimnion (0-6 m), ranged from 9.8 μS cm⁻¹ at S-100 in August to 12.7 μS cm⁻¹ at S-100 in June, and showed a significant correlation with measured conductivity in epilimnion ([Measured Cond.] = -11.69[YSI Cond.] + 2.07, P = 0.00; COR: 0.70, P = 0.00). The YSI conductivity exhibited the lowest values in September (≈10.2 μS cm⁻¹), same as measured conductivity, but May and June as highest (11.0 μS cm⁻¹), were highest monthly average for measured conductivity was in August. YSI Conductivity was not significantly different between stations, nor between epilimnion and hypolimnion. Average YSI conductivity was ≈10.7 μS cm⁻¹ (**Figure 3.3**).

YSI pH in epilimnion (0-6 m) showed minor variations between months, ranging from 5.6 in May to 5.9 in August. In hypolimnion (20-40 m) pH varied from 5.3 to 5.6 between the months (**Figure 3.3**). There were no significant differences in pH between stations, nor depths (epilimnion vs hypolimnion). Comparison of pH measurements between YSI (recorded) and pH (measured), showed significantly lower pH by the YSI recorder compared with the measured pH, measured by pH meter at the laboratory.

YSI Chl-a in epilimnion (0-6 m), ranged from 0.42 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ at both S-100 and S-1000 in May to 1.55 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ S-1000 in June, and showed a very significant correlation with measured Chl-a in epilimnion ($[\text{Measured Chl-a}] = -0.099[\text{YSI Chl-a}] + 0.846$, $P = 0.00$; $\text{COR} = 0.87$, $P = 0.00$). The YSI Recorded Chl-a data showed significantly higher values in June compared with August, the opposite of what was measured in the laboratory on the epilimnion water (**Table 3.9** and **3.12**). Most likely reason for this, was that we did not rinse the sonde in distilled water between stations, as the sonde also was recording down into the sediments at all sites with depth < 40-45 m. The YSI data did not exhibit significant differences in Chl-a between stations. Combined with the low ANC in lake Fyresvatn, the primary production (Chl-a) showed to have a small impact on pH in epilimnion (**Figure 3.3**).

Table 3.12: Grouping information using One-Way Anova with Tukey pairwise comparisons between YSI recorded Chl-a means ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) and sampling months. Means with no sharing letters are significantly different.

YSI Chl-a versus months			
Month	N	Mean	Grouping
June	6	1.43	A
August	6	1.26	B
September	6	0.89	C
July	6	0.81	C
May	6	0.47	D

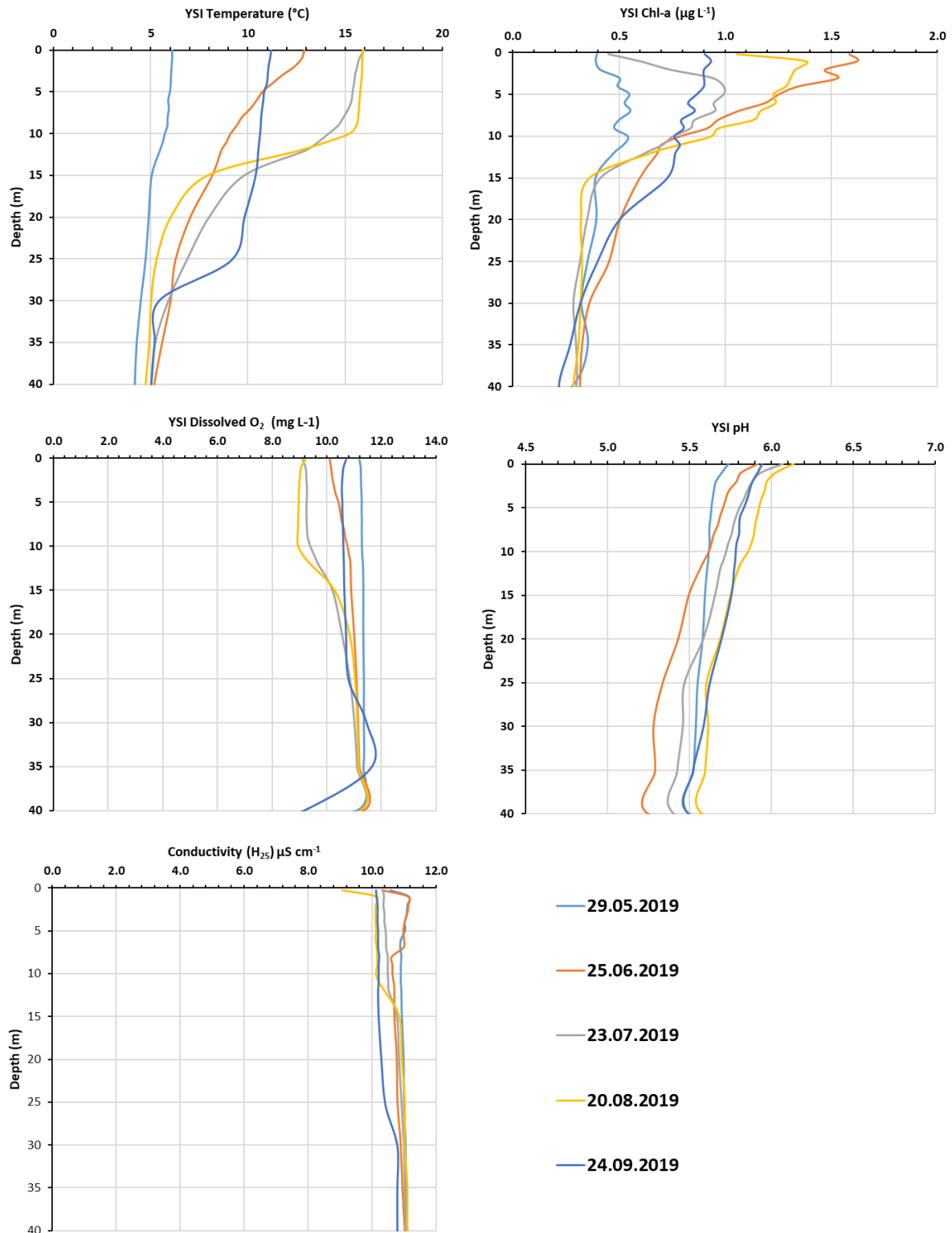


Figure 3.3: Depth profiles for Water temperature, Chl-a, dissolved O₂, pH and conductivity (average of all sampling sites), based on the YSI multiparameter sonde. The colours describe the different months.

3.2.5 Hydrology and phosphorus

According to **Equation 3 or 4** (see above), the lake residence time (T_w) in lake Fyresvatnet is ≈ 8 years, which means that about 74 % of the phosphorus in the lake will be retained in the lake, i.e. precipitate and subsequently incorporated in the lake sediment (**Figure 3.4**).

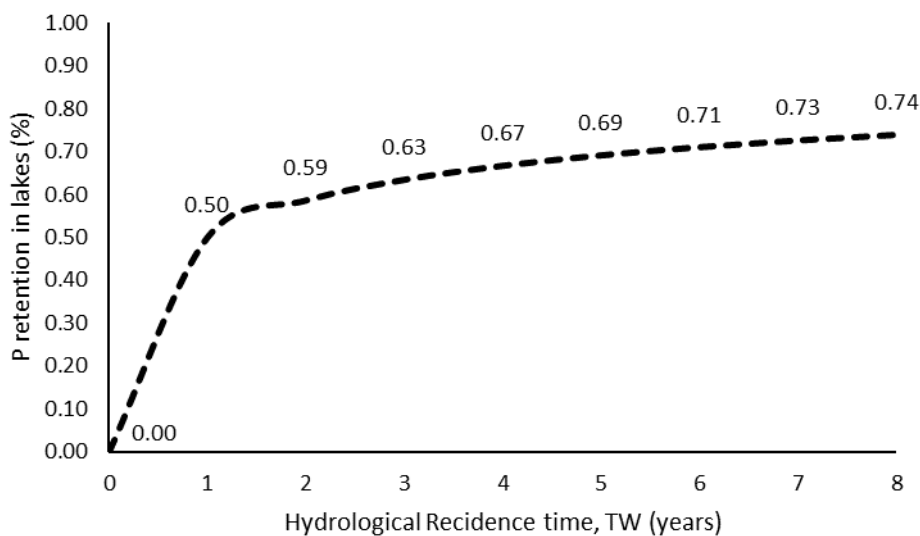


Figure 3.4: The relationship between hydrological residence time- and retention of phosphorus in lakes.

3.2.6 Ecological quality reference - EQR & nEQR 2019

Ecological quality reference (EQR) and normalised ecological quality reference (nEQR) values were calculated based on time-weighted means (TWM) for sight depth, Tot-P, Tot-N, Chl-a, pH and ANC (**Annex 6**). EQR calculation for biovolume (algae volume), phytoplankton trophic index (PTI) and cyanobacteria (cyano) were based on normal means, provided from Rådgivende Biologer AS (*Johnsen et al. 2019*) using Equations presented in **Table 2.5** and **Equation 2**.

All nEQR calculations in **Table 3.14**, showed Very good condition, except for Tot-P at station N-10, characterized with to Good (nEQR 0.786). Station N-10 also had the lowest Site \bar{x} nEQR of 0.929, but still overall classified as Very good. With all stations and parameters combined, the lakes water quality (\bar{x} nEQR = 0.98) of Lake Fyresvatn was characterized as Very good in 2019.

Table 3.14: EQR and nEQR values for sight depth, Tot-P and Tot-N, based on time-weighted mean concentrations in epilimnion (0-6m) at all sampling sites in Lake Fyresvatn 2019. Blue = Very good conditions. Green = Good condition.

2019		Water quality									
Lake type	Secchi depth	EQR	nEQR	Tot-P	EQR	nEQR	Tot-N	EQR	nEQR	Site	\bar{x} nEQR
202d	m	Sight depth	Sight depth	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	Tot-P	Tot-P	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	Tot-N	Tot-N	\bar{x} nEQR	
North	6.4	1.01	1.000	2.14	1.40	1.000	151	0.99	0.996	0.999	0.98
N-1000	6.2	0.98	0.929	3.26	0.92	0.960	134	1.12	1.000	0.963	
N-100	6.7	1.06	1.000	2.12	1.42	1.000	141	1.06	1.000	1.000	
N-10	6.6	1.05	1.000	5.18	0.58	0.786	142	1.05	1.000	0.929	
S-10	6.8	1.08	1.000	2.13	1.41	1.000	126	1.20	1.000	1.000	
S-100	6.6	1.04	1.000	2.79	1.08	1.000	132	1.14	1.000	1.000	
S-1000	6.7	1.06	1.000	2.17	1.38	1.000	162	0.93	0.964	0.988	
South	7.1	1.13	1.000	4.31	0.70	0.848	145	1.03	1.000	0.949	

EQR and nEQR calculations for the phytoplankton parameters, Chl-a, biovolume, PTI and cyano is present in **Table 3.15**. The nEQR calculations of Chl-a showed Very good condition at all stations. Also, the nEQR calculations for Biovolume (algae volume) showed Very good condition at all stations. nEQR calculations for PTI varied from good to bad. Station S-10 (nEQR: 0.605) and South (nEQR: 0.616) correspond to Good condition, while station N-10 with an nEQR of 0.270 corresponds to Bad condition. The remaining stations (North, N-1000, N-100, S-100 and S-1000) showed Moderate condition for PTI (nEQR 0.423 - 0.491).

