



Tote Road Fish Habitat Monitoring 2021 Annual Report December 2021

APPENDIX B

PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG OF HABITAT ASSESSMENTS AT TOTE ROAD CROSSINGS, SPRING 2021

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 558000 E 7914928 N **Dates Surveyed:** 05-Jul-21; 07-Sep-21

Summary: This stream provides summer rearing habitat for both species. Culvert outflow velocities may occasionally impede smaller fish.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing BG-01: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 553250 E 7915100 N **Dates Surveyed:** 05-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides summer rearing habitat for both species. No fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing BG-04: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 550703 E 7917643 N **Dates Surveyed:** 05-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides summer rearing habitat for both species. No fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing BG-17: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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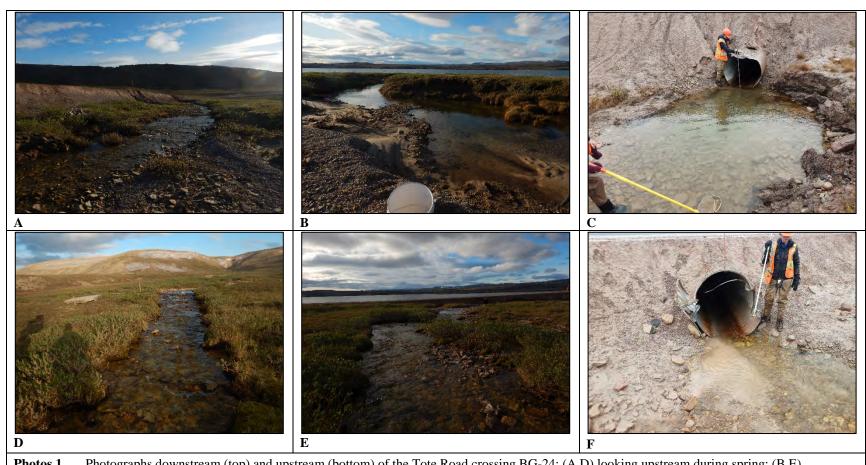
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 548766 E 7918878 N **Dates Surveyed:** 05-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. No fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing BG-24: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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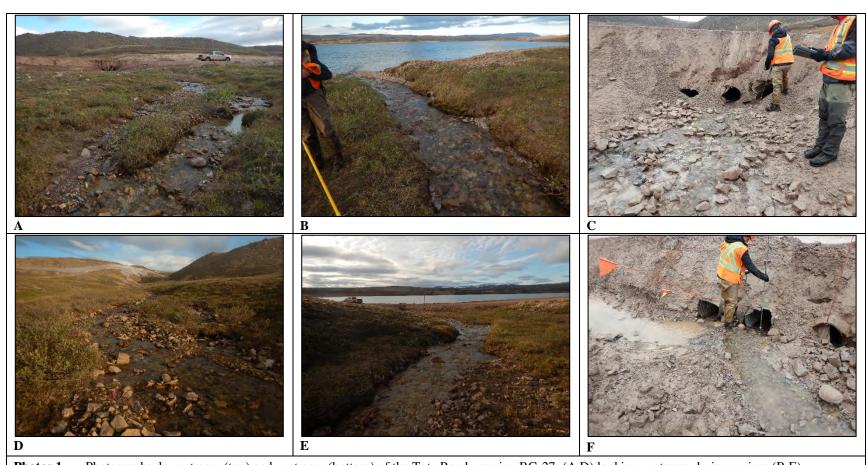
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 547876 E 7919355 N **Dates Surveyed:** 05-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. No fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing BG-27: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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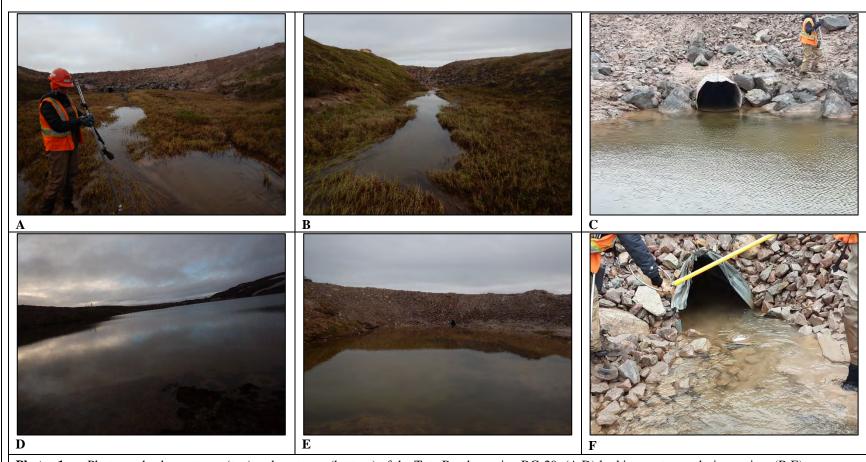
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 546229 E 7919877 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Stream provides abundant summer rearing habitat for both species. There were no fish access issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing BG-29: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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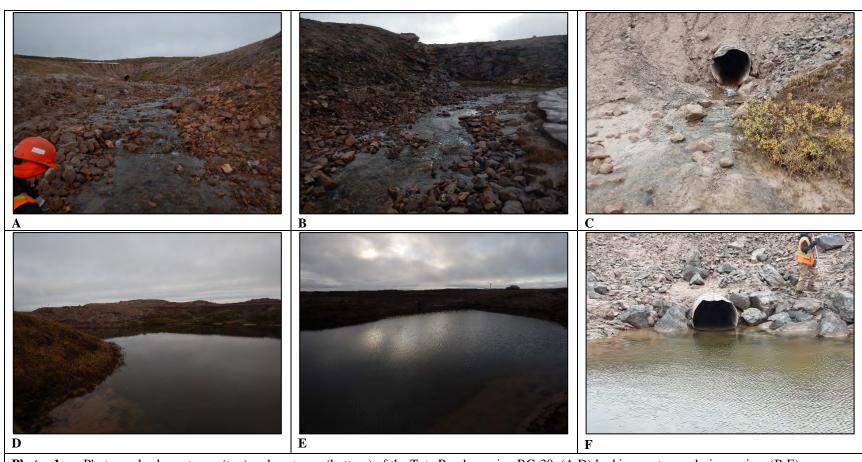
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 546070 E 7919844 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Stream provides abundant rearing habitat, particularly upstream of the road in a large pond. Access to the upstream pond was created with a rocky ramp as part of the Tote Road Compensation Plan. There were no fish access issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing BG-30: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 540729 E 7921597 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Consistently provides abundant, good quality rearing habitat for both species. No fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing BG-32: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 529294 E 7926852 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Large river with abundant habitat for both species. One channel is crossed by a bridge and the other with two culverts. Monitoring previously indicated culverts were perched, blocking fish movements, and remediation work was conducted in fall 2019. Remediation structures were destroyed by high flows during the 2020 freshet. Culverts remained highly perched in 2021. Alternative remediation will be discussed with the DFO.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing BG-50: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 553544 E 7914897 N **Dates Surveyed:** 05-Jul-21; 07-Sep-21

