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Ultralight-Led Whooping Cranes Arrive in Florida
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Moose Numbers Down Again

Fifth Generation of Ultralight-Led Whooping Cranes Reaches Florida Wintering Grounds

Nineteen endangered whooping cranes and their surrogate parents—four ultralight aircraft—reached Florida’s Gulf coast on Dec. 13, after a 61-day trek of more than 1,100 miles through seven states.

At 9:30 a.m. Eastern, the cranes and ultralights arrived at their final destination in Marion County, first flying over a crowd of more than 800 enthusiastic spectators gathered for the occasion at the Dunnellon Municipal Airport.

These cranes are the fifth group to be guided by ultralights to Florida from Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in central Wisconsin.

The Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership (WCEP), an international coalition of public and private organizations, is conducting this ultralight-led reintroduction project in an effort to return this highly imperiled species to its historic range in eastern North America.

There are now 45 whooping cranes in the wild in eastern North America due to WCEP’s efforts.

This year’s class of ultralight-led whooping cranes departed from Necedah NWR on Oct. 14.

In addition to the chicks migrating behind ultralights, WCEP biologists also released four additional chicks this fall into the company of older birds at Necedah in the hopes that the chicks would learn the migration route from adult whoopers.

WCEP is using this “direct autumn release” technique to complement the known success of the ultralight-led migrations. Chicks for direct autumn release will be reared in the field and then released with older birds after fledging, or developing their flight feathers. This method of reintroduction has been extensively

tested and proven previously successful with sandhill cranes.

As of December 10, these birds were in Tennessee, well on their way to their Florida wintering grounds.

The ultimate goal of the project is to reintroduce enough whooping cranes to the flyway to establish a self-sustaining flock containing at least 25 adult breeding pairs. More than 60 percent of the project’s estimated \$1.8 million per year budget comes from private sources in the form of grants, donations and corporate sponsors.

WCEP founding members are the International Crane Foundation, International Whooping Crane Recovery Team, Operation Migration Inc., National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey’s Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and National Wildlife Health Center, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Many other flyway states, provinces, private individuals and conservation groups have joined forces with and support WCEP by donating resources, funding and personnel. *Rachel F. Levin, External Affairs*

About the Cover



- Photo by USFWS Volunteer Ron McAfee

Visitors to Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge’s 27th Annual Eagle Days celebration were greeted by a 25-foot tall inflatable eagle. In addition to the big eagle, guests were also able to see Puddles the Blue Goose (who was thankful that geese are not a normal part of an eagle’s diet), 134 real bald eagles, 60,000 snow geese and 50,000 ducks.

Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Adds 240 Acres

On Oct. 31, 2005, the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge held a ceremony dedicating the new Eagle Island Marsh Unit of the refuge. The unit, which is 240 acres of diverse emergent wetlands situated on Lake Erie, was operated as a duck hunting club by the Ford Motor Company family in the mid 1900s. The site is now owned by Automotive Components Holdings, Inc., and will be cooperatively managed by the Service as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

More than 50 people attended the ceremony, including representatives from Governor Granholm’s office, State Representative Kathleen Law and representatives from the United Auto Workers. *Steve Dushane, Ottawa NWR*

Rep. Dingell Honored for Conservation Accomplishments During His 50 Years of Service

Regional Director Robyn Thorson and Bob Hoffman, director of Ducks Unlimited Great Lakes/Atlantic Region, presented Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., with an award for his unwavering dedication to conservation during his 50 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Dingell was honored at a luncheon hosted by Ducks Unlimited in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 8. About 45 people from the conservation community, including representatives from the North American Wetlands Conservation Commission, Ducks Unlimited, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Land Trust, Wildlife Management Institute, Safari Club International, The Nature Conservancy and the National Rifle Association attended.

In 1994, former U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Mollie

Beattie honored Representative Dingell for 25 years of service on the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Mollie hailed Representative Dingell as a

“champion of the wild things and wild places we hold dear. His career has added luster to the conservation legacy of his father, making the Dingell name virtually synonymous with fish and wildlife conservation.”

