On developing an unambiguous peatland classification using fusion of IKONOS and LiDAR DEM terrain derivatives - Victor Project, James Bay Lowlands.

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#### Abstract

Bogs and fens, which comprise $>90 \%$ of the landscape near the De Beers Victor diamond mine, 90 km west of Attawapiskat, ON, provide different hydrological functions in connecting water flow pathways to the regional drainage network. It is essential to define their distribution, area and arrangement to understand the impact of mine dewatering, which is expected to increase groundwater recharge. Classification was achieved by developing a technique that uses IKONOS satellite imagery coupled with LiDAR-derived DEM derivatives to identify peatland classes. A supervised maximum likelihood classification was performed on the 1 m resolution IKONOS Red/Green/Blue without the infrared (RGB) and with the infrared (IR_RGB) band to determine the overall accuracy prior to inclusion of the DEM derivatives. Confusion matrices indicated $62.9 \%$ and $65.8 \%$ overall accuracy for the RGB and IR_RGB, respectively. Terrain derivatives were computed from the DEM including slope, vertical distance to channel network (VDCN), deviation from mean elevation (DME), percentile (PER) and difference from mean elevation (DiME). These derivatives were computed at a local (15-cell grid size) and meso (250cell grid size) scale to capture terrain morphology. The mesoscale 250 -cell grid analysis produced the most accurate classifications for all derivatives. However, spectral confusion still occurred (regardless of scale) most frequently in the Fen Dense Conifer vs. Bog Dense Conifer classes and also in the Bog Lichen vs. Bog Lichen Conifer. Despite this confusion, by combining the larger scale LiDAR DEM derivatives and the IKONOS imagery it was found that the overall classification accuracy could be improved by $13 \%$. Specifically, the DiME derivative combined with the multispectral IKONOS (IR_RGB) produced an overall accuracy of $76.5 \%$, and increased to $83.7 \%$ when Bog Lichen and Bog Lichen Conifer were combined during a post hoc analysis. This classification revealed the landscape composition of the North Granny Creek subwatershed, which is divided into north and south. The north portion comprises $67.4 \%$ bog, $13.6 \%$ fen and $18.9 \%$ water class, while the south is $63.7 \%$ bog, $15.2 \%$ fen and $21.1 \%$ water class. These proportions provide insight into the hydrology of the landscape and are indicative of the storage and conveyance properties of the subwatershed based on the percentage of bog, fen, or open water.


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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Peatlands cover 3\% of Earth`s land surface (Harris \& Bryant, 2008) and 12\% of Canada's (Tarnocai, 2006), with most peatlands situated in remote, hard to access locations. The dynamic hydrological characteristics of peatlands, where the water table is at, near, or above the surface (NWWG, 1997) can often make field exploration for mapping and landscape classification purposes difficult. Remote Sensing enables the passive and active collection of data in peatlands without direct contact (Jensen, 2005). As early as the 1970's, researchers began with some success mapping and classifying wetlands communities of North America (Work and Gilnmer 1976 in Johnson and Barson 1993). Today remote sensing has developed into a tool that is used to both substitute and compliment the mapping and classification of peatlands that are difficult to access (Toyra \& Pietroniro, 2005). Despite technological advancements it would seem that the same problems exist that did 30 years ago, in that two different landscapese can exhibit the same spectral response (Price, 1994; Cracknell, 1998).

Using Landsat MSS (Palylyk, 1987) and Belward et al., (1990) found that peatlands were too spectrally complex and lacked spectral discrimination between vegetation types, making the delineation of specific classes of bog and fen difficult. Features like open water bodies and marshes appear spectrally similar, causing a considerable degree of misclassification (Lee \& Shan, 2003). Using Landsat, which collects at a relatively coarse ( 30 m ) resolution, classification to the level observed by ecologists in the field can be nearly impossible, with broad scale regional studies being more realistic (Belward et al., 1990). Selecting a sensor that provides the appropriate resolution and selecting an appropriate classification method is necessary (Jensen, 2005). The sensors available today are abundant, ranging from very coarse broad scale resolution like MODIS ( 250 m to 1 km resolution depending on the band) to local microscale fine resolution IKONOS ( 1 m resolution). Despite the availability of data from various sensors, techniques for classification remain the same and the problem of spectral ambiguity continues. The most widely accepted basic methods of classification include: unsupervised, supervised or hybrid approaches which combine unsupervised or supervised (Ozesmi \& Bauer, 2002; Jensen, 2005). Other techniques exist such as object oriented (i.e.: image segmentation), whereby the analyst controls the decomposition of the image into homogeneous segments or objects, grouping pixels to form one object (Jensen, 2005). Object oriented image analysis has provided
encouraging results in more urban environments (Mathieu \& Aryal, 2005). However, in these urban settings the confusion amongst spectrally similar landscapes most often occurred in the ecological or vegetation classes (Mathieu \& Aryal, 2005; Mathieu et al., 2007a; Mathieu et al., 2007b). The advantage of using object oriented classification in these urban settings compared to a natural peatland is obvious in that there exists stark contrast (buildings, road edges) in urban settings compared to peatlands, thus conventional classification methods must be explored.

Unsupervised classifications, also known as clustering, can be well suited for use in wetlands that have a high degree of spectral variability, where a classified image can be achieved through the use of a higher number of classes to capture greater spectral variability (Ozesmi \& Bauer, 2002). The process, known as "cluster busting", merges similar classes to achieve a final classification. More recently Brown et al., (2007) explored both the unsupervised and supervised classification techniques using Landsat data to classify types of blanket peatlands in Britain. The results confirmed those of earlier studies (Palylyk 1987; Belward et al., 1990) which demonstrated that in both unsupervised or supervised classifications the distinction between specific types of peatlands was difficult with broader scale regional data. Brown et al., (2007) recommends a higher resolution image ( $<10 \mathrm{~m}$ ) to help distinguish the different peatland types.

The IKONOS satellite which collects very high spatial and spectral resolution data (panchromatic $0.82 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{W})$ and multispectral $3.2 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{G}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{NIR})$, can been used for peatland classifications (Jensen, 2005). However, the use of satellite imagery alone can produce inaccurate classifications when the spectral properties of different media are not unique (Price, 1994). Adding to this, peatlands are hard to classify because the transition between the different landscape classes (e.g. bog to fen) is not always abrupt, creating areas of spectral mixing or overlap in different landscape types (Belward et al., 1990; Russell et al., 1997; Ozesmi \& Bauer, 2002). Peatlands, although typically flat and devoid of large-scale topographical relief (Mitsch \& Gosselink, 2000), do have characteristic topography at a variety of scales that cannot be derived from spectral based classifications alone (Anderson et al., 2010). For example microscale hummock and hollow topography, bog and fen pools, surface patterning (broad vs. narrow flarks or ridges in bogs and fens), can all be ignored with large scale spectral based classifications. The fusion of topographical data such as that derived from LiDAR, with standard spectral based classifications improves the thematic distinction of peatland classifications (Anderson et al., 2010). Fusion combines two independent datasets such as IKONOS and LiDAR, to derive more
information than if they were used individually (Pohl \& Genderen, 1998). The fusion of LiDAR with even broad scale regional multispectral data such as Landsat can improve landcover classifications (Hudak et al., 2002; Bork \& Su, 2007). The inclusion of LiDAR with high resolution multispectral IKONOS data can improve the separation of spectrally similar features like water and marsh and reduce misclassification by $50 \%$ (Lee \& Shan, 2003). Most recently, Anderson et al., (2010) used LiDAR and IKONOS to test the possibility of ecohydrological mapping for an extensive 780 ha raised bog in Cumbria, UK. Results reveal that when LiDAR is combined with IKONOS, the peatland classification accuracy improve from $71.8 \%$ to $88.0 \%$, respectively, corroborating earlier studies of Thomas et al., (2003). This recent trend of fusion of LiDAR with standard spectral based classification has proven useful in providing more accurate and detailed landscape classifications (Bork \& Su, 2007). Although more recent, and not yet fully explored, the fusion of DEM terrain derivatives with spectral data has provided some promising results. In British Columbia, landslide inventories are monitored by a technique that utilizes the fusion of image segmentation (object oriented) and digital elevation data to identify mass movements (Barlow et al., 2006). In southern Ontario, derivatives are being incorporated into process-oriented ecohydrological modelling of peatlands to understand the influence of mesoscale topography on peatland hydrology and carbon dynamics (Sonnentag et al., 2008). However, the need to explore the capabilities of fusing LiDAR DEM terrain derivatives and high resolution multispectral data for use in classifying northern peatlands exists.

The discovery of a diamondiferous kimberlite pipe in a remote area of the Hudson/James Bay lowland 90 km west of Attawapiskat, Ontario has prompted the development of a diamond mine (Victor Project) within a peatland complex (Figure 1-1). The peatland was mapped during initial baseline studies by the project consultant through airphoto interpretation and ground truthing to produce a digitized (derived from hand drawn) map used for landscape inventory (AMEC, 2004). Classifications are an important tool for effective management but they must be accurate and continually updated or they will become historical (Johnston \& Barson, 1993). In 2007, the University of Waterloo instrumented a complex assortment of peatland and nonpeatland landscapes at this site. A classification of the peatland types is needed to determine how representative this area is compared to the regional peatland complex, and as a mapping tool essential to understanding the hydrological linkages in the landscape and patterns of peatland development.

Field investigation, air photos, and satellite imagery have identified that the area of interest around the Victor Mine is at the broadest level divided into ombrotrophic bogs and minerotrophic fens. These classes of wetland can be further subdivided into forms and then into types according to The Canadian Wetland Classification System (NWWG, 1997). Form and type are scale sensitive meaning they are dependant upon the scale at which the wetland is studied, and the level of detail required when classifying a wetland (Zoltai \& Vitt, 1995). High resolution optical sensors like IKONOS which capture at 1 m and 4 m (more detail) are ideal for capturing both broad and microscale features of a landscape (Toyra \& Pietroniro, 2005). Today there exists a multitude of satellite sensors available so that user defined preferences can allow for best suited spatial and spectral levels (Toyra \& Pietroniro, 2005) to better explore the area of study.

The underlying goal of this research will be to combine field based knowledge of a peatland complex with remotely sensed LiDAR, and IKONOS data to work towards an unambiguous peatland landscape classification. The specific objectives are: 1) Develop a technique to improve spectral based landscape classifications of patterned peatlands in the Hudson/James Bay peatland complex by fusing IKONOS and LiDAR elevation terrain derivatives; 2) Classify the distribution and arrangement of peatlands in the North Granny Creek watershed a first-order sub-watershed of the Attawapiskat River); and 3) Identify the topographic characteristics of peatland forms within and between wetland classes.


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### 2.0 STUDY SITE

The Victor Mine is situated in the James Bay lowland, 90 km west of Attawapiskat in the Nayshkootayaow River Watershed (2988992E 5858451N), a tributary of the Attawapiskat River (Figure 2-1). The area experiences long winters that typically last from October to late April, and short summers. Annual precipitation is approximately 680 to 720 mm per year (MOE 2010, AMEC 2004). Regional soils consist of thick deposits of marine clay and clay till that are overlain by peat deposits; averaging approximately 2 m in thickness, and are situated upon a locally karstic Silurian limestone aquifer known as the Attawapiskat formation (AMEC, 2004). The groundwater table is at near or above the surface in most areas and is associated with development of a patterned peatland complex with an array of bogs and fens. Minerotrophic fens (ribbed, riparian, ladder, etc.) are topographically low-lying, and typically portray directional seepage and/or convey water (NWWG, 1997; Mitch and Gosselink 2000; Quinton et al., 2003). Ombrotrophic bogs (domed, mound, flat) are marginally raised in elevation above the fens, thus receive precipitation as their sole source of water and act as water storage and release features (Sjörs, 1959; NWWG, 1997). Limestone bedrock outcrops (bioherms) exist sporadically around the landscape. Bioherms are ancient coral reef deposits that are round to irregular domed features (treed or untreed) that can rise up to 5 m metres out of the muskeg (Cowell, 1983; Figure 2-2). Palsas, which are ice-cored mounds (Seppala, 1986) similar in size, height and sometimes in vegetation cover to bioherms, also occur sporadically in the landscape. Bogs and fens occupy $>90 \%$ of the landscape (Tarnocai, 1998).

Two bioherms straddle the eastern margin of the North Granny Creek (NCG) subwatershed demarcating the start (south bioherm) and the end (north bioherm) of a research transect bisecting an array of peatland types (Figure 2-2). The transect shown in Figure 2-2 is where detailed hydrological measurements are being made as part of another study, and where detailed ground-truthing has been done for this research. The centre point of the transect is intersected by the easternmost edge of a domed bog. This domed bog is the watershed divide between the North-North Granny Creek (NNGC) and South-North Granny Creek (SNGC). NNGC and SNGC converge at Granny Creek, a small channel 1-2 m in width, $<1 \mathrm{~m}$ deep with an average flow rate of $\sim 20,000 \mathrm{~m}^{3} /$ day. Granny Creek meanders southeast (outside the NGC subwatershed) into the Nayshkootayaow River ( $\sim 1,000,000 \mathrm{~m}^{3} /$ day ), which flows into the Attawapiskat River ( $\sim 50,000,000 \mathrm{~m}^{3} /$ day $)$ and finally into James Bay. The NGC subwatershed is
situated between the Attawapiskat River to the north and the Nayshkootayaow River to the south. The Victor Mine is located southeast of the NGC subwatershed, with the open pit mine for the project located immediately to the south (Figure 2-1).


Figure 2-1 - North Granny Creek subwatershed located ${ }^{\sim} 2 \mathrm{~km}$ northwest of the Victor Project. Centroid Coordinates for the NGC: E298696 N5858884.


Figure 2-2: The Research study transect (yellow), with the North and South bioherms. Profile $A$ to $A^{\prime}$ reveals the topography from the south to north bioherm along the yellow study transect.

