

FANSHELL

RECOVERY PLAN

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for

Fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria* (=C. irrorata))

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR THE FANSHELL RECOVERY PLAN

Current Status: The species is listed as endangered. Presently, the fanshell is known from only three reproducing populations--the Green and Licking Rivers in Kentucky and the Clinch River in Tennessee and Virginia. A few apparently nonreproducing populations still survive in some other rivers in the Ohio River basin in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and Illinois.

Habitat Requirements and Limiting Factors: The fanshell inhabits gravel substrate in medium to large rivers of the Ohio River basin. The species' distribution and reproductive capacity has been seriously impacted by the construction and operation of reservoirs and by other impacts on water and substrate quality. Unless new populations are found or created and existing populations are maintained, this species will likely become extinct in the foreseeable future.

Recovery Objective: Downlisting. Because of the lack of available habitat for establishment of all needed populations, recovery is unlikely.

Recovery Criteria: To establish 12 distinct viable populations.

Actions Needed:

1. Utilize existing legislation/regulations to protect species.
2. Search for new populations and monitor existing populations.
3. Develop and utilize an information/education program.
4. Determine species' life history requirements.
5. Determine threats and alleviate those that threaten species' existence.
6. Through reintroduction and protection, establish eight viable populations.
7. Develop and implement cryopreservation protection of species.

Cost (1,000's):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Need 1</u>	<u>Need 2</u>	<u>Need 3</u>	<u>Need 4</u>	<u>Need 5</u>	<u>Need 6</u>	<u>Need 7</u>	<u>Total</u>
1991	7.0	30.0	25.0	25.0	0.0	40.0	5.0	132.0
1992	7.0	30.0	20.0	25.0	25.0	40.0	5.0	152.0
1993	7.0	8.0	2.0	25.0	25.0	40.0	5.0	112.0
1994	7.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	25.0	20.0	2.0	56.0
1995	7.0	8.0	2.0	0.0	?	15.0	2.0	34.0*
1996	7.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	?	15.0	2.0	26.0*
1997	7.0	8.0	2.0	0.0	?	5.0	2.0	24.0*
1998	7.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	?	0.0	2.0	11.0*
1999	7.0	8.0	2.0	0.0	?	5.0	2.0	24.0*
2000	7.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	?	0.0	2.0	11.0*
2001	7.0	8.0	2.0	0.0	?	5.0	2.0	24.0*
Total:	77.0	100.0	63.0	75.0	75.0*	185.0	31.0	606.0*

*See next page.

*Habitat improvement costs needed for the species' recovery will not be known until the magnitude of specific threats is determined through research.

Date of Recovery: Total recovery is unlikely for this species. The downlisting date cannot be estimated at this time. As mussels do not reproduce until about age 5, more than 10 years will be needed to document reproduction and assess viability.

PART I

INTRODUCTION

The fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria* (-*C. irrorata*)), was listed as an endangered species in the Federal Register (55 FR 25591) on June 21, 1990, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This freshwater mussel historically occurred in the Ohio River and many of its large tributaries in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Virginia. Presently, the fanshell is believed to be reproducing in only three rivers--the Green and Licking Rivers in Kentucky and the Clinch River in Tennessee and Virginia. Additionally, small (apparently nonreproducing) populations (based on the collection of a few old specimens in the 1980s) may still persist in the Muskingum (specimen taken as recently as 1988) and Walhonding River, Ohio; the Kanawha River, West Virginia; the Wabash River system in Illinois and Indiana; the Barren River and Tygarts Creek, Kentucky; and the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers in Tennessee. The distribution and reproductive capacity of this species has been seriously impacted by the construction of impoundments and navigation facilities, dredging for channel maintenance, sand and gravel mining, and water pollution.

Description, Ecology, and Life History

The fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria* (-*C. irrorata*)) was described by Rafinesque (1820). The mussel has a medium-sized shell (seldom exceeding 3.2 inches [80 millimeters] in length) that is subcircular in outline (Johnson 1980). The shell exterior has green rays on a light green or yellow surface ornamented with green mottling. The inside surface of the shell (nacre) is usually silvery white.