The nEQR calculations for Cyano showed Very good condition at all stations varying from 0.989 to 1.000. By summing up the 4 biological assessed parameters (\bar{x} nEQR) for all sites, Lake Fyresvatn is evaluated to have a Good biological status (\bar{x} nEQR: 0.615 – 0.775, average 0.72).

Table 3.15: EQR and nEQR values for the biological parameters (phytoplankton): Chl-a is based on time-weighted mean concentrations in epilimnion (0-6m), biovolume (algae volume in epilimnion), PTI (phytoplankton trophic index in epilimnion) and cyano (cyanobacteria in epilimnion) in Lake Fyresvatn in 2019. Analyses of biovolume, PTI and Cyano were implemented by Rådgivende Biologer. Blue = Very good condition; Green = Good conditions; Yellow = Moderate conditions; Orange = Bad conditions.

2019		Phytoplankton												
Lake Type	Chl-a	EQR	nEQR	Biovolum	EQR	nEQR	PTI	EQR	nEQR	Cyano	EQR	nEQR	Site	\bar{x} nEQR
202d	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	Chl-a	Chl-a	mg L-1	Biovolum	Biovolum	\bar{x}	PTI	PTI	mg L-1	Cyano	Cyano	\bar{x} nEQR	
North	0.66	1.97	1.000	0.157	0.98	0.837	2.28	0.78	0.480	0	1.00	1.000	0.713	0.72
N-1000	0.81	1.61	1.000	0.144	0.99	0.882	2.3	0.77	0.457	0	1.00	1.000	0.709	
N-100	0.84	1.54	1.000	0.13	0.99	0.931	2.33	0.76	0.423	0	1.00	1.000	0.700	
N-10	0.77	1.70	1.000	0.142	0.99	0.889	2.45	0.70	0.270	0.011	1.00	0.989	0.615	
S-10	0.80	1.64	1.000	0.169	0.98	0.800	2.17	0.83	0.605	0.008	1.00	0.992	0.768	
S-100	0.79	1.64	1.000	0.154	0.98	0.848	2.27	0.79	0.491	0.008	1.00	0.992	0.719	
S-1000	0.81	1.60	1.000	0.12	1.00	0.965	2.28	0.78	0.480	0	1.00	1.000	0.734	
South	0.57	2.26	1.000	0.165	0.98	0.810	2.16	0.84	0.616	0.007	1.00	0.993	0.775	

All nEQR calculation for pH showed Good conditions (nEQR 0.683 – 0.796), while ANC ranged from Bad (nEQR: 0.202-0.203). to Very bad (nEQR: 0) conditions (Table 3.16), Very bad at station S-10 and S-1000. Altogether, the nEQR for acidification status in Lake Fyresvatn in 2019 was 0.46, corresponding to Moderate acidification condition.

Table 3.16: EQR and nEQR values of pH and ANC based on time-weighted means in epilimnion (0-6 m) at all stations (N-10, N-100, N-1000, S-10, S-100, S-1000, north and south) in Lake Fyresvatn in 2019. Green = Good conditions; Yellow = Moderate condition; Orange = Bad condition; Red =Very bad condition.

2019		Acidification						
Lake Type	pH	EQR	nEQR	ANC	EQR	nEQR	Site	x̄nEQR
202d	\bar{x}	pH	pH	\bar{x}	ANC	ANC	\bar{x} nEQR	
North	6.2	0.95	0.796	8.9	0.15	0.203	0.499	0.46
N-1000	6.1	0.93	0.759	8.6	0.14	0.203	0.481	
N-100	6.0	0.92	0.731	9.9	0.16	0.203	0.467	
N-10	5.8	0.90	0.683	4.7	0.08	0.202	0.442	
S-10	6.1	0.94	0.777	-4.4	-0.07	0.000	0.389	
S-100	6.1	0.93	0.765	8.9	0.15	0.202	0.483	
S-1000	6.1	0.93	0.766	-2.1	-0.04	0.000	0.383	
South	6.2	0.95	0.796	0.1	0.001	0.202	0.499	

3.3 Compared with previous years: 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019

Climate data from Tveitsund weather station (Table 3.17), located near lake Fyresvatn, shows that the air temperature (C°) was higher during the sampling period in 2018 (May-October), compared to the other investigated years (2016, 2017 and 2019). Years with warmer months during their sampling period compared to 2018, were September 2016 (13.5 C°) and August 2019 (15.5 C°). Regarding monthly average precipitation (mm), 2019 exhibited the highest rainfall during that years sampling period (124 mm, average of May-September), followed by 2018 (66 mm, average of May-October), 2017 (116 mm, average of June-October) and 2016 that exhibited the least rainfall (61 mm, average of June-October). Figure 3.5 shows variation in runoff (m³ sec⁻¹) and precipitation (mm) between years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. The annual daily average runoff in 2017 and 2019 (2.5 m³ sec⁻¹) were significantly higher compared to the other years, with lowest in 2016 (1.8 m³ sec⁻¹). 2017 exhibited the highest daily average runoff during the sampling period (3.7 m³ sec⁻¹), followed by 2019 (2.8 m³ sec⁻¹), 2018 (1.4 m³ sec⁻¹) and 2016 (1.2 m³ sec⁻¹).

Table 3.17: Monthly and annual average air temperatures (C°) and precipitation (mm) from 2016 to 2019 at Tveitsund weather station, located near Lake Fyresvatn (Eklima). Sampling months are marked grey. Note: no data from Tveitsund from 19.07.17 to 31.07.17.

Month	Air Temp °C				Precip. mm			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
Jan	-4.5	-0.5	-1.4	-1.9	92.2	43.1	143.7	47.2
Feb	-0.9	-1.4	-4.4	1.1	74.8	72.7	77.6	54.7
Mar	1.6	1.6	-3.9	2	85.5	62.0	26.8	94.5
April	4.3	4.5	4.4	6.1	60.0	49.9	30.6	54.7
May	11.1	10.9	13.8	8.8	78.1	81.7	46.3	83.6
Jun	15.1	14.0	16.6	13.7	52.8	141.3	43.7	112.8
Jul	15.2	14.7	20.7	16.2	91.0	12.5	44.4	145.6
Aug	14.2	13.8	14.5	15.5	76.8	80.5	75.0	181.9
Sep	13.5	10.8	11.2	10.6	54.4	187.4	158.0	96.5
Oct	5.1	6.8	7.0	4.9	30.5	158.8	33.7	140.8
Nov	0.7	1.6	3.0	0.1	81.8	88.2	128.6	150.7
Dec	2.1	-0.9	-0.4	0.6	55.8	49.7	98.5	117.8
Yearly	6.5	6.3	6.8	6.5	834	1028	907	1281

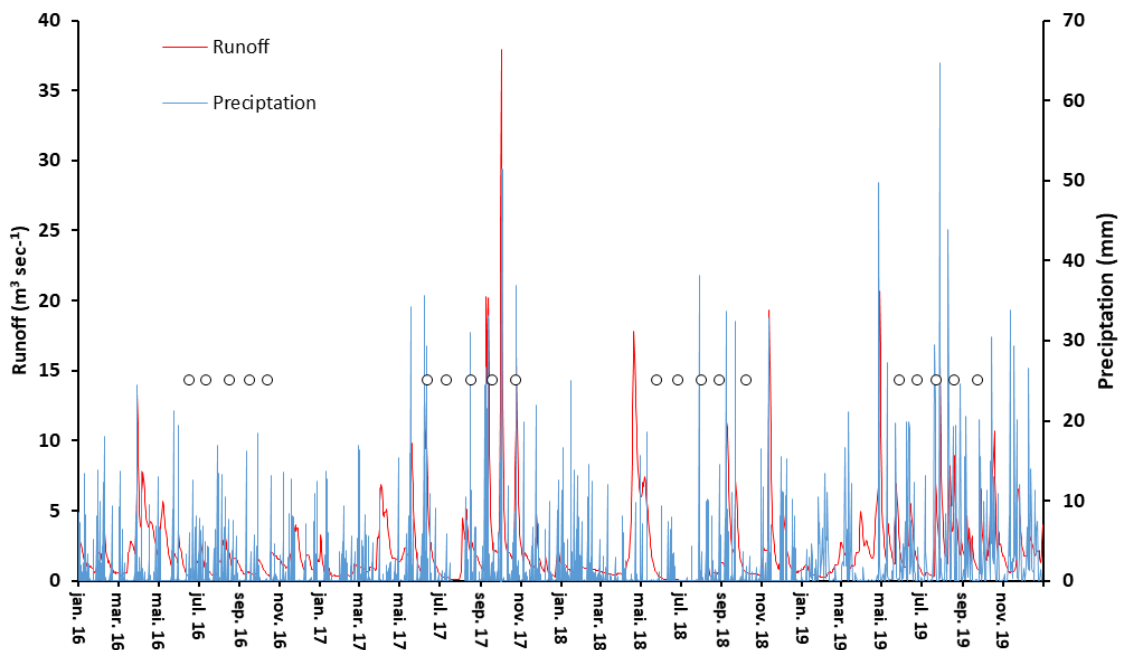


Figure 3.5: Daily average runoff ($\text{m}^3 \text{sec}^{-1}$) and precipitation (mm) at the outlet of Lake Fyresvatn (Kilåi bru) from 2016 to 2019. Open circles indicate sampling dates. Data from Kileåi has been received from Klausen E. NVE (pers. com.), while precipitation data is taken from the database Eklima.

The parameters selected to compare between the years are primarily focused on sight depth, Chl-a, Tot-N and Tot-P from far north and south stations based on mixed samples of 0-12 m, from the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Year 2016 and 2017 only have data from far north and south stations in lake Fyresvatn. To show the difference in selected parameters between the years, a table with time-weighted mean concentrations (TWMC), average concentration, standard deviation (st.dev), median, maximum (max) and minimum (min) values are presented below (**Table 3.18**).

The lowest sight depth measured during the period 2016 - 2019 was 5.0 m (station far north, in June 2017, while the highest sight depth (8.5 m) was measured at station far south in August 2016. The sight depth is shown to be significantly higher in the south (7.3 m) compared to north (6.5 m) in Lake Fyresvatn, and with small variations during the period at the far south station. At the north station, both 2016 and 2018 showed significantly higher sight depths compared to 2017 and 2019, with the highest average sight depth (7.0 m) recorded in 2018, the lowest (5.8 m) in 2017.

All years, the highest Tot-N concentrations were recorded at far north station, with the highest value measured ($410 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) in October 2017 and lowest ($100 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) in August 2019. The average concentration of Tot-N in 2019 ($\approx 150 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) was much lower compared to previous years, i.e. $\approx 300 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ in 2016 and 2017 and $\approx 250 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ in 2018. The decrease was not found to be statistically significant (**Figure 3.6**).

