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## Appendix 1

### Distribution Maps of Fish Species

This appendix contains known past and present fish distributions in the Clinton River system. Distribution of fishes were compiled from records located at the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Institute for Fisheries Research, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Lake Erie Management Unit, and from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Specific locations were plotted and extrapolated by the authors.

**Habitat** descriptions were compiled from the Fishes of Ohio (Trautman 1981), Freshwater Fishes of Canada (Scott and Crossman 1973), Fishes of Wisconsin (Becker 1983), Fishes of Missouri (Pflieger 1975), and Fishes of the Great Lakes Region (Hubbs and Lagler 1947).

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**Chestnut lamprey *Ichthyomyzon castaneus*****Habitat:**

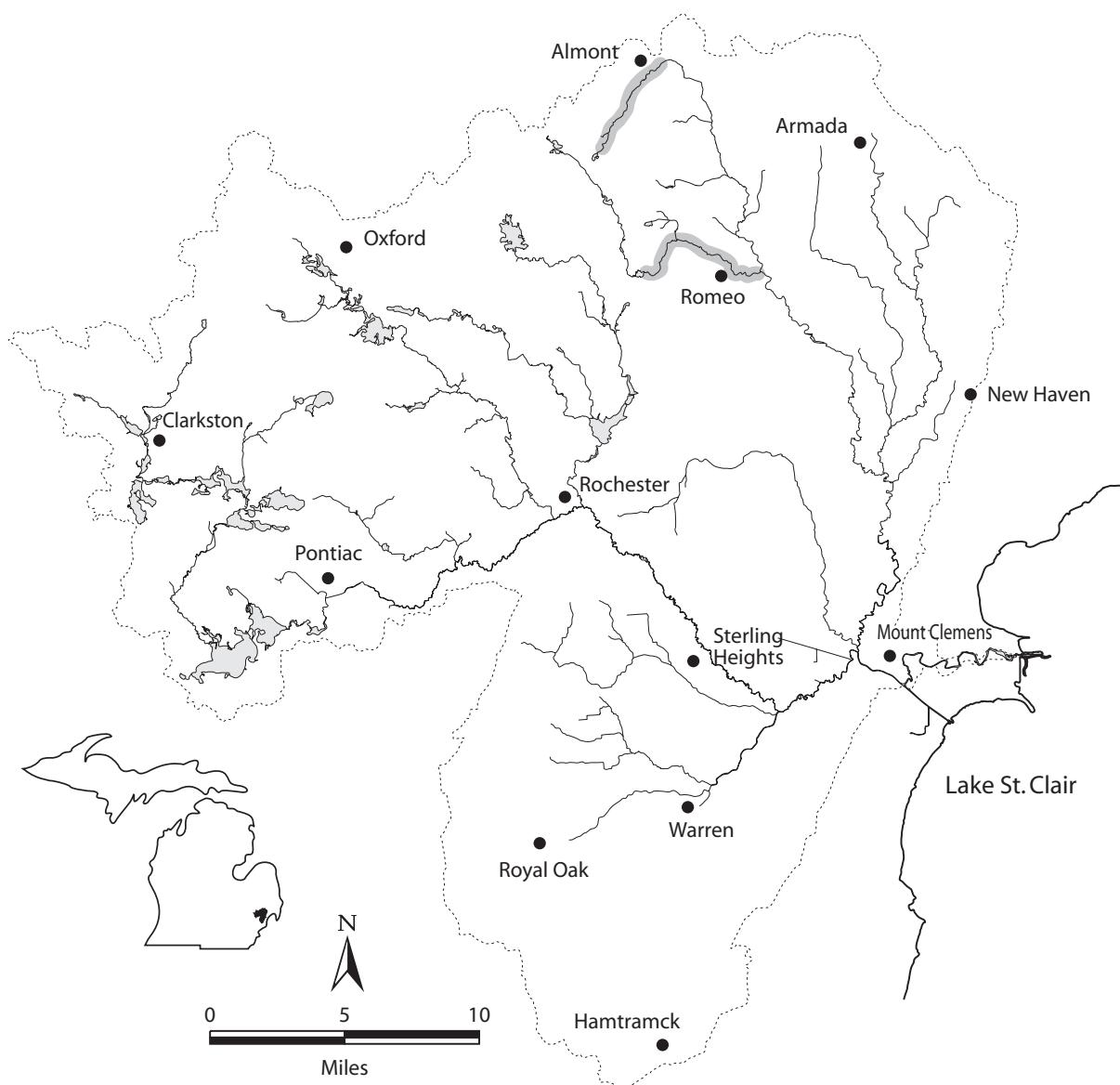
feeding - stable substrate of sand and silt with light growth of *chara* or quiet backwaters of muck and silt with dense rooted vegetation

