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The seasonal distribution of Bosmina longirostris, Eubosmina coregoni, Daphnia galeata mendotae and Daphnia retrocurva in Lake Michigan near Ludington, Michigan was studied in 1975-1977. The abundance of the four Cladocera was analyzed with respect to several physical and meteorological factors. Bosmina was the dominant Cladocera, reaching greatest densities in the summer and fall, and Eubosmina was most abundant in the fall. The Daphnia were common only in the summer and fall. Statistical tests showed that there were no significant differences between species abundances at three stations in any year. The Cladocera were bimodally distributed in 1975 and 1976, and had monocyclic patterns'of distribution in 1977, when abundances were generally reduced. The environmental factors analyzed explained between 11.7 and 70.4 percent of the variation in abundance. Mean total zooplankton abundance was most frequently an important variable in explaining variance though wind direction, water temperature and air pressure were also important.

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Early zooplankton studies in Lake Michigan were descriptive in nature and concentrated on taxonomy (Birge 1882, Forbes 1882, Ward 1896). Eddy (1927) was the first to obtain data on seasonal distribution of zooplankton in nearshore southern Lake Michigan. Ahlstrom (1936) conducted the first offshore zooplankton study. Several early studies investigated zooplankton in the water supplies of several major cities on Lake Michigan (Damman 1945, 1960; Williams 1962, 1966). Wells (1960) was the first to conduct a quantatitive study of the seasonal distribution of zooplankton in eastern Lake Michigan. He later noted a change in the species composition in 1966 (Wells 1970) which he attributed to alewife predation.

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Most large zooplankton had declined in numbers while smaller zooplankton increased in numbers. After a dramatic decline in the alewife population in 1967 the zooplankton species composition began to shift back to its earlier structure. Gannon (1972) conducted a comprehensive study of seasonal distribution and abundance of zooplankton, and showed the effects of eutrophication on the zooplankton community. Roth and Stewart (1973) studied the zooplankton in southeastern Lake Michigan near the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant at Bridgeman, Michigan.

The zooplankton community at the site of the present study was first studied by Duffy (1975). He reported the abundance and seasonal distribution of the zooplankton, and investigated their vertical distribution. Duffy and Liston (1978) compared the zooplankton community of the Ludington Pumped Storage Reservoir to that of Lake Michigan at the control site of the present study.

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DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREA

The study area is the site of a current environmental study conducted by the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Michigan State University, to determine the effects of the Ludington Pumped Storage Power Plant on the aquatic biota of Lake Michigan. The zooplankton population of the area has been monitored since 1972 as part of the overall environ mental study (Duffy and Liston 1979). The area is 6.4 km (4.0 miles) south of Ludington, Michigan, adjacent to and south of the power plant (Figure 1). The impact stations are 0.8 km (0.5 miles) north of the breakwater of the power plant (station 5) and 0.8 km (0.5 miles) south of the breakwater (station 3; Figure 1). Both stations are 12 meters deep and have sand and gravel substrates. The control station is 4.8 km (3.0 miles) south of the breakwater, in an area considered unaffected by currents from the power plant. It is 12 meters deep and has a sandy substrate.

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Figure 1. Map and location of permanent sampling stations in Lake Michigan adjacent to the Consumers Power Pumped Storage Plant near Ludington, Michigan.

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Zooplankton samples were collected approximately biweekly in 1975 and 1976, and monthly in 1977 (Table 1). Duplicate samples were taken between 0700 hours and 1200 hours at depths of 1 meter, 4 meters and 12 meters, resulting in 6 samples per station. For each sample, 100 liters of water were pumped through a number 20 (64 micron) nylon plankton net (Tonolli 1971). A small volume of club soda was added to relax the animals and minimize distortion of taxonomic features (Gannon and Gannon 1975) and the sample was preserved in 10 percent formalin. The samples were allowed to settle one week, and were then concentrated to a volume of approximately 50 ml. The formalin was then replaced by 70 percent alcohol and a few mililiters of glycerin added to prevent the organisms from becoming brittle.