For Tot-P, the concentrations varied from $0.50 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ in 2016 (June) to $35.1 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ in 2017 (September), both measured at the far north station. Tot-P in 2016 were significantly lower compared to the other years (2017, 2018 and 2019), all samples were $1.0 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ or lower, while 2017 exhibited significantly higher Tot-P values. In 2016, Tot-P was analysed at NMBU, while in 2017 Tot-P was analysed at INHM, but with large analytical challenges. In both 2018 and 2019 with more comparable data ($2.0\text{-}4.0 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$), the Tot-P analyses were performed at INHM, using new sampling bottles. Large challenges are expected with Tot-P analyses in lakes with very low Tot-P values ($< 5.0 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$), which are normally present in Lake Fyresvatn.

The Chl-a concentrations varied from $0.26 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ in August 2016 at station far north to $1.42 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ in August 2016 at station far south. Both 2016 and 2018 exhibited the highest Chl-a TWMC in the south, while 2017 and 2019 had their highest Chl-a TWMC in the north.

Overall, 2018 had the highest Chl-a average concentrations ($0.89 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$), followed by 2016 ($0.82 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$), 2019 ($0.66 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) and 2017 ($0.65 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$).

Table 3.18: Time-weighted mean concentrations (TWMC), average, standard deviations (St.dev), median, maximum and minimum values for sight depth (m), Chl-a ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$), Tot-N ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) and Tot-P ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) from the site far North and far South in Lake Fyresvatn from 2016 to 2019.

	Fyresvatn North				Fyresvatn South			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth
	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
TWMC:	6.9	5.8	7.0	6.4	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.1
Average:	6.9	5.7	7.0	6.6	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.3
Stdev:	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.9
Median:	7.0	6.0	7.0	6.3	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.5
Max:	7.5	6.0	7.0	7.5	8.5	8.0	8.0	8.2
Min:	6.5	5.0	7.0	5.5	6.0	6.9	7.0	6.1
	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a
	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$
TWMC:	0.60	0.65	0.74	0.66	0.82	0.60	0.89	0.57
Average:	0.58	0.63	0.69	0.60	0.82	0.59	0.81	0.57
Stdev:	0.24	0.16	0.19	0.29	0.36	0.18	0.39	0.09
Median:	0.54	0.68	0.68	0.70	0.71	0.64	0.73	0.59
Max:	0.85	0.76	0.90	0.80	1.42	0.73	1.33	0.65
Min:	0.26	0.34	0.51	0.09	0.45	0.28	0.45	0.43
	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N
	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$
TWMC:	305	342	257	151	297	285	253	142
Average:	299	341	258	151	304	288	249	145
Stdev:	55	64	19	26	39	36	30	29
Median:	296	360	261	135	299	302	261	143
Max:	380	410	274	186	343	331	270	175
Min:	247	268	234	130	246	243	205	100
	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P
	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$
TWMC:	0.64	16.40	2.45	2.14	0.58	5.20	1.92	4.31
Average:	0.70	15.54	2.58	2.28	0.60	5.00	1.89	3.97
Stdev:	0.21	12.45	1.10	0.66	0.14	3.00	0.84	2.34
Median:	0.70	12.59	2.32	2.10	0.50	4.00	1.85	3.01
Max:	1.00	35.10	4.13	3.41	0.80	10.30	2.93	7.44
Min:	0.50	5.01	1.55	1.74	0.50	2.80	0.93	1.73

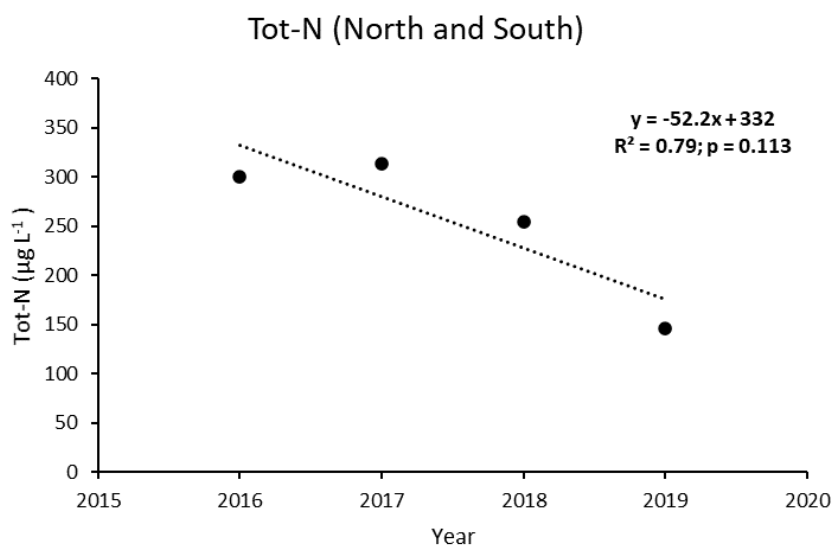


Figure 3.6: Tot-N regression from 2016-2019, with TWMC from North and South.

3.3.1 EQR estimation between the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019

Ecological quality reference (EQR) values are calculated using time-weighted means (TWM) for sight depth, Tot-P, Tot-N and Chl-a for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 (Table 3.18) using Equations presented in Table 2.5 and Equation 2. Overall, the EQR estimations show moderate to very good to good conditions.

Table 3.19: EQR and nEQR values of sight depth, Tot-P, Tot-N and Chl-a based on time-weighted mean concentrations from epilimnion (mixed samples of 0-12 m) at the sampling sites far north and far south in Lake Fyresvatn from 2016 to . Blue = Very good condition; Green = good condition; Yellow = moderate condition.

2016 - 2019		Eutrophication													
Lake type	202d	Secchi depth	EQR	nEQR	Tot-P	EQR	nEQR	Tot-N	EQR	nEQR	Chl-a	EQR	nEQR	Site	
Year	Site	m	Sight depth	Sight depth	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	Tot-P	Tot-P	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	Tot-N	Tot-N	$\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	Chl-a	Chl.a	\bar{x} nEQR	\bar{x} nEQR
2016	North	6.9	1.10	1.000	0.64	4.69	1.000	305	0.49	0.713	0.60	2.17	1.000	0.928	
2017	North	5.8	0.92	0.735	16.4	0.18	0.405	342	0.44	0.671	0.65	2.00	1.000	0.703	
2018	North	7	1.11	1.000	2.45	1.22	1.000	257	0.58	0.787	0.74	1.76	1.000	0.947	
2019	North	6.4	1.02	1.000	2.14	1.40	1.000	151	0.99	0.996	0.66	1.97	1.000	0.999	0.91
2016	South	7.3	1.16	1.000	0.58	5.17	1.000	297	0.51	0.724	0.82	1.59	1.000	0.931	
2017	South	7.4	1.17	1.000	5.2	0.58	0.785	285	0.53	0.741	0.60	2.17	1.000	0.881	
2018	South	7.3	1.16	1.000	1.92	1.56	1.000	253	0.59	0.794	0.89	1.46	1.000	0.949	
2019	South	7.1	1.13	1.000	4.31	0.70	0.848	145	1.03	1.000	0.57	2.26	1.000	0.962	

3.3.2 EQR estimation between 2018 and 2019

Ecological quality reference (EQR) values are calculated using time-weighted means (TWM) for sight depth, Tot-P, Tot-N and Chl-a for 2018 and 2019 (Annex 5 and 7) using Equations presented in Table 2.5 and Equation 2. The comparison only represents the 6 stations close to the fish farm (N-1000, N-100, N-10, S-10, S-100, S-1000). Overall, the EQR estimations show Good to Very good conditions.

Table 3.20: EQR and nEQR values of sight depth, Tot-P, Tot-N and Chl-a based on time-weighted means from mix samples 0-6 m at Sampling sites N-1000, N-100, N-10, S-10, S-100 and S-1000 from year 2018 and 2019. Blue = very good and green = good.

2018 - 2019		Eutrophication													
Lake Type	202d	Secchi depth	EQR	nEQR	Tot-P	EQR	nEQR	Tot-N	EQR	nEQR	Chl-a	EQR	nEQR	Site	x̄nEQR
Year	Site	m	Sight depth	Sight depth	µg L ⁻¹	Tot-P	Tot-P	µg L ⁻¹	Tot-N	Tot-N	µg L ⁻¹	Chl-a	Chl.a	x̄nEQR	
2018	N-1000	8.1	1.29	1.000	4.03	0.74	0.872	241	0.62	0.810	0.73	1.78	1.000	0.921	0.96
2019	N-1000	6.2	0.98	0.929	3.26	0.92	0.960	134	1.12	1.000	0.81	1.61	1.000	0.972	
2018	N-100	8.1	1.29	1.000	3.86	0.78	0.889	251	0.60	0.798	0.83	1.57	1.000	0.922	
2019	N-100	6.7	1.06	1.000	2.12	1.42	1.000	141	1.07	1.000	0.84	1.54	1.000	1.000	
2018	N-10	7.5	1.19	1.000	3.41	0.88	0.940	258	0.58	0.790	0.74	1.76	1.000	0.921	
2019	N-10	6.6	1.05	1.000	5.18	0.58	0.786	141	1.06	1.000	0.77	1.70	1.000	0.972	
2018	S-10	7.7	1.22	1.000	3.16	0.95	0.975	267	0.56	0.770	0.72	1.81	1.000	0.936	
2019	S-10	6.8	1.08	1.000	2.13	1.41	1.000	126	1.20	1.000	0.80	1.64	1.000	1.000	
2018	S-100	7.8	1.24	1.000	3.83	0.78	0.892	252	0.60	0.796	0.77	1.69	1.000	0.922	
2019	S-100	6.6	1.04	1.000	2.79	1.08	1.000	132	1.14	1.000	0.79	1.64	1.000	1.000	
2018	S-1000	8.3	1.32	1.000	3.35	0.90	0.948	254	0.59	0.790	0.88	1.48	1.000	0.934	
2019	S-1000	6.7	1.06	1.000	2.17	1.38	1.000	162	0.93	0.964	0.81	1.60	1.000	0.991	

3.3.2.1 Earlier results, before the fish farm was established

EQR calculations Tot-P and Tot-N from 1982, 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1997 (Table 3.21) rely on various sampling sites, mostly taken from different sites in the mid area and northern area of Lake Fyresvatn, and with varying number of sampling per year. These EQR calculation were made in order to compare and post fish farm conditions in Lake Fyresvatn. Overall, the pre fish farm conditions in Lake Fyresvatn based on EQR estimates were Very good to Good. Figure 3.7 shows SO₄²⁻, Ca²⁺ and pH concentrations from 1978 – 2019.

Table 3.21: Variations in EQR and nEQR values of Tot-P and Tot-N from different sampling sites in Lake Fyresvatn during the pre fish farm period, i.e. from 1982 to 1997 (Resa database NIVA, Annex 8). Blue = Very good; Green = Good.

