



# Inside Region 3

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## Service Director Visits Wisconsin to Announce Proposed 2004 Budget

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Steve Williams visited Wisconsin on Feb. 4 to announce President Bush's 2004 budget request for the agency and discuss the budget's potential impact on activities in the Midwest.

Williams began his day with a press conference in Madison, Wis., and then flew to the Service's offices in LaCrosse for another news conference.

In his remarks to the media, the Director shared some good budget news, both for national Service programs and for activities in Wisconsin.

"Despite growing security concerns, the 2004 budget proposal demonstrates the administration's commitment to managing and conserving the natural resources that belong to all of the American people," Williams said. "While other events on the national and international stage might grab the headlines, this administration continues

to support the often unsung collaborative work that protects and enhances our fisheries, strengthens our National Wildlife Refuge System, recovers species, and increases opportunities for citizens across our country to enjoy wildlife on their public lands."

The fisheries program is to receive nearly \$104 million under the administration's budget request, representing an increase of nearly \$9 million over the 2003 budget. The program's "Vision for the Future" will be implemented through increases in funding for hatchery operations (up \$5 million) and hatchery maintenance (up \$3 million) over last year.

As a result of the funding increases for hatchery operations in the 2004 budget request, Wisconsin's Genoa National Fish Hatchery would receive: \$112,000 to fund an isolation facility to develop wild brood stocks for restoration in the Great Lakes; \$55,000 to recover

threatened mussel populations in the Upper Mississippi River Basin; and \$224,000 to restore lake sturgeon populations in the Upper Midwest.

As part of that same budget request, the La Crosse Fish Health Center would receive: \$95,000 for lake sturgeon



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Williams, LaCrosse FRO Project Leader Pam Thiel and others answered questions during a press conference in LaCrosse.

restoration on the Menominee Indian River Reservation; and, \$39,000 for projects related to lake trout restoration.

The proposed budget also includes funding to address the growing problem of invasive species such as the Asian carp that are moving up the Illinois Waterway and increasingly threaten to invade the Great Lakes.

The administration's proposed budget for 2004 also contains a substantial increase, \$9.6 million, for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program so the Service can continue to work with willing private landowners to restore habitat.

Williams reported that the budget also holds a \$500,000 increase for 2004 for national wildlife refuges to combat chronic wasting disease, which has been a major issue for deer hunters in southern Wisconsin.

About 25 staff members and volunteers from nearby offices met with Williams following the press conference. *Rachel F. Levin, External Affairs*



After the press conference, Williams (left) had a chance to speak with LaCrosse Fish Health Center Project Leader Rick Nelson and other employees from offices in LaCrosse.

## Centennial Celebrations From Around the Region

A Centennial celebration was held at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge as part of Eagle Days, Feb. 1. More than 150 people attended, including U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, State Rep. Rob Mayer and a representative from U.S. Senator Jim Talent's office. Each of these guests made a short presentation on the value of the refuge system and Mingo refuge.

A Refuge Centennial Essay Contest occurred throughout January with a total of 121 essays submitted by students in three age categories. Representative Emerson announced the winners in each category and presented each with prizes and certificates.

The Mingo Swamp Friends group assisted in the celebration by providing prizes for the essay contest and operating a concession stand. *Rick Speer, Mingo NWR*



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(l-r) Puddles the Blue Goose, U.S. Rep. JoAnn Emerson, Refuge Manager Kathy Maycroft and Assistant Manager Rick Speer get ready to cut the cake and begin celebrating the Centennial.

## Indiana Offices Join Forces and Host Open House to Celebrate Centennial

The Bloomington Indiana Ecological Services Field Office hosted an open house to celebrate the Centennial of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The open house was a joint effort among all Service offices in Indiana, including ecological services, law enforcement and the state's three refuges: Muscatatuck, Big Oaks and Patoka River. Representatives from each field station staffed exhibits highlighting the refuge system, individual refuges and other Service programs.

The Bloomington Office provided extensive information on a variety of



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Falcons, eagles and a host of other displays grabbed attention at an Indiana Centennial event.

ecological services issues of local and regional interest including endangered species, contaminants, frog studies, Partners for Fish and

Wildlife, biodiversity and native fish and mussels.

