

## **Introduction**

This worksheet contains a bioaccumulation model to predict the concentration of PFOS in fish tissue, including the quantification of the proportion of exposure derived from surface sediment versus the water column.

The model makes the following primary assumptions:

1. Water and surface sediment are at steady state and that concentrations in water and sediment are independent of one another.
2. Fish diets are derived from epibenthic and/or benthic invertebrates that absorb PFOS directly from sediment or sediment porewater, and/or accumulate PFOS through ingestion of surface sediment.
3. Bioaccumulation constants derived from laboratory data (steady state) from water-only and food-only exposures to fish, and from data from laboratory exposures of benthic invertebrates to sediment are applicable to field organisms.
4. Fish are restricted to the area modeled in each of the three modeling scenarios and/or the accumulation kinetics for PFOS in fish are such that fish would reach steady state with respect to different exposures when moving to a new location exhibiting different concentrations of PFOS in sediment, water, and/or surface sediment invertebrates.
5. Water and surface sediment data obtained from the various studies reflect PFOS exposure conditions to fish at the time of fish sampling (2009).

Three modeling scenarios were investigated. Each scenario is represented by two tables: 1) raw data used to derive the average concentrations of PFOS in surface sediment (generally 0-10 cm in depth for most samples) and water, which are entered into the fish bioaccumulation model; and 2) the fish bioaccumulation model itself.

The following tables are included in this file:

- Table 1. Concentrations of PFOS in surface sediment and water samples obtained from Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 upstream of 3M Cottage Grove.
- Table 2. Fish bioaccumulation model for Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 upstream of 3M Cottage Grove.
- Table 3. Concentrations of PFOS in surface sediment and water samples obtained from Section 4 adjacent to 3M Cottage Grove shoreline, excluding East Cove and West Cove.
- Table 4. Fish bioaccumulation model for Section 4 adjacent to 3M Cottage Grove shoreline.
- Table 5. Concentrations of PFOS in surface sediment and water samples obtained from Section 4 downstream of 3M Cottage Grove.
- Table 6. Fish bioaccumulation model for Section 4 Section 4 downstream of 3M Cottage Grove.
- Table 7. Tabular and figure summary of the results of the three modeling scenarios.
- Table 8. References cited.

## **Conclusions**

1. Model-predicted concentrations of PFOS in fish compare well with observations from the MPCA (2010) study (Table 7).
2. The model suggests that the modeling scenario for the Mississippi River upstream of 3M Cottage Grove is not expected to result in concentrations of PFOS in fish above 200 ng/g, wet weight (ww) (Table 2), as supported by MPCA (2010) observations.
3. The model suggests that the modeling scenarios for the Mississippi River at and downstream of 3M Cottage Grove is expected to result in concentrations of PFOS in fish above 200 ng/g, wet weight (ww) (Tables 4 and 6), as supported by MPCA (2010) observations.
4. The model predicts that a majority of PFOS accumulated by fish is derived from ingesting sediment invertebrates (Tables 2, 4, 6 and 7); thus, the majority of PFOS in fish tissue is derived from sediment-associated PFOS.

**Table 1. Concentrations of PFOS in surface sediment and water samples obtained from Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 upstream of 3M Cottage Grove.**

Sediment Sample	[Sediment PFOS] (ng/g, dw)	Reference	Note	Water Sample	[Water PFOS] (ng/L)	Reference	Note
XS-01a	0.837	Weston, 2007	Section 4 upstream of 3M Cottage Grove	Miss-up	5.14	MPCA, 2006	Section 4
XS-01b	1.34	Weston, 2007	Section 4 upstream of 3M Cottage Grove	1	2.56	MPCA, 2010	Value represents 1/2 DL; Section 1
XS-01c	0.289	Weston, 2007	Section 4 upstream of 3M Cottage Grove	2	2.53	MPCA, 2010	Value represents 1/2 DL; Section 1
XS-01d	0.343	Weston, 2007	Section 4 upstream of 3M Cottage Grove	3	2.53	MPCA, 2010	Value represents 1/2 DL; Section 1
XS-01e	0.472	Weston, 2007	Section 4 upstream of 3M Cottage Grove	4	2.53	MPCA, 2010	Value represents 1/2 DL; Section 2
Sediment upstream	1.57	MPCA, 2006	Section 4 upstream of 3M Cottage Grove	5	2.52	MPCA, 2010	Value represents 1/2 DL; Section 2
LS-821	0.125	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL; Section 3	6	7.71	MPCA, 2010	Section 2
LS-824	0.524	Weston, 2007	Section 3	7	10.3	MPCA, 2010	Section 3
				8	8.51	MPCA, 2010	Section 3
				9	2.54	MPCA, 2010	Value represents 1/2 DL; Section 3
				10	2.5	MPCA, 2010	Value represents 1/2 of detection limit. Sample from Section 4 upstream of 3M Cottage Grove

