

Natural Resources Commission Meeting

NRC Policy Committee on
Wildlife and Fisheries

July 14, 2016



Proposed Orders

- For Information – Director
 - Order to Add Designated State Game and Wildlife Areas (LUOD No. 5 of 2016)
 - Order to Regulate Target Shooting on State Game and Wildlife Areas (LUOD No. 6 of 2016)
- For Action – NRC
 - Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish and Lake Herring Regulations (Fisheries Order 200)



NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries

- Fisheries Chief Update
 - Chumming Order Update
- Wildlife Chief Update
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- MUCC 2016 Convention Update





Department of Natural Resources

Fisheries Chief Update

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Fisheries Order 200

- Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish, Lake Herring, and Smelt Regulations
- Chumming regulation discussions have continued



What is Chumming?

- The practice of luring fish by throwing bait into the water
- Fish commonly chummed: catfish, carp, whitefish, trout, steelhead
- Materials:



The Issue



Regulations

- MI: chumming is not regulated
 - Fish eggs are legal to use as bait (aid to take)
- Fisheries Division does not currently consider chumming with eggs as a biological threat



Other States

State	Chumming Legal
Indiana	Yes
Illinois	Yes
Minnesota	No
New York	No
Ohio	Yes
Pennsylvania	Yes (with exceptions)
Wisconsin	No
Western States: AK, CA, ID, MT, OR, WA	No



Public Input

- 6 organizations:
 - 5 for banning and 1 for status quo
- 236 individuals:
 - 142 for banning and 94 for status quo
- Common Threads:
 - Chumming negatively impacts my fishing experience
 - Chumming isn't ethical
 - Don't further limit bait fishing through a chumming restriction



5 Chumming Options

- Option 1: Status quo, no changes
- Option 2: Prohibit chumming in Type 3 streams.
- Option 3: Prohibit chumming in Type 1, 2, 3 & 4 streams.
- Option 4: Prohibit chumming in Manistee, Muskegon, Pere Marquette Rivers.
- Option 5: Restrict possession of chum to 1 pint per person with no more than 1 quart of chum per vessel in Types 1 – 4 streams.