Partners included the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, which provided a naturalist and live bald eagle; refuge friends groups; a falconer who provided visitors with an up-close look at a peregrine falcon and red-tailed hawk; and, numerous local businesses which donated items as prizes.

The event was promoted through local media, as well as through the local school system and interest groups.

Attendance exceeded 200 people and included state representatives from local districts and the media.

*Robin McWilliams-Munson, Bloomington ES*

More than 500 people attended the 9th annual Winterfest at Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, near Zimmerman, Minn., on Feb. 8, to celebrate winter, wildlife and the 100th birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Activity highlights included snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, a sleigh ride and a live bird presentation with a bald eagle.

Jim Gelbmann, state director for Sen. Mark Dayton, also attended the event. *Nancy Haugen, Sherburne NWR*



- Photo by Refuge Volunteer Brian Dixon

## Service Teams with Boy Scouts to Open 10 Miles of Ottawa River

The Alpena Fisheries Resource Office assisted the Erie Shores Boy Scouts in removing a 50-foot low head dam from a stretch of the Ottawa River adjacent to their Miakonda Camp near Toledo, Ohio this February.

The project began in spring 2001 when the group asked Service Biologist Susan Wells to help them complete a habitat restoration project at the Miakonda Camp.

A plan for habitat improvement within an adjacent impoundment, restoring riparian wetlands and restoration of the natural river flow, along with a boardwalk

running through the habitat complex for educational and scout activities, was drafted in by a private environmental organization.

In June 2001, the Alpena FRO received a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to assist with removal of the dam.

The project restored fish passage into reaches of the Ottawa River which were previously blocked or difficult to pass. A total of 5,680 feet of streambank was stabilized to prevent erosion and 10 miles of stream were opened for fish passage. This is the first phase to reestablish fish access and quality aquatic habitat to this system. Allowing further access into the Ottawa River will assist in preserving populations of interjurisdictional fish.



The dam, built in the 1930s for unknown reasons, was removed from a section of the Ottawa River that flows through the Miakonda Camp.



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Removing the dam returned this stretch of the Ottawa river to a free-flowing state.

Partners contributing funds and assistance on this project were the Erie Shores Boy Scout Council, Ottawa River Klean up Association, the Ohio Division of Wildlife, the Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and private environmental firms. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant and partner contributions allowed for the complete removal of the dam enabling the Boy Scout Council to concentrate on the rehabilitation of Lake Sawyer and restoration of riparian wetlands. *Susan Wells, Alpena FRO*

## Refuge Friends Attend National Conference in Washington, D.C.

Seven individuals from Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge's Friends group along with Refuge Operations Specialist Sara Mason,



- Photo by Sharon Cummings, Ottawa NWR Assoc.

Ottawa NWR Association President John Hinkle met with Secretary Gale Norton during the Friends Conference in Washington.

traveled to Washington D.C., to participate in the Centennial Refuge Friends Conference, Jan. 31 - Feb. 3.

Refuge Friends groups and Service employees from across the country participated in the conference to exchange ideas and learn from each other. Various notable speakers, including Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton recognized the outstanding accomplishments Friends groups have made to the refuge system and expressed gratitude for their efforts.

Breakout sessions held throughout the conference gave attendees an opportunity to gain and share ideas that could be useful and beneficial to Friends groups across

the country. Sessions offered included: fund-raising, the CCP process, environmental education, public relations and others.

Ottawa Association members finished the weekend trip by traveling to Capital Hill where they met with their members of Congress.

Each person representing Ottawa refuge at the conference came back with ideas, new friends and excitement. Freshly energized, Ottawa's Friends are eager to share what they learned at the conference and start on new ideas and projects that will enhance the richness of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. *Sara Mason, Ottawa NWR*

## 2003 Lake Winnebago Sturgeon Health Survey

Wisconsin's 2003 sturgeon spearing season opened Feb. 8, on Lake Winnebago. This lake sturgeon fishery is known worldwide and probably holds the largest natural sustaining lake sturgeon population in the world. It is commonly used as an egg source for reintroduction efforts throughout North America.

