

Quassaick Creek Watershed Alliance Meeting

3:30 pm, May 30, 2012

Downing Park, City of Newburgh

Eel and herring Monitoring Report

QCWA Eel Team: Jack Caldwell, Peter Smith, Nick Tolve, Ted Kohlmann, Peter Gennuso with John Gebhards and other family members.

4 to 6 team members showed up on each monitoring day. Since there were a number of tasks to be completed, the team size was important to maintain. Each of us quickly assumed a particular job and worked efficiently.

We did the monitoring each Sunday from March 25 to May 5, alternating morning and afternoon to better match the low tide schedule. We were substitute monitors for MSMC on Friday, April 6 and Monday, April 9. In all, we counted eels on 9 separate days for an estimated 57 manhours of volunteer time.

No herring were seen during the eel counting. A few herring were spotted at other times.

The Eel monitoring Celebration was held on Thursday, May 17 which some the team attended on-time and other members were late. I was told that the overall eel count from the 10 locations on the Hudson River for this 2012 season was 84,000 glass eels with the Quassaick Creek having 23,000 eels of that count. More than 25% of the entire effort! To compare, last year the overall count was only 8,000 eels. What a difference!