- moderate current

- clear moderate-size water

spawning - moderate-size stream

- nest builder

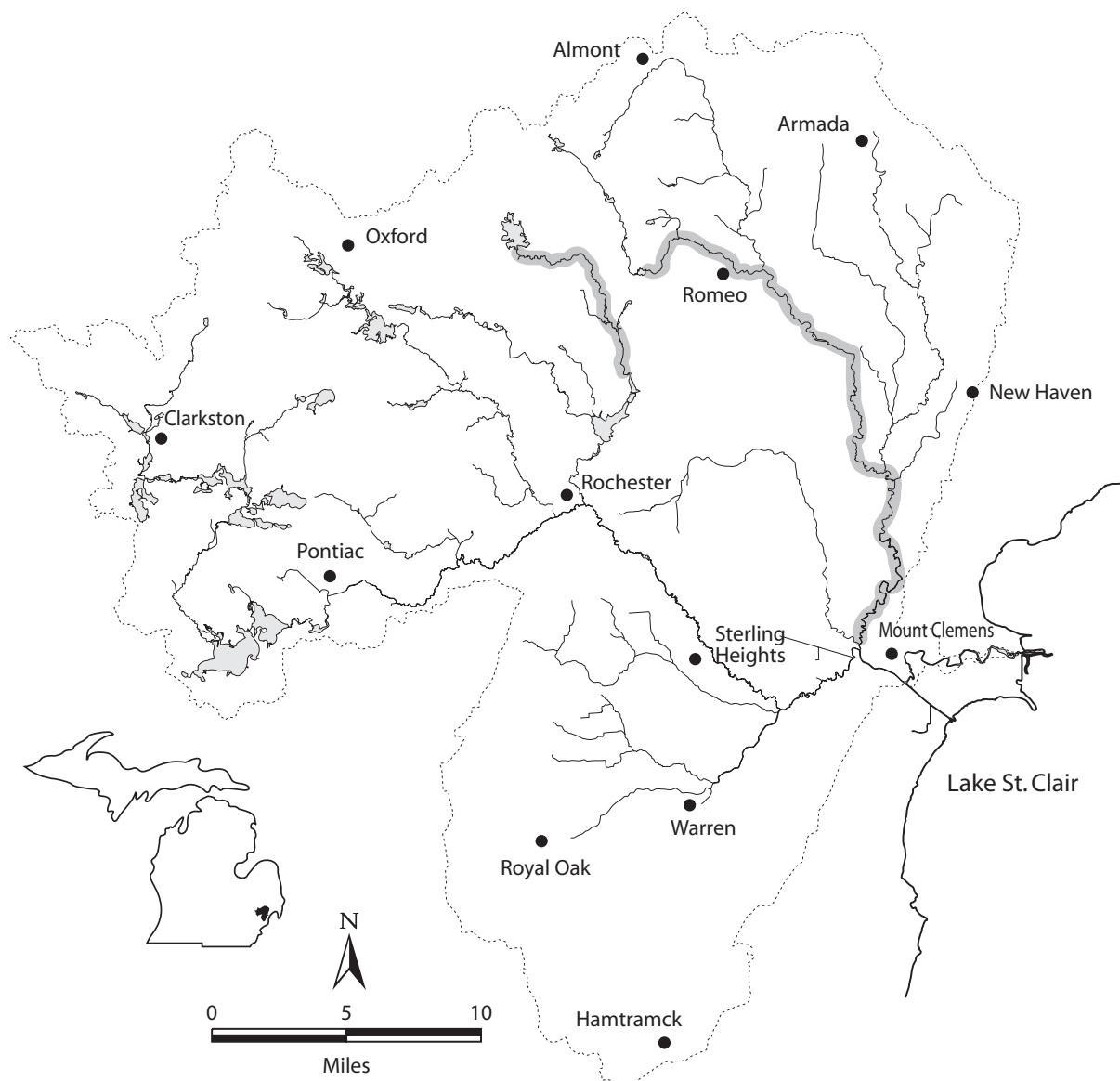


**Northern brook lamprey *Ichthyomyzon fossor***

**Habitat:**

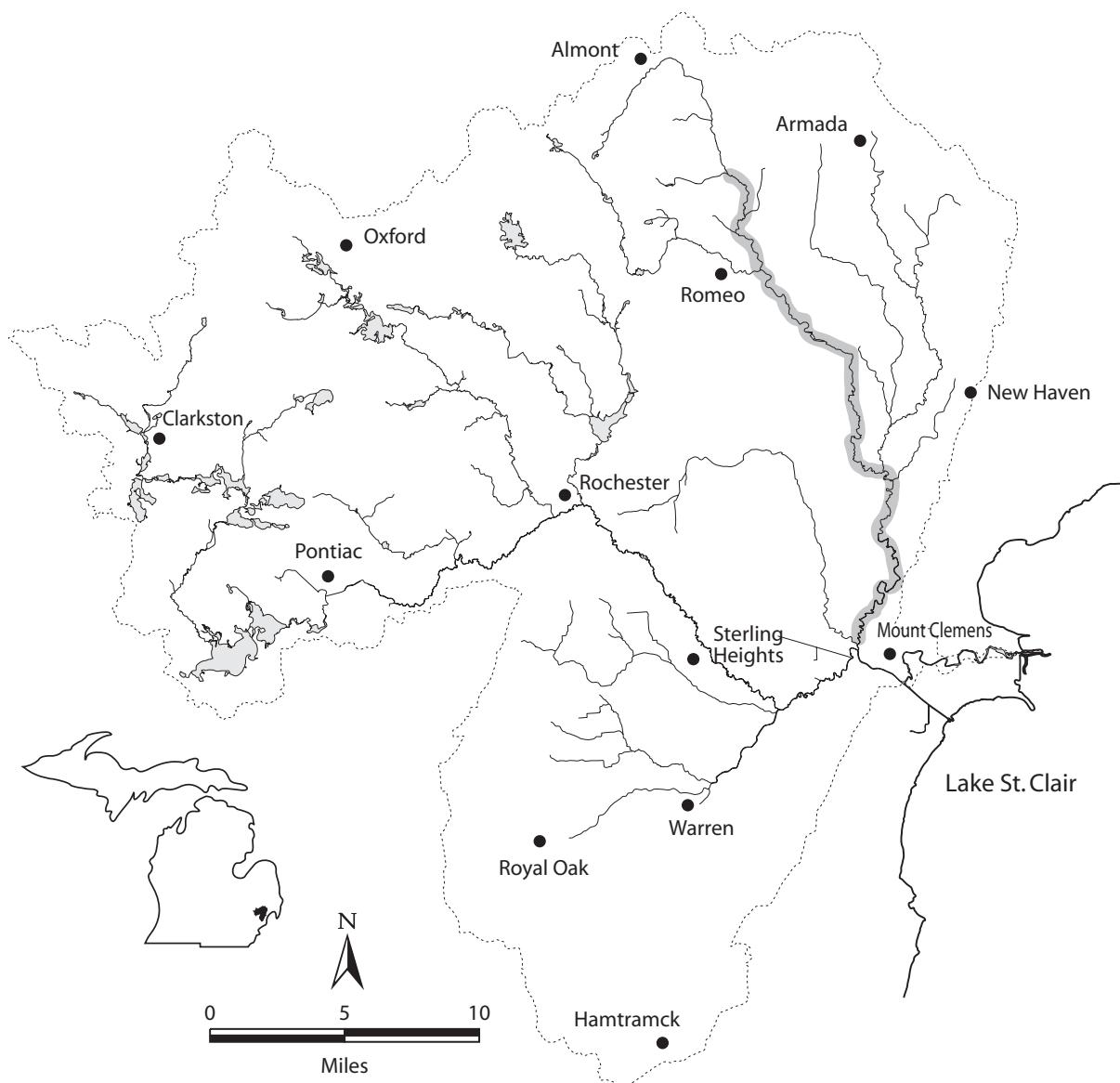
feeding - young: low gradient, substrate with bars and beds of mixed sand and organic debris  
- moderately warm water

spawning - clear, high gradient streams (<15 feet wide)  
- riffles with sand or gravel substrate



