2026 Schoolship: By the Numbers

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Our Mission:

To inspire a lifetime of Great Lakes curiosity, stewardship, and passion in people of all ages.





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Students become Great Lakes Scientists, Sailors & Stewards.

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GTB Sampling Locations

Suttons Bay



West Arm of Grand Traverse Bay

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101 Schoolship Programs

39 Public programs

3000+ Participants





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Fish

133 otter trawls

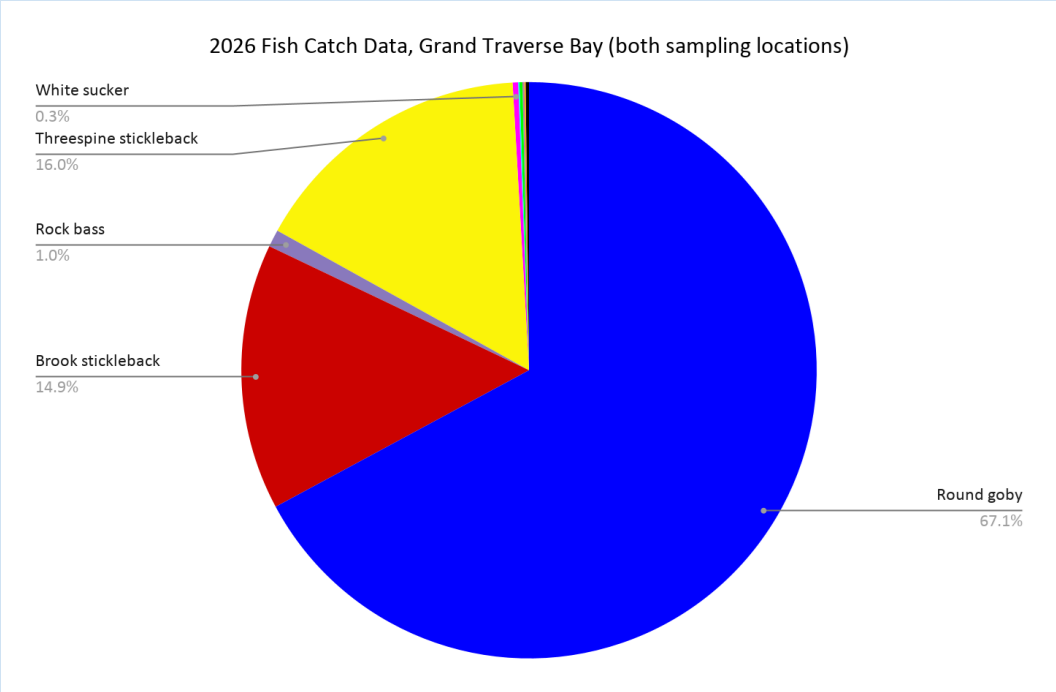
14,259 fish

~107 fish per trawl



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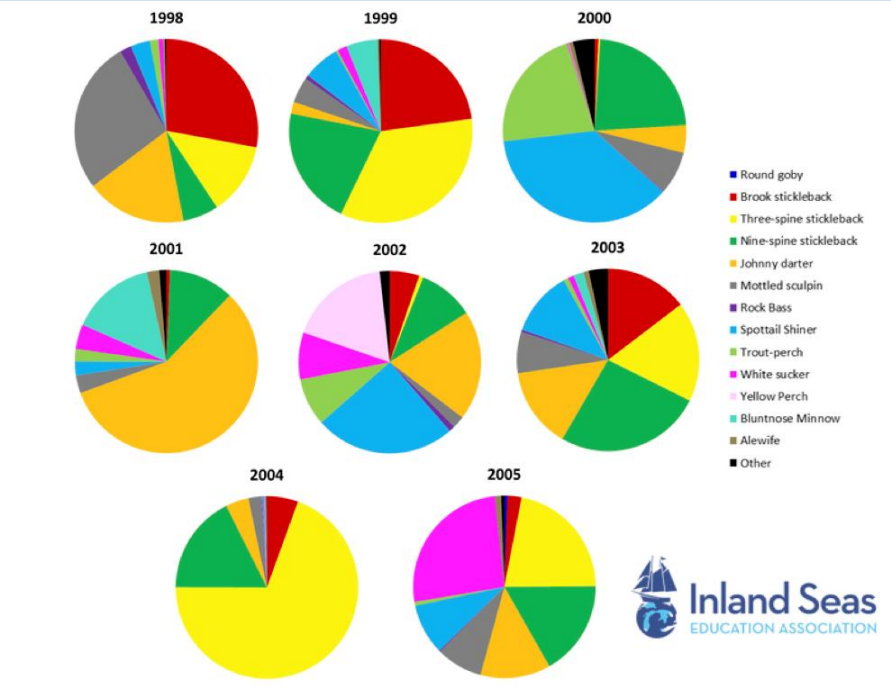
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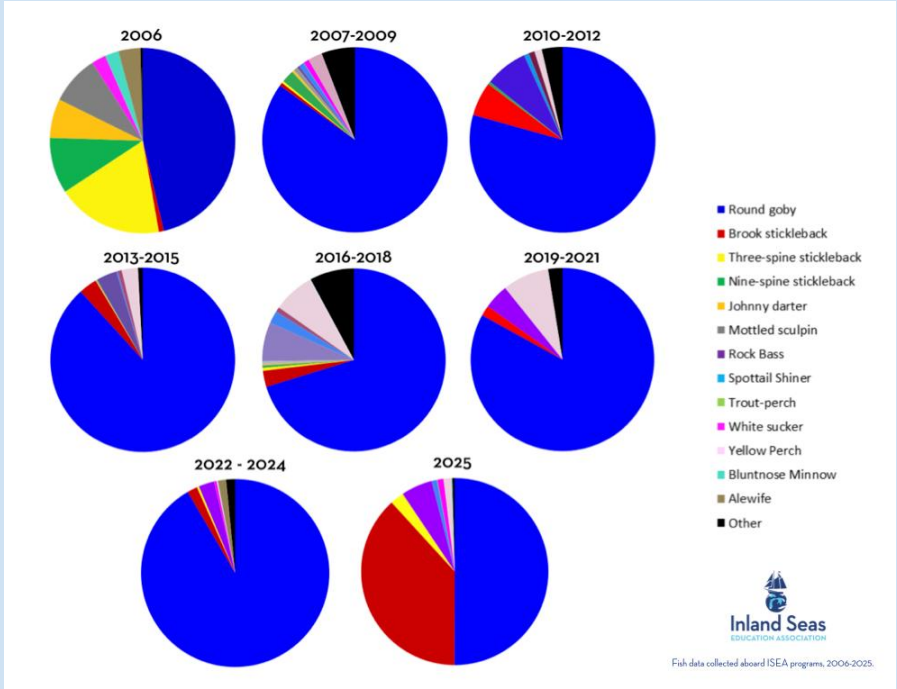