These ancient fish can weigh in at 160 pounds and have been found to be more than 80 years old. It takes fish between seven and 10 years to reach legal spearing size (36 inches).

Males typically reach sexual maturity between the ages of 13 - 15 years and then spawn every other year. Females reach sexual maturity between the ages of 22 - 24 years and then spawn every 3 - 4 years. Because of this slow reproductive rate, the harvest rate is closely monitored.

This year's harvest quotas were 400 juvenile females, or 400 mature females, or 1,300 males. Once the harvest numbers approach 80 percent of any one of those numbers, the season comes to a close the following day.

Dave Wedan from the La Crosse Fishery Resources Office, and Corey Puzach and Kelly Williams from the La Crosse Fish Health Center teamed-up with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources personnel to collect fish health samples from lake sturgeon harvested on the opening day of the season. Sixty spearkers permitted Service staff to collect samples.

Diagnostic tests are underway at the fish health center to determine the overall health of the fishery. Samples were taken to screen for bacterial pathogens, bacterial kidney disease and several viruses. Barbel and fin clips were also collected.

All samples from the previous year's spearing season tested negative for pathogens and bacteria.

Once completed, test results from this year will be entered into the Service's National Fish Health Survey database to help improve efforts in protecting, restoring and managing fish populations across the country. Information on the national wild fish health survey is at: [www.wildfishsurvey.fws.gov](http://www.wildfishsurvey.fws.gov).  
*Corey Puzach, LaCrosse FHC*



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(l - r) LaCrosse FRO Biologist Dave Wedan, along with Kelly Williams and Corey Puzach from the LaCrosse FHC, take samples from a Lake Winnebago sturgeon speared during the 2003 season.

## Planned Upgrades Begin at Hiawatha Forest NFH



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Two large degassing cylinders were removed to make room for a new building that will cover all 16 hatchery raceways.

The large black degassing cylinders that had stood at the head of Hiawatha Forest National Fish Hatchery's raceways since 1985 began to come down on Feb. 22.

The degassers were originally installed when a high reading of total dissolved gases was detected in Sullivans' Creek, the water source for the hatchery.

The cylinders removed gasses from the water and decreased the chance of nitrogen super saturation, gas bubble disease and fish mortality.

The system was used only a few years and shut down when the hatchery's mission switched from production fish to broodstock.

Construction of a building that will cover all sixteen raceways means there is no longer room for the cylinders. The hatchery's current covers keep out the sun and most predators, but can't handle the heavy snow load that comes with an eastern Upper Peninsula winter.

The new building will handle the weather and also make spawning season easier on both the staff and the fish. Removing the degassing cylinders is the first step in construction of the new facility. *Tracy Walters, Pendills Creek NFH*

## Regional Law Enforcement Briefs

### Owner of Chicago Area Meat Market Pleads Guilty to Purchasing Meat of Spotted Leopard

The owner of an exotic meat market in suburban Chicago faces five years imprisonment and up to \$250,000 in fines after pleading guilty on Feb. 28 in federal court in Chicago to a felony violation of the Lacey Act, a federal wildlife protection law. Richard Czimer, president and operator of Czimer's Game and Seafoods, Inc., in Lockport, Ill., pleaded guilty to purchasing the meat of a federally-protected black spotted leopard in August 1997.

Czimer admitted that between August 1997 and October 1998, he also purchased the carcasses of 16 federally-protected tigers, four lions, two mountain lions and one liger (a tiger-lion hybrid). The animals were then skinned, butchered and sold as "lion meat" at Czimer's Meat and Seafood, Inc., realizing a profit of more than \$38,000. Czimer said he purchased the carcasses from co-defendants William Kapp of Tinley Park, Ill., Steven Galecki of Crete, Ill., and Kevin Ramsey formerly of Oak Forest, Ill., and now living in Wisconsin.

Czimer is scheduled to be sentenced June 27, 2003. As part of his guilty plea, Czimer has agreed to pay \$116,000 in restitution to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Save the Tiger Fund.