1982 - 1997				Tot-P and Tot-N							
Lake Type	202d	Location		Tot-p	EQR	nEQR	Tot-N	EQR	nEQR	Site	x̄nEQR
Source	Year	North	East	µg L-1	Tot-P	Tot-P	µg L-1	Tot-N	Tot-N	x̄nEQR	
NIVA	1982	6551000	451500	2.67	1.13	1.00	323	0.46	0.69	0.85	0.90
NIVA	1993	6555199	447900	2.35	1.28	1.00	243	0.62	0.89	0.94	
NIVA	1994	6555199	447955	2.87	1.05	1.00	260	0.58	0.78	0.89	
NIVA	1996	6555199	447900	1.50	2.00	1.00	254	0.59	0.79	0.90	
NIVA	1997	6555199	447900	1.00	3.00	1.00	248	0.60	0.82	0.91	

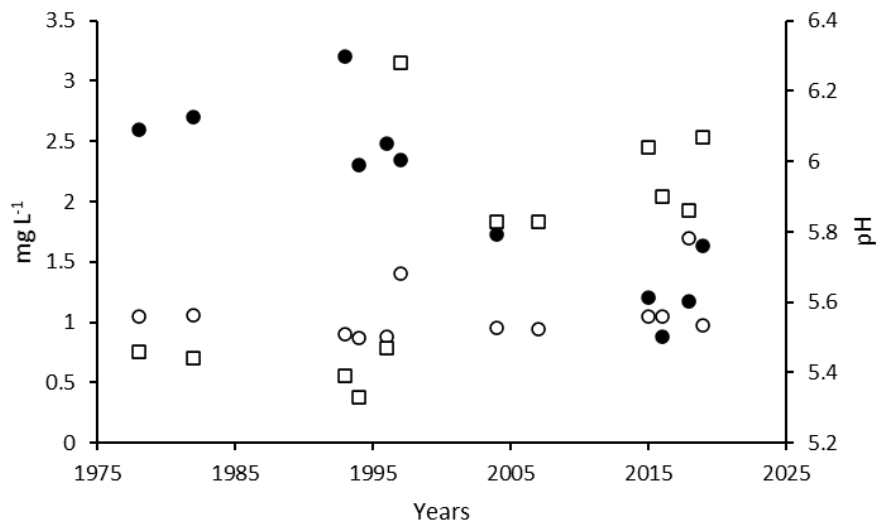


Figure 3.7: Concentrations of SO_4^{2-} (●), Ca^{2+} (○) and pH (□) in Lake Fyresvatn from 1978 – 2019. Table data can be found in **Annex 7** and **8** (Resa database NIVA; Lydersen et al. 2017, Angelovičová 2018).

3.4 Bottom Fauna and sediment description

All bottom fauna results for Fyresvatn 2019 are enclosed in **Annex 10**. Assembled data is presented in **Table 3.22** while densities (ind. m^2) along the four transects from the fish farm are visualised in **Figure 3.8**.

The highest density of Oligochaeta was found at station 7 (North-West transect at 0 m) where the average density (3 parallel samples) was 2279 per m^2 . The lowest density of Oligochaeta was at station 10 (North-east transect at 0 m distance) where the average density (5 parallel samples) was 8 per m^2 . Station 7 stands out from the other three transects at 0 m distance. Without station 7 included, the lowest densities of Oligochaeta was at 0 m from the fish farms net pen (59 ind. m^2), followed by the highest concentrations at 10 m distance (2033 ind. m^2) and then lower at 30 m distance (297 ind. m^2). With station 7 included, the density is highest at 0 m distance (2338 per m^2) and decreases outwards.

The highest density of Chironomidae was found at station 12 (North-east transect at 30 m distance) where the average density (5 parallel samples) was 67 ind. m^2 . The lowest density of Chironomidae was found at stations 1, 7, 10 (all 0 m distance) and station 5 (10 m distance) with 0 ind. m^2 . At station 4 (South-east transect at 0 m distance) we found 8 Chironomidae ind. m^2 , this stands out from the other three stations at 0 m distance, where the density was 0 ind. m^2 . On average, the density of Chironomidae increases with the distance from the fish farm.

Table 3.22: Bottom fauna stations, station depths, distance from the fish farms, density (ind. m⁻²) of bottom fauna organisms (Oligochaeta and Chironomidae) and Arctic charr roe from the investigation in Lake Fyresvatn in 2019.

Station	Depth m	Dist. Net pen m	Oligochaeta	Chironomidae	Arctic Char
			Imago ind. m ²	Larvae ind. m ²	roe ind. m ²
1	45	0	17	0	329
2	46	10	307	17	0
3	52	30	30	59	0
4	46	0	34	8	160
5	48	10	107	0	8
6	54	30	25	42	0
7	46	0	2279	0	295
8	42	10	584	17	0
9	38	30	59	59	0
10	46	0	8	0	810
11	43	10	1036	14	0
12	38	30	183	67	0
1, 4, 7, 10	46	0	2338	8	1594
2, 5, 8, 11	45	10	2033	48	8
3, 6, 9, 12	46	30	297	228	0

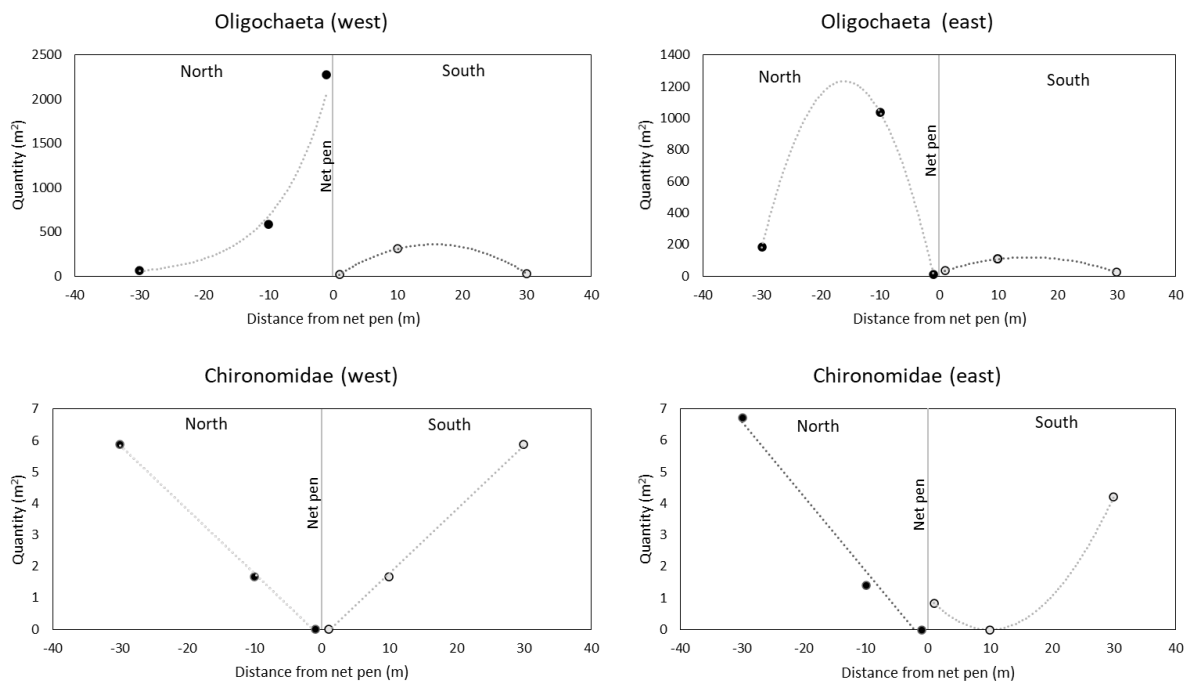


Figure 3.8: Density (ind. m²) of Oligochaeta and Chironomidae at two north facing transects (one east and one west on the fish farm) and two south facing transects (one east and one west on the fish farm). Along the transects samples are withdrawn at a distance of 0 m, 10 and 30 m from the edge of the fish farm pens. South-west includes stations 1, 2 and 3; North-west includes stations 7, 8 and 9; South-east includes stations 4, 5 and 6; North-east includes station 10, 11 and 12 (Note different Y axis values on Oligochaeta).

Sediment description

Sediments taken 0 m from the fish farm pens consisted of sludge with some sand and gravel. After sieving the sediments, the retained material contained slime, a lot of dead Arctic charr roe and food pellets. All samples smelled of sewage. South-east transect at 0m (station 4) had no food pellets, less sewage smell and the only site where Chironomidae individuals were found at the 4 stations located 0 m from the pens. North-west transect at 0 m (station 7) had a more varied sediment with more sand and was where we found the highest density of Oligochaeta. North-east transect at 0 m (station 10) had the most sewage smell out of all of them, with a lot of food pellets, dead arctic char roe and least benthos found.

Sediments 10 m from the fish farms net pen consisted mainly of sand and gravel, with some oxidized iron (Fe^{3+}). We found no food pellets, but at station 5 we found some arctic char roe. There was no sewage smell from the sediments at these distances and was here we found the most benthos at three out of the four transects i.e. 10 m distance.

Sediments 30 m from the fish farms net pen consisted of sand, gravel and rocks, with a lot of oxidized iron (Fe^{3+}). We found no food pellets or arctic char roe, and there was no sewage smell.

4 Discussion

All lakes are supplied with nutrients from natural runoff, and many lakes are affected by additional nutrient runoff from sewage and agriculture (Holtan & Åstebø, 1990). The effect of extra nutrients will vary greatly from lake to lake, but in most cases the lake will become more nutritious (Rognerud 1979, Berge 1987, Johnsen et al. 2019). With the extra impact from the fish farm makes Lake Fyresvatn an interesting lake to investigate, where one knows little of the impact with regards to the fish farm, and when including the water regulations.

Like most lakes in Norway, Lake Fyresvatn is a deep and naturally nutrient poor lake, and when affected by regulated waters upstream, maybe even more nutrient poor. These water regulations might cause changes to the residence time (T_w), compared to what natural T_w would be in these waters. This can result in higher P-retention and that less phosphorus (P) runs in to Fyresvatn. These regulations do not just affect the nutrients and T_w but also the variation in the lakes upper water layers (Epilimnion) especially in summertime, with regards to water temperature and the lakes stratification (Kirillin & Shatwell 2016). Water from the magazine is drained from the depths, which is colder than surface water. The impact can result in colder surface water in Lake Fyresvatn compared to what the natural temperature would be (Lydersen et al., 2017). The colder water can have a positive “impact” with regards to the production of Arctic Charr, which is stenothermal and thrives in colder temperatures, preferably $< 12^{\circ}\text{C}$ (Sæther et al. 2016, Olk et al. 2019). Studies have shown that Arctic Char egg fertilisation in colder water temperatures (2-8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$) have a higher survival rate, compared to eggs fertilised in higher temperatures (Krieger & Olson 1988, Atse et al. 2002).

During our survey period (May - September) the surface water temperature in Lake Fyresvatn was not higher than 15.8°C , which is similar to temperatures measured from previous surveys, with exception of 2018, which had an abnormally hot summer (Lydersen et al. 2017, Angelovičová 2018). Summer stagnation usually occurs in June in Lake Fyresvatn, while in 2019, summer stagnation was not observed until July. Lake autumn turn-over normally occurs once during October (Lydersen et al. 2017). Our sampling period ended in September, where the thermocline was deepening and far less distinct, which can indicate a transition to the autumn turn-over (**Figure 3.3**).