Summary: This stream typically provides summer rearing habitat for both species. There was a slight perch at the downstream end of the culvert during fall when water levels were lower, but it was not sufficient to prevent fish access upstream. No fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-001: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 540123 E 7921310 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Arctic Char use of this stream is minimal due to consistently low water levels and lack of a defined channel, but Ninespine Stickleback are typically abundant. No culvert passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-030: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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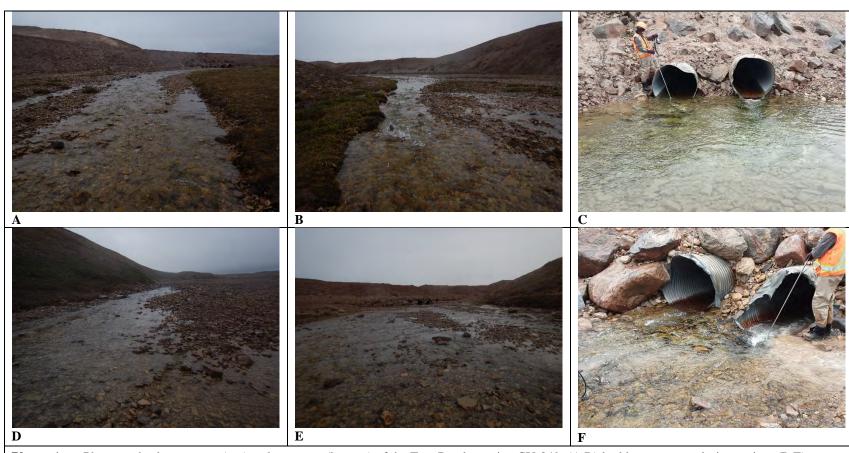
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 529654 E 7926545 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides abundant summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-049: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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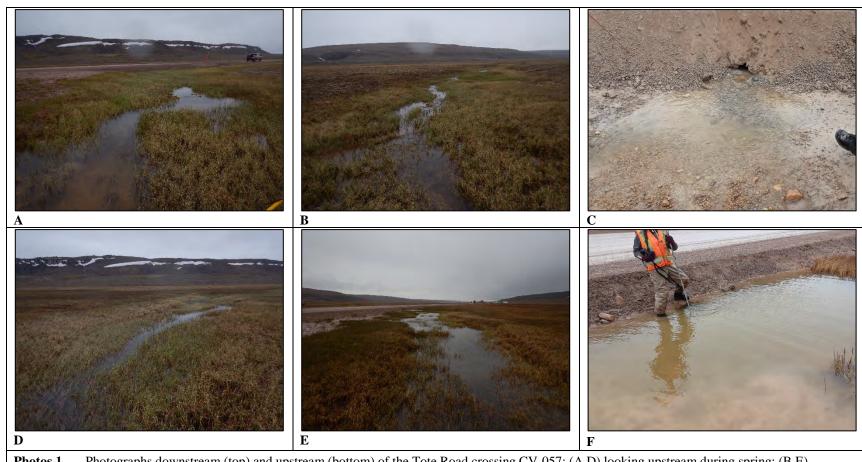
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 528379 E 7928657 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides some summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no fish passage issues in 2021; however, culverts are becoming increasingly full of sediment and may soon create a blockage to fish movements if not remediated. Remediation recommended for winter months.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-057: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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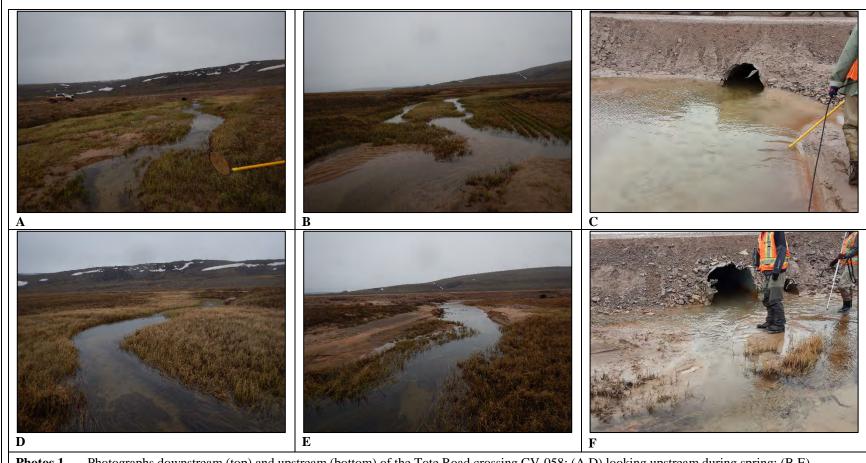
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 528322 E 7928839 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides abundant summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-058: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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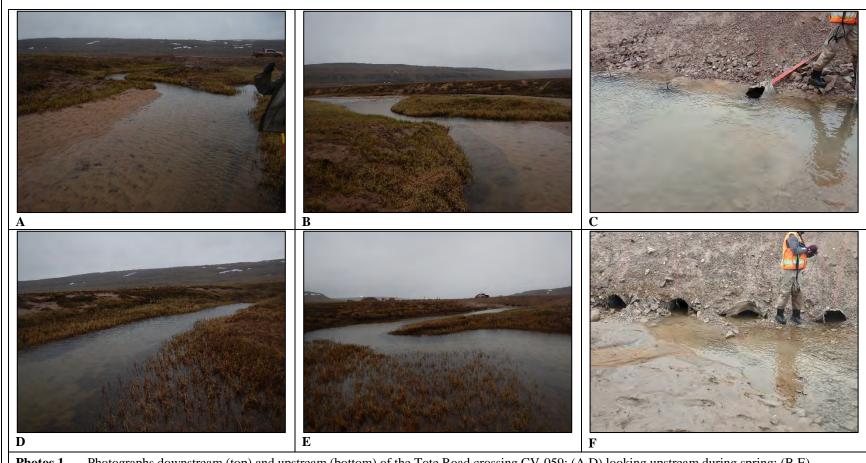
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 528094 E 7929347 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides abundant summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-059: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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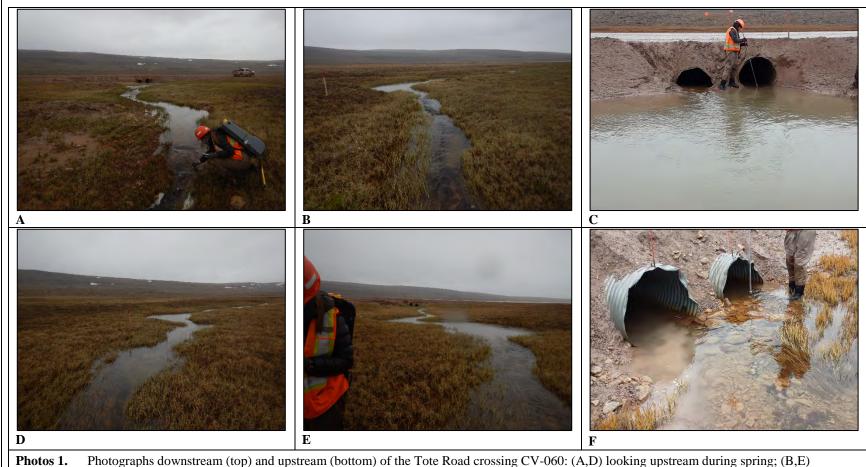