**Silver lamprey *Ichthyomyzon unicuspis*****Habitat:**

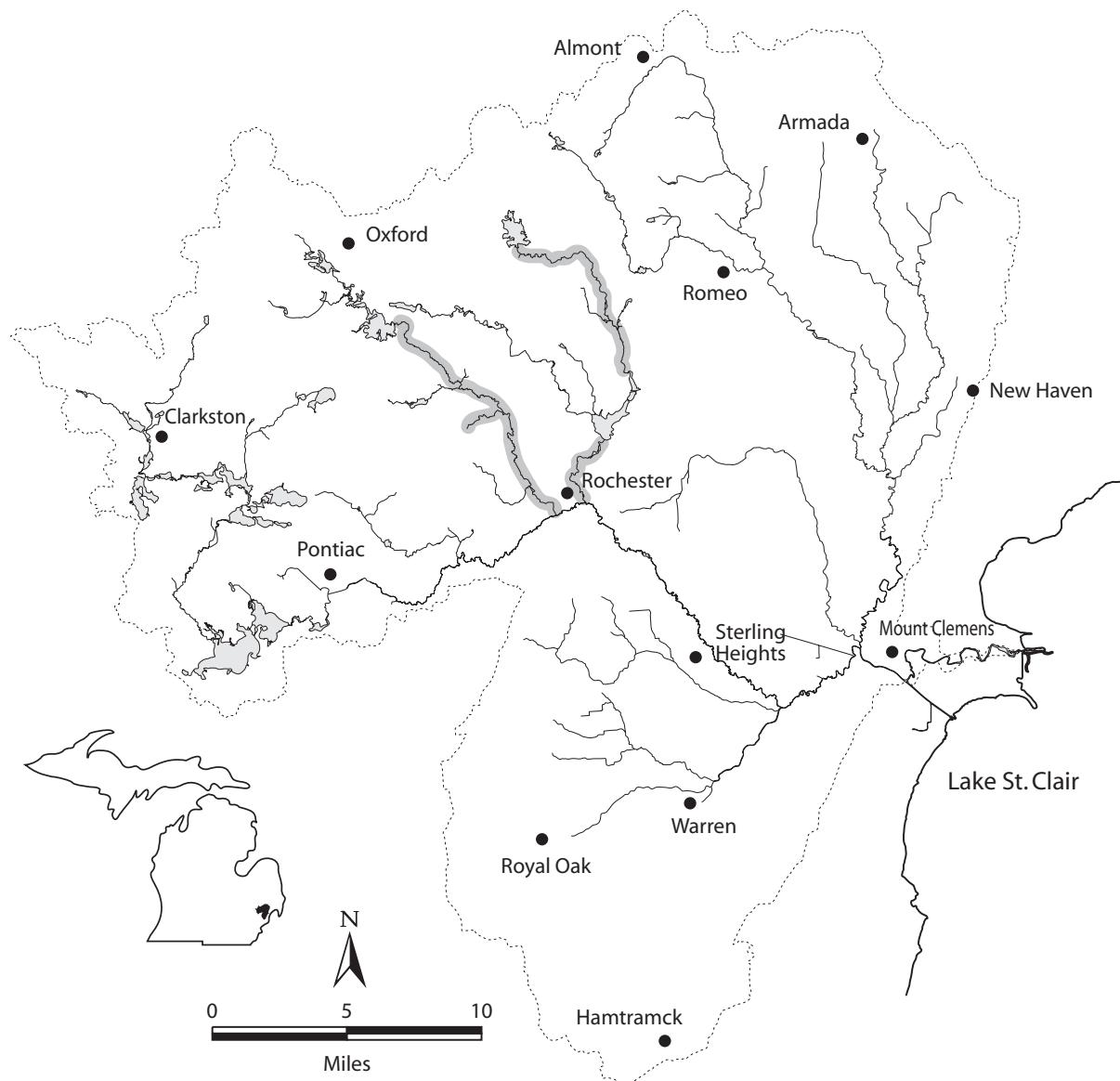
- feeding
  - young:sand,muck,or organic debris substrate
  - adults:clear river water with prey species
- spawning
  - gravel and sand substrate
  - moderate gradient
  - moderate size stream
  - cannot tolerate silt
  - no dams
- winter refuge
  - ammocetes burrow for 4 to 7 years in mud and silt at river margins