Mean [PFOS Surface Sediment] (ng/g, dw)	0.69
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Mean [PFOS Water] (ng/g, dw)	4.5
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**Abbreviations**

- DL: Detection Limit
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- g: gram
- L: Liter

ng: nanogram  
PFOS: perfluorooctane sulfonate  
ww: wet weight

**Note**

Sediment samples reported at "NR" (Not Reported) and/or "NQ" (Not Quantifiable) by Weston were not included due to lack of numerical values.

**Table 2. Fish bioaccumulation model for Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 upstream of 3M Cottage Grove.**

<b>Model Input Variables</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Note</b>
Measured [Water PFOS]	Wat	4.5	ng/L	Average of water samples in Sections 1-4, upstream of Cottage Grove.
Measured [Sediment PFOS]	Sed	0.69	ng/g, dw	Average of Section 3 and 4 surface sediment samples upstream of Cottage Grove.
Total organic carbon (OC) in sediment	TOC	0.01	g, OC/g, dw	Organic carbon not measured or data unavailable for sediment samples from Pool 2 investigations of PFOS in sediment. 0.01 (i.e., 1% TOC) represents a standard default modeling assumption for sediment.

<b>Model Constants</b>				
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Biota-Sediment Accumulation Factor (BSAF)	BSAF	1.22	g, OC/g, ww	Lab-derived steady state estimate with invertebrates and spiked sediment.
Bioaccumulation factor (BAF)	BAF	0.32	kg prey, ww/kg predator, ww	Lab-derived steady state estimate (fish carcass) for trout and PFOS-spiked food only exposure.
Bioconcentration Factor (BCF)	BCF	1,100	L/kg, ww	Lab-derived steady state estimate with trout (fish carcass) and PFOS-spiked water only exposure.

<b>Model Predictions</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Note</b>
[Sediment PFOS], OC-normalized	SedOC	69	ng/g, OC	Sed + TOC
Predicted [Sediment invertebrate PFOS]	Inv	84	ng/g, ww	SedOC × BSAF
[Fish PFOS] from Dietary (Sediment invertebrate) Source	Fsed	27	ng PFOS/g, ww	Inv × BAF
Predicted [Fish PFOS] from Direct Absorption from Water	Fwat	4.9	ng PFOS/g, ww	Wat × BCF + 1,000 g, ww/kg, ww
<b>Total [PFOS Fish]</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>ng PFOS/g, ww</b>	<b>Fsed + Fwat</b>
<b>Percentage of [Fish PFOS] from sediment</b>	<b>%Fsed</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100% × Fsed / F</b>
<b>Percentage of [Fish PFOS] from water</b>	<b>%Fwat</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100% × Fwat / F</b>

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Martin et al., 2003b

Table 3. Concentrations of PFOS in surface sediment and water samples obtained from Section 4 adjacent to 3M Cottage Grove shoreline, excluding East Cove and West Cove.

Sediment Sample	[Sediment PFOS] (ng/g, dw)	Reference	Note	Water Sample	[Water PFOS] (ng/L)	Reference	Note
IW01	0.458	Weston, 2007		IW01	25	MPCA, 2006	Value represents 1/2 DL. The DL (50 ng/L) for water analysis in Weston (2007) is 10X higher than other studies examined in this modeling effort.
IW02	0.321	Weston, 2007		IW01	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW03	0.363	Weston, 2007		IW02	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW04	0.23	Weston, 2007		IW02	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW05	0.32	Weston, 2007		IW03	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW06	0.469	Weston, 2007		IW03	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW07	0.502	Weston, 2007		IW04	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW08	0.753	Weston, 2007		IW04	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW09	0.589	Weston, 2007		IW05	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW09a	27	Weston, 2007		IW05	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW09b	1.6	Weston, 2007		IW06	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW09c	0.802	Weston, 2007		IW06	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW09d	0.358	Weston, 2007		IW07	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW09e	0.279	Weston, 2007		IW07	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW09f	0.737	Weston, 2007		IW08	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW10	1.37	Weston, 2007		IW08	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW11	4.84	Weston, 2007		IW09	162	Weston, 2007	
IW12	4.12	Weston, 2007		IW09	183	Weston, 2007	
IW13	3.62	Weston, 2007		IW09a	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW14	4.2	Weston, 2007		IW09a	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW14a	74.5	Weston, 2007		IW09b	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW14c	10.4	Weston, 2007		IW09b	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW14d	0.125	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL	IW09c	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW14e	0.125	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL	IW09c	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW14f	0.513	Weston, 2007		IW09d	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW15	1.31	Weston, 2007		IW09d	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW16	0.654	Weston, 2007		IW09e	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW17	1.47	Weston, 2007		IW09e	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW18	3.17	Weston, 2007		IW09f	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW19	3.53	Weston, 2007		IW09f	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL

IW19a	44.3	Weston, 2007	IW10	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW19b	6.86	Weston, 2007	IW11	113	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW19c	1.81	Weston, 2007	IW12	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW19d	0.295	Weston, 2007	IW12	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW19e	0.535	Weston, 2007	IW13	53.9	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW19f	1.42	Weston, 2007	IW13	59.4	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW20	1.42	Weston, 2007	IW14	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW21	1.35	Weston, 2007	IW14a	111	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW23	17.4	Weston, 2007	IW14a	130	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
IW24	30.7	Weston, 2007	IW14b	63.1	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
R3	8.28	Weston, 2008	IW14b	57.8	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
SAB01	0.125	Weston, 2009	IW14c	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
SAB03	0.125	Weston, 2009	IW14d	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
SAB04	219	Weston, 2009	IW14d	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
SAB05	0.125	Weston, 2009	IW14e	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
SAB06	0.125	Weston, 2009	IW14e	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
SAB07	0.125	Weston, 2009	IW14f	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
SAB08	0.125	Weston, 2009	IW14f	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW15	60.2	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW15	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW16	155	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW17	116	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW17	122	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW18	115	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW18	110	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19	105	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19	96.6	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19a	214	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19a	206	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19b	127	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19b	88.9	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19c	54.5	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19d	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19d	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19e	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19e	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19f	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW19f	25	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW20	112	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL
			IW20	118	Weston, 2007	Value represents 1/2 DL



**Table 4. Fish bioaccumulation model for Section 4 adjacent to 3M Cottage Grove shoreline.**

<b>Model Input Variables</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Note</b>
Measured [Water PFOS]	Wat	88	ng/L	Average of water samples in Section 4 adjacent to 3M Cottage Grove shoreline.
Measured [Sediment PFOS]	Sed	10	ng/g, dw	Average of surface sediment samples in Section 4 adjacent to 3M Cottage Grove shoreline
Total organic carbon (OC) in sediment	TOC	0.01	g, OC/g, dw	Organic carbon not measured or data unavailable for sediment samples from Pool 2 investigations of PFOS in sediment. 0.01 (i.e., 1% TOC) represents a standard default modeling assumption for sediment.

<b>Model Constants</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Note</b>
Biota-Sediment Accumulation Factor (BSAF)	BSAF	1.22	g, OC/g, ww	Lab-derived steady state estimate with invertebrates and spiked sediment.
Bioaccumulation factor (BAF)	BAF	0.32	kg prey, ww/kg predator, ww	Lab-derived steady state estimate (fish carcass) for trout and PFOS-spiked food only exposure.
Bioconcentration Factor (BCF)	BCF	1,100	L/kg, ww	Lab-derived steady state estimate with trout (fish carcass) and PFOS-spiked water only exposure.

<b>Model Predictions</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Note</b>
[Sediment PFOS], OC-normalized	SedOC	1,006	ng/g, OC	Sed + TOC
Predicted [Sediment invertebrate PFOS]	Inv	1,227	ng/g, ww	SedOC × BSAF
[Fish PFOS] from Dietary (Sediment invertebrate) Source	Fsed	393	ng PFOS/g, ww	Inv × BAF
Predicted [Fish PFOS] from Direct Absorption from Water	Fwat	97.0	ng PFOS/g, ww	Wat × BCF + 1,000 g, ww/kg, ww
<b>Total [PFOS Fish]</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>ng PFOS/g, ww</b>	<b>Fsed + Fwat</b>
Percentage of [Fish PFOS] from sediment	%Fsed	80	%	100% × Fsed / F
Percentage of [Fish PFOS] from water	%Fwat	20	%	100% × Fwat / F