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 527622 E 7930342 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides abundant summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-060: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 526897 E 7934576 N **Dates Surveyed:** 03-Jul-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides abundant summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-072: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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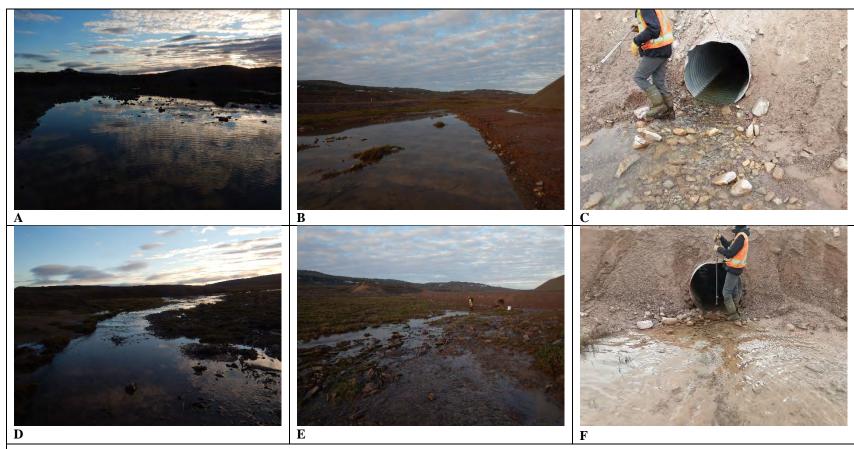
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 526586 E 7935498 N **Dates Surveyed:** 03-Jul-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: Small stream providing summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no issues affecting fish passage in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-076: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 525852 E 7936787 N **Dates Surveyed:** 03-Jul-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides abundant summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-078: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 525538 E 7937314 N **Dates Surveyed:** 03-Jul-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides abundant summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-079: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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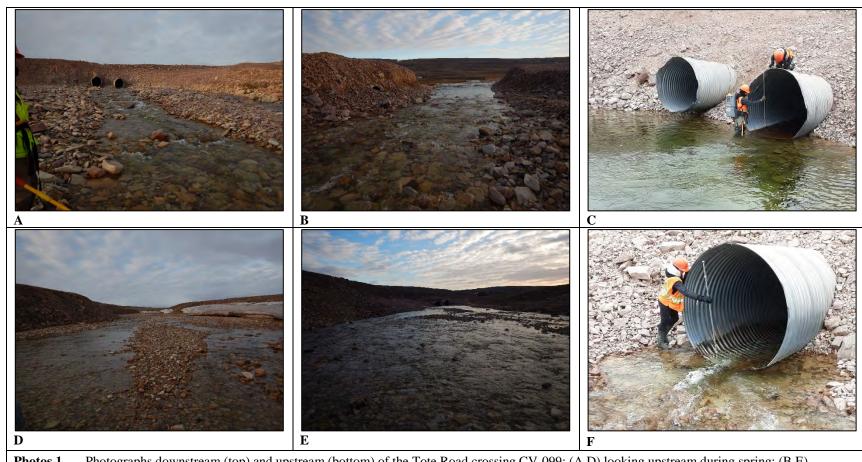
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 521886 E 7945397 N **Dates Surveyed:** 03-Jul-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: A large stream with abundant fish habitat. Water velocities in the culverts can be high enough to restrict upstream access to larger juveniles during periods of very high flows. There were no fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-099: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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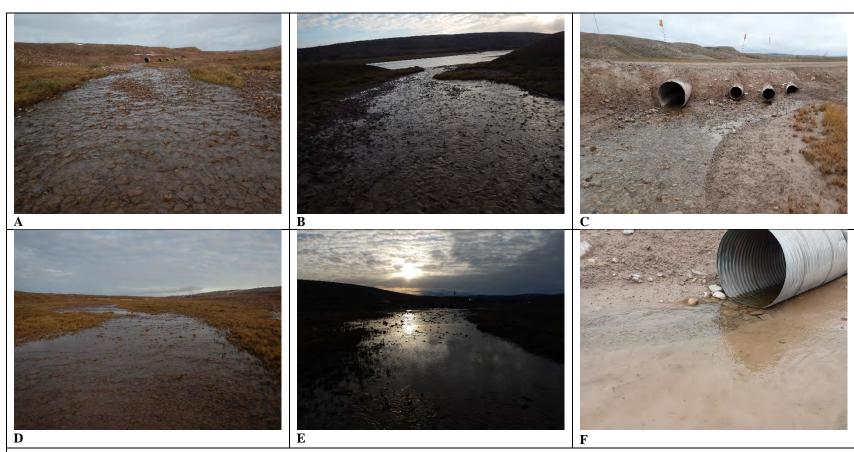
