

Below are “minutes” for the call (please let me know if anything is missing).

May 19, 2011

Call started: 3:00pm

On call: Ferenc de Szalay (KSU), Doug Kapusinski (KSU), Gary Longton (DTE), Jon Bateman (DTE), Matt Shackelford (DTE), Mary Walsh (PA Nat Her), Beth Meyer (PA Nat Her), Jon Bossenbroek (U Toledo), Dave Dortman (DEQ), Lyuba Burlakova (Buffalo St), Sasha Karateyev (Buffalo St), Dave Zanatta (CMU)

1) Updates (student hires, permits)

a) CMU Student Hires (2 teams of 2):

-2 new graduate students (Traci Griffith and Wendy Paterson)

-2 undergrads dedicated to this project (Lindsay Kolich and Mariah Scott)

-2nd year grad student Matt Rowe

b) Kent State Hires:

-Doug Kapusinski will be leading a crew of 3-6

c) Permits are in place (Kent State’s is submitted)

-One permittee must be with group sampling

d) Subcontracts all in place – Kent State is pending (almost ready)

2) Decisions on schedule for sampling – who will be where and when

**\*\*\*Send schedules of where and when you’ll be to Dave by June 6 – be as accurate as possible\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Dave will post schedules on website\*\*\***

a) CMU crews (2) will be available as needed for assistance with surveys and taking genetic samples:  
June 27 – Aug 12

-St. Clair Delta July 11-15 and 18-22 (Dave Z + more CMU students)

-W. Lake Erie (Michigan) + tribs (with DTE): June 27-30, July 5-8

b) PA Nat Heritage – Presque Isle + tribs: July 5 – Aug 5 (exact dates and sites TBD)

c) USGS crew – St. Clair delta: July 18-22

d) DTE – have several sized watercraft available for use with crew

- W. Lake Erie (Michigan) + tribs (with 1 CMU crew): June 27-30, July 5-8

- St. Clair delta July 11-15 (and 18-22?)

- W. Lake Erie (Ohio) nearshore (assist KSU and CSU teams where needed)

e) Kent State – W. Lake Erie wetlands and nearshore: July 4 – Aug 12 (exact dates and sites TBD)

f) Buffalo State – E. Lake Erie and other areas as needed?: July 20 – mid Aug

g) Cleveland State – availability TBD (Sandusky Bay? with DTE assisting with boats? W. Lake Erie tribs?)

3) Discussion of draft protocols (on web site:

<http://www.cst.cmich.edu/users/zanat1d/unionidrefuges.html>). Please have a look at these that Lyuba prepared and be prepared to make comments/suggestions.

a) Lyuba will make draft field sheets based on protocols. Will test if these are appropriate during field meeting at Ottawa NWR. Will send draft to Dave to post on website.

-other items needed on data sheets/ protocols: categories of Dreissena surface infestation (low, medium, high), sheets should be by site (up to 4 sites/refuge)

b) Standardized equipment lists needed for each crew will be sent to Dave Z to compile and post on website.

- datasheets, site maps, GPS, water chem meter, turbidity meter, water chem test strips, measuring stick /stadia rod (for depth/substrate depth), scale, quadrat equipment, sieve (0.25”

mesh), colonization plates (?), water level equipment (?), camera, range finder/measuring tape/weighted line, rope, stakes, genetics sampling materials, calipers, materials to package zebra/quagga mussels, boat, sampling equipment (masks/snorkel, scuba gear, etc) (Thanks Mary)

- Clam rakes or baskets (not sure how helpful these will be – nice in deeper water)

4) The consensus is June 22-23 for field training at Ottawa NWR (even though Doug K can't be there – Ferenc can make it). We will need to discuss where the group can stay (and booking this). My crew will plan on arriving the evening of June 21.

a) Ferenc and Doug K will send lodging info for motel near Ottawa NWR – everyone responsible for own booking and travel costs

b) Ferenc/Doug will confirm with Ottawa NWR about visiting June 22-23

c) Ferenc/Doug will confirm about a meeting room at Ottawa NWR

d) bring things for getting wet (waders or wetsuits)

Call ended: 4:30pm