### 3.0 METHODS

### 3.1 LiDAR Data Processing and Terrain Derivatives

The multispectral data used for this research was an August 2008 scene from Geoeye IKONOS ${ }^{\circledR}$. The IKONOS data were provided in panchromatic 0.82 m , multispectral $3.2 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{IR} / \mathrm{R} / \mathrm{G} / \mathrm{B})$ and a multispectral pansharpened 0.82 m true colour composite for visual purposes. The LiDAR data were from a $462 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ discrete-return airborne survey, conducted in July 2007 by Terrapoint Canada Inc. to produce a digital elevation model (DEM). Laser pulse returns were classified into bare-earth and vegetation classes by the LiDAR contractor and delivered as tiled, xyz ASCII files. A 1 m and 2.5 m pixel resolution DEM was interpolated from the classified bare earth returns using an inverse distance weighted (IDW) interpolator with a low weighting exponent (0.5), using a maximum of 4 neighbouring points. An accuracy assessment was conducted along the research transect using a Topcon HiPER GL RTK GPS system. The root mean square error (RMSE) was determined to be 4.5 cm (vertical accuracy) for surveyed versus LiDAR-derived elevations interpolated to 1 m and 2.5 m grid spacing using the same parameters listed above. The LiDAR data were imported into SAGA, and clipped to the NGC watershed (watershed delineation and clipping discussed below). The LiDAR data were "gap filled" to remove depressions or sinks using the method of Wang and Liu (2006). This was necessary where LiDAR data were unavailable such as for open water, as a result of the laser pulse being absorbed into media. The DEM was finally smoothed three times using a Gaussian filter to remove the noise from the LiDAR (Figure 3-1). Further details regarding the IKONOS and LiDAR are provided in Table 3-1below.

Table 3-1: LiDAR data in nature are geometric range measurements, while IKONOS imagery records on a spectral level, spectral reflectance of the ground.

| IKONOS | LiDAR |
| :---: | :---: |
| - Spectral resolution-4 bands (Near IR/R/G/B), 11 bits/pixel; <br> - Spatial resolution-4 meters $\times 4$ meters/pixel (trimmed to $2521 \times 2028$ pixels); <br> - Preprocessing from Space Imaging, Inc.Standard Geometrically Corrected, Mosaicked; <br> - Horizontal positional accuracy (root mean square | - Spatial resolution (cell size)—3 m x 3m; <br> -Horizontal positional accuracy-The ATM(Airborne Topographic Mapper) LiDAR elevation points are known to be horizontally accurate to $+/-0.8 \mathrm{~m}$ at an aircraft altitude of 700 m; <br> - The ATM LiDAR elevation measurements have been found to be within $+/-15 \mathrm{~cm}$ of each other in |

error)-25 meters; and

- Map projection-UTM Zone 18, WGS-84.
successive and overlapping passes of the same area;
- Map projection-UTM Zone 18, WGS-84; and
- Elevation reference-The vertical values in this data set have been converted to reference NGVD29, using the VERTCON software provided by the National Geodetic Survey.


## Watershed Delineation

The watershed delineation was executed by Murray Richardson (2009) at Carleton University using SAGA. The previously discussed depression filling was necessary for this step so that a continuous topographic flow-routing is required for stream and watershed delineations. Digital stream networks were first derived from the LiDAR DEM using a deterministic-8 (single-flow direction- O’Callaghan and Mark 1984) algorithm in SAGA. Contributing area grids (CA) were computed using the parallel processing function in SAGA, and virtual stream segments were extracted using the channel network model by iteratively thresholding the CA grid with different initiation values and minimum segment lengths. The resulting stream network in the NGC subwatershed was compared to stream networks extracted from a 2008, 1.5m resolution IKONOS satellite image by manual interpretation and on-screen digitization (Figure 3-2). The resulting DEM was used to compute upslope contributing areas for the NNGC and the SNGC subwatershed.

## Data Processing

In October of 2009, a field-based, ground-verification campaign was conducted, where predetermined locations of interest were visited and vegetation communities were characterized, providing a basis for the supervised classifications. Ten representative sites, including the research study transect were investigated, both within and outside the NGC subwatershed (Appendix A; Table 3-2). Using similar methods to those of earlier studies (Palyak, 1987; Belward et al., 1990; Ozesmi \& Bauer, 2002; Brown et al., 2007) unsupervised and supervised classifications were carried out. Unsupervised (ISODATA) classification were conducted on a pansharpened $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~m}$ pixel size August 2008 cloud free scene, in both ARC and SAGA. Different sample cluster sizing was explored at 3, 7, 12 and 20 group sample sizes, each with
cluster busting. Supervised (maximum likelihood) classifications were executed next using the field data collected in 2009 (prior site visit knowledge also available) to produce a training data and a validation data set used for classification (Figure 3-3). In addition, a final training data set for the "water class" landscape unit was produced so that this landscape unit was masked and removed prior to any supervised classifications. The "water class" included open water and shallow pools. Shallow pools were typically shallow water with emergent sedge grass protruding from the surface of the water.

Table 3-2: Locations used as ground truthing locations, based on initial IKONOS image analysis.

| Location | Easting | Northing | Class | Type | MASL | Qualitative Description |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MS-1 | 313721 | 5862545 | Bog | Domed | 77.36 | Contains abundance of lichen moss, ericacae <br> shrubs, and trees and is raised 1.0 mabove <br> surrounding terrain. Surrounded by bioherms <br> possibly palsas. |
| MS-7 | 299181 | 5862439 | Bog | Domed | 90.63 | Relatively large domed bog part of a larger <br> bog fen complex. Elevated only slightly above <br> surrounding terrain. |
| MS-9-1 | 299199 | 5848134 | Bog | Domed | 91.22 | Contains abundance of lichen moss, ericacae <br> shrubs, and is raised 0.5 m above surrounding <br> terrain. In an area where bioherms are present. |
| MS-9-2 | 308714 | 5847841 | Bog | Domed | 86.10 | Contains abundance of lichen moss, ericacae <br> shrubs, and trees and is raised 1.5 m above <br> surrounding terrain. |
| MS-13 | 275894 | 5862882 | Bog | Domed | n/a | Untreed bog, with concentric ring of trees at <br> the exterior. No trees on the interior. Drops <br> slightly in elevation and into open treed Bog. |
| MS-15 | 285217 | 5845425 | Bog | Domed | n/a | Relatively large domed bog part contains <br> directional flow paths which indicate surface <br> drainage. Elevated only slightly above <br> surrounding terrain. |
| Other 1 | 311688 | 5852695 | Fen | Northern <br> Ribbed | 80.39 | Large expanse of northern ribbed fen, with <br> narrow parallel rides of tamarack and pool <br> sequence. Tear-drop bogs dispersed <br> intermittently amongst landscape. |
| Other 2 | 296066 | 5854495 | Bog <br> /Fen | LiDAR <br> n/a | 93.15 | Landscape is mottled with bog and fen type <br> landforms. Likely remnant flat bog. Contains <br> large open pools of water. |
| Other 3 | 300716 | 5854195 | Fen | Channel | 88.29 | Developed channel fen with ridges of tall <br> standing conifers which are perched 1m above <br> surrounding flowpaths. |
| Other 4 | 305066 | 5859510 | Bog/ |  |  |  |
| Fen |  |  |  |  |  |  | | Channel |
| :--- |
| Fen / |
| Domed |
| bog |$~ 84.29 ~$| Area of poorly developed fen intermixed with |
| :--- |
| smaller areas of bog. Sequence of pools |
| dictating direction of flow. |

Prior to any supervised, classifications the training data in conjunction with the DEM was used to statistically evaluate how different terrain derivatives would improve classification results
through fusion. The DEM landscape derivatives listed in Table 3-3 were each computed in SAGA and exported as an ASCII file into ARC GIS. In ARC GIS each derivative was converted to a raster and a signature file for each derivative was created from the training data classes created. The signature file was used to compute statistics for each derivative, whereby the area, min, max, range, mean, standard deviation and sum were calculated for individual classes of the training data.

Table 3-3: DEM Terrain Derivatives executed in SAGA.

| Derivatives | Scale (metres) | Definition | SAGA Method |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Slope | $1,5,10,15$ | Slope measures the rate of change of elevation <br> in the direction of the steepest decent (Wilson <br> \& Gallant, 2000). | Zevenbergen \& Thorne <br> 1987. |
| Aspect | $1,5,10,15$ | The steepest downslope direction from each <br> cell to its neighbours. Often thought of as <br> slope direction or the compass direction a hill <br> faces (ARC GIS, 2010). | Zevenbergen \& Thorne <br> 1987. |
| Curvature | $1,5,10,15$ | Defined as a curvature tool that is a second <br> derivative of the surface-for example, the <br> slope of the slope. I.e. Curvature can be used <br> to describe the physical characteristics of a <br> drainage basin (ARC GIS, 2010). | Zevenbergen \& Thorne <br> 1987. |
| Difference from <br> Mean Elevation | $15,70,250$ | DiME is the difference between the elevation <br> at the centre of the window and the mean <br> elevation in the window, which is a measure <br> of relative topographic position of the central <br> point (Wilson \& Gallant, 2000). | "Residual Analysis <br> Function " <br> Conrad, 2002. |
| Deviation from <br> Mean Elevation | $15,70,250$ | Deviation from the mean is the difference <br> from the mean divided by the standard <br> deviation, providing a measure of the relative <br> topographic position as a fraction of the local <br> relief and is measured from -1 to +1 (Wilson <br> \& Gallant, 2000). | "Residual Analysis <br> Function " <br> Conrad, 2002. |
| Percentile | Percentile is the ranking of the pixel at the <br> center of the analysis window relative to all <br> other pixel values in that window. It is <br> calculated by counting the number of pixels <br> lower than the central pixel and returning this <br> value as a percentage (Wilson \& Gallant, <br> 2000). | "Residual Analysis <br> Function " <br> Conrad, 2002. |  |
| Channel Network | $25,70,250$ | This derivative provides a resulting grid that <br> identifies the altitude above the channel <br> network in the same units as the data provided <br> (i.e. MASL; Conrad, 2002 in SAGA). | "Terrain Analysis/ <br> Channels Function" <br> Conrad 2002. |

Next, the supervised classifications were carried out. These classifications were carried out using the statistical data derived to identify which derivatives produced the most separability amongst the different classes. A composite image was created in ARC including the R,G,B,NIR
plus any derivatives which were spectrally unique (had the highest degree of separability amongst classes), and a MLC was run to produce a landscape classification. To assess the accuracy of the classification, the polygon validation data layer was converted to a raster. From this raster, 750 pixels from each validation polygon delineated were randomly selected in ARC. The sample function in ARC is used to extract these pixels (randomly identified in the validation data) from the classified image, whereby the data is then reported in table format as a .csv file. The .csv file is opened in R (a program for statistical analysis), and the con function is used to produce the confusion matrix that identifies the classes that are being confused in the classification. For a complete layout of the work flow of the data and analysis performed, please see Figure 3-4.



Figure 3-2: Digitized (light grey) versus LiDAR-derived virtual stream network (blue) for North Granny Creek watershed and nested subwatersheds. Only stream segments visible in the 1.5 resolution IKONOS imagery were digitized for comparison with the LiDAR-derived network, and many additional stream segments were observed during field surveys (Richardson, 2009).


Figure 3-3: Left - Training Data; Right - Validation Data. Each class containing no less than 10 polygons for training.


Figure 3-4: Work Flow for Data Processing.

### 4.0 RESULTS

The following sections will make reference to different landscape units or derivatives as per the following reference key:

| Landscape Unit | Abbreviated Class Code |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mat Around Pools | MAP |
| Bog - Lichen | BL |
| Bog - Lichen / Conifer | BLC |
| Bog - Dense Conifer | BDC |
| Fen - Dense Conifer | FDC |
| Fen - Riparian Fen / Sedges | RFS |
| Fen - Poor / Fen | FPF |


| Derivative / Band | Abbreviation |
| :--- | :--- |
| DME | Deviation from Mean Elevation |
| DiME | Difference from Mean Elevation |
| PER | Percentile |
| SLP | Slope |
| VDCN | Vertical Distance to Channel Network |
| IR_RGB | Infrared, Red, Green, Blue Band of IKONOS |
| RGB | Red, Green, Blue band of IKONOS |

### 4.1 Spectral Based Unsupervised Classifications

Unsupervised classifications were executed in ARC GIS with 3, 7, 12 and 20 clusters sizes for RGB and IR_RGB. The computer is required to group pixels with similar spectral characteristics into unique clusters, whereby the analyst then relabels and or combines the spectral clusters into information or landscape classes (Jensen, 2006). The 7-class cluster for both IR_RGB and RGB typically yielded a classification that was visually most agreeable with the IKONOS true colour composite. Misclassification still occurred where Riparian Fen Sedge (RFS) and Fen Poor Fen (FPF) exist. These areas of low relief throughout the stream networks appear spectrally different in the true colour composite but after a unsupervised classification become hard to separate. Figure 4-1 reveals that for both the IR_RGB and the RGB analysis there was a general confusion amongst Bog Dense Conifer (BDC) and Fen Dense Conifer (FDC), which was also confused with the RFS. Bog Lichen (BL), typically at the higher elevations in the bogs, was better separated when the near infrared band of the IKONOS was included for the 7-class cluster analysis. Overall, the addition of the IR band visually improved the results of the unsupervised classification, although misclassification still occurred. For example, pixels that were found adjacent to or surrounded by lighter coloured lichen moss were
grouped under a different landscape designation. In some instances this may be a small water feature, some ericacae cover or a small tamarack. As a result, resampling resulted in a further degraded classification.

Resampling to group similar landscape units, as recommended for the larger 12 and 20 cluster sizes (Ozesmi \& Bauer, 2002), was also explored with the IR_RGB. Results were similar to those of the smaller unsupervised classification at the 7 class size. The larger 12 and 20 class sizes did not resolve the spectral mixing or salt and pepper effect of the classifications. Pixels were classified as one vegetation class regardless of their location in a bog or fen, even though they are two distinctly different landscapes. For example, areas of dense conifer in the fens (FDC) contained a large proportion of other landscape vegetation / landscape types which were found in bogs and fens throughout the NGC watershed. Figure 4-2 reveals the spectral confusion and difficulty of using high resolution multispectral data for classifying patterned peatlands. The colour range of pixels in a small area can be found in abundance throughout the landscape. Cluster busting for both IR_RGB and RGB only confused the classification more, as it was near impossible to separate out or group pixels of similar classes. Grouping similar pixels perceived to be similar landscape units confused the classification because of the amount of spectral overlap in classes.