Water temperature and water transparency were measured in the field at the time the plankton were sampled. Water temperature was'measured with a YSI thermistor, and temperature was recorded to the nearest tenth degree Celsius. The water temperature value reported is the average of surface and bottom water temperatures. water transparency was measured with a secchi disc and recorded in meters. Water samples for turbidity measurements were collected at sampling time and returned to the laboratory.

Wind direction, wind speed (knots) and air pressure (mm Hg) were obtained from daily readings made at the U.S. Coast Guard station at

Ludington, Michigan. A mean value for these parameters was calculated for the six hour period before the sampling time on each sampling date. Photoperiod values were calculated as hours between sunrise and sunset from observations made at Muskegon, Michigan, 85 km south of the sampling area . Ludington, Michiga
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The zooplankton samples were examined using a binocular microscope (magnification 7-60X), a compound microscope (magnification 100-400X) and a chambered counting cell (Gannon 1971). Each sample was mixed gently with a magnetic stirrer and a subsample of 2-10 ml was removed with a wide-mouth syringe for identification and enumeration. Subsample size was gauged so as to count 100-150 of the common organisms. The Chisquare (X^2) was used to test the randomness of the counting method, and the conditions of randomness were met (Duffy 1975). The four Cladocera were identified using keys by Brooks (1957) and Deevey and Deevey (1971). Counts were converted to numbers per cubic meter for the analyses. Total zooplankton were counted and their abundance per cubic meter calculated. The mean total zooplankton abundance per date was calculated as a measure of competition with the other zooplankton. The abundance of the species being examined was subtracted from the mean total zooplankton abundance on each date for the analyses.

Turbidity was determined with a Hach model 2100A turbidimeter (Hach Chemical Co., Ames, Iowa). Turbidity was recorded to the nearest tenth Formazin Turbidy Unit (FTU).

Statistical Methods Statistical Methods

The data were transformed by several methods to determine which would satisfy the assumption of a normal distribution required by parametric procedures; the $log(y+1)$ transformation proved to be the most suitable for these data.

For the hypothesis of no mean differences between densities of zooplankton at the control station (station 1) and the impact stations (stations 3 and 5) in each year, the untransformed data were tested using a Dunnett-type procedure for data with heterogeneity of variance. This t-like test is based on an experiment-wise Type I error rate because the comparisons are correlated (Gill 1978). The 95 percent minimum significant difference (MSD) for each comparison (station 1 vs. station 3; station 1 vs. station 5) for each species and year was calculated for comparison with the actual difference between the means. The MSD was calculated by $(t_{\alpha_D/2,v})(s_{\overline{D}})$, where the t value is a percentage point from the student's t distribution with v degrees of freedom using $\alpha_{\bf n}$ = 1-(0.95)^{1/m}, $m=3$ stations, and $s_{\overline{D}}$ is the standard deviation of the difference between means for the control station and an impact station.

A one-way analysis of variance was conducted to test the hypothesis that there were no differences between years for each species. Based on the results of the Dunnett-type test, untransformed data for all stations for each species were grouped together for this analysis. Contrasts between years (1975 vs. 1976; 1975 vs. 1977; 1976 vs. 1977) were tested when the F-rations for the analysis proved to be significant at the 5 percent level.

Stepwise multiple linear regression procedure was used to test for relationships between the dependent variable (abundance) and the set of

independent variables measured. The general model for the multiple linear regression procedure is $y - xb = e$, where y is a matrix of the dependent variables, X is a matrix of independent variables, b is a matrix of regression parameters, and e is a matrix of error variables. It is assumed that the errors are normally and independently distributed with homogeneous variance for any set of values of the independent variables (Gill 1978). The stepwise method of multiple linear regression involves the re-examination of all variables in the model at each stage of analysis; variables already in the model may be rejected at a later stage. An F—statistic is calculated for each variable at each stage of the regression. A variable is accepted in the model if it is significant at the 10 percent level or better, and is rejected from the model if it falls below the 25 percent significance level.

The errors (residuals) of each analysis were plotted against the predicted values of the dependent variable, and the plots were examined visually to check for departures from normality (graphs not included here). All examinations indicated that the data were reasonably free of abnormalities and were distributed normally.