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Fish





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Crayfish

119 Total Crayfish

46.2% Native Species

(primarily *Faxonius virilis*)

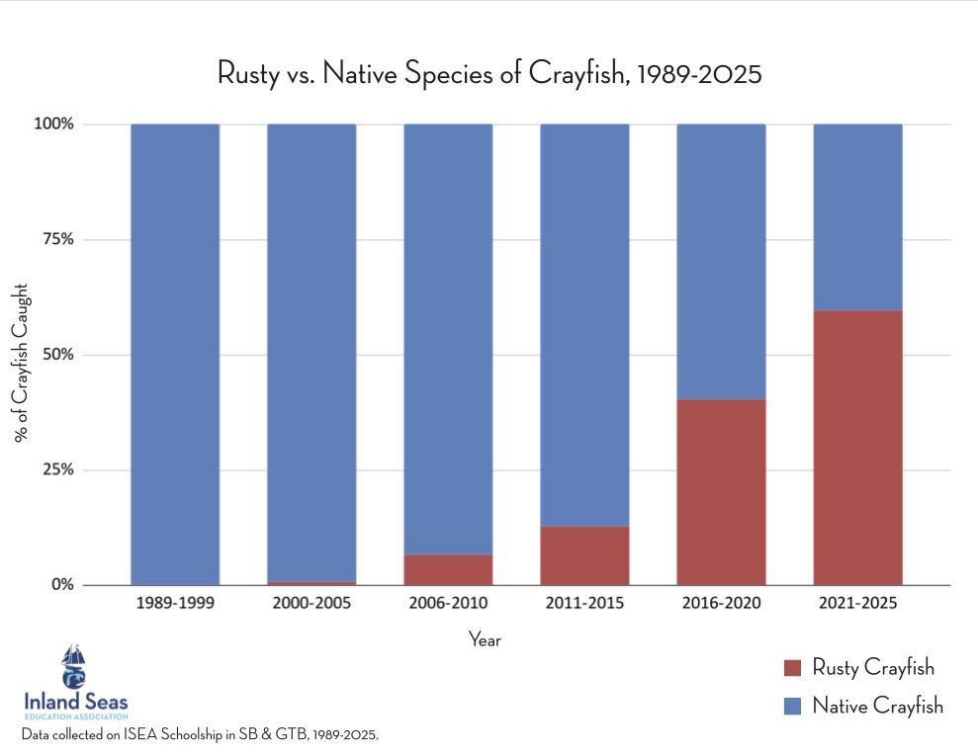
53.8% Rusty Crayfish

(Faxonius rusticus)* *(invasive)



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Crayfish





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Secchi (May)

