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Following is an account of organisms I have found, seen, or caught in the Green Harbor River, upstream from the dike.

During the years 1960-1968, we often caught flounder in the Green Harbor River upriver of the dike by drop line from a rowboat. On one day alone we caught 12 flounders. We also caught eels. I remember being scared of taking them off the hook because they thrashed so much. Blue mussels were in abundance on the south side of the river channel, opposite the island. I cut my foot on one. Green crabs lived in a shallow mud basin in the northeast corner of the river, east of the island, hard against the dike. I don't remember clamming inside the dike. We did all our clamming in Green Harbor itself. As a note, we also watched swans, a gray eagle, great blue heron, egrets (I think that's what they were), and deer.

During those years the tides flowed in and out at a rush through the dike tide gates. We used to dive from a platform inside the dike into the incoming tide. The current was very strong and forced you upriver about fifty feet very quickly. On one spring tide in the early 60s the high tide inundated the island up to the porch steps of the Blauss cottage. We were so excited to wade on the lawn.

I do hereby certify and make oath that the above statements made by me are true first-hand accounts.

(Signed)

(Dated)

Subscribed and sworn this _____ day of _____ in the year 2003.

Notary Public