The dependent variable was plotted against each of the independent variables to determine if any curvilinear relationships existed that would suggest the use of quadratic terms in the model (graphs not included here). No such relationships among the variables were discernable.

Library computer programs were used for the multiple linear regression analyses and for the one-way analysis of variance (Nie $et.$ al. 1975) on the Cyber 750 computer at Michigan State University.

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mendotae and <u>Daphnia retrocurva</u> galeata mendotae and Daphnia retrocurva are dominant members of the Cladocera. Bosmina is the most abundant Cladocera, comprising up to 80-100 percent of all Cladocerans in the Spring and summer, and up to 80 percent in the fall. Bosmina abundance represents up to 30 percent of the total zooplankton abundance in the summer and fall. Eubosmina may comprise up to 70 percent of the Cladocera in the spring and up to 50 percent of the Cladocera in the fall, but is less abundant in the summer months. Eubosmina may comprise up to 25 percent of the total zooplankton in the fall. The Daphnia species are most abundant in the summer and fall, and sometimes one species can make up 50 percent or more of the total Cladocera. They never make up a large percentage of the total zooplankton. Appendix tables A2 through A37 present the basic statistics for the four Cladocera in 1975-1977.

A Dunnett-type procedure was used to test for differences in abundance of the four Cladocera between the control and impact stations for each year. The results (Table 2) show that there were no significant differences in abundance at the different stations in any one year. Therefore a mean abundance value for each species for each sampling date was calculated from the data for all three stations (N=18), and this value

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was used to graph the species abundance. Figures 2, 3 and 4 show this mean seasonal abundance for the four Cladocera in Lake Michigan in 1975-1977. ¹³
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In 1975 Bosmina, D. galeata mendotae and D. retrocurva showed two peaks in abundance, in summer and fall, and showed a general increase in abundance at the end of the sampling period (Figure 2). Bosmina reached maximum abundance on 17 June $(18,472 \text{ m}^{-3})$ and had a second peak abundance on 24 September $(14,078 \text{ m}^{-3})$. Bosmina were least abundant in May (2 m^{-3} on 2 May and on 13 May). Eubosmina were not identified in the samples in 1975 until August, but showed patterns of abundance similar to Bosmina from that date on. They were most abundant in the samples at the end of the sampling period $(8,129 \text{ m}^3)$ on 5 November, but had an earlier peak on 24 September $(3,257 \text{ m}^{-3})$. The lowest abundance of Eubosmina recorded in 1975 was on 9 September (22 m^{-3}) . The Daphnia species were never as abundant as either Bosmina or Eubosmia in 1975. D. galeata reached peak abundance on 27 August $(1,209 \text{ m}^{-3})$, and showed another peak in September (910 m^{-3} on 24 September). It was least abundant in the spring; on 22 April there were 3 m^{-3} but D. galeata disappeared in the were never as abundant as either <u>Bosmina</u> or
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All four Cladocera showed a marked decrease on 9 September (Figure 2), which was followed by an increase in abundance on the next sampling date. This is most likely due to a decrease in water temperature on 9 September, the result of an upwelling in Lake Michigan (see discussion). Figure 2. Mean abundance of four Species of Cladocera in Lake Michigan in 1975.

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Figure 3. Mean abundance of four species of Cladocera in Lake Michigan in 1976.

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In 1976 a pattern of abundance similar to 1975 was seen for all species (Figure 3). Bosmina decreased after sampling was begun in the spring, and was lowest in abundance on 28 April (165 m^{-3}). A peak was seen on 21 June (15,056 m^{-3}) and again on 15 August, when the maximum was reached (22.948 m^{-3}) . A slight decrease in abundance was seen at the end of the sampling period. Eubosmina also showed a decrease in abundance immediately after the start of the sampling season; the lowest numbers recorded were in April (11 m^{-3} on 25 April), but there were no Eubosmina in the samples on 7 June. Eubosmina had only one peak in abundance in 1976, on 15 September $(2,261 \text{ m}^{-3})$. There was also a slight increase in abundance of Eubosmina at the end of the sampling season. The Daphnia were low in abundance until the end of June, and did not show an increase in abundance at the end of the sampling period. D. galeata were rare in the samples until June; the lowest numbers in the samples were on 12 May (2 m^{-3}) , but no D. galeata were in the samples on 28 April, 25 May or 7 June. A peak of abundance was reached on 21 July $(1,339 \text{ m}^{-3})$ an increase in abundance at the end of the sampling period. <u>D</u>. gale
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25 May o and the maximum was seen on 15 September $(1,448 \text{ m}^{-3})$. D. retrocurva showed their lowest abundance on 28 April (2 m^{-3}) , then were absent from the samples in May. They reached a single peak in abundance on 21 July (439 m^{-3}) but remained in low numbers throughout the year.

