



2014 Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Society Workshop Mussel Studies and Regulatory Processes Associated with Dam Removal Projects

The Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Society's (FMCS) 2014 Workshop will be held in Portland, Maine on April 24th and 25th. The topic is **Mussel Studies and Regulatory Processes Associated with Dam Removal Projects**. In recent years there has been increasing interest and success in the removal of dams. Dams are often associated with negatively affecting mussel populations, so the expectation is that dam removal will improve aquatic habitat and freshwater mollusk communities in the affected reaches. In some cases where reservoirs are small or riverine, freshwater mussels may be abundant and the removal and restoration of the stream may affect existing resident mussel communities. The first day of the workshop will feature presentations of the experiences and lessons learned from dam removal projects.

The morning of the second day of the workshop will focus on the state and federal regulatory process involved in dam removals to facilitate planning. Some states have developed a regulatory permitting process specific to dam removals, or have guidelines on both pre- and post- dam removal environmental studies, including mussel studies. A site visit to the location of two mainstem dam removal projects and a mussel identification workshop will be held in the afternoon of the second day.

The FMCS is a not-for-profit, dedicated to the advocacy and conservation science of freshwater mollusk resources. The FMCS workshop provides a great opportunity to network and build relationships with conservation professionals from state and federal government, industry, and conservation organizations. The Society has a membership of 500, and 100 members generally attend the biennial workshop. These professionals are constantly working to conserve freshwater mollusks, and we need your help. We are requesting monetary sponsorship to help cover the costs of the workshop facilities.

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Thank you,

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