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**Helping After Katrina
Some Big Sturgeon
Honoring Good Work**

Midwest Region Provides Help In Gulf Coast States

Four U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service law enforcement officers from national wildlife refuges in the Midwest departed their home stations Saturday, Sept. 10, for New Orleans, where they will support ongoing federal hurricane relief operations. The officers, three from the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge in Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois, and one from Necedah NWR in Wisconsin, also transported two flat-bottomed boats and two air boats that they will use for search and rescue operations.

The officers are among 34 Service employees—mostly firefighters and law enforcement officers—who have deployed from national wildlife refuges and wetland management districts in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri and Illinois to support hurricane relief efforts in Texas, southeast Louisiana and southern Mississippi.

“While relatively few in number, our employees possess a wealth of expertise and specialized equipment needed to support federal and local government agencies working to recover from Hurricane Katrina,” said Midwest Regional Director Robyn Thorson.

The Midwest group joins a contingent of about 220 Service employees supporting a wide range of relief missions in Louisiana and Mississippi. More than 40 emergency responders from the Service have been on the ground in the hurricane-damaged region since August 31. Initial missions for Service crews included clearing downed trees and other debris from roads and high priority buildings such as hospitals, schools and law enforcement centers. Service law enforcement officers are also assisting local law enforcement agencies in search and rescue missions.

The Service is coordinating its

relief efforts through an Incident Command Post at Big Branch Marsh NWR in Lacombe, La. The Service-operated support facility there is providing showers, food and other services to local police, emergency services personnel and other relief workers. The facility is also providing between 350 and 400 meals each day, 200 of which are being sent to a local hospital.

The Service has about 100 employees permanently stationed at national wildlife refuges and other facilities in areas most affected by Hurricane Katrina. All employees are safe and accounted for, however 21 employees lost their homes in the hurricane according to Jeff Fleming, assistant regional director for external affairs in the Service’s Southeast Region.

“Many have gone to stay with relatives while a few are being housed temporarily in mobile home type trailers we’ve secured for them. We’re making sure all of our people are being cared for,” Fleming said.

The Service temporarily closed 16 national wildlife refuges in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama due to storm damage. The agency also closed the port of entry it operates in New Orleans and is urging importers and exporters of fish and wildlife products to use one of 16 other ports the agency operates including those in Houston, Miami, Memphis, and Atlanta. *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

Service efforts in the Gulf region are constantly changing based upon the needs of situation in the area. Check the Service’s Southeast Region website for the most up-to-date information. <http://southeast.fws.gov>

About the Cover



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LaCrosse Fish Health Center SCEP Student Eric Leis holds a northern pike sampled as part of a fish pathogen survey conducted on North Dakota’s Devils Lake.

Staff from LaCrosse FHC joined fishery biologists from Bozeman FHC to sample fish and determine whether any pathogens may be spread to area rivers if the lake naturally overflowed or water was intentionally diverted.

Rick Nelson, LaCrosse FHC

National Planning Award Goes to Midwest Employee

John Schomaker in the Region 3 Division of Conservation Planning has been selected by a national panel as the first recipient of the Outstanding Planning Staff Award. The national award program was initiated in 2004 to recognize outstanding conservation planning efforts and outstanding plans.

John Schomaker's contributions have resulted in new efficiencies in the planning process and the development of plans based on sound science. John was the lead in the development of the visitor services sections of the division's

Preplanning and Goals and Objectives handbooks and actively participated in the development of the overall document. He was one of two individuals who developed a Goals and Objectives course and conducted training in several regions. He advocated for and took the lead in drafting a national survey form to assess the effectiveness of CCPs in meeting the needs of refuge staffs and has coordinated the administration and analysis of the survey. John's planning leadership has resulted in the completion of three CCPs to date.

Conservation planning is critical to fulfilling the mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Wildlife Refuge System. Not only does it play a pivotal role in ensuring that we manage each refuge to meet the purposes for which it was established, but it also promotes management of a unified Refuge System and directs its continued growth.