**American brook lamprey *Lampetra appendix***

**Habitat:**

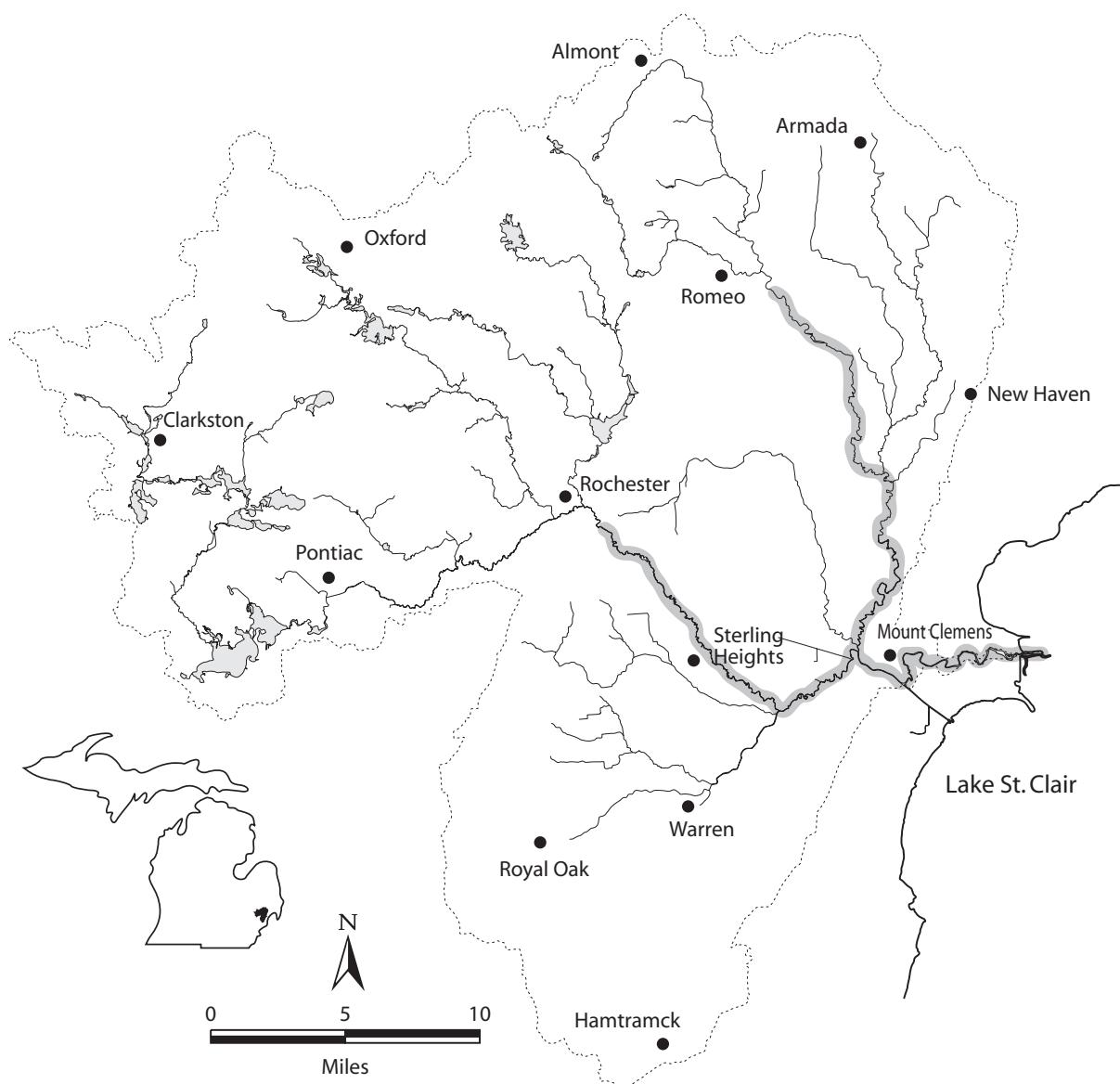
- feeding
  - young: low gradient, substrate with bars and beds of mixed sand and organic debris
  - clear cool stream water, sensitive to turbidity
- spawning
  - clear, high gradient streams (>15 feet wide)
  - cold water
  - gravel substrate
- winter refuge
  - sand or silt substrate for ammocetes



**Sea lamprey *Petromyzon marinus***

**Habitat:**

- feeding
  - young: substrate with beds of sand mixed with organic debris
  - cannot tolerate silt
  - adults: clear cool water
- spawning
  - no dams
  - riffles with sand and gravel substrates