The low water colour and turbidity both categorizes the lake as clear (Direktoratsgruppen, 2018), which corresponds with the long sight depth, as well as a long photosynthetic depth (Dodds & Whiles 2010), typically found in oligotrophic lakes. Since we did not have the opportunity to measure TOC (total organic carbon), water colour can be used to estimate an approximate humus content. The highest water colour average was $18.3 \text{ mg Pt L}^{-1}$, which corresponds to the lake having a low humus content (TOC $2\text{-}5 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$), (Direktoratsgruppen, 2018). The monthly increase of water colour might due to increased Chl-a (**Figure 3.2**), (Carvalho et al. 2009). Rognerud et al. (1979) established a strong relationship between sight depth and Chl-a, for deep and clear lakes in Norway. The correlation shows an inverse relationship, where increased Chl-a concentrations is usually accompanied by decreased sight depth. But as the nutrient concentrations in 2019 were low, did this result in a low algal bloom (Chl-a) during the summer months, which also matches the long sight depth.

In oligotrophic lakes phosphorus (P) is usually the best predictor for algal growth, with P:N ratios $> 1:12$. As P is in a shorter supply than nitrogen (N) for algae growth. Tot-P and Chl-a also have well established empirical positive relationships, which are widely used (Dillion & Rigler 1974, Rognerud et al. 1979, Prairie et al. 1989).

The results from 2019 had a P:N ratio $> 1:12$, where both Tot-P and Tot-N concentrations were generally low. Tot-N was relatively stable throughout the whole lake, while Tot-P was higher north from the fish farm. The combined water quality (EQR) in Lake Fyresvatn 2019 was characterized as Very good (**Table 3.14**). The only outlier was the higher Tot-P concentrations at station N-10, where the concentration was characterized as Good. This might imply that this station is more affected by the fish farm compared to the others. Statistically, this was not shown to be significantly higher compared to the other stations but did however have an impact on the EQR calculations. Based on the empirical relationships between Tot-P and Chl-a, one could expect higher Chl-a concentrations at station N-10, this was not the case. The Chl-a was lower at station N-10 compared to several other stations with lower measured Tot-P. Although, there are uncertainties associated with Tot-P measurements in lakes where concentrations are very low i.e. accuracy (Lydersen et al. 2019). Another important factor regarding P, is how much of the P is bioavailable (dissolved phosphate), where the dissolved P can be utilized by the algae directly and varies between different supply sources. From fish farms it is estimated to be 30-40 %, from wastewater up to 65-70 % and agriculture 30 % (Braaten et al. 1992).

Chl-a was as expected, highest during the warmer months (June-September), (Carvalho et al. 2009). Although, measured Chl-a in July had a decrease in epilimnion (0-6 m). The YSI Chl-a depth profile shows lower Chl-a concentrations in the first 3 m, and higher at 4-10 m depth. Regarding our mix samples (0-6 m), the first 3 m may have diluted the higher concentrations 4-6 m depth (**Figure 3.3**). The conditions (EQR) for the four biological quality elements (**Table 3.15**). Chl-a, biovolume (algae volume) and cyanobacteria results were characterized as Very good, but due to high PTI scores, the summarized nEQR was lowered to Good, because of “one-out-all-out-principle” (Direktoratsgruppen, 2018). The worst PTI score was calculated at station N-10, where the highest concentrations of Tot-P was observed. Phytoplankton taxa can be a very useful indicator for environmental conditions and can give a suggestive clue to the water quality (Brettum 1989, Carvalho et. Al. 2008). The PTI is a biological quality element used as an indicator for eutrophication, where in this case the PTI does not correspond with the measured nutrient concentrations (Tot-P and Tot-N) in Lake Fyresvatn 2019.

4.1 Compared with previous years

Based on EQR calculations from earlier years (**Table 3.19**), the parameters that have had any significant effect or change on the lakes condition is Tot-P and Tot-N. The Tot-N concentrations in 2019 have reduced by almost half of the Tot-N concentrations from previous years (2016, 2017 and 2018). Rådgivende Biologer AS, did their own field survey in September (2019) in Lake Fyresvatn, that confirmed the low Tot-N concentrations, with a control sample (Johnsen et al., 2019). This decrease has changed the condition for Tot-N from good to very good condition in 2019. Tot-P concentrations were significantly higher in 2017, where conditions were characterized as Good and Moderate. There is a chance that these samples might have been contaminated, as its unlikely that the concentrations were this high, and we would expect to see an increase in Chl-a values, which was not the case. All other years the Tot-P has been much lower and characterized to Very good conditions. Both sight depth and Chl-a has been stable between the years with no changes in condition and have continuously been characterized to very good conditions.

Comparing stations close to the fish farm 2018-2019 (**Table 3.20**), Tot-N shows the same decrease in concentration, and all sampling sites have gone from good to Very good, with exception of station N-1000 in 2018 which already had a Very good condition. Regarding Tot-P, only station N-10 has gone from Very good to Good condition 2019.

Previous data of Tot-P and Tot-N, from years (1982, 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1997) before the fish farm was established, showed an overall Very good condition in Lake Fyresvatn. There have been minor changes in Tot-P, with a small increase in 2019 since those years. Tot-N has decreased since then (**Table 3.22**). Even though these samples have been taken at varied sampling sites and dates, Lake Fyresvatn is a large lake and is wind exposed. The dominating wind directions go along the length of the lake (**Table 3.1**), which can suggest that the surface water is well circulated and that the physical, chemical and biological parameters are similar from north to south, especially above the thermocline (Meromictic),(Kleiven 2017, Bengtsson 1978). Which Johnsen et al. (2019) also mentioned in their report.

But, as the production in the fish farm has increased significantly the last two years, and the residence time (T_w) in lakes Fyresvatn is ≈ 8 years, implies a long response time, and we might not see the effects before ≈ 8 years. The estimated retention time related to phosphorus, withholds 74 % of all the P emitted into Lake Fyresvatn (**Figure 3.4**), were most of the P is permanently stored in sediment (Søndergaard 2007, Lydersen 2017). However, the sediment is an integral part of the lake system and serves as a buffer against changes in external P supply (Molversmyr & Andersen 2006). P can be released from sediment under reduced conditions (low Eh). Complexes P bindings (e.g. iron phosphate hydroxide) dissolve ($Fe^3 \rightarrow Fe^2$). Phosphate that has dissolved under reduced conditions in hypolimnion, can come up to the surface during circulation periods, spring and fall (Skiple & Bratli 1997). Although, there is no signs of being reduced conditions on the lakebed in Lake Fyresvatn. The concentrations of SO_4^{2-} and NO_3^- (oxidized states) were higher in hypolimnion compared to epilimnion. Bottom water O_2 conditions were relatively good (**Annex 12**), together with the presence of Oxidized iron (Fe^{3+}) suggests good conditions near the lakebed. O_2 is one of the primary determinants of redox (Eh), and the presence of O_2 tells us that the Eh is high and indicates an oxidizing environment (Walter & Dodds 2010).

4.2 Acidification

The ion composition in the Lake Fyresvatn (2019) resulted in a low acid neutralization capacity (ANC) and again the low pH. The overall acidification EQR calculation in lake Fyresvatn was assessed as Moderate and is mainly due to the low ANC that varied from Bad to Very bad, while all pH measurements were assessed as Good (**Table 3.16**). It is apparent that Fyresvatn receives much of its ions from atmospheric input, besides P and calcium (Ca^{2+}). The geology in the area mainly consists of acidic and low weatherable bedrock such as diuretic to granitic gneiss that offer a low buffer capacity (Jansen 1986, Klempe 1992, Johnsen et al. 2019).

Earlier Fyresvatn was heavily affected by acid rain, mainly from anthropogenic SO_2 -gas in form of sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4), (Myhre 2015, Lydersen et al. 2017). Data from back to 1978 (**Figure 3.7**) show that the SO_4^{2-} concentrations were highest in 1993 and has since then decreased significantly (Hindar & Larssen 2004). The lowest concentration measured since then was in 2016, with a 73 % decrease of SO_4^{2-} . In 2019, the SO_4^{2-} concentrations have increased from 2016, but still a 49 % decrease from 1993. Even though SO_4^{2-} has increased 2019, the pH seems to be stable. The Ca^{2+} has changed marginally over the same time period and had its peak in 1997 during the liming projects. Today the effect of the liming in the water has almost disappeared and is considered to be close to not limed (Høgberget et al. 2018). The acidification level in Lake Fyresvatn in 2019, does not seem to have any effect on the biology, including the fish.

4.3 Bottom fauna

The fish farm (Telemarkrøye AS) has produced ≈ 250 -ton fish in total since established in 2014. The last two years (2018 and 2019) the fish farm has produced ≈ 80 tons annually (**Annex 11**). The discharge of nutrients in the upper layers (epilimnion) can affect the phytoplankton, where photosynthesis takes place. Although, most of the discharge from the fish farm is released under the thermocline and the photic zone, where particulate nutrients sink to the lakebed and accumulate (Olsen et al. 2008). Bottom fauna was investigated to assess direct local impact from the fish farms activity. In general, the environmental impact on the lakebed is greatest directly, and in the near vicinity of the fish farm, normally confined within 1 km.

The effect, however, depends on location, locality conditions, water flow and production density, as higher productions accumulate more organic material to the sediment. The concerning impact is the development of anoxic sediments, reduced conditions (low Eh) and toxic gasses that can decrease the benthic diversity. This happens when the bottom fauna is fed with more organic material than what they are capable to consume, and the organic material accumulates. The oxygen demand in these enriched sediments can be five to ten times higher than non-enriched sediments (Wu 1995).

The two most common bottom fauna organisms found belongs to the family Chironomidae and the subclass Oligochaeta, the latter primarily within the genus *Tubifex*. Of the two predominant bottom fauna groups, the Chironomidae individuals are generally far more sensitive to high loads of organic matter and nutrients compared with Oligochaeta (Lydersen, pers. Com.). Accordingly, increasing numbers of Chironomidae individuals were found by increasing distance from the fish farm, the opposite gradient was revealed for Oligochaeta (**Figure 3.8**). On average Oligochaeta was highest at 0 m distance, due to 1 transect, which was significantly higher compared to the other 3, at 0 m distance from the net pen (**Table 3.22**). In general, the densities were higher at 10 m distance. The fact that the densities of Oligochaeta varied, may be related to the position of the fish farm, and that this changes due to weather (wind) and water flow.

In the Sediments 0 m from the fish farms net pen mainly consisted of sludge and dissolved food pellets, with a strong sewage smell. Where a lot of dead Arctic charr was also observed.

At 10 m from the net pen, the impact from the fish farm was reduced significantly, we found Arctic charr Roe at one station but no food pellets. At 30 m distance, the impact on bottom fauna seemed to be minimal, and there were no signs from the fish farm at all, and that 30 m distance results might indicate natural bottom fauna in the lake.

