

Instructions for Authors

North American Freshwater Mussel Atlas

- 1) It is **strongly suggested** that each species account be prepared by 2 or more co-authors. Species accounts will be peer reviewed prior to publication.
- 2) As a starting point, we will use the revised Williams, et al. (In Prep) conservation assessment to be published in Fisheries as the species list for accounts.
- 3) Accounts should be formatted in double columns, Times New Roman font, 12 point.
- 4) Accounts should include the major headings as illustrated in the draft account for *Anodonta suborbicularis* Say 1831 posted on the FMCS website.
- 5) Authors names and affiliation should appear at the bottom of their finished account (listed as compilers).
- 6) Authors should make every effort to limit species accounts to 4 digital pages.
- 7) Digital color photographs (tiff, 300 dpi or higher) illustrating each species should include the external view of the right valve and the internal view of the left valve from a single representative specimen. For species that exhibit distinct sexual dimorphism, external and internal photographs of male and female shells should be included. When possible, a close-up of umbonal sculpture should be included. A reference scale and/or total length measurement as well as collection location should be included for each specimen illustrated. If the illustrated specimen is in a museum collection, please include the museum acronym and catalog number [i.e. USNM 198742] in the figure caption. Photograph backgrounds will be standardized prior to publication.
- 8) Authors are responsible for providing mapping data (e.g. Page 2) including the source (museum number(s) and/or published citation), latitude and longitude in decimal degrees (NAD83, to 0.00001). A "-" before the longitude is required for compatibility with mapping software. Draft distribution maps should be provided by the authors in the draft account; however, final maps will be produced by the Editors. This data should be provided in an Excel file to facilitate mapping. A template Excel file is provided for co-authors on the FMCS website.
- 9) Authors are responsible for verifying the correct identification of all lots mapped. It is **strongly advised** that authors do not merely accept data-based locality information from museums or other sources.
- 10) Literature cited should give the author(s), year, and page numbers for the specific information reviewed and utilized (e.g. page numbers for a species account in a regional text, not the total pages in the text). Author(s) and date(s) should correspond with those referenced in the Cummings, et al. literature citation database on the FMCS website. If a citation is not in the database or there is an error in the database, please email Kevin Cummings (ksc@inhs.illinois.edu) with the correct complete citation.
- 11) All authors should be FMCS members.