

Sampling Status Report

Week of May 10, 2010

Extensive electrofishing and netting operations commences this week within the study area of the North Shore Channel. Commercial Fishermen in conjunction with IL DNR, USFWS, and USACE took part in the netting and electrofishing. Additionally Notre Dame collected samples for eDNA in the same areas prior to netting and electrofishing ops. A summary of the sampling activities from the week of May 10th is provided below:

May 11, 2010

Commercial nets were set during the afternoon within the study area, including the block net at the downstream end between Oakton St. and Howard St. Commercial nets are to be picked up the following day on the 12th. No electrofishing occurred today.

May 12, 2010

5 electrofishing boats shocked a 5 mile stretch of waterway. A total of 20 hours of electricity was applied to the water to thoroughly sample the area. 1400 yards of commercial nets were also released in this area. IL DNR, USFWS, and USACE worked together to electroshock around these nets concurrently.

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May 13, 2010

Planned electrofishing operations were not possible due to heavy rain and flooding. The channel was up approximately 5 feet before the start of operations. Approximately 1000 yards of commercial trammel nets were retrieved early in the morning with the support of each agency to safely get the crews off the water.

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- Still awaiting the results of eDNA samples collected.