

Biological Objective for Perennial and Seasonal Streams¹

Inland surface waters with the COLD or WARM beneficial use, except those meeting one or more definitions in Table TBD1, shall achieve a California Stream Condition Index (CSCI) score equal to or greater than the 10th percentile of the CSCI reference calibration sites (Table TBD2).

Table TBD1. Inland Surface Waters with COLD or WARM Beneficial Use to Which the Stream Biological Objective Does Not Apply

Exclusion	Definition
Non-Stream Waterbodies	Reservoirs, lakes, ponds, vernal pools, and other lentic waterbodies.
Non-wadeable Stream Segments	Stream segments in which depths exceed one (1) meter for at least one half (75 meters) of the entire length of a 150 meter bioassessment sampling reach measured during baseflow conditions.
Ephemeral Stream Segments	Stream segments that exhibit only ephemeral flow, which is flow that occurs only during or immediately following rainfall events. Ephemeral stream segments do not include stream segments that exhibit four or more consecutive weeks of continuous flow during the period February 1 and October 31 in any year within the previous 10 years.
Hardened Streambed Segments	Stream segments in which the entire stream channel substrate has been artificially lined with concrete or other impervious materials from toe of bank to toe of bank.

Table TBD2. CSCI Score Threshold
 Threshold CSCI Score
 10th Percentile or Greater ≥ 0.79

FN 1 Based on the definitions of the excluded waters and stream segments, this objective applies to inland surface waters with the COLD or WARM beneficial use that are considered perennial and seasonal streams, other than hardened streambed segments.