Dingell has now served more than 35 years on the Cabinet-level Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, which represents the oldest, most prestigious wildlife conservation body in the federal

government. He also plays a major role in Great Lakes conservation efforts, has been instrumental in many of the nation’s premier conservation laws and was a leader in establishing the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, the first international wildlife refuge. *Jane West, External Affairs*



- USFWS photo by Jane West
Ducks Unlimited Great Lakes Director Bob Hoffman (left) joins Regional Director Robyn Thorson to present Rep. John Dingell with an award honoring his conservation achievements.

Minnesota’s Wright County Presented National Land Protection Award

Representatives from the Wright County (Minn.) Board of Commissioners were presented the Service’s 2005 National Land Protection Award at a ceremony

held during the National Land Conservation Conference in October.

Wright County won the prestigious award for helping the Service to conserve a 290-acre parcel adja-

cent an existing WPA on Pelican Lake.

The County contacted the Service to notify them the tract was for sale by a private landowner and that the County would like it preserved for wildlife habitat. The Service was unable to acquire the land as quickly as the seller wanted, so the County agreed to take the risk of purchasing the land, with the understanding there was no guarantee the Service could purchase the land from them at a later date. The Service was able to later acquire the land from the County and make it part of the Litchfield Wetland Management District.

This is the first time a County government has purchased land with the intent to sell it to the Service. *John Saxhaug, Realty; and Dave Lindberg, Litchfield WAO*



- USFWS photo

The Service’s Chief of Realty Eric Alvarez (far left) and Litchfield Wetland Acquisition Office Realty Specialist Dave Lindberg (far right) present Wright County Commissioner’s Dick Mattson (second from left) and Pat Sawatzke with the 2005 National Land Protection Award.

Mississippi River Pool 5 Drawdown a Success

After three years of planning and public involvement, a pool-scale drawdown of the Mississippi River's

Pool 5 was implemented during the summer of 2005. The U.S. Army St. Paul District Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the interagency Water Level Management Task Force conducted the drawdown to promote the growth of aquatic vegetation for fish and wildlife habitat.

The 1.5-foot drawdown began on June 13 and ended when the pool was refilled on Sept. 30. It exposed over 1,000 acres of mudflats which were subsequently vegetated by a variety of aquatic plants. A second year drawdown of Pool 5 is planned for 2006 if funding is available. This is the second pool-scale drawdown in the St. Paul District. The first was conducted in 2001 and exposed nearly 2,000 acres in Pool 8. *Gary Wege, Twin Cities FO*

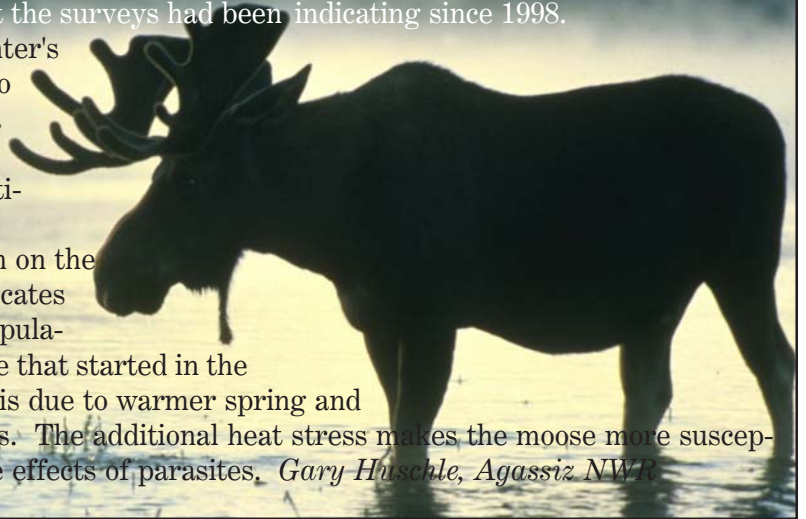
Before and after photos of the Whitewater Delta area of Pool 5 show the drawdown promoted vegetation growth.

