



Red Swamp Crayfish Update

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Red Swamp Crayfish Threat

- Most invasive crayfish worldwide
 - Outcompete native species
 - Dig complex burrows causing erosion and infrastructure problems
 - Feed on vegetation and negatively impact water clarity (water becomes turbid)
 - Reproduce in large numbers
- Listed as a prohibited species in 2015 to reduce risk of introductions
 - MI anglers using live crayfish purchased from food markets in southwest MI
 - Available to teachers for classroom projects - disposal was identified as high risk



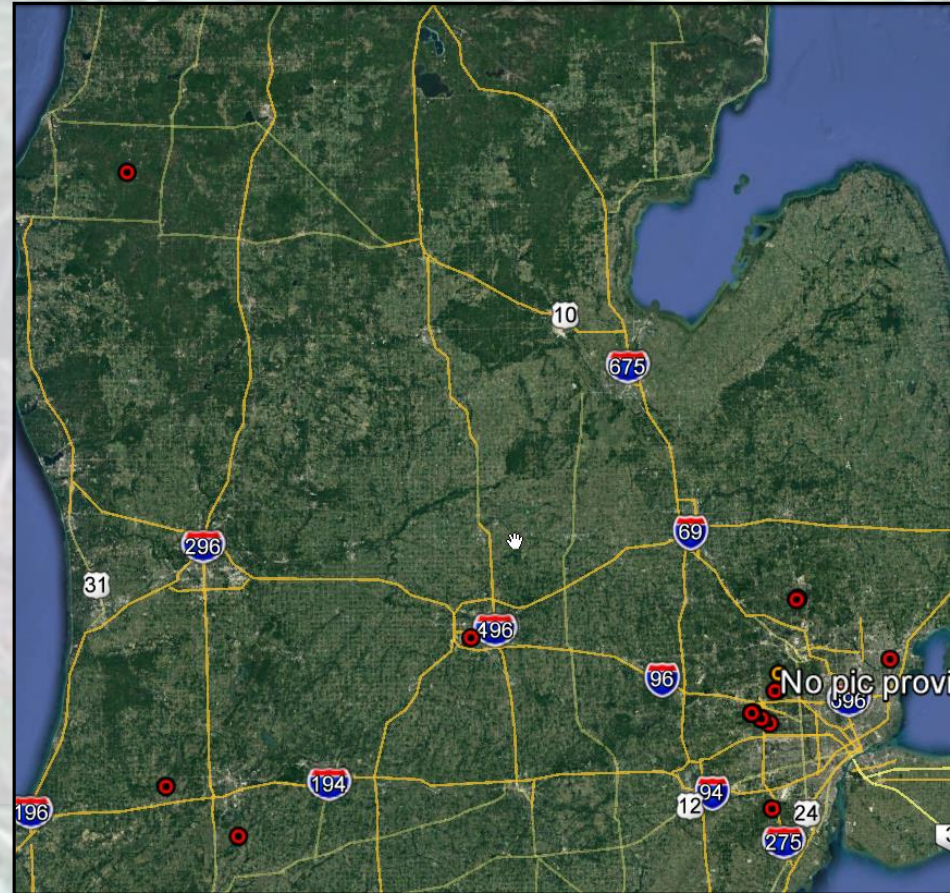
Red Swamp Crayfish Reports

- Initial report to Fisheries Division on July 14th from Sunset Lake in Vicksburg (Kalamazoo County)
 - Confirmed by FD
- Second report from Novi Retention pond on July 16th
 - Confirmed by FD
- Increased awareness through statewide press release, social media, and signage
 - Following up on over 100 public reports since press release was issued



Red Swamp Crayfish Reports

- Multiple credible reports of the red swamp crayfish
 - Primarily in Southeast Michigan
 - FD is working on verifying reports with multiple techniques
- Most of reports are of native crayfish
 - Helps better understand distribution of native species



Potential Sources?

- Red swamp crayfish were widely available prior to 2015
- Crayfish could have been introduced from releases linked to multiple vectors
 - Biological supply for schools
 - Live food markets
 - Live bait
 - Pet stores
- Law Enforcement Division has been active with enforcing regulations to prevent future introductions

		
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Red Swamp Crayfish Response Plan

Goals:

- 1) Determine the distributional extent of the infestations
- 2) Implement and evaluate an early detection monitoring strategy in high risk areas
- 3) Determine the source and relatedness of red swamp crayfish infestations
- 4) Collect baseline biological and physical information that will inform a future assessment of impacts
- 5) Implement and evaluate control measures to increase effectiveness of response efforts