Because of its rarity, little is known of the mussel's biology. The species, according to Bates and Dennis (1985), inhabits medium to large rivers. The fanshell has been reported primarily from relatively deep water in gravel substrate with moderate current (Gordon and Layzer 1989).

Specific food habits of the fanshell are unknown, but it likely feeds on food items similar to those consumed by other freshwater mussels. Freshwater mussels are known to feed on detritus, diatoms, phytoplankton, and zooplankton, which they filter out of the water (Churchill and Lewis 1924).

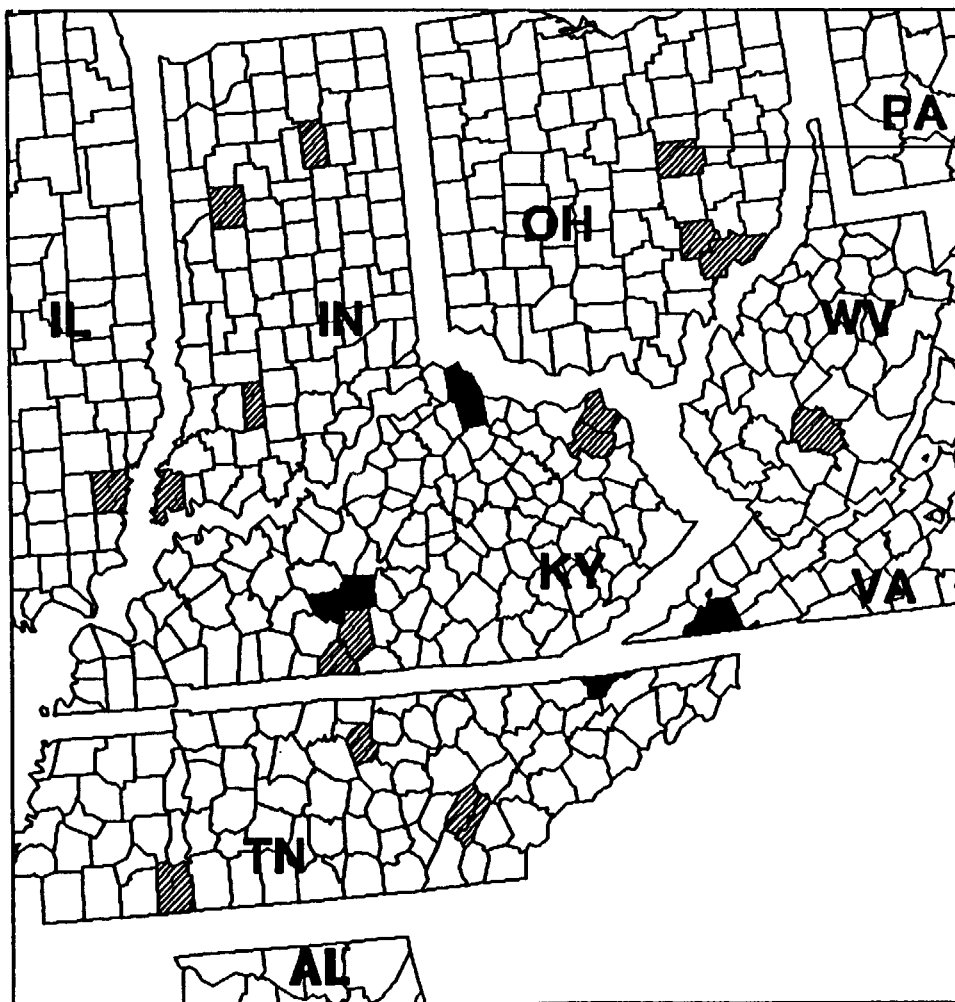
The fanshell's reproductive biology is unknown, but it probably reproduces like other freshwater mussels. Males release sperm into the water column. The sperm are taken in by the females through their siphons during feeding and respiration. The fertilized eggs are retained in the gills until the larvae (glochidia) fully develop. The glochidia attach and encyst on the gills or fins of the fish host. When metamorphosis is complete, they drop to the streambed as juvenile mussels. The species of host fish utilized by the fanshell is unknown. However, the fanshell's glochidia are released into the

water in the form of a unique spiral conglutinate. This worm-like shape suggests that a fish that visually searches for its food may be its host (Robert Anderson, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, in litt., 1991)