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Figure 4-1: Unsupervised 7 Class with RGB (Left), IR_RGB (Centre) and True Colour Composite (Right) on the easternmost margin of the NGC subwatershed. Spectral confusion and overlap between landscape classes is shown in the areas circled above. Areas that appear spectrally unique in the IKONOS image on the right do not translate accordingly in the unsupervised classification. The addition of the IR band (centre image) reduces some of the "salt and pepper" effect of the unsupervised classification - but does not improve the spectral confusion of the classification. Circle 1: Bog Lichen Area; Circle2: Fen Poor Fen located on a Bog; Circle3: Riparian Fen Sedge and Dense Conifer.

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Figure 4-2: Fen Dense Conifer Spectral mixing with 12 class unsupervised cluster analysis immediately north of the Airstrip. The addition of the IR band to the unsupervised classification (centre) does not show any particular improvement over the RGB (left) 12 class cluster. The increase in cluster size only further complicates the classification efforts because of the degree of spectral variability in peatlands. Circle indicates and area of Fen Dens Conifer.

### 4.2 Spectral Based Supervised Classifications

RGB and the IR_RGB maximum likelihood classifications (MLC) provided for qualitative and quantitative representation superior to that of the unsupervised classifications. This can be assessed with confusion matrices, which are a means to identify the user's (rows) and producer's (columns) accuracy of the classification executed based on a selected sample size and validation data for each landscape unit identified. The vertical columns represent the validation data provided, while the rows indicate the accuracy of the classification generated from the data provided (Congalton, 1991). The overall accuracy is assessed by the sum of all the diagonals (top left to bottom right) divided by the total sample size. The confusion matrix produced for the RGB revealed an overall accuracy of 62.9 \% (Figure 4-3). Landscape classes MAP, RFS, and FPF were well separated and least confused amongst other classes as revealed by the higher users and producers accuracies shown in Figure 4-3. The remaining classes of BLC, BDC, and FDC all experienced confusion, with users and producers accuracies lower than $50 \%$. The addition of the IR band increased the overall accuracy of the classification to $65.8 \%$ (Figure 4-4). As a result the users accuracy for all landscape units increased, except for the MAP class where the users accuracy decreased by only $1 \%$. The producers accuracy for MAP, BLC and BDC all increased while for BL, FDC, RFS and FPF there was a decrease in accuracy with the addition of the IR band.

The landscape units for both supervised classifications with and without the IR band experienced similar confusion. This confusion typically occurred in the same landscape classes for both IR_RGB and the RGB alone, as expressed by the relatively similar user and producers accuracy for both tables shown in Figure $4-3$ and Figure 4-4. There is however, a slight improvement in both the users and producers accuracy of BLC and BDC for the IR_RGB classification which contributed to the increased overall accuracy of the IR_RGB classification (Figure 4-4). FDC (in both classifications) above all other classes yielded the poorest results with confusion most amongst other classes with most confusion found in BL, BLC and RSF. The landscape unit MAP experienced least amount of confusion compared to all other classes with $>96 \%$ percent users and producers accuracy for both RGB and IR_RGB classifications. FPF also exhibited a high degree of separation with $>80 \%$ in both users and producers accuracy for both classification. Overall the importance of including the infrared band in the classification is evident as the increase in accuracy is obvious.

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): RGB



North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total <br> Coverage |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
| 30-Mat Around Pools | 490682 | 1047183 | $1,537,865$ | $4.47 \%$ |
| $40-$ Bog - Lichen | 1323117 | 3353226 | $4,676,343$ | $13.58 \%$ |
| $50-$ Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 1963084 | 5582995 | $7,546,079$ | $21.92 \%$ |
| $60-$ Bog - Dense Conifer | 513292 | 1519340 | $2,032,632$ | $5.90 \%$ |
| $70-$ Fen - Dense Conifer | 492820 | 1543452 | $2,036,272$ | $5.92 \%$ |
| $80-$ Riparian Fen / Sedges | 533818 | 1600805 | $\mathbf{2 , 1 3 4 , 6 2 3}$ | $6.20 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen - Poor Fen | 2356994 | 5049966 | $\mathbf{7 , 4 0 6 , 9 6 0}$ | $21.52 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 6 5 , 5 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 8 , 0 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 2 3 , 6 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0 \%}$ |

Figure 4-3: Maximum Likelihood Classification without the use of derivatives., and without the use of Infrared. Cells highlighted outside the diagonals (orange) in the confusion matrix indicate those landscape units that were misclassified greater than $10 \%$ of the time for that specific landscape unit.

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): IR_RGB



North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total <br> Coverage |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
| $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 576329 | 1305724 | $1,882,053$ | $5.47 \%$ |
| $40-$ Bog - Lichen | 1090306 | 3099997 | $4,190,303$ | $12.17 \%$ |
| $50-$ Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 2318280 | 6027062 | $8,345,342$ | $24.24 \%$ |
| $60-$ Bog - Dense Conifer | 576191 | 1882812 | $2,459,003$ | $7.14 \%$ |
| $70-$ Fen - Dense Conifer | 523081 | 1591029 | $2,114,110$ | $6.14 \%$ |
| $80-$ Riparian Fen / Sedges | 428374 | 1313889 | $1,742,263$ | $5.06 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen - Poor Fen | 2161246 | 4476454 | $6,637,700$ | $19.28 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 6 5 , 5 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 8 , 0 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 2 3 , 6 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0 \%}$ |

Figure 4-4: Maximum Likelihood Classification without the use of derivatives, and with the use of infrared. Cells highlighted outside the diagonals (orange) in the confusion matrix indicate those landscape units that were misclassified greater than $10 \%$ of the time for that specific landscape unit.

### 4.3 DEM Derivatives and Zonal Statistics

## Slope

Slope measures the rate of change of elevation in the direction of the steepest decent (Wilson \& Gallant, 2000). The slope derivative was executed in SAGA at $1 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{~m}$ and 15 m grid resolution (see Appendix B for complete data). The 1 m grid resolution yielded good separability for each landscape class. The coefficient of variation (CV) is a measure of the data's variation from the mean. For each landscape class at the 1 m grid resolution the CV was greater than 0.52 for all landscape classes. FDC had the most variable spread in data with a CV at 1.06 . BDC at all grid resolutions ( $1 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{~m}$, and 15 m ) exhibited the highest separability among all other landscape units. At the 1 m grid resolution separability between MAP, BL and BLC is poor, all with mean values of $\sim 0.02 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{m}$. At the 10 m grid cell analysis landscape classes begin to separate, and the CV for all classes decrease. At this scale there is a sharp decrease in CV for MAP and FDC from 1.01 to 0.34 and 1.06 to 0.79 respectively, and similarly all other classes experience this improvement in separability. At 15 m , the slope derivative for each landscape class begins to degrade as the separability remains relatively intact. While the CV for all classes at this scale increases, there is more confusion amongst the classes. As a result the 10 m grid cell analysis window (or less) is a suitable for use as a derivative.

## Difference from Mean Elevation (DiME)

DiME is the difference between the elevation at the centre of the window and the mean elevation in the window, which is a measure of relative topographic position of the central point (Wilson \& Gallant, 2000). This derivative was executed in SAGA at the 15, 70 and 250-cell grid size. The 15 -cell grid size analysis produced poor separability amongst the different landscape classes. In addition the CV for all classes was high, with BL yielding a CV of 38. The limited separability, and the high CV for all landscape classes at the 15 -cell grid size reveals a larger scale analysis is required. Thus, incorporating the DiME15 as a derivative would not be beneficial to landscape classifications. The 70-cell grid size analysis reveals a large reduction in the CV for each class. The CV for BL and BLC are reduced from 38.4 and 15.1 to 1.8 and 1.3, respectively. The remainder of the classes in the 70 -cell grid size analysis experience a reduced CV. This reduction of CV provides for greater separability amongst the landscape classes reflecting a relatively smaller standard deviation. Although the CV for some classes increased
using the 250 -cell grid size, DiME250 revealed the most distinct results topographically. The bog classes were topographically elevated (as expected) above the fens, as shown in DiME250 (Appendix B). For DiME15 and DiME70 the mean elevation for some fens (i.e. FDC) were elevated above the Bogs landscape classes. As a result, the DiME250 derivative would be explored further for classifications purposes and would be expected to provide reasonable landscape classification results. See Appendix B for complete data.

## Deviation from Mean Elevation (DME)

Deviation from the mean is the difference from the mean (elevation in the window) divided by the standard deviation, providing a measure of the relative topographic position as a fraction of the local relief and is measured from -1 to +1 (Wilson \& Gallant, 2000). DME produced poor separability amongst the landscape classes for the 15 -cell grid size analysis. Similar to DiME15, a high degree of variability and limited amount of separability existed. In addition the CV for all landscape classes was high (i.e. FPF had a CV of 41.5). As the grid size analysis window was increased to 70 -cells, and finally to 250 -cells, the separability amongst each of the classes increased for some classes and decreased for others. Overall, the 70-cell grid size analysis yielded a lower overall CV for the data. As a result the selection of the 70-cell and 250-cell analysis depended upon which other derivative it was paired with during the classification. For example the landscape class MAP has a CV of 0.9 for the 70-cell analysis and 1.4 for the 250 -cell analysis. Consequently, if MAP is the landscape of interest, then the 70 -cell grid analysis is favourable. The analyst however, does not have the option to separate out specific classes within derivatives, but it is possible to pair together multiple derivatives that have strong separability in classes where the other derivative is weak. While the 70 -cell grid analysis contains the least overall variability between each dataset for the landscape units, the 250-cell grid analysis has mean elevations and topographic positions more representative of the landscapes, as a result the 250 -cell is most suitable. For example, FDC and BLC class (shown in figures of Appendix B) are located at a lower mean elevation than that of BL. This is confirmed with field data that show these classes are typically found at the higher elevations of bogs. Thus, the most useful derivative is the 250 -cell grid resolution. See Appendix B for complete data.

## Vertical Distance to Channel Network (VDCN)

This derivative provides a resulting grid that identifies the altitude above the channel network in the same units as the data provided (i.e. MASL; Conrad, 2002). VDCN was calculated at a 2.5 m grid resolution. Overall, the CV for all landscape classes of this derivative were $<0.6, \mathrm{BDC}$ class being the highest ( 0.56 ). This derivative suggests that BL maintains the lowest mean distance to the channel network, contrary to logic. Intuitively, the fen class should experience a shorter mean vertical distance to a stream channel network. However, as shown in the data found in Appendix B, FDC is at a greater vertical distance to the channel than MAP, BL, and BLC. Despite this possible elevation discrepancy, the separation between landscape classes is good and this derivative may aid classification or separation of individual classes that are less separated in other derivatives. See Appendix B for complete data.

## Percentile (PER)

Percentile is the ranking of the pixel at the center of the analysis window relative to all other pixel values in that window. It is calculated by counting the number of pixels lower than the central pixel and returning this value as a percentage. Similar to DiME and DME, the CV for the PER derivative decreases with a larger grid size window. However, the variability and separability for some of the landscape classes in PER degraded as the grid analysis scale increased. For example, the MAP landscape class CV increased from 0.39 to 0.51 as grid size increased from 15 -cell to the 250 -cell analysis, respectively. The 70 -cell grid produced exceptionally good separability of only the RFS landscape class. In general, the 70-cell derivative yielded a lower overall CV for all landscape classes, but provided limited separability amongst classes, particularly BL and BLC. Overall, the 250 -cell grid analysis compared to the results observed with all other grid cell analysis yielded a derivative with the least amount of variability amongst the classes, and the greatest amount of separability between classes. See Appendix B for complete data.

### 4.4 Fusion

Various combinations of the derivatives computed above were fused with the multispectral IKONOS data. These combinations were based upon separability and variability found within the statistics computed for each individual derivative as discussed above. As shown in Figure 4-3 and Figure 4-4, the addition of the IR band to the IKONOS while performing a supervised classification of the NGC watershed increased the accuracy of the classification from
$62.9 \%$ to $65.8 \%$. Preliminary classifications and accuracy assessments were performed for various derivatives fused with the RGB only. These results, where the IR band was not included into the classifications are organized in Appendix C. Any further discussion of fusion herein was completed with the IR band and the RGB combined.

Based on the separability and low overall CV for the different landscape units, the PER70 and PER250 were first fused with the IKONOS IR_RGB multispectral data. PER70 yielded an overall accuracy $66.7 \%$ when fused with the IR_RGB (Table 4-1). The users and producers accuracy for the classification was variable with a range of $40-95 \%$ for both. Commonly misclassified landscape units were BLC with BL, and FDC with BDC. In addition to confusion with BL, the BLC class was confused with FDC, and FPF, as a result BLC yielded a low users and producers accuracy.

When the PER70 derivative was removed and the PER250 derivative was added, the classification accuracy increased from $66.7 \%$ to $71.8 \%$, respectively (Table 4-2). With PER250 confusion still remained with BL vs. BLC, and FDC vs. BDC. Interestingly RFS became slightly confused with FDC. This was experienced to a lesser extent with the PER70 derivative, however. In addition, the confusion with BLC vs. RFS was non-existent at the PER250 resolution. Both grids (PER70 and PER250) were then fused together with the IKONOS IR_RGB classification to produce an overall accuracy of $73.5 \%$ (Table $4-3$ ). As a result, the common confusion previously observed between the landscape classes mentioned above, was slightly reduced for all those cells highlighted in Table 4-3. To help reduce confusion between FDC vs. BDC, the PER70 was removed and the slope derivative computed at 10 m grid resolution was incorporated with the PER250. The results of the fusion only degraded the classification and further reduced the overall accuracy to $70.2 \%$ (Table 4-4). Confusion amongst other classes also increased. BL became very confused with most other classes and returned a poor producers accuracy of $34.8 \%$, which was the result of confusion associated with BLC. The users accuracy for BLC was also very low at $46.1 \%$. Thus, slope at the 10 m grid size was removed from any further analysis.

