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Scientific name: Tinca tinca
 Common names: Tench
 Native distribution: Eurasia (widely distributed between the British isles and Iberian peninsula to central Siberia), introduced elsewhere
 Date assessed: 6/20/2013
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New York Invasiveness Rank: High (Relative Maximum Score 70.00-80.00)

Distribution and Invasiveness Rank (Obtain from PRISM invasiveness ranking form)		
Status of this species in each PRISM:	Current Distribution	PRISM Invasiveness Rank
1 Adirondack Park Invasive Program	Restricted	Not Assessed
2 Capital/Mohawk	Unknown	Not Assessed
3 Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership	Unknown	Not Assessed
4 Finger Lakes	Unknown	Not Assessed
5 Long Island Invasive Species Management Area	Unknown	Not Assessed
6 Lower Hudson	Unknown	Not Assessed
7 Saint Lawrence/Eastern Lake Ontario	Unknown	Not Assessed
8 Western New York	Unknown	Not Assessed

Invasiveness Ranking Summary (see details under appropriate sub-section)		Total (Total Answered*) Possible	Total
1	Ecological impact	30 (30)	24
2	Biological characteristic and dispersal ability	30 (30)	26
3	Ecological amplitude and distribution	30 (30)	22
4	Difficulty of control	10 (10)	5
	Outcome score	100 (100) ^b	77 ^a
	Relative maximum score [†]		77
	New York Invasiveness Rank [§]	High (Relative Maximum Score 70.00-80.00)	

* For questions answered "unknown" do not include point value in "Total Answered Points Possible." If "Total Answered Points Possible" is less than 70.00 points, then the overall invasive rank should be listed as "Unknown."

[†] Calculated as 100(a/b) to two decimal places.

[§] Very High >80.00; High 70.00-80.00; Moderate 50.00-69.99; Low 40.00-49.99; Insignificant <40.00

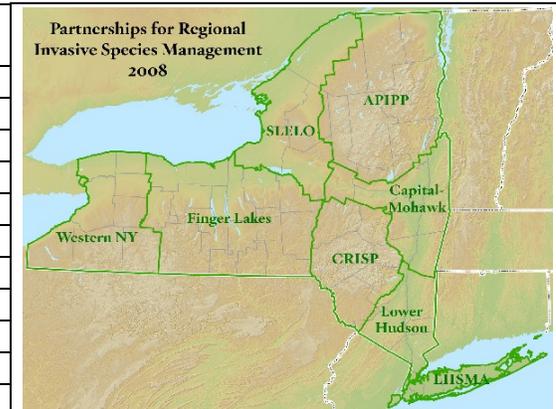
A. DISTRIBUTION (KNOWN/POTENTIAL): Summarized from individual PRISM forms

A1.1. Has this species been documented in NY? (reliable source; voucher not required)

Yes – continue to A1.2
 No – continue to A2.1; Yes NA; Yes USA

A1.2. In which PRISMs is it known (see inset map)?

Adirondack Park Invasive Program
 Capital/Mohawk
 Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership
 Finger Lakes
 Long Island Invasive Species Management Area
 Lower Hudson
 Saint Lawrence/Eastern Lake Ontario



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<input type="checkbox"/>	Western New York
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Documentation:
Sources of information:
www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org

- A2.0. Is this species listed on the Federal Injurious Fish and Wildlife list?
 Yes – the species will automatically be listed as Prohibited, no further assessment required.
 No – continue to A2.1

A2.1. What is the likelihood that this species will occur and persist given the climate in the following PRISMs? (obtain from PRISM invasiveness ranking form and/ or Climatch score)

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| Very Likely | Adirondack Park Invasive Program |
| Unknown | Capital/Mohawk |
| Unknown | Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership |
| Unknown | Finger Lakes |
| Unknown | Long Island Invasive Species Management Area |
| Unknown | Lower Hudson |
| Unknown | Saint Lawrence/Eastern Lake Ontario |
| Unknown | Western New York |

Documentation:
Sources of information (e.g.: distribution models, literature, expert opinions):
www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org. Kolar & Lodge, 2002; DeVaney et al., 2009.

If the species does not occur and is not likely to survive and reproduce within any of the PRISMs, then stop here as there is no need to assess the species.

