



HUDSON RIVER FISH WIN A ROUND IN ALBANY

NYSDEC calls for closed-cycle cooling at Indian Point – but the devil's in the details

By Andy Mele, Executive Director

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY – On November 12th, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation issued a draft SPDES permit calling for closed-cycle cooling at Entergy's Indian Point nuclear generating facility in Buchanan, NY. Issuance of the permit came as a direct result of legal action initiated by Clearwater, Pete and Toshi Seeger, Assemblyman Richard Brodsky and others.

The last Indian Point permit expired in October, 1992. Issued in 1987, that permit allowed Indian Point to take over 2 billion gallons of cooling water per day directly from the Hudson River, pass it through the plant to absorb excess heat, and discharge it into the river at temperatures up to 19 degrees hotter than ambient water temperature. No aquatic life survives under these conditions.

The combined effects of heat and shear resulted in nearly 100% mortality among the billions of larval and planktonic fish that pass through the screens of the power plant each year. This mortality includes more than 13,000,000 American Shad – a commercially important “species of concern” – and 158,000,000 Striped Bass, potentially worth tens of millions in economic activity.

Closed-cycle cooling would eliminate up to 95% of that mortality, in direct proportion to the amount of water taken from the river.

The draft permit can only be viewed as a victory – a big one – but there are troubling elements that we will have to look at more closely.

The draft permit stipulates that BTA (best technology available) need only be built if the plant gets its operating license extension from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. That could leave the river vulnerable to population-scale heat and shear impacts for another decade or more. And if Entergy's extension is denied, they can run the plant into the ground, kill every fish in the river and walk away without spending a dime on cooling. Obviously we need to know the DEC's intentions.



Chris Bowser

The current operating licenses at Indian Point expire in 2013 (Unit 2) and 2015 (Unit 3). Because 59 nuclear generating stations in the nation use outdated once-through cooling, this draft permit will send shock waves through the industry and we can expect a vigorous and very expensive challenge to the permit from Entergy. They will throw the best scientists money can buy at us, and we'll be forced to build a defense on small donations from citizens.

Retrofitting BTA could cost Entergy more than \$100 million, but they're in business and meeting legal requirements is a cost of doing business. They have more sophisticated cooling systems at many of their other facilities and were just looking to extend their free ride at Indian Point as long as possible.

YOUR VOICES NEED TO BE HEARD -- SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS

from the board president...



Shelley Berfincourt

Board president Annie Osborn (on right) and vice president JoAnne Myers (on left) steer the sloop at this year's Annual Gathering in Yonkers.

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Happy New Year to Clearwater's old and many NEW members! Our fiscal year started on December 1st. The winter chill arrived then too. The start of the new year, the change of the watch, the change at the helm, the change of the season... and the beginning of a new year of celebrating America's Environmental Flagship – 2004: The Year of the Sloop! We have a lot to be thankful for.

The goals and strict budget for 2004 voted unanimously by your enthusiastic and tough new board may feel like being hit with a bucket of icy river water: really refreshing! When you come to volunteer in the office, our energetic and talented staff will warm your heart. The boat is safely put up for winter, the office is cleaned out, weather proofed, and cozy. Plans for the upcoming sailing season are in full swing and reservations and applications for next season are coming in strong. The new sails are ordered (thank you to everyone who responded to Captain Sam's appeal!) and will be finished and shipped for spring installation.

We'll celebrate the sloop's 35th anniversary and Pete's 85th birthday at everything we do this year from small concerts to Clearwater's Environmental Expo and Hudson River Revival. Together we can keep the sloop sailing and her programs fresh and effective. We'll make the river cleaner than ever and change folks' lives, one song at a time.

Give CW gift memberships to celebrate everything and everyone you love.

Thank you,
 Annie O.

Winter's Her Season

BRRRR!! It's a good thing we don't sail during the winter months. Of course, the boat needs her TLC time anyway – just like we have days off for cleaning house, going for a hike, getting a haircut. The crew and I savor the winter when we have a chance to spend time getting important projects done right. We relish the opportunity the winter season offers to get the boat back up to snuff, making her stronger, safer and more beautiful.

