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**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018, 12:04:25 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Fwd: McCracken County tern and mussel info

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From: **Harper, Erin (FW)** <[erin.harper@ky.gov](mailto:erin.harper@ky.gov)>  
Date: Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 3:39 PM  
Subject: RE: McCracken County tern and mussel info  
To: "[beckbird17@gmail.com](mailto:beckbird17@gmail.com)" <[beckbird17@gmail.com](mailto:beckbird17@gmail.com)>, "Brunjes, John (FW)" <[john.brunjes@ky.gov](mailto:john.brunjes@ky.gov)>  
Cc: "McGregor, Monte (FW)" <[Monte.McGregor@ky.gov](mailto:Monte.McGregor@ky.gov)>

Becky,

Our records don't indicate that any terns have nested on the island you are concerned with. We do have 2 islands about 1.65 miles downstream (across from the coal plant that's on the IL side). However, the last time terns nested there was in 2012 when they were actually exposed and out of the water and there were only 8 nests. The river flooding is a big issue with nesting terns, especially on the Ohio. The only other nests we have on the Ohio are farther downstream near Monkey's Eyebrow, before the next lock and dam. There were 24 nests there in 2012. The terns have occasionally used the dredged islands along the river, but that is also very rare.

As far as mussels go, you'll have to consult with our mussel expert, Monte McGregor.

If you have any more questions, let me know.

Thanks.

***Erin Harper***

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:06 AM

**To:** Brunjes, John (FW) <[john.brunjes@ky.gov](mailto:john.brunjes@ky.gov)>

**Cc:** Harper, Erin (FW) <[erin.harper@ky.gov](mailto:erin.harper@ky.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: McCracken County tern and mussel info

Hi Erin - can you let me know if it will be possible to get some tern and mussel data for McCracken county for recent years? Ideally we are hoping to finish this up in the next couple weeks and would like to confirm presence/absence of rare species in that stretch of the Ohio. Thanks!

Becky

*Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device*

----- Original message-----

**From:** Brunjes, John (FW)

**Date:** Thu, Feb 8, 2018 10:21 AM

**To:** Becky Harris;

**Cc:** Harper, Erin (FW);

**Subject:** RE: McCracken County tern and mussel info

Erin:

Can you help Becky. I'm slammed with Commission stuff and it would be a while before I can provide meaningful help.

Thanks

JB

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 08, 2018 10:19 AM

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**Subject:** McCracken County tern and mussel info

Hi John - I got your name from Brainard Palmer-Ball - his 2005 least tern survey paper was very helpful, and he thought you might have more info on least terns in the Ohio River from recent years. I'm an ecologist working as a consultant for the NRC on the Honeywell MTW project across the river in IL, and I'm interested to know if there is more detail available on the mussel surveys that are reported in the KY endangered species database (e.g., several reports of various species in 2015 in McCracken County from scientific collection permits). Is more detailed location data available for mussels in the Ohio River? Also interested in least tern data for this section of the river since 2005 - is the sandbar below ever used for tern nesting? thanks very much!

Becky Harris

