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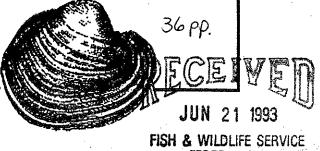
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ABSTRACT: A survey for additional populations of the federally endangered freshwater mussel, Potamilus capax, was conducted in the lower Wabash River in summer of 1991. To determine the host species, fishes were collected in the lower Wabash River in summer of 1992. Areas of suitable habitat (i.e. soft substrates around islands) from Mt. Carmel downstream to near the Ohio River were sampled for P. capax. Although no new localities were discovered above or below where P. capax was documented in recent studies, living mussels were found at Mink and Mackeys islands, Posey County, Indiana where only shells were found previously. Fishes were collected monthly from April through August 1992 and inspected for glochidia in order to determine the host species of P. capax. Five hundred ninety-nine fishes of 32 species were examined, and three species were found with encysted glochidia. A single glochidium identified as P. capax was found on a freshwater drum (Aplodinotus grunniens) collected in the month of June. The majority of glochidia examined were determined to be Potamilus ohiensis. Other species found included Leptodea fragilis, Potamilus alatus, Truncilla sp., and unidentified members of the subfamily Anodontinae.

INTRODUCTION

The fat pocketbook, *Potamilus capax* (Green, 1832) (Unionidae: Lampsilinae), was historically widespread in the Mississippi River drainage, and occurred from the Falls at St. Anthony, Minnesota, southeast to the lower Wabash and Ohio rivers, and west to the St. Francis River drainage of Arkansas. The fat pocketbook has undergone a marked reduction in range in the last 50 years, and is thought to be limited to three areas within its former range: the St. Francis River drainage in Arkansas, the lower Wabash and Ohio rivers in Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky, and the Mississippi River in Missouri (Bates and Dennis, 1983; Sickel, 1987; USFWS, 1989; Cummings et al., 1990) (Fig. 1). Because of the drastic reduction in the overall range of the species, the fat pocketbook was listed as a Federally Endangered Species on 14 June 1976 (USFWS, 1976).

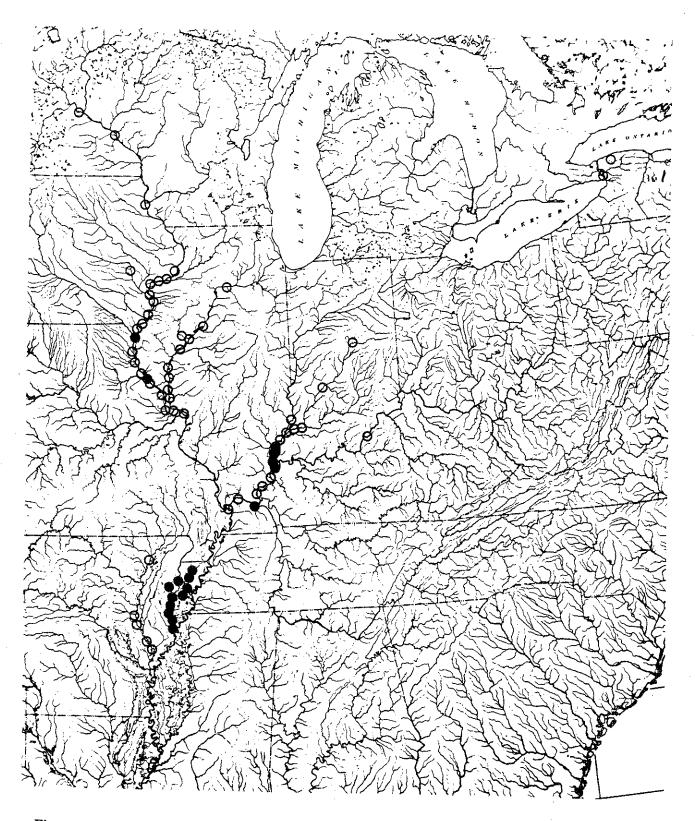


Figure 1. Total range and present distribution of the fat pocketbook, *Potamilus capax* (Green, 1832) in the Interior Basin. Open circles represent historic records, solid circles represent locations where live mussels were found or transplanted.

In 1987, during a survey of the unionid fauna of the Wabash River drainage, nine live *P. capax* were found in the lower part of the river. Both juveniles and adults were found indicating that a reproducing population was present. The fat pocketbook was considered to be relatively common among a total of 19 live species found; however, unionid diversity has been drastically reduced in the river below Mt. Carmel (Cummings et al., 1992) and very few mussels were collected.

The *P. capax* population of the lower Wabash River appears stable and is large relative to other sympatric mussels. The habitat for *P. capax* is slow to moderately flowing water around islands over a substrate composed of silt, mud, and sand. This report is a follow-up to a study of the distribution, status, and life-history of the fat pocketbook conducted in the lower Wabash River in 1989 (Cummings et al., 1990). The objectives of this study were to survey potential sites for *P. capax* at selected locations in the lower Wabash River and to collect and examine fishes for the presence of glochidia to determine the host(s) for *P. capax*.

METHODS

Mussel Sampling

Mussels were sampled in the lower Wabash River in August and September of 1991. Sites were chosen based on recent occurrence or likelihood of encountering live individuals of *P. capax*. Sampling was concentrated in the preferred habitat of *P. capax* (around islands in soft mud) from near the confluence of the White River (about 3 miles north of Mt. Carmel) downstream to Mink Island (just south of New Harmony) (Fig. 2). Specific islands investigated included:

- 1. unnamed islands at Grand Rapids, 1.75 miles north of Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois, T15S, R12W, sec 15/16.
- 2. Patoka Island, 0.5 miles southeast of Mt. Carmel, Gibson County, Indiana, T1S, R12W, sec. 28.
- 3. Coffee Island, Rochester, Wabash County, Illinois, T2S, R13W, sec. 14.
- 4. Mink Island, south of New Harmony, Posey County, Indiana, T5S, R14W, sec. 22/27.
- 5. unnamed island (=Capax Island), 3.5 miles southeast of New Haven, III., Posey County, Indiana, T8S, R15W, sec. 2.
- 6. Mackeys (=Hurricane) Island, Posey County, Indiana, T8S, R10E, sec. 13.