The next derivative explored was the deviation from mean elevation (DME). The fusion of the DME250 derivative produced a classification with an overall accuracy of $75.3 \%$. Confusion remained within the BLC landscape class, predominantly in the users accuracy at $55.2 \%$ (Table 4-5). BLC was still slightly confused with BL, FDC, and to a lesser extent FPF. When the DME70 derivative was added to the previous classification (Table 4-6), there was a
reduction of $.05 \%$ in the overall accuracy. Thus the inclusion of the DME70 derivative to the analysis did not further enhance the overall accuracy of the classification. The inclusion of this derivative also did not dramatically change the users and producers accuracy.

The VDCN derivative was next explored with various combinations of derivatives to try and separate the confusion of BLC with the various other classes. The VDCN derivative as discussed above maintained some misrepresentation in terms of elevation. However, the derivative provided for good separation amongst classes. When VDCN fused with both DME250 (Table 4-7) and PER70+DME250 (Table 4-8) the overall accuracy of the landscape classifications were $74.8 \%$ and $75.2 \%$, respectively. The misclassification between landscape types were nearly identical. BLC still remained the most confused amongst other landscape units, generating a very low users accuracy (54.6\%) but a relatively high producers accuracy ( $89.5 \%$ ). Both classifications yielded a very low producers accuracy ( $\sim 45 \%$ for both) for the BL class as a result of confusion with BLC. Overall, the addition of the VDCN derivative yielded better results than previous classifications. However, the confusion between different landscape classes increased. For example the confusion was spread out over various classes rather than confined to one or two particular classes.

The DiME derivative was finally fused with the IR_RGB. The DiME250 without any other derivative returned the best overall accuracy with $76.4 \%$ (Table 4-10). BLC was still confused with BL for both users and producers accuracy, in addition, BLC was again confused with FDC and FPF. The users accuracy as a result for BLC was low at $56 \%$. When the PER70 was fused with the IR_RGB + DiME250 (Table 4-11), the overall accuracy of the classification reduced to $75.5 \%$. The confusion amongst landscape units (especially BLC with other landscape units) remained the same, with the addition of confusion between BLC with FDC and RFS.

Misclassification commonly observed in all classifications executed and discussed above are shown in Table 4-12. Cells highlighted outside the diagonals (orange cells) indicate those landscape units that were misclassified greater than $10 \%$ of the time for that specific landscape unit. As shown BLC and FDC create the majority of the confusion in all classifications executed. Despite this the inclusion of the IR band of the IKONOS and the DiME250 derivative to the RGB bands of the IKONOS results in an increase from $62.9 \%$ (RGB) to $76.4 \%$ (IR_RGB_DiME250). Overall, the outcome of this analysis has shown a $13.5 \%$ increase in landscape classification accuracy for the NGC watershed when LiDAR derivatives are included.
Table 4-1: Supervised Classification - IR_RGB_PER70

| IR_RGB_PER70 | 30-Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40 \text { - Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 50-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen / } \\ \text { Conifer } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 60-Bog Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 66.7\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 718 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 97.6\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 478 | 156 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 61 | 65.5\% |
| 50 - Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 205 | 502 | 51 | 88 | 175 | 68 | 46.1\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 0 | 3 | 434 | 330 | 12 | 0 | 55.7\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 17 | 26 | 242 | 301 | 68 | 3 | 45.8\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 20 | 470 | 3 | 91.4\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 31 | 47 | 59 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 598 | 80.3\% |
| Total | 95.7\% | 63.7\% | 66.9\% | 57.9\% | 40.1\% | 62.7\% | 79.7\% |  |


| IR_RGB_PER250 | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 50-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen / } \\ \text { Conifer } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 60-Bog Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90-\text { Fen }- \text { Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 71.8\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 728 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 96.7\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 387 | 194 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 31 | 61.7\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 261 | 500 | 48 | 140 | 0 | 80 | 48.6\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 1 | 12 | 468 | 135 | 1 | 0 | 75.9\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 38 | 1 | 223 | 458 | 127 | 3 | 53.9\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 614 | 0 | 98.1\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 21 | 58 | 43 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 614 | 82.1\% |
| Total | 97.1\% | 51.6\% | 66.7\% | 62.4\% | 61.1\% | 81.9\% | 81.9\% |  |


| $\begin{gathered} \text { IR_RGB_PER70 } \\ \text { _PER250 } \end{gathered}$ | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 50-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen / } \\ \text { Conifer } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \text { - Bog - } \\ & \text { Dense Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90-\text { Fen }- \text { Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 73.5\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 701 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 97.0\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 383 | 181 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 30 | 63.0\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 259 | 511 | 45 | 115 | 5 | 74 | 50.6\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 1 | 10 | 480 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 85.1\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 28 | 3 | 133 | 476 | 124 | 3 | 62.1\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 371 | 0 | 95.4\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 20 | 62 | 39 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 615 | 81.8\% |
| Total | 97.1\% | 51.8\% | 68.7\% | 71.2\% | 69.9\% | 72.6\% | 83.0\% |  |

Table 4-4: Supervised Classification - IR_RGB_PER250_SLOPE1OM

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { IR_RGB_PER250_ } \\ & \text { SLOPE10M } \end{aligned}$ | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $40 \text { - Bog - }$ <br> Lichen | $50-\text { Bog - }$ <br> Lichen / Conifer | 60 - Bog Dense Conifer | $\begin{gathered} \hline 70-\text { Bog } \\ \text { Conifer / } \\ \text { Sphagnum } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | 90 - Fen Dense Conifer | 70.2\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 718 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 99.3\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 441 | 429 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 36 | 47.9\% |
| 50 - Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 1 | 58 | 259 | 30 | 168 | 2 | 44 | 46.1\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 0 | 4 | 458 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 83.0\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 1 | 115 | 7 | 170 | 404 | 55 | 2 | 53.6\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 443 | 0 | 95.9\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 1 | 118 | 45 | 0 | 8 | 11 | 656 | 78.2\% |
|  | 99.4\% | 59.7\% | 34.8\% | 68.0\% | 59.3\% | 86.7\% | 88.5\% |  |

Table 4-5: Supervised Classification - IR_RGB_DME250

| IR_RGB_DME250 | 30-Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 50-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen / } \\ \text { Conifer } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 60-Bog Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 75.3\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 727 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 96.8\% |
| 40 - Bog-Lichen | 0 | 491 | 153 | 9 | 13 | 1 | 50 | 68.5\% |
| 50 - Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 172 | 544 | 49 | 147 | 0 | 73 | 55.2\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 0 | 7 | 446 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 89.7\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 26 | 2 | 243 | 534 | 136 | 3 | 56.6\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 606 | 0 | 98.1\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 23 | 57 | 44 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 603 | 81.7\% |
| Total | 96.9\% | 65.5\% | 72.5\% | 59.5\% | 71.2\% | 80.8\% | 80.4\% |  |


| IR_RGB_DME70_DME250 | $\begin{gathered} 30-\text { Mat } \\ \text { Around Pools } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 50-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen / } \\ \text { Conifer } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \text { - Bog - } \\ & \text { Dense Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90-\text { Fen }- \text { Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 75.2\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 701 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 97.4\% |
| 40 - Bog-Lichen | 0 | 475 | 135 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 45 | 70.4\% |
| 50 - Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 186 | 556 | 52 | 129 | 0 | 73 | 55.8\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 2 | 7 | 482 | 71 | 7 | 1 | 84.6\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 19 | 9 | 127 | 455 | 146 | 2 | 60.0\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 345 | 0 | 95.0\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 20 | 53 | 37 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 605 | 82.9\% |
| Total | 97.1\% | 64.3\% | 74.7\% | 71.5\% | 66.8\% | 67.5\% | 81.6\% |  |

Table 4-7: Supervised Classification - IR_RGB_VDCN_DME250

| IR_RGB_VDCN _DME250 | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | 50-Bog - <br> Lichen / <br> Conifer | 60-Bog Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 74.8\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 739 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 90.1\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 350 | 29 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 80.6\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 1 | 301 | 671 | 79 | 68 | 0 | 109 | 54.6\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 2 | 18 | 471 | 56 | 1 | 0 | 85.9\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 41 | 19 | 188 | 616 | 175 | 3 | 59.1\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 564 | 0 | 97.9\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 10 | 50 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 517 | 86.0\% |
| Total | 98.5\% | 46.7\% | 89.5\% | 62.8\% | 82.1\% | 75.2\% | 68.9\% |  |


| IR_RGB_VDCN_PER70_DME250 | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | 50 - Bog <br> Lichen / <br> Conifer | 60-Bog Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 75.2\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 739 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 85 | 88.6\% |
| 40 - Bog-Lichen | 0 | 341 | 33 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 36 | 81.6\% |
| 50 - Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 1 | 328 | 677 | 87 | 76 | 1 | 110 | 52.9\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 2 | 17 | 497 | 58 | 1 | 0 | 86.4\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 31 | 10 | 143 | 593 | 145 | 1 | 64.2\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 2 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 20 | 585 | 0 | 94.2\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 8 | 41 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 518 | 86.5\% |
| Total | 98.5\% | 45.5\% | 90.3\% | 66.3\% | 79.1\% | 78.0\% | 69.1\% |  |


| $\begin{gathered} \text { IR_RGB_PER70 } \\ \text { _DME250 } \end{gathered}$ | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 50-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen / } \\ \text { Conifer } \end{gathered}$ | 60-Bog Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 75.7\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 726 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 97.4\% |
| 40-Bog-Lichen | 0 | 483 | 147 | 8 | 16 | 1 | 49 | 68.6\% |
| 50 - Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 189 | 556 | 62 | 135 | 1 | 75 | 54.6\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 1 | 6 | 496 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 91.3\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 17 | 4 | 177 | 544 | 173 | 2 | 59.3\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 559 | 0 | 96.5\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 23 | 55 | 37 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 610 | 82.0\% |
| Total | 96.8\% | 64.4\% | 74.1\% | 66.1\% | 72.5\% | 74.5\% | 81.3\% |  |

Table 4-10: Supervised Classification - IR_RGB_DIME250

| IR_RGB_DIME250 | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | 50-Bog - <br> Lichen / <br> Conifer | 60 - Bog Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 76.4\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 695 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 96.8\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 487 | 136 | 6 | 13 | 4 | 48 | 70.2\% |
| 50 - Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 186 | 556 | 46 | 128 | 0 | 75 | 56.1\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 0 | 5 | 403 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 90.2\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 14 | 2 | 218 | 486 | 51 | 3 | 62.8\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 454 | 0 | 96.8\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 26 | 49 | 45 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 594 | 82.6\% |
|  | 96.3\% | 65.9\% | 74.7\% | 59.8\% | 71.4\% | 88.8\% | 80.2\% |  |

Table 4-11: Supervised Classification - IR_RGB_PER70_DIME250

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { IR_RGB_PER70 } \\ & \text { _DIME250 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 30-\mathrm{Mat} \\ \text { Around Pools } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | 50 - Bog - <br> Lichen / <br> Conifer | 60-Bog Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen - <br> Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 75.5\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 724 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 96.9\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 482 | 126 | 8 | 16 | 14 | 49 | 69.4\% |
| 50 - Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 210 | 574 | 66 | 149 | 1 | 80 | 53.1\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 1 | 4 | 498 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 91.4\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 9 | 5 | 172 | 529 | 170 | 0 | 59.8\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 555 | 0 | 96.9\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 25 | 45 | 41 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 602 | 83.0\% |
|  | 96.5\% | 64.3\% | 76.5\% | 66.4\% | 70.5\% | 74.0\% | 80.3\% |  |

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### 5.0 DISCUSSION

The Canadian Wetlands Classification system (NWWG, 1997) was created to help the science community categorize and define the broad range of wetlands that exist across Canada. Theoretically it is based on hydrogeomorphic characteristics although practically, recognition of vegetation forms is critical to their identification (NWWG, 1988). GIS automation to partition the landscapes into those identified within the NWWG is difficult because an optical sensor cannot identify the smaller scale form and subform of the type of peatland that is included into a landscape classification as outlined by the NWWG 1997. For example, Figure 5-1 reveals a series of mound bogs (usually small, up to 3 m in diameter and 1 m high) which are a subform of bog. These landscape types cannot inherently be identified by spectral based classification without a priori knowledge due to the similar spectral properties of other bog features across the landscape. Because we as the analyst understand they are bog subform features, we can identify them but, an object based approach may be more suitable to parse out and identify these features based on their distinct size and location (i.e. surrounded by water). Classification of patterned peatlands can be fraught with this type of misclassification due to the spectral similarities, but mostly as a result of the spectral overlap between landscapes (Scott \& Jones, 1995).

At a regional scale the spectral overlap between landscapes is typically neglected by standard spectral based classifications (Brown et al., 2007; Thomas et al., 2003) resulting in a classification suitable only for general regional pattern analysis (Figure 5-2). At a mesoscale (NGC watershed) the use of standard spectral based classifications in peatlands for accurate classification purposes can be problematic (Ozesmi \& Bauer, 2002). This research has demonstrated that the accuracy of spectral based classifications for mesoscale patterned peatland analysis in the James Bay Lowlands (JBL) is less than $65.8 \%$ accurate (Figure 4-3 and Figure 4-4). This misclassification can be attributed to the complex arrangement of bog and fen communities that exist in the JBL and the degree of spectral similarity in the landscapes. Lee \& Shan, 2003 considered the spectral confusion that arises from a road and a roof-top which have similar spectral signatures, but which could be separated on the basis of their elevation difference. In the patterned peatlands areas of dense conifer in bog and fen are spectrally similar, but their different topographic position offers an opportunity to distinguish them through fusion of multispectral data with LiDAR (Lee \& Shan, 2003; Anderson et al., 2010).


Figure 5-1: NGC Watershed Immediately North of Airtstrip - Mound Bogs. These features become included into the classification and are identified as a different type of bog, not a mound bog. Shown on the left is a few small mound bogs that are divided into fen poor


Figure 5-2: AMEC Map of Regional Vegetation cover and NGC watershed boundaries.

In peatlands however, large vertical gradients similar to those between a rooftop and asphalt surface do not typically exist. The general landscape of peatlands has low relief where gradual transition exists from one landscape type into the next (Sjörs 1959; Glaser et al., 2004; Figure 5-3). Not only is the topographic distinction gentle, its role on vegetation community type changes gradually, thus spectral confusion also occurs in these areas of transition (Ozesmi \& Bauer, 2002).

