Nebraska Zebra Mussel Management

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Lake Zorinsky (Omaha)

- 2009 beer can found by boy scout
- USACE drew down 255 acre lake 17 feet in winter 2010
- Refilled in 2011 & reopened in 2012



- Public report in May 2016-found one on a fishing line
- Took water samples the next day
- Veliger was identified by NISP on 5/25
- On 6/22 MT lab confirmed veligers (3 life stages observed)
- USACE and NGPC technicians surveyed for adult mussels
- eDNA confirmed week before July 4th

Was then considered a suspect waterbody

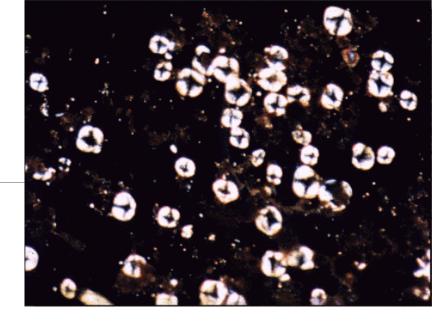


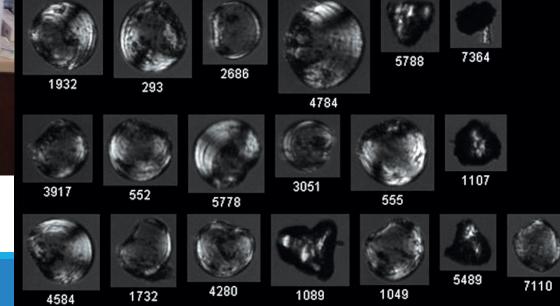
















- Suspect waterbody signage was posted
- Intensive sampling in 2017 and 2018
- •Will be considered suspect until June 2019 if no adult or veliger is confirmed

Glenn Cunningham Lake

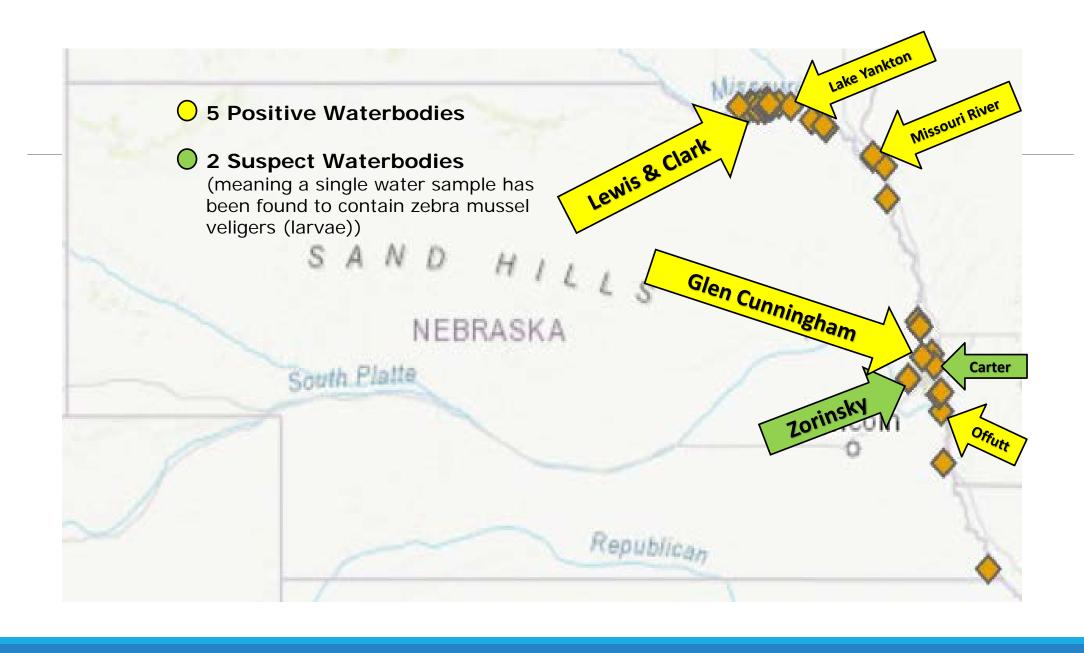
- 337 acres in Omaha, NE
- Many frequently used waterbodies in the area
- 300 boat slips and 20 stay year round
- May 24th veliger sample came back positive in July
- Juvenile zebra mussels found on a sampler in July
- In July NGP, USACE, City of Lincoln and NRD met
- Decided to August to write an EA to draw down the lake
- Letter went to slip owners
- Boat launches were closed
- Signage was put up at lake and surrounding lakes
- October-December draw down



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- Lake restoration including rotenone to remove Asian Carp
- Allow lake to refill after complete drawdown
- Determine access allowed after lake is refilled





Future Zebra Mussel Treatment Option

•Substantial research is being done to determine an open water solution

 Watercrafts are being designed with coatings, filters and seals designed for decontamination and non-attachment of mussels

Research is underway to determine viability in ballast tanks and engines

Early detection with eDNA could be a future tool

Nebraska's AIS Prevention Program







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- AIS Program funded by motorboat fee
- •Regulations- must drain watercraft, pull plug, allow inspections
- Watercraft inspection & boater surveys
- Sampling waterbodies for AIS
- Decontamination equipment
- Outreach materials & messaging

Watercraft Inspections & Surveys

- >25,000 surveys between 2011 and 2018
- 98% drained & dried after last use
- 98% of inspections with no risk

factors





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