As I write this, the shed that covers the boat for winter work has been on for about three weeks and the crew is in full maintenance mode. Our stellar winter crew and apprentices have begun a variety of



Samantha Heyman

Give a hand to this fine piece of oak that's been with us for over 13 years...



Ritonda Fritschman

Swimming in a Sea of Oceanus... (that's the fabric the sail is made of) Clearwater's new mainsail is cut on the YMCA gym floor.

projects such as rebuilding the gangway and the Lister generator clutch. They are attacking rust throughout the boat (you wouldn't think of rust on a wooden boat, would ya'?) and giving much needed attention to the jibhorse. Volunteers from YRDC have begun making the hundreds of feet of new baggywrinkle that we need. If it isn't done by the time you read this, feel free to come on down and tie some cow hitches!

This year, our biggest stories are a new suit of sails and a new tiller. By the time this is printed, we will be well into both projects. I want to send out a huge thank you to everyone who donated money for the sails. We couldn't sail next year without your

help. I'd also like to thank Scarano Boatbuilding in Albany for donating a massive piece of dry white oak for our new tiller, another piece of equipment we can't sail without.

Between those biggies and all the many smaller projects our crew will do this winter, the boat will be happy and healthy by spring 2004, ready for another season of 15,000 kids. Until then, stay warm and we'll see you at the potluck supper parties!

- Captain Samantha Heyman



Tara Reesberg

Clearwater's Winter Crew 2004 (from left to right) Tom Kindling, sheriff/ apprentice; Chris Brown, crew; Eric Kendall, crew; Todd Kosakowski, coordinator.

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For more winter maintenance pictures -- check out website: www.clearwater.org

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FISH WIN A ROUND:
your voices need to be heard

The public comment period on DEC's draft permit for Indian Point ends February 6, 2004. The permit can be downloaded at: www.dec.state.ny.us/website/site/highlights.html.

Clearwater members will be delighted that DEC has called for closed-cycle cooling at Indian Point, and they should say so. But DEC is veering away from the spirit – and letter – of the Clean Water Act when they let Entergy off the hook assuming that closed-cycle cooling would be cost-prohibitive absent an extension of Entergy's NRC operating license.

This assumption created the existing “decade-sized loophole” in the draft permit process – a loophole that needs to be closed. Tell DEC that the Clean Water Act is not about cost-benefit analysis. Remind them that Entergy uses more sophisticated cooling at many of its other nukes. See www.entropy.com.

DEC's “client base” is not the industrial polluters. It is the public. And the public interest is clearly best served by controlling Indian Point's ravenous appetite for young fish.

Send your letters to: Betty Ann Hughes, NYSDEC Division of Environmental Permits, 625 Broadway, 4th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-1750.

The public will also have the opportunity to make unsworn statements on the applications and the draft permits at Legislative Public Hearings. The hearings will be held on Wednesday, January 28 and Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Esplanade Hotel, 95 South Broadway, White Plains, New York; phone (914) 761-5721.

All individuals, organizations, corporations, or government agencies that may be affected by the proposed project are invited to attend the hearing and to submit oral or written comments.

HUDSON RIVER DIGEST

POUGHKEEPSIE SOUTHERN WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A 200,000 square foot development including a hotel, restaurants, catering facility, offices, and marina proposed for Poughkeepsie's southern waterfront could catapult Poughkeepsie into the limelight or bring strip development to the Hudson riverfront. The thoroughness of the SEQRA review and the project's final design is likely to determine whether the City will be held up as a model to emulate, or simply lose another opportunity.

At first refusing to require a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project, the Common Council has now responded to Scenic Hudson's urging that a DEIS is in fact necessary. While the project could clean-up former industrial sites, generate economic activity, jobs, and public access to the Hudson River, its lackluster design is more suitable for Route 9 between the muffler joint and nail salon than on this stunning riverfront site.

The project could be vastly improved with clustered buildings to provide a stronger sense of place and more usable waterfront open space. Further, the 1,100 parking spaces must be reduced and shifted away from the water's edge. A hard look must be taken at the array of environmental and community impacts likely to result from this project.

