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### Shuswap Watershed Council releases new water quality report

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) has released a report covering the results of recent water quality monitoring throughout the Shuswap watershed.

“Our water quality is one of our greatest natural assets here in the Shuswap,” says SWC Chair Paul Demenok. “We know it’s a top-of-mind issue for people – especially this time of year – and we’re pleased to be able to provide this informative report.”

The report covers water quality in the large lakes and rivers, swimming beaches, and touches on important water quality issues such as invasive mussels and algal blooms.

“From a human perspective and our enjoyment of lakes and beaches, the water quality is very good. This is indicated by the results of Interior Health Authority’s beach monitoring program in 2017, which had 100% acceptable results,” explains Erin Vieira, program manager for the SWC.

There’s more good news: a special monitoring project led by the SWC in 2017 that tested for harmful compounds called nonylphenols delivered negative results – meaning [the compounds were not detected](#) in water samples drawn from the lake.

“It can be difficult for residents and visitors to find out what our water quality is – that’s the push behind publishing this report. We compiled monitoring results from many of our partners, including the Province of BC, Interior Health Authority, and the City of Salmon Arm – the report is essentially a one-stop shop for water quality results from various organizations in our region,” says Vieira.

The report can be found on the SWC’s website [www.shuswapwater.ca](http://www.shuswapwater.ca).

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About: The Shuswap Watershed Council is a watershed-based partnership that works on water quality and safe recreation in the Shuswap.

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