Compared to survey done in 2017 (Lydersen et al. 2017), who did one transect north and one south, the densities were similar for both Oligochaeta and Chironomidae. Only difference is that we did not find any sign of caddisfly larva (*Trichoptera*) or their houses in 2019, which Lydersen et al. (2017) found in their survey.

The fact that the lowest density in general was at 0 m from the fish farm might indicate suboptimal conditions, even for the low oxygen adapted and pollutant tolerant Oligochaeta (Fischer & Beeton 1975). At 10 m distance where the highest densities were found, might suggest non-fatal conditions i.e. low Eh or toxic environments (high values of H₂S or butyric acid) in the sediment, even though this was not analysed.

5 Conclusion

Overall, there is so far minor indications of fish farm effects on the water chemistry and Chl-a in Lake Fyresvatn, despite the production volume has increased significantly the last two years. Though these production volumes are not high, considering the size of the lake. The discharge and concentrations levels of nutrient (phosphorus and nitrogen) do not increase the algae growth (Chl-a, phytoplankton and cyanobacteria) to critical levels or suggest signs of eutrophication. The condition characterization of Tot-P, Tot-N and Chl-a shows that the conditions in the lake are Very good. However, as the lake residence time is ≈ 8 years, it takes time to document the whole lake effects of current production volume. Most of the discharge from the fish farm is released under the thermocline and the photic zone, where particulate nutrients sink to the lakebed. There were some indicators that the bottom fauna was affected by the accumulation of nutrient and organic matter discharged from the fish farm, even for the low oxygen adapted Tubifex. The less tolerant of the two species (Chironomidae) observed was found at increasing density further away from the fish farm. The more tolerant species (Oligochaeta) was observed in higher densities close to, with decreasing density away from the fish farm. Accordingly, further monitoring is needed.

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Annex 1: wastewater treatment plants yearly emissions to Lake Fyresvatn

Tot-P, Tot-N, biological oxygen demand and chemical oxygen demand emissions from Fyresdal wastewater treatment plant into lake Fyresvatn in tons per year (TPY) (norskeutslipp.no).

Year	Tot-P TPY	Tot-N TPY	BOD5 TPY	COD TPY
2014	0.027	n.a	10.491	19.153
2015	0.022	n.a	4.551	8.096
2016	0.006	n.a	1.531	4.027
2017	0.002	2.756	0.335	2.457
2018	0.005	2.052	2.262	4.473

Annex 2: Statistical testing between sampling months

Statistical testing between each individual parameter and the sampling months (May-September) in Lake Fyresvatn 2019. An Anderson-darling normality test (AD-test) was used to confirm if the data was normally distributed, at p -value > 0.05 . One-way ANOVA was used for normally distributed data and Kruskal-Wallis for non-normally distributed data. Green highlighted areas are p -values are < 0.05 .

Months	AD Normality test	ANOVA	Kruskal-Wallis	P-Value
	P-value	F-Value	H-Value	
pH	0.086	4.75	-	0.00
ANC	0.308	0.47	-	0.76
Ca ²⁺	0.041	2.18	22.91	0.00
SO ₄ ²⁻	<0.005	1.16	4.59	0.33
NO ₃ ⁻	<0.005	0.5	3.49	0.479
Sight depth	<0.005	15.23	20.22	0.00
Turbidity	0.020	6.23	19.30	0.00
Colour	<0.005	13.32	25.14	0.00
Chl-a	0.028	25.86	25.78	0.00
Tot-P	<0.005	0.72	6.06	0.20
Tot-N	0.205	0.22	-	0.93
YSI Temp.	<0.005	4819	27.58	0.00
YSI Chl-a	0.023	159.5	25.31	0.00
YSI O ₂	<0.005	637	27.87	0.00
YSI Cond.	<0.005	0.304	6.11	0.30
YSI pH	0.838	14.29	-	0.00

Annex 3: Statistical testing between sampling stations

Statistical testing between each individual parameter and the sampling stations in 2019, were Anderson-darling normality test (AD-test) was used to confirm if the data was normally distributed, at p -value > 0.05 . One-way ANOVA was used for normally distributed data and Kruskal-Wallis for non-normally distributed data. Green highlighted areas are p -values are < 0.05 .

Stations	AD Normality test	ANOVA	Kruskal-Wallis	P-Value
	P-value	F-Value	H-Value	
pH	0.086	2.89	-	0.02
ANC	0.205	2.66	-	0.03
Ca ²⁺	0.041	8.68	8.86	0.26
SO ₄ ²⁻	<0.005	2.22	15.5	0.03
NO ₃ ⁻	<0.005	1.02	14.38	0.05
Sight depth	<0.005	0.61	4.47	0.72
Turbidity	0.020	1.59	8.14	0.32
Colour	<0.005	0.61	4.55	0.72
Chl-a	0.023	0.19	4.39	0.73
Tot-P	<0.005	1.41	7.44	0.39
Tot-N	0.326	1.32	-	0.27
YSI Temp.	<0.005	0	0.3	0.99
YSI Chl-a	0.023	0.02	0.49	0.99
YSI O ₂	<0.005	0.02	0.57	0.99
YSI Cond.	<0.005	8.64	16.48	0.00
YSI pH	0.838	0.63	-	0.68

Annex 4: Statistical testing between epilimnion and hypolimnion

Statistical testing between epilimnion (0-6 m) and hypolimnion (20-40 m) in Lake Fyresvatn 2019. An Anderson-darling normality test (AD-test) was used to confirm if the data was normally distributed, at p -value > 0.05 . The two-sample t -test was used for normally distributed data and Mann-Whitney U test for non-normally distributed data. Green highlighted areas are p -values are < 0.05 .

	Epilimnion	Hypolimnion	Both depts stacked	Two-sample	Mann-whitney	P-Value
	AD Normality test	AD Normality test	AD Normality test	t-test	U test	
	P-value	P-value	P-value	t-value	W-value	
Cond	0.145	<0.005	<0.005	-	748	0.01
Colour	0.331	<0.005	0.023	-	1178	0.00
Turb	0.019	<0.005	<0.005	-	1117	0.00
Tot-P	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	-	998	0.22
Tot-N	<0.005	0.207	<0.005	-	946	0.65
pH	0.252	0.012	0.006	-	981	0.33
ANC	0.337	0.024	0.05	-	891	0.73
Ca ²⁺	0.246	0.155	<0.005	-	0.86	0.67
Mg ²⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-
Na ⁺	0.048	<0.005	<0.005	-	676	0.00
K ⁺	0.612	0.622	0.849	0.4	-	0.69
NH ₄ ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-
SO ₄ ²⁻	<0.005	0.018	<0.005	-	798	0.09
Cl ⁻	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	-	1102	0.01
NO ₃ ⁻	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	-	767	0.03

Annex 5: Time weighted mean concentrations calculations (TWMC), 2019

5.A Statistical data based on the physical, chemical and biological analysis from all sampling sites in epilimnion (0-6 m) in Lake Fyresvatn 2019. Time-weighted mean concentrations (TWMC), averages, standard deviation (st.dev), median, maximum (max) and minimum (min) values for the parameters Sight depth (m), Colour (mg Pt L⁻¹), Turbidity (NTU), Chl-a (µg L⁻¹), Tot-P (µg L⁻¹), Tot-N (µg L⁻¹), pH and Conductivity (µS Cm⁻¹).

2019	North	N-1000	N-100	N-10	S-10	S-100	S-1000	South
0-6m	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth	Sight depth
	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m
TWMC:	6.4	6.2	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.6	6.7	7.1
Average:	6.6	6.2	6.8	6.6	6.9	6.5	6.7	7.3
Stdev:	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.9
Median:	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.1	7.5	6.0	6.5	7.5
Max:	7.5	7.0	7.8	7.7	7.5	8.0	7.8	8.2
Min:	5.5	5.4	6.0	5.5	6.0	5.0	6.0	6.1
0-6m	Colour	Colour	Colour	Colour	Colour	Colour	Colour	Colour
	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹
TWMC:	18.93	17.44	17.02	17.15	16.51	16.74	18.12	16.79
Average:	18.34	17.38	16.79	16.92	16.30	16.47	17.98	16.45
Stdev:	2.70	1.36	1.21	1.94	2.25	1.86	1.88	2.11
Median:	19.20	16.83	16.77	17.28	16.50	16.41	16.74	17.71
Max:	20.27	19.10	18.58	19.00	18.78	18.25	20.76	18.18
Min:	13.74	15.93	15.22	14.50	13.88	13.59	16.59	13.20
0-6m	Turbidity	Turbidity	Turbidity	Turbidity	Turbidity	Turbidity	Turbidity	Turbidity
	NTU	NTU	NTU	NTU	NTU	NTU	NTU	NTU
TWMC:	0.44	0.31	0.38	0.35	0.32	0.29	0.32	0.28
Average:	0.42	0.31	0.38	0.35	0.31	0.29	0.31	0.27
Stdev:	0.14	0.06	0.12	0.10	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.04
Median:	0.45	0.32	0.37	0.37	0.31	0.34	0.33	0.30
Max:	0.60	0.37	0.50	0.48	0.37	0.34	0.37	0.30
Min:	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.21	0.21
0-6m	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a
	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹
TWMC:	0.66	0.81	0.84	0.77	0.80	0.79	0.81	0.57
Average:	0.60	0.74	0.75	0.69	0.72	0.70	0.74	0.57
Stdev:	0.29	0.35	0.43	0.34	0.36	0.42	0.35	0.09
Median:	0.70	0.88	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.63	0.79	0.59
Max:	0.80	0.98	1.35	1.04	1.21	1.26	1.04	0.65
Min:	0.09	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.20	0.16	0.15	0.43
0-6m	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P
	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹
TWMC:	2.14	3.11	2.12	5.18	2.13	2.79	2.17	4.31
Average:	2.28	4.11	2.06	5.19	2.13	3.13	2.15	3.97
Stdev:	0.66	4.09	0.72	2.77	0.19	2.90	0.43	2.34
Median:	2.10	3.07	2.32	6.41	2.20	1.94	1.96	3.01
Max:	3.41	6.28	2.82	7.60	2.34	8.26	2.82	7.44
Min:	1.74	0.98	1.23	1.99	1.86	1.20	1.76	1.73
0-6m	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N
	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹
TWMC:	151	134	141	142	126	132	162	145
Average:	151	134	141	143	126	133	159	149
Stdev:	26	16	15	14	24	16	21	31
Median:	135	127	139	136	131	139	164	150
Max:	186	161	158	160	149	150	186	181
Min:	130	121	124	130	85	109	133	100
0-6m	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH
	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH
TWMC:	6.17	6.08	5.99	5.84	6.12	6.10	6.10	6.19
Average:	6.16	6.05	5.97	5.83	6.11	6.07	6.07	6.17
Stdev:	0.14	0.15	0.11	0.18	0.11	0.15	0.15	0.14
Median:	6.14	6.07	5.99	5.82	6.10	6.03	6.03	6.10
Max:	6.40	6.24	6.10	6.05	6.27	6.28	6.28	6.40
Min:	6.03	5.81	5.80	5.63	5.98	5.87	5.87	6.06
0-6m	Cond.	Cond.	Cond.	Cond.	Cond.	Cond.	Cond.	Cond.
	µS Cm ⁻¹	µS Cm ⁻¹	µS Cm ⁻¹	µS Cm ⁻¹	µS Cm ⁻¹	µS Cm ⁻¹	µS Cm ⁻¹	µS Cm ⁻¹
May	11.40	11.00	11.10	11.80	11.40	11.00	11.10	11.20
June	11.30	10.80	10.80	11.40	11.50	11.70	11.40	11.20
July	11.30	10.80	10.70	11.60	10.80	10.80	10.80	11.20
August	12.60	10.40	12.30	10.80	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.70
September	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

5.B Statistical data based on the physical, chemical and biological analysis from all sampling sites in **hypolimnion** (20-40 m) in Lake Fyresvatn 2019. Time-weighted mean concentrations (TWMC), average, standard deviation (st.dev), median, maximum (max) and minimum (min) values for the parameters Colour (mg Pt L⁻¹), Turbidity (NTU), Tot-P (µg L⁻¹), Tot-N (µg L⁻¹) and Conductivity (µS Cm⁻¹).