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 521934 E 7950591 N **Dated Surveyed:** 03-Jul-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: This stream typically provides summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-102: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 521732 E 7952788 N **Dates Surveyed:** 03-Jul-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: Though water levels are occasionally low (e.g., 2019), this stream typically provides summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-104: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 521663 E 7953392 N **Dates Surveyed:** 03-Jul-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: Stream provides summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char, though it frequently becomes dry following freshet without additional inputs of precipitation. An existing ramp (installed in 2018) designed to improve access received additional modifications in 2019 and 2020. Similar issues existed in 2021. Additional remediation may be required to improve the effectiveness of the ramp at providing fish passage during the periods of low water often experienced by this stream.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-106: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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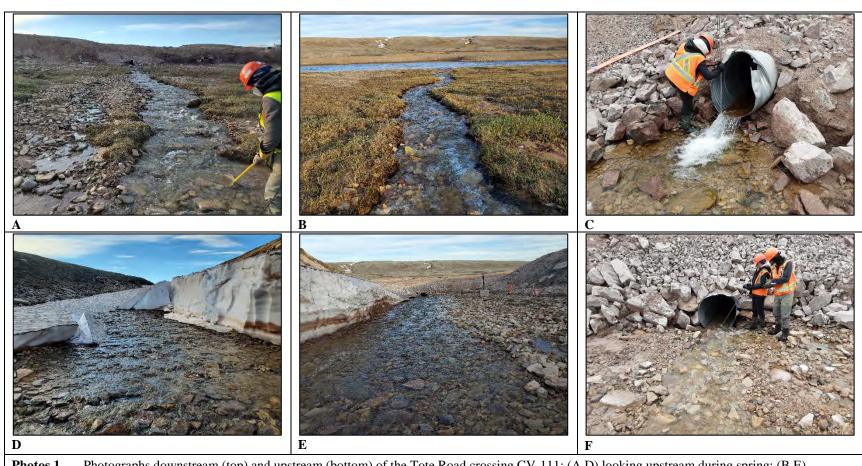
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 521355 E 7954524 N **Dates Surveyed:** 27-Jun-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: This stream provides summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. Culvert was reinstalled during the winter of 2018/2019 with a high perch. Remediation measures in fall 2019 were insufficient to improve fish access and issues remained in 2021. Additional remediation required. See remediation Appendix for details.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-111: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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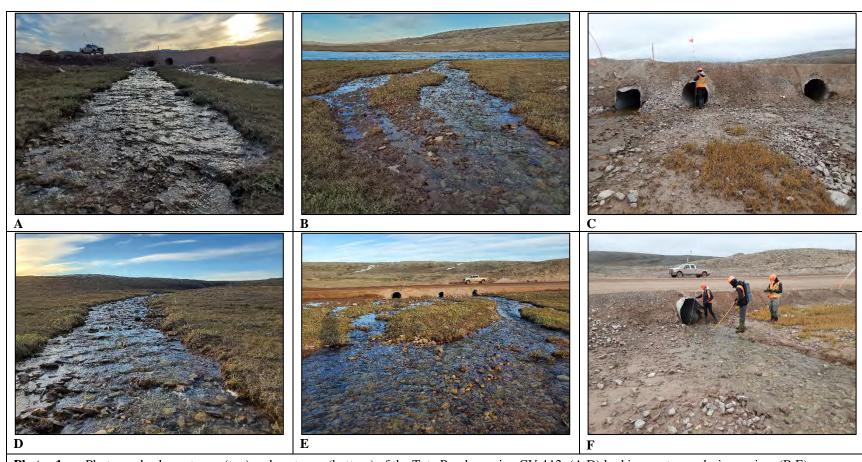
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 521033 E 7954935 N **Dates Surveyed:** 27-Jun-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: This stream provides summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. There were no fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-112: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall (upstream photo includes only the left culvert).