Moose Population Continues to Decline at Agassiz Refuge

The moose classification census at Agassiz NWR was completed on Nov. 17. Only 19 moose were found in the sample blocks representing approximately 60 percent of the survey area. Based on this data, the population estimate is only 44 moose, which is down from the 70 to 80 moose that the surveys had been indicating since 1998.

Last winter's survey also indicated a decline with an estimate of 47.

Research on the moose indicates that the population decline that started in the mid 1980s is due to warmer spring and fall seasons. The additional heat stress makes the moose more susceptible to the effects of parasites. *Gary Huschle, Agassiz NWR*



- Photos courtesy MN DNR

Hail & Farewell

Region 3 is a dynamic organization. Quality employees are continuously coming to the region or leaving for new challenges.

Each month, we will do our best to publish a list of new employees, as well as those who have retired. Names are provided by the Regional Human Resources Office.

This month, we welcome the following new permanent employee: **Sandra R. Herbst**, Desoto NWR.

We also welcome the following term, temporary and student employees: **Mischa A. Connine**, Horicon NWR; **Daniel H. Peterson**, Necedah NWR; **Walter E. Ford**, Rice Lake NWR; **Matthew D. Sprenger**, Illinois River NWR - Havana Dist.; and, **Erryl C. Wolgemuth**, Columbus Ohio LE.

Finally, we bid farewell and say thank you to the following retirees: **Janet M. Smith**, Green Bay FO and **Harold R. Carter**, Necedah NWR.



- USFWS photo

A Girl Scout practices taking an artificial bird from a mist net this fall at Seney NWR.

Lake Trout Spawning Survey Conducted in Western Lake Michigan

Staff from the Green Bay Fishery Resources Office recently completed lake trout spawning surveys at Clay Banks and Norheim Reefs in western Lake Michigan.

Unlike the busy days of summer when recreational fishery and boating traffic is substantial, the FRO staff were often the lone enjoyers of Lake Michigan's blustery days while they conducted surveys between Oct. 7 and 26. These surveys, designed to coincide with the peak of lake trout spawning activity, take place as water temperatures dip below the lower 50s F. This year Green Bay FRO biologists set 3,200 feet of gillnets at each reef to collect data on the spawning populations and the overall lake trout rehabilitation process in Lake Michigan.

Generally speaking, gillnets are

set overtop spawning reefs in 15 - 40 feet of water and allowed to fish overnight. Staff return early the next morning to lift nets and collect data on the catch. The whole process resembles an assembly line. Biologists can sample large numbers of fish and return them quickly back into the water. Cool water temperatures and this efficient sampling scheme resulted in minimal survey-induced lake trout mortality.

Specific objectives of the spawning surveys were wide-ranging. First, biologists looked for evidence of natural reproduction in the lake. This year, 16 of the 262 lake trout sampled were unclipped, this six percent unclipped rate is not sufficient to suggest that significant natural reproduction of lake trout occurs at these reefs.

Another objective was to continue the time-series of spawning data to identify general trends in spawning numbers. Biologists compare year to year variation in the total number of lake trout

sampled as an indicator to determine if spawner densities are high enough to rebuild a naturally re-

producing population.

Observations of sea lamprey wounding rates were another component of the survey. Fish were measured for length and the number and severity of lamprey wounds were recorded. This size specific lamprey wounding data is used to estimate an annual lamprey induced mortality rate on lake trout stocks.

Another objective accomplished in this survey was the collection of 50 lake trout for the Environmental Protection Agency's long-term contaminant monitoring program on the Great Lakes.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, egg samples from 31 spawning females were collected to assess the prevalence of Early Mortality Syndrome (EMS) on this year's lake trout reproduction efforts. This year's collection of eggs by the FRO is the largest sample yet from Lake Michigan and analysis of the eggs will be conducted at the USGS Northern Appalachian Research Laboratory. Results will provide critical data to help future research efforts pinpoint the cause, location, and severity of the EMS problem and help assess its impacts on lake trout restoration.

