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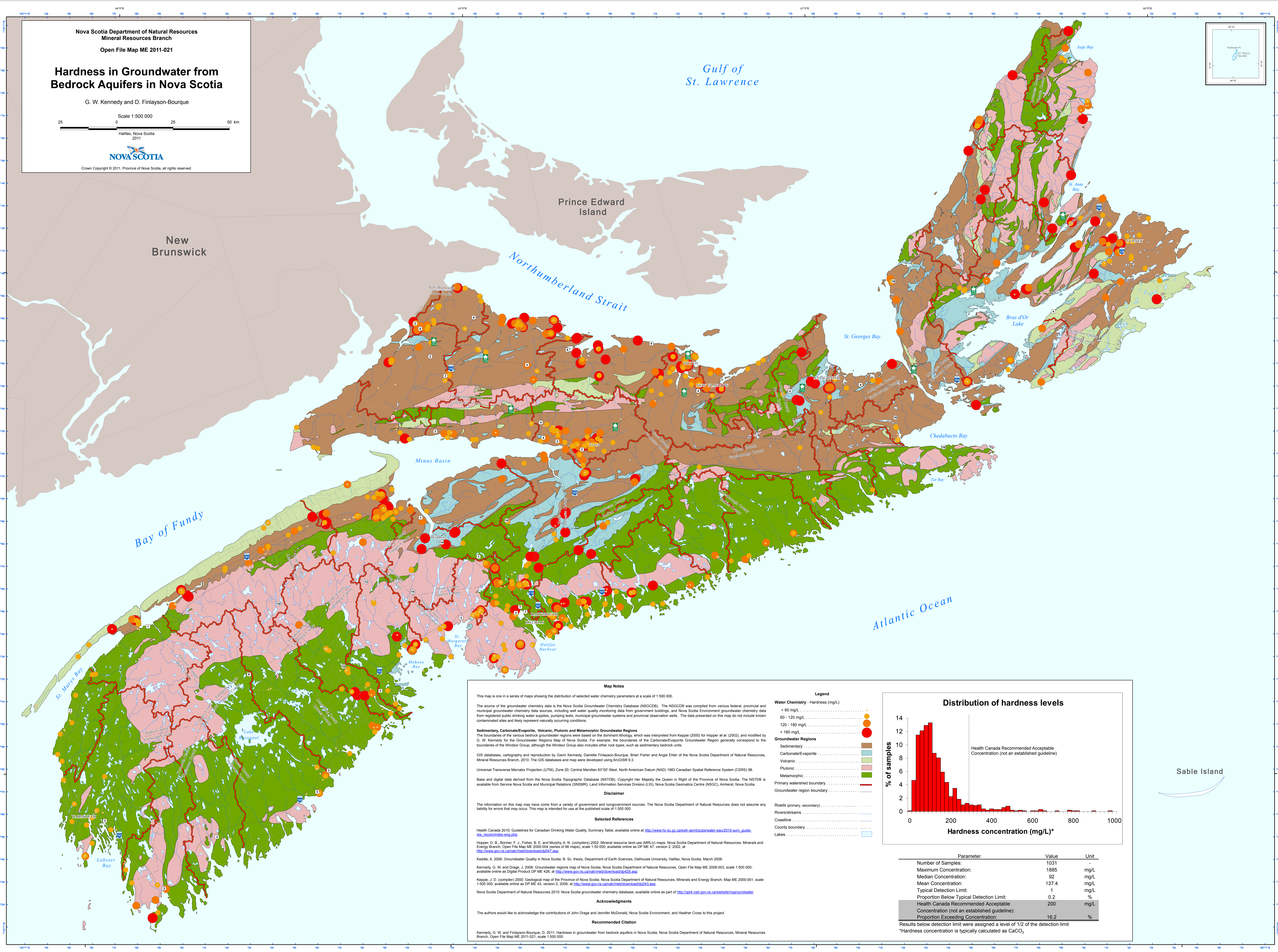
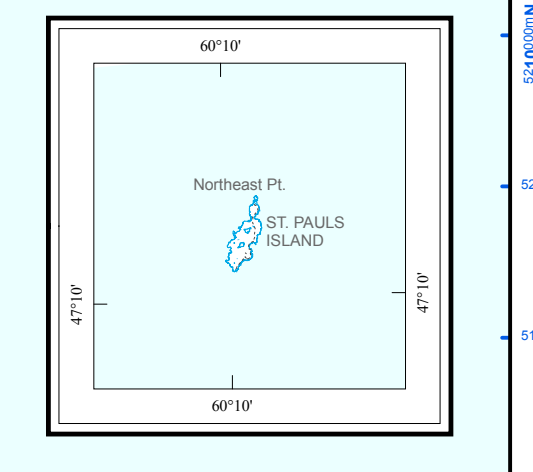
Hardness in Groundwater from Bedrock Aquifers in Nova Scotia