In 1977 most of the species showed only a single peak in abundance, and were generally reduced in numbers (Figure 4). However, the frequency of sampling in 1977 was reduced to once a month, which could explain the differences seen. Bosmina were lowest in abundance in April (25 m^{-3} on 18 April). The maximum abundance was on 21 July $(5,283 \text{ m}^{-3})$ and this was followed in August by a similar abundance $(4,576 \text{ m}^{-3}$ on 18 August). Figure 4. Mean abundance of four species of Cladocera in Lake Michigan in 1977.

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Eubosmina was not recorded in samples on either 18 April or 13 June, but was present in moderate numbers in May (234 m^{-3} on 17 May). The peak in Eubosmina abundance was on 21 July (760 m^{-3}) and the lowest abundance was seen on 22 October (107 π^{-3}). The Daphnia species were again rare in the spring. D. galeata was not recorded in samples until 21 July, and although it was not abundant it showed its greatest density of 1977 on this date (286 m^{-3}). The lowest abundance for D. galeata in 1977 was was seen on 22 October (107 m⁻³). The <u>D</u>
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In summary, similar bimodal patterns in abundance were seen in 1975 and 1976, but most species in 1977 showed a single peak in abundance. Bosmina abundance was similar in 1975 and 1976 but decreased in 1977 by several thousand organisms per cubic meter. Eubosmina abundance appeared to have decreased over the years from a maximum of over 8,000 per cubic meter in 1975 to a maximum of less than 1,000 per cubic meter in 1977. The highest numbers of Eubosmina were recorded in the fall of 1975 and 1976, and in the summer of 1977. Daphnia galeata mendotae decreased in abundance in 1977, although it was never as abundant in 1975 In summary, similar bimodal patterns in abund
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The analysis of abundance between years for each species (Table 3) showed that there were significant differences in abundance between years

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for <u>Bosmina</u> (p=.003), <u>Eubosmina</u> (p<.001), and <u>Daphnia galeata mendotae</u> for Bosmina ($p=0.003$), Eubosmina ($p<0.01$), and Daphnia galeata mendotae for <u>Bosmina</u> (p=.003), <u>Eubosmi</u>
(p=.026). <u>Daphnia retrocurva</u> $(p=.026)$. Daphnia retrocurva was not significantly different in abundance between years $(p=.595)$. Contrasts between years for Bosmina showed that 1977 was significantly different from both 1975 and 1976. There was no significant difference between abundance of Bosmina in 1975 and 1976. In 1975 Eubosmina was significantly different in abundance from both 1976 and 1977, but there was no difference in abundance of Eubosmina in 1976 for <u>Bosmina</u> (p=.003), <u>Eubosmina</u> (p<.001

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A total of 12 multiple linear regression analyses were performed on the data, one analysis for each combination of species and year. The data were combined for the three stations in the analyses because the Dunnett-type test showed there were no significant differences between stations in any of the years (Table 2). This increased the size of the data set for each analysis and provided more power to the tests. The variables used in the analyses and their variable names are given in Table 4.

The mean total zooplankton variable appeared in seven of the multiple linear regression equations from the complete analyses, and in six of those from the partial analyses. All other factors appeared less frequently, but did appear in at least two of the regression equations for both the partial and complete analyses.