Czimer was among seven men indicted in Chicago in May 2002 on numerous wildlife protection and trafficking charges. A total of 17 individuals and one business in eight states were charged as a result of a lengthy investigation by special agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service into the trafficking of exotic animals. *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

### Upper Mississippi Refuge Officers Go Wireless

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge announced the implementation of the Service's first mobile data computing system. The system was provided by Communications & Networks, Inc. of Annapolis, Md. and will enable refuge law enforcement officers to access real-time, criminal justice system information from patrol vehicles.

In total, five mobile computing units, one of which will be configured in a rugged waterproof suitcase for use on patrol boats, will be used on the refuge. The equipment requires very little training and allows officers access to information while conducting their day-to-day activities.



- USFWS photo

Upper Mississippi River Refuge Officers test the new mobile system.

"We are looking forward to the benefits of improved communications with our counterparts in other state and local law enforcement agencies that it provides," said McGregor District Manager John Lindell. "Because the refuge extends along 261 miles of the Mississippi River, including areas within four states, it is important that our officers have excellent communications tools." *John Lindell, UMRNWFR-McGregor.*

### Volunteer Charged with Take of Piping Plover Egg

Special Agent James Fuller responded to a complaint from a Service biologist that a piping plover egg had been taken from a nest near Alpena, Mich.

A Service biologist discovered that one of four eggs was missing from a nest and saw no evidence of predation. The biologist talked with local plover monitoring volunteers and was informed that another volunteer may have been involved.

Fuller interviewed the volunteer who admitted he was in possession of a piping plover egg. The individual stated he found the egg while monitoring the plover nest and assumed it was the missing egg

the Service was looking for. The individual took the egg home; he stated he did not call Service biologists as he thought someone would contact him.

Fuller further discovered the individual had a collection of more than 50 migratory bird eggs. Fuller charged the individual with violations of the Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

In lieu of appearing in federal court, the individual paid a \$2,500 fine for the unlawful taking of an endangered species and possession of migratory bird eggs without a permit. *James Fuller, Bay City LE*

## Ohio Develops Management Recommendations for Running Buffalo Clover

Running buffalo clover is an endangered plant which occurs in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regions 3, 4 and 5, with Ohio having the largest number of populations in our Region. Running buffalo clover is thought to have depended on bison to periodically disturb areas and create habitat, as well as to disperse seeds. As bison were eliminated, vital habitat for this species was lost. Thus, land management practices that maintain a somewhat open and disturbed habitat may prove beneficial for the recovery of this species.

Concern over finding the best techniques for managing running buffalo clover recently brought Ohio land managers and biologists together. Participants included the Service, Ohio Historical Society, Ohio Department of Natural

Resources, Miami University and private botanists. The resulting recommendations were compiled by the Reynoldsburg Ecological Services Field Office to guide property owners and land managers in the management and recovery of this endangered species in Ohio.

Running buffalo clover occurs in two fairly distinct habitat types (shaded lawn and woodland sites), thus management recommendations were developed for the clover in both habitats. Management for invasive species such as Japanese honeysuckle, wintercreeper, garlic mustard and Amur honeysuckle is critical in both lawn and woodland sites.

For more information about running buffalo clover management and recovery or for a copy of the



- USFWS photo by Sarena Selbo

Management recommendations for this endangered plant have been developed and are available through the Reynoldsburg office.

Ohio Field Office Management Recommendations for Running Buffalo Clover, please contact Sarena M. Selbo at the Reynoldsburg ES Field Office. *Sarena Selbo, Reynoldsburg ES*

### Briefly ...



(Above) Assistant Minnesota Private Lands Coordinator John Braastad (right) was recognized by the Minnesota Waterfowl Association as their 2002 Conservationist of the Year - Professional Award. *Lori Wolff, Minnesota PLO*



(Above) The Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District honored volunteers who contributed more than \$26,000 worth of labor during 2001 and 2002. Award winners are (l-r) : Ron Barker, 2001 Volunteer of the Year; Dick Dahlin, 500 Hour Award; Julie Matson, 2002 Volunteer of the Year; Darlene Christen, 200 Hour Award; and, John McGovern, 3000 Hour Award. *Les Peterson, Detroit Lakes WMD*