Green Bay FRO biologists will continue to process and analyze the data through the fall and winter.
Dale Hanson, Green Bay FRO

Lake Trout Surveys

1 - Pull them in with a gill-net lifter.



- Photo by Mark Holey

By the Numbers

2 - Remove them from the net.

- Photo by Rob Elliot

3 - Collect the data.



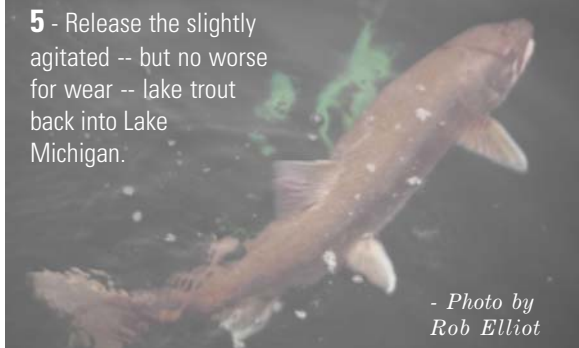
- Photo by Rob Elliot

4 - Collect eggs from ripe females.



- Photo by Mark Holey

5 - Release the slightly agitated -- but no worse for wear -- lake trout back into Lake Michigan.



- Photo by Rob Elliot

Around the Region



- USFWS photo by Michelle McDowell
Sherburne NWR Fire Technician Chris Mursu fires a flare from the deck of an airboat during a late fall prescribed fire at Rice Lake NWR.



- USFWS photo
(left to right) Ed Baker, Michigan DNR; Henry Quinlan, Ashland FRO; and, Gene Mensch, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, survey lake sturgeon in Lake Superior.



- Photo courtesy Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
John Johnston, Jordan River NFH (right) assists the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources with wild lake trout gamete collection on Oct. 25.



- USFWS photo by Dave Murcia
Missouri Valley, Iowa, Boy Scouts help remove invasive honeysuckle vines from DeSoto NWR as part of earning their conservation badge.



- USFWS photo by Paul Glander
Regional Director Robyn Thorson speaks with Eugene Wilder at the dedication for the 8,000-acre Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area. The Region 3 Federal Assistance Program provided nearly \$4 million to the Indiana DNR so they could acquire the property from Wilder and manage it as a state fish and wildlife area.



- USFWS photo
Crab Orchard NWR Park Ranger Karin Magera assists first graders in tagging monarch butterflies captured during the Refuge's 4th Annual Butterfly Roundup.

Sue Kozarek

Administrative Officer; Ecological Services, Regional Office

After attending college at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and starting our family, my husband and I moved to the “Big City” of Minneapolis.

I had already started my federal career at the Social Security Administration in Duluth, but I left that position when we moved to the Twin Cities. Once settled in the cities, I began a new career in contracting at the Department of Agriculture, Animal, Plant, Health Inspection Service and the Food Safety Inspection Office. I took a position with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in 1990 and have been here ever since.

The sense of family in the Regional Office has been apparent since I began here. I have met many wonderful people while working for the Service. In my work as a contract specialist in Contracting and Facilities Management, and now an administrative officer in the Division of Ecological Services, I have gained a vast amount of respect for our resources and also

the people I have worked with over the last 15 years.

My husband, Jim, and children, Lynne and Mike, have lived here in the Twin Cities since 1983 and have found that tornadoes and floods seem to find us wherever we go. Over the past 20 plus years, we have lived through two tornados and one *very big* flood.

My family has always worked together to put our lives back together after these disasters -- more times than I would have liked. The sentiment around the Regional Office is, “I like you Sue, but I won’t ever live next door to you.”

It does seem that natural disasters follow my husband and me. While the weather has presented us with many challenges, more importantly, it has presented us with opportunities to learn. It has also taught us to help others in their times of need.