A2.2. What is the current distribution of the species in each PRISM? (obtain rank from PRISM invasiveness ranking forms)

	Distribution
Adirondack Park Invasive Program	Restricted
Capital/Mohawk	Unknown
Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership	Unknown
Finger Lakes	Unknown
Long Island Invasive Species Management Area	Unknown
Lower Hudson	Unknown
Saint Lawrence/Eastern Lake Ontario	Unknown
Western New York	Unknown

Documentation:
Sources of information:
www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org

A2.3. Describe the potential or known suitable habitats within New York. Natural habitats include all habitats not under active human management. Managed habitats are indicated with an asterisk.

- | Aquatic Habitats | Wetland Habitats | Upland Habitats |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marine | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt/brackish marshes | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultivated* |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salt/ brackish waters | <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater marshes | <input type="checkbox"/> Grasslands/old fields |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Freshwater tidal | <input type="checkbox"/> Peatlands | <input type="checkbox"/> Shrublands |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rivers/streams | <input type="checkbox"/> Shrub swamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Forests/woodlands |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural lakes and ponds | <input type="checkbox"/> Forested wetlands/riparian | <input type="checkbox"/> Alpine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vernal pools | <input type="checkbox"/> Ditches* | <input type="checkbox"/> Roadsides* |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reservoirs/ impoundments* | <input type="checkbox"/> Beaches/or coastal dunes | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural* |

Other potential or known suitable habitats within New York:
 Freshwater, brackish, demersal, potamodromous. Typically found in shallow densely vegetated lakes and backwaters. A warmwater species, Tench favors calm waters, shallow ponds and abundant vegetation and a soft mud substrate, avoiding high gradient streams where the maximum velocity exceeds 0.3 m/s. Shallow coastal (including tidal brackish) environments can serve as breeding areas such as seagrass in slow flowing

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rivers such as the St. Lawrence.

Documentation:

Sources of information:

Masson et al., 2013

B. INVASIVENESS RANKING

1. ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

1.1. Impact on Ecosystem Processes and System-wide Parameters (e.g., water cycle, energy cycle, nutrient and mineral dynamics, light availability, or geomorphological changes (erosion and sedimentation rates).

- A. No perceivable impact on ecosystem processes based on research studies, or the absence of impact information if a species is widespread (>10 occurrences in minimally managed areas), has been well-studied (>10 reports/publications), and has been present in the northeast for >100 years. 0
- B. Influences ecosystem processes to a minor degree, has a perceivable but mild influence 3
- C. Significant alteration of ecosystem processes 7
- D. Major, possibly irreversible, alteration or disruption of ecosystem processes 10
- U. Unknown

Score

Documentation:

Identify ecosystem processes impacted (or if applicable, justify choosing answer A in the absence of impact information)

Known to stir up bottom sediments possibly affecting water quality. In a field experiment in Sweden, Tench dramatically reduced the biomass of snails and bivalves fostering a cascading effect on the biomass of algae through a reduction in grazing pressure by snails. Further, the growth of the dominant submerged macrophyte was also reduced. In areas where zebra mussels are perceived to be a problem, this could be viewed as a positive development.

Sources of information:

Bronmark, 1994.

1.2. Impact on Natural Habitat/ Community Composition

- A. No perceived impact; causes no apparent change in native populations 0
- B. Influences community composition (e.g., reduces the number of individuals of one or more native species in the community) 3
- C. Significantly alters community composition (e.g., produces a significant reduction in the population size of one or more native species in the community) 7
- D. Causes major alteration in community composition (e.g., results in the extirpation of one or several native species, reducing biodiversity or change the community composition towards species exotic to the natural community) 10
- U. Unknown

Score

Documentation:

Identify type of impact or alteration:

In nearby Quebec, Tench is believed to disrupt fish communities and food webs. Tench have been associated with yellow perch declines and have been implicated as a major threat to the threatened copper redhorse. At the same time this species might serve as an important prey item for larger piscivorous predators.

Sources of information:

Marcogliese et al., 2009; Masson et al., 2013.