(Left) Arnie Swartz, president of Friends of the Upper Mississippi Fishery Services received an award from Scott Yess for the group's support of the fishery program. The group recently completed a recruiting brochure and six members of the group assisted in staffing the Service's booth at the LaCrosse Sports Show. Upcoming projects include mussel cage construction at Genoa National Fish Hatchery and developing a fund raising partnership with the Upper Mississippi River Refuge Friends group. *Scott Yess, LaCrosse FRO*



(Above) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's East Lansing Ecological Services Field Office recently opened a suboffice in Marquette, Mich., co-located with the Marquette Biological Station. The office will be staffed by Biologist Christine Deloria (pictured above) who will serve as the point of contact for ecological services issues in the U.P. and coordinate a myriad of issues including Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission licensing and review, the Endangered Species Act, the Service's Coastal Program and others. *Craig Czarnecki, East Lansing ES*

## Accomplishment Reports Received

The following reports were processed by the Region 3 Accomplishment Reporting System for accomplishments completed between Feb. 1 and Feb. 28, 2003. Employees can search all reports using the ARS's Report Manager.

### **Minnesota Refuges Set to Celebrate Centennial of National Wildlife Refuge System**

*Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

### **East Lansing Field Office Staff Participate with NPS Open House and FS Public Meeting**

*Craig Czarnecki, East Lansing FO*

### **Computer Support Training**

*Debra Turner, Alpena FRO*

### **Whittlesey Creek Refuge Assistance**

*Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO*

### **UW-Madison Job Fair A Success**

*Barbara Pardo, Joint Venture*

### **National Estuarine Research Reserve Feasibility for Lake Superior's South Shore**

*Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO*

### **Annual Great Lakes Fish Health Committee Meeting Held**

*Richard Nelson, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*

### **Coordinating Michigan's Bald Eagle Bio-monitoring Program**

*Craig Czarnecki, East Lansing FO*

### **Fish Health Inspection Completed For Fort Mc Coy**

*Corey Puzach, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*

### **Trans boundary Migratory Bird Meeting**

*Michael DeCapita, East Lansing FO*

### **Degassers Taken Down At Hiawatha Forest National Fish Hatchery**

*Tracy Walters, Pendills Creek NFH*

### **Service's East Lansing Field Office Opens New Suboffice in Michigan's Upper Peninsula**

*Craig Czarnecki, East Lansing FO*

### **Private Lands Biologist Receives Minnesota Conservation Award**

*Lori Wolff, Private Lands*

### **Chicago Ecological Services Shares Success of Working with Stakeholders**

*Kristopher Lah, Chicago FO*

### **Marquette Biological Station Hires Two New Employees**

*John Heinrich, Marquette Biological Station*

### **Agreement Co-Locates Service Employee at Forest Service Office**

*John Heinrich, Marquette Biological Station*

### **Chicago Field Office Hosts Recovery Team Meeting for Endangered Dragonfly**

*Kristopher Lah, Chicago FO*

### **Region 3 Assumes Co-Leadership of Whooping Crane Outreach Effort**

*Rachel Levin, External Affairs*

### **Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District Honors Volunteers**

*Les Peterson, Detroit Lakes WMD*

### **Alpena Fishery Resources Office on Track with Safety Training**

*Anjanette Bowen, Alpena FRO*

### **Owner of Chicago Area Meat Market Pleads Guilty to Purchasing Meat of Protected Spotted Leopard**

*Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

### **February 2003 Issue of Inside Region 3**

*Chuck Traxler, External Affairs*

### **Outreach Products Communicate Management Plans for Union Slough NWR**

*Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

### **Guilty Verdict! Millions of Sea Lampreys Sentenced to Death**

*Denny Lavis, Ludington Bio. Station*

### **East Lansing Field Office Assists National Wetlands Inventory Maps Effort**

*Burr Fisher, East Lansing FO*

### **Service Hosts Public Meeting to Discuss Tree Encroachment at Union Slough Refuge**

*Rebecca Rasmussen, Union Slough NWR*

### **Ohio Develops Management Recommendations for Running Buffalo Clover**

*Sarena Selbo, Reynoldsburg FO*

### **Sea Lampreys in Hiding, Extensive Search Planned**

*Denny Lavis, Ludington Bio. Station*

### **Great Lakes Environmental Summit**

*Craig Czarnecki, East Lansing FO*

### **Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge Highlights Centennial at Career Day**

*Jason Lewis, Big Oaks NWR*

**Partnership Team Improves Wolf River Lake Sturgeon Spawning Site**

*Gary VanVreede, Green Bay FO*

**2000 Consent Decree Executive Council Holds Initial Meeting**

*Jerry McClain, Alpena FRO*

**Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team Meeting Planned**

*Christopher Mensing, East Lansing FO*

**East Lansing Field Office Joins Steering Committee for 66th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference**