Tables 5 through 8 present the significant variables in the multiple linear regression analyses of abundance of Bosmina, Eubosmina, D, galeata mendotae and D. retrocurva in 1975-1977. Included in these tables are n at least
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the simple-correlation of each significant variable with the dependent variable, the overall significance of the equation with the addition of each variable, and the standardized regression coefficients (Betas). The Beta values are the most valuable in explaining the importance of the variables included in the equations, as they are standardized to correct for differences in the units and variability of the variables. To standardize the regression coefficients, the deviation for each variable is divided by the estimated standard deviation for that variable.

The important variables explained a total of between 34.9 percent (1976) and 44.4 percent (1977) of the observed variation in the abundance of Bosmina (Table 5). Air pressure was the most important variable in 1975, and accounted for 16.7 percent of the total variation explained in the analyses. Water temperature was the most important factor in the 1976 analysis, explaining 19.4 percent of the variation, and was the second most important factor in the 1975 analysis. Wind speed explained the most variation (36.7 percent) in the 1977 analysis.

The analysis of Eubosmina abundance produced equations that explained a total of between 11.7 percent (1977) and 70.4 percent (1975) of the observed variation (Table 6). Wind direction was the most important variable in the 1975 analysis, explaining 4.8 percent of the observed variation. In 1976 wind speed was the most important variable in the analysis, contributing 10.6 percent to the observed variation. Wind speed was also the second most important variable in the 1975 analysis. In 1975 only air pressure was significant in the analysis of Eubosmina abundance, explaining 11.7 percent of the variation.

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galeata mendotae mendotae explained between 23.2 percent (1975) and 24.6 percent (1976) of the observed variation in abundance (Table 7). In 1975 water temperature was the most important variable in the analysis, contributing 9.5 percent to the observed variation. In 1976 wind direction was the most significant variable in the analysis, explaining 21.5 percent of the variation. There were no significant variables in the equation for the analysis in 1977. This could be attributable to the smaller sample size in this analysis $(N=41)$ as well as to the inability of the available variables to explain the variance of this species.

In the analyses of the abundance of Daphnia retrocurva, the significant variables explained from 16.5 percent (1977) to 31.0 percent (1976) of the variance (Table 8). Air pressure was the most important variable in the analysis of 1975 abundance, explaining 11.6 percent of the variation. In 1976, wind direction was the most important variable in the analysis, explaining 9.4 percent of the variation, and photoperiod explained 7.8 percent of the variation. Both variables had nearly equal beta values, though opposite in sign. The variable mean total zooplankton was the only significant variable in the equation for the 1977 analysis, explaining 16.5 percent of the observed variation. This variable was also included in the equations for 1975 and 1976.

In summary, the important variables in the 12 analyses explained between 11.7 and 70.4 percent (mean 31.8 percent) of the variation in abundance observed in the four Cladocera. Mean total zooplankton, the most frequently significant variable in the analyses, accounted for between 1.4 and 16.5 percent (mean 6.9 percent) of the variation explained when it appeared in an equation. Wind direction and water temperature were

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most frequently the most important variable in the equations. Wind direction explained 4.8 to 21.5 percent (mean 11.8 percent) of the variation in the equations when it was significant in the analyses. Likewise, water temperature explained 1.0 to 44.0 percent (mean 14.1 percent) of the observed variation in equations it appeared in.

DISCUSSION

The four Cladocera showed a seasonal distribution that is typical of that reported in other studies. Duffy (1975) also found Bosmina to be the dominant Cladocera in 1974 in the same area of Lake Michigan. In 1974 Bosmina comprised 24 to 26 percent of the total zooplankton in July and August (up to 30 percent in the present study), although the abundance was not at its maximum then. The seasonal pattern of abundance for Bosmina in 1974 was essentially the same as in 1977 in the present study, but it reached greater densities in 1974 (up to $30,000\ \text{m}^{-3}$). Similar densities were seen in the present study in 1975 and 1976. Eubosmina appeared earlier in samples in 1976 and 1977 than in 1974, but were most common at the same time of year. Eubosmina abundance was greater in 1975 and 1976 than reported by Duffy in 1974, but was similar in 1977. Daphnia retrocurva was the most abundant daphnid in 1974, but its densities exceeded those of Daphnia galeata only in 1977 in the present study, when a similar but later maximum was reported (approximately 2,500 m^{-3}). D. galeata was more abundant in 1975 and 1976 than in 1974, but decreased in numbers again in 1977. D. galeata reached peak abundance earlier in all years of the present study than in 1974. 2, retrocurva was most abundant on a later date in 1975 than in 1974 and on earlier dates in 1976 and 1977 than 1974.