Through the Service, I have also been privileged to work with the *Habitat for Humanity* organization. After rebuilding our tornado and flood damaged homes, I’ve learned many skills (mostly from my “Tool Time” husband) and have found I can contribute a lot to the Habitat projects. I have found the Habitat experience to be very re-

warding and would like to continue being involved with the organization when I retire.

Our children have moved and acquired homes of their own and we have our own little “Habitat” projects going with them. I also love to do crafts and keep busy with them during cold Minnesota evenings.

Another passion of mine is the Minnesota Twins. Our annual pilgrimage to Florida can’t come soon enough. Spring training is a hoot and we meet and talk to so many young players. My husband is like a kid in a candy store.

I hope to be able to continue doing my work here in the Regional Office for a few more years, and then hang up my Fish and Wildlife hat to enjoy the good life while I am healthy enough to contribute in other ways and give back to my community.



- USFWS photos by Chuck Traxler

Sue Kozarek (front row, third from right) and other Service employees from the Regional Office take a quick break at the Habitat for Humanity home they helped build last spring.



Sue and Rick Frietsche (RO-Engineering) hard at work building the Habitat for Humanity house.

Nita Fuller

Midwest Region National Wildlife Refuge System Chief

What is your most memorable experience while working for the Service?

Seeing the passage of the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997. Many in the National Wildlife Refuge System, the Service, and the conservation community worked for this passage over many years. That legislation validated the National Wildlife Refuge Sys-

tem in terms of wildlife first; priority public uses on System lands; and articulated the responsibilities (compatibility) and accountabilities the System needed. I think the Law is far from being fully realized and I look forward to being involved in that realization far into the future.

What is the most important piece of advice you would give to someone you were mentoring?

The most important thing you possess, in my estimation, is your personal integrity and sense of self. Never lose your integrity and that honor of self. A lot of people will offer advice and counsel. You are the final decision maker for you, your life, and your career. Listen to you.

What was the last field station you visited?

I visited Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge on Dec. 11. In addition to “official travel,” I enjoy getting out to refuges on weekends when I can.... And of course, the ones closest to the Regional Office suffer my visits most often.

Looking into the future, what big changes do you foresee for your program?

I think that all of us in the Service and the government will be tested with the current economic outlook, forecasted budgetary declines in discretionary program spending, and the “wave” of retirements of the “baby boom generation.” I believe our biggest challenge will be NOT giving in to assuming that all will be doom and gloom – that we should just be planning for less. We need to act positively and proactively – we have the best mission and people in the world. In these times ahead, we must change and adjust, but if we plan and act as losers.... I believe we will become that. That is not the future for the Service and the Resource I want to spend my time on.

Nita Fuller was born in Oklahoma and earned a B.S. degree in Zoology and an M.S. degree in Wildlife Ecology from Oklahoma State University. She is also a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota. Her first job with the Service was in 1977 as a biological technician at Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge. In her free time, Nita likes to read or spend time outdoors, especially on refuges (of course).

There has been a strong effort to increase awareness of the NWRs. Do you think the increased visibility has helped the System or is it better off as America's best kept secret?

I cannot express enough, how grateful I am to each and every employee in Region 3 who pitched in and made the NWRs Centennial effort such a success. Better off as America's best kept secret? – Absolutely NOT! What does that gain for the wildlife resource we are committed to and our mission? I firmly believe that we need to increase our public outreach and visitation to National Wildlife Refuge System lands. We do need to be ever watchful of the impacts of public uses on refuges and curb those uses when they are not compatible or exceed our standards for public use impacts.



Midwest Region Refuge System Chief Nita Fuller.