Other Region 3 nominees for the 2005 planning awards included Dick Steinbach, Complex Manager for the Mark Twain Complex of

Refuges, for "Best Support of Planning Award;" Minnesota Valley NWR CCP for "Outstanding Plan Award;" and, Jane Hodgins, technical writer/editor in the Division of Conservation Planning, for "Outstanding Planning Staff Award."

The winners of the planning awards were selected by a national panel of judges that included four Refuge System employees and three non-Service individuals. Through an evaluation and scoring process they independently rated each nominee. The combined results ranked the nominees.

Matt Hogan, Acting Service Director, said in a letter to John: "Every day, all across this land, extraordinary civil servants are doing their very best to improve the National Wildlife Refuge System for the American people. They carry on this work, overcoming obstacles big and small, with little recognition or reward, other than their own pride in a job well done."



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Region 3's John Schomaker receives the first national Outstanding Planning Staff Award.

Hogan went on to say, "The Service would like to take this opportunity to thank you, personally, for your outstanding contributions to Refuge Planning and to congratulate you on being the first recipient of the Outstanding Planning Staff Award." *Tom Larson, Conservation Planning*

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 employees: **Christopher A. Woodson**, Missouri PLO; **Marshall D. Owens**, Desoto NWR; **Randy L. Stenberg**, Big Muddy NWFR; **Ann E. Noren**, Minnesota Valley NWR; **Richard Rottman**, Regional Office Human Resources; and **Sergio Perluissi**, Michigan PLO.

We also welcome the following term, temporary and student employees: **Jesse R. L. Reinhard**, Regional Office - Branch of Ascertainment and Planning; **Laura A. Lake**, Big Oaks NWR; and, **Joanne S. Finnell**, Green Bay FRO

Finally, we bid farewell and say thank you to the following retirees: **Michelle D. Zastrow**, Morris WMD; and, **Fred R. Nienke**, Two Rivers NWR.

The Big Ones That Didn't Get Away

Staff from the Green Bay Fishery Resources Office are working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to conduct an intensive assessment of the spawning run of lake sturgeon in the lower Menominee River. Biologists netted and took samples from 48 fish over several days.

During the assessment, several impressive fish were encountered and their sheer size alone demanded respect by the attending biologists.

One mature female measured 73 inches long and 32 inches around. The fish likely out-aged, easily outweighed and likely could have out-muscled her captors. Fortunately, with gentle handling, she and the other perspective parents were characteristically cooperative and docile during their capture and examination -- particularly considering the important activity from which they had been interrupted.

These large fish are of particular importance and conservation concern in this river which, until this year, has supported the only per-



- USFWS photo by Tammie Paoli
Green Bay FRO Fishery Biologist Robert Elliot measures the largest sturgeon captured.

mitted hook and line fishery for sturgeon in Lake Michigan waters.

There has been increasing concern in recent years about the potential for over-harvest of this population, particularly the larger adults. The data collected during this and other surveys are providing important support for future management actions, including the potential need for increased protection.

Objectives of the assessment were to collect genetic samples from known spawning fish for comparison to other populations and concentrations of fish in the area, to collect biological data to characterize the age and size structure of the spawning population, and to tag fish as part of an ongoing effort to estimate abundance of spawners and of the population using this river. *Robert Elliot, Green Bay FRO*



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Wisconsin DNR Fisheries Technician Tammie Paoli hauls in a large sturgeon netted for the survey on the Lower Menominee River.

Brook Trout, Lake Sturgeon Tagged for Stocking

Tagging fish has long been a useful tool for understanding the way hatchery fish interact within the environment in which they are released. Rates of growth, mortality, and migration are all factors which biologists can study with the help of tagging.