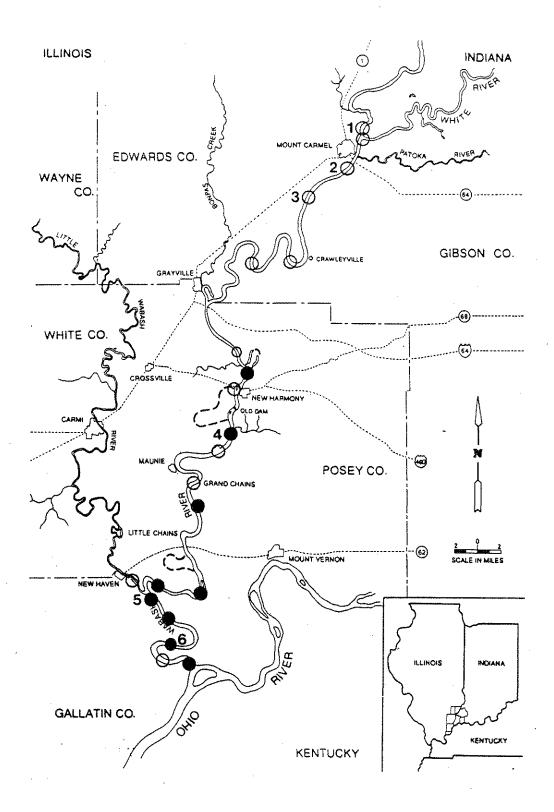


Figure 2. Distribution of the fat pocketbook, *Potamilus capax* (Green, 1832) in the lower Wabash River. Open circles represent locations of relict shells of *P. capax*, solid circles represent locations where live *P. capax* were found in 1987, 1989, and 1991. Numbers indicate sites sampled in 1991.

All live *P. capax* collected were measured to the nearest millimeter, photographed, and returned to the substrate. Additional data from Mink and Mackeys (=Hurricane) islands were provided by Ray Fisher, Illinois Department of Conservation (IDOC) - retired.

Fish Sampling

Fishes were collected monthly in the lower Wabash River at Capax Island from April through August 1992 in an attempt to identify the host(s) species for *P. capax*. This site was chosen because it was known to contain a relatively large population of fat pocketbooks. Collections were made with a 10' x 4' minnow seine on 16 April, 21 May, and 23 July and with a boat electroshocker on 16 April, 22 May, 26 June, and 28 August. All fishes (excluding endangered species) were preserved in 10% buffered formalin, returned to the laboratory, identified, counted, and measured (standard length). In the laboratory, opercular flaps were removed from each fish, and the gills and fins examined under a dissecting microscope. All fish species examined are listed in Table 1.

Identification of Glochidia

The ax-head shaped or ligulate glochidia of the genus *Potamilus* are unique and can be easily separated from all other genera in the family Unionidae found in the North America. Glochidia were identified to species using a key written by Cummings et al. (1990) and reproduced below. A detailed description of the glochidium of *P. capax* is also given.

Key to the Glochidia of Potamilus in the Wabash River Drainage.

Table 1. List of fish species examined for glochidia in the lower Wabash River, 1992. (32 species, 599 individuals)

	# of Fish Examined	# Fish Infected (%)
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LEPISOSTEIDAE (2)		
Lepisosteus osseus	1	
Lepisosteus platostomus	1	
HIODONTIDAE (1)		
Hiodon alosoides	1	
CLUPEIDAE (91)		
Alosa chrysochloris	1	
Dorosoma cepedianum	. 90	
CYPRINIDAE (198)		
Cyprinella spiloptera	72	
Cyprinus carpio	5	
Ericymba buccata	1	
Hybognathus nuchalis	9	
Macrhybopsis storeriana	1	
Notropis atherinoides	24	
Notropis blennius	$\overline{20}$	
Notropis buchanani	4	
Notropis ludibundus	10	
Phenacobius mirabilis	ĭ	
Pimephales vigilax	51	
CATOSTOMIDAE (79)	31	
Carpiodes carpio	2	
Carpiodes cyprinus	16	
Carpiodes velifer	58	2 (201)
Ictiobus bubalus	3	2 (3%)
ICTALURIDAE (84)	3	žė.
Ictalurus furcatus	6	
Ictalurus punctatus	77	1 (107)
Pylodictis olivaris	1	1 (1%)
MORONIDAE (4)		
Morone chrysops	4	
	4	
CENTRARCHIDAE (23)	2	
Lepomis cyanellus	2	
Lepomis humilis	1	
Lepomis macrochirus	10	
Lepomis megalotis	3	
Micropterus punctulatus	3 5 2	•
Pomoxis nigromaculatus	2	
PERCIDAE (6)	_	
Stizostedion canadense	6	
SCIAENIDAE (111)		
Aplodinotus grunniens	111	54 (49%)
TOTAL	5 00	EC (0.01)
LUIAU	599	56 (9%)

Potamilus capax (Green, 1832) - (Fig. 3 a-d). Glochidium small with a mean height of 172.10 ± 8.55 um (range = 154 - 185 um, N = 20). Ax-head shaped or ligulate, with lanceolate hooks at the lateral margins of the ventral flange (Fig. 3 a,b). The dorsal margin is straight to slightly curved, 55.90 ± 2.69 um in length (range = 50 - 60 um, N = 20), with small alae on either side of the hinge. Under low magnification, the surface appears smooth except near the dorsal end where it is slightly malleated or wrinkled. Under high magnification the surface sculpture is apparent and vermiculate (Fig. 3 d). The ventral margin is slightly curved. The hooks are large in relation to the body size (Fig. 3 a,b). Micropoints are present on the ventral margin, but are extremely reduced and appear unorganized (Fig. 3 b). The valves are inflated and unequal at the ventral end with one side fitting inside the other (Fig. 3 a,c). A large lateral valve gape is present.