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Scale 1:500 000

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Map Notes

This map is one in a series of maps showing the distribution of selected water chemistry parameters at a scale of 1:500 000.

The source of the groundwater chemistry data is the Nova Scotia Groundwater Chemistry Database (NSGCD). The NSGCD was compiled from various federal, provincial and municipal groundwater chemistry data sources, including well water quality monitoring data from government buildings, and Nova Scotia Environment groundwater chemistry data from registered public drinking water supplies, pumping tests, municipal groundwater systems and provincial observation wells. The data presented on this map do not include known contaminated sites and likely represent naturally occurring conditions.

Sedimentary, Carbonate/Evaporite, Volcanic, Plutonic and Metamorphic Groundwater Regions

The boundaries of the various bedrock groundwater regions were based on the dominant lithology, which was interpreted from Kieppie (2000) for Hopper et al. (2002), and modified by G. W. Kennedy for the Groundwater Regions Map of Nova Scotia. For example, the boundaries of the Carbonate/Evaporite Groundwater Region generally correspond to the boundaries of the Windsor Group, although the Windsor Group also includes other rock types, such as sedimentary bedrock units.

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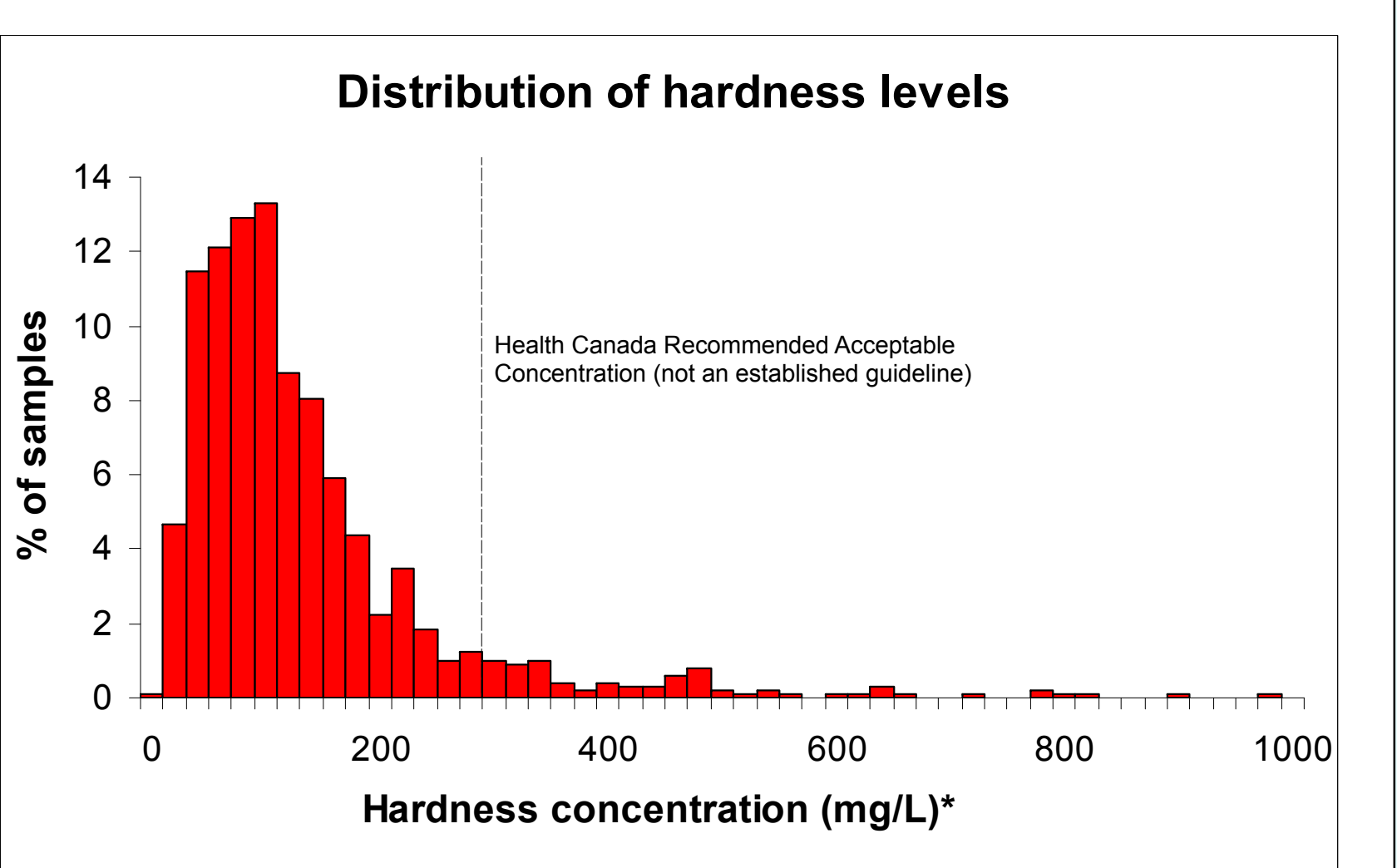
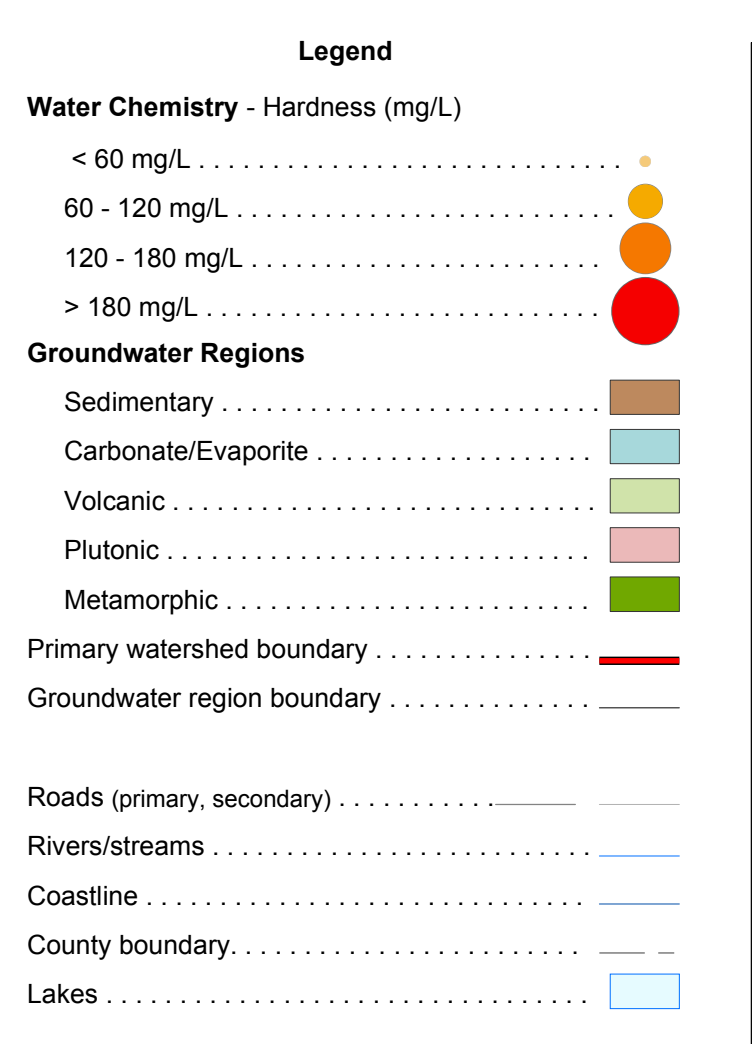
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Parameter	Value	Unit
Number of Samples:	1031	-
Maximum Concentration:	1885	mg/L
Median Concentration:	92	mg/L
Mean Concentration:	137.4	mg/L
Typical Detection Limit:	1	mg/L
Proportion Below Typical Detection Limit:	0.2	%
Health Canada Recommended Acceptable Concentration (not an established guideline):	200	mg/L
Proportion Exceeding Concentration:	16.2	%

Results below detection limit were assigned a level of 1/2 of the detection limit
*Hardness concentration is typically calculated as CaCO₃

Sable Island