In August, a crew from Genoa National Fish Hatchery, with help of our friends group, tagged 28,000 of our approximately 44,000 six-inch lake sturgeon. These fish each received a tiny stainless steel sliver of metal injected intramuscularly. The tag is approximately 1/16th of an inch long and cannot be seen on the fish once it is injected. However, with the use of a metal detecting wand, the fish can be identified as a hatchery fish. Each year, the sturgeon are tagged in a different location in order to differentiate year classes during sampling.

In September, four fin clippers, who typically work at the Iron River NFH, came down to fin clip 11,800 Tobin Harbor strain coaster brook trout for stocking. By fin clipping the trout, biologists are able to distinguish easily between a hatchery fish and a wild fish during fish management operations on the Great Lakes. *Nick Starzl, Genoa NFH*



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One of 11,800 coaster brook trout receives a fin clip at Genoa National Fish Hatchery.

Kufrin WPA Dedicated

More than 100 former colleagues, friends and family members joined life-long outdoorsman and former U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service partnership coordinator Steve Kufrin August 10 in Big Stone County, Minn., to dedicate a 739-acre waterfowl production area bearing his name.

Charlie Wooley, deputy regional director of the Service's Midwest Region, also presented a 2005 National Wetlands Award to Kufrin during at the afternoon event. Other speakers included Nita Fuller, chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System in the Midwest, and retired Service employees Dick Toltzman and Harold Duebbert. All speakers celebrated Kufrin's passion for wildlife -- especially waterfowl -- and lauded his career spent working to conserve Minnesota's wetlands.

"It sure is great to be back in God's Country, I'll tell you that," said Kufrin, speaking to the assembled crowd from a podium that overlooked the prairie WPA. As he continued through his remarks, Kufrin thanked those in attendance as well as those people who made an impact on his career and contributed to his love for the outdoors. "I'm reminded of the minister who used to say, 'Thanks to the God who put the curl in the drake

mallard's tail,'" he said.

An avid waterfowler, Kufrin said he decided to get involved in wetlands conservation after returning home after a four year stint in the U.S. Air Force in 1965. "While in the Air Force I'd get letters from friends

and family that said, 'less ducks, less pheasants,'" Kufrin recounted. "When I got home and visited wetlands I used to hunt on, all I could find is a combine and drain tile. The wetlands were gone. Forty years later, we're still trying to recapture our wetlands and grasslands we lost in the 60s," Kufrin said.

Kufrin, 62, grew up in Benson, Minn., and began championing wetland conservation while editor of the Swift County Monitor-News newspaper in the 1970s and 80s. In 1989, he went to work for the Service as one of its first partnership coordinators, working with conservation groups and landowners to share the cost of habitat restoration projects by the agency on public and private lands. He retired from the Service in January after being diagnosed with brain cancer and now lives in Prior Lake with his wife Jill and



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Midwest Region Refuge Chief Nita Fuller and Deputy Regional Director Charlie Wooley present Steve Kufrin with a 2005 National Wetland Award during the ceremony dedicating Kufrin WPA.

daughters Emily and Becca. Since his retirement, Kufrin has received several noteworthy accolades for his conservation efforts. In March, he was named "Man of the Year" by Outdoor News for his years of wetlands conservation work. Governor Tim Pawlenty also proclaimed March 19, 2005, as "Steve Kufrin Day" in Minnesota.

The Kufrin Waterfowl Production Area is located on County Road 10, about 7 miles northeast of Ortonville in Big Stone County. It was created from a recently acquired 200-acre mix of former cropland, native prairie and wetlands that have been combined with 539 adjacent, Service-owned acres. It is one of 544 WPAs managed by the Service's Morris Wetland Management District.

"The Kufrin WPA is in the heart of some of the best remaining waterfowl habitat in Minnesota," said Steve Delahanty, manager of the Morris Wetland Management District. *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*



Steve's wife and two daughters joined him at the dedication.

Around the Region



- USFWS photo by Juancarlos Giese
Rydell NWR Volunteer Tom Ledding talks about reptiles with a young visitor at the refuge's Open House.



