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INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

Coordination

Mike attended the first meeting of the Asian Carp Working Group in Columbia, MO (5/24). The Service, along with other federal and state agencies, private groups, and academic institutions are developing a national management and control plan for Asian carp.

Erie Canal

Mike, Betsy, and volunteers from Finger Lakes Community College conducted the first fish survey of the year at major points along the New York State Canal System (5/3-10). No new invasives were collected.

Mike and Russ Liss (volunteer) deployed minnow traps at 7 sites in the Erie Canal between Amherst

and Pendleton (5/27-6/3). This was in response to angler reports of round gobies being caught in the area. No gobies were captured however further effort will be conducted later this year.

Round Goby Creek Surveys

Mike, Betsy, and 4 volunteers conducted surveys of Lake Erie tributaries to document expansion of round goby into these waters (5/17-21). Streams sampled included Chautauqua, Big Sister, and Eighteenmile. Gobies were either collected or observed in all of these streams.

FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (FEDERAL LANDS)

Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS)

Betsy submitted the final report, *The relative abundance and activity patterns of short-eared owls, northern harriers, and associated fauna on the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station*, to the 914th Airlift Wing/Civil Engineering (AW/CEV).

Fort Drum

Emily submitted the final report on the brook trout and habitat surveys of West Creek and the west branch of Black Creek (1999-2000) this month.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Mike presented to schools from Kendall, Albion, and Orleans County Christian Schools at the Orleans County Environmental Field Days (5/11). The display included information on invasive species, habitats, and aquatic plants.

Mike and Meghan Dye (volunteer) performed an electrofishing demonstration to a group of approximately 200 students for the 2004 Great Lakes Student Summit (5/14). Fish collected were briefly displayed and then released.

Betsy and Cara attended an Eighteenmile Creek Restoration Workshop (5/11-12). The first day included a series of presentations on the restoration project and stream restoration in general. The second day involved a tour of the restoration site.

OTHER

Emily assisted Jed Brown (Delaware River Coordinator) with surveys for spawning Atlantic sturgeon in the Delaware River (5/18-21). No sturgeon were caught.

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