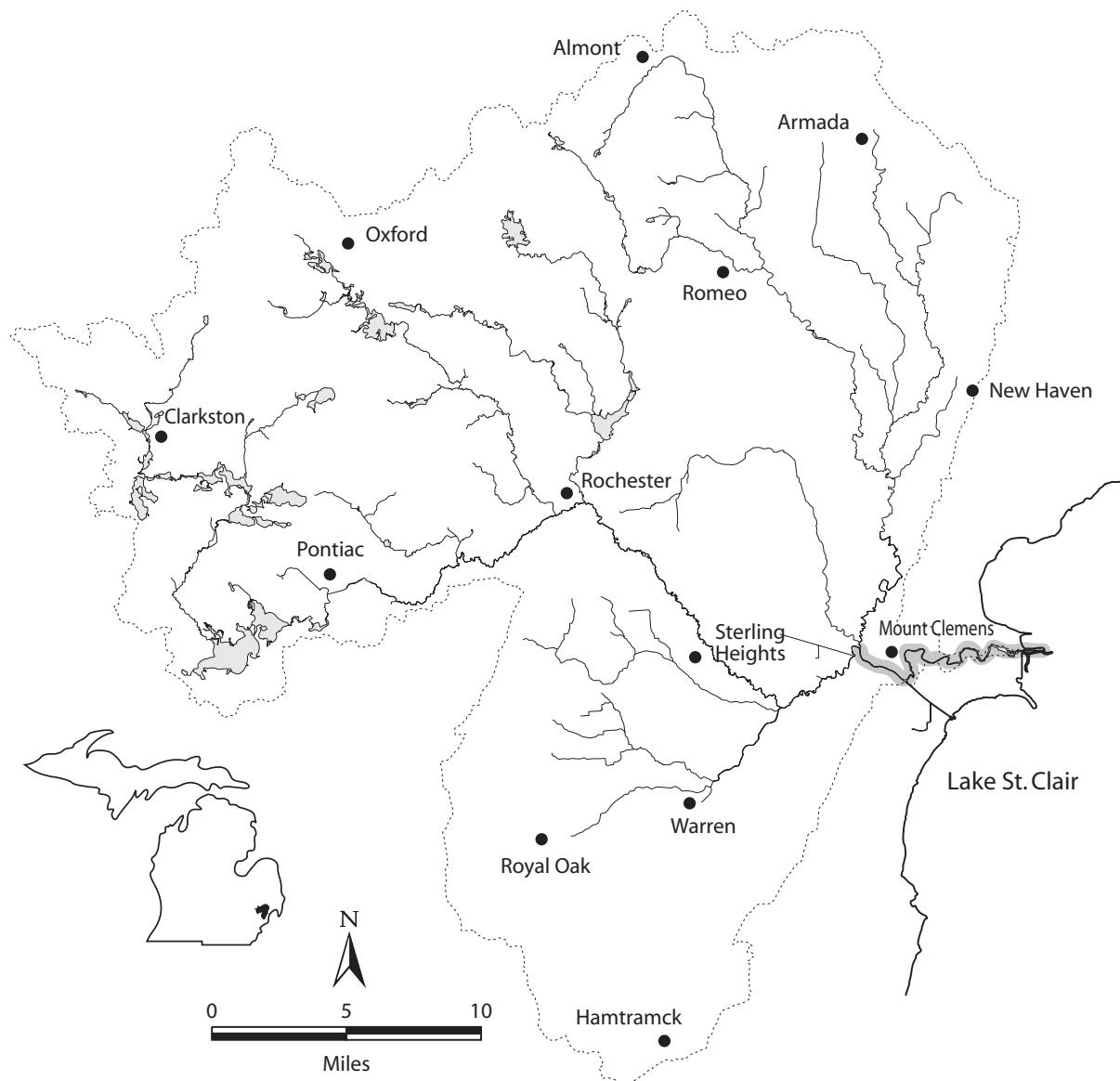


**Lake sturgeon *Acipenser fulvescens* – threatened**

**Habitat:**

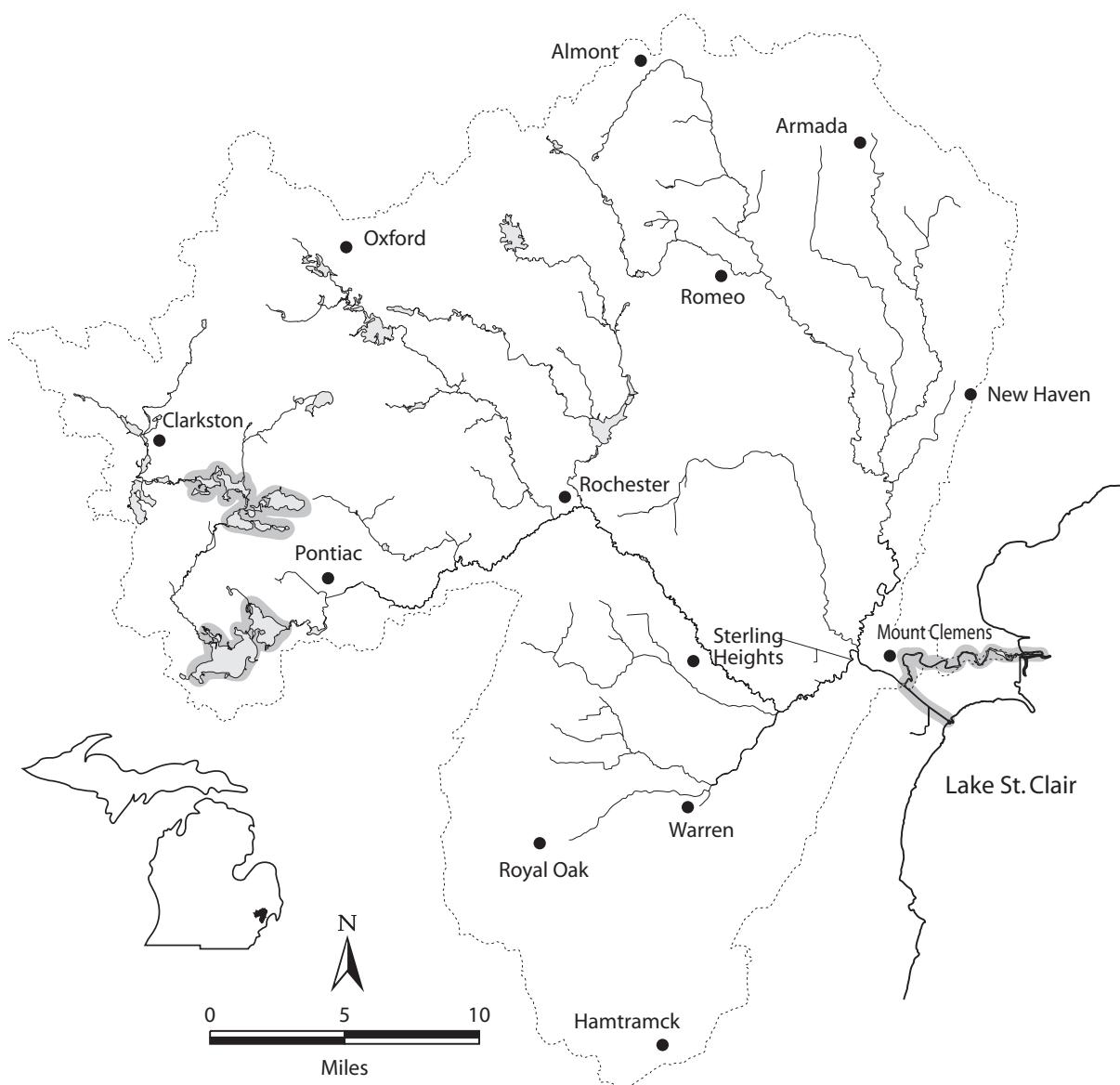
feeding - shoal areas of large rivers, lakes, and impoundments  
- gravel, sand, rock substrates

spawning - in or before rapids, at the base of dams in rivers  
- in 2-15 feet of water  
- swift current  
- rocky ledges or around rocky islands in Great Lakes



**Longnose gar *Lepisosteus osseus*****Habitat:**

- feeding
  - adults: in deeper water
  - young: in shallows
  - clear water, low-gradient streams, lakes, and impoundments
  - will feed in moderate current
  - aquatic vegetation preferred, but not necessary
  - open water fish
- spawning
  - warm shallow water of lakes or streams over vegetation



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### Bowfin *Amia calva*

#### Habitat:

- feeding
  - clear water
  - abundant rooted aquatic vegetation
  - low gradient streams, lakes, and impoundments
  - tolerate only small amount of silt
- spawning
  - need vegetated water, 1 to 2 feet deep
  - can spawn under logs, stumps, or bushes
- winter refuge
  - gravelly pockets among aquatic vegetation