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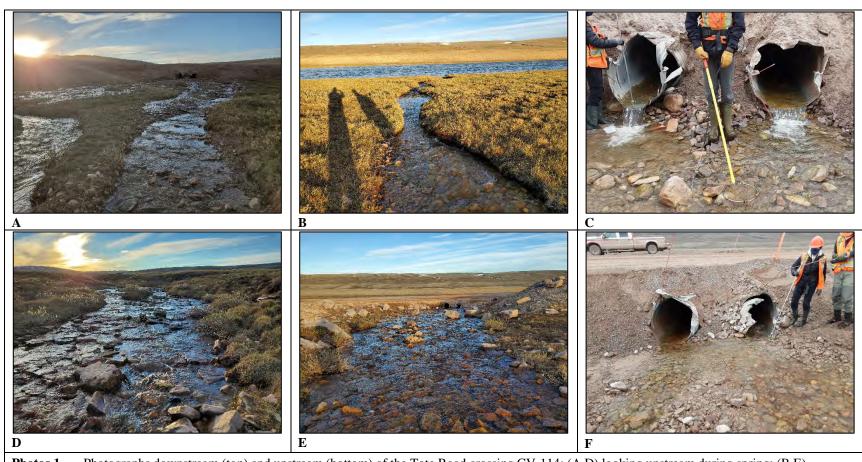
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 520278 E 7956528 N **Dates Surveyed:** 27-Jun-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: This stream provides habitat for juvenile Arctic Char. Perched culverts that may affect upstream access were remediated in fall 2019 and minor repairs to the works were completed in fall 2020. The remediation structure was destroyed during freshet and/or during snow clearing activities in 2021. New remediation measures will be required.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-114: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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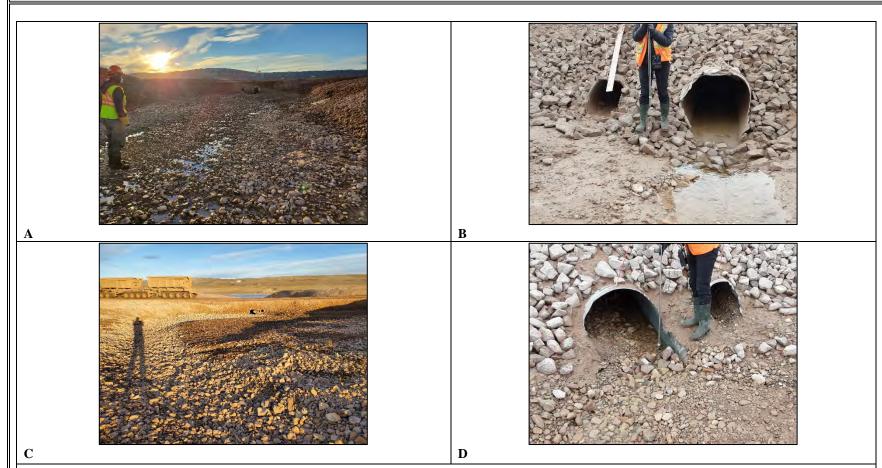
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 519222 E 7958135 N **Dates Surveyed:** 27-Jun-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: Stream has been regularly surveyed and is dry most years. The stream was nearly dry during both surveys in 2021 and no fish were present.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-115: (A,C) looking upstream during spring; and (B,D) looking at the culvert during fall.