1.3. Impact on other species or species groups, including cumulative impact of this species on other organisms in the community it invades. (e.g., interferes with native

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predator/ prey dynamics; injurious components/ spines; reduction in spawning; hybridizes with a native species; hosts a non-native disease which impacts a native species)

- A. Negligible perceived impact 0
- B. Minor impact (e.g. impacts 1 species, <20% population decline, limited host damage) 3
- C. Moderate impact (e.g. impacts 2-3 species and/ or 20-29% population decline of any 1 species, kills host in 2-5 years,) 7
- D. Severe impact on other species or species groups (e.g. impacts >3 species and/ or ≥30% population decline of any 1 species, kills host within 2 years, extirpation) 10
- U. Unknown

Score 10

Documentation:

Identify type of impact or alteration:

Potential competitor for food with sport fish and native cyprinids. May contribute to eutrophication, can cause cascading food web effects by preferentially harvesting snails which can lead to algal blooms and a reduction in submerged macrophytes. Carries novel parasites which could infect native sport fishes and imperiled species.

Sources of information:

Masson et al., 2013; Marcogliese et al., 2009

Total Possible 30
Section One Total 24

2. BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND DISPERSAL ABILITY

2.1. Mode and rate of reproduction (provisional thresholds, more investigation needed)

- A. No reproduction (e.g. sterile with no sexual or asexual reproduction). 0
- B. Limited reproduction (e.g., intrinsic rate of increase <10%, low fecundity, complete one life cycle) 1
- C. Moderate reproduction (e.g., intrinsic rate of increase between 10-30%, moderate fecundity, complete 2-3 life cycles) 2
- D. Abundant reproduction (e.g., intrinsic rate of increase >30%, parthenogenesis, large egg masses, complete > 3 life cycles) 4
- U. Unknown

Score 2

Documentation:

Describe key reproductive characteristics:

The number of eggs/kg of body weight varies from 300,00--600,00; sexual maturity reached in 3-5 years, considered to have high fertility.

Sources of information:

Masson et al., 2013.

2.2. Migratory behavior

- A. Always migratory in its native range 0
- B. Non-migratory or facultative migrant in its native range 2
- U. Unknown

Score 2

Documentation:

Describe migratory behavior:

Sources of information:

www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org

2.3. Biological potential for colonization by long-distance dispersal/ movement (e.g.,

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veligers, resting stage eggs, glochidia)

- A. No long-distance dispersal/ movement mechanisms 0
- B. Adaptations exist for long-distance dispersal, but studies report that most individuals (90%) establish territories within 5 miles of natal origin or within a distance twice the home range of the typical individual, and tend not to cross major barriers such as dams and watershed divides 1
- C. Adaptations exist for long-distance dispersal, movement and evidence that offspring often disperse greater than 5 miles of natal origin or greater than twice the home range of typical individual and will cross major barriers such as dams and watershed divides 2
- U. Unknown

Score

Documentation:

Identify dispersal mechanisms:

Sources of information:

www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org

2.4. Practical potential to be spread by human activities, both directly and indirectly – possible vectors include: commercial bait sales, deliberate illegal stocking, aquaria releases, boat trailers, canals, ballast water exchange, live food trade, rehabilitation, pest control industry, aquaculture escapes, etc.)

- A. Does not occur 0
- B. Low (human dispersal to new areas occurs almost exclusively by direct means and is infrequent or inefficient) 1
- C. Moderate (human dispersal to new areas occurs by direct and indirect means to a moderate extent) 2
- D. High (opportunities for human dispersal to new areas by direct and indirect means are numerous, frequent, and successful) 4
- U. Unknown

Score

Documentation:

Identify dispersal mechanisms:

The species was imported into North America from Germany by the US Fish Commission in 1877. However, a hybrid strain of Tench have escaped from commercial ponds in southern Quebec and subsequently spread over 30 years throughout the Richelieu River system both north and south of the release site. Since the release in 1986 they have made it to the northern bays of Lake Champlain and to the St. Lawrence River from Quebec City and Montreal. During this relatively slow expansion they have bypassed several dams and used canal systems to disperse. Smaller individuals could be used as baitfish.

Sources of information:

Masson et al., 2013; Lajbner et al., 2011.

