















the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office of National Statistics 2000). The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase to 6.5 million by 2020, and the number of people aged 75 and over to 4.5 million (Office of National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the health care needs of older people, and a number of initiatives have been launched to improve the health care of older people. The Department of Health has launched a number of initiatives to improve the health care of older people, including the 'Age Friendly' initiative, which aims to make health care services more accessible and friendly to older people (Department of Health 2000). The 'Age Friendly' initiative is a national programme to improve the health care of older people, and it is based on the principle that older people should be able to live independently and safely in their own homes for as long as possible.

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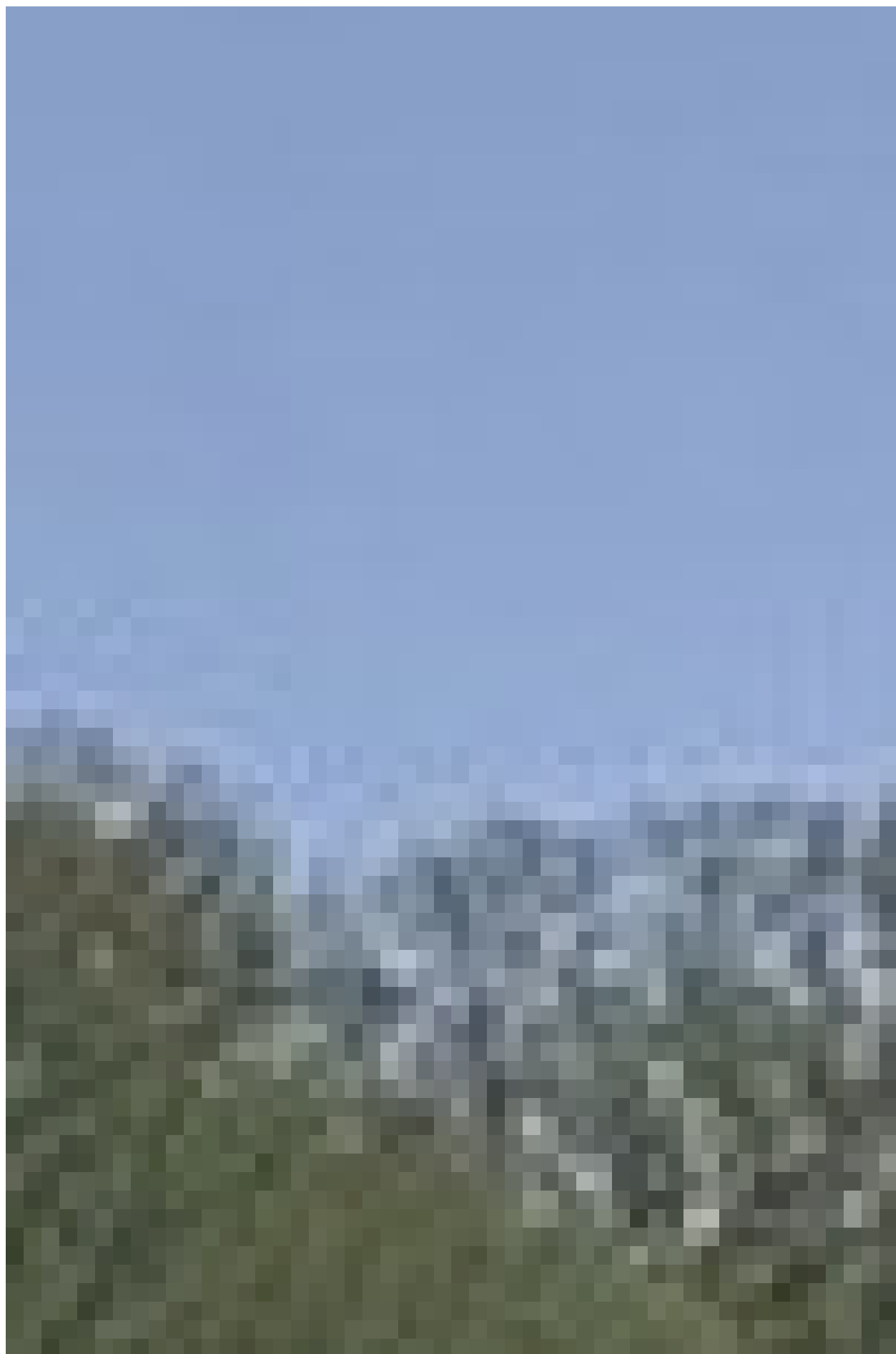




















































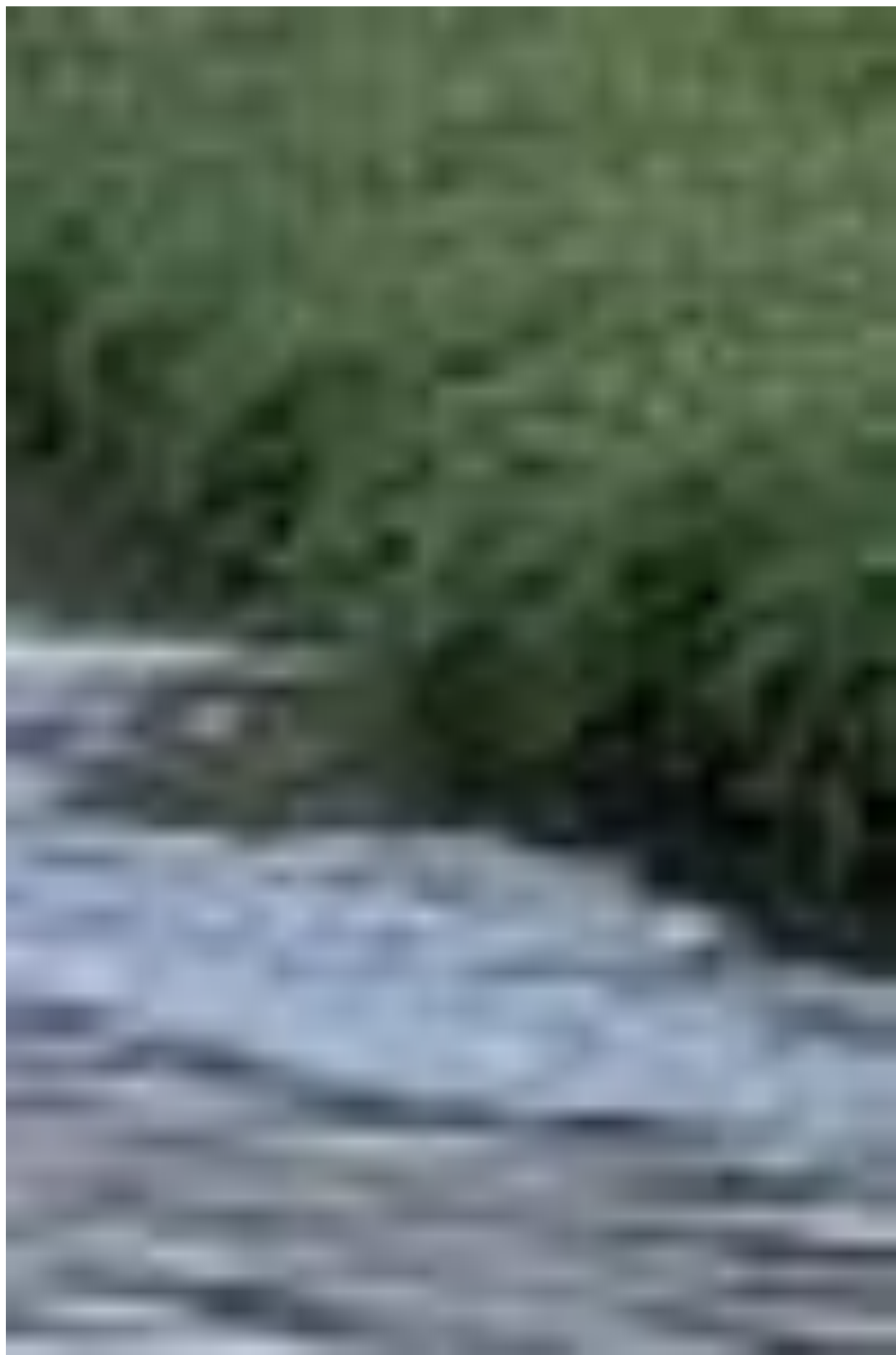






