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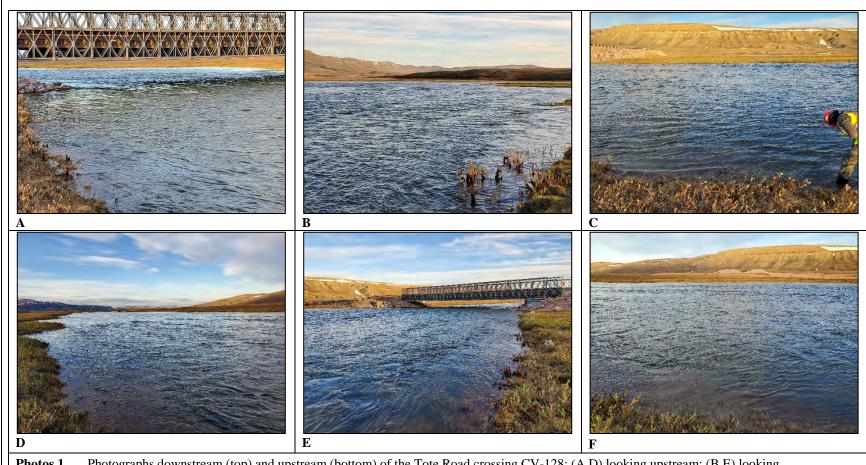
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 513556 E 7965889 N **Dates Surveyed:** 27-Jun-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: A bridge crossing of a major river that has consistently provided abundant fish habitat with no passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-128: (A,D) looking upstream; (B,E) looking downstream; and (C,F) looking across during spring.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 512381 E 7966783 N **Dated Surveyed:** 27-Jun-21; 01-Sep-21