2.5. Non-living chemical and physical characteristics that increase competitive advantage (e.g., tolerance to various extremes, pH, DO, temperature, desiccation, fill vacant niche, charismatic species)

- A. Possesses no characteristics that increase competitive advantage 0
- B. Possesses one characteristic that increases competitive advantage 4
- C. Possesses two or more characteristics that increase competitive advantage 8
- U. Unknown

Score

Documentation:

Evidence of competitive ability:

Tolerates low oxygen saturation. Sport fish. Utilized as fodder for bass. Utilized as a food

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fish fresh and frozen. Ornamental fish. The hybrid Quebec strain might well be filling vacant niches in the Champlain/St. Lawrence system. Tolerant of wide range of salinity.
Sources of information:

www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org; Masson et al., 2013;

2.6. Biological characteristics that increase competitive advantage (e.g., high fecundity, generalist/ broad niche space, highly evolved defense mechanisms, behavioral adaptations, piscivorous, etc.)

- | | | |
|----|---|---|
| A. | Possesses no characteristics that increase competitive advantage | 0 |
| B. | Possesses one characteristic that increases competitive advantage | 4 |
| C. | Possesses two or more characteristics that increase competitive advantage | 8 |
| U. | Unknown | |

Score 8

Documentation:

Evidence of competitive ability:

An opportunistic species, tench can apparently survive drying for long periods by burying itself in mud. Tench is a widely tolerant generalist that, based on its life history traits, is expected to establish and spread throughout the Great Lakes region. It may just be exiting its ~ 30 year establishment phase and passing into the expansion phase, especially the hybrid Quebec strain now entering NYS from both Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence River. The rate of spread in Quebec has evidently accelerated greatly since 2011 and large numbers of fish of all size classes have been caught in seines as a part of a detection network. This may have been due to extensive flooding in 2011.

Sources of information:

Baughman, 1947; Kolar & Lodge 2002; Masson et al., 2013.

2.7. Other species in the family and/ or genus invasive in New York or elsewhere?

- | | | |
|----|---------|---|
| A. | No | 0 |
| B. | Yes | 2 |
| U. | Unknown | |

Score 2

Documentation:

Identify species:

Eurasian Cyprinids are some of the most problematic invasive fishes in North America (DeVaney et al., 2009)

Total Possible	30
Section Two Total	26

3. ECOLOGICAL AMPLITUDE AND DISTRIBUTION

3.1. Current introduced distribution in the northern latitudes of USA and southern latitude of Canada (e.g., between 35 and 55 degrees).

- | | | |
|----|--|---|
| A. | Not known from the northern US or southern Canada. | 0 |
| B. | Established as a non-native in 1 northern USA state and/or southern Canadian province. | 1 |
| C. | Established as a non-native in 2 or 3 northern USA states and/or southern Canadian provinces. | 2 |
| D. | Established as a non-native in 4 or more northern USA states and/or southern Canadian provinces, and/or categorized as a problem species (e.g., “Invasive”) in 1 northern state or southern Canadian province. | 3 |
| U. | Unknown | |

Score 3

Documentation:

Identify states and provinces:

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Documented in 38 states, possibly established in Long Island NY, NJ, MD, DE, CT. An escaped hybrid strain in Quebec has apparently entered an expansion phase and has now spread to northern Lake Champlain in NY/VT. On the St. Lawrence River it has reached Montreal and given its past slow colonization rates, could make it up-river to the border of NYS in less than a decade.

Sources of information:

- See known introduced range at www.usda.gov, and update with information from states and Canadian provinces.

Masson et al., 2013

3.2. Current introduced distribution of the species in natural areas in the eight New York State PRISMs (Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management)

- | | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|---|
| A. | Established in none of the PRISMs | 0 |
| B. | Established in 1 PRISM | 1 |
| C. | Established in 2 or 3 PRISMs | 3 |
| D. | Established in 4 or more PRISMs | 5 |
| U. | Unknown | |

Score 1

Documentation:

Describe distribution:

Statewide fisheries database query resulted in records for the Great Chazy River and Lake Champlain. Historically introduced to lowland lacustrine habitats in Delaware, Long Island and the Housatonic drainages.

Sources of information:

www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org

3.3. Number of known, or potential (each individual possessed by a vendor or consumer), individual releases and/ or release events

- | | | |
|----|---|---|
| A. | None | 0 |
| B. | Few releases (e.g., <10 annually). | 2 |
| C. | Regular, small scale releases (e.g., 10-99 annually). | 4 |
| D. | Multiple, large scale (e.g., ≥100 annually). | 6 |
| U. | Unknown | |

Score 2

Documentation:

Describe known or potential releases:

Most releases historical.