- USFWS photo
Pendills Creek NFH Fishery Biologist James Anderson talks about lake trout with visitors during the Soo Locks 150th anniversary celebration.



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Detroit Lakes WMD Deputy Manager Scott Kahan was presented a Special Merit Award from the Minnesota Integrated Weed Management Group for "Providing initiative and leadership in securing funding and team building instrumental in establishing a cooperative weed management program."



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Assistant Director for Fisheries Mamie Parker, Deputy Regional Director Charlie Wooley and Fisheries Assistant Regional Director Gerry Jackson (l-r) cut a ribbon to dedicate a new lake sturgeon culture building at Genoa NFH



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DeSoto NWR Refuge Operations Specialist Steve Van Riper helps kids enjoy a canoe ride during RefugeFest.

Matt Conner

Visitor Services Manager, Minnesota Valley NWR

My family wasn't really an "outdoor" family. But, there must have been something in the waters of rural Springfield, Illinois, that drove me to develop a love for the outdoors. My guess is that it was the catfish. Some of my fondest memories are of catching catfish in lakes around my home.

Being a Boy Scout also played a role in developing my love for the outdoors. While in scouting, archery caught my eye. The scouts had a program to help kids earn money by selling candy bars and I sold enough to earn \$187.36. I took that money and bought my first bow. I practiced all the time, shooting thousands of arrows. The practice paid off. At age 13, I came in first at a Midwest regional archery competition for 13-17 year olds. Shortly after that, a friend of the family learned I was into archery and offered to take me bow hunting. I started bow hunting with him and have never stopped.

By my freshman year in college at Southern Illinois University, I knew I wanted to work for a natural resource agency. My goal was to spend my life teaching others about the outdoors and the sustainable, responsible uses for our natural resources. I completed a bachelor's degree in forestry with an emphasis in recreation management. Before starting graduate school, I took my first job with the Department of Interior at Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in Montana. I wanted the job so badly that before the job was offered to me I paid for horse riding lessons – a requirement for the job – just in case.

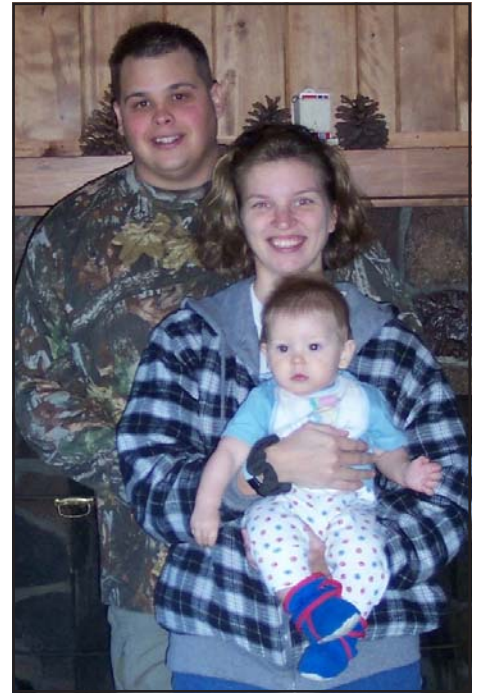
After my summer in Montana, I returned to SIU for graduate school and worked at Lincoln Home National Historic Site while completing

school. After I completed my master's degree, finding a permanent job with DOI proved to be as difficult as everyone said it would be. I was still working in a temporary position at Lincoln Home when I landed a seasonal position at Glacier National Park. When that ended, I moved back to Illinois and bounced between teaching special education at a local high school and working at Lincoln Home while searching for another DOI position. The call finally came and I took my first permanent position as a Park Ranger at Independence National Historical Park. My next position was back at Grant-Kohrs, where I worked on their educational program. I eventually moved into the position of chief ranger at Grant-Kohrs before coming here to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

I came to Minnesota Valley because I think the urban setting of this refuge is the ideal place to get a lot of kids excited about the outdoors. In particular, because we are in an urban setting, we can hopefully help expose kids who might otherwise not have the opportunity to learn about natural resources. As with most places, we don't have enough time or people to do everything we want, but the staff here is very good and we work hard to get it all done.

My biggest goal is to get people on the refuge, where hopefully they will learn something and can enjoy nature in the shadow of a skyscraper.

Outside of work, I have a very understanding wife who has followed me across the country and put my career in front of hers. It is something I don't take for granted and I am very grateful for. Another thing



- Photo courtesy Matt Conner

Matt, his wife Stacey and son Wyatt on a hunting trip in Pennsylvania last fall.

I'm grateful for is our 17-month-old son, Wyatt, and another child due in November. In addition to spending time with my family, I like to spend my free-time hunting, fishing and working with my dogs, an American water spaniel and a yellow lab. Another hobby I've recently taken up is wine making. My son is getting pretty good at squishing grapes.

Since moving here, my philosophy toward work has changed. Earlier in my career I tended to focus on what the job could do for me, now I think more along the lines of what I can accomplish with the job. I'm really focused on how I can help the resource and the people who enjoy it, or don't yet know they can enjoy it.

I really enjoy living in Minnesota and working with the people at Minnesota Valley. There are many challenges here, and I like that.

There is a lot of work to do here, and I'm planning to stay for a while and get as much done as I can.

Wendi Weber - *ARD, Ecological Services*

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

I have had so many wonderful experiences while working for the Service that I don't think I can pick a favorite. I have had the privilege of traveling all over the nation and have seen some of the most beautiful areas and some of the rarest species found in the United States. I have also had the opportunity to meet some absolutely remarkable people whose passion and devotion to the resource is like no others. It is energizing and inspiring to be surrounded by people who dedicate their lives to such a cause.

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

Be passionate, work hard, allow yourself to make mistakes, be good to yourself and others, act with the highest levels of integrity and honesty, and maintain balance between your personal and professional life.

What was the last field station you visited?

I last visited our Barrington, Illinois, field office where I had the opportunity to talk with John Rogner and his staff about all the amazing urban conservation they are involved in. This office is a leader in urban efforts that is an example to be used by the rest of the nation.

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

I believe that Ecological Services will continue to place greater emphasis on cooperative partnerships for conservation. We will be utilizing our partnership tools more, such as Safe Harbor Agreements, Candidate Conservation Agreements, and grants. Also, as the Endangered Species Act continues to be scrutinized I think it is imperative that we share our successes with the public and Congress to garner support and understanding. Finally, we will undertake various efforts to help prioritize our workload while focusing more on year-end performance measures/goals and reporting our accomplishments and re-ments.

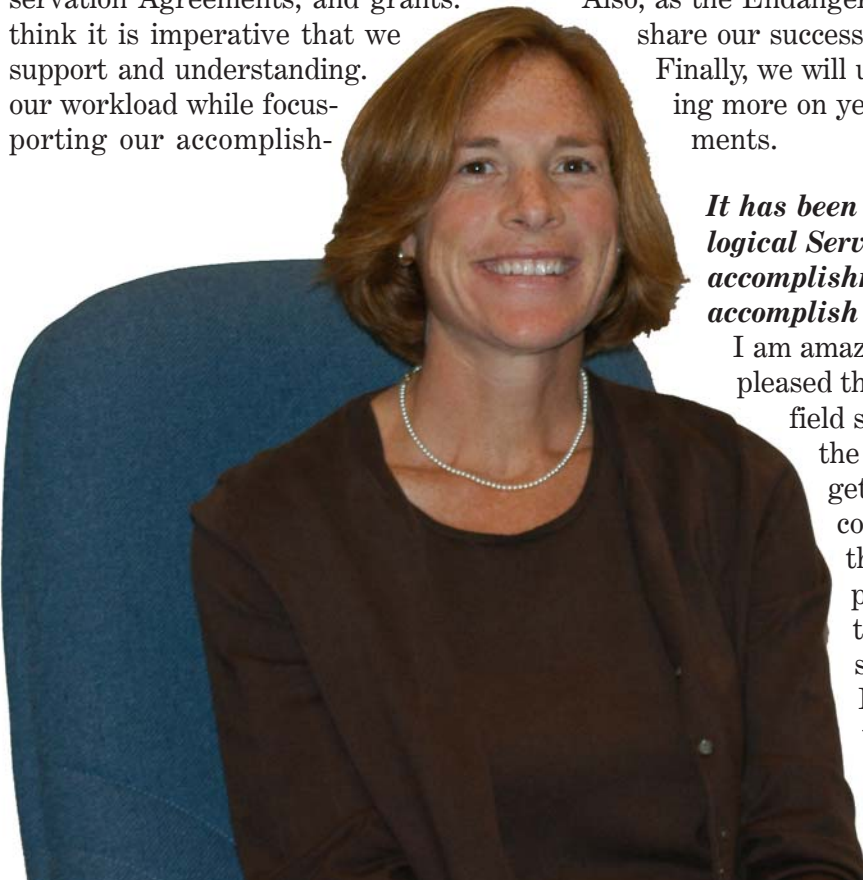
It has been about a year since you became the Ecological Services ARD. What do you feel is your best accomplishment so far; and what are you hoping to accomplish in the next year?

I am amazed that a year has already passed. I am pleased that I have been able to visit so many of my field stations. It is very important for me to meet the folks that I work with, see their offices, and get a first hand look at the work that they are conducting. Our employees are the foundation that all else is built from. Together we accomplish a tremendous amount of work and continue to be viewed as a leader in natural resource conservation. To the best of my ability I will continue to lead Ecological Services through these changing times while keeping the people and the resource at the forefront.

Wendi Weber was born in Rochester, NY. She received a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Rhode Island and a master's degree in fisheries from the University of Georgia. She started working for the Service in 1998.

Wendi and her husband Jon have two sons, Bailey and Clay.

Wendi tries to go for a run every day and tries to spend as much free time as possible with her family hiking, biking and exploring the outdoors.



Accomplishment Reports

The following accomplishments reports were processed between July 15 and August 15, 2005:

1. **2005 Great Lakes Coastal Program Projects**, *Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO*
2. **Ashland FRO Reads OTC Marks for Keweenaw Bay Hatchery**, *Frank Stone, Ashland FRO*
3. **Brilla Wetland Project Completed**, *Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO*
4. **Prairie Wetlands Learning Center to be Featured on North Dakota Public TV**, *Kenneth Garrahan, Fergus Falls WMD/PWLC*
5. **Tier II Biological Assessments Reviewed for the Corps of Engineers**, *Joyce Collins, Marion Illinois FO*
6. **Shiawassee Refuge Deer Hunters Apply Online for First Time**, *Becky Goche, Shiawassee NWR*
7. **Lake Sturgeon Habitat Study Will Help Direct Effective Rehabilitation**, *Robert Elliott, Green Bay FRO*
8. **2005 Rydell Refuge Open House**, *JuanCarlos Giese, Rydell NWR*
9. **Ashland Fishery Office Helps Iron River National Fish Hatchery Celebrate New Buildings**, *Glenn Miller, Ashland FRO*
10. **Pendills Hatchery Staff Attend Iron River Hatchery Open House**, *Tracy Roessner, Pendills Creek NFH*
11. **Chicago Field Office Participates in Wild Turkey Federation Habitat Demo Day**, *Michael Redmer, Chicago FO*
12. **Pendills Creek and Sullivan Creek Hatchery's Attend Soo Locks 150th Anniversary Celebration**, *James Anderson, Sullivans Creek NFH*
13. **Lake Trout Make Road Trips to Fairs and Festivals**, *James Anderson, Sullivans Creek NFH*
14. **Prairie Wetlands Learning Center Hosts Return to Prairie Day**, *Kenneth Garrahan, Fergus Falls WMD/PWLC*
15. **Reynoldsburg Office to Participate in Ohio Section 7 Training**, *Megan Seymour, Reynoldsburg FO*
16. **Northeast Illinois Mudpuppy and Mussel Search**, *Michael Redmer, Chicago FO*
17. **Outreach Activities Report**, *Tameka Dandridge, East Lansing FO*
18. **Fish and Wildlife Service Participates with Partners to Stabilize Indiana Bat Hibernacula**, *Joyce Collins, Marion, Illinois, FO*
19. **Pine River Nature Center Newsletter Highlights Lake Sturgeon Presentation**, *James Boase, Alpena FRO*
20. **East Lansing Field Office Participates in National Shoreline Management Study Workshop**, *Jack Dingledine, East Lansing FO*
21. **Loggerhead Turtle Smuggled to Minnesota Returns to Florida**, *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*
22. **Mussel Surveys Completed on the St. Clair Delta at Walpole Island**, *James Boase, Alpena FRO*
23. **Genoa National Fish Hatchery Offers New Self-Guided Walking Tour for Visitors**, *Jenny Walker, Genoa NFH*
24. **Columbia Fishery Office Partners with Big Muddy Refuge to Control Invasive Plants**, *Jennifer Johnson, Columbia FRO*
25. **Spill Planning to Protect Migratory Birds in Minnesota**, *Dave Warburton, Twin Cities FO*
26. **Genoa Hatchery Hosts Open House and Building Dedication on Aug. 9**, *Doug Aloisi, Genoa NFH*
27. **Coasters Have a New Home at Demonstration Facility**, *Steve Redman, Iron River NFH*
28. **Assistant Director, USFWS, Fisheries and Habitat visits the La Crosse Fish Health Center.**, *Richard Nelson, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*
29. **La Crosse Fish Health Center Participates in the Genoa NFH Open House and Sturgeon Culture Dedication**, *Richard Nelson, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*
30. **There's No Place Like Home! Genoa Hatchery Dedicates New Sturgeon Building**, *Doug Aloisi, Genoa NFH*
31. **Strike Up The Band**, *Steve Redman, Iron River NFH*
32. **Identification of Tasty Fishes**, *Jonathan Pyatskowitz, Ashland FRO*
33. **Schooner Provides Backdrop for Great Lakes Learning**, *Denny Lavis, Ludington Bio. Station*
34. **Wild Turkey Federation Field Day in Michigan**, *Jim Hazelman, Michigan PLO*
35. **Peer-Review of Fish Therapeutant Manuscript Completed**, *Mark Steingraeber, LaCrosse FRO*
36. **Genoa National Fish Hatchery Staff Assists in Annual Zebra Mussel Cleaning**, *Tony Brady, Genoa NFH*
37. **Girl Scouts Explore DeSoto Refuge**, *James Murcia, Desoto NWR*
38. **Heat Wave Hits Michigan's Upper Peninsula**, *Tracy Roessner, Pendills Creek NFH*
39. **Tourists Discover Pendills Creek Hatchery**, *Tracy Roessner, Pendills Creek NFH*
40. **Service and USGS Sturgeon Telemetry Partnership**, *Andrew Plauck, Columbia FRO*
41. **Construction Delays at Pendills Creek Hatchery**, *Tracy Roessner, Pendills Creek NFH*
42. **Columbia Fishery Office Biologists Receive Coded Wire Tag Training**, *Casey Bergthold, Columbia FRO*
43. **Colonial Bird Surveys Completed on Agassiz Refuge**, *Gary Huschle, Agassiz NWR*
44. **Region 3 Staff Reach Thousands at Airventure**, *Rachel Levin, External Affairs*
45. **Electrofishing at the Iron River National Fish Hatchery**, *Steve Redman, Iron River NFH*
46. **Lake Michigan Sturgeon Research Team Receives Funding and Expands Status Assessment Work**, *Robert Elliott, Green Bay FRO*
47. **Respect Your Elders – An Obvious Part of Assessing the Status of Spawning Lake Sturgeon**, *Robert Elliott, Green Bay FRO*
48. **Pallid Sturgeon Genetic and Morphometric Differentiation**, *Andrew Plauck, Columbia FRO*
49. **Area Youth Learn About Lake Superior Ecosystem**, *Katherine Mullett, Marquette Bio Station*
50. **Yuck Critter Corner at the Fair**, *Denny Lavis, Ludington Bio. Station*