Summary: This site has consistently provided good quality summer rearing habitat for juvenile Arctic Char and is the first large tributary upstream of the impassable falls on Phillips Creek (i.e., fish use is restricted to land-locked Arctic Char). Small culvert perch was remediated in fall 2019 and minor repairs to the remediation works were conducted in fall 2020. The structure was damaged, and the perch reoccurred in 2021. Alternate remediation measures may be required. Upstream overwintering lake provides additional habitat.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs at the Tote Road crossing CV-129: from downstream of the road looking upstream (A), downstream (B), and across (C) during spring; looking at the downstream end of the culvert during spring (D) and fall (E); and looking at the upstream end of the culvert during fall (F).

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Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 560705 E 7913498 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 25-Aug-21

Summary: Site provides summer rearing habitat for both species. No fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-186: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C) looking at culverts during fall.

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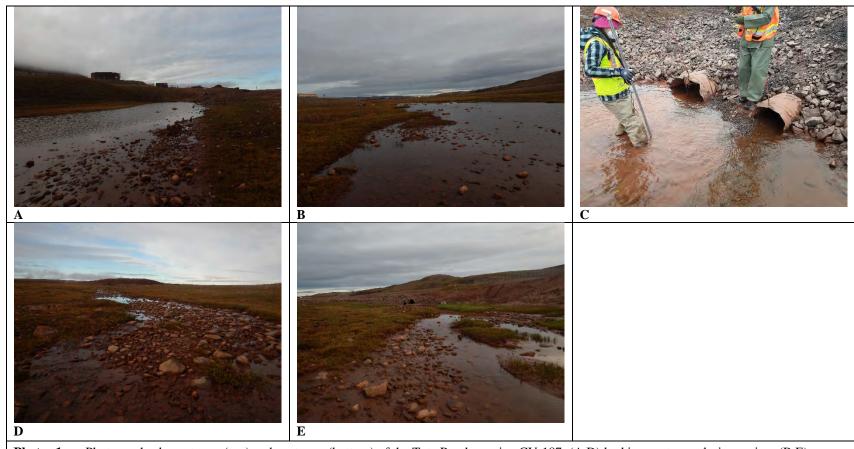
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 560957 E 7913414 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 25-Aug-21

Summary: Site provides summer rearing habitat for both species, though upstream reaches become dry as water levels decrease. No fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-187: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C) looking at culverts during fall.

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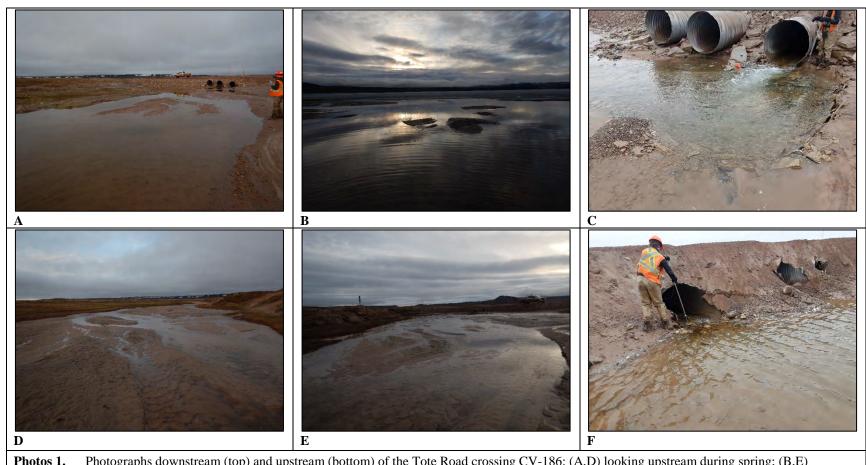
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 542764 E 7921724 N **Dates Surveyed:** 04-Jul-21; 02-Sep-21

Summary: A small stream that provides habitat for Ninespine Stickleback and small juvenile Arctic Char (especially young-of-the-year from Muriel Lake). A slight perch was remediated in 2019 and small repairs to the structure were completed in fall 2020. The structure was damaged during freshet or snow clearing activities in early 2021. Alternative remediation may be required.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-186: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 524321 E 7922189 N Date Surveyed: 04-Jul-21

Summary: A bridge/culvert crossing with abundant habitat for both species and no passage issues in 2021.