This research has shown that spectral confusion in peatlands can be overcome by fusion of multispectral data with LiDAR based terrain derivatives that provide textural information (see also Barlow et al., 2006). DEM derivatives are useful at various scales, but the analyst must conceptually understand the processes and the physiography of the landscape to help separate the landscape classes. For example, bogs can be locally more elevated than fens. However, this relationship may not be apparent or captured in the analysis if the scale or computation window is too small. Figure 5-4 reveals this scale sensitivity, and the applicability of the same DEM derivative computed at three different scales where the information that can be extracted from each is distinctly different. Thus identifying what scale and what biophysical properties are of interest within the study area is a necessary and delicate endeavour.

In the NGC watershed bogs and fens coexist, and in some cases fen subforms (e.g. fen water tracks) exist within bogs. As discussed earlier mound bogs exist within the NGC watershed but to adequately identify these a microscale approach where a smaller grid size analysis for the DEM derivatives may be necessary. The approach used here was conducted at a scale that was incapable of identifying mound bogs (Figure 5-1). These, along with other subforms of bogs and fens (i.e. palsa bog, string bog, riparian fen, channel fen) were ignored resulting in training data that is representative of the broader scale arrangement of bogs and fens. Thus using a smaller grid size analysis of 15 m proved unsuccessful for classifications, because at this scale the grid size window is unable to generate a reference for mean elevation from a larger sample size (the landscape surrounding the pixel) during derivative computation. For example the bogs and fens across the NGC watershed are longer and wider where a bog can range $50-70 \mathrm{~m}$ in width to $2-3 \mathrm{kms}$ in length. If the pixel under analysis is at the centre of the bog, and the window of analysis is large enough to capture where that bog pixel is relative to edge of the bog, then that pixel under analysis can better be identified or placed relative to the

Figure 5-3: Bottom Left Picture and the direction of arrow indicates the gradual transition of Bog Lichen, into Bog Licehn/Conifer into a dense conifer riparian area, and the ambiguity in the division between each. Top Left: True Colour Composite; Top Right: Classified Image of IR_RGB_DiME250; Bottom Right DiME250 Derivative.

surrounding pixels. It is for this reason the larger 250 -cell grid size terrain analyses performed were most successful. As shown in Figure 5-4, the larger 250-cell grid analysis helps clearly distinguish the form, or local relief of the NGC subwatershed better than both the intermediate 70 -cell and smaller 15 -cell grid analysis do. Fusion of multispectral IKONOS with all the individual (not together) 250-cell grid size derivatives enhanced the overall accuracy of landscape classifications in the NGC subwatershed by more than $10 \%$ (See Appendix C). Specifically the DiME250 derivative enhanced the overall accuracy of the classification by 13\% from $62.9 \%$ to $76.4 \%$ (Table 4-10; Figure 5-5). Nevertheless, misclassification still occurred.

As shown earlier in Table 4-12 those cells highlighted outside the diagonals indicate the landscape units that were most commonly misclassified, where greater than $10 \%$ of the pixels in the sample size for that validation polygon was incorrectly classified. BLC created the majority of this confusion amongst other classes, but mainly with BL. It is not surprising that BLC and BL are confused as a result of their spectral similarity, but also because of the topographical characteristics they share. Both landscape units are found predominantly at the higher elevations (nearer the dome) in bogs thus distinguishing between them proved difficult. Figure 5-6 shows two transects across BL and BLC atop the same domed bog. The two profiles reveal that the differences in elevation between the two landscape classes are almost negligible. From A to A' the difference in elevation is less than 40 cm and from B to $\mathrm{B}^{\prime}$ it is only 25 cm . Other areas and transects yielded similar results whereby elevation differences between BL and BLC were consistently < 50 cm . Thus, even though BL and BLC are different vegetation community types their appearance spectrally and their locations topographically are so similar that they become easily confused.

The outcome of this terrain analysis has shown that when LiDAR derived terrain derivatives were combined with IKONOS a $13.5 \%$ increase in landscape classification accuracy for the NGC watershed was achieved. Since much of the uncertainty was caused by the inability to distinguish between BL and BLC, a significant improvement in accuracy (from 76.3 to 83.7\%) was achieved by combining these physiologically similar landscape classes (Table 5-1). This was done by merging the BLC with the BL class from the training and validation data and reiterating the same methods used in all previous analysis. This post-hoc analysis suggests BL and BLC should have been lumped during the training exercise; Table 5-1 merely provides a measure of

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): IR_RGB_DiME250

| IR_RGB_DIME250 | $30 \text { - Mat }$ <br> Around Pools | $40 \text { - Bog - }$ <br> Lichen | $\begin{aligned} & 50-\text { Bog- } \\ & \text { Lichen / Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | 60 -Bog-Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 80-Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{aligned} & 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ & \text { Fen } \end{aligned}$ | 76.4\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30-Mat Around Pools | 695 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 96.8\% |
| 40-Bog - Lichen | 0 | 487 | 136 | 6 | 13 | 4 | 48 | 70.2\% |
| 50-Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 186 | 556 | 46 | 128 | 0 | 75 | 56.1\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 0 | 5 | 403 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 90.2\% |
| 70-Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 14 | 2 | 218 | 486 | 51 | 3 | 628\% |
| 80-Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 454 | 0 | 96.8\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 26 | 49 | 45 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 594 | 826\% |
|  | 96.3\% | 65.9\% | 74.7\% | 59.8\% | 71.4\% | 88.8\% | 80.2\% |  |

North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total <br> Coverage |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1-Open Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
| 30-Mat Around Pools | 570012 | 1229328 | $1,799,340$ | $5.23 \%$ |
| 40-Bog - Lichen | 1023486 | 2941638 | $3,965,124$ | $11.52 \%$ |
| 50-Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 2265922 | 6716473 | $8,982,395$ | $26.09 \%$ |
| 60-Bog - Dense Conifer | 330991 | 573428 | 904,419 | $2.63 \%$ |
| $70-$ Fen - Dense Conifer | 808089 | 2642578 | $3,450,667$ | $10.02 \%$ |
| 80-Riparian Fen / Sedges | 483873 | 1147433 | $1,631,306$ | $4.74 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen- Poor Fen | 2191422 | 4446089 | $6,637,511$ | $19.28 \%$ |
| Total | $9,465,544$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 8 , 0 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 2 3 , 5 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0 \%}$ |

Figure 5-5: Maximum Likelihood Supervised Classification - Most successful overall accuracy when the DiME250 grid size analysis is included into the classification.

Figure 5-6: Cross sections across BLC (orange) and BL. (yellow).
relative increase and emphasizes the importance of accurately and appropriately training the data. A complete record of this post hoc analysis can be found in Appendix C.

Table 5-1: Combined Bog Lichen and Bog Lichen Conifer.

| POST HOC: <br> IR_RGB_DIME250B - <br> MERGED BLC WITH BL | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{aligned} & 40-\text { Bog } \\ & \text { Lichen } \end{aligned}$ | 60 - Bog Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90-\text { Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 83.7\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 735 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 97.48\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 1 | 677 | 29 | 98 | 1 | 100 | 74.72\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 4 | 418 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 85.48\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 15 | 194 | 524 | 50 | 1 | 66.84\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 0 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 463 | 0 | 97.06\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 14 | 53 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 630 | 88.86\% |
|  | 98.00\% | 90.27\% | 64.51\% | 74.64\% | 89.21\% | 84.00\% |  |

The improved accuracy of classification with fusion of multispectral data with LiDAR DEM derivatives allows for a better understanding of the spatial arrangement of these landscape types, and the hydrological implications associated with their arrangement. It is understood that bogs typically store and release water relatively slowly, while fens act as conveyors (Quinton et al. 2003; Siegel and Glaser, 2006). Thus the proportion and arrangement of bog and fen in a watershed have implications for water storage and runoff efficiency of watersheds. The North Granny creek watershed is divided into the north and south as discussed earlier. The classification divides the north watershed into $67.4 \%$ bog and $13.6 \%$ fen with the remainder $18.9 \%$ as water features. The south slightly differs with $63.7 \%$ bog, $15.2 \%$ fen and $21.1 \%$ water. While the north and south subwatersheds are relatively similar in composition, the storage and conveyance function of each may differ, depending on the spatial arrangement of bogs, fens and pools, etc., and other watershed features such as shape, slope and microtopgraphic patterns. Figure 5-7 reveals the sequence of pools and ridges through two profiles, the northern transect having a larger gradient and lower microtopgraphic ridges separating fen-pools. Such an arrangement is expected to enhance discharge compared to the south which is flatter and with larger ridges.

Using the LiDAR and the derivatives one can further infer something about the arrangement and topographic characteristics of the bogs and fens in the NGC watershed. Three examples of different sized bogs are shown in Figure 5-8 that are all $\sim 1 \mathrm{~m}$ in height. This elevation was typical across the watershed, when a variety of small and large bogs were profiled around the waterhsed, regardless of the domed bog base length. The domed bogs arrange themselves parallel (elongated) to the direction of flow, and typically straddle two streams or two
larger channel fens. As shown in figure Figure 5-9 fens or smaller fen water tracks drain off of these bogs, usually into the streams or larger channel fens that straddle the domed bogs.



Figure 5-7: Transects through two fens, revel topographic relief, ridge height and pool length.

Figure 5-8: Shown above are three examples of domed bogs that are approximatley 1 m in height. This was typical across watershed regardless of the base length.

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Figure 5-9: Right image: example (of various profiled throughout the watershed) where a 50 cm change in elevation over 160 m resulted in the development of a fen water track. These fen water tracts are prominent across the landscape and originate from nodes atop the domed bogs, connecting the domed bogs to the larger channel fens and streams that straddle the domed bogs as shown in the centre and left.

The smaller channel fens that originate on the surface of the larger domed bogs do not require a large flow gradient to drain. Figure 5-9 (right image) is one example (of various profiled throughout the watershed) where a 50 cm change in elevation over 160 m resulted in the development of a fen water track. These fen water tracts are prominent across the landscape and originate from nodes atop the domed bogs, connecting the domed bogs to the larger channel fens and streams that straddle the domed bogs. Because the elevation of the domed bogs in the NGC are only averaging 1 m in height, a 50 cm change in elevation over a relatively short distance seems to result in a fen water track. Specifically, in the larger domed bogs where a flatter top has developed and a sequence of bog pools form at the higher elevations (Figure 5-9; left image).

This type of analysis can also be used to quantify peatland topography within and between the wetland classes that have been delineated. This can be done with the use of the LiDAR (graphs in Figure 5-6) or as with the derivatives as shown in Figure 5-10. Using DiME250 the analyst can understand where these six landscape types lie physiographically in reference to the mesoscale mean elevation. For example the right image in Figure 5-10 reveals that the Fen Poor Fen class and riparian fen sedge class are generally found at $\sim 0.5 \mathrm{~m}$ below the mean elevation, while both fen dense conifer and bog dense conifer peak at above $\sim 1 \mathrm{~m}$ in elevation. This type of analysis allows for the user to conceptually understand where these peatland classes are located and how they may be affected physiographic changes in the landscape.

The benefits of including terrain based derivatives is obvious. Employing the use of these derivatives can aid the understanding of land use changes in northern peatlands that are affected by climate change or industrial activity (e.g. mining). Diamond extraction can physiologically and hydrologically alter the natural processes occurring at a micro and mesoscale. Specifically, under increased pumping rates due to mine dewatering there can be structural changes to the peatland caused by compression (Price, 1996) to drained peat soils which can affect hydraulic conductivity (Van Seters and Price, 2002). These structural changes have implications on both carbon storage and sequestration (Whittington \& Price, 2006) and ultimately water storage and water balance within these systems (Price \& Schlotzhauer, 1999; Price, 2003). The techniques demonstrated in this research have widespread applicability in watersheds both affected and unaffected by industry where naturally dry (or naturally wet) seasonal variations exist. The computation and inclusion of the appropriate terrain derivatives allow for an assessment of
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FDC and BDC


Figure 5-10: Topographic characteristics of peatland forms within and between wetland classes that have been delineated. Using DiME250 the analyst can understand where these six landscape types lie physiologically speaking in reference to the mesoscale mean elevation. For example the right image reveals that the Fen Poor Fen class and
riparian fen sedge class are generally found at $\sim 0.5 \mathrm{~m}$ below the mean elevation, while both fen dense conifer and bog dense conifer peak at above $\sim 1 \mathrm{~m}$ in elevation
surface morphology and textural characteristics within and across patterned peatlands which enable hydrologists better understand peatland hydrology.

### 6.0 CONCLUSION

The results of this research reveal both the complexity and benefits of classifying patterned peatlands using GIS. The task of trying to train an image analysis program what we as scientists or analysts conceptually understand about a patterned peatland has proven difficult. Regardless, the analysis and classifications were useful because we learned that the relief between two landscapes at both the microscale (hummock and hollow) and mesoscale (peatland form) can be captured by the derivatives, with the larger mesoscale scale approach most suitable for classification purposes. The smaller grid scale analyses, however, are capable of enhancing our understanding of the microscale linkages within bogs or fens. Although this was not fully explored within this research the microscale topography derived from the smaller cell grid analysis is promising for the exploration of smaller surficial features at a more local scale. Without LiDAR derivatives the directional flow paths within a bog or fen cannot be determined from a spectral based classification alone.

Although a completely unambiguous classification (objective 1) was not achieved through this research, the results are very encouraging. With careful data training and some knowledge about these landscapes the fusion of IKONOS and terrain derivatives significantly improved classifications based on spectral characteristics of patterned peatlands. Refinement of the training data is necessary to explore the spectrally similar classes such as bog lichen and bog lichen conifer, and investigate if these classes can be better defined and better separated in the analysis if possible. The separation or merging of some landscape classes is part of this delicate exercise and leaves room for further inquiry and research. For example, within the water class, floating sedge was merged with open water because under increased water levels the sedges may become submerged, so grouping these two together allowed for complete separation of potential open water areas compared to land. Perhaps separation is necessary to further separate pools in bogs compared to pools in fens, since they likely have a different function. This can also be said for the merging of bog lichen and bog lichen conifer. As shown in Table 5-1 when bog lichen is merged with bog lichen conifer the overall accuracy of the landscape classification increases to $83.7 \%$. It is for reasons just as these that peatland classification proved to be a delicate balance of user knowledge about the landscape and choosing the appropriate technique with which to convey the knowledge. For example if the analyst understands that the range of topographic
relief across the watershed is only 5 m compared to 50 m , then it is this information that helps the analyst choose the grid size window during the calculation of derivatives.