Distribution, Reasons for Decline, and Threats to Its Continued Existence

Since the turn of the century, the fanshell has undergone a substantial reduction in its range. It was historically widely distributed in the Ohio, Wabash, Cumberland, and Tennessee Rivers and their larger tributaries in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Virginia (Johnson 1980, Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission 1980, Ahlstedt 1986, Bates and Dennis 1985, Lauritsen 1987, Cummings et al. 1987 and 1988, and Starnes and Bogan 1988). The loss of many historic populations was likely due to the impacts of impoundments, navigation projects, pollution, and habitat alterations, such as gravel and sand dredging, that directly affected the species and reduced or eliminated its fish host.

Based on a review of current literature on the species (see above) and on the following personal communications and letters from knowledgeable individuals and State and Federal agency personnel, it is believed that reproducing populations are now present (see map) in only three rivers--the Clinch River, Hancock County, Tennessee, and Scott County, Virginia; the Green River, Hart and Edmonson Counties, Kentucky; and the Licking River, Kenton, Campbell, and Pendleton Counties, Kentucky (Steven Ahlstedt and John Jenkinson, Tennessee Valley Authority, personal communications, 1988; Robert Anderson and Mark Gordon, Tennessee Cooperative Fishery Research Unit, personal communications, 1988; Carl Becker, Illinois Department of Conservation, in litt., 1988; Charles Bier, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, in litt., 1989; Richard Connor and William Sinozich, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in litt., 1989; Kevin Cummings, Illinois State Natural History Survey Division, in litt., 1989; Ronald Cicerello and Richard Hannan, Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, in litt., 1988; Wendal Haag, Ohio State University Museum of Zoology, in litt., 1988; Edward Hansen, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife, in litt., 1989; Michael Hoggarth, Ohio Department of Transportation, in litt., 1990; Patricia Jones, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, in litt., 1988; Richard Neves, Virginia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, in litt., 1988; Brian McDonald and Michael Zeto, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, in litt., 1988 and 1989; James Sickie, Murray State University, personal communication, 1989; Clarke Shiffer, Pennsylvania Fish Commission, personal communication, 1989; William Tolin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, personal communication, 1988; and Paul Yokley, University of North Alabama, personal communication, 1988). Additionally, small remnant (apparently nonreproducing) populations (based on collections of a



Distribution of the fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria* (= *C. irrorata*)): All States with historic population records, counties with extant populations, and counties with possible extant populations.

PRESENT POPULATIONS

- REPRODUCING
- ▨ NONREPRODUCING

few old individuals in the 1980s) may still persist in the Muskingum River (specimen taken as recently as 1988) in Morgan and Washington Counties, Ohio; the Walhonding River in Coshocton County, Ohio; the Wabash River in White County, Illinois, and Posey and Wabash Counties, Indiana; the East Fork White River, Martin County, Indiana; the Tippecanoe River, Tippecanoe County, Indiana; the Kanawha River, Fayette County, West Virginia; Tygarts Creek, Greenup and Carter Counties, Kentucky; Barren River, Allen and Barren Counties, Kentucky; the Cumberland River, Smith County, Tennessee; and the Tennessee River, Rhea, Meigs, and Hardin County, Tennessee.

The population in the Green River is likely the best of the three remaining reproducing populations. Fresh-dead fanshells of various age classes from juvenile to adult have recently been found (1987 and 1988) in muskrat middens along the Green River (Ronald Cicerello, personal communication, 1988). However, the Green River, which lies partially within the Mammoth Cave National Park, is not free from threats. The river's mussel fauna have been seriously depleted. Cicerello (personal communication, 1988), based on his 1987 and 1988 surveys of the Green River within and above the Mammoth Cave National Park, believes that about 40 mussel species still survive in the area. Ortmann (1926) reported finding 66 species of mussels in the Green River. The Green River has been degraded by runoff from oil and gas exploration and production sites and by alteration of stream flows by an upstream reservoir.