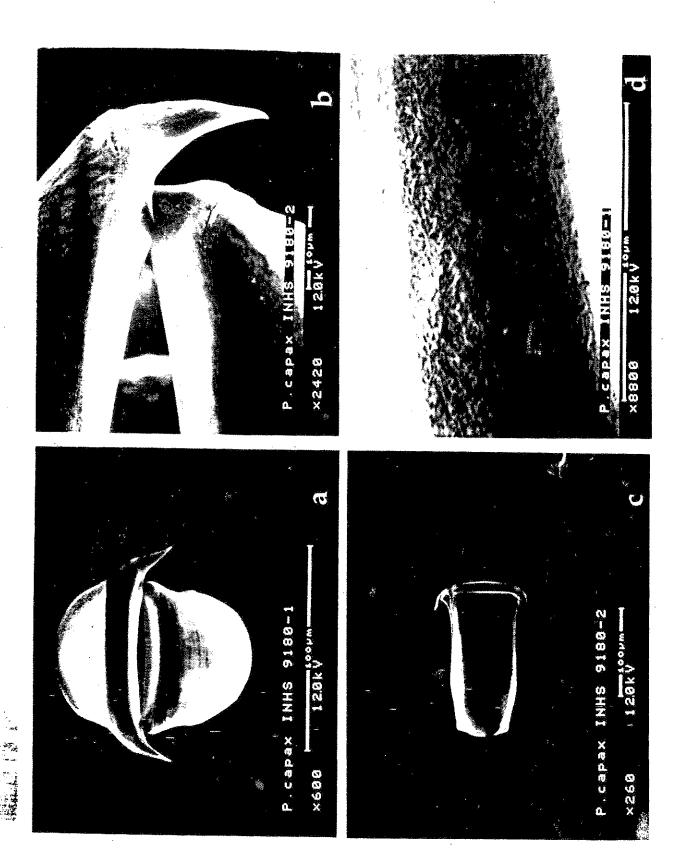
RESULTS & DISCUSSION

Distribution and Status

In 1989, a survey for *P. capax* was conducted at 14 sites from the confluence of the Wabash and Ohio rivers upstream to three miles north of New Harmony (Fig. 2). A total of 67 live *P. capax* was found at four of the sites, and fresh-dead shells were present at an additional site. Sixty-two of the 67 *P. capax* found were collected by hand, although a brail was used at all sites.

Most of the live *P. capax* were found around three islands. Two of the islands were adjacent to one another and are connected during periods of low flow. At this site (Capax Island), fat pocketbooks were relatively common in a narrowly defined area on the downward slope of the island and at the point where the slope met the stream bed. All were found in fine silt and mud, between 50-150 mm thick, overlying a stable sand substrate. Most were collected from depths of 25 to 150 cm in water currents of 0.00 - 0.33 meters per second.

Surveys were made at six islands in 1991 in order to determine if *P. capax* occurred in similar habitat throughout the lower Wabash River and to see if we could extend the known distribution for the species upstream (Fig. 2). A list of the sites visited and the species found is given in Appendix I.



(a) ventral view, (b) close-up the the ventral-lateral hook, (c) exterior valve, (d) surface sculpture. Figure 3. Glochidia of Potamilus capax, INHS 9180, St. Francis Floodway, Cross County, Arkansas.

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No live fat pocketbooks were found upstream from where they were collected in 1989. However, live *P. capax* were present at Mink and Mackeys islands in Posey County, Indiana in August and September 1991. In August, six individuals were found on the west side of the island by IDOC biologist Ray Fisher. In September, an additional eight individuals were found in a pool on the west side of the island. The pool, separated from the river due to receding waters, measured approximately 200' long by 50' wide with a maximum depth of one foot. Substrate in the pool was mostly silt, mud, and sand. Another 46 individuals were found stranded by receding waters at Mackeys Island near the confluence with the Ohio River by Ray Fisher (IDOC) in August 1991. All *P. capax* were measured and returned to the river. A summary of the size classes for Mink and Mackeys islands is given in Table 2. The mussels ranged from 63 to 129 mm in length, with a mean of 87 mm. No juveniles were found in 1991 and the level of recruitment is unknown.

Table 2. Potamilus capax size classes for Mink and Mackeys islands, Wabash River, 1991.

Wabash River, W side of Mink Island, T5S, R14W, sec. 22/27, Posey County, Indiana, 29 August and 25 September 1991.

60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100-109	110-119	120-129
	3	3	2	2	1	3

Wabash River, Indiana side of Mackeys (=Hurricane) Island, T8S, R10E, sec. 13 Posey County, Indiana, 27-28 August 1991.

60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100-109	110-119	120-129
2	14	14	15	1		

From this information it appears that *P. capax* occurs in suitable habitat from the Ohio River upstream to just north of New Harmony, Indiana (Fig. 2). Efforts to locate a population above this point were unsuccessful. Factors limiting the upstream range of *P. capax* in the Wabash River are unclear but may be due to habitat constraints of the host species. Records for the freshwater drum, a possible primary host for *P. capax*, are rare above the confluence of the Wabash and White rivers and may explain the absence of the fat pocketbook above this point (Gerking, 1945; Smith, 1979). In addition, the substrate above the mouth of the White River is largely composed of gravel and islands are scarce.