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Accomplishment Reports

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51. **Wild Fish Survey for Specific Fish Pathogens at Devils Lake in North Dakota**, *Richard Nelson, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*

52. **Zebra Mussels**, *Scott Yess, LaCrosse FRO*

53. **Columbia Fishery Office Prepares to Lead MICRA Paddlefish Project**, *Casey Berghold, Columbia FRO*

54. **Service Formally Joins State of Minnesota's Working Lands Initiative**, *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

55. **Friday Night Downtown! in Alpena**, *Aaron Woldt, Alpena FRO*

56. **Nature/Art Classes at Squaw Creek Refuge**, *Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR*

57. **Tuesdays with DCR - PFLAG Presentation**, *Peggy Nelson, ABA (DCR)*

58. **A Cumulative Effects Analysis: Mining on Minnesota's Iron Range**, *Paul Burke, Twin Cities FO*

59. **Federal/State Agencies and University Collaborate in Rusty Crayfish Reduction Experiment**, *Gary Czypinski, Ashland FRO*

60. **Road Inventory Completed at Squaw Creek Refuge**, *Ron Bell, Squaw Creek NWR*

61. **Level I Survey Completed for Savanna Army Depot Parcel 10A**, *Judy Edwards, Twin Cities FO*

62. **Lake Whitefish Population Assessment Conducted in Grand Marais, Michigan area**, *Glenn Miller, Ashland FRO*

63. **Waterfowl Breeding Pair Count Only Down 3.6% at Agassiz Refuge**, *Gary Huschle, Agassiz NWR*

64. **Marengo River – Town of Lincoln, Wis., Instream Habitat Project**, *Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO*

65. **Agassiz Refuge Participates In Pennington and Marshall County Fairs**, *Gary Tischer, Agassiz NWR*

66. **8th Annual Commercial Fishers Appreciation Dinner**, *Adam Kowalski, Alpena FRO*

67. **Prairie Wetlands Learning Center Hosts Mosquito Run**, *Kenneth Garrahan, Fergus Falls WMD/PWLC*

68. **Columbia Fishery Office Builds Partnerships at Meramec Watershed Celebration**, *Nicholas Utrup, Columbia FRO*

69. **Donald B. Hamper Sentenced to One Year and One Day For Illegally Trading in Protected Turtles**, *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

70. **Ohio Private Lands Office Rounds-the-Bend**, *Kurt Waterstradt, Wisconsin Private Lands Ofc*

71. **Summer HCP Field Trip and Landowner Recognition**, *Michael Engel, Wisconsin Private Lands Ofc*

72. **Genoa Hatchery Conducts Quantitative Mussel Survey in Fish Creek**, *Tony Brady, Genoa NFH*

73. **Michigan State Agriculture Expo**, *Jim Hazelman, Michigan PLO*

74. **DeSoto Refuge's All Night Catfishing a Success**, *Cindy Myer, Desoto NWR*

75. **Lake Huron Technical Committee Meets in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario**, *Jerry McClain, Alpena FRO*

76. **Specimen Collection for MU Ichthyology Class**, *Jennifer Johnson, Columbia FRO*

77. **Peer-Review of Fish Contaminant Manuscript Completed**, *Mark Steingraeber, LaCrosse FRO*

78. **Agassiz Refuge Participates In Pennington and Marshall County Fair Parades**, *Gary Tischer, Agassiz NWR*



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