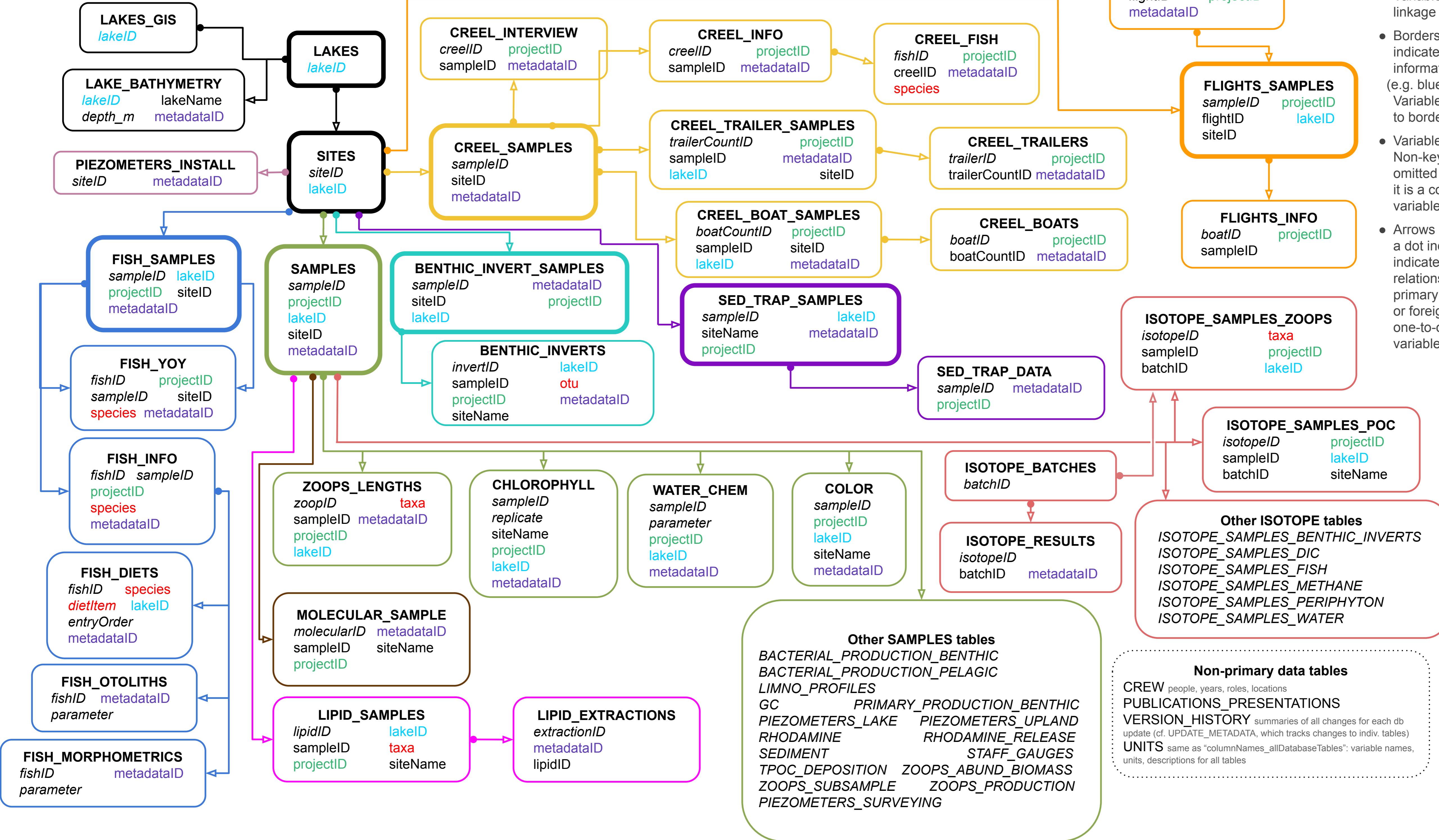


**Structure:** LAKES > SITES > SAMPLES tables  
> Other tables

# MFE DATABASE SCHEMA | KEYS

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- NOTES:**
- Variable ID's with matching colors indicate a linkage in the absence of an arrow.
  - Borders/arrows with matching colors indicate groups of tables containing related information (e.g. blue = fish tables; yellow = creel tables). Variable ID colors are not intended to relate to border/arrow colors.
  - Variables listed are *primary* or *foreign keys*. Non-key variables are omitted. 'updateID' is omitted from the diagram for brevity, though it is a column in all tables. Multiple italicized variables form a composite primary key.
  - Arrows show types of dyadic relationships: a dot indicates "one"; an empty arrowhead indicates "many". In one-to-many relationships, the joining variable is the primary key in the "one" table and a primary or foreign key in the "many" table. In one-to-one relationships, the joining variable is the primary key in both tables.

## ZOOPS\_COEFFICIENTS

*taxa*  
equations for zoop mass (ug) in terms of body length

## OTU

*otu*  
Taxonomic names/groups for organisms

## METADATA

*metadataID*  
Documentation of field and lab procedures, sampling, etc.

## PROJECTS

*projectID*  
Descriptions, years, personnel, etc. for projects/experiments

## UPDATE\_METADATA

*updateID*  
Documentation for each table version/update: tracking changes.  
NOTE: To save space, I haven't listed updateID in each table's column names, but each table should have an 'updateID' column.

## DRY\_MASS\_EQUATIONS

*OTU*  
Literature-derived equations for calculating dry mass of inverts etc.

## LAB\_EXPERIMENTS

Descriptions of experiments conducted in the lab, not represented elsewhere in the database, and links to files.