The Clinch River fanshell population extends over about 86 river miles (Ahlstedt 1986). However, a Tennessee Valley Authority (1988) survey reported that the fanshell comprised less than 1 percent of the mussels collected at 11 Clinch River quantitative sampling sites in 1979 and 1988. The Tennessee Valley Authority (1988) also reported that overall mussel abundance in the Clinch River has decreased from an average of 11.64 mussels per square meter in 1979 to 6.0 mussels per square meter in 1988. The Clinch River also has environmental problems. Charles Sledd (Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, personal communication, 1988) stated that land use practices along the Clinch River have contributed to a decline in water quality and mussel populations. The Clinch River has experienced some adverse impacts from coal mining, and the river has been subjected to two mussel kills resulting from toxic substance spills from a riverside coal-fired power plant.

The Licking River also supports a reproducing fanshell population (Ronald Cicerello, personal communication, 1989). Live and fresh-dead individuals of several year classes have been collected. However, despite collections made throughout the drainage by Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission biologists, the species is only known from the lower portion of the Licking River. This population could potentially be threatened by some of the water supply development alternatives presently under preliminary review for the Licking River watershed and by wastewater discharges.

Although the species has minimal commercial value, it does exist in small numbers within some harvested mussel beds, and the species can therefore be taken by mussel fishermen. As there has been a substantial increase in the value of mussel shells, the problem of incidental take is expected to increase.

Most of the fanshell populations are small, and all are geographically isolated from each other. This isolation restricts the natural interchange of genetic material between populations. The small population size also reduces the reservoir of genetic variability within populations. It is likely these populations, with the possible exception of the Clinch River population, are now below the generally accepted level required to maintain long-term genetic viability (Soulé 1980).

PART II

RECOVERY

A. Recovery Objectives

The ultimate goal of this recovery plan is to restore viable populations of the fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria* (-*C. irrorata*)) to a significant portion of its historic range in the Ohio River system and to remove the species from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. However, total recovery of the fanshell may not be possible. Much of the habitat within the species' historic range may be unsuitable for reintroductions. NOTE: A viable population is defined as a reproducing population that is large enough to maintain sufficient genetic variation to enable it to evolve and respond to natural habitat changes. The number of individuals needed to reach a viable population will be determined as one of the recovery tasks.

The fanshell will be considered for reclassification to threatened status when the likelihood of the species' becoming extinct in the foreseeable future has been eliminated by achievement of the following criteria:

1. Through protection of existing populations and through successful establishment of reintroduced populations or the discovery of additional populations, a total of nine distinct viable populations exist. The populations shall be distributed throughout the Ohio River basin as follows: one in the upper Tennessee River system, one in the middle to lower Tennessee River system, one in the Cumberland River system, two in a Kentucky tributary to the Ohio River other than the Cumberland River, one in the Allegheny River system, one in the lower Muskingum or Walhonding River system, one in the Kanawha River system, and one in the Wabash River system.
2. One naturally reproduced year class exists within each of the nine populations. The year class must have been produced within 5 years of the downlisting date. Within 1 year of the downlisting date, gravid females of the species and its host fish must be present in each river.
3. Biological and ecological studies have been completed, and the recovery measures developed and implemented from these studies are beginning to be successful, as evidenced by an increase in population density and/or an increase in the length of the river reach inhabited by each of the nine populations.