This abandoned and polluted waterfront could be transformed into Poughkeepsie's flagship waterfront site. It remains to be seen, however, how the City will oversee the environmental review. City of Poughkeepsie residents should contact their mayor and council members to convey their concerns about the direction that this project might take.

Jeffrey Anzevino, AICP
 Sr. Regional Planner
 Scenic Hudson



Poughkeepsie Southern Waterfront

Chris Bowser

SAINT LAWRENCE CEMENT — UPDATE

Controversy continues over the proposed Saint Lawrence Cement plant slated for construction in Greenport, New York, just south of Hudson. As this Navigator goes to print, adjudicatory hearings are underway on the issues of increased noise and traffic associated with the plant. Regrettably, Commissioner Erin Crotty of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has not yet ruled in favor of hearings on the critical issues of air pollution and the visual impacts of the plant on the area's nationally significant historic landscapes.

While we await Commissioner Crotty's decision regarding additional hearings, opposition to the massive cement plant continues to grow. In recent weeks, plant opponents have been bolstered by editorials against the project from The New York Times, The Boston Globe, and the New Haven Register. All three newspapers address adverse air quality impacts associated with the plant and emphasize the unhappy reality that the downwind states of Massachusetts and Connecticut will be the recipients of most of the airborne pollutants emitted by the plant.

Lend a hand in opposing Saint Lawrence Cement by urging Commissioner Crotty to hold adjudicatory hearings on air quality and the visual impacts of the plant. Call Commissioner Crotty, at (518) 402-8540 ext. 1010, or call Clearwater at (845) 454-7673 for more information.

Tim Sweeney
 Environmental Associate



Keeping Our Heads Above Water

Thirty years after the passage of the Clean Water Act, the responsibility for ensuring water quality rests in large part with local governments and citizens groups. Here in the Hudson River Valley, as we worked tirelessly to ensure the EPA would require GE to clean up its PCBs, our wetlands, tributaries and ground water was being degraded by development at an alarming pace. Clearwater and Mohonk Consultations sponsored a day-long conference to address the decades of degradation and consider practical approaches to protect our precious water resources.

Keeping Our Heads Above Water: Protecting Fresh Water for the Future, held last November at the historic

Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, drew more than 150 participants from Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess counties for workshops on water management and protection. Workshops for municipal leaders included case studies about using the law to protect water, inter-municipal approaches to water protection, and managing non-point source pollution. Workshop topics for citizens included the Empowerment Institute's Livable Neighborhood Water Stewardship, involving communities and schools in water protection, developing an aquifer study, and the value of GIS mapping as a powerful tool for delineating the quality and quantity of water resources.

What Was Learned:

■ NYSDEC's Scott Cuppett noted that 45% of the streams and 50% of the lakes in the Mid-Hudson are still polluted, mostly as a result of non-point sources.

■ Local hydrogeologist, Kathy Beinkafner reported on sources of fresh water to meet growing demand in the Mid-Hudson region. She emphasized that the best new source of water is conservation, and the best step to conservation is fixing leaky pipes.

■ Jay Beaumont of Orange County Water Authority discussed how communities can prevent pollution from major non-point sources such as road salt and urban/agricultural runoff. He described how programs such as Orange County's Groundwater Guardian program (800-858-4844; www.groundwater.org) are empowering community volunteers from all sectors to work together to protect local groundwater supplies.

■ Orange County Planning Board member David Church talked about the ways sprawling housing and commercial development increases demand on existing groundwater sources and diverts rain water into streams, rather than allowing it to soak into the ground, which filters contaminants such as petroleum, pesticides, and fertilizers, and replenishes ground water:

■ Remediating contaminated groundwater is costly, making preventative measures a worthwhile investment. Several local towns will

undertake expensive installation of new water systems to replace polluted groundwater: Up to \$8.8 million will be spent in East Fishkill due to tetrachloroethene (TCE) and \$4.3 million in Hyde Park due to methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE). MTBE from leaking gas stations has also contaminated private wells in Fort Montgomery, Mt. Airy and dozens of other sites throughout the region.