Host Species and Reproduction

Recent work by Neves and co-workers (Zale and Neves, 1982; Neves et al., 1985; Yeager and Neves 1986; Neves and Widlak, 1988) has shown a striking example of host specificity as it relates to the higher classification of fishes and unionids. Their studies documented a strong relationship between subfamilies of mussels and orders or subclasses of fishes. Although there are exceptions, cypriniforms and siluriforms (Ostariophysi) most often serve as hosts for mussels in the subfamily Ambleminae, while perciforms are the most commonly recognized hosts for lampsilines. Salmoniforms are the primary host for members of the subfamily Margaritiferinae while anodontines appear to be the least selective in respect to host specificity.

Gravid Period

Members of the freshwater mussel genus *Potamilus* are in the subfamily Lampsiline and are considered long term breeders or bradytictic. In bradytictic species the eggs are fertilized in the late summer, mature in the fall and winter, and are carried in the marsupium until the following spring or summer when they are released to infect the appropriate host(s).

Gravid females of the pink heelsplitter, *Potamilus alatus*, were found from fall through early winter in Pool 7 of the Mississippi River. Glochidia were released from late May to early July (Holland-Bartels and Kammer, 1989). Surber (1913) reported females of *Potamilus ohiensis* with mature glochidia from the Mississippi River near Fairport, Iowa during April, June, and September. He further stated that fishes encysted with glochidia for *P. ohiensis* could be found almost year round, and that the period of parasitism likely lasted from September to the following October. However, only 2% of fish taken from June to November had encysted glochidia of *P. ohiensis*.

Surber (1912) and Coker et al., (1921) reported females of *P. capax* with glochidia in June, July, August, and September in the Mississippi River. Females collected from the Mississippi River on 5 October and from the Wabash River on 8 August were reported to be gravid and possess mature glochidia (Ortmann, 1914). A gravid female was taken in the Cumberland River at its confluence with the Ohio River in December of 1987 (Sickel, 1987).

Mussel Hosts at Capax Island

During this study, 599 fishes of 32 species were collected from April through August 1992 in the lower Wabash River and inspected for glochidia. The fish fauna at the study site was

dominated numerically by Cyprinidae (33%) followed by Scienidae (19%), Clupeidae (15%), Ictaluridae (14%), and Catostomidae (13%). Individuals in the remaining five families made up only 6% of the fauna (Table 1). Fifty-six individuals (9%) of three species were infected with a total of 633 encysted glochidia. A month by month listing of the fish species, number collected, range and mean size, number infected, and the number and species of glochidia are given in Appendices II and III.

The three fish species and percent with glochidia were as follows: freshwater drum, Aplodinotus grunniens (Scienidae) (49%); highfin carpsucker, Carpiodes velifer (Catostomidae) (3%) and channel catfish, Ictalurus punctatus (Ictaluridae) (1%). Glochidial infestations ranged from one to 103, and averaged 11 per infected fish. Glochidia of P. ohiensis were the most common species found in April and Truncilla sp. was dominant in June. The three fish species with encysted glochidia are discussed in detail below.

Freshwater Drum - Aplodinotus grunniens

The freshwater drum is the known host for 11 species of mussels including three species currently placed in the genus Potamilus (P. alatus, P. purpuratus, and P. ohiensis) (Coker and Surber, 1911; Howard, 1913; Surber, 1913). Howard and Anson (1922) speculated on the drum as the host of P. capax and stated that "certain species of mussels in their parasitism are restricted to a single species or genus of hosts. A striking example of adaptation is that of Aplodinotus grunniens Raf. which is the sole known carrier of eight or more species of mussels" including Potamilus alatus, P purpuratus, P. capax (probable), P. ohiensis, Leptodea fragilis, Truncilla donaciformis, T. truncata, and Ellipsaria lineolata. Other glochidia reported from freshwater drum include: Megalonaias nervosa, Anodonta grandis, Arcidens confragosus, and Lampsilis higginsi (Wilson, 1916; Surber, 1913; Hoggarth, 1992).

During this study, 54 of 111 (49%) freshwater drum examined were found with encysted glochidia. At least five different species were found on drum including: *Potamilus capax*, *P. alatus*, *P. ohiensis*, *Leptodea fragilis*, and *Truncilla sp*. The species of *Truncilla* were not positively identified to species but were thought to be *T. donaciformis*. All except *P. capax* have been previously verified as occurring on drum (Hoggarth, 1992).

The most common glochidia found were *Potamilus ohiensis*, and this species was restricted to freshwater drum in this study. Glochidia of *P. ohiensis* were found only on drum

collected in April and May. The greatest infestation occurred in April with 68% of the drum bearing glochidia. In April, 26 of 27 drum with encysted glochidia had from one to 61 *P. ohiensis* attached with a average of 16 per fish (Appendix III). Three of five infested drum collected in May contained glochidia of *P. ohiensis*.

The second most common species found on drum was Truncilla, encysted on 17 of the 18 infested fishes examined in June. Glochidia of Truncilla were found in April, June, July, and August, but were most common in June (Appendix III). Leptodea fragilis was the third most common species found, but were present on only six of 111 drum examined. Two glochidia of Potamilus alatus were found on drum, one in April and one in May. A single glochidium of P. capax was found on a drum (125.1 mm standard length) collected in June. Although this individual was the only evidence of P. capax found, it was completely encysted and there was no indication that it would be sloughed or rejected.

Highfin Carpsucker - Carpiodes velifer

We found three glochidia on two individuals of the highfin carpsucker in the May sample (Appendix III). They have not been identified to species at this time but are members of the subfamily Anodontinae. Glochidia of anodontines are usually attached externally on the fins, but are occasionally attached to gills. The only anodontines found in the lower Wabash River today are Anodonta grandis, A. imbecillis, Arcidens confragosus, and Lasmigona complanata (Cummings et al., 1992). A review of the literature suggests that catostomids are unlikely as hosts of the fat pocketbook. All reported glochidia found on suckers have been anodontines with the exceptions of Megalonaias nervosa found on Carpiodes velifer (Howard, 1914, Coker et al., 1921) and Margaritifera falcata found on Catostomus tahoensis (Murphy, 1942). The known catostomid-unionid relationships are as follows: Catostomus commersoni - Anodonta cataracta, A. implicata, Alasmidonta marginata (Wiles, 1975; Davenport and Warmuth, 1965; Howard and Anson, 1922); Moxostoma macrolepidotum - Alasmidonta marginata; Hypentelium nigricans - Alasmidonta marginata (Howard and Anson, 1922).