The fanshell will be considered for removal from Endangered Species Act protection when the likelihood of the species' becoming threatened in the foreseeable future has been eliminated by the achievement of the following criteria:

1. Through protection of existing populations and successful establishment of reintroduced populations or the discovery of additional populations, a total of 12 distinct viable populations exist. These populations must be separated to the extent that it is unlikely that a single event would eliminate or significantly reduce more than one of these populations. The populations shall be distributed throughout the Ohio River basin as follows: two in the upper Tennessee River system, two in the middle to lower Tennessee River system, one in the Cumberland River system, three in a Kentucky tributary to the Ohio River other than the Cumberland River, one in the Allegheny River system, one in the lower Muskingum or Walhonding River system, one in the Kanawha River system, and one in the Wabash River system.
2. Two distinct naturally reproduced year classes exist within each of the 12 populations. Both year classes must have been produced within 10 years, and one year class within 5 years, of the recovery date. Within 1 year of the recovery date, gravid females of the species and its host fish must be present in each river.
3. Studies of the mussel's biological and ecological requirements have been completed, and recovery measures developed and implemented from these studies have been successful, as evidenced by an increase in population density and/or an increase in the length of the river reach inhabited by each of the 12 populations.
4. No foreseeable threats exist that would likely threaten the survival of any of these eight populations.
5. Where habitat had been degraded, noticeable improvements in water and substratum quality have occurred.

B. Narrative Outline

1. Preserve present populations and occupied habitat. Because so few fanshell populations exist, it is essential to the survival and eventual recovery of the species that all existing populations and their habitat be protected.
 - 1.1 Continue to utilize existing legislation and regulations (Federal Endangered Species Act, Federal and State surface mining laws, water quality regulations, stream alteration regulations, etc.) to protect the species and its habitats. Prior to and during implementation of this recovery plan, the present fanshell populations can be protected only by the full enforcement of existing laws and regulations.
 - 1.2 Solicit help in protecting the species and its essential habitats. Section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act requirements, and other habitat protection programs can assist in protection of the species, but these programs alone cannot recover the fanshell. The assistance of Federal and State agencies, conservation groups, and local governments will be essential. Also, support of the local industrial, business, and farming communities, as well as private citizens, will be needed to meet the goal of recovering the species. Without a commitment from the local people who have an influence on habitat quality in the streams inhabited by the species, recovery efforts will be doomed.
 - 1.2.1 Meet with appropriate Federal, State, and local government officials and regional and local planners to inform them of our plans to attempt recovery and request their support. Other agencies, for example the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, have existing programs that benefit aquatic resources. By coordinating recovery efforts with such agencies, the species' recovery can benefit.
 - 1.2.2 Meet with local business, mining, logging, farming, and/or industry interests and elicit their support in implementing protective actions.
 - 1.2.3 Develop an educational program using such items as slide/tape shows, brochures, etc. Present this material to business groups, civic groups, youth groups, schools, church organizations, etc. Educational material outlining the Service's recovery goals must be presented to the public. However, this material should stress the other

benefits of maintaining diverse ecosystems and the use of mussels as indicators of good environmental quality.

- 1.3 Consider and, if determined necessary, use land acquisition as a means of protecting present and reintroduced populations.
2. Determine threats to the species, conduct research necessary for the species' management and recovery, and implement management where needed.
 - 2.1 Conduct life history research on the species to include such factors as reproduction, food habits, age and growth, and mortality rates. Only very limited data on the fanshell's life history exists. Unless the species' life history and environmental requirements (especially its fish host) are defined, recovery efforts may be inconsequential or misdirected.
 - 2.2 Characterize the species' habitat requirements (relevant physical, biological, and chemical components) for all life history stages. The fanshell appears to be sensitive to habitat degradation. The species coexists with other mussel species, but it occurs in much fewer numbers than most of the other species present. Knowledge of the species' habitat needs and ecological associations (especially fish host requirements) is needed to focus management and recovery efforts on the specific problems within the species' habitat.
 - 2.3 Determine present and foreseeable threats to the species. Coal mining and oil and gas well development appear to have been major factors in altering the species' habitat and in reducing its range. Siltation from poor land use practices and impoundment have also had an impact. However, other impacts are also probable. The nature of and the mechanisms by which they impact the species and its habitat are not entirely understood. The extent to which the species can withstand these adverse impacts is unknown. To minimize and eliminate these threats where necessary to meet recovery, the information gathered under Tasks 2.1 and 2.2 must be utilized to target specific problem areas and determine the specific causative agent(s).
 - 2.4 Investigate the relationships with nonnative bivalves. Many malacologists believe the Asiatic clam (Corbicula fluminea) poses a threat to the native mussel fauna. Another exotic clam, the zebra clam (Dreissena polymorpha), has recently invaded the Great Lakes, and some adverse impacts to endemic mussels have been noted.