■ Remediation of Superfund site in High Falls contaminated with solvents containing a variety of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) is projected to cost taxpayers \$14.9 million, a problem that could have been prevented with a little vigilance and a few thousand dollars of proper equipment.

■ Presenters also stressed the importance of protecting or reclaiming wetlands, especially riparian zones adjacent to streams, and the value of using innovative technologies, such as reed beds in constructed wetlands and composting toilets, for managing sewage. Performance artist Evi Seidman's whimsical quips and quirky props highlighted ways we can conserve water throughout the conference.

■ Acknowledging the need for ongoing networking and information sharing to ensure efficient use of our collective resources, participants called for further discussion. Clearwater and Mohonk Consultations agreed to co-host a follow up meeting in mid-January, 2004. For further information, please contact Manna Jo Greene at Clearwater: mannajo@clearwater.org or 845-454-7673 x 113.

Where Do We Go From Here?

■ Become proactive. An educated water constituency is our best defense.

■ Empower volunteers through training. Citizens can learn to monitor local water bodies, which – like the canary in the coal mine – can alert us to changes in environmental quality. (Local citizen-training groups include: Hudson River Basin Watch, LEAPE, NY Rural Water Association, Hudsonia's Biodiversity Assessment Training, etc.)

■ Keep a positive vision. Don't just speak out against problems; learn about local strategies and laws and speak proactively in favor of them.

■ Bring all stakeholders into the planning process.

■ Think regionally. Pollution crosses geographical boundaries, so seek inter-municipal agreements.

■ Think holistically. Although we tend to separate soil and water cycles in our thinking and planning; they are inextricably interconnected in our ecosystems.

■ Speak out against the commodification of water. It's a shared resource.

■ Make elimination – rather than reduction of pollution – the ultimate benchmark.

- Manna Jo Greene
 Environmental Director

PROTECTING FRESH WATER FOR THE FUTURE

CLEARWATER CALENDAR

FRI. JANUARY 9, 6-8 PM

Clearwater Winter Potluck
Crew House at 138 Partition St.
(above Burning Lights) Saugerties, NY
Potluck dinner, songs and
spontaneous merriment!
Call (845) 454-7673 for details.



SAT. JANUARY 10, 11 AM

Sloop Club Congress Meeting
Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon, NY.
Everyone is welcome!
Contact Maryellen Healy
mhealy@frontiernet.net

SAT. JANUARY 10, 1 PM

Clearwater Board Meeting
Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon, NY.

SAT. JANUARY 10, 7 PM

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse
featuring Tony Trischka, Katonah, NY.
Informal choral Teachabout with the
chorus. A portion of proceeds benefit
Clearwater. (914) 242-0374

JAN 10, JAN 24 & JAN 25, 2 PM

Bald Eagle Programs sponsored by the
Hudson River Foundation and NYSDEC
Hudson River Estuary Program.
Held outdoors at George's Island Park
in Montrose, NY, the programs offer
unique exposure to these charismatic
birds. For more info go to
www.learner.org/jnorth

SUN. JANUARY 11, 7 PM

"Sail-Raising" (A Benefit to replace
Clearwater's sails) – Caffe Lena,
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, NY
Adults: \$12/Children 13 & under: \$6
Featuring: Rich Bala, Rick Nestler,
Rik Palieri, Betty and the Baby Boomers.
Call (518) 582-0022 for information.



FRI. FEBRUARY 13, 6-8 PM

Clearwater Winter Potluck –
(see January 9th description above)

FRI. FEBRUARY 15, 3 PM

Bald Eagle Program –
(see January 10th description above)

SUN. FEBRUARY 29, 2004

Clearwater Board Meeting
(location TBA)

For more calendar listings and updates,
please visit www.clearwater.org

Songs In Our Sails

Music has been a vital force in
Clearwater since Pete Seeger turned his
dreams of a clean river into melody.
Individuals and bands from all over the
valley continue to lend their artistic
support to Clearwater through special
events and concerts. Our most sincere
gratitude goes out to you all.

Back in June, extraordinary Hudson
Valley entertainers, **Kim and Reggie
Harris**, performed a Clearwater benefit
house concert at Bob and Nancy
Henshaw's in Rensselaer. Kim and Reggie
have lent their voices and their spirit to
Clearwater for many years. We are
eternally grateful!