Channel Catfish - Ictalurus punctatus

A single individual out of 77 channel catfish examined was found with two encysted glochidia (Appendices II and III). Based on size and shape they are provisionally identified as *Quadrula quadrula*. Although common at the study site and a known feeder on mollusks (Forbes and Richardson, 1908) channel catfish are not likely hosts of *P. capax*. Channel catfish and other ictalurids are rarely reported as hosts of lampsilines, and are primarily

associated with amblemines. With the exceptions of Anodonta grandis reported from the yellow bullhead, Ameiurus natalis, and Actinonaias ligamentina and Lampsilis siliquoidea reported from the tadpole madtom, Noturus gyrinus, all glochidia found on catfish have been amblemines. Glochidia reported from channel catfish include Megalonaias nervosa, Quadrula nodulata, and Q. pustulosa. The other known ictalurid-unionid relationships are as follows: Ameiurus nebulosus, Ameiurus melas - Megalonaias nervosa, Quadrula pustulosa; Noturus gyrinus - Megalonaias nervosa; Pylodictus olivaris - Megalonaias nervosa, Quadrula quadrula, Q. nodulata, Q. pustulosa, Elliptio dilatata (Howard, 1913; 1914, Wilson, 1916; Coker et al., 1921; Howard and Anson, 1922; Hoggarth, 1992).

Other Fishes

The three fish species on which glochidia were found were among the top five most abundant fishes collected at the study site. Gizzard shad, *Dorosoma cepedianum*, and spotfin shiners, *Cyprinella spiloptera*, were ranked second and fourth in terms of abundance, but were devoid of glochidia. Gizzard shad have been reported as hosts to four species of mussels: *Anodonta grandis*, *Arcidens confragosus*, *Megalonaias nervosa*, and *Elliptio dilatata* (Hoggarth, 1992), and spotfin shiners are the known host of only one species, *Quadrula cylindrica* (Yeager and Neves, 1986). None of the five mussels listed above are common in the lower Wabash River today. Although no perciforms other than freshwater drum were found with glochidia, the sample size was small (N = 33) and additional effort should be placed on this group in trying to determine the host(s) for *P. capax*.

Incidence of Parasitism

Holland-Bartels and Kammer (1989) examined the reproductive period and host relationship of three species (Amblema plicata, Lampsilis cardium, and Potamilus alatus) in the Upper Mississippi River. They found that only 4% of nearly 2000 fishes collected had infestations, with a mean of three glochidia per fish. Twelve of the 33 species of fishes they examined were infested (7 Cyprinidae, 1 each of Esocidae, Catostomidae, Moronidae, Centrarchidae, and Percidae) but no species list was given. Of the perciforms examined, 24% were infested, with an average of six glochidia per fish. This high incidence of parasitism points to the importance of perciforms in mussel reproduction in general and lampsilines specifically.

In the North Fork Holston River, Neves and Widlak (1988) reported 14% of 4800 fishes collected with encysted glochidia (41 species in 7 families collected; 23 species in 4 families

with glochidia). Most infected fish had light infestations averaging from one to ten glochidia. Overall, 79% of lampsiline-infected hosts had ten or fewer glochidia attached compared with 47% for amblemine-infested hosts.

In trying to determine the host for Lampsilis siliquoidea, Trdan (1981) examined 18 species of fishes from eight families. He reported glochidial infestations on seven species (all perciforms). The percent infected ranged from 1.9 on bluegill to 11.1 on largemouth bass. The intensity of infestation ranged from one to 58 glochidia per fish; the mean number per host ranged from four to 18, and averaged a little over 13 for all hosts combined.

In this study, 56 of 599 individuals (9%) of three species were found with 633 encysted glochidia. The intensity of infestation ranged from one to 103 glochidia per fish, with an average of 11 for all hosts combined. The numbers of individuals and species of glochidia found approximate the relative abundance of adult mussels at Capax Island with the exception of two species: 1.) The fat pocketbook, one of the most common species found at the study site, was only found on one fish; 2.) The large number of *Truncilla* found is not consistent with the composition of the resident mussel fauna (Appendix I). Possible explanations for the lack of *P. capax* on the fish we examined are: 1.) We missed the release period during our monthly sampling period (April - August); 2.) *P. capax* releases glochidia during the fall or winter; 3.) *P. capax* did not release glochidia or reproduce in 1992.

Zale and Neves (1982) reported that *Medionidus conradicus* released glochidia almost throughout the year, beginning in September and lasting well into summer, stopping during embryogenesis in July and August. In order to resolve the host question for *P. capax*, additional collecting should be done throughout the year with more intensive collecting during the spring and summer. However, the size of the river and extreme fluctuations in water level make collecting fish difficult and manpower intensive. Although we found encysted glochidia on freshwater drum, other species like the sauger should still be investigated. Our sample size of perciforms other than drum may not be large enough to rule out the other species in this order as potential hosts.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The *P. capax* population of the lower Wabash River appears stable and is fairly large relative to sympatric mussel species. We suggest that several steps be taken to insure its viability based on requirements of the species, and what we perceive to be actual and potential threats. Because the total area occupied is not large, disturbances to the lower Wabash River could have a major negative impact on *P. capax*.