Accomplishment Reports

The following accomplishments reports were processed between October 23 and December 1, 2005:

1. **A Unique Outreach Experience**, *Karyn Allman, Reynoldsburg FO*
2. **Contaminant Assessment Completed for Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge**, *Dave Warburton, Twin Cities FO*
3. **Neosho National Fish Hatchery Provide Host Fish for Endangered Scale Shell Work being done in the Ozarks**, *David Hendrix, Neosho NFH*
4. **Ashland Fishery Office 2005 Accomplishment Reports Available Online**, *Frank Stone, Ashland FRO*
5. **Level I Survey Completed for Gard Island, Michigan**, *Judy Edwards, Twin Cities FO*
6. **Columbia Fishery Office Addresses local Optimist Club**, *Tracy Hill, Columbia FRO*
7. **Fish Kill Investigated in Michigan**, *Lisa Williams, East Lansing FO*
8. **Pool 5 Drawdown: A Rousing Success on the Mississippi River!**, *Gary Wege, Twin Cities FO*
9. **Rice Lake Refuge Hunters Enjoy High Quality Deer Hunting**, *Michelle McDowell, Rice Lake NWR*
10. **Green Bay Field Office Assists with Chronic Wasting Disease Monitoring in Wisconsin**, *Ken Stromborg, Green Bay FO*
11. **Scouts Brave the Invaders at DeSoto Refuge**, *James Murcia, Desoto NWR*
12. **Art of the Wild Show and Sale and Blue Goose Festival” held at DeSoto NWR**, *Cindy Myer, Desoto NWR*
13. **Upper Mississippi River Sturgeon Assessment Results Presented at International Conference in Russia**, *Mike Coffey, Rock Island FO*
14. **Last Ducks Fly South From Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge**, *Michelle McDowell, Rice Lake NWR*
15. **Nineteen Whooping Cranes led by ultra light aircraft visited Muscatatuck NWR on their way to Florida**, *Susan Knowles, Muscatatuck NWR*
16. **On a dark and tranquil night...**, *Jonathan Pyatskowitz, Ashland FRO*
17. **Friends Group for the Neosho National Fish Hatchery Elect New President**, *David Hendrix, Neosho NFH*
18. **Census at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge Shows Continued Decline in Moose Population**, *Gary Huschle, Agassiz NWR*
19. **Restoration Case Study Presented at National Meeting**, *Lisa Williams, East Lansing FO*
20. **The Missouri Department of Conservation Commission Holds Their Monthly Meeting At Squaw Creek**, *Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR*
21. **Kerr-McGee Site Consent Decree and NRDA Settlement**, *Edward Karecki, Chicago FO*
22. **Evaluation of Air Pollution Impacts to Endangered Species of Northeast Illinois**, *Edward Karecki, Chicago FO*
23. **Technical Assistance Provided to EPA**, *Edward Karecki, Chicago FO*
24. **Cane Ridge Wildlife Management Area Named Important Bird Area by Audubon**, *William McCoy, Jr., Patoka River NWR*
25. **Participation in efforts to streamline highway reviews and planning in Wisconsin**, *Leakhena Au, Green Bay FO*
26. **Extra Fish for Lake Michigan**, *Kurt Schilling, Iron River NFH*
27. **Fin Clipping Gets a Jump Start**, *Kurt Schilling, Iron River NFH*
28. **Foytik Stream Restoration Project**, *Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO*
29. **Visitor Facilities Improved at Agassiz NWR**, *Becky Carlson, Agassiz NWR*
30. **Smallmouth Bass Collected for Genoa Hatchery**, *Scott Yess, LaCrosse FRO*
31. **Murray Nominated for FWS Sense of Wonder” Award**, *Scott Ford, Neal Smith NWR*
32. **Necedah NWR Critter Day Highlights Wildlife**, *Bill Peterson, Necedah NWR*
33. **Book on New Neal Smith Refuge Selected as 2006 Subaru/SB&F Finalist**, *Scott Ford, Neal Smith NWR*