**Abbreviations**

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ww: wet weight

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Martin et al., 2003b

**Table 5. Concentrations of PFOS in surface sediment and water samples obtained from Section 4 downstream of 3M Cottage Grove.**

Sediment Sample	[Sediment PFOS] (ng/g, dw)	Reference	Note	Water Sample	[Water PFOS] (ng/L)	Reference	Note
XS-02a	2.31	Weston, 2007		Miss-down #1	14.5	MPCA, 2006	
XS-02a	2.66	Weston, 2007		Miss-down #2	6	MPCA, 2006	
XS-02b	0.603	Weston, 2007		Miss-down #3	2.555	MPCA, 2006	Value represents 1/2 DL
XS-02c	0.798	Weston, 2007		12	15	MPCA, 2010	
XS-02d	0.702	Weston, 2007		R5	98	Weston, 2008	
XS-02e	1.24	Weston, 2007					
Sed-Miss-down #1	27.9	MPCA, 2006					
Sed-Miss-down #2	8.26	MPCA, 2006					
Sed-Miss-down #3	1.71	MPCA, 2006					
R5	6.13	Weston, 2008					
R6	1.35	Weston, 2008					
<b>Mean [PFOS Surface Sediment] (ng/g, dw)</b>	<b>4.9</b>			<b>Mean [PFOS Water] (ng/g, dw)</b>	<b>27</b>		

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**Note**

Sediment samples reported at "NR" (Not Reported) and/or "NQ" (Not Quantifiable) by Weston were not included due to lack of numerical values.

**Table 6. Fish bioaccumulation model for Section 4 Section 4 downstream of 3M Cottage Grove.**

<b>Model Input Variables</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Note</b>
Measured [Water PFOS]	Wat	27	ng/L	Average of water samples in Section 4 adjacent to 3M Cottage Grove shoreline.
Measured [Sediment PFOS]	Sed	5	ng/g, dw	Average of surface sediment samples in Section 4 adjacent to 3M Cottage Grove shoreline
Total organic carbon (OC) in sediment	TOC	0.01	g, OC/g, dw	Organic carbon not measured or data unavailable for sediment samples from Pool 2 investigations of PFOS in sediment. 0.01 (i.e., 1% TOC) represents a standard default modeling assumption for sediment.

<b>Model Constants</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Note</b>
Biota-Sediment Accumulation Factor (BSAF)	BSAF	1.22	g, OC/g, ww	Lab-derived steady state estimate with invertebrates and spiked sediment.
Bioaccumulation factor (BAF)	BAF	0.32	kg prey, ww/kg predator, ww	Lab-derived steady state estimate (fish carcass) for trout and PFOS-spiked food only exposure.
Bioconcentration Factor (BCF)	BCF	1,100	L/kg, ww	Lab-derived steady state estimate with trout (fish carcass) and PFOS-spiked water only exposure.

<b>Model Predictions</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Note</b>
[Sediment PFOS], OC-normalized	SedOC	488	ng/g, OC	Sed + TOC
Predicted [Sediment invertebrate PFOS]	Inv	595	ng/g, ww	SedOC × BSAF
[Fish PFOS] from Dietary (Sediment invertebrate) Source	Fsed	190	ng PFOS/g, ww	Inv × BAF
Predicted [Fish PFOS] from Direct Absorption from Water	Fwat	29.9	ng PFOS/g, ww	Wat × BCF + 1,000 g, ww/kg, ww
<b>Total [PFOS Fish]</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>ng PFOS/g, ww</b>	<b>Fsed + Fwat</b>
Percentage of [Fish PFOS] from sediment	%Fsed	86	%	100% × Fsed / F
Percentage of [Fish PFOS] from water	%Fwat	14	%	100% × Fwat / F

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**Table 7. Tabular and figure summary of the results of the three modeling scenarios.**

Model Scenario	Predicted [Fish PFOS]				Observed [Fish		Note	Observed cc Midpoint
	Sediment Source	Water Source	Total	% from Sediment	Minimum Average	Maximum Average		
Pool 2 Upstream of 3M Cottage Grove	27	4.9	32	84	24	100	Fish from Sections 1-3	62
Pool 2 Section 4: 3M Cottage Grove (Shoreline)	393	97	490	80	160	740	Fish from Section 4	450
Pool 2 Section 4: Downstream of 3M Cottage Grove	190	30	220	86	160	740	Fish from Section 4	450