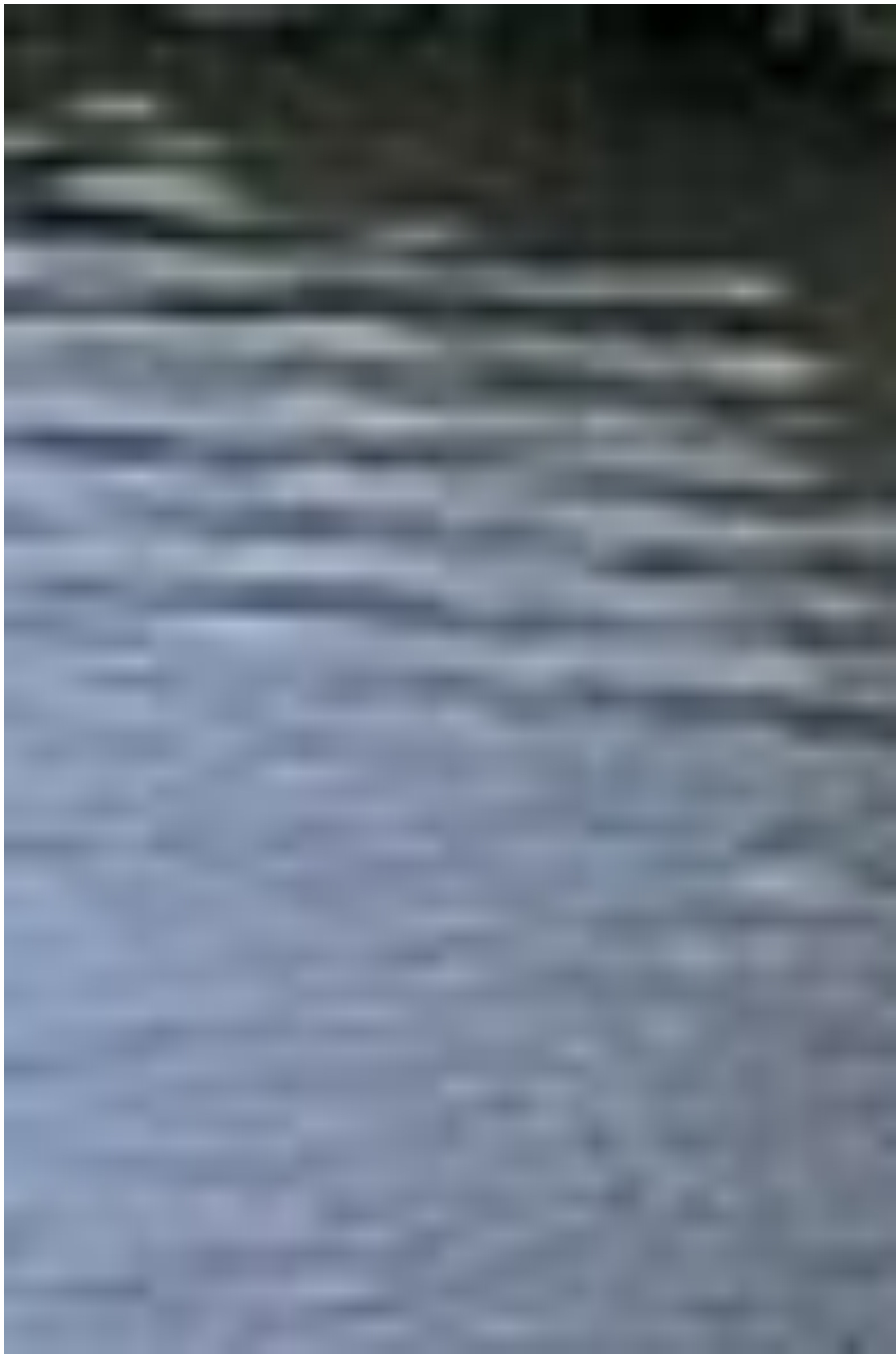


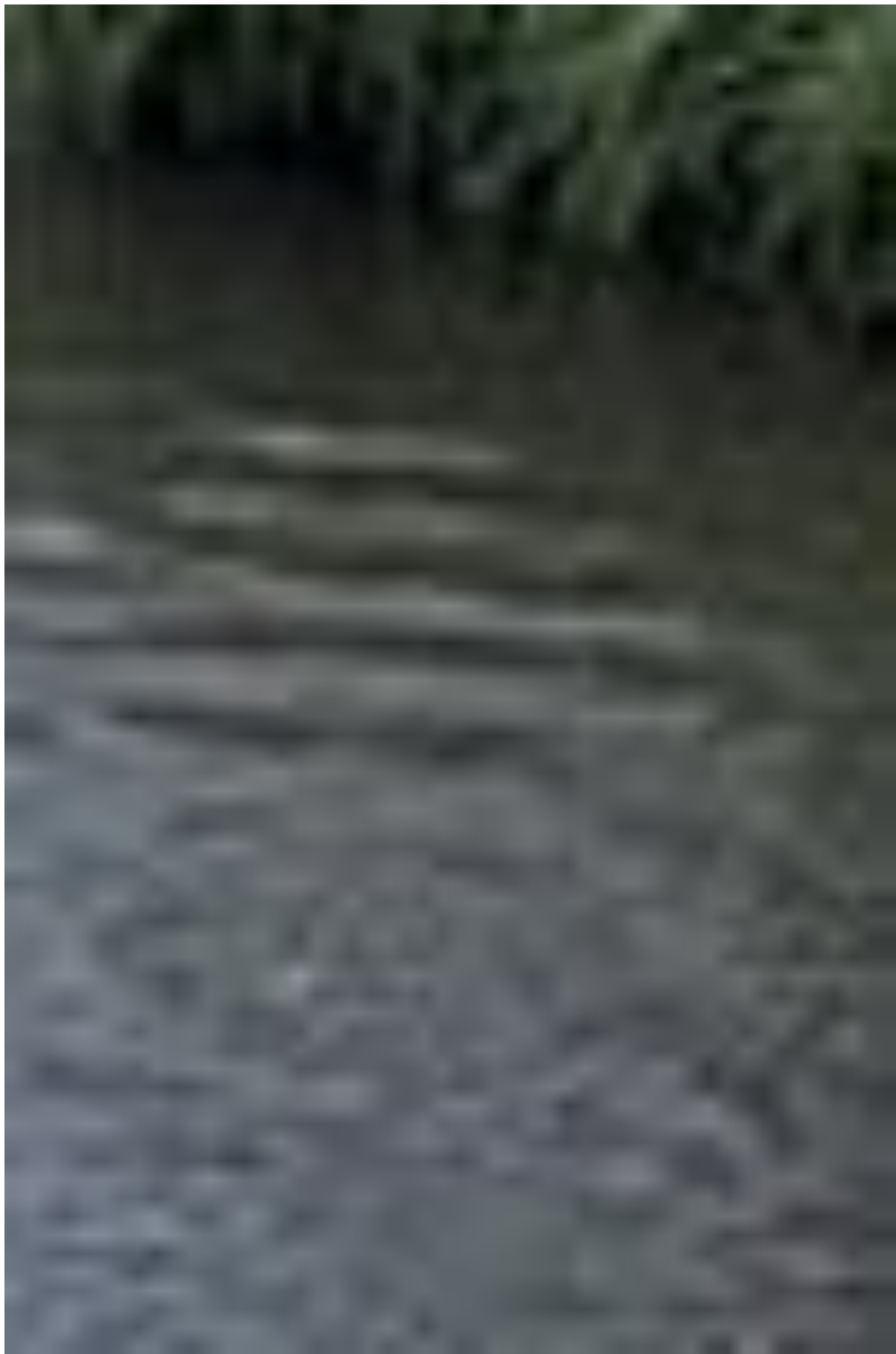






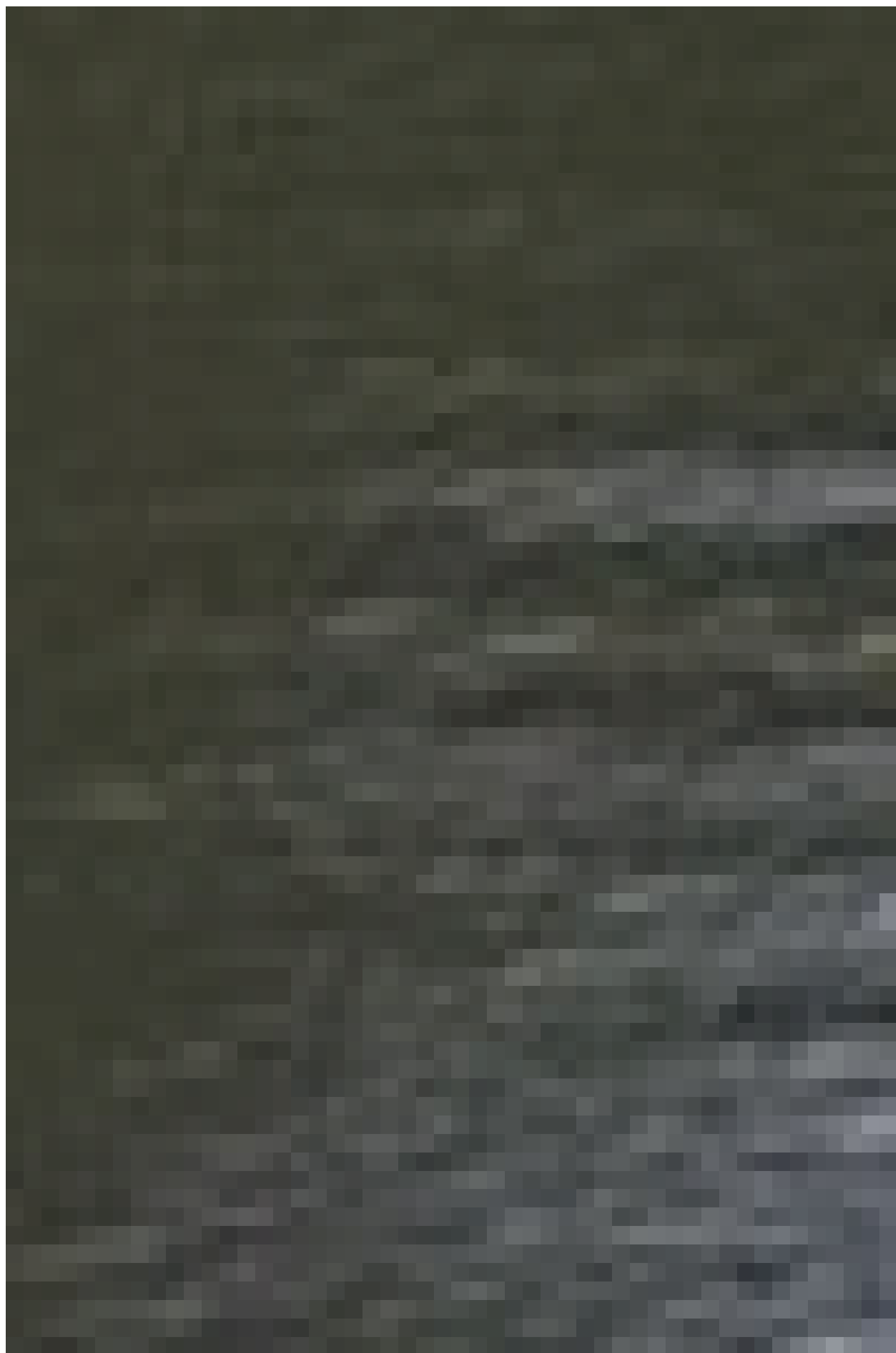


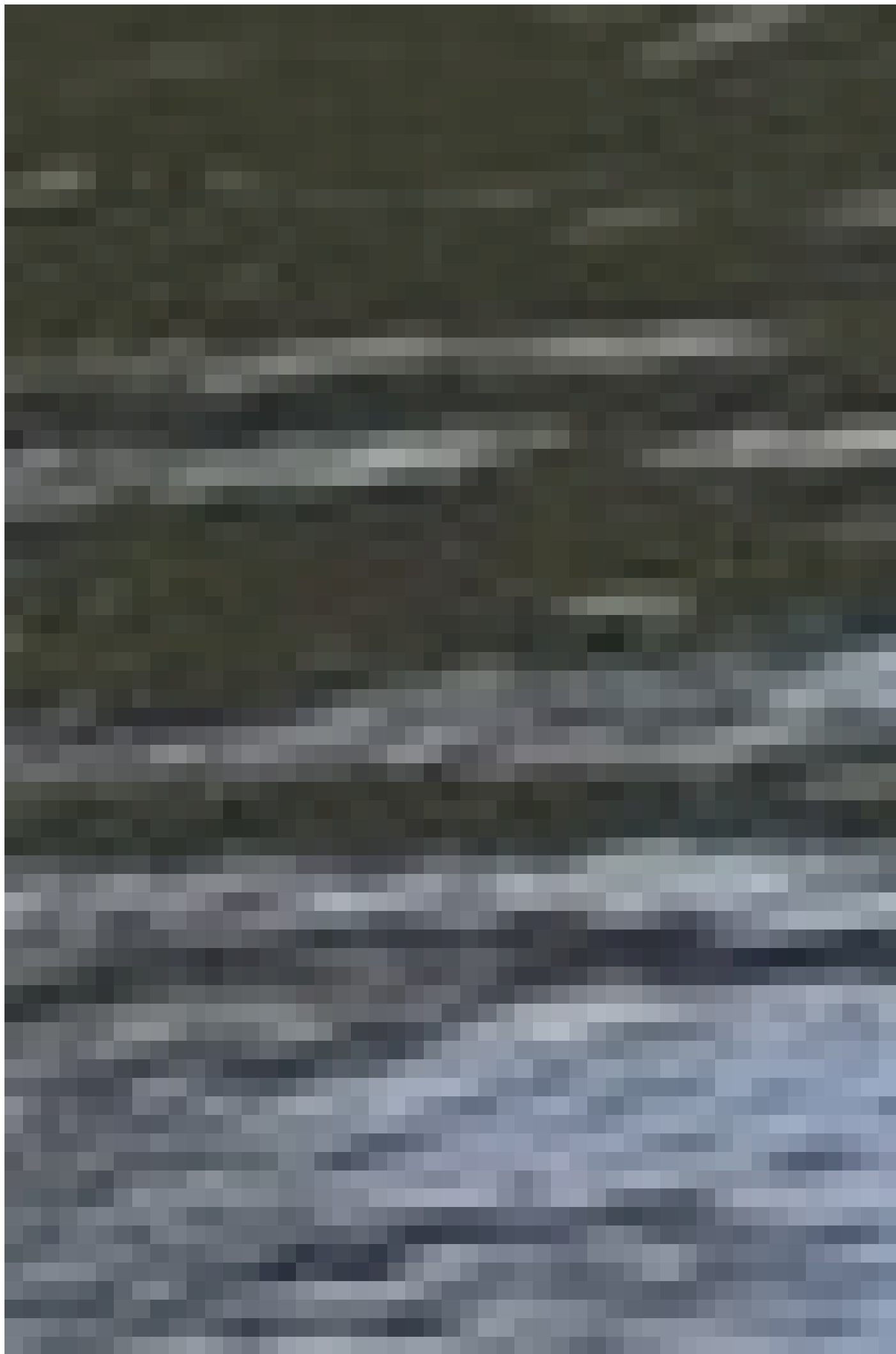






















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