- 1. Islands and their immediate surroundings must be protected, especially from dredging and channelizing operations. We also recommend that these types of operations be avoided on a large scale anywhere in the lower Wabash River.
- 2. Siltation and pollution are threats generated by agricultural runoff and urban/industrial waste. The increasing awareness of the problems associated with soil erosion and efforts to control it will undoubtedly be of benefit to *P. capax* and the entire aquatic community. We recommend that the appropriate governmental agencies insure that legally established water quality standards are met.
- 3. As stated in the recovery plan, monitoring at not more than 3-year intervals should be done to determine the viability of a population (USFWS, 1989). The Wabash River population should be placed on a monitoring schedule to check for changes in status and distribution.
- 4. The host species for *P. capax* appears to be the freshwater drum, *Aplodinotus grunniens*. However, only a single drum with one glochidia of *P. capax* was found in this study. Additional laboratory studies should be conducted to verify field observations. We recommend that additional work be done looking at freshwater drum and other perciforms throughout the year and that laboratory studies on transformation be conducted to verify field observations.
- 5. Before relocation projects are conducted, the Wabash River and Arkansas populations should be analyzed genetically to determine if differences exist. Genetic differences in the two populations could be a major consideration in future management of the species.

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Appendix I. Bivalve collections in the lower Wabash River, 1991. (L = live, D = dead, WD = weathered dead, SF = subfossil)

Site 1. Wabash River, unnamed islands at Grand Rapids, 1.75 mi N Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois, T15S, R12W, sec. 15/16, 29 August 1991, K.S. Cummings & C.A. Mayer

INHS 12341	Cumberlandia monodonta	2WD
INHS 12342	Leptodea fragilis	2L
INHS 12343	Obliquaria reflexa	2D
INHS 12344	Potamilus ohiensis	2L
INHS 12345	Corbicula fluminea	2L

Site 2. Wabash River, Patoka Island, 0.5 mi SE Mt. Carmel, Gibson County, Indiana, T1S, R12W, sec. 28, 29 August 1991, K.S. Cummings & C.A. Mayer

INHS 12356	Potamilus ohiensis	2L, gravid
INHS 12357	Corbicula fluminea	5L

Site 3. Wabash River, Coffee Island, at Rochester, Wabash County, Illinois, T2S, R13W, sec. 14, NE, 26 September 1991, K.S. Cummings & C.A. Mayer

INHS 13004	Amblema plicata	2L
INHS 13005	Anodonta grandis	1D
INHS 13006	Arcidens confragosus	1WD
INHS 13007	Ellipsaria lineolata	IWD
INHS 13008	Elliptio crassidens	1L, 2D
INHS 13009	Fusconaia ebena	1WD
INHS 13010	Lampsilis cardium	2L, gravid
INHS 13011	Lasmigona complanata	1D
INHS 13012	Leptodea fragilis	3L, gravid
INHS 13013	Obliquaria reflexa	4L
INHS 13014	Obovaria olivaria	2L, 2D
INHS 13015	Potamilus alatus	1D
INHS 13016	Potamilus ohiensis	1D
INHS 13017	Quadrula cylindrica	1SF
INHS 13018	Quadrula nodulata	îL
INHS 13019	Quadrula quadrula	4L
INHS 13020	Tritogonia verrucosa	3L
INHS 13021	Truncilla donaciformis	ĩĹ
INHS 13022	Truncilla truncata	2L
INHS 13023	Corbicula fluminea	16L

Site 4. Wabash River, Mink Island, W side of island, Posey County, Indiana, T5S, R14W, sec. 22/27, 25 September 1991, K.S. Cummings & C.A. Mayer

TRITTO 12401		
INHS 13401	Anodonta grandis	1D
INHS 13402	Epioblasma triquetra	1SF
INHS 13403	Lampsilis cardium	1D
INHS 13404	Lampsilis teres	2D
INHS 13405	Lasmigona complanata	1D
	Leptodea fragilis	8L
INHS 13406	Obliquaria reflexa	1D
INHS 13407	Obovaria olivaria	2D
INHS 13408	Potamilus capax	8L, 22D
INHS 13409	Potamilus oĥiensis	9L, 1D
INHS 13431	Quadrula nodulata	1D
	Quadrula quadrula	6L
•	Tritogonia verrucosa	1L
INHS 13410	Truncilla donaciformis	1D
INHS 13411	Truncilla truncata	ID
INHS 13412	Corbicula fluminea	1D

Site 4. Wabash River, below Mink Island, E bank Wabash River, Posey County, Indiana, T5S, R14W, sec. 27, NE, 25 September 1991, K.S. Cummings & C.A. Mayer

INHS 13114	Amblema plicata	1L
INHS 13115	Elliptio crassidens	1D
INHS 13116	Lampsilis cardium	2D
INHS 13117	Leptodea fragilis	1L, 1D
INHS 13118	Obliquaria reflexa	IL, 3D, 1WD
INHS 13119	Obovaria olivaria	19L, 3D
INHS 13120	Potamilus alatus	1D
INHS 13121	Potamilus capax	4D
INHS 13122	Potamilus ohiensis	1D
INHS 13123	Quadrula pustulosa	2L, 2D
INHS 13124	Quadrula quadrula	4L, 1D
INHS 13125	Tritogonia verrucosa	15L, 3D
INHS 13126	Truncilla donaciformis	3D
INHS 13127	Truncilla truncata	3D
INHS 13128	Corbicula fluminea	1D
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Site 4'. Wabash River, rm 38.8, below Mink Island, W bank across from Harmonie State Park, White County, Illinois, T5S, R14W, sec. 27, NW, 25 September 1991, K.S. Cummings & C.A. Mayer

•	Amblema plicata	1L
INHS 13433	Obliquaria reflexa	2D
INHS 13434	Obovaria olivaria	1D
INHS 13435	Potamilus capax	2D
	Potamilus ohiensis	1L
INHS 13436	Quadrula cylindrica	ISF

