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Sandfly is right. The lifts at conowingo haven't been very successful. It's still essentially a stocking based fishery and the #'s have been steadily dropping. Even at the peak the #'s of fish pale in comparison to historic, pre-dam runs.

Andyp, The larvae of freshwater mussels are parasitic. They must have a host organism to mature enough to become independent/viable. It just so happens that american eels make the best host for this metamorphosis. eels are catadromous, meaning they live in freshwater and run to the sea to spawn.

Thanks to dams this type of movement is no longer possible. I think they might be the only species of catadromous fish or at least one of very few catadromous fish species in the northeast. There are some efforts (stocking) underway to restore eels to the susquehanna because biologists have realized their importance, but imo until they solve the dam problem it will probably be futile.