Table 2. Methods of water-quality and algal analysis for samples from the North Umpqua RiverBasin, Oregon, July 2005

[Measurements made directly in the field included water temperature, specific conductance, pH, and dissolved oxygen; NA, not applicable; C, Celsius; uS/cm, microsiemens per centimeter; mg/L, milligrams per liter; QAPP, U.S. Forest Service Quality Assurance Project Plan; mg/m², milligrams per square meter; g/m², grams per square meter.]

Medium sampled	Parameter	Analytical method	Detection limit or resolution	Reporting limit	Sample preservation
Water, in situ	Water temperature	170.1 ^a	0.1°C	0.1°C	NA
Water, in situ	Specific conductance, field	120.1 ^a	1 uS/cm	1 uS/cm	NA
Water, in situ	pH, field	150.1 ^a	0.01 standard units	0.1 standard units	NA
Water, in situ	Dissolved oxygen, field	4500-O G ^b	0.01 mg/L	0.1 mg/L	NA
Water, filtered	Dissolved orthophosphate as P	4500-P E ^b	0.0004 mg/L	0.005 mg/L	None
	Dissolved organic carbon	5310 B ^b	NA	1 mg/L	H_2SO_4
	Dissolved arsenic	3120 B ^b	0.003 mg/L	0.01 mg/L	None
	Dissolved silica	3120 B ^b	0.003 mg/L	0.15 mg/L	None
Water, unfiltered	Ammonia as N	4500-NH ₂ ^b	0.02 mg/L	0.02 mg/L	H_2SO_4
	Total Kjeldahl nitrogen as N (organic+ammonium N in QAPP)	351.2 ^a	0.1 mg/L	0.2 mg/L	H_2SO_4
	Nitrite plus nitrate as N	4500-NO ₃ F ^b	0.001 mg/L	0.005 mg/L	H_2SO_4
	Total phosphorus as P	4500-P E ^b	0.003 mg/L	0.01 mg/L	H_2SO_4
	Total organic carbon	5310 B ^b	NA	1 mg/L	H_2SO_4
Algae, periphyton	Chlorophyll a and Pheophytin a	10200-Н ^ь	NA	0.1 mg/m ²	Freezing
	Ash-free dry weight	10300 C ^b	0.1 g/m ²	1 g/m ²	Freezing

^a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1983

^b American Public Health Association, 1992