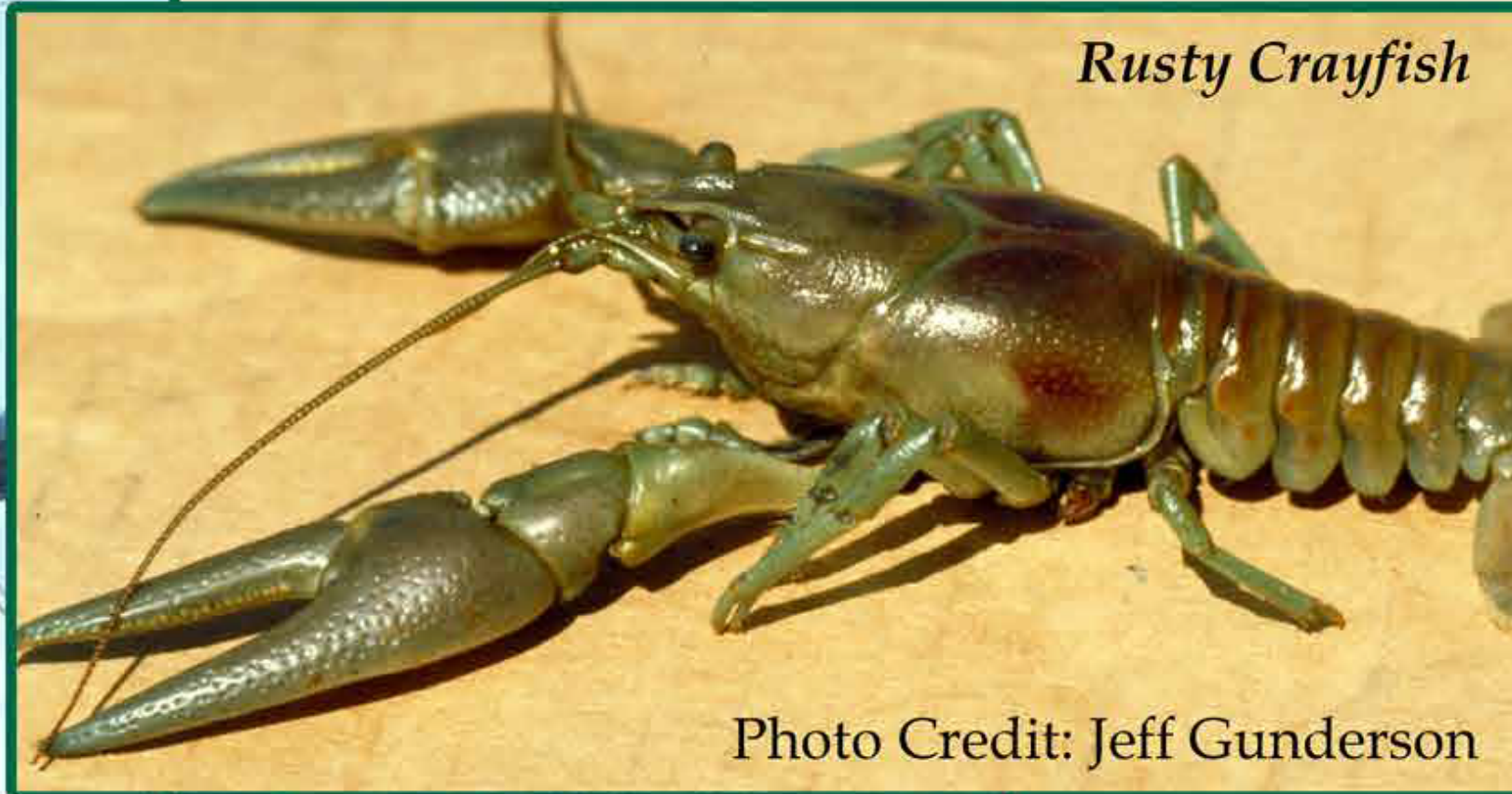


Aquatic Invasive Species

Several aquatic organisms have entered the Susquehanna River Basin that normally live elsewhere. These “invasive species” came here in different ways.



Some were tossed into the river by anglers as unused bait. Others were unwanted pets released by previous owners. Some hitched rides on boats and fishing gear from other places where they lived. Others expanded their ranges into the Susquehanna River Basin by taking advantage of changing environmental conditions.



These invasive species can kill off or displace native organisms living in the rivers. They can affect the use of rivers for fishing, boating, and swimming by people. They can damage water systems used by power plants and drinking water suppliers.

Natural resources agencies work hard to control or eliminate populations of invasive species. Here are some things that you can do to help prevent the further spread of these species:

Clean - Drain - Dry - Disinfect



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