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Dear Evelyn:

Thank you for your recent letter and reprints on M. durrovensis. We are attempting to rear freshwater mussels in captivity, with the eventual goal of propagating federally endangered species. Thus far, we have had a problem with high mortality of juveniles between 30-60 days post-metamorphosis. Have you experienced a similar high mortality during some critical period of development? Although most of our research has not been published, I enclose a few items that may be of interest. Please keep me informed on the progress of your culture work. Any tips on successful culture are most welcome.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dick Neves".

Dr. Richard Neves  
Professor

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