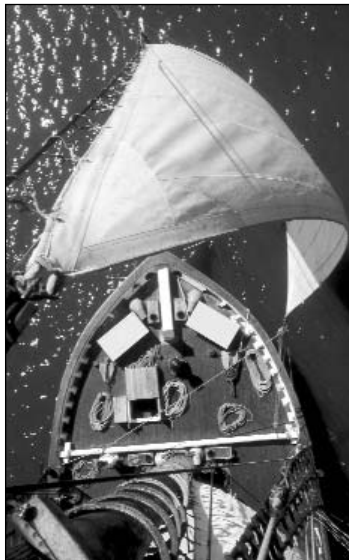
Betty and the Baby Boomers
(bettyandthebabyboomers.com) turned
their latest CD release into a fundraiser
for Clearwater in New Paltz on
November 1st. All of the band members – Betty Boomer, Paul Rubeo, Steve
Stanne, and Jean Valla-McAvoy – are actively involved in Hudson River
education.

On November 8th, **NYC Friends of Clearwater** sponsored the
"Nowhere to Run" concert as a benefit for Clearwater. Folks gave their time,
talents and efforts in an all day conference followed by the evening concert.
Carl Schwartz, longtime Clearwater presence, says of the experience, "It felt
like 'family' on November 8th and we came through."

Clearwater board member and environmental activist, singer-songwriter
Dar Williams performed at the chapel at Vassar College on November 22nd.
Dar's benefit concert for Clearwater drew a huge crowd – her thoughtful songs
and touching lyrics reaching out and bringing in a whole new Clearwater
generation.

And on December 22, former Del Fuegos frontman **Dan Zanes** delighted
more than 200 children and their parents at the Chappaqua Library.

For news on upcoming performances, see www.clearwater.org.



Chris Bowser

Get Set to Volunteer This Spring

One of the most exciting benefits of
membership is spending a week
aboard the *Clearwater* as Volunteer



Chris Bowser

Educator Crew.

As a volunteer, you'll get a great
introduction to the river's ecology,
assist in sailing, take care of the sloop,
and help educate students about the
Hudson River.

If you haven't crewed yet, please
consider it! The sailing season runs
from April until November; and
volunteers are most needed in April
and May. You must be 16 or older to
apply (A limited number of spots are
available for younger volunteers who
come with a parent or guardian).

To volunteer please call the
Clearwater office at (845) 454-7673,
ext-142, or download your application
from www.clearwater.org.

There are also Volunteer Educator
opportunities at Clearwater's Tideline
Discovery Program in Ulster Park, NY.
For more information, call Linda at
(845) 454-7673 x115.

CLEARWATER'S LOYAL FAMILY OF SUPPORTERS HELPED US WEATHER A VERY CHALLENGING YEAR. WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH.

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We all join in extending a huge than you to
our 5,124 donors who gave between \$1 and
\$999 in 2003. Together, these gifts totaled
more than \$371,000! We are so grateful for
the loyal family of Clearwater supporters.

THE FIFTY FRIENDS OF CLEARWATER

We've formed a new category of
donors who have committed a
minimum of \$10,000 per year for
multiple years. We launched the Fifty
Friends in July, and there are already
seven paid Friends with several more
pledges. We hope twenty or more
Friends will be aboard by the end of
2004, and a full fifty by 2005. The Fifty
Friends of Clearwater are committed to
the recovery, capacity-building, and
sustainability of Clearwater. Our deepest
thanks go to:

Christine Lehner	Thomas Wanning
Neil Lipinski	Jean Wexler
Andy Mele	Dar Williams
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There are special benefits that come
with this scale of commitment.
For more information, please contact
Andy Mele at (845) 454-7673.



REVIVAL 2004!

June 19-20 Croton Point Park (and yes, it's Father's Day again)

After months of analysis and reassessment, Revival 2004 has a green light at last!

It'll be a great festival, rain or shine. It's a little smaller, but it has some exciting new features.