Implementing the Response Plan

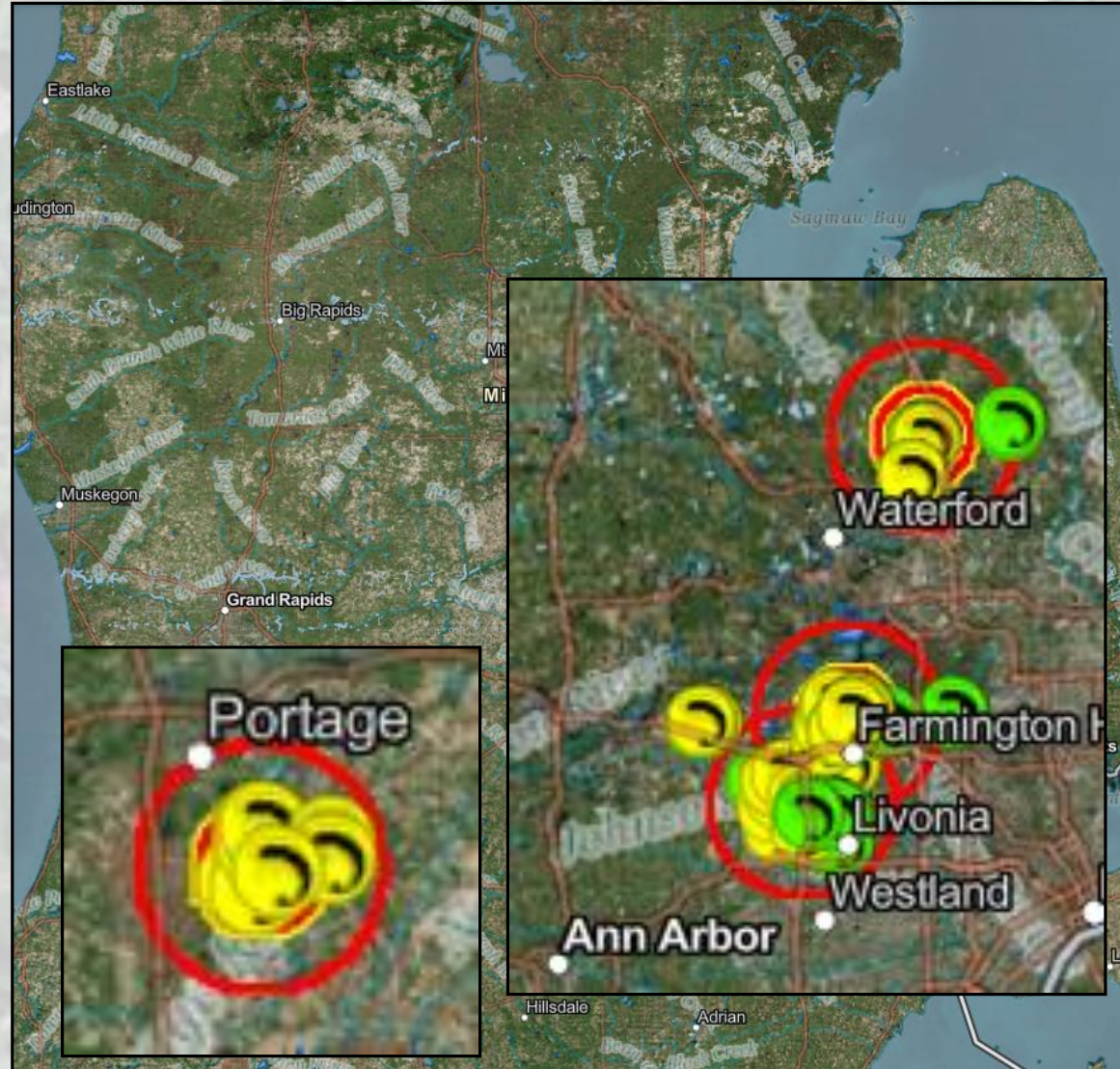
- Building off existing relationship with MSU
- Conducting extensive early detection monitoring based on risk
- Continued intensive trapping efforts
- Continued outreach



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Confirmed Red Swamp Crayfish Infestations

- Sunset Lake
 - No detected spread
- Novi
 - 11 infested pond
- Farmington Hills
 - 3 infested ponds
- Lake Orion
 - Not confirmed, likely White River Crayfish



Next Steps

- Continued implementation of Michigan's response plan with MSU
- Collaborate with crayfish and AIS control experts to evaluate and implement effective controls
 - USGS, USFWS, MSU, Auburn, others
- Potential field application of chemical treatments in 2018





**Thank You
Questions?**

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