The inshore stations sampled by Roth and Stewart (1973) in southeastern Lake Michigan are comparable to the Ludington site. Again,

in 1972, Bosmina was the most common Cladocera. It had a bimodal seasonal distribution with peaks in July-August and again in October, as in 1975 of the present study. Abundance of Bosmina in August of 1972 reached 180,000 m^{-3} , compared to means of up to 22,900 m^{-3} at the Ludington study site. Eubosmina appeared earlier in samples in 1976 and 1977 than in 1972, but showed a similar seasonal distribution. Eubosmina densities reported by Roth and Stewart are similar to those in 1975 in this study. The densities they reported for the Daphnia species are greater than seen in 1975 through 1977, and the seasonal abundance showed a monocyclic distribution. The increased abundance of the four Cladocera seen in this 1973 study could be due to the trophic status of the area of Lake Michigan studied by Roth and Stewart. They characterize their inshore station as more eutrophic than the offshore stations, and Beeton (1963) discusses the advanced trophic state of that part of the lake. These Cladocera, especially Bosmina, are more common in eutr0phic waters. Evans and Hawkins (1977) studied the same area of Lake Michigan as Roth and Stewart. They found greater abundances of Bosmina in July of 1974, 1975 and 1976 than in the same month in the present study. The other species were not present in significant numbers at similar depths in their study in July.

The decrease in abundance of all four Cladocera on 9 September 1975 was attributable to the upwelling in Lake Michigan evident on that date (Table Al.). It is not possible to tell the duration of the upwelling from the available data, but the water temperature averaged 7.9⁰ C colder on that date than the previous sampling date. Upwellings are caused by easternly winds pushing warmer surface waters away from shore and bringing in colder waters from deeper in the lake. The wind direction was

predominantly northwesternly in direction on 8 September, shifting to east-northeast on 9 September. Upwellings in Lake Michigan have been documented by various authors (Carr et. al. 1973; Liston et. al. 1974; Duffy 1975) and zooplankton abundances have been shown to be strongly influenced by water temperature (e.g. Hutchinson 1967; Duffy 1975). Diatoms, a principle food of zooplankton, are concentrated in the area of an upwelling (Hutchinson 1967) and their growth is augmented by an increase in nutrients in the epilimnion from nutrient rich waters brought up from the hypolimnion (Liston and Anderson 1979). The Cladocera responded to warming temperatures and probable increases in diatom abundance by increasing their abundance on the next sampling date (24 September; Figure 2).

The difference in abundance of Bosmina in 1977 compared to the other years is due in part to the decreased sampling frequency in that year. Apparently the monthly sampling dates did not concur with periods of maximum Bosmina abundance; Bosmina densities in 1975 and 1976 were four times those of 1977. There were no major differences between the other factors measured in the study during the three years. Other factors most likely contributed to the observed decrease in abundance, but these are not readily discernable. The differences in abundance of Eubosmina in 1975 compared to the other years were most likely due to the lack of data on abundance in spring and early summer. The distribution of Eubosmina in the spring and early summer of both 1976 and Apparently the monthly sampling dates did not concur with periods of
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In the present study the sampling frequency was reduced to monthly in 1977 because of time and personnel restrictions. The significant differences in abundance of some of the Cladocera in 1977 make it evident that monthly sampling can lead to underestimated abundances of zooplankton populations. A complex array of physical and biological factors determine zooplankton abundance and species life histories. Adult Cladocera have the capacity to release a brood of young every few days to a week (Pennak 1978) and the detection of major peaks in abundance may be delayed by monthly sampling, or may be missed entirely if unfavorable environmental conditions should arise.