34. **Service Biologists participate in the Missouri River Natural Resources Conference**, *Tracy Hill, Columbia FRO*
35. **Sullivan Creek Hatchery Retires Lake Trout to Western UP Lakes**, *Crystal LeGault-Anderson, Pendills Creek NFH*
36. **Forty-Six Hunters From 11 States Charged With Illegally Hunting Deer and Turkey in Wisconsin**, *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*
37. **Will Brook Trout Survive Only a Stone Throw Away From the Mall of America? Time Will Tell.**, *Scott Yess, LaCrosse FRO*
38. **HALFWAY THERE...**, *Angela Baran, Iron River NFH*
39. **Introducing NRDA to the Public for the Tittabawassee River**, *Lisa Williams, East Lansing FO*
40. **Cry for Help Answered**, *Tracy Roessner, Pendills Creek NFH*
41. **Avian flu in ducks not cause for panic**, *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*
42. **Coasters Called into Service! Backup Broodstock Now Online as Primary Egg Providers**, *Doug Aloisi, Genoa NFH*
43. **County Ordinance Amendments Improve Wetland and Water Quality Protection for Trust Resources**, *Jeffrey Mengler, Chicago FO*
44. **Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area Dedication**, *Paul Glander, Federal Aid*
45. **Advising Michigan State University on Undergraduate Curriculum**, *Lisa Williams, East Lansing FO*
46. **Local Walleye Club Becomes Partner in Native Freshwater Mussel Restoration Effort in Upper Mississippi River**, *Tony Brady, Genoa NFH*
47. **‘Migration Sensation’ a big hit at DeSoto Refuge!**, *Cindy Myer, Desoto NWR*
48. **Spot Light Deer Count/Hay Ride**, *Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR*
49. **Upper Mississippi River Refuge Swan Watch a Hit**, *Mary Stefanski, Rice Lake NWR*
50. **Green Bay Fishery Resources Office Surveys Lake Trout on Spawning Reefs in Western Lake Michigan**, *Dale Hanson, Green Bay FRO*
51. **Squaw Creek Gets a New Kiosk Thanks to the Elleson Family.**, *Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR*
52. **Region 3 EEO Counselor Attends DOI EEO Counselor Training**, *Peggy Nelson, ABA (DCR)*
53. **Ohio’s Section 7 Conference a Success**, *Megan Seymour, Reynoldsburg FO*
54. **Region 3 Well-Represented at National Junior Duck Stamp Conference**, *Rachel Levin, External Affairs*
55. **Sullivan Creek Hatchery Lake Trout Retire to Big Springs**, *Crystal LeGault-Anderson, Pendills Creek NFH*
56. **Ashland Fishery Resources Office’s Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Helps Restore Habitat on Hundreds of Acres of Private Land**, *Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO*
57. **Workshop on Natural Resource Damage Assessment in the Midwest**, *Lisa Williams, East Lansing FO*
58. **Coastal Program Lake Michigan Joint Conference Outreach to Partners and Public**, *Bob Kavetsky, East Lansing FO*
59. **Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge Hosts Environmental Education Field Day**, *Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR*
60. **Lakers go north for the winter**, *Steve Redman, Iron River NFH*
61. **More than Three Decades of Improvement in Pollution of Lake Michigan Red-breasted Mergansers**, *Ken Stromborg, Green Bay FO*
62. **Workshop on Natural Resource Damage Assessment in the Midwest**, *Lisa Williams, East Lansing FO*
63. **Scouts Get Banded” at Senej National Wildlife Refuge**, *Gregg Baldwin, Marquette Bio Station*
64. **Regional Office Staff Attend Local Job Fair**, *Arlene White, ABA (DCR)*
65. **Field work for Neda Mine Assessment**, *Leakhena Au, Green Bay FO*

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Accomplishment Reports

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66. **Larval Sea Lamprey Assessment Staff Complete Field Season**, Michael Fodale, Marquette Bio Station

67. **Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge adds 240 acres through cooperative management agreement.**, Steve Dushane, Ottawa NWR

68. **Fall Walleye Surveys with the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission Completed**, Frank Stone, Ashland FRO

69. **Service Successfully Concludes Endangered Species Consultation on Critical Transportation Project in Illinois**, Jeffrey Mengler, Chicago FO

70. **Fall Burns Planned Throughout Windom Wetland Management District**, Eric Earhart, Windom WMD

71. **First Dam Removed on Fox River in Illinois: A New Beginning**, Jeffrey Mengler, Chicago FO

72. **Lake Whitefish Age Determination**, Scott Koproski, Alpena FRO

73. **Coded Wire Tag Extraction**, Adam Kowalski, Alpena FRO

74. **Muscatatuck NWR staffs booth at National FFA career convention attended by 50,000 students and advisors**, Susan Knowles, Muscatatuck NWR

75. **Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge Does Fall Prescribed Burning**, Michelle McDowell, Rice Lake NWR

76. **Prairie Science Class Wins Education Program of Distinction Award**, Kenneth Garrahan, Fergus Falls WMD/PWLC

77. **Another Successful Panfish Harvest at Genoa National Fish Hatchery**, Jenny Walker, Genoa NFH

78. **Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District Fires Staff Attend Leadership Training**, Steve Schumacher, Detroit Lakes WMD

79. **Taking Care of Wildlife During Oil Spill Response**, Lisa Williams, East Lansing FO

80. **Region 3 Participates in Disability Mentoring Day Career Fair**, Peggy Nelson, ABA (DCR)

81. **Taking Care of Wildlife During Oil Spill Response**, Lisa Williams, East Lansing FO

82. **Annual Cleaning of Five Tile Spring Completed**, Wayne Talo, Jordan River NFH

83. **Ashland FRO participates in Bad River Watershed Association Culvert Workshop**, Glenn Miller, Ashland FRO

84. **Columbia FRO Presents Results to Fort Leavenworth**, Wells Adams, Columbia FRO

85. **Special Emphasis Program Presented by Region 3 Disability Employment Program Manager**, Peggy Nelson, ABA (DCR)

86. **Muscatatuck NWR attends career fair at Franklin college**, Susan Knowles, Muscatatuck NWR

87. **Neosho NFH Participates in Ozark Ecosystem Team Meeting**, David Hendrix, Neosho NFH

88. **Fish Passage Improvement on the Little Oqueoc River**, Susan Wells, Alpena FRO

89. **Teach a man to fish...**, Jonathan Pyatskowitz, Ashland FRO

90. **Necedah Refuge Offers Special Opportunities in October**, Bill Peterson, Necedah NWR

91. **Squaw Creek Refuge Hosts Teacher Workshop**, Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR

92. **International Cooperation**, Wayne Talo, Jordan River NFH

93. **Ashland FRO Participates in Aquatic Organisms Passage Workshop**, Glenn Miller, Ashland FRO

94. **Sturgeon Survey Gets Underway in the UP**, Henry Quinlan, Ashland FRO

95. **Cooperative Surveys for Amphibians and Mammals Completed at Agassiz NWR**, Gary Huschle, Agassiz NWR

96. **ANS Task Force given an update and preview on the draft national Management and Control Plan for Asian Carps in the United States**, Greg Conover, Carterville FRO

97. **Jordan River NFH Partnerships with Antrim County Parks and Recreation**, Rick Westerhof, Jordan River NFH

98. **Asian Carp Working Group completes second draft of national management and control plan**, Greg Conover, Carterville FRO

99. **Chicago Illinois Field Office Assists in the Mitigation Plan for O'Hare Airport Wetland Impacts**, Shawn Cirton, Chicago FO

100. **Bergthold Presents Catfish Poster at SEAFWA**, Casey Bergthold, Columbia FRO

101. **Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge Celebrates Refuge Week**, Michelle McDowell, Rice Lake NWR

102. **Jordan River NFH Staff Aid Spawning Operations**, Wayne Talo, Jordan River NFH

103. **Attitudes of Rural Landowners Toward Wolves in Northwest MN** Published "Margaret Anderson, Agassiz NWR

104. **Lake Sturgeon Restoration a Success on White Earth Reservation**, Scott Yess, LaCrosse FRO



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