Performers:

We've just started booking, but performers already
confirmed include Dar Williams, Toshi Reagon, Guy
Davis, SONiA, Nerissa and Katryna Nield, and Patty
Larkin. Check in periodically with www.clearwater.org for
updates on performers. Dar's on our board now, and she's
putting a lot of energy into booking. You may be surprised
by what you see!

Workshop Stage:

On the riverside site of the second dance stage will be a
large tented solar-powered workshop stage. Here both
mainstage and non-mainstage performers can explore
themes and musical relationships in a more intimate
setting.

Environmental Expo:

We're inviting local, regional and national providers of
"green" products and services to contribute educational,
interactive seminars on living green. From yard care to
construction, from office products to financial investment,
there is a powerful emerging marketplace that serves
people like you. You'll go home with your head full of
ideas and real-world solutions.

Tickets go on sale soon!
Watch for an irresistible Member
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LETTERS



Letter from Edson Elementary School's 5th graders, Kingston:

Dear Chris,

I had a great time. When I was fishing with Bowser, we used a net. I was stunned. I never saw anybody go net fishing in my life. At first we got nothing. Then we had a good idea, to go to a different spot. Soon, we were catching fish by the tens. I will get to the point. I want to thank Bowser and his helpers.

From Your Friend,
Brian

p.s. Thank you.

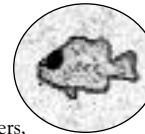


Letters from Mary Schnitzer's 5th grade class – Meagher Elementary, Kingston:

Dear Clearwater Educators,

I just want to thank you for a wonderful day at Esopus Meadows. If you were to ask me what my favorite part of the day was, I would tell you it was the unscramble the secret message hunt (*Orienteering*), but also I liked the brainteaser (*Pay or Pollute Watershed Challenge*) because at the end of it Emily shared her marbles. Thank you and thank you again, I hope I get to come again.

Your Pal,
Chantel S.R. Odiyenni



Dear Clearwater Presenters,

I had a great time. I liked when we had to find the words using compasses. You made it so much fun. I wish we could have stayed longer! Who knew learning could be fun? It was one of the best field trips I have been on ever. I also liked it when we took the fish out of the net. That was the first time I touched a fish when it was alive. I had a lot of fun in the pretend communities when we had to decide to pay or pollute. Me and the rest of the fifth grade had a great time and I thank you for having us.

Thank you so much,
Jasmine Barnes

Letter to the editor from a Clearwater member

10/24/03

Dear Andy,

A real letter – not cybertalk! I've just finished reading your passionate and lyrical essay-editorial in the September/ October Navigator. WOW! Thank you for your commitment to caring for our world – dare I add universe too – and for reaching out through all the teaching you obviously do. I was enthralled by your writing style – how expressive – and what a lot of time it takes. I do NOT usually write “letters to the editor” but yours certainly deserves many kudos!

I spend very little time on the Hudson – my nephew and I sailed on Clearwater several years ago and had much fun helping to haul in the “catch”. Even though I'm rarely on the Hudson, I am aware of its significance to those of us who live in this region. Your descriptions of Cooper and Irving's work resonate with my childhood memories reading Rip Van Winkle and other tales. In some ways, the Hudson seems like a mythical heart pulsing and pumping life into everything it touches!

I'll look forward to reading your next editorial. Thank you for your love and concern for our world – all of it. Keep up the wonderful work all of you at Clearwater are doing and have been doing for so long.

Sincerely,
Kathy Hodges

Guided Poems from Elaine Krautman's 3rd – 6th graders at Chester Elementary

Water of The Hudson

Water is the king of the fish
Water is blue, liquidy and long
Loves the fish, crustaceans and all aquatic life
Afraid of pollution that kills fish and makes the water dirty
Water of the Hudson
Brings sailing and clay
Water's home is the River
When I look at the Water of the Hudson
I feel joy

~ Zach Neuschaefer

Phantom Midge

Phantom Midge
Brother of the jellyfish
Clear, with black spines and eyes
Loves other Phantom Midges
Fears fish
Lives in a drop of water
I have a feeling of being invisible

~ Jake DiTolla

Illustrations by 3rd-6th graders at Chester Elementary School.



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