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Crayfish in Moscow River Indicate Improvement in Water Quality

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Crayfish have been seen breeding in the Moscow river, according to Alexey Vorotilin, head of the Moscow-Oka Territorial Administration of the Federal Agency for Fishery.

Vorotilin told the Russian News Service Friday that the crustaceans can currently be caught in Serebryany Bor, Zhivopisnaya Buhta, Myakininskaya Poyma and other places in northern Moscow. He added that if the numbers of crayfish continue to grow, in two to three years, Muscovites will be able to catch and eat them — following the necessary health and scientific inspections.

The discovery of the crayfish indicates an improvement in the water quality in the Moscow river. Apart from the crayfish, other species have also been appearing in larger numbers in the river, including pike, pikeperch, asp and catfish.

Vorotilin said that the arrival of this aquatic life demonstrates a significant improvement

in the river's ecosystem from 10–20 years ago.

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