This research has demonstrated the net benefits of providing the necessary textural (surface morphology) information about the landscape to help classify these landscapes with a spectral based approach. The resulting analysis was used to meet the second objective of this thesis and partition the NGC watershed into proportions of bog and fen where it was found that the north-north subwatershed comprises $67.4 \%$ bog and $13.6 \%$ fen with the remainder $18.9 \%$ as water features, while the south is $63.7 \%$ bog, $15.2 \%$ fen and $21.1 \%$ water (Figure $5-5$ ). Finally this research has allowed for a greater understanding of the topographic characteristics of the peatlands forms within and between the wetland classes in the classification, thus meeting the third objective of this thesis. The inclusion of the derivatives allowed for exploration of the topographic characteristics of specific landscape classes (Figure 5-10), relative to one another but more importantly relative to mean elevation (of the window/scale chosen). Pairing the appropriate scale and computing the correct derivatives, can be a powerful tool to help hydrologist and ecologists understand the microscale and macroscale linkages in peatlands, or other landscapes. This research has clearly demonstrated that inclusion of terrain-based LiDAR derivatives, when combined with high resolution multispectral IKONOS data, improve the accuracy of landscape classifications in patterned peatlands of the James Bay Lowlands.

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## APPENDICES

## APPENDIX A:

Ground Truthing Locations.




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$8^{\circ} 59^{\prime} \mathrm{O}^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$








## APPENDIX B:

Derivative Statistics.

## Organization Within:

Slope
Difference From Mean Elevation (DiME)
Deviation From Mean Elevation (DME)
Vertical Distance to Channel Network (VDCN)
Percentile (PER)
Curvature
Aspect
R/G/B/NIR

SLOPE

## Difference From Mean Elevation (DiME)




## Deviation From Mean Elevation <br> (DME)

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| ID | CLASSNAME | CLASSVALUE | COUNT | AREA | MIN | MAX | RANGE | MEAN | STD | SUM | CV |
| 1 | Mat Around Pools | 30 | 9698 | 969 | -3.4584 | 2.3839 | 5.8423 | -0.332694 | 0.521594 | -3226.4666 | 1.567789019 |
| 2 | Bog - Lichen | 40 | 51068 | 51068 | -3.1426 | 4.3065 | 7.4491 | 0.022516 | 0.876994 | 1149.8218 | 38.94981347 |
| 3 | Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 50 | 36939 | 36939 | -3.3999 | 3.5502 | 6.9501 | 0.05164 | 0.851441 | 1907.5376 | 16.48801317 |
| 4 | Bog - Dense Conifer | 60 | 40262 | 40262 | -2.4308 | 3.4145 | 5.8453 | 0.113914 | 0.580956 | 4586.4009 | 5.099952596 |
| 5 | Fen - Dense Conifer | 70 | 30581 | 30581 | -3.233 | 3.7323 | 6.9653 | 0.116375 | 0.83087 | 3558.8513 | 7.139591837 |
| 6 | Riparian Fen / Sedges | 80 | 28569 | 28569 | -2.8957 | 4.4093 | 7.305 | -0.256642 | 0.590155 | -7332.0098 | 2.299526188 |
| 7 | Fen - Poor Fen | 90 | 40022 | 40022 | -3.7736 | 4.6041 | 8.377701 | 0.02092 | 0.869287 | 837.26282 | 41.55291587 |



| dme70 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ID | CLASSNAME | CLASSVALUE | COUNT | AREA | MIN | MAX | RANGE | MEAN | STD | SUM | CV |
| 1 | Mat Around Pools | 30 | 9698 | 9698 | -1.606 | 2.3892 | 3.9952 | -0.567794 | 0.502402 | -5506.4678 | 0.884831471 |
| 2 | Bog - Lichen | 40 | 51068 | 51068 | -2.1258 | 3.0227 | 5.1485 | 0.275824 | 0.530219 | 14085.787 | 1.922309154 |
| 3 | Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 50 | 36939 | 36939 | -1.5093 | 2.9008 | 4.4101 | 0.377634 | 0.550769 | 13949.437 | 1.458473019 |
| 4 | Bog - Dense Conifer | 60 | 40262 | 40262 | -1.218 | 4.7995 | 6.0175 | 0.877515 | 1.082172 | 35330.492 | 1.233223364 |
| 5 | Fen - Dense Conifer | 70 | 30581 | 30581 | -2.0442 | 4.234 | 6.2782 | 0.631239 | 0.80468 | 19303.926 | 1.274762808 |
| 6 | Riparian Fen / Sedges | 80 | 28569 | 28569 | -2.9361 | 0.9646 | 3.9007 | -0.766391 | 0.346874 | -21895.035 | 0.45260709 |
| 7 | Fen - Poor Fen | 90 | 40022 | 40022 | -1.9637 | 3.6787 | 5.6424 | 0.099132 | 0.473232 | 3967.4575 | 4.773756204 |




## Vertical Distance to Channel Network (VDCN)



## Percentile (PER)

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| ID | CLASSNAME | ZONE_CODE | COUNT | AREA | MIN | MAX | RANGE | MEAN | STD | SUM | CV |
| 1 | Mat Around Pools | 1 | 9698 | 9698 | 0 | 99.434998 | 99.434998 | 42.866737 | 17.100698 | 415721.63 | 0.398926982 |
| 2 | Bog - Lichen | 2 | 51068 | 51068 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 50.763058 | 26.40217 | 2592367.8 | 0.520105979 |
| 3 | Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 3 | 36939 | 36939 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 51.506882 | 25.889975 | 1902612.8 | 0.502650791 |
| 4 | Bog - Dense Conifer | 4 | 40262 | 40262 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 54.987225 | 18.439453 | 2213895.5 | 0.335340672 |
| 5 | Fen - Dense Conifer | 5 | 30581 | 30581 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 53.479843 | 25.477896 | 1635467.1 | 0.476401847 |
| 6 | Riparian Fen / Sedges | 6 | 28569 | 28569 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 42.262177 | 21.105204 | 1207388.1 | 0.499387526 |
| 7 | Fen - Poor Fen | 7 | 40022 | 40022 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 50.516193 | 26.33783 | 2021759 | 0.521374008 |






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| ID | CLASSNAME | CLASSVALUE | COUNT | AREA | MIN | MAX | RANGE | MEAN | STD | SUM | CV |
| 1 | Mat Around Pools | 30 | 9698 | 9698 | 1.6286 | 76.857399 | 75.228798 | 36.665115 | 18.736662 | 355578.28 | 0.511021498 |
| 2 | Bog - Lichen | 40 | 51068 | 51068 | 16.7759 | 78.492897 | 61.716995 | 63.574844 | 8.128328 | 3246640.3 | 0.12785447 |
| 3 | Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 50 | 36939 | 36939 | 23.8016 | 80.112297 | 56.310699 | 54.192081 | 12.218097 | 2001801.4 | 0.225459085 |
| 4 | Bog - Dense Conifer | 60 | 40262 | 40262 | 17.0728 | 99.9991 | 82.9263 | 80.617279 | 23.028229 | 3245813 | 0.2856488 |
| 5 | Fen - Dense Conifer | 70 | 30581 | 30581 | 12.095 | 99.630501 | 87.5355 | 36.579021 | 15.762191 | 1118623 | 0.430907951 |
| 6 | Riparian Fen / Sedges | 80 | 28569 | 28569 | 5.8376 | 47.739201 | 41.9016 | 23.498829 | 7.533619 | 671338.06 | 0.320595507 |
| 7 | Fen - Poor Fen | 90 | 40022 | 40022 | 17.6005 | 64.347298 | 46.746796 | 46.858742 | 11.150557 | 1875380.5 | 0.237961083 |



Curvature


## Aspect

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| ID | CLASSNAME | CLASSVALUE | COUNT | AREA | MIN | MAX | RANG |
| 1 | Mat Around Pools | 30 | 9698 | 9698 | 0.0045 | 6.2832 | 6.278 |
| 2 | Bog - Lichen | 40 | 51067 | 51067 | 0.0022 | 6.2832 | 6.28 |
| 3 | Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 50 | 36938 | 36938 | 0.0021 | 6.2832 | 6.281 |
| 4 | Bog - Dense Conifer | 60 | 40262 | 40262 | 0.0006 | 6.2832 | 6.282 |
| 5 | Fen - Dense Conifer | 70 | 30581 | 30581 | 0.0012 | 6.2832 | 6.282 |
| 6 | Riparian Fen / Sedges | 80 | 28565 | 28565 | 0.0022 | 6.2832 | 6.28 |
| 7 | Fen - Poor Fen | 90 | 40022 | 40022 | 0.0019 | 6.2832 | 6.281 |
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| ID | CLASSNAME | CLASSVALUE | COUNT | AREA | MIN | MAX | RANGE | MEAN | STD | SUM | VARIETY | MAJORITY | MINORITY | MEDIAN | cV |
| 1 | Mat Around Pools | 30 | 9698 | 9698 | 93 | 778 | 685 | 205.19716 | 46.599991 | 1990002 | 155 | 225 | 143 | 203 | 0.6356 |
| 2 | Bog - Lichen | 40 | 51068 | 51068 | 148 | 367 | 219 | 251.6517 | 31.170582 | 12851349 | 188 | 253 | 367 | 251 | 1.4506 |
| 3 | Bog- Lichen / Conifer | 50 | 36939 | 36939 | 118 | 295 | 177 | 190.99007 | 25.939367 | 7054982 | 153 | 182 | 129 | 189 | 0.7088 |
| 4 | Bog - Dense Conifer | 60 | 40262 | 40262 | 78 | 237 | 159 | 119.58258 | 17.866907 | 4814634 | 124 | 110 | 83 | 117 | 0.7545 |
| 5 | Fen - Dense Conifer | 70 | 30581 | 30581 | 83 | 177 | 94 | 115.15104 | 11.480036 | 3521434 | 72 | 113 | 169 | 115 | 1.4956 |
| 6 | Riparian Fen / Sedges | 80 | 28569 | 28569 | 89 | 234 | 145 | 142.22223 | 19.739059 | 4063147 | 118 | 136 | 96 | 137 | 0.7059 |
| 7 | Fen - Poor Fen | 90 | 40022 | 40022 | 126 | 284 | 158 | 186.42828 | 14.091536 | 7461233 | 107 | 188 | 249 | 186 | 1.3245 |





| Blue |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ID | CLASSNAME | CLASSVALUE | COUNT | AREA | MIN | MAX | RANGE | MEAN | STD | SUM | VARIETY | MAJORITY | MINORITY | MEDIAN | CV |
| 1 | Mat Around Pools | 30 | 9698 | 9698 | 192 | 633 | 441 | 230.83409 | 30.899708 | 2238629 | 86 | 221 | 252 | 226 | 1.1403 |
| 2 | Bog - Lichen | 40 | 51068 | 51068 | 212 | 339 | 127 | 271.7157 | 18.029892 | 13875977 | 119 | 275 | 224 | 271 | 0.8145 |
| 3 | Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 50 | 36939 | 36939 | 204 | 302 | 98 | 239.15767 | 13.940698 | 8834245 | 88 | 233 | 284 | 238 | 1.2189 |
| 4 | Bog - Dense Conifer | 60 | 40262 | 40262 | 183 | 280 | 97 | 206.37787 | 9.128274 | 8309186 | 69 | 203 | 244 | 205 | 1.2020 |
| 5 | Fen - Dense Conifer | 70 | 30581 | 30581 | 183 | 233 | 50 | 203.81822 | 6.629962 | 6232965 | 44 | 205 | 231 | 204 | 1.1268 |
| 6 | Riparian Fen / Sedges | 80 | 28569 | 28569 | 189 | 284 | 95 | 215.52539 | 13.331803 | 6157345 | 80 | 212 | 191 | 212 | 0.9009 |
| 7 | Fen - Poor Fen | 90 | 40022 | 40022 | 205 | 304 | 99 | 225.96297 | 9.901697 | 9043490 | 71 | 222 | 254 | 224 | 1.1441 |




| NIR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ID | CLASSNAME | VALUE | COUNT | AREA | MIN | MAX | RANGE | MEAN | STD | SUM | VARIETY | MAJORITY | MINORITY | MEDIAN |
| 1 | Mat Around Pools | 1 | 13954 | 13954 | 48 | 817 | 769 | 533.94 | 130.49422 | 7450599 | 479 | 509 | 48 | 546 |
| 2 | Bog - Lichen | 2 | 34018 | 34018 | 130 | 1011 | 881 | 516.4798 | 51.294235 | 17569610 | 275 | 513 | 381 | 513 |
| 3 | Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 3 | 22526 | 22526 | 320 | 647 | 327 | 474.01855 | 45.182743 | 10677742 | 224 | 464 | 541 | 472 |
| 4 | Bog - Dense Conifer | 4 | 81177 | 81177 | 91 | 837 | 746 | 333.3317 | 83.933838 | 27058868 | 455 | 309 | 525 | 323 |
| 5 | Fen - Dense Conifer | 5 | 54112 | 54112 | 80 | 696 | 616 | 373.01096 | 92.49855 | 20184368 | 451 | 264 | 189 | 371 |
| 6 | Riparian Fen / Sedges | 6 | 20326 | 20326 | 197 | 798 | 601 | 410.479 | 80.4916 | 8343396 | 339 | 491 | 293 | 413 |
| 7 | Fen - Poor Fen | 7 | 23412 | 23412 | 294 | 843 | 549 | 514.53436 | 59.545921 | 12046279 | 299 | 492 | 357 | 512 |



## APPENDIX C:

Classification Matrix and Results.