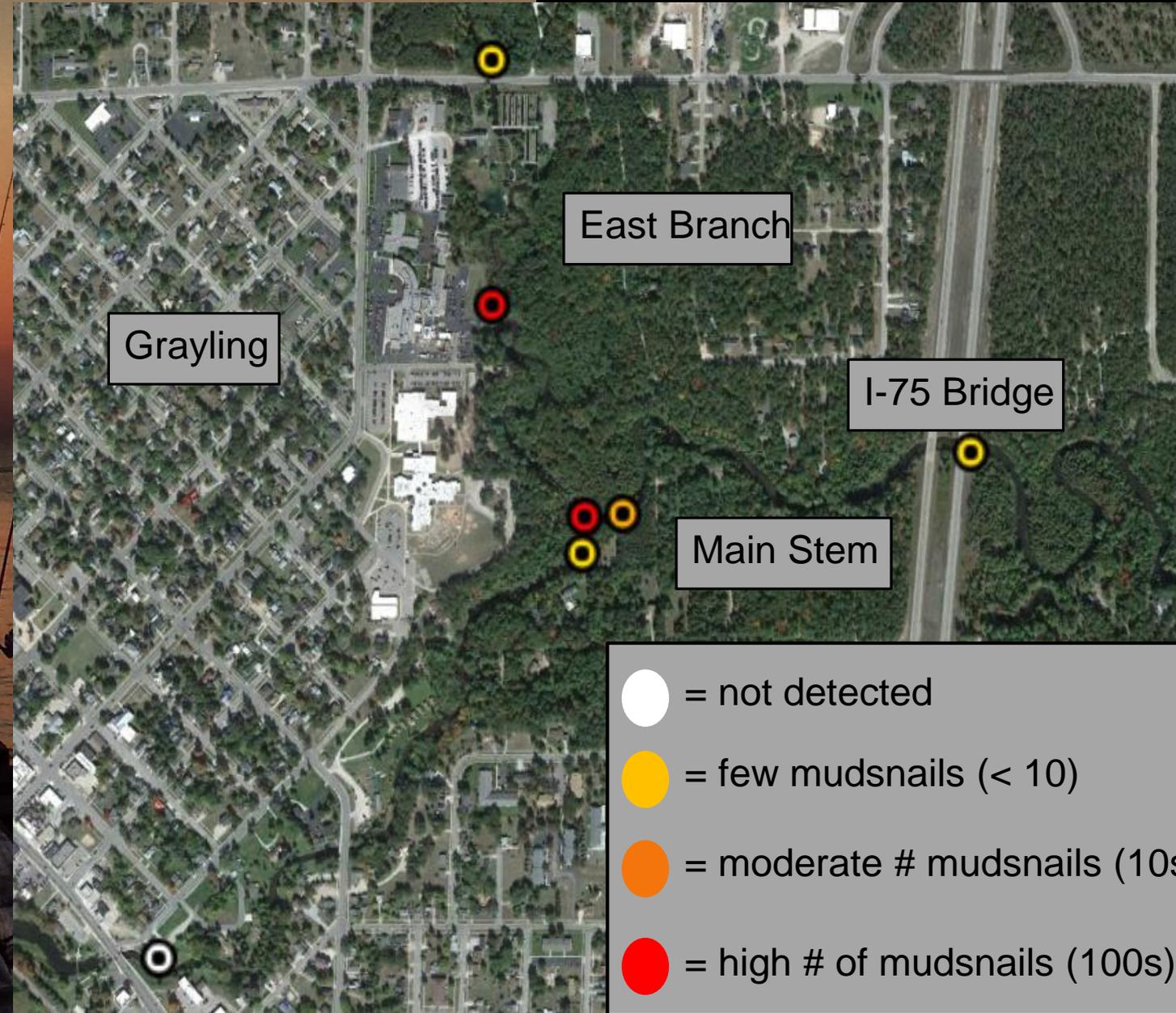
New Zealand Mudsnail Detections



Credit: Paul Skawinski

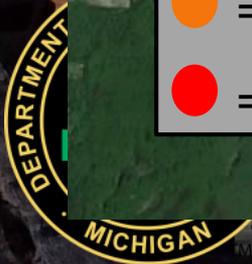
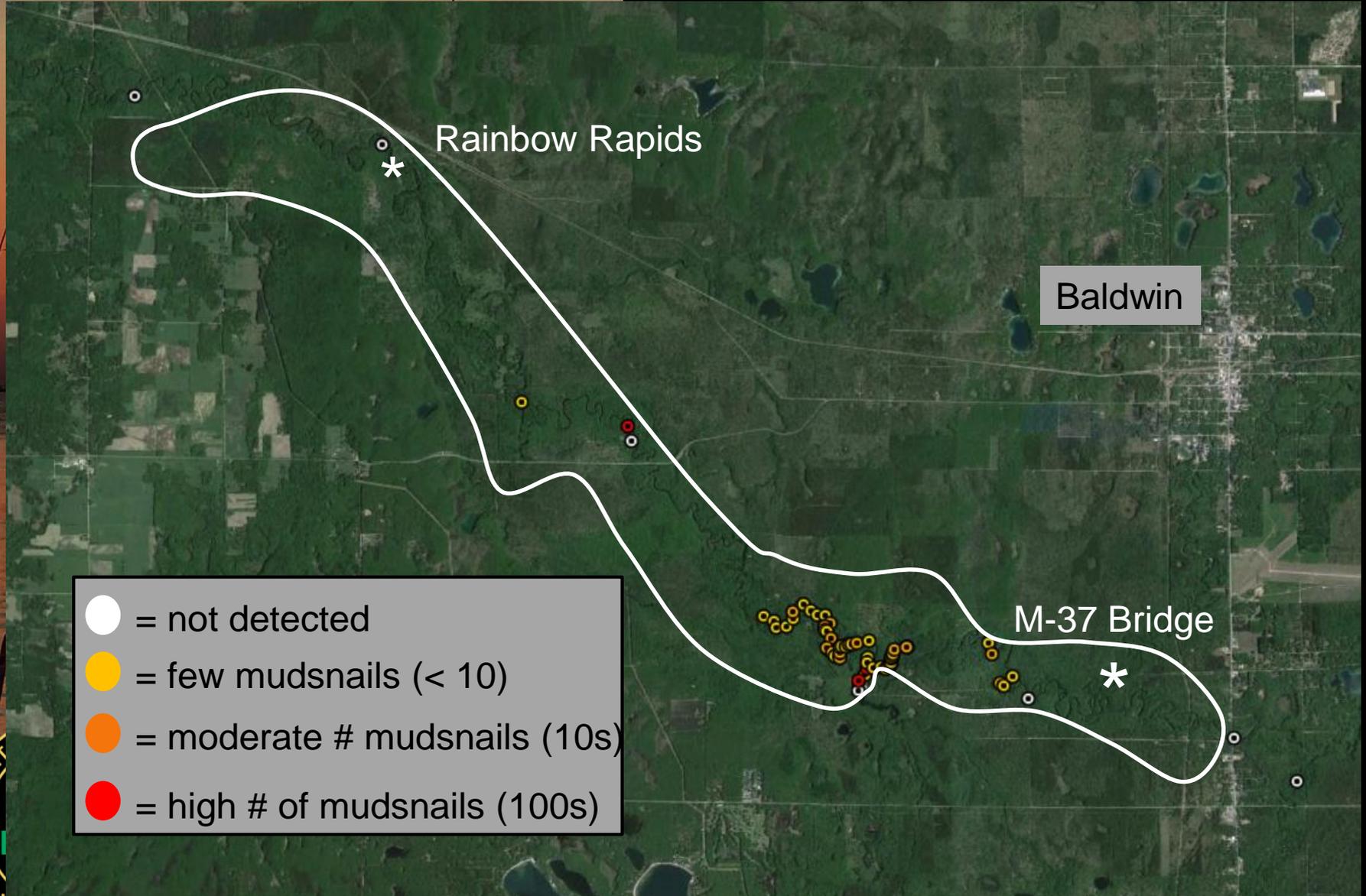
- Prohibited species in MI
- Outcompete species that are important food for native trout and provide no nutrition to fish that eat them
- Single female can result in a colony of 40 million snails in one year
- First detected in Michigan on Pere Marquette River near Baldwin in 2015
- Detected by GVSU in East Branch of Au Sable River in early June 2016
- Boardman River: Awaiting confirmation of detection in Grand Traverse Conservation District

Response Monitoring Results



- Sampling occurred further upstream on the East Branch and at multiple sites downstream on the Main Stem
- No mudsnails detected outside this core area
- Continued monitoring for spread will continue throughout 2016

Pere Marquette River results





Thank you!

Questions?



Wildlife Chief Update

Russ Mason
Chief
Wildlife Division

Wildlife Chief Update

- Human Habituated Bears
 - Western Lower Peninsula
- Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD)
 - No confirmed cases
- West Nile Virus
 - Three confirmed cases
- Type C Botulism
 - Confirmed in East Grand Traverse Bay and Woodhaven, Wayne County



Wildlife Chief Update Cont.

- Update on Wolf Litigation
 - Oral argument scheduled for October 18th
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act
 - Introduced bill in Congress to provide \$1.3 billion toward wildlife conservation



Order to Add Designated State Game and State Wildlife Areas (LUOD No. 5 of 2016)

- Complete list of SGAs and SWAs designated by the Director
 - Uniformly identify and manage areas
 - 111 identified areas



Order to Regulate Target Shooting on State Game and Wildlife Areas (LUOD No. 6 of 2016)

- Consistent baseline restrictions for target shooting across all SGAs and SWAs
 - Shooting hours to manage activity
 - Fire hazard materials and equipment prohibited
 - Handheld devices only
 - Shot-size/caliber limits
 - Target provisions
 - Banning of alcohol



Thank You

