

Appendix L: Accomplishments of the Task Force by August of 2011

List of actions taken by Task Force members thru August 17, 2011. CT DEEP = Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; CBFN = Connecticut Bass Federation Nation; CLA = Candlewood Lake Authority; FLPR = FirstLight Power Resources; HVA = Housatonic Valley Association; WCSU = Western Connecticut State University (Biology and Environmental Science Department); Lakes Lillinonah and Zoar = Lake Lillinonah Authority, Friends of the Lake, Lake Zoar Authority.

CT DEEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trained 15 Boating Education Assistants (BEAs) on invasive species and started them working at State ramps beginning on Memorial Day ▪ Scheduled BEA's to cover double shifts at Lakes Lillinonah and Zoar from 6 AM to 8 PM on weekends and holidays; single shifts at Candlewood's Latin's Cove and Squantz Cove ▪ Added another BEA at Latin's Cove to work weekends, holiday and three weekdays from August 1st thru Labor Day. The additional coverage was in response to volume of traffic at the launch ▪ Held 9 Invasive Investigator Training programs across State ▪ Released New Invasive Species Brochure ▪ Instituted Self-Certification requirements for Fishing Tournaments ▪ Detected one fishing tournament group, which was not affiliated with CBFN, as noncompliant of self-certification requirements; revoked the group's permit for a future event on Candlewood Lake ▪ Instituted Self-Certification Requirements Marine Events (14 events) ▪ Advanced regulatory changes prohibiting sale and transport of aquatic nuisance invertebrates. Regulatory changes are now with the Legislative Regulatory Review Committee. ▪ Funded signage (100 for Candlewood; 15 for Lillinonah; and 10 for Zoar) developed by CLA for community / marina launches ▪ Increased BEA presence at East and West Twin Lakes in Salisbury, CT ▪ Contracted with the environmental consulting group, Biodrawversity, to do a survey for zebra mussels in western CT
CBFN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developed educational materials and distributed them to their 26 CBFN member clubs (400 total members) ▪ Required compliance from their clubs with CT DEEP self-certification requirements at all 7 tournament events ▪ Distributed other educational materials (e.g. CT DEEP and CLA tri-folds) at those events ▪ Participated in the development of a press release on their efforts

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<p>CLA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developed artwork, funded production, and deployed large scale signage at 5 municipal and 3 State ramps (2 on Candlewood Lake and 1 on Squantz Pond) ▪ Developed artwork for smaller scale, community / marina signage and are working on distributing those ▪ Are finishing artwork and funding production of one large scale sign for each the Lake Lillinonah and Lake Zoar Authorities and providing them the files of the artwork ▪ Are finishing the layout and design of a Vessel Cleaning Guide adopted from the CA Fish and Game Department ▪ Had developed a program for local access television on zebra mussels ▪ Facilitated the veliger monitoring by WCSU on Lakes Candlewood, Zoar and Lillinonah and a site on the Housatonic River; provided transportation on Candlewood Lake ▪ Updated the CLA's Zebra Mussel web pages ▪ Facilitated 3 Invasive Investigator training events in town around Candlewood ▪ Coordinated / scheduled Invasive Investigators at ramps on Candlewood ▪ Created an Access Database for information Invasive Investigators are collecting ▪ Coordinated a meeting of entities involved in adult or veliger zebra mussel monitoring
<p>FLPR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developed and implemented a zebra mussel monitoring plan for their facilities ▪ Voluntarily suspended pump-up to Candlewood Lake from the Housatonic River during zebra mussel spawning season ▪ Submitted to FERC to revise their Nuisance Plant Monitoring Plan to include zebra mussels
<p>HVA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Involved in zebra mussel efforts in both MA and CT and as such have become a liaison between the two efforts ▪ Released a Berkshire Paddling Guide with information on aquatic invasive species ▪ Are planning a MA / CT Joint Forum on the zebra mussel invasion ▪ Contacted paddling and rowing groups, including Housatonic Valley Paddle Club and the New Haven Rowing Club; also attempted contact with the Lake Housatonic Paddlers Club ▪ Posted information on their website and Facebook page
<p>WCSU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collected a total of 84 samples for veliger analyses from Lakes Candlewood, Lillinonah and Zoar (15 samples from Candlewood Lake and the Housatonic River each; 24 samples from Lake Zoar; and 30 from Lake Lillinonah)

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WCSU (con't)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have started analyses of samples
Lakes Lillinonah & Zoar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Posted a total of 32 signs at ramps (8 on Lillinonah and 24 on Zoar) ▪ Held a public forum on the draft report ▪ Developed several press releases ▪ Conducted a zebra mussel symposium for the public in Southbury ▪ Coordinated an Invasive Investigator training program ▪ Developed and sent out approximately 3,000 copies of a post card version of CLEAN-DRAIN-DRY ▪ Provided on-the-water transportation for 9 WCSU veliger sample collection trips (5 trips on Lillinonah and 4 trips on Zoar) ▪ Coordinated volunteer shoreline reconnaissance while the lake level was low on Lillinonah
Other Community Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conducted Internet research to develop a list of educational material outlets ▪ Developed a zebra mussel adult monitoring plan for Candlewood Lake ▪ Dives, using SCUBA, were conducted at 10 locations within the New Milford arm of Candlewood Lake during the summer in search for adult zebra mussels. None were observed.