Site 5. Wabash River, 3.5 mi SE New Haven, Illinois, Capax Island, Posey County, Indiana, T8S, R15W, sec. 2, 30 August 1991, K.S. Cummings & C.A. Mayer

INHS 12346	Anodonta grandis	2L
INHS 12347	Lasmigona complanata	1D
INHS 12348	Leptodea fragilis	3L
INHS 12349	Obovaria olivaria	1L
INHS 12350	Potamilus alatus	1D
INHS 12351	Potamilus capax	3L, 24D
INHS 12352	Potamilus oĥiensis	6L
INHS 12353	Quadrula nodulata	11WD
INHS 12354	Truncilla donaciformis	11WD
INHS 12355	Corbicula fluminea	2L

Site 6. Wabash River, Mackeys (=Hurricane) Island, Posey, Indiana, T8S, R10E, sec. 13, SE, 27 & 28 August 1991, R. Fisher

INHS 13104	Amblema plicata	1D
INHS 13129	Anodonta grandis	ID
INHS 13105	Lampsilis cardium	1D '
INHS 13130	Lampsilis cardium	1D
INHS 13106	Lampsilis teres	1D
INHS 13107	Leptodea fragilis	ID
INHS 13108	Obliquaria reflexa	2D
INHS 13109	Obovaria olivaria	2D
INHS 13110	Potamilus alatus	1D
INHS 13111	Potamilus capax	15L, 22D
INHS 13131	Potamilus capax	31L, 15D, 6WD
INHS 13112	Potamilus ohiensis	2D
INHS 13132	Quadrula nodulata	1WD
INHS 13113	Ĉorbicula fluminea	1D

Appendix II. Month by month listing of fish species, number collected, mean size, size range, and number infected from sites on the lower Wabash River, 1992. (All measurements in millimeters)

1 mi N New Harmony, White Co., IL T4S, R14W, sec. 25. 16 April 1992 (Seine & Shock)

	# of Fish	Mean Size	Range	# Fish Infected
CLUPEIDAE				
Dorosoma cepedianum CYPRINIDAE	55	123.6	60.0 - 262.0	•
Cyprinus carpio	4	494.0	397.0 - 597.0	
Cyprinella spiloptera	35	36.7	23.6 - 48.5	_
Hybognathus nuchalis	1	73.8	-210 .012	•
Notropis atherinoides	13	65.2	43.4 - 74.1	
Notropis blennius	8	41.0	32.2 - 53.3	•
Notropis buchanani	. 4	32.2	30.7 - 34.8	س
Pimephales vigilax CATOSTOMIDAE	19	31.3	22.8 - 40.1	-
Carpiodes cyprinus	11	65.0	29.8 - 90.2	
Carpiodes velifer ICTALURIDAE	42	66.2	26.3 - 195.0	•
Ictalurus punctatus CENTRARCHIDAE	39	75.3	42.9 - 523.0	-
Lepomis humilis SCIAENIDAE	1	32.9		•
Aplodinotus grunniens	40	95.5	83.0 - 205.0	27 (68%)
TOTAL	272	•		27 (10%)

Mink Island, Harmonie State Park, Posey Co., IN T5S, R14W, sec. 27. 21 May 1992 (Seine & Shock)

	# of Fish	Mean Size	Range	# of Fish Infected	
CLUPEIDAE					
Dorosoma cepedianum	19	132.9	86.5 - 290.0		
CYPRINIDAE					
Cyprinella spiloptera	20	54.8	45.6 - 63.3	•	
Ericymba buccata	1	47.6		<u>.</u>	
Hybognathus nuchalis	3	71.0	66.5 - 75.8	→	
Notropis atherinoides	10	60.4	49.5 - 72.1		
Notropis blennius	12	50.3	41.6 - 58.6	•	
Pimephales vigilax	21	32.1	26.9 - 40.3	•	
CATOSTOMIDAE					
Carpiodes carpio	1	390.0		•	
Carpiodes cyprinus	1	130.1		•	
Carpiodes velifer	12	60.1	38.0 - 80.6	2 (17%)	
Ictiobus bubalus	1	375.0		•	
ICTALURIDAE "					,
Ictalurus furcatus	3	308.0	109.0 - 415.0	· •	
Ictalurus punctatus	10	178.7	55.6 - 385.0		
MORONIDAE					•
Morone chrysops	1	128.2		-	•
CENTRARCHIDAE					-
Lepomis macrochirus	1	44.5		•	19.00
Micropterus punctulatus	1	103.1		-	
Pomoxis nigromaculatus	1	185.0		•	
PERCIDAE					
Stizostedion canadense	1	143.1		٠	
SCIAENIDAE					
Aplodinotus grunniens	17	136.9	88.6 - 302.0	5 (29%)	
TOTAL	136			7 (5%)	

3.5 mi SE New Haven, at Island, Posey, Co., IN T8S, R15W, sec. 2. 26 June 1992 (Shock).

	# of Fish	Mean Size	Range	# of Fish Infected	
LEPISOSTEIDAE					
Lepisosteus platostomus CLUPEIDAE	1	520.0		•	
Dorosoma cepedianum CYPRINIDAE	б	123.1	100.2 - 185.0	_	
Cyprinella spiloptera	14	39.6	30.5 - 51.4		•
Notropis atherinoides	1	76.4			
Pimephales vigilax CATOSTOMIDAE	3	35.6	33.3 - 37.1	-	,
Carpiodes cyprinus ICTALURIDAE	4	108.9	80.7 - 141.1	eq.	
Ictalurus punctatus MORONIDAE	18	90.5	65.2 - 245.0	1 (6%)	
Morone chrysops CENTRARCHIDAE	1	153.8		•	
Lepomis cyanellus	1	67.2		_	
Lepomis macrochirus	5	90.8	85.0 - 100.2		
Lepomis megalotis	1	58.9	200.2	•	
Pomoxis nigromaculatus PERCIDAE	1	171.2		-	
Stizostedion canadense SCIAENIDAE	5	181.0	152.1 - 200.0	•	
Aplodinotus grunniens	27	108.7	85.4 - 141.0	18 (67%)	
TOTAL	88			19 (22%)	

Below Mink Island, across from Harmonie State Park Boat Ramp, White Co., IL T5S, R14W, sec. 27. 23 July 1992 (Seine).

