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Some of the unresolved issues have a similarity to the invasive species issues with phragmites and sea lampreys in Lake Ontario and the Finger Lakes. Both are native, but both went crazy due to human caused changes. In the case of phragmites, the current thinking is that introduced European strains interbred with the native strains causing a super strain that takes over wetlands. In the case of the Finger Lakes sea lampreys it appears sedimentation of the tributary streams made much better breeding habitat. Why native species become "invasive" is a more interesting, but difficult problem.