2019	N-1000	N-100	N-10	S-10	S-100	S-1000
20-40m	Colour	Colour	Colour	Colour	Colour	Colour
	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹	mg Pt L ⁻¹
TWMC:	15.62	15.41	14.57	15.22	15.40	14.88
Average:	15.85	15.55	14.46	15.24	15.34	14.78
Stdev:	1.58	1.78	1.11	1.22	1.70	0.88
Median:	15.65	14.89	14.85	15.11	14.51	15.05
Max:	18.42	18.63	15.66	16.93	18.30	15.63
Min:	14.28	14.27	12.79	13.53	14.17	13.58
20-40m	Turbidity	Turbidity	Turbidity	Turbidity	Turbidity	Turbidity
	NTU	NTU	NTU	NTU	NTU	NTU
TWMC:	0.24	0.32	0.50	0.23	0.23	0.20
Average:	0.24	0.31	0.47	0.23	0.22	0.19
Stdev:	0.06	0.06	0.25	0.05	0.06	0.05
Median:	0.24	0.33	0.41	0.20	0.21	0.18
Max:	0.31	0.37	0.89	0.30	0.30	0.28
Min:	0.15	0.22	0.28	0.18	0.14	0.14
20-40m	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P	Tot-P
	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹
TWMC:	2.31	1.76	2.42	2.89	3.00	1.98
Average:	2.60	1.80	2.43	3.11	2.96	2.03
Stdev:	2.12	0.42	0.85	1.67	2.36	0.54
Median:	1.75	1.74	2.42	2.37	1.73	1.96
Max:	6.36	2.42	3.45	6.08	6.88	2.78
Min:	1.25	1.36	1.43	2.17	1.25	1.48
20-40m	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N	Tot-N
	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹
TWMC:	130	125	118	146	164	141
Average:	130	126	122	151	163	141
Stdev:	8	7	22	29	23	14
Median:	134	124	125	155	153	149
Max:	137	138	140	182	200	151
Min:	121	121	83	114	145	119
20-40m	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH
	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH
TWMC:	6.08	6.01	5.86	5.99	5.95	5.99
Average:	6.08	6.02	5.87	5.97	5.97	6.00
Stdev:	0.06	0.07	0.12	0.14	0.08	0.06
Median:	6.05	6.03	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.01
Max:	6.18	6.11	6.02	6.12	6.04	6.07
Min:	6.04	5.93	5.73	5.73	5.88	5.92
20-40m	Cond.	Cond.	Cond.	Cond.	Cond.	Cond.
	µS cm-1	µS cm-1	µS cm-1	µS cm-1	µS cm-1	µS cm-1
TWMC:	11.1	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.4
Average:	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3
Stdev:	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8
Median:	11.2	11.2	11.5	11.5	11.4	11.5
Max:	11.4	11.7	11.8	12.0	12.4	12.0
Min:	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

Annex 6: YSI multiparameter sonde table results

Monthly YSI Multiparameter sonde results (average of all stations). Temperature, Chl-a, Dissolved O₂ (mg L⁻¹), pH, conductivity (H₂₅) and O₂ %. Note: at 45m depth, the YSI sonde hit sediments at most stations.

Date	29.05.2019	25.06.2019	23.07.2019	20.08.2019	24.09.2019
Detpth	Temp.	Temp.	Temp.	Temp.	Temp.
m	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C
0	6.1	12.9	16.0	15.9	11.2
1	6.1	12.8	15.7	15.9	11.1
2	6.1	12.4	15.6	15.9	11.0
3	6.0	11.8	15.5	15.8	11.0
4	6.0	11.2	15.5	15.8	11.0
5	6.0	10.8	15.4	15.8	10.8
6	5.9	10.4	15.3	15.7	10.8
7	5.9	10.1	15.2	15.7	10.7
8	5.9	9.7	14.9	15.7	10.7
9	5.9	9.4	14.6	15.6	10.7
10	5.7	9.1	14.1	15.2	10.6
11	5.6	8.9	13.6	14.0	10.6
12	5.5	8.6	12.9	12.6	10.5
15	5.1	8.1	9.8	7.9	10.4
20	4.9	7.0	8.0	6.1	9.8
25	4.7	6.3	6.9	5.3	9.1
30	4.5	6.0	5.9	5.0	5.4
35	4.3	5.6	5.2	4.9	5.2
40	4.2	5.2	5.0	4.7	5.0
45	4.2	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.8

Date	29.05.2019	25.06.2019	23.07.2019	20.08.2019	24.09.2019
Detpth	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a	Chl-a
m	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹
0	0.4	1.6	0.5	1.1	0.9
1	0.4	1.6	0.6	1.4	0.9
2	0.4	1.5	0.7	1.3	0.9
3	0.5	1.5	0.9	1.3	0.9
4	0.5	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.9
5	0.5	1.3	1.0	1.2	0.9
6	0.5	1.2	0.9	1.2	0.8
7	0.6	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.9
8	0.5	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.8
9	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8
10	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8
11	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
12	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8
15	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.7
20	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5
25	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4
30	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
35	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
40	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
45	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3

Date	29.05.2019	25.06.2019	23.07.2019	20.08.2019	24.09.2019
Detpth	O ₂	O ₂	O ₂	O ₂	O ₂
m	mg L ⁻¹	mg L ⁻¹	mg L ⁻¹	mg L ⁻¹	mg L ⁻¹
0	11.2	10.1	9.1	9.2	10.7
1	11.2	10.2	9.2	9.1	10.6
2	11.2	10.2	9.3	9.0	10.6
3	11.3	10.3	9.3	9.0	10.5
4	11.3	10.3	9.3	9.0	10.5
5	11.3	10.4	9.3	9.0	10.6
6	11.3	10.5	9.3	9.0	10.6
7	11.3	10.5	9.3	8.9	10.6
8	11.3	10.6	9.3	8.9	10.6
9	11.3	10.7	9.3	8.9	10.6
10	11.3	10.8	9.4	9.0	10.6
11	11.3	10.8	9.6	9.1	10.6
12	11.3	10.9	9.7	9.4	10.6
15	11.3	10.9	10.2	10.3	10.6
20	11.3	11.0	10.6	10.8	10.7
25	11.4	11.1	10.9	11.0	10.8
30	11.4	11.1	11.0	11.1	11.4
35	11.3	11.2	11.1	11.2	11.6
40	11.0	11.3	11.2	11.2	9.1
45	0.6	0.9	4.4	5.2	5.3

Date	29.05.2019	25.06.2019	23.07.2019	20.08.2019	24.09.2019
Detpth	pH	pH	pH	pH	pH
m					
0	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.1	5.9
1	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.9
2	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.9
3	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.0	5.9
4	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.9
5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.8
6	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.8
7	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.8
8	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.8
9	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.8
10	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.8
11	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8
12	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8
15	5.6	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.8
20	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.7
25	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.6
30	5.5	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.6
35	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.5
40	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.5
45	6.5	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.0

Date	29.05.2019	25.06.2019	23.07.2019	20.08.2019	24.09.2019
Detpth	H ₂₅	H ₂₅	H ₂₅	H ₂₅	H ₂₅
m	µS cm ⁻¹	µS cm ⁻¹	µS cm ⁻¹	µS cm ⁻¹	µS cm ⁻¹
0	10.6	10.3	10.4	8.6	10.1
1	11.2	11.1	10.4	10.1	10.2
2	11.1	11.1	10.4	10.1	10.2
3	11.1	11.1	10.4	10.1	10.2
4	11.0	11.0	10.4	10.1	10.2
5	11.0	11.0	10.4	10.1	10.2
6	10.9	11.0	10.5	10.1	10.2
7	10.9	11.0	10.5	10.2	10.2
8	10.9	10.6	10.5	10.2	10.2
9	10.9	10.6	10.5	10.2	10.2
10	10.9	10.6	10.5	10.1	10.2
11	10.9	10.7	10.5	10.2	10.2
12	10.9	10.7	10.5	10.4	10.2
15	10.9	10.7	10.8	10.9	10.2
20	11.0	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.3
25	11.0	10.8	20.0	12.3	10.4
30	11.1	10.9	11.0	11.0	10.8
35	11.1	11.0	12.8	11.1	10.8
40	11.1	11.0	12.8	11.1	10.8
45	906.0	339.4	250.1	250.2	159.9

Date	29.05.2019	25.06.2019	23.07.2019	20.08.2019	24.09.2019
Detpth	O ₂	O ₂	O ₂	O ₂	O ₂
m	%	%	%	%	%
0	90.0	95.8	92.4	93.0	97.4
1	90.6	95.9	93.1	91.5	96.4
2	90.4	95.4	93.1	91.0	95.9
3	90.4	94.7	93.0	90.8	95.7
4	90.4	94.2	93.0	90.5	95.6
5	90.4	94.1	92.7	90.4	95.4
6	90.2	93.9	92.6	90.2	95.4
7	90.3	93.7	92.3	90.0	95.3
8	90.2	93.5	91.9	89.9	95.3
9	90.2	93.4	91.7	89.5	95.3
10	90.0	93.3	91.6	89.1	95.3
11	89.7	93.4	91.9	88.6	95.3
12	89.4	93.2	92.0	88.5	95.2
15	88.9	92.4	90.2	86.7	95.1
20	88.4	90.8	90.0	87.1	94.4
25	88.1	90.1	89.0	87.3	93.7
30	87.7	89.6	88.4	87.2	90.6
35	87.2	89.0	87.6	87.2	91.5
40	86.8	88.5	87.4	87.0	71.3
45	4.4	6.9	2.9	6.4	10.8

9.C Epilimnion results (0-12 m) at far north and south stations.