53 May sampling events

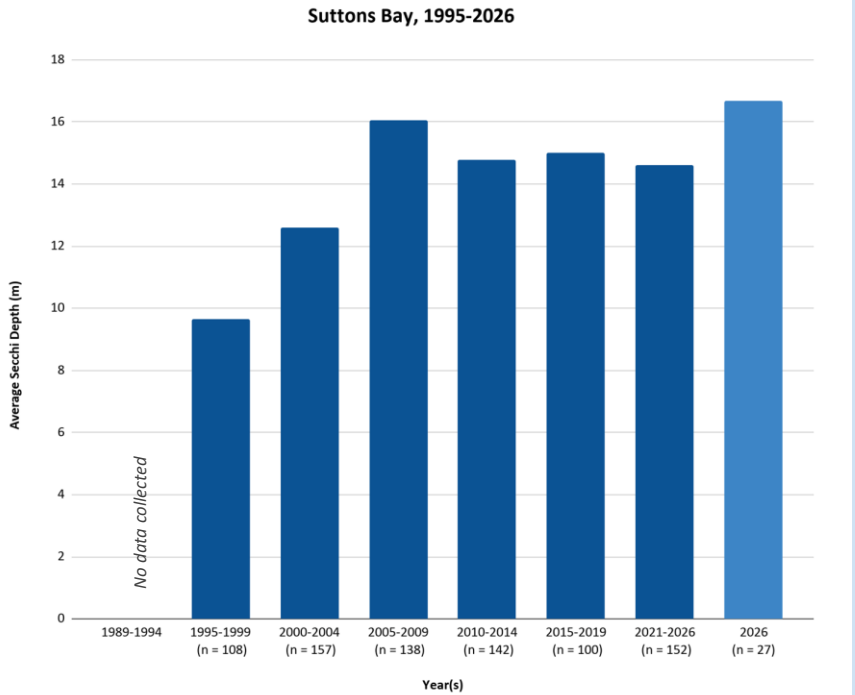
SB average: 16.66 meters

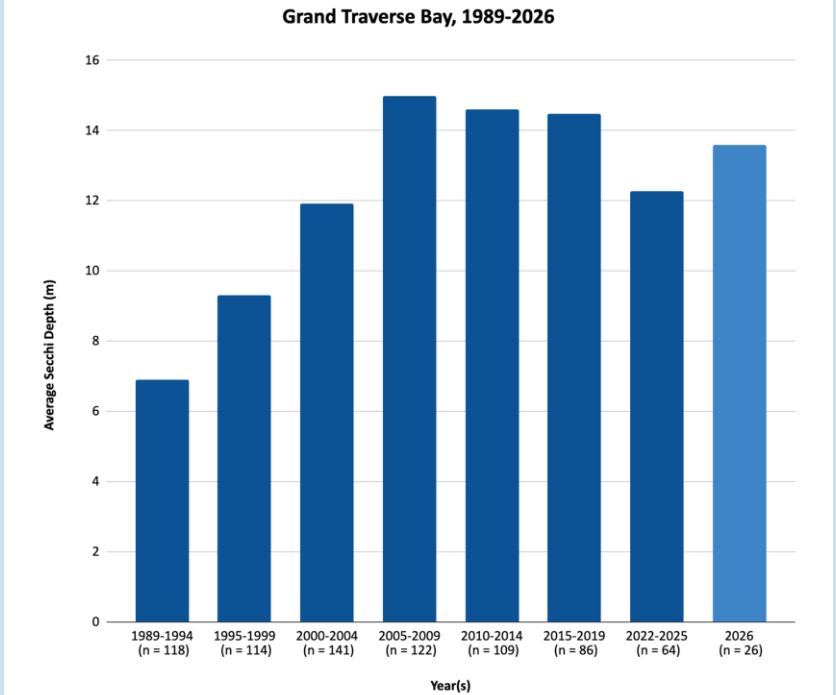
GTB average: 13.58 meters



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Secchi (May)



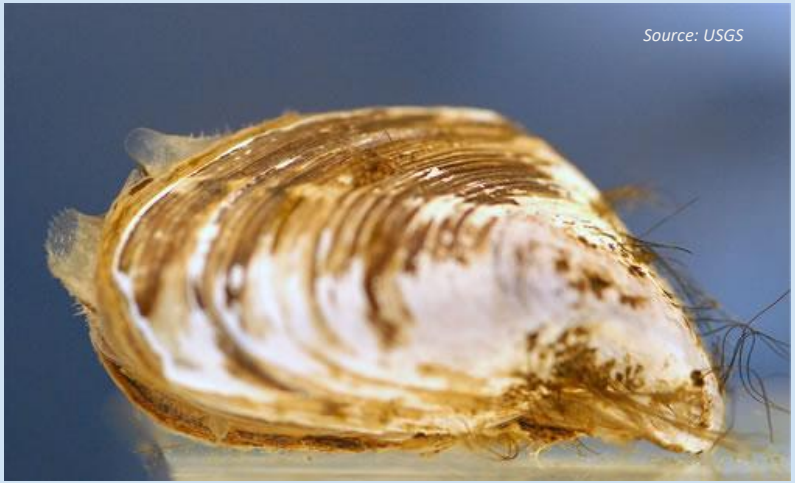


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Zebra Mussel
Dreissena polymorpha

First GTB Observation:
1991



Quagga Mussel
Dreissena bugensis

First GTB Observation:
1997

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Thank You!

Come chat with us!

Contact me w/ questions ☻
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