Analysis scripts are available at: https://github.com/immanuelazn/saanich denitrification SI072

## **SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES**

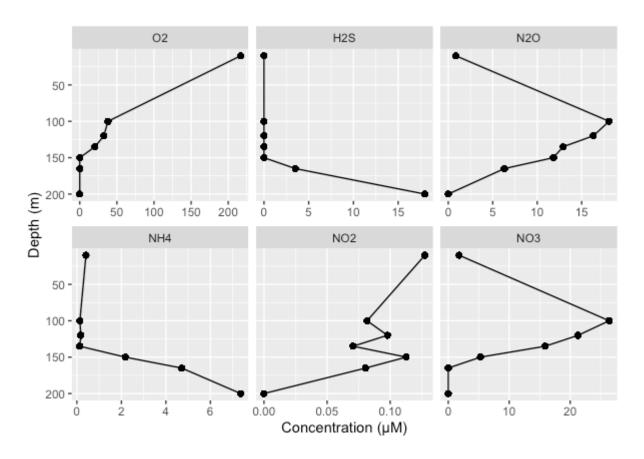
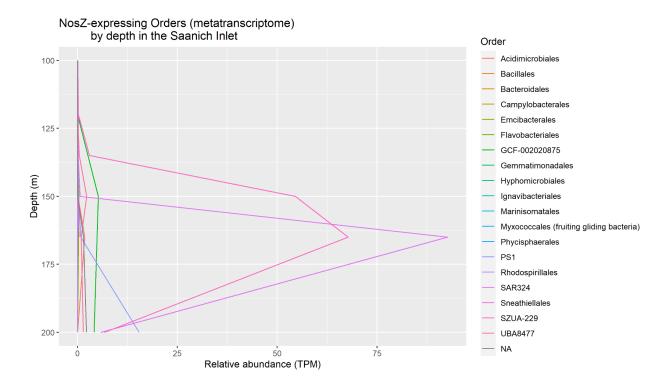


Figure S1. Nutrient concentrations measured across varying depths of the Saanich Inlet.

[H<sub>2</sub>S], [N<sub>2</sub>O], [NH<sub>4</sub>], and [NO<sub>2</sub>] represent the mean concentration at the given depths of the Saanich Inlet. [O<sub>2</sub>] was measured with conductivity, temperature, and depth (CTD) instrumentation. [O<sub>2</sub>] decreases with depth while [NH<sub>4</sub>] appears to increase past 150 m. [N<sub>2</sub>O] and [NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>] peak at a midway depth of approximately 100m. [NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>] decreases until a fluctuation point between 100-150 m, after which it continues to decrease.

Gene product	Metabolic reaction	$\Delta_f G^\circ$ (kcal/mol)
NarI	$NO_3^- \rightarrow NO_2^-$	-69.334
NapA	$NO_3^- \rightarrow NO_2^-$	-74.12053
NirK	$NO_2^- \rightarrow NO$	-45.3
NorB	$NO \rightarrow N_2O$	8.969482
NosZ	$N_2O \rightarrow N_2$	34.26947

Table S1. Standard Gibbs free energy formation for each gene analyzed in the Denitrification pathway.



**Figure S2. SAR234 and SZUA-299 dominate** *nosZ* **expression at 165 m.** Figure depicting metatranscriptomic data for *nosZ* resolved to the order level.

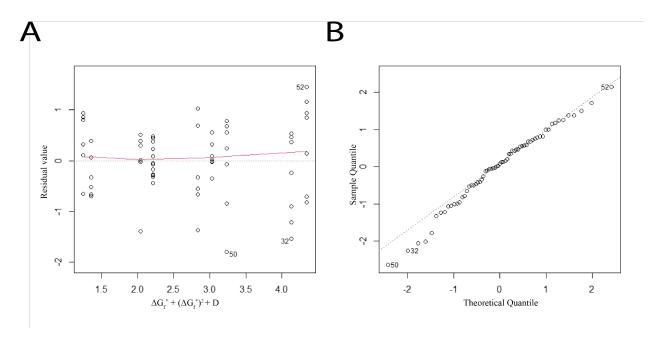


Figure S3. Diagnostic plots of the regression model between standard Gibbs free energy of reaction and Shannon diversity. A. Residuals compared to predictors. B. Quantile-quantile plot. Predictor variables exhibit a minor left skew.