Dato	Station	m	Secchi depth	Colour	mL filtrat	Chl-a	pH	Kond	NTU	Ca ²⁺	Mg ²⁺	Na ⁺	K ⁺	NH ₄ -N	SO ₄ ²⁻	Cl ⁻	NO ₃ -N	TOC	Farge	mg Pt L ⁻¹	µg L ⁻¹		µg L ⁻¹	
																					USN	USN	USN	USN
29.05.2019	Fyresvatn N	7.3	gulig grønn	2500	0,09	6,10	11,40	0,45	1,06	0,18	0,70	0,70	0,23	n.a	1,59	1,70	1,70	167	13,7	3,54	3,28	3,41	144	122
25.06.2019	Fyresvatn N	6.2	gulig grønn	2000	0,80	6,14	11,30	0,46	0,99	0,18	0,69	0,69	0,21	n.a	1,26	1,64	1,44	144	20,3	1,72	1,77	1,74	190	181
23.07.2019	Fyresvatn N	6.3	brunlig gul	2000	0,62	6,40	11,30	0,60	1,01	0,18	0,71	0,21	n.a	1,46	1,72	1,58	158	20,2	2,08	2,12	2,10	126	135	
20.08.2019	Fyresvatn N	5.5	gulig brun	1700	0,79	6,03	12,60	0,39	0,96	0,18	0,66	0,17	n.a	1,60	1,73	169	169	19,2	1,85	2,03	1,94	134	137	
24.09.2019	Fyresvatn N	7.5	gulig grønn	2000	0,70	6,14	10,00	0,21	1,01	0,18	0,69	0,18	n.a	1,66	1,77	164	164	18,3	2,40	1,96	2,18	170	174	
29.05.2019	Fyresvatn S	7.5	gulig grønn	2500	0,64	6,10	11,20	0,21	1,01	0,18	0,70	0,18	n.a	1,84	1,76	184	184	13,2	3,31	2,70	3,01	158	141	
25.06.2019	Fyresvatn S	6.1	gulig grønn	2000	0,54	6,09	11,20	0,30	1,01	0,18	0,68	0,19	n.a	1,93	1,75	184	184	15,4	7,12	7,76	7,44	175	187	
23.07.2019	Fyresvatn S	8.0	gulig grønn	2000	0,65	6,40	11,20	0,30	1,02	0,18	0,72	0,20	n.a	1,97	1,72	188	188	17,7	2,51	2,43	2,47	143	144	
20.08.2019	Fyresvatn S	6.5	gulig grønn	1700	0,59	6,19	10,70	0,30	0,96	0,18	0,70	0,18	n.a	1,61	1,78	169	169	18,2	4,23	6,20	5,21	100	100	
24.09.2019	Fyresvatn S	8.2	gulig grønn	2000	0,43	6,06	10,00	0,23	1,02	0,18	0,70	0,18	n.a	1,66	1,79	172	172	17,8	1,84	1,62	1,73	163	174	

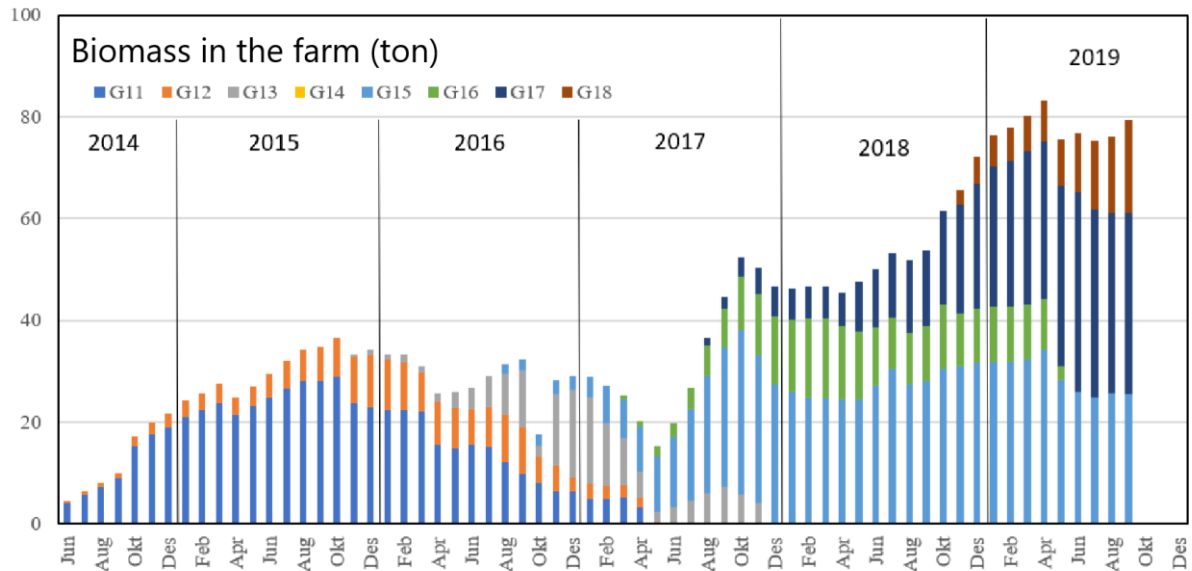
Annex 10: Bottom fauna results 2019

Results from the bottom fauna survey in Fyresvatn, in July 2019. Five parallel samples were taken at 12 different stations along four transects with different distance from the fish pen edge (0, 10, and 30 m) of the fish farm. South-west transect includes stations 1, 2 and 3; North-west transect includes stations 7, 8 and 9; South-east transect includes stations 4, 5 and 6; North-east transect includes station 10, 11 and 12.

Station	Sampling Date	GPS North	GPS East	Depth m	Oligochaeter egg	Oligochaeter voksne	Chironomider larver	Igler voksne	Røye egg	Vårfluer hus	Chironomider hus	Rundorm i oligochaet
					ant. m ⁻²	ant. m ⁻²	ant. m ⁻²	ant. m ⁻²	ant. m ⁻²	ant. m ⁻²	ant. m ⁻²	
1	02.07.2019				0	4.2	0	0	50.4	0	0	0
1	02.07.2019				0	4.2	0	0	8.4	0	0	0
1	02.07.2019				0	12.6	0	0	84	0	0	0
1	02.07.2019				0	21	0	0	12.6	0	0	0
1	02.07.2019				0	42	0	0	8.4	0	0	0
1	02.07.2019			44.5	0	16.8	0	0	32.76	0	0	0
2	03.07.2019				0	138.6	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	03.07.2019				0	327.6	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	03.07.2019				0	621.6	8.4	0	0	0	0	0
2	03.07.2019				0	357	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	03.07.2019				0	88.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	03.07.2019			45.6	0	306.6	1.68	0	0	0	0	0
3	04.07.2019				0	4.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	04.07.2019				0	4.2	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
3	04.07.2019				0	54.6	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
3	04.07.2019				0	88.2	12.6	0	0	0	0	0
3	04.07.2019				0	0	8.4	0	0	0	0	0
3	04.07.2019			52.0	0	30.24	5.88	0	0	0	0	0
4	02.07.2019				0	16.8	0	0	29.4	0	0	0
4	02.07.2019				0	50.4	0	0	25.2	0	0	0
4	02.07.2019				0	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	02.07.2019				0	8.4	0	0	12.6	0	0	0
4	02.07.2019				0	67.2	4.2	0	12.6	0	0	0
4	02.07.2019			46.0	0	33.6	0.84	0	15.96	0	0	0
5	02.07.2019				0	8.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	02.07.2019				0	180.6	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	02.07.2019				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	02.07.2019				0	29.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	02.07.2019				0	315	0	0	4.2	0	0	0
5	02.07.2019			48.0	0	106.68	0	0	0.84	0	0	0
6	04.07.2019				0	33.6	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
6	04.07.2019				0	8.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	04.07.2019				0	54.6	12.6	0	0	0	0	0
6	04.07.2019				0	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	04.07.2019				0	4.2	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
6	04.07.2019			54.0	0	25.2	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
7	03.07.2019	te forreste	Mye dyr		0	3360	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	03.07.2019	te forreste	Lite dyr		0	117.6	0	0	88.2	0	0	0
7	03.07.2019	te forreste	Mye dyr		0	3360	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	03.07.2019				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	03.07.2019				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	03.07.2019			46.0	0	2279.2	0	0	29.4	0	0	0
8	03.07.2019				0	659.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	03.07.2019				0	407.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	03.07.2019				0	541.8	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
8	03.07.2019				0	701.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	03.07.2019				0	609	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
8	03.07.2019			42.0	0	583.8	1.68	0	0	0	0	0
9	04.07.2019				0	29.4	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
9	04.07.2019				0	25.2	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
9	04.07.2019				0	88.2	16.8	0	0	0	0	0
9	04.07.2019				0	37.8	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
9	04.07.2019				0	113.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	04.07.2019			38.0	0	58.8	5.88	0	0	0	0	0
10	02.07.2019				0	4.2	0	0	159.6	0	0	0
10	02.07.2019				0	37.8	0	0	100.8	0	0	0
10	02.07.2019				0	0	0	0	33.6	0	0	0
10	02.07.2019				0	0	0	0	84	0	0	0
10	02.07.2019				0	0	0	0	25.2	0	0	0
10	02.07.2019			46.0	0	8.4	0	0	80.64	0	0	0
11	03.07.2019				0	903	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
11	03.07.2019				0	1041.6	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	03.07.2019				0	1163.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	03.07.2019				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	03.07.2019				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	03.07.2019			43.0	0	1036	1.4	0	0	0	0	0
12	04.07.2019				0	79.8	16.8	0	0	0	0	0
12	04.07.2019				0	109.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	04.07.2019				0	260.4	12.6	0	0	0	0	0
12	04.07.2019				0	239.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	04.07.2019				0	226.8	4.2	0	0	0	0	0
12	04.07.2019			38.0	0	183.12	6.72	0	0	0	0	0

Annex 11: Historical data for Telemarkrøye AS production 2014 to November 2019

Historical data for Telemarkrøye AS production 2014 to November 2019. Standing biomass (fish) in the farm, in ton (Johnsen et al., 2019).



Annex 12: Bottom water O₂ (mg L⁻¹) Classification

Class limits for oxygen (O₂ mg L⁻¹) in clear water lakes, for lake types L-N1 (L102, L105a, and L106), low land lakes.

Source: Direktoratgruppen, 2018. Table 7.15 page. 116.

Class limits for Oxygen in Lakes	Clear water types: L-N1 (L102, L106a, L106)					
	Ref	Very good	Good	Moderate	Bad	Very bad
O ₂ (mg L ⁻¹) Percentile 50	14	>12	12-9	9-5	5-2	>2
O ₂ (mg L ⁻¹) Percentile 5	12	>9	9-5	5-2	2-1	<1

Bottom water oxygen (O₂ mg L⁻¹) conditions for all station (N-10, N-100, N-1000, S-10, S-100 and S-1000) close to the fish farm in Lake Fyresvatn 2019.

Stations	N-10	N-100	N-1000	S-10	S-100	S-1000	Summed Condition
Depth	40 m	20 m	20 m	40 m	40 m	40 m	
O ₂ (mg L ⁻¹) Percentile 50	11	11	11	11	11	11	Good
O ₂ (mg L ⁻¹) Percentile 5	11	11	10	11	11	11	