*Craig Czarnecki, East Lansing FO*

**Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Staff Present to Audubon**

*Tim Haller, Big Muddy NWR*

**Jordan River National Fish Hatchery Teaches Fish Anatomy To Fourth Graders**

*Clarice Beckner, Jordan River NFH*

**New Overhead Garage Doors Installed At Jordan River Hatchery**

*Clarice Beckner, Jordan River NFH*

**Service Assists Wisconsin DNR with Green Bay Yellow Perch Data**

*Pauline Schuette, Green Bay FRO*

**Sea Lamprey Program Display Visits Duluth Boat Show**

*Terry Morse, Marquette Biological Statio*

**Twin Cities Field Office Initiates Environmental Protection for Flood Response Planning**

*Laurie Fairchild, Twin Cities FO*

**Birds of Conservation Concern 2002 Report Released**

*Steve Lewis, Migratory Birds & State Pgm*

**Heiberg Dam and Fish Passage Alternatives Explored**

*Laurie Fairchild, Twin Cities FO*

**East Lansing Field Office Presents at University of Toledo Law School**

*Michael DeCapita, East Lansing FO*

**Disease-Free Wild Bass**

**Broodstock Collection Successful in Wisconsin**

*Doug Aloisi, Genoa NFH*

**Rydell Refuge Groundhog Day Winterfest-Mild and Fun**

*Juancarlos Giese, Rydell NWR*

**Service Biologists Initiate International Shorebird Surveys at Six West Central Minnesota Sites**

*Bob Russell, Migratory Birds & State Pgm*

**Fishery and Refuge Programs Highlighted at La Crosse Sport Show**

*Mark Steingraeber, LaCrosse FRO*

**Cabin Fever a Great Success at Neal Smith NWR**

*Don Jorgensen, Neal Smith NWR*

**2003 Lake Winnebago Sturgeon Health Survey**

*Corey Puzach, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*

**500 Celebrate Winterfest and the Centennial at Sherburne Refuge**

*Nancy Haugen, Sherburne NWR*

**Alpena FRO Partners Program Message Taken to Washington DC**

*Heather Enterline, Alpena FRO*

**Centennial Proclamation Sent to Minnesota Governor Pawlenty**

*Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

**Director's Visit Highlights 2004 Budget and Fisheries Vision**

*Mark Steingraeber, LaCrosse FRO*

**Fisheries Training Course held at the La Crosse Fish Health Center**

*Richard Nelson, LaCrosse Fish Health Center*

**Region Partners With Minnesota Bakers Association for Centennial Celebration**

*Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

**Central Contractor Register**

*Robert Hansen, ABA-CGS*

**Regional Director Solicits Regional Partner Involvement at National Centennial Conference**

*Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

**Region 3 Annual Report**

*Chuck Traxler, External Affairs*

**Advances in Cross-Border Standardization of Lampricide Control Methods**

*Terry Morse, Marquette Biological Statio*

**East Lansing Field Office Meets with EPA Regarding Michigan's 404 Permit Program**

*Barbara Hosler, East Lansing FO*

**Miakonda Boy Scout Camp Dam Removed**

*Susan Wells, Alpena FRO*

**Huron Sportsman Club Meeting**

*James Boase, Alpena FRO*

**Friends of the Upper Mississippi Fishery Services Receive Award**

*Scott Yess, LaCrosse FRO*

**Service Supports Expanded Restoration Efforts Along the Lower Missouri River**

*Jane Ledwin, Columbia FO*

**Chicago Area Rivers Restoration Initiative will Improve Chicago Waterways**

*Jeffrey Mengler, Chicago FO*



