Husbandry Data Sheet

Common Name: Rusty Crayfish  
Latin Name: Orconectes rusticus

Family: Astacidae
Order: Decapoda
Class: Crustacea
Phylum: Arthropoda

Natural History:
Permits Required: No
Life Stage: Adult  
Ease of Care: Easy

Housing:
Temp: low 70's F  
Humidity: N/A
Substrate: aquatic, w/mixed gravel and driftwood substrate
# of Animals per Exhibit: One, with other species  
Choose One: Mixed Species
Compatible Species: Northern crayfish and various native fish
Enclosure Description: Typical aquarium set-up
Lighting/Photoperiod: 12 hours
Furniture/Props: driftwood
Escape Concerns: none
Other Concerns/Precautions: May predate on other crayfish

Husbandry
Diet/Frequency of Feeding: 2-3 x per week, diet includes aquatic plants, worms, frozen/thawed smelt pieces, frozen brine shrimp, turtle pellets
Water Source/Frequency: filtered
Care: Daily
Enrichment: n/a
Medical/Health Concerns: none
Treatment: 
Keeper Safety: n/a
Other Concerns/Precautions:

Education
Do you handle species directly with the guests?: No
If Yes or No how do you use the species with the guest:
Conservation/Population Status: Introduced species in many areas (dumped bait), outcompeting native species and hybridizing with several
Message:

Personal Comments:

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