Sources of information:

www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org

3.4. Current introduced population density, or distance to known occurrence, in northern USA and/ or southern Canada.

- | | | |
|----|---|---|
| A. | No known populations established. | 0 |
| B. | Low to moderate population density (e.g., ≤1/4 to < 1/2 native population density) with few other invasives present and/ or documented in 1 or more non-adjacent state/ province and/ or 1 unconnected waterbody. | 1 |
| C. | High or irruptive population density (e.g., ≥1/2 native population density) with numerous other invasives present and/ or documented in 1 or more adjacent state/ province and/ or 1 connected waterbody. | 2 |
| U. | Unknown | |

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Score 2

Documentation:

Describe population density:

It was formerly thought that the presence of centrarchids prevented more widespread establishment especially in the Great Lakes region. A more recent theory is that because Tench is composed of two widely divergent eastern and western phylogroups (clades) in Eurasia, the heavy historical introductions probably failed in certain areas because the wrong group was introduced and was maladapted to its environment.

Sources of information:

Baughman, 1947; Lajbner et al., 2011; DeVaney et al., 2009

3.5. Number of habitats the species may invade

- A. Not known to invade any natural habitats given at A2.3. 0
- B. Known to occur in 2 or 3 of the habitats given at A2.3, with at least 1 or 2 natural habitat(s). 2
- C. Known to occur in 4 or more of the habitats given at A2.3, with at least 3 natural habitats. 3
- U. Unknown.

Score 3

Documentation:

Identify type of habitats where it occurs and degree/type of impacts:

The hybrid strain approaching NYS from two directions from Quebec has apparently broadened its niche, allowing it to occupy a wider range of habitats including estuaries, slow sections of rivers, canals, ponds, lakes, and reservoirs.

Sources of information:

Masson et al., 2013; Marsden & Hauser, 2009.

3.6. Role of anthropogenic (human related) and natural disturbance in establishment (e.g. water level management, man-made structures, high vehicle traffic, major storm events, etc).

- A. Requires anthropogenic disturbances to establish. 0
- B. May occasionally establish in undisturbed areas but can readily establish in areas with natural or anthropogenic disturbances. 2
- C. Can establish independent of any known natural or anthropogenic disturbances. 3
- U. Unknown.

Score 3

Documentation:

Identify type of disturbance:

Most populations are a result of deliberate introduction by state governments in the past, although flooding of ponds has resulted in some established populations from aquaculture, namely the hybrid strain in Quebec.

Sources of information:

www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org; Masson et al., 2013.

3.7. Climate in native range (e.g., med. to high, ≥ 5 , Climatch score; within 35 to 55 degree latitude; etc.)

- A. Native range does not include climates similar to New York (e.g., <10%). 0
- B. Native range possibly includes climates similar to portions of New York (e.g., 10-29%). 4
- C. Native range includes climates similar to those in New York (e.g., $\geq 30\%$). 8
- U. Unknown.

Score 8

Documentation:

Describe known climate similarities:

Temperate, 4 to 24 degrees C. A temperate, warm water fish, apparently well suited to the

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current aquatic environments in the St. Lawrence River and Lake Champlain. Climate in the Great Lakes region is well suited for this species.

Sources of information:

www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org; Masson et al., 2013; Marsden & Hauser, 2009; DeVaney et al., 2009; Kolar & Lodge, 2002

Total Possible	30
Section Three Total	22

4. DIFFICULTY OF CONTROL

4.1. Re-establishment potential, nearby propagule source, known vectors of re-introduction (e.g. biological supplies, pets, aquaria, aquaculture facilities, connecting waters/ corridors, mechanized transportation, live wells, etc.)

- A. No known vectors/ propagule source for re-establishment following removal. 0
- B. Possible re-establishment from 1 vector/ propagule source following removal and/ or viable <24 hours. 1
- C. Likely to re-establish from 2-3 vectors/ propagule sources following removal and/ or viable 2-7 days. 2
- D. Strong potential for re-establishment from 4 or more vectors/ propagule sources following removal and/or viable >7 days. 3
- U. Unknown.

