

Seeking Volunteers: Snorkel Surveys of the Paulins Kill!

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network is launching a new monitoring program on the Paulins Kill to document the recovery of freshwater mussels following the removal of the Columbia Dam. With the return of migratory fish, these unique bivalve clams are expected to once again expand their populations and recruit young mussels to the Paulins Kill because of their complex life history.



This new effort is funded through a grant from the National Park Foundation entitled “Swim-Splash-Smile.” The Delaware Riverkeeper Network will be training volunteers on how to snorkel the Paulins Kill in order to monitor freshwater mussels, and will be leading small specially-trained teams of volunteers in these surveys.

Surveys will occur during warm weather in August & September 2019, and the Delaware Riverkeeper Network will provide all needed equipment. Trainings and surveys will occur near Blairstown, New Jersey in Warren County.

Possible survey dates include the following:

- August 24th** (Saturday)
- August 28th** (Wednesday)
- August 30th** (Friday)
- September 7th** (Saturday)
- September 8th** (Sunday)

If you have any interest and would like to learn more, contact Dr. Erik Silldorff directly at either erik@delawareriverkeeper.org or 215-369-1188 x112.



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