For Graphing  
Pool 2  
Upstream of  
3M Cottage  
Grove

Pool 2  
Section 4: 3M  
Cottage Grove  
(Shoreline)

Pool 2  
Section 4:  
Downstream  
of 3M Cottage  
Grove

**Abbreviations**

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Concentrations (for  
Low (-) High (+)

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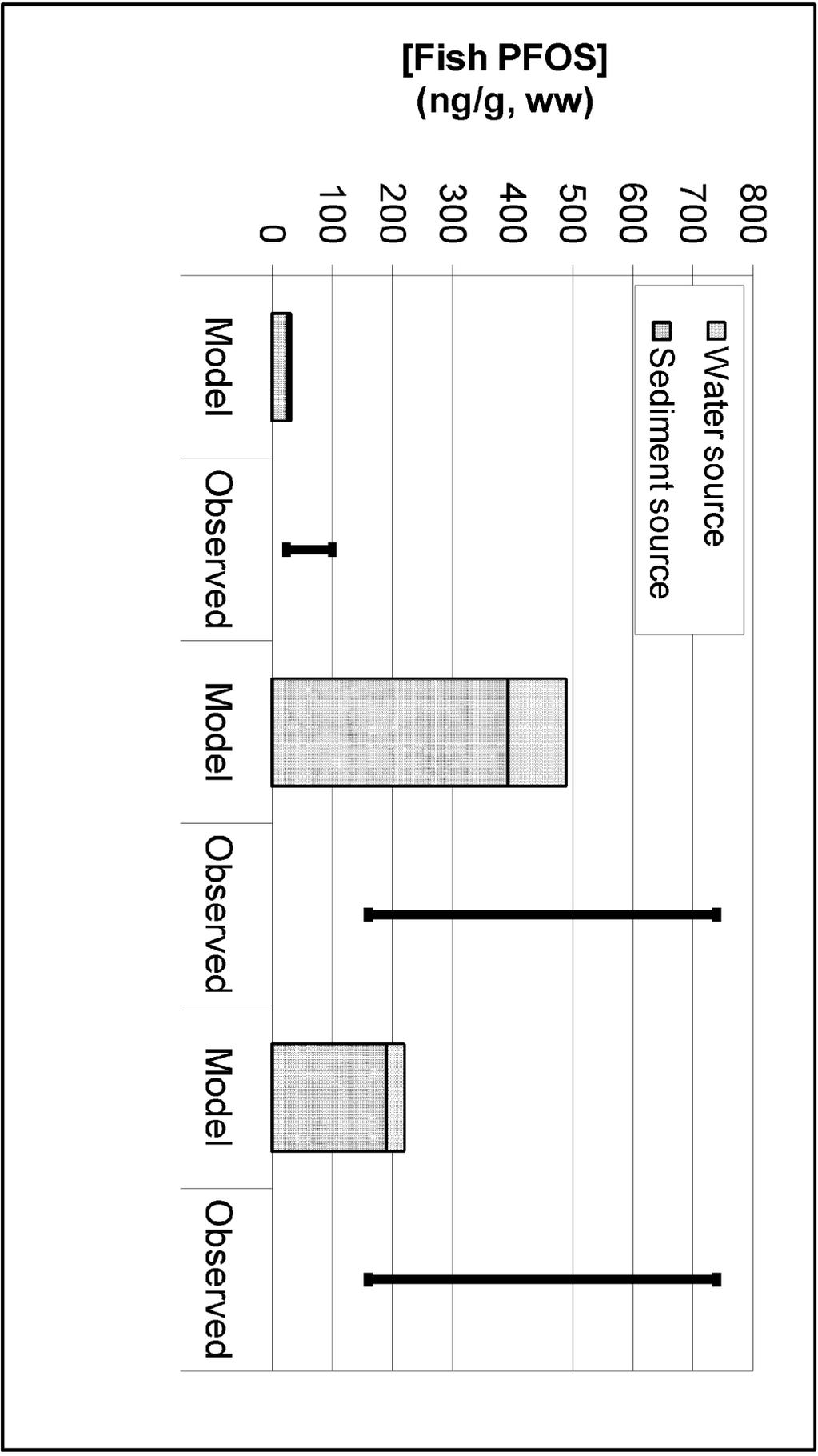
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Observed 0 62 38  
Model 393 97

Observed 0 450 290  
Model 190 30

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