	# of Fish	Mean Size	Range	# of Fish Infected
CYPRINIDAE				
Cyprinella spiloptera	2	44.7	43.7 - 45.6	
Cyprinus carpio	. 1	30.5		
Hybognathus nuchalis	5	36.5	34.2 - 38.8	. **
Notropis ludibundus	10	39.2	34.0 - 43.0	-
Phenacobius mirabilis	1	38.3		•
Pimephales vigilax	7	40.0	36.8 - 42.9	•
CATOSTOMIDAE				
Carpiodes carpio	1	90.0		•
ICTALURIDAE				4
Ictalurus punctatus	9	82.4	30.5 - 111.5	-
SCIAENIDAE				
Aplodinotus grunniens	2	121.0	100.1 - 141.8	1 (50%)
TOTAL	38			1 (3%)

3.5 mi SE New Haven, at Island, Posey, Co., IN T8S, R15W, sec. 2. 28 August 1992 (Shock).

	# of Fish	Mean Size	Range	# of Fish Infected	
LEPISOSTEIDAE					
Lepisosteus osseus	1	280.0			
HIODONTIDAE				_	
Hiodon alosoides	1	205.0		•	
CLUPEIDAE	•	245.0			
Alosa chrysochloris	1	245.0		•	
Dorosoma cepedianum CYPRINIDAE	10	120.6	56.7 - 230.0	-	
Cyprinella spiloptera	1	36.0		-	
Macrhybopsis storeriana	1	51.5			
Pimephales vigilax	1	44.2		-	
CATOSTOMIDÃE				₹.	
Carpiodes velifer	4	100.0	76.7 - 118.8		
Ictiobus bubalus	2	290.0	285.0 - 295.0		
ICTALURIDAE "		2,0,0	205.0 - 275.0	•	•
Ictalurus furcatus	3	305.1	170.3 - 455.0		
Ictalurus punctatus	ĭ	260.0	170.5 - 455.0	• -	
Pylodictis olivaris	1	265.0		•	
MORONIDAE		205.0		•	
Morone chrysops	2	108.7	61.8 - 155.6		
CENTRARCHIDAE	-	100.7	01.0 - 133.0	•	e,
Lepomis cyanellus	· 1	49.9			;
Lepomis macrochirus	4	95.7	69.5 - 127.2	•	
Lepomis megalotis	2	72.5	56.2 - 88.8	•	
Micropterus punctulatus	4	124.8	52.4 - 225.0	•	
SCIAENIDAE	•	12-7.0	32.4 - 223.0	•	•
Aplodinotus grunniens	25	175.7	106.6 - 310.0	2 (8%)	
TOTAL	65			2 (3%)	
GRAND TOTAL	599			56 w/ glochid 1 w/ P. capa	

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Appendix III. Number and species of glochidia for each infected fish species by month in the lower Wabash River, 1992.

Standard Length	P. ohiensis	L. fragilis	Truncilla	P. alatus	?
Aplodinotus grunniens					
84.9	8	2	1		
86.6	2	_	•		
87.4	9				
88.3	9 2				
88.6	17				
89.6	4 -				
89.7		1			
89.7 <i>-</i>	7				
90,4	2				1
90.5	28			•	
90.6	1				
91.0	61				
91.2	11				
91.4	24				
91.6	3				
92.1	55				
92.6	15				
92.8	1			.1	
96.2	35			14	
97.0	20	2	1		
99.4	58	2 8	-		
99.7	1	~			
101.2	12			•	
103.0	21	4		,	
106.7	5	4 2	•		
113.7	- 3	_			
205.0	l				
# fish infected	26	6 .	2	*	1
# glochidia	406	19	2 2	1 1	ì
ave # glochidia	15.6	3.2	1.0	1.0	1.

TOTAL No. glochidia = 429

MAY SAMPLE

Standard Length	P. ohiensis	P. alatus	Anodontinae	?	
Carpiodes velifer				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
78.9			2		
80.6			1		
# fish infected			2		
# glochidia			3		
ave # glochidia			2 3 1.5		
Aplodinotus grunniens					
88.6	1				
95.9	1				
97.6				1	
110.3	1			•	
265.0		. 1			
# fish infected	3	1		1	
# glochidia	3 3	î		1	
	1.0	1.0		1.0	(7 .,

JUNE SAMPLE

Standard Length	P. capax	Truncilla	?
Aplodinotus grunniens			
85.4		1	
91.9		3	•
95.5		6	•
97.0		6 2	
99.7		1	
105.2		$ar{2}$	
105.3		1	
105.8	·	103	
107.3		2	
114.1			
114.1		2	
117.7		4 2 3 4	
120.8			
121.5		4	
125.0		4	•
125.1	1		
126.6		6	
141.0		7	
# fish infected	1	17	·
# glochidia	1	155	
ave # glochidia	1.0	9.1	
Ictalurus punctatus			•
65.2			2
# fish infected		1	
# glochidia			2
ave # glochidia			2 2
TOTAL No. of fish with glochidi TOTAL No. glochidia = 156	a= 18		

JULY SAMPLE			
Standard Length	Truncilla		
Aplodinotus grunniens	, and the second second		
141.8	36		
# fish infected	1		
# glochidia	36		
ave # glochidia	36		
	AUG	UST SAMPLE	
Standard Length	Truncilla		
Aplodinotus grunniens			
144.2			
210.0	i		
# fish infected	2		
# glochidia	2		
ave # glochidia	1		