Photos



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Photos 1. Photograph downstream of the Tote Road crossing CV-217: (A) looking upstream; (B) looking downstream; and (C) looking across.

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Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 555705 E 7914676 N Date Surveyed: 05-Jul-21

Summary: This large river (Tom River) includes both bridge and culvert crossings. All channels provide abundant summer rearing habitat for Arctic Char. No fish passage issues in 2021.

Photos





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Photos 1. Photographs downstream (A) and upstream (B) of the Tote Road crossing CV-223.

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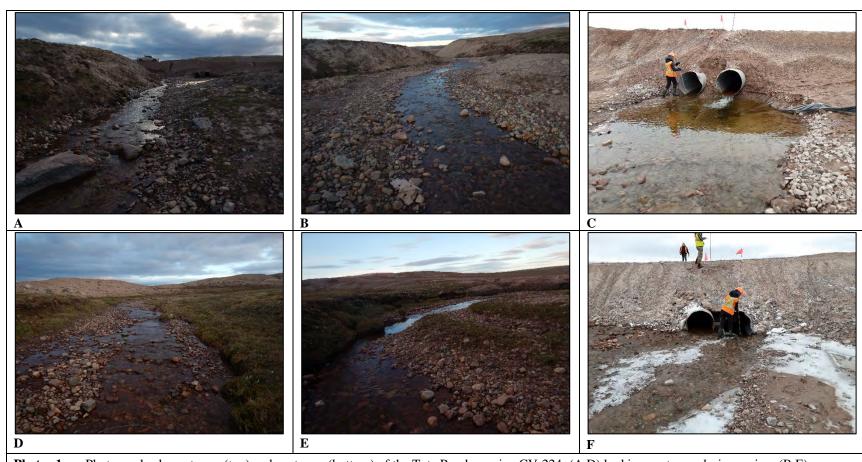
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 556238 E 7915044 N **Dates Surveyed:** 05-Jul-21; 07-Sep-21

Summary: The site provides summer rearing habitat for both species. The fish passage culvert was still frozen after peak freshet at the time of the spring 2021 survey. No other fish passage issues were observed in 2021. Crossing should be monitored every spring for recurrence of ice damming.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-224: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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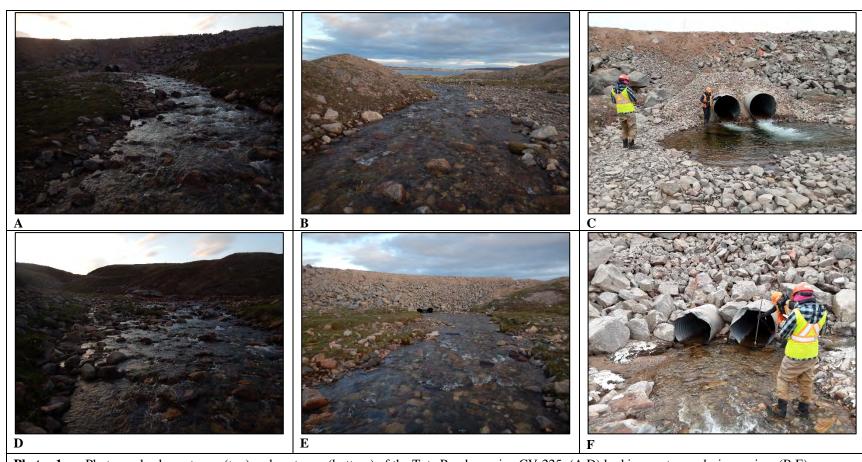
Fish Habitat

Location and Crossing Description

UTM Coordinates: 17W 557421 E 7915187 N **Dates Surveyed:** 05-Jul-21; 07-Sep-21

Summary: Site provides summer rearing habitat for both species. Remediation completed in early spring 2020 successfully reduced perching. However high culvert velocities remain a potential issue and spring ice damming inside the culverts is common. Continue monitoring of road and culverts going forward.

Photos



Photos 1. Photographs downstream (top) and upstream (bottom) of the Tote Road crossing CV-225: (A,D) looking upstream during spring; (B,E) looking downstream during spring; and (C,F) looking at culverts during fall.

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