

OPINION 1487

Megaloniaias Utterback, 1915 (Mollusca, Bivalvia): conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the name *Magnoniaias* Utterback, 1915 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Megaloniaias* Utterback, 1915 (gender: feminine), type species by original designation *Unio heros* Say, 1829 (a junior subjective synonym of *Unio giganteus* Barnes, 1823), is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *giganteus* Barnes, 1823, as published in the binomen *Unio giganteus* (valid specific name at the time of this ruling of the type species of *Megaloniaias* Utterback, 1915), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *Magnoniaias* Utterback, 1915, as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2512

An application for the conservation of *Megaloniaias* Utterback, 1915 was received from Dr A. E. Bogan (*Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, U.S.A.*) and Dr J. D. Williams (*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, U.S.A.*) on 26 March 1985. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 43: 273–275 (October 1986). Notice of the case was given to eleven general and eight specialist serials. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 43: 274–275. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were returned by Bernardi and Gruchy.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

giganteus, *Unio*, Barnes, 1823, *American Journal of Science and Arts*, 6: 119.

Magnoniaias Utterback, 1915, *American Midland Naturalist*, vol. 4 (3), p. 47.

Megaloniaias Utterback, 1915, *American Midland Naturalist*, vol. 4 (4), p. 123.