

Postscripts - endangered mussels

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The population of about 1,100 brook floater mussels was one of the largest ever discovered in the state. But state and federal scientists, working with Barry Wicklow, a biology professor from St. Anselm College, recently found a group just as big in a 50-meter stretch below Depot Street in Chichester. The mussels, now with numbered tags attached, are being returned to that section while scientists work to tag the mussels already living there. Wicklow said he plans to study the mussels' mortality, reproduction and migration rates, among other factors. He's looking for volunteers to work through next week tagging the resident mussels. To help, e-mail bwicklow@anselm.edu or call 641-7160.

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