

Fish Kill or Distress Reports by Date and Location			
Date	River	Site	Comment
4/18/2008	Cowpasture River	Upstream of 1st Rt. 39 Bridge Crossing above Millboro Springs	Today a friend emailed me. Their son-in-law was fishing Friday on the Upper Cowpasture River. I quote from the email, "About the river, we again started seeing some dead fish, maybe 12-15 total. I saw one with lesions on it but did not catch any that appeared sick.
4/21/2008	Cowpasture River	1st Rt. 39 Bridge Crossing above Millboro Springs	Resident reports they saw 6 dead fish last week under the VDOT bridge. They had caught 3 fish with no lesions.
4/22/2008	Cowpasture River	Fort Lewis	DGIF employee found a single dying adult Rock Bass
4/25/2008	Cowpasture River	about a mile upstream of Fort Lewis	DGIF Electrofishing results of 4 dead rockbass (3 with lesions). 3 live rockbass and 1 smallmouth with lesions
4/25/2008	Cowpasture River	Just upstream of Wide Draft Hollow	DGIF Electrofishing results of 15 Rockbass with lesions. 3 Redbreast with lesions
5/6/2008	Cowpasture River	Co. Rt. 678 bridge near Ft. Lewis	DEQ employee saw one dead sucker, and what appeared to be a dead rock bass. Also saw a dying sucker. The dead sucker was about 9", and the dying sucker was about 5". The dead centrarchid was about 3" long. Also saw what looked like a golden trout, about 12" apparently healthy and swimming in the current directly upstream of the bridge.
5/6/2008	Cowpasture River	northernmost Co. Rt. 625 crossing	DEQ employee saw 4 dead fish; 2 suckers about 6", and a couple of what appeared to be rock bass (but were too deep to get to).
5/6/2008	Cowpasture River	Walton Tract	DEQ employee saw one dead fall fish, about 6"; had been dead a long time, abdominal cavity had been eaten
6/1/2008	Cowpasture River	About 10 miles below Millboro Springs	Local fisherman reports that all red eyes had sores and bass were very lethargic. The sun fish seemed O.K. Caught about ten fish , which was a very low count vs his usual.
6/5/2008	Cowpasture River	Just Below Fort Lewis	Cowpasture River, just below Fort Lewis. Fall Fish - very sluggish, don't fight, All red eyes caught have lesions, Several dead and dying bass. Fisherman reported "As far as I'm concerned the river is dead".
4/24/2008	Craig Creek	Strom to the Intersection of Ball Park Rd (route 685) and route 615	Concerned Individual reports "I found two dead Rock Bass, one dead Smallmouth, and a Dead Sucker. The Rock Bass were too deep to get but I would guess they were both about 6 inches or less in length. The Smallmouth was around 14 inches, with a lesion near its gills and another near its belly. The Sucker was about three inches in length, no lesions, but pink discolorations under its skin."

5/30/2008	Craig Creek	Parr Area	Concerned Individual saw a couple of dead fish with lesions on their sides. I am up there all summer long and these were the first we have seen. They were smallmouth bass in the 3 lb. range. Didn't see any last year, but we knew it was just a matter of time.
6/2/2008	Craig Creek	Oriskanny to Strom	Got a call this afternoon from a fella that fished Craig Creek this weekend. He saw about a dozen SMB with "white growths", but didn't catch any fish with these. He also saw about 10-12 dead SMB and suckers
5/11/2008	Jackson River	The 1/2 mile below the Trash Transfer Station	Family fishing trip reports 4 or 5 dead bass, one was about 13 inches. That day they caught about 10 bass in the 10 to 12 inch range and several under 9 inches
5/25/2008	Jackson River	The 1/2 mile below the Trash Transfer Station	Family fishing reports: we saw 6 dead bass and caught 1 rock bass with a huge sore near the head about the size of a pencil eraser. We did not catch any bass over 9 inches which is unusual for us
5/25/2008	Jackson River	1/4 mile at Dabney Lancaster College	Family fishing reports: We saw 8 dead bass, 1 dead rock bass, 2 dead fall fish and 1 dying bass of about 8". In this section, we did not catch any bass over 8 inches. We did catch approximately 15 bass in the 6 inch range and several fall fish.
5/30/2008	Jackson River	Low Moor	DGIF Electrofishing Results, Lesions found on fish including smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, rock bass, redbreast sunfish, fallfish, and bluegill (Paul Bugas)
6/1/2008	Jackson River	Wal-mart to K-Mart Covington	I fished the river this past weekend and caught about a third of the average catch with the largest fish at 10" or so. I also have noticed the past year and this year that several of the larger smallmouth and rock bass have large open sores on their flanks and abdomen. Fishing pressure has not increased and I am becoming increasingly nervous that these fish are getting sick and dying off, especially the larger spawning sized fish.
6/6/2008	Jackson River	Covington to I64 Bridge	we saw numerous dead or sick fish. Mostly Rock Bass, but a few Smallmouth Bass. I have been fishing the Jackson River for 18 years and I have never seen the fishing this bad. Some of my observations of the water was that the river flow was real low and the temperature seemed to be warmer than normal for this time of year.

6/7/2008	Jackson River	YMCA to Rt. 60 Bridge in Clifton Forge	we saw numerous dead or sick fish. Mostly Rock Bass, but a few Smallmouth Bass. I have been fishing the Jackson River for 18 years and I have never seen the fishing this bad. Some of my observations of the water was that the river flow was real low and the temperature seemed to be warmer than normal for this time of year.
6/7/2008	Jackson River	Dabney S. Lancaster College to 220 Bridge near Clifton Forge	This spring we have noticed a number of dead fish, mainly redeyes and smallmouth bass, in the area from Clifton Forge to Iron Gate. This weekend, Saturday, we fished from the low-water bridge at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College to a point near the 220 bridge between Clifton Forge and Iron Gate. We boated 30 smallmouth bass, of which at least 12 had lesions or some evidence of some illness. We boated 5 redeyes, of which 3 had lesions and we boated 9 "horny head"(dace family) of which 2 had lesions. We did see a number of live fish in the water, including bass, redeye, carp and sunfish, but we did not see many larger fish (smallmouth) and we did not catch any smallmouth over 12-13 inches. We did not see any dead fish floating in the water as we have earlier in the year.
3/16/2008	James River	Between Balcony Falls and Snowden	I saw about 20 dead smallmouth on bottom near shore
3/26/2008	James River	Above Springwood	I caught a Smallmouth that had the lesions and growth. bass was approx. 17.5 in. and appeared healthy otherwise. Caught another one that was 14" and showed no signs of being sick. Also observed large RockBass that appeared to be distressed.
3/29/2008	James River	Buchanan	Saw a Large 20" Bass with white, fuzzy lesions in shallows by the access ramp.
4/2/2008	James River	Between Horseshoe Bend and Buchanan	Talked with fisherman who confirmed seeing two dead Smallmouth, 2 dead Perch and two living Smallmouth with lesions.
4/2/2008	James River	Between Springwood and Buchanan	I found nine dead fish along the way. A Sucker with a growth that looked like a fungus on its back; three Smallmouth, all with lesions; one Redbreast Sunfish with a lesion; three Rock Bass with lesions and 1 fish that was too deep to positively identify. With the exception of the sucker, all of the fish were under approximately 6 inches in length.