The mean total zooplankton variable in the multiple linear regression analyses is essentially a measure of competition from other zooplankton at the time and place of sampling. It was calculated for the four species on every date for all years. This variable was included in the regression equations most frequently, although it rarely accounted for the most explained variance (mean of 7 percent of the explained variance). Mean total zooplankton was included in equations for Daphnia retrocurva for all three years of the present study. This was the only case where one or more variables was consistently important for a species across all years. Wind speed, water temperature, photoperiod and mean total zooplankton were important in analyses in two of the three years for at the time and plac
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Bosmina longirostris Bosmina longirostris, but the other species had no variables that appeared in two analyses for more than one year. It is not possible to predict which variables are the most important in explaining the variation in abundance for a given species in a given year; the relative influence of the variables in this study varies from year to year.

Wind direction is important because of its influence on water flow in the lake. Its influence on zooplankton distribution and abundance can be seen in mechanical transport of organisms in induced water currents, or more indirectly by influencing water temperature in the lake. Prevailing motions of wind and water can cause important changes in the thermal structure of the lake (e.g., upwellings), which is positively correlated with overall patterns of zooplankton abundance (Patalas 1969). Wind speed works in conjunction with wind direction, and its influence is temporal.

Water temperature influences zooplankton abundance directly by controlling growth rates and development (Hutchinson 1967), and thus production, and indirectly by stimulating the growth of phytoplankton. Duffy (1975) found that variation on water temperatures between years was most likely the major factor contributing to observed differences in abundance of zooplankton in Lake Michigan. Patalas (1969) found that temperature and its distribution in the water was a decisive factor governing zooplankton abundance in the spring and summer, although the relationship was less clear in the fall. Roth and Stewart (1973) found thermal stratification to be a major factor in determining zooplankton distribution.

Photoperiod may be a controlling stimulus in the development of some Cladocera (Stross 1971; Wetzel 1975), and interacts with temperature in many situations. Photoperiod is an important stimulus in the vertical migration of zooplankton, which has been suggested to be a mechanism for predator avoidance and for optimal feeding and growth. Vertical migration can also influence zooplankton sampling. In the present study

photoperiod was frequently an important factor in explaining variation in Cladoceran abundance.

Water transparency as measured by a secchi disc is highly influenced by turbidity in the water, and is closely correlated with percentage transmission of light (Wetzel 1975). Light transmission may affect growth rates of Cladocera directly (Jacobs 1962), and it acts indirectly to determine population success by affecting phytoplankton abundance (Wetzel 1975) and possibly efficiencies of growth (Buikema 1971). It is also a controlling factor in vertical migration (McNaught and Hasler 1964). Turbidity negatively affects the productivity of aquatic environments (Murphey 1962), through both its abiogenic and biogenic components (e.g., self-shading in phytoplankton; Wetzel 1975). However, water transparency and turbidity were not frequently important variables in this study, both appearing in fewer equations than any other variables.

The effects of changes in atmospheric pressure on zooplankton has not been investigated thoroughly. Atmospheric pressure is one factor determining how much oxygen is dissolved in water, and thus indirectly influences zooplankton abundances. Air pressure was frequently an important variable in explaining the variation observed in Cladocera abundance.

SUMMARY

The seasonal distribution and abundance of four Cladocera at three stations in nearshore Lake Michigan (12 meter depth) near Ludington, Michigan were studied during 1975-1977. Samples were collected biweekly with a pump and net method. The species were analyzed using multiple linear regression techniques with wind direction, wind speed, water temperature, air pressure, photoperiod, water turbidity, water transparency and mean total 200plankton as factors in the analyses. stations in nearshore Lake Mic
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The multiple linear regression analyses explained between 11.7 and 70.4 percent of the variation in abundance of the four Cladocera. No variables were consistently important in explaining variance in all species or in all years. Mean total zooplankton was most frequently a significant variable in explaining variance, and accounted for between 1.4 and 16.5 percent of the variation.

The variables most frequently important in the analyses were wind direction, whch explained 4.8 to 21.5 percent of the variation, and water temperature, which explained 1.0 to 44.0 percent of the variation. All variables appeared in at least two multiple regression equations.

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APPENDIX

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Table A2. Descriptive statistics of <u>Bosmina</u> longirostris in Lake Michigan at station 1 in 1975.

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