**Junior Duck Stamp Program  
Honors Minnesota Teacher**

*Judith Miller, Minnesota Valley  
NWR*

**Habitat and Population Evaluation  
Team (HAPET) Establishes Web  
Presence**

*Robyn Flaherty, Migratory Birds  
& State Pgm*

**Lake Trout Restoration on the  
Mississippi River?**

*Roger Gordon, Genoa NFH*

**Service Recruits Future  
Employees at Michigan State  
University**

*Christopher Mensing, East  
Lansing FO*

**East Lansing Field Office Hosts  
Coordination Meeting with U.S.  
Army Corps**

*Barbara Hosler, East Lansing FO*

**Upper Mississippi Refuge Law  
Enforcement Officers Go Wireless**

*John Lindell, UMRNW&FR-  
McGregor Dist.*

**Migratory Birds and Joint Venture  
Contribute to Wisconsin All-bird  
Workshop**

*Tom Will, Migratory Birds & State  
Pgm*

**Hydrology Vital to Floodplain Fish  
- Nathan's Lake Report Now  
Available**

*Joanne Grady, Columbia FRO*

**Instructor Coordination Meeting  
for MOCC**

*Adam Kowalski, Alpena FRO*

**Size Selectivity of Gear Types  
Used in Lake Sturgeon Status  
Assessments**

*Brian Gunderman, Green Bay  
FRO*

**Annual MOCC Instructor Meeting**

*Dave Wedan, LaCrosse FRO*

**Partnerships Will Help Service  
Assess Sea Lamprey Abundance in  
Great Lakes Tributaries**

*John Heinrich, Ludington Bio.  
Station*

**Science Support Research  
Projects - 2003**

*Sean Kelly, Migratory Birds &  
State Pgm*

**Sea Lamprey Control in the St.  
Marys River Improved Through  
New Partnership**

*John Heinrich, Ludington Bio.  
Station*

**Minnesota Valley Refuge Recruits  
for Seasonal Biological Technicians**

*Tom Kerr, Minnesota Valley NWR*

**Electrical Service to the Main  
Hatchery Building Upgraded**

*Clarice Beckner, Jordan River NFH*

**Prospect of Hatchery Friends  
Group Coming Closer To Reality**

*Clarice Beckner, Jordan River NFH*

**Long Term Care Open Season**

*Linda Krupinski, ABA  
(Personnel)*

**Alpena FRO Readies Gear for 2003  
Sampling in 1836 Treaty Waters**

*Aaron Woldt, Alpena FRO*

**Sterile Male Release Proven Cost-  
Effective for Managing Sea  
Lampreys in St. Marys River**

*John Heinrich, Ludington Bio.  
Station*

**Service and Partners Host Great  
Lakes Lake Sturgeon Coordination  
Meeting**

*John Heinrich, Ludington Bio.  
Station*

**Sea Lamprey Control Display  
Visits Cleveland Boat Show**

*Terry Morse, Marquette Biological  
Statio*

**First-Year Lake Sturgeon  
Assessments in Green Bay and  
Surrounding Tributaries**

*Brian Gunderman, Green Bay  
FRO*

**Service Director Visits the U.S.  
Fish & Wildlife Service Resource  
Center in Onalaska, Wis**

*Richard Nelson, LaCrosse Fish  
Health Center*

**Director Touts '04 Budget During  
Wisconsin Visit**

*Rachel Levin, External Affairs*

**Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge  
Represented at Centennial Friends  
Conference**

*Sara Mason, Ottawa NWR*

**Region's Friends Groups Updated  
on Centennial Plans**

*Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

**Complex Aquatic Habitats:  
Havens for Aquatic Nuisance  
Species**

*Gary Czipynski, Ashland FRO*

**Service Partners With Saint  
Mary's University to Study  
Historic Sturgeon Populations**

*Robert Elliott, Green Bay FRO*

**Big Muddy Staff Participates in  
Sports Show**

*Tim Haller, Big Muddy NWR*

**Mingo Refuge Hosts Eