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A series of found poems  
reflecting on the existence and  
extinction of the Stirrupshell,  
a bivalve endemic to the waters  
of the Tombigbee River



# Employees' Catalog for American Mussels

Found poem from Hartfield 1987  
By Laura Legzdins

Based on political experience, mussels have increased  
importance,

Were it a pearl packed in their shell.

A federal bulletin reads:

Rivers have a unique service and species,  
Ancient organisms and natural cycles  
on which ecological stability is dependent.

Regard scientific review:

Freshwater mussels like Q. stapes are endangered, in  
special concern, declining, reduced, eliminated,  
threatened by construction, destruction,  
fragmentation, inundated, impounded, channelized,  
destroyed, exposed, in danger, dead, extinct,  
negatively affected by private entities which invade  
stable communities and are obstacles to a stable  
future -

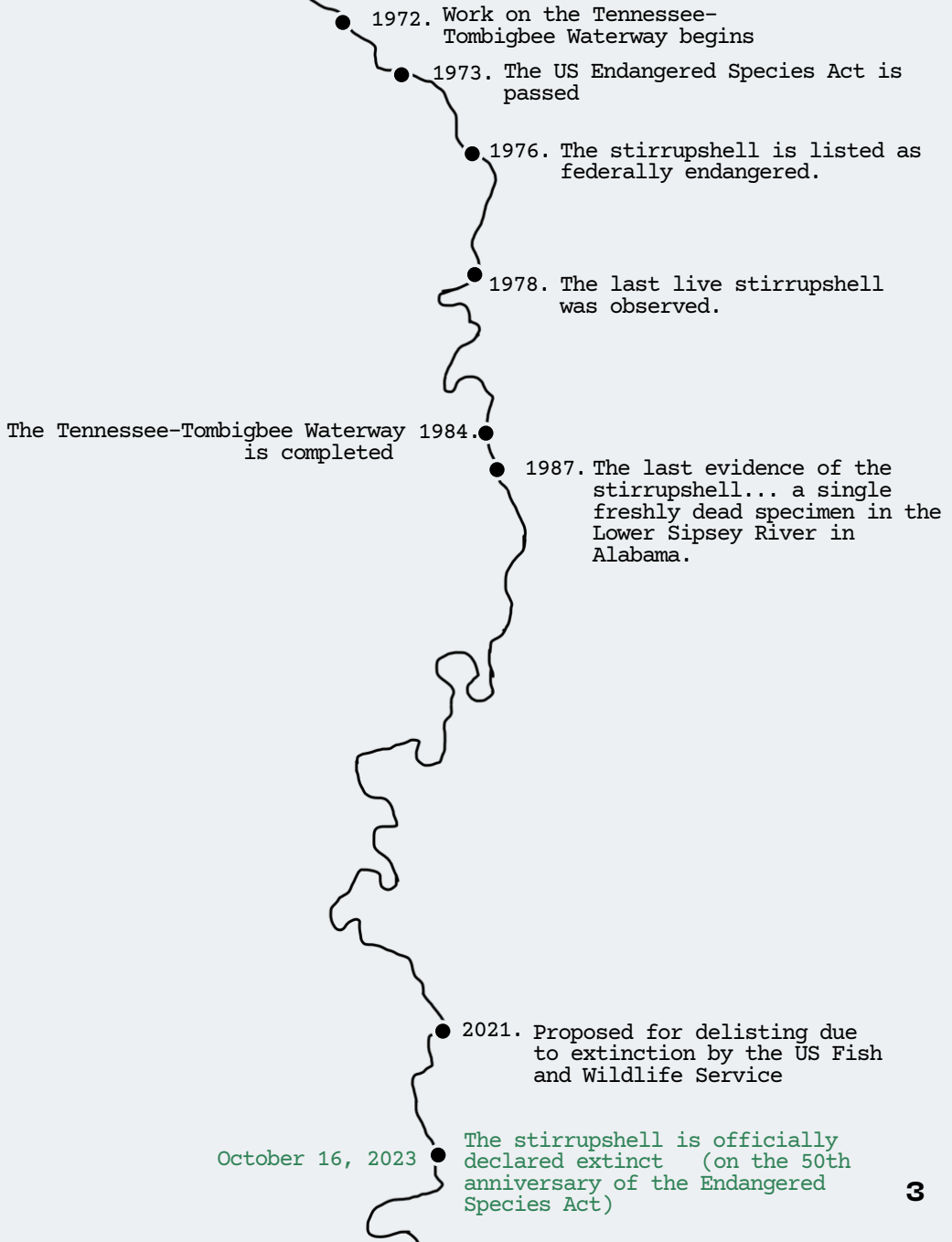
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ATTENTION EMPLOYEES

Requirements: Protect private interest



# The history of the *Theliderma* stapes as told by the Lower Tombigbee River





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By Aisha Shaikh

Here we are not original.

.....100 percent.

Finding the collection of species with names known across the maps, but striking and eliminating the most rich and diverse.

.....80 percent.

If one follows history, we reveal the poor way we have caused destruction. Stretches of flowing rivers drastically restricted.

.....75 percent.

Between the north and south, there is an abundance of reports but we are looking specific to Alabama and Mississippi, along the river of the Black Warrior.

Historically with rich aquatic fauna, from fishes and mussels and clams, only for those that remain to decrease in number.

.....50 percent.

Of the most distinctive mussels, it has many names like Quadrula stapes or stirrup naiad and swift zigzag markings.

The shell of young ranging from yellow to green or older specimens with a variable color of brown.

Taken from their habitats, we spoil it all by hand.

.....40 percent.

Activities like dredging caused adverse effects.

We made an error.

.....35 percent.

One of the greatest threats to their survival.

The possibility of recovery becomes more difficult.

.....15 percent.

Possible or not... The conservation status is changed.

Error.





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