The zebra clam has not yet been seen in the Ohio River basin. However, as the species has spread quickly in the Great Lakes, it is expected to invade other basins in the near future. The relationship between these nonnative mollusks and the native fauna needs to be understood, and (where feasible) measures should be taken to minimize their impact. It has been suggested (Arthur H. Clarke, Ecosearch Inc., personal communication, 1990) that Corbicula may adversely impact native mussels by consuming a significant portion of their sperm. Clarke suggests that, by concentrating endangered mussels, the loss of sperm would decrease, and reproductive success would increase. A study using nonendangered mussels should be used to test this hypothesis.

- 2.5 Determine the impact of commercial mussel fishing on the species and eliminate impacts determined to be detrimental to the species. There has been a substantial increase in mussel fishing, and the fanshell exists on some harvested mussel beds. The impact of mussel fishing on the species needs to be assessed and eliminated.
 - 2.6 Based on the biological data and threat analysis, investigate the need for management, including habitat improvement. Implement management, if needed, to secure viable populations. Specific components of the fanshell's habitat may be lacking, and these may limit the species' potential expansion. Habitat improvement programs may be needed to alleviate limiting factors.
 - 2.7 Determine number of individuals required to maintain a viable population. Theoretical considerations by Franklin (1980) and Soulé (1980) indicate that 500 breeding individuals represent a minimum population level (effective population size) that would contain sufficient genetic variation to enable that population to evolve and respond to natural habitat changes. The actual population size in a natural ecosystem necessary to provide 500 breeding individuals can be expected to be larger than this number, possibly by as much as 10 times. The factors that will influence effective population size include sex ratio, length of species' reproductive life, fecundity, and extent of exchange of genetic material within the population, plus other life history aspects. Some of these factors can be addressed under Task 2.1, while others will need to be addressed as part of this task.
3. Search for additional populations and/or habitat suitable for reintroduction efforts. Much of the species' potential

available habitat has been surveyed in recent years. An extensive 4-year survey of the Wabash River system in Indiana and Illinois has recently been completed, and the Tennessee River system has also received considerable attention in the last few years. However, it is possible that some relic populations were missed. Further study may yield additional populations; and, more importantly, suitable habitat for transplants could be identified during these surveys.

4. Determine, through research, the feasibility of augmenting extant populations and reestablishing the fanshell into historic habitat and reintroduce where feasible. The historic distribution of the fanshell is unknown, but available records indicate that the species was once widespread in the Ohio River system. Streams for possible reintroductions will be selected based on present and expected future habitat and water quality.
 - 4.1 Determine the need, appropriateness, and feasibility of augmenting and expanding existing populations. Most of the populations are likely below the number needed to maintain long-term viability. These populations may be able to expand naturally if environmental conditions are improved. However, some populations may be too small and may need to be supplemented to reach a viable size. Populations for this task will be selected based on present population size, habitat quality, and the likelihood of long-term benefits from the task.
 - 4.2 Develop a successful technique for reestablishing and augmenting populations. Sufficient specimens of the mussel are not presently available to allow for translocation of enough adults to establish populations. Propagation and reintroduction techniques should be developed for the species to help ensure success.
 - 4.3 Coordinate with appropriate Federal and State agency personnel, local governments, and interested parties to identify streams suitable for augmentation and reintroduction and those most easily protected from further threats.
 - 4.4 Reintroduce the species into its historic range and evaluate success. Using techniques developed in Task 4.2, introduce and monitor success.
 - 4.5 Implement the same protective measures for introduced populations that were outlined for established populations.
5. Develop and implement cryogenic techniques to preserve the species' genetic material until such time as conditions are

suitable for reintroduction. The fanshell populations that remain, except (possibly) for the Clinch, Green, and Licking River populations, may not be reproducing. Artificial propagation techniques may be able to provide juvenile mussels for transplants. However, present habitat conditions may not be suitable in all rivers at this time for reintroduction to succeed. Cryogenic preservation of the species could maintain genetic material (much like seed banks for endangered plants) from all the extant populations until such time as the habitat becomes suitable for reestablishment of the species. Additionally, if a population were lost to a catastrophic event, such as a toxic chemical spill, cryogenic preservation could allow for the eventual reestablishment of the population using the genetic material preserved from that population.