## PERCENTILE

| RGB_PER250 | $\begin{gathered} 30 \text { - Mat Around } \\ \text { Pools } \end{gathered}$ | $40 \text { - Bog - Lichen }$ | 50 - Bog-Lichen / Conifer | 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{aligned} & 90-\text { Fen - Poor } \\ & \text { Fen } \end{aligned}$ | 70.2\% |
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| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 706 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 98.47\% |
| 40-Bog - Lichen | 0 | 420 | 318 | 16 | 11 | 0 | 14 | 53.92\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 213 | 363 | 64 | 164 | 0 | 64 | 41.82\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 4 | 18 | 430 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 78.90\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 44 | 13 | 154 | 410 | 92 | 1 | 57.42\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 0 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 408 | 1 | 95.77\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 15 | 55 | 34 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 654 | 83.74\% |
|  | 97.92\% | 56.53\% | 48.66\% | 64.08\% | 59.08\% | 80.00\% | 87.79\% |  |



| IR_RGB_PER70 | 30 - Mat Around Pools | 40 - Bog - Lichen | 50 - Bog-Lichen / Conifer | $60 \text { - Bog - Dense }$ Conifer | 70 - Fen - <br> Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | $\begin{aligned} & 90-\text { Fen - Poor } \\ & \text { Fen } \end{aligned}$ | 66.7\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 718 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 97.55\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 478 | 156 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 61 | 65.48\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 205 | 502 | 51 | 88 | 175 | 68 | 46.10\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 0 | 3 | 434 | 330 | 12 | 0 | 55.71\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 17 | 26 | 242 | 301 | 68 | 3 | 45.81\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 20 | 470 | 3 | 91.44\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 31 | 47 | 59 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 598 | 80.27\% |
|  | 95.73\% | 63.73\% | 66.93\% | 57.87\% | 40.13\% | 62.67\% | 79.73\% |  |




DME

| RGB_DME250 | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | 40 - Bog - Lichen | 50-Bog-Lichen / Conifer | 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | $\begin{gathered} 70 \text { - Fen - Dense } \\ \text { Conifer } \end{gathered}$ | 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 73.4\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 727 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 98.91\% |
| 40-Bog - Lichen | 0 | 498 | 249 | 20 | 19 | 0 | 34 | 60.73\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 141 | 429 | 53 | 176 | 0 | 81 | 48.75\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 4 | 13 | 439 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 88.87\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 38 | 12 | 232 | 507 | 117 | 0 | 55.96\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 627 | 3 | 97.21\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 22 | 63 | 47 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 626 | 81.30\% |
|  | 96.93\% | 66.40\% | 57.20\% | 58.53\% | 67.60\% | 83.60\% | 83.47\% |  |



| IR_RGB_DME250 | $\begin{gathered} 30-\mathrm{Mat} \\ \text { Around Pools } \end{gathered}$ | 40 - Bog - Lichen | $\begin{gathered} 50 \text { - Bog - Lichen } \\ \quad / \text { Conifer } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 60-\text { Bog - Dense } \\ \text { Conifer } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 70 \text { - Fen - Dense } \\ \text { Conifer } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 80-\text { Riparian Fen / } \\ \text { Sedges } \end{gathered}$ | 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 75.3\% |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 727 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 96.80\% |  |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 491 | 153 | 9 | 13 | 1 | 50 | 68.48\% |  |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 172 | 544 | 49 | 147 | 0 | 73 | 55.23\% |  |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 0 | 7 | 446 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 89.74\% |  |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 26 | 2 | 243 | 534 | 136 | 3 | 56.57\% |  |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 606 | 0 | 98.06\% |  |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 23 | 57 | 44 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 603 | 81.71\% |  |
|  | 96.93\% | 65.47\% | 72.53\% | 59.47\% | 71.20\% | 80.80\% | 80.40\% |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total Coverage |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 - Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | 7,052,834 | 20.49\% |  | South |  | North |  |
| $30-\mathrm{Mat}$ Around Pools | 593938 | 1331506 | 1,925,444 | 5.59\% |  | Bog | 64.3\% | Bog | 68.1\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 1049421 | 3064268 | 4,113,689 | 11.95\% |  | Fen | 14.6\% | Fen | 13.0\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 2298956 | 6670204 | 8,969,160 | 26.06\% |  | Water | 21.1\% | Water | 18.9\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 279309 | 603560 | 882,869 | 2.56\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 872646 | 2824235 | 3,696,881 | 10.74\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 355701 | 817623 | 1,173,324 | 3.41\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 2223824 | 4385571 | 6,609,395 | 19.20\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 9,465,544 | 24,958,052 | 34,423,596 | 100.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |


| $\begin{gathered} \text { RGB_DME70 } \\ \text { DME250 } \end{gathered}$ | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | 40-Bog-Lichen | 50 - Bog-Lichen / Conifer | 60 - Bog-Dense Conifer | $\begin{aligned} & 70 \text { - Fen - Dense } \\ & \text { Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 73.6\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 704 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 98.46\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 475 | 226 | 24 | 9 | 0 | 32 | 62.01\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 161 | 453 | 46 | 147 | 0 | 80 | 51.07\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 8 | 12 | 475 | 50 | 7 | 0 | 86.05\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 29 | 14 | 117 | 463 | 140 | 1 | 60.60\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 353 | 3 | 93.63\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 17 | 61 | 39 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 618 | 82.29\% |
|  | 97.51\% | 64.28\% | 60.89\% | 70.47\% | 67.99\% | 69.08\% | 83.40\% |  |


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total Coverage |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-$ Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
| $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 555996 | 1184243 | $1,740,239$ | $5.06 \%$ |
| $40-$ Bog - Lichen | 1222204 | 3233752 | $4,455,956$ | $12.94 \%$ |
| $50-$ Bog - Lichen Conifer | 2078272 | 6630572 | $8,708,844$ | $25.30 \%$ |
| $60-$ Bog - Dense Conifer | 404862 | 92365 | $1,328,227$ | $3.86 \%$ |
| $70-$ Fen - Dense Conifer | 785880 | 2237803 | $3,023,683$ | $8.78 \%$ |
| $80-$ Riparian Fen $/$ Sedges | 344165 | 915732 | $1,259,897$ | $3.66 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen - Poor Fen | 2282416 | 4570882 | $6,853,298$ | $19.91 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 6 5 , 5 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 7 , 4 3 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 2 2 , 9 7 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0 \%}$ |


| $\begin{gathered} \text { IR_RGB_DME70 } \\ \text { DME250 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 30-\text { Mat } \\ \text { Around Pools } \end{gathered}$ | 40 - Bog - Lichen | 50-Bog-Lichen / Conifer | 60-Bog - Dense Conifer Conifer | 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 75.2\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $30-\mathrm{Mat}$ Around Pools | 701 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 97.36\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 475 | 135 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 45 | 70.37\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 186 | 556 | 52 | 129 | 0 | 73 | 55.82\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 2 | 7 | 482 | 71 | 7 | 1 | 84.56\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 19 | 9 | 127 | 455 | 146 | 2 | 60.03\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 345 | 0 | 95.04\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 20 | 53 | 37 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 605 | 82.88\% |
|  | 97.09\% | 64.28\% | 74.73\% | 71.51\% | 66.81\% | 67.51\% | 81.65\% |  |



VDCN



| $\begin{aligned} & \text { IR_RGB_VDCN } \\ & \text { _DME70_DME250 } \end{aligned}$ | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | 40 - Bog - Lichen | 50 - Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90-\text { Fen }- \text { Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 74.1\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 715 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 84 | 88.60\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 344 | 23 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 41 | 82.49\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 306 | 685 | 70 | 87 | 0 | 103 | 54.76\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 2 | 14 | 473 | 72 | 6 | 1 | 83.27\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 31 | 10 | 117 | 504 | 156 | 2 | 61.46\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 334 | 0 | 93.56\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 6 | 50 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 510 | 86.15\% |
|  | 99.03\% | 46.55\% | 92.07\% | 70.18\% | 74.01\% | 65.36\% | 68.83\% |  |

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BEST RESULTS

| IR_RGB_PER70_DME250 | $\begin{aligned} & 30-\mathrm{Mat} \\ & \text { Around Pools } \end{aligned}$ | 40-Bog Lichen | 50 - Bog Lichen / Conifer | 60-Bog Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen Dense Conifer | 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90-\text { Fen }- \text { Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 75.7\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 726 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 97.45\% |
| 40 - Bog - Lichen | 0 | 483 | 147 | 8 | 16 | 1 | 49 | 68.61\% |
| 50-Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 189 | 556 | 62 | 135 | 1 | 75 | 54.62\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 1 | 6 | 496 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 91.34\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 17 | 4 | 177 | 544 | 173 | 2 | 59.32\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 559 | 0 | 96.55\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 23 | 55 | 37 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 610 | 81.99\% |
|  | 96.80\% | 64.40\% | 74.13\% | 66.13\% | 72.53\% | 74.53\% | 81.33\% |  |




## APPENDIX D:

Classification Maps for each Analysis.

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): IR_RGB_PER70



| IR_RGB_PER70 | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40 \text { - Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \text { - Bog - } \\ & \text { Lichen / Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 60-\text { Bog - Dense } \\ & \text { Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 80-Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 66.7\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30-Mat Around Pools | 718 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 97.6\% |
| 40-Bog - Lichen | 0 | 478 | 156 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 61 | 65.5\% |
| 50-Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 205 | 502 | 51 | 88 | 175 | 68 | 46.1\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 0 | 3 | 434 | 330 | 12 | 0 | 55.7\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 17 | 26 | 242 | 301 | 68 | 3 | 45.8\% |
| 80-Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 20 | 470 | 3 | 91.4\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 31 | 47 | 59 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 598 | 80.3\% |
| Total | 95.7\% | 63.7\% | 66.9\% | 57.9\% | 40.1\% | 62.7\% | 79.7\% |  |

North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total <br> Coverage |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 - Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
| $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 601922 | 1362346 | $1,964,268$ | $5.71 \%$ |
| $40-$ Bog - Lichen | 1101565 | 3122834 | $4,224,399$ | $12.27 \%$ |
| $50-$ Bog - Lichen $/$ Conifer | 2328042 | 5983009 | $8,311,051$ | $24.14 \%$ |
| $60-$ Bog - Dense Conifer | 481943 | 1658156 | $\mathbf{2 , 1 4 0 , 0 9 9}$ | $6.22 \%$ |
| $70-$ Fen - Dense Conifer | 645242 | 1927377 | $\mathbf{2 , 5 7 2 , 6 1 9}$ | $7.47 \%$ |
| $80-$ Riparian Fen $/$ Sedges | 415437 | 1278242 | $1,693,679$ | $4.92 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen - Poor Fen | 2099656 | 4365003 | $6,464,659$ | $18.78 \%$ |
| Total | $9,465,556$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 8 , 0 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 2 3 , 6 0 8}$ | $100.00 \%$ |

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): IR_RGB_PER250



| IR_RGB_PER250 | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40 \text { - Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50-\text { Bog- } \\ & \text { Lichen / Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | $60 \text {-Bog - Dense }$ Conifer | $\begin{aligned} & 70 \text { - Fen-Dense } \\ & \text { Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | 80-Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 71.8\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30-Mat Around Pools | 728 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 96.7\% |
| 40-Bog-Lichen | 0 | 387 | 194 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 31 | 617\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 261 | 500 | 48 | 140 | 0 | 80 | 48.6\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 1 | 12 | 468 | 135 | 1 | 0 | 75.9\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 38 | 1 | 223 | 458 | 127 | 3 | 53.9\% |
| 80-Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 614 | 0 | 98.1\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 21 | 58 | 43 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 614 | 821\% |
| Total | 97.1\% | 516\% | 66.7\% | 62.4\% | 61.1\% | 81.9\% | 81.9\% |  |

North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total <br> Coverage |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 -Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
| $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 601912 | 1361302 | $1,963,214$ | $5.70 \%$ |
| $40-$ Bog - Lichen | 945122 | 2846498 | $3,791,620$ | $11.01 \%$ |
| $50-$ Bog - Lichen $/$ Conifer | 2374786 | 6667614 | $9,042,400$ | $26.27 \%$ |
| $60-$ Bog - Dense Conifer | 347477 | 1050379 | $1,397,856$ | $4.06 \%$ |
| $70-$ Fen - Dense Conifer | 815966 | 2529316 | $3,345,282$ | $9.72 \%$ |
| $80-$ Riparian Fen $/$ Sedges | 347010 | 801457 | $1,148,467$ | $3.34 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen - Poor Fen | 2241522 | 4440401 | $6,681,923$ | $19.41 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 6 5 , 5 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 8 , 0 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 2 3 , 5 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0 \%}$ |

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): IR_RGB_RGB_PER70_PER250



| IR_RGB_PER70 <br> _PER250 | 30 -Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \text { - Bog- } \\ & \text { Lichen / Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 80-Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 73.5\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30-Mat Around Pools | 701 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 97.0\% |
| 40-Bog - Lichen | 0 | 383 | 181 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 30 | 63.0\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 0 | 259 | 511 | 45 | 115 | 5 | 74 | 50.6\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 1 | 10 | 480 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 85.1\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 28 | 3 | 133 | 476 | 124 | 3 | 62.1\% |
| 80-Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 371 | 0 | 95.4\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 20 | 62 | 39 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 615 | 818\% |
| Total | 97.1\% | 518\% | 68.7\% | 71.2\% | 69.9\% | 72.6\% | 83.0\% |  |

North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total <br> Coverage |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1- Open Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
| $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 642841 | 1451231 | $2,094,072$ | $6.08 \%$ |
| $40-$ Bog - Lichen | 984666 | 2927047 | $3,911,713$ | $11.36 \%$ |
| $50-$ Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 2368153 | 6740527 | $9,108,680$ | $26.46 \%$ |
| 60-Bog - Dense Conifer | 390355 | 1165839 | $1,556,194$ | $4.52 \%$ |
| $70-$ Bog Conifer / Sphagnum | 777972 | 2323753 | $3,101,725$ | $9.01 \%$ |
| $80-$ Riparian Fen / Sedges | 342242 | 850181 | $1,192,423$ | $3.46 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen Dense Conifer | 2167566 | 4238389 | $6,405,955$ | $18.61 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 6 5 , 5 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 8 , 0 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 2 3 , 5 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0 \%}$ |