Score 2

Documentation:

Identify source/ vectors:

Aquaculture and water garden species, food fish both fresh and frozen, sport fish. Can survive drying by burying in mud sediments; has been illegally imported to nearby Quebec for aquaculture; desirable food, bait fish. Does not do well ("inept" colonizer) if inappropriate phylogroup is released, but hybrid strain in Quebec is established and spreading towards NYS.

Sources of information:

www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org; Baughman, 1947; Masson et al., 2013; Lajbner et al., 201; deVaney et al., 2009.

4.2. Status of monitoring and/ or management protocols for species

- A. Standardized protocols appropriate to New York State are available. 0
- B. Scientific protocols are available from other countries, regions or states. 1
- C. No known protocols exist. 2
- U. Unknown

Score 1

Documentation:

Describe protocols:

Standardized fish surveys conducted in lakes regularly by NYS DEC, so far the species has not spread much beyond the Chazy locale, but is reported more regularly on the VT side. Quebec has used a seine monitoring detection network in the Richelieu River system toward Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence River documenting the capture of hundreds of individuals of all size classes.

Sources of information:

Masson et al., 2013

4.3. Status of monitoring and/ or management resources (e.g. tools, manpower, travel, traps, lures, ID keys, taxonomic specialists, etc.)

- A. Established resources are available including commercial and/ or research tools 0
- B. Monitoring resources may be available (e.g. partnerships, NGOs, etc) 1
- C. No known monitoring resources are available 2

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U. Unknown

Score

0

Documentation:

Describe resources:

Fisheries staff regularly conduct standardized surveys.

Sources of information:

www.nas.er.usgs.gov and www.fishbase.org

4.4. Level of effort required

- A. Management is not required. (e.g., species does not persist without repeated human mediated action.) 0
- B. Management is relatively easy and inexpensive; invasive species can be maintained at low abundance causing little or no ecological harm. (e.g., 10 or fewer person-hours of manual effort can eradicate a local infestation in 1 year.) 1
- C. Management requires a major short-term investment, and is logistically and politically challenging; eradication is difficult, but possible. (e.g., 100 or fewer person-hours/year of manual effort, or up to 10 person-hours/ year for 2-5 years to suppress a local infestation.) 2
- D. Management requires a major investment and is logistically and politically difficult; eradication may be impossible. (e.g., more than 100 person-hours/ year of manual effort, or more than 10 person hours/year for more than 5 years to suppress a local infestation.) 3
- U. Unknown

Score

2

Documentation:

Identify types of control methods and time required:

The hybrid strain in nearby Quebec has apparently cycled through its establishment phase and is now in its expansion phase. If this expansion front reaches NYS in both the northern Lake Champlain and St. Lawrence systems, it will likely be nearly impossible to eradicate.

Sources of information:

Kolar & Lodge (2002); Labjner et al., 2011

Total Possible	10
Section Four Total	5

Total for 4 sections Possible	100
Total for 4 sections	77

C. STATUS OF GENETIC VARIANTS AND HYBRIDS:

At the present time there is no protocol or criteria for assessing the invasiveness of genetic variants independent of the species to which they belong. Such a protocol is needed, and individuals with the appropriate expertise should address this issue in the future. Such a protocol will likely require data on cultivar fertility and identification in both experimental and natural settings.

Genetic variants of the species known to exist: Yes, US Fish Commission distributed an orange or reddish variety, the golden tench, as an ornamental. It appears that the hybrid variant that escaped in southern Quebec and is now heading for NYS from multiple directions was a deliberate cross between the eastern and western phylogroups of Tench for commercial purposes. Much more study on this topic is needed for this species, but certain other fishes have been found to increase their adaptive potential and population fitness through this type of deliberate genetic admixture for fish farming (Lajbner et al., 2011)

Hybrids (crosses between different parent species) should be assessed individually and separately from the parent species wherever taxonomically possible, since their invasiveness may differ from that of the

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parent species. An exception should be made if the taxonomy of the species and hybrids are uncertain, and species and hybrids can not be clearly distinguished in the field. In such cases it is not feasible to distinguish species and hybrids, and they can only be assessed as a single unit.

Hybrids of uncertain origin known to exist: Possibly

References for species assessment:

www.nas.er.usgs.gov

www.fishbase.org

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