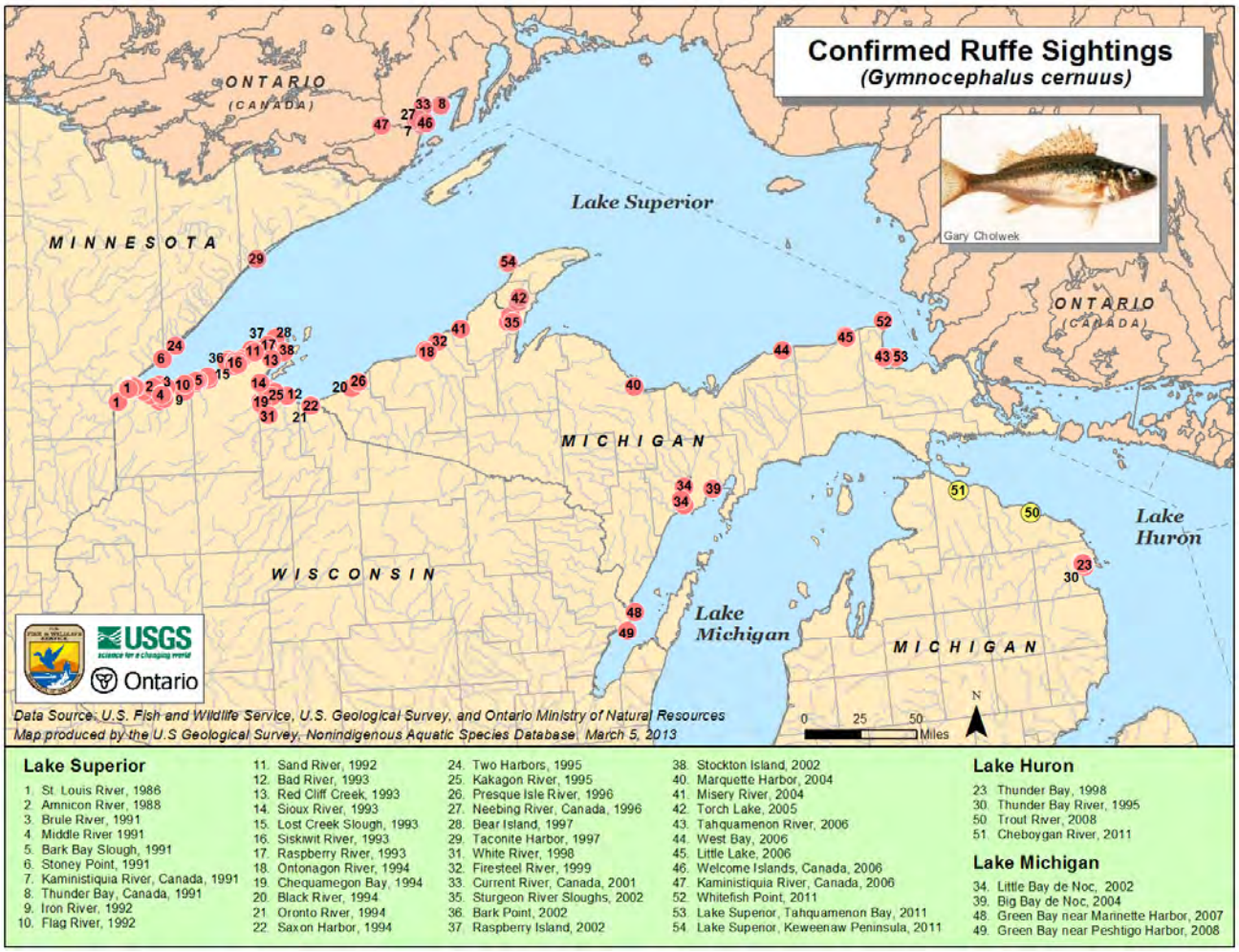

Figure 1. Locations where ruffe have been detected in the Great Lakes.
The yellow markers represent captures but no specimens or photos were vouchered.

2012 Range of Ruffe in the Great Lakes

Range expansion was not detected during 2012.

Lake Superior: The ruffe range spans the entire south shore from the Duluth-Superior Harbor on the border of Minnesota/Wisconsin to Whitefish Bay, Michigan, and along the north shore from the Duluth-Superior Harbor to Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.

St. Marys River: Ruffe remain undetected in the St. Marys River.

Lake Huron: The ruffe range consists of locations in northwestern Lake Huron including Thunder Bay (Thunder Bay River and Thunder Bay shipping channels in Alpena, MI where ruffe were last captured in 2003), Trout River (Rogers City, MI where two ruffe were captured in 2008), and Cheboygan River (Cheboygan, MI where one ruffe was captured near the dam in 2011 and 2012).

Lake Michigan: The ruffe range consists of Green Bay.

Lakes Erie and Ontario: Ruffe remain undetected in the Lower Great Lakes.

Inland lakes and streams: Ruffe remain undetected from inland lakes and streams within the Great Lakes Basin.

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