4/2/2008	James River	Buchanan	I spoke yesterday with a fisherman in Buchanan who reported seeing 3 dead fish (two Smallmouth and one Rock Bass) last week within a mile of the Buchanan boat access ramp. I floated the section between Buchanan and Arcadia yesterday (April 1) and did not observe any dead fish
4/2/2008	James River	In the 300yards above Buchanan access ramp	On a clean metals run DEQ employees saw a dead Redbreast and three dead rockbass
4/17/2008	James River	Horseshoe Bend	Local resident observed several dead rock bass and redbreast sunfish (7-8 of them)
4/17/2008	James River	Narrow Passage (Horseshoe Bend)	Fisherman saw 1 dead smallmouth with lesion on tail.
4/18/2008	James River	Buchanan	In the first set of riffles below Buchanan we found three (4 to 5 pound) smallmouth dead in the bottom of a pool. Only managed to catch 4 smallmouth on the entire float (12 to 14 inch). No Rock Bass or Redbreast Sunfish to be found. I have been fishing the James for over 30 years and this is very disturbing.
4/18/2008	James River	Horseshoe Bend to Springwood	The fish we caught appeared healthy, but we saw 10 + dead fish in the water and 5 + fish in the shallows with lesions on them and they appeared to be distressed. They would move if you tried to net them otherwise they would just sit there and I don't think they were nesting. The dead fish were both redeyes and smallmouth. We only caught 1 smallmouth and it appeared healthy and the rest of the group caught several and they were also healthy
4/19/2008	James River	Between Horseshoe Bend and Buchanan	I saw a couple smallies messed up bad with big "cotton" patches on them. I also saw 20 or 30 dead fish scattered throughout the slower sections... caught about 30-40 healthy smallies in the faster water sections...
4/21/2008	James River	Confluence of James and Maury	two dead Rock Bass at the confluence of the Maury and the James
4/21/2008	James River	Eagle Rock	I saw one dead sucker
4/24/2008	James River	Horseshoe Bend	3 dead smallmouth
4/26/2008	James River	Just Above Buchanan	14 Dead Smallmouth (7-11" in size)
5/3/2008	James River	Horseshoe Bend	Dead and Lesioned fish at horseshoe bend
5/5/2008	James River	GLEN WILTON to GALA	Saw five dead fish, fish had the white fuzzy stuff on them
5/8/2008	James River	Between Springwood and Buchanan	About 30 dead SMB, 5 dead ROB, 1 dead sunfish, 1 dead sucker. Caught 2 with lesions. 1 sick approached boat A lot of these fish were on the banks from where the previous high water had recessed. Just about every eddy would have a couple of fish in them

5/9/2008	James River	Between Rocky Point and Gilmour Mills	I caught about 20 small mouth bass. Of these, 5 had lesions. A 12" bass had fin rot on the caudal and one pectoral fin, as well as a lesion on both the left and right flank, below the second dorsal fin. The lesions looked like they were becoming more pronounced, since the scales had not yet all fallen off over the affected area. Gills seemed normal. One 15" fish had fin rot on the right pectoral fin, and two other fish had lesions on their flanks. No fish smaller than 11" had lesions. Fish observed w/ lesions were captured mostly on the upstream end of the float, but the relatively small numbers observed might not mean there's any significance to that apparent distribution
5/16/2008	James River	Eagle Rock to Arcadia	The highest density was the 1 mile stretch above the Interstate 81 bridge. In all of the snags along the river's edge, dead smallmouth were accumulating. I counted a minimum of 35 in a single snag.
5/23/2008	James River	Lochner Tract (1/2 mile up from Glasgow)	Caught around a 15 inch smallmouth with approx 2 inch lesion on middle/side of fish.
5/23/2008	James River	Eagle Rock to Catawba Creek SMITH Tract	the water was up a bit and fishing was poor. We caught 7 fish--all red eyes. Two had lesions. We also saw 2 dead smallmouth bass in the water, both covered with lesions.
5/24/2008	James River	(end of Tank Hollow Rd. South of Natural Bridge about 3 miles up river from Arnold's Valley)	Caught around 4 bass in the 12 - 14 inch range and 1 fish had an approx 1 inch lesion on middle/side of fish.
5/24/2008	James River	Between Horseshoe Bend and Springwood	I personally observed six dead Smallmouth Bass. The fish were not floating, they were belly-up on the bottom, by the banks in deeper (3-4 feet) water. Of the approximately 10 bass we caught, three of them had lesions on their sides.
5/24/2008	James River	Big Island Boat Ramp	I saw a guy trying to revive a solid 19-20 inch fish. He said that it just swam up on the ramp. It had lesions and didn't look good at all. I started fishing and caught 12 fish - 4 of those had lesions. All fish that had lesions were 14-17 inch fish
5/24/2008	James River	Between Buchanan and Arcadia	3 dead and floating bream were observed, at least one with visible lesions on side 3 smallmouth in the estimated 2 to 2 1/2 pound (14-16 inch) range were found in slackwater near the Dillon area, clearly in distress. All were still alive, but floundering, and two had visible lesions. On a much more positive note, I landed the largest smallmouth I have ever caught. It was 20" with 18" girth. Based on my "guesstimate" was approximately 6 pounds.

5/24/2008	James River	Catawba Creek to Horseshoe Bend	caught 20-25 fish, a mix of redeyes and smallmouth. We lost exact count, but approximately 25 percent had lesions. We also saw 4 dead fish in the water, all appeared to be covered with lesions. They were scattered along that section of water.
5/25/2008	James River	Between Springwood and Buchanan	I saw numerous dead fish with lesions (approx. 8) all small mouth bass. One 16 " small mouth came up to my kayak with a large lesion on it's side. I also caught an 18 " small mouth in a rapids and it had a large lesion on it's mouth
5/25/2008	James River	Horseshoe Bend to Springwood	we caught 21 fish, and again 1/4 had lesions. We also saw one dead fish with lesions.
5/26/2008	James River	Natural Bridge to Glasgow	saw 5 good size smallmouth dead and floating down the river. I caught about 5-6 fish with one pushing 17" and a pound and a half, but it had lesions all over it. In fact the good majority of the fish we caught had sores. They still fought well but it was just depressing to see. One of the floaters had so many lesions and sores it was almost unrecognizable
5/26/2008	James River	Lynchburg to Joshua Falls	We floated the James River from Lynchburg to Joshua Falls. we caught around 40 smallmouth. These ranged in size from 7" to 16" and a large number in the 10"-13" range. All seemed very health in that they where aggressive in hitting lures and fought well. Of all the fish only 1 was found with an open sore on it
5/26/2008	James River	Salt Peter Cave to Horseshoe Bend	noticed about a dozen or so dead fish. Most of them were on the bottom in slack water. Most were smallmouth and a few were chubs or suckers. I caught about 15 red eye and about 10 smallmouth that were all healthy looking fish (no sores visible). I also caught 1 bluegill and 2 fallfish that were also quite healthy.
5/26/2008	James River	Salt Peter Cave to Horseshoe Bend	saw 5 or 6 dead Smallmouth on that run. The last one was at the curve before the take out
5/29/2008	James River	Arcadia to Alpine	Out of the 24 Small Mouth caught 3 were noted to have lesions. No dying fish were observed on the float trip.
5/29/2008	James River	Bridge @ Glen Wilton	saw two smallies yesterday one had a sore the other did not. They were in the 8-10 inch range.
6/3/2008	James River	Buchanan	DGIF Electrofishing Results, 3 Dead SMB. Lesions on SMB, ROB, RDB, WHS, MUE (Scott Smith)
6/4/2008	James River	Lick Run	Electrofishing Results, 2 Dead SMB, 1 Dead ROB. SMB, ROB, and CAP main fish with lesions (Scott Smith)
6/6/2008	James River	Springwood to Buchanan	We caught over 2 dozen small fish, (12" and under),and found lesions on four of them. we saw one dead fish in the water

6/8/2008	James River	Salt Peter Cave Area	25-50 Dead SMB and Chubs. Also caught several with lesions
4/10/2008	Main Stem Shenandoah	Between Lockes Landing and Rt. 50 bridge	1 dead sucker fish.
1/12/2008	Middle River	1 Mile above Franks Mill Rd.	We observed a small catfish (6") with 2 large sores in the shallow water of the property that we own on the river.
4/2/2008	Middle River	bald rock gravel road north-west of verona	a 6-8" unidentifiable carcass was resting on the bottom.
3/28/2008	Mill Creek	At 671 Near Grottoes	I saw 3 dead fish. Also noticed that there were two men with a net about 500 yards upstream.
3/31/2008	Mill Creek	At 671 Near Grottoes	DEQ employee found a total of 11 dead redbreast, all between 3" and 5" total length, and 1 dead ictalurid (probably a bullhead catfish) too badly decomposed for more specific identification. We don't have sufficient information at this time to conclude that this kill is related to the problems we've been experiencing in the Shenandoah, but the fact that most of the affected fish were redbreast is troublesome
3/24/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	One mile stretch below Coote's Store	I walked about 1 mile of river on the North Fork Shen, downstream from Cootes Store, and found only 1 dead chub. Water visibility was good, down to about 8'. Water temperature was around 10°C, and flows were approximately normal for this time of year.
4/1/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Redbanks	On a clean metals run DEQ employees saw a half eaten hogsucker and one dead fall fish. No lesions
4/1/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Strasburg Town Park	On a clean metals run DEQ employees saw a dead hogsucker
4/5/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Near Timberville	I found 2 dead juvenile smallmouth in a 100 foot stretch of bank
4/5/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Narrow Passage Bridge	At Narrow Passage Bridge I found 2 dead juvenile smallmouth around 4", one dead hogsucker, one dead sunfish of unknown species around 5"
4/5/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Redbanks	At Red Banks bridge I found one sick fungused redbreast downriver of the bridge above the riffle, and one dead hogsucker in the middle of the river
4/19/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Couple of Miles around Black Bear Crossing	no signs of dead fish. Did catch one smallmouth that had a bloody area at the back end of his top fin. Didn't look like any of the typical lesions. Haven't seen, or caught a sunfish this spring. Probably caught two dozen smallies, most in the 10-13" range. However, caught at least 3 that were in the 15-16" range, and one monster.
4/25/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Narrow Passage	Small sucker covered with lesions
5/3/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Low Water Bridge off of route 661 (Ridgeley Road)	1 dead/dying golden shiner with white growths

5/4/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Low Water Bridge off of route 600/654	at least 4 fish in a small area with small "white fuzzy areas" All were Fall Fish, or Horned Pout. I did catch several small sunfish and Smallmouth bass that were unaffected, did not see any large adults.
5/4/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Low Water Bridge off of route 661 (Ridgeley Road)	I found a dead stoneroller.
5/5/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Redbanks (near Mought Jackson)	DGIF employee noticed quite a few white suckers in slow eddies that seem to be spawned out and dying slowly. Fallfish with problems at Redbanks
5/6/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Swann Rd. near Edinburg	seen one dead sucker, a little to far gone to see lesions. I have seen one dead @ 7" smallmouth, looked like a lesion on it's side. I ran from Red Banks to my home with several others on 5/3. Caught numerous small bass, a few sunfish/rock bass. All appeared healthy
5/7/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Swann Rd. near Edinburg	one dying fish in an eddy hole. Difficult to i.d., best guess a fallfish about 8". Pretty well covered with fungus. Caught a good number of bass: 7-10", fallfish to @13, all looked good
5/23/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Plains Mill Bridge	I saw 1 dead SMB that was too far out to get to, a dead redbreast which I collected and placed in the freezer. I also saw a SMB and a Small 7" sucker with lesions
6/6/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Swann Rd. near Edinburg	last several weeks, made several trips from Red Banks to Swann Rd. seen several fish 7-9" dead or with lesions each trip (bass and fallfish) Also the watersnakes, which had been missing last year are around, although not in the normal size or numbers. caught and released a 15 1/2" smallmouth, with a lesion behind it's gill flap. It went belly up. I was able to follow it downstream and it did not appear to be recovering. I also saw a bass of about 14" floating and stiff, with lesions.
6/8/2008	North Fork Shenandoah	Swann Rd. near Edinburg	caught a number of bass from about 8" to 12-13". The larger bass almost all had lesions or sores. A number of them had a light swollen spot on their gill flap. Several had sores around their mouths. I saw several dead bluegill, suckers and such. This was below the low water bridge, which has a slow, deep run, and has little shade on the right, adjoining a farm, which waters its cattle in the river.

4/18/2008	North River	Intersection of North River Road and Fairview	I walked about 200 feet of river. The river was quite murky from a pretty bad planktonic algae bloom, visibility was only 2 feet. I found four dead smallmouth in the pool near my car, three of them were recently dead, one was on the shore being eaten and decaying rapidly. There was one dead redbreast outside of reach. In the riffle above the pool I could see three dead suckers very nearby. They were belly up and strangely were still under heavy current in some light grasses. I did not get a positive ID but they looked like white suckers from 15 feet away.
4/24/2008	North River	Wildwood Park in Bridgewater	3 Redbreast with Lesions/growths
3/16/2008	Rappahannock River	Mott's Landing	1 fish with fin rot
3/28/2008	Rappahannock River	Unknown	LMB with white spots on gills
3/30/2008	Rappahannock River	Remington to Kelly's Ford	I saw two dead hogshead suckers and one skeleton of some fish. Both whole fish showed no visible signs of injury, sores, or lesions, and were on the bottom in 4 feet of water.
5/5/2008	Rappahannock River	Confluence to Motts Landing	The first fish had most of a pectoral fin missing, with skin irritation below it. The second fish had an obvious sore of some kind between the head and dorsal fin area
3/24/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Island Ford	Found 1 dead white sucker, visibility less than 3'
3/26/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Island Ford	Fisherman reported that he saw 6 dead suckers in deeper water, underneath the bridge
4/4/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	last 3.5 miles before confluence with North Fork	I saw approximately 10 dead sucker fish. The fish were 8 to 12 inches in length
4/7/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Bentonville to Karo	4 dead northern hogsuckers, 3 dead margined madtoms, 1 dead smallmouth around 11", chased one blind smallmouth with fungus on his side for two minutes trying to get a picture
4/11/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Front Royal Landing @ end of Luray Ave	4 dead suckers reported to her by Scott Cooper
4/12/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Front Royal Landing @ end of Luray Ave	I observed 5 dead suckers. Red Horse Suckers?. There were a total of 5, ranging from 14 inches down to about 6 inches. The smallest dead a few hours, less than 12 if I had to guess. The others dead for a couple of days already covered in Algae, losing their color, and one had already been chewed on by 'something', I did see 2 smallies landed by a guy's daughter which looked to be quite healthy.
4/14/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Island Ford	Dead sucker (Redhorse?). No lesions but had an injury to the side that looked like a beak wound
4/20/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Newport	An interesting fishing report. Mostly good, but at Newport my friend found three dead sunfish. Also noted a foul smelling creek with algae coming out of it.