6. Develop and implement a program to monitor population levels and habitat conditions of presently established populations as well as newly discovered, introduced, or expanding populations. During and after recovery action implementation, the status of the species and its habitat must be monitored to assess any progress toward recovery. This should be conducted on a biennial schedule.
7. Annually assess overall success of the recovery program and recommend action (modify recovery objectives, delist, continue to protect, implement new measures, or conduct other studies, etc.). The recovery plan must be evaluated periodically to determine if it is on track and to recommend future actions. As more is learned about the species, recovery objectives may need to be modified.

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PART III
IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Priorities in column one of the following implementation schedule are assigned as follows:

1. Priority 1 - An action that must be taken to prevent extinction or to prevent the species from declining irreversibly in the foreseeable future.
2. Priority 2 - An action that must be taken to prevent a significant decline in species population/habitat quality or some other significant negative impact short of extinction.
3. Priority 3 - All other actions necessary to meet the recovery objective.

Key to Acronyms Used in This Implementation Schedule

ADCNR	- Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
FWE	- Fish and Wildlife Enhancement
FWS	- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
ILDOC	- Illinois Department of Conservation
ILSNHSD	- Illinois State Natural History Survey Division
INDNR	- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
KDFWR	- Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
KSNPC	- Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission
NPS	- National Park Service
ODNR	- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
PDER	- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources
PFC	- Pennsylvania Fish Commission
TDOC	- Tennessee Department of Conservation
TNC	- The Nature Conservancy
TVA	- Tennessee Valley Authority
TWRA	- Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
VDGIF	- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
VNHP	- Virginia Natural Heritage Program
WVDNR	- West Virginia Department of Natural Resources

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

PRIOR- ITY #	TASK #	TASK DESCRIPTION	TASK DURATION (Years)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY			COST ESTIMATES (\$000'S)			COMMENTS
				FWS		Other	FY 1991	FY 1992	FY 1993	
				Region	Division					
1	1.1	Continue to utilize existing legislation and regulations to protect species and its habitat.	Ongoing	3, 4, 5	FWE	See *1.	7.0	7.0	7.0	Task duration: 1 year to develop, then continuous.
2	1.2.1, 1.2.2	Meet with local governmental officials and business interests and elicit their support for recovery.	3	3, 4, 5	FWE	See *1.	---	---	2.0	
1	1.2.3	Develop information and education program and present.	Ongoing	3, 4, 5	FWE	See *1.	25.0	20.0	---	
2	1.3	Consider use of land acquisition to protect the species.	Ongoing	3, 4, 5	FWE	See *1.	---	---	---	
1	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4	Conduct research necessary for species management and recovery;	4	3, 4, 5	FWE	See *1.	25.0	50.0	50.0	

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IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

PRIOR- ITY #	TASK #	TASK DESCRIPTION	TASK DURATION (Years)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY			COST ESTIMATES (\$000'S)			COMMENTS
				FWS		Other	FY 1991	FY 1992	FY 1993	
				Region	Division					
		i.e., habitat requirements, biology, and threat analysis.								
See com- ments.	2.5	Based on biological and threat analysis, investigate need for management and implement where needed.	1 year	3, 4, 5	FWE	See *1.	---	---	---	Priority 1, 2, or 3 (depending on result of 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4).
3	2.6	Determine number of individuals required to maintain viable population.	1 year	3, 4, 5	FWE	See *1.	---	---	?	
1	3	Search for additional populations and suitable habitat.	1 year	3, 4, 5	FWE	See *1.	30.0	30.0	8.0	
1	4	Develop techniques, select sites, reintroduce the species back into historic	Ongoing	3, 4, 5	FWE	See *1.	40.0	40.0	40.0	

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