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): IR_RGB_PER250_SLOPE10m



| $\begin{aligned} & \text { IR_RGB_PER250_ } \\ & \text { SLOPE10M } \end{aligned}$ | $30 \text { - Mat }$ <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40 \text { - Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50-\text { Bog - } \\ & \text { Lichen / Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \text { - Bog - Dense } \\ & \text { Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | 70-Bog Conifer / Sphagnum | 80-Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | 90-Fen Dense Conifer | 70.2\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30-Mat Around Pools | 718 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 99.3\% |
| 40-Bog - Lichen | 0 | 441 | 429 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 36 | 47.9\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen / Conifer | 1 | 58 | 259 | 30 | 168 | 2 | 44 | 46.1\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 0 | 0 | 4 | 458 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 83.0\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 1 | 115 | 7 | 170 | 404 | 55 | 2 | 53.6\% |
| 80-Riparian Fen / Sedges | 1 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 443 | 0 | 95.9\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 1 | 118 | 45 | 0 | 8 | 11 | 656 | 78.2\% |
|  | 99.4\% | 59.7\% | 34.8\% | 68.0\% | 59.3\% | 86.7\% | 88.5\% |  |

North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total <br> Coverage |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 - Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.50 \%$ |
| $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 513772 | 1345188 | $1,858,960$ | $5.40 \%$ |
| $40-$ Bog - Lichen | 1306045 | 3510998 | $4,817,043$ | $14.00 \%$ |
| $50-$ Bog - Lichen / Conifer | 1820726 | 5839120 | $7,659,846$ | $22.26 \%$ |
| $60-$ Bog - Dense Conifer | 381903 | 770525 | $1,152,428$ | $3.35 \%$ |
| $70-$ Fen - Dense Conifer | 813820 | 2745049 | $3,558,869$ | $10.34 \%$ |
| $80-$ Riparian Fen / Sedges | 407544 | 932326 | $1,339,870$ | $3.89 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen - Poor Fen | 2428139 | 4544372 | $6,972,511$ | $20.26 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 6 3 , 6 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 4 8 , 6 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 1 2 , 3 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0 \%}$ |

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): IR_RGB_DME250



| IR_RGB_DME250 | 30-Mat <br> Around Pools | $40-\operatorname{Bog}-$ Lichen | $\begin{gathered} 50-\text { Bog- } \\ \text { Lichen / Conifer } \end{gathered}$ | 60-Bog-Dense Conifer | - Fen - Dense Conifer | 80-Riparian <br> Fen / Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 75.3\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 727 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 96.8\% |
| 40-Bog-Lichen | 0 | 491 | 153 | 9 | 13 | 1 | 50 | 68.5\% |
| 50 - Bog-Lichen/Conifer | 0 | 172 | 544 | 49 | 147 | 0 | 73 | 55.2\% |
| 60 - Bog-Dense Conifer | 0 | 0 | 7 | 445 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 89.7\% |
| 70 - Fen- Dense Conifer | 0 | 26 | 2 | 243 | 534 | 136 | 3 | 56.6\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen/Sedges | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 606 | 0 | 98.1\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 23 | 57 | 44 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 603 | 81.7\% |
| Total | 96.9\% | 65.5\% | 72.5\% | 59.5\% | 71.2\% | 60.8\% | 80.4\% |  |

North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total Coverage |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-$ Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
| $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 640173 | 1440231 | $2,080,404$ | $6.04 \%$ |
| $40-$ Bog- Lichen | 1067613 | 3085040 | $4,152,653$ | $12.06 \%$ |
| $50-$ Bog Lichen $/$ Conifer | 2302153 | 6788090 | $9,090,243$ | $26.41 \%$ |
| $60-$ Bog- Dense Conifer | 422589 | 1071872 | $1,494,461$ | $4.34 \%$ |
| $70-$ Fen - Dense Conifer | 796033 | 2324776 | $3,120,809$ | $9.07 \%$ |
| $80-$ Riparian Fen $/$ Sedges | 314718 | 846445 | $1,161,163$ | $3.37 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen - Poor Fen | 2130516 | 4140513 | $6,271,029$ | $18.22 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 6 5 , 5 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 8 , 0 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 2 3 , 5 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0} \%$ |

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): IR_RGB_DME70_DME250




North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total Coverage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 - Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | 7,052,834 | 20.49\% |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 640173 | 1440231 | 2,080,404 | 6.04\% |
| 40-Bog-Lichen | 1067613 | 3085040 | 4,152,653 | 12.06\% |
| 50 - Bog-Lichen / Conifer | 2302153 | 6788090 | 9,090,243 | 26.41\% |
| 60 - Bog - Dense Conifer | 422589 | 1071872 | 1,494,461 | 4.34\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 796033 | 2324776 | 3,120,809 | 9.07\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen/Sedges | 314718 | 846445 | 1,161,163 | 3.37\% |
| 90 - Fen-Poor Fen | 2130516 | 4140513 | 6,271,029 | 18.22\% |
| Total | 9,465,544 | 24,958,052 | 34,423,596 | 100.00\% |

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): IR_RGB_VDCN_DME250



| IR_RGB_YDCN <br> _DME250 | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 50-\text { Bog- } \\ \text { Lichen / Conife } \end{gathered}$ | 60-Bog-Dense Conifer | 0 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 80-Riparian <br> Fen/Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen- Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 74.8\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 739 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 90.1\% |
| 40-Bog-Lichen | 0 | 350 | 29 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 80.6\% |
| 50-Bog-Lichen/Conifer | 1 | 301 | 671 | 79 | 68 | 0 | 109 | 54.6\% |
| 60 - Bog-Dense Conifer | 0 | 2 | 18 | 471 | 56 | 1 | 0 | 85.9\% |
| 70 - Fen- Dense Conifer | 0 | 41 | 19 | 188 | 616 | 175 | 3 | 59.1\% |
| 80-Riparian Fen/Sedges | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 564 | 0 | 97.9\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 10 | 50 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 517 | 86.0\% |
| Total | 98.5\% | 46.7\% | 89.5\% | 62.8\% | 82.1\% | 75.2\% | 68.9\% |  |

North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total <br> Coverage |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 -Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
| $30-$ MatAround Pools | 657000 | 1601517 | $2,258,517$ | $6.56 \%$ |
| $40-$ Bog - Lichen | 913917 | 2429941 | $3,343,858$ | $9.72 \%$ |
| $50-$ Bog-Lichen/Conifer | 2638000 | 7955821 | $10,593,821$ | $30.78 \%$ |
| $60-$ Bog-Dense Conifes | 302353 | 994471 | $1,296,824$ | $3.77 \%$ |
| $70-$ Fen- Dense Conifer | 754453 | 2273655 | $3,028,108$ | $8.80 \%$ |
| $80-$ Riparian Fen/Sedges | 293736 | 677322 | 971,058 | $2.82 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen - Poor Fen | 2110756 | 3757570 | $5,868,326$ | $17.05 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 6 1 , 9 6 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 1 , 3 8 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 1 3 , 3 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0} \%$ |

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): IR_RGB_VDCN_PER70_DME250



North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total Coverage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-Water Class | 1791749 | 5 51065 | 7,052,834 | 20.49\% |
| 30 - MatAround Pools | 693720 | 1691206 | 2,384,926 | 6.93\% |
| 40-Bog-Lichen | 922147 | 2401785 | 3,323,933 | 9.66\% |
| 50 - Bog-Lidhen/Conifer | 614898 | 8068760 | 10,683,158 | 31.04\% |
| 60 - Bog-Dense Conifer | 29631 | 9E245 | 1,222,077 | 3.55\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 783422 | 28337 | 3,016,797 | 8.77\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen/Sedges | 29.167 | $742 \mathrm{ZT4}$ | 1,034,341 | 3.01\% |
| 90-Fen-Poor Fen | 467640 | 3677640 | 5,695,280 | 16.55\% |
| Total | 9,461,964 | 24,951,382 | 34,413,346 | 100.00\% |

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): PER70_DME250



| IR_RGB_PER70 <br> _DME250 | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $\begin{gathered} 40-\text { Bog - } \\ \text { Lichen } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 50-\text { Bog- } \\ \text { Lichen / Conife } \end{gathered}$ | 60-Bog-Dense Conifer | 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 80-Ripaian <br> Fen/Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen- Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 75.7\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30-Mat Around Pools | 726 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 97.4\% |
| 40-Bog-Lichen | 0 | 483 | 147 | 8 | 16 | 1 | 49 | 68.6\% |
| $50-\mathrm{Bog}$ - Lichen/Conifer | 0 | 189 | 556 | 62 | 135 | 1 | 75 | 54.6\% |
| 60 - Bog-Dense Conifer | 0 | 1 | 6 | 496 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 91.3\% |
| 70-Fer-Dense Conifer | 0 | 17 | 4 | 177 | 544 | 173 | 2 | 59.3\% |
| 80 - Riparian Fen/Sedges | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 559 | 0 | 96.5\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 23 | 55 | 37 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 610 | 82.0\% |
| Total | 96.8\% | 64.4\% | 74.1\% | 66.1\% | 72.5\% | 74.5\% | 81.3\% |  |

North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | \% Total <br> Coverage |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Open Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
| $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 631851 | 1414108 | $2,045,959$ | $5.94 \%$ |
| $40-$ Bog - Lichen | 1079659 | 3113458 | $4,193,117$ | $12.18 \%$ |
| $50-$ Bog - Lichen $/$ Conifer | 2301723 | 6789830 | $9,091,553$ | $26.41 \%$ |
| $60-$ Bog - Dense Conifer | 320371 | 765550 | $1,085,921$ | $3.15 \%$ |
| $70-$ Fen - Dense Conifer | 829948 | 2511572 | $3,341,520$ | $9.71 \%$ |
| $80-$ Riparian Fen / Sedges | 356341 | 896514 | $1,252,855$ | $3.64 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen - PoorFen | 2153902 | 4205935 | $6,359,837$ | $18.48 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 6 5 , 5 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 8 , 0 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 2 3 , 5 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0 \%}$ |

## SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION (MLC): IR_RGB_PER70_DiME250



| $\begin{aligned} & \text { IR_RGB_PER70 } \\ & \text { _DIME250 } \end{aligned}$ | 30 - Mat <br> Around Pools | $40-\operatorname{Bog}-$ <br> Lichen | $\begin{aligned} & 50-\text { Bog- } \\ & \text { Lichen / Conifer } \end{aligned}$ | 60-Bog-Dense Conifer | e 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 80-Riparian <br> Fen/Sedges | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text { - Fen - Poor } \\ \text { Fen } \end{gathered}$ | 75.5\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 - Mat Around Pools | 724 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 96.9\% |
| 40-Bog-Lichen | 0 | 482 | 126 | 8 | 16 | 14 | 49 | 69.4\% |
| 50-Bog-Lichen/ Conifer | 0 | 210 | 574 | 66 | 149 | 1 | 80 | 53.1\% |
| 60 - Bog-Dense Conifer | 0 | 1 | 4 | 498 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 91.4\% |
| 70 - Fen - Dense Conifer | 0 | 9 | 5 | 172 | 529 | 170 | 0 | 59.8\% |
| 80-Riparian Fen/Sedges | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 555 | 0 | 96.9\% |
| 90 - Fen - Poor Fen | 25 | 45 | 41 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 602 | 83.0\% |
|  | 96.5\% | 64.3\% | 76.5\% | 66.4\% | 70.5\% | 74.0\% | 80.3\% |  |

North-North Granny Creek Watershed


South-North Granny Creek Watershed


| Landscape Type | North | South | Total | $\%$ Total <br> Coverage |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| $1-$ Open Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
| $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 629479 | 1380644 | $2,010,123$ | $5.84 \%$ |
| $40-$ Bog - Lichen | 1055745 | 2992299 | $4,048,044$ | $11.76 \%$ |
| $50-$ Bog - Lichen Conifer | 2343440 | 7005247 | $9,348,687$ | $27.16 \%$ |
| $60-$ Bog - Dense Conifer | 359997 | 718550 | $1,078,547$ | $3.13 \%$ |
| $70-$ Fen - Dense Conifer | 801397 | 2417125 | $3,218,522$ | $9.35 \%$ |
| $80-$ Riparian Fen $/$ Sedges | 355072 | 911205 | $1,266,277$ | $3.68 \%$ |
| $90-$ Fen - Poor Fen | 2128665 | 4271897 | $6,400,562$ | $18.59 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 6 5 , 5 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 8 , 0 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 2 3 , 5 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0} \%$ |


[^0]:    Figure 1-1 - Various Landscape types in a northern Ontario Peatland Complex (Top Left to Bottom Right):
    1.Open water with floating fen mat; 2. Victor Mine; 3. Bedrock Outcrop Islands of the Attawapiskat River; 4.Bog and fen complex; 5. Riparian Transition preceded by treed open bog; 6. Northern Ribbed Fen with broad flarks; 7. Large Northern Ribbed Fen with tear drop bogs ; 8. Tear Drop bog surrounded by northern ribbed fen.

[^1]:    Table 4-12 - Most commonly misclassified landscape classes amongst all classifications performed. Orange cells indicate that $>10 \%$ of pixels samples for the 750 sample size from the validation data was misclassified for all classifications.
    

[^2]:    | Landscape Type | North | South | Total | $\begin{array}{c}\text { \% Total } \\ \text { Coverage }\end{array}$ |
    | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
    | $1-$ Water Class | 1791749 | 5261085 | $7,052,834$ | $20.49 \%$ |
    | $30-$ Mat Around Pools | 657000 | 1601517 | $2,258,517$ | $6.56 \%$ |
    | $40-$ Bog - Lichen | 913917 | 2429941 | $3,343,858$ | $9.72 \%$ |
    | $50-$ Bog - Lichen $/$ Conifer | 2638000 | 7955821 | $10,593,821$ | $30.78 \%$ |
    | $60-$ Bog - Dense Conifer | 302353 | 994471 | $1,296,824$ | $3.77 \%$ |
    | $70-$ Fen - Dense Conifer | 754453 | 2273655 | $3,028,108$ | $8.80 \%$ |
    | $80-$ Riparian Fen / Sedges | 293736 | 677322 | 971,058 | $2.82 \%$ |
    | $90-$ Fen - Poor Fen | 2110756 | 3757570 | $5,868,326$ | $17.05 \%$ |
    | Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 6 1 , 9 6 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 9 5 1 , 3 8 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 , 4 1 3 , 3 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 0 \%}$ |