4/21/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	3 to 4 miles Downstream of Bentonville Bridge	Approximately 30 Bluegill (5 inches long); 30 Smallmouth Bass as well as Sucker Fish. The concerned individual did not stop to see if the fish had lesions because he was in a canoe with his grandchildren.
4/25/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Bentonville Low Water Bridge	14 dead fish. (10 white suckers and 4 chubs). Also a fisherman taking out had come from 3 miles upstream and seen no dead fish. He only caught 1 rockbass and 3 smallmouth all healthy.
4/25/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Bentonville Low Water Bridge	Saw 9 dead fish, and one that swam away but looked in rough shape.
4/25/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Newport	Dead hogsucker
5/5/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Newport	DGIF employee reported quite a few white suckers in slow eddys that seem to be spawned out and dying slowly
5/5/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Port Republic	DGIF employee reported quite a few white suckers in slow eddys that seem to be spawned out and dying slowly
5/7/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Bentonville	2 dead hogsuckers. Group of healthy looking smallmouth
5/7/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Fosters Landing	1 dead fall fish (14") with red sores on head. 1 other dead fish, unable to get a clear ID
5/7/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Inskeep	1 dead sucker
5/7/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Island Ford	1 dead redbreast sunfish, 4 dead suckers, 2 live suckers with lesions, 2 healthy looking smallmouth bass.
5/7/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Newport	1 dead redbreast sunfish covered in a fungal growth
5/7/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Port Republic	1 dead redbreast sunfish
5/7/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Shenandoah	8" smallmouth bass at boat dock. Very lethargic but no lesions
5/7/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Whitehouse	1 dead white sucker, 1 dead Catfish. Several healthy smallmouth bass
5/8/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Bixler Low Water Bridge	caught 3 largemouth bass Wed.(7th) / 6 largemouth and 2 smallmouth bass on Thurs.(8th). lesioned bass on Thursday. 2 very sick largemouth:one that had a lesion on its mouth and another with 8-10 black lesions all over the top of its head. I spent most of my time Thursday perch fishing and I caught 48 sunperch which were all in good health and good size.
5/17/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Island Ford to Elkton	Caught about 30 smallmouth bass. 20-25% with lesions 1 dead smallmouth, 1 dead Chub, 1 Dead Sucker
5/20/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Port Republic	1 sick smallmouth, hogsucker, whitesucker Dead: 2 white suckers, 2 sunfish, 2 bullheads, 4 smallmouth
5/20/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Island Ford	2 dead smallmouth. 1 Dead Sunfish
5/25/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	1 mile below Shenandoah Dam	Went out over Memorial Day Weekend and caught about 60 fish, which about 80% of had lesions.

5/26/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Shenandoah	Father and son caught 61 bass, 2 perch, and 2 rock bass. None of these fish had lesions. I saw one with a spot where one lesion had healed over
5/30/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Bixler Low Water Bridge	All of the fish that I caught were lesion free but I saw two dying smallmouths. They were very dark colored, had multiple pink and red sores, and were swimming really slow near the top of the water.
6/6/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Island Ford	this is extremely discouraging as we saw a lot of dead or dying fish on that exact float a few days ago during the scavenging. I'm not sure if anyone took count that day, but I'm sure we passed at least 20 or 30 dead fish of all varieties that day.
6/9/2008	South Fork Shenandoah	Island Ford	counted over 1 dozen dead smallmouth, most were littered on the bottom near the bridge in the slack water on the opposite side from the boat landing. We also saw at least 5 sunfish covered in fungus on the surface washing downstream. 8 bullhead catfish, 4 were covered in a nasty yellow slime on the surface, 4 were on the bottom. We also saw a few really big dead suckers on the bottom. This was all seen in a time frame of about 2 hours in the evening
4/5/2008	South River	Grottoes Town Park (Half mile downstream)	April 5th at 5 PM and found three dead Rock (Red-eye) Bass. These bass were laying on the bottom of the river and one, the only one I could get to, had a large lesion on its left flank.
4/7/2008	South River	Grottoes Town Park	Today I CAUGHT A BROWN TROUT THAT WAS MISSING ITS LEFT ANAL FIN. ALL FINS LOOKED DISCOLORED AND FISH HAD WHITE BUMPS ON WHOLE BODY.
5/17/2008	South River	Grottoes Town Park	caught a smallmouth about 8 to 10 inches long in south river in Grottoes.....had a pretty nice sore on his side about 1/2 inch behind its gill
5/20/2008	South River	Waynesboro, James Hollow	3 dead whitesucker
5/24/2008	South River	Constitution Park	observed two rock bass - one was dead with no visible lesions, the other was in the throes of death. Both fish were 5-6" long.
5/26/2008	South River	Constitution Park	observed two dead smallmouth bass, 6-7" each, with no visible lesions - may have been dead for several days. Also, observed one dead sunfish - I couldn't identify species because of its condition - also may have been dead for several days

5/31/2008

South River

Just before Port Republic

largemouth (about a 1 lb. fish) had a lesion on the left side approximately 2 inches in front of it's tail fin. It was a spherical protrusion about 1/3 size of a golf ball and had an abscessed head like area about the size of a #2 pencil eraser. The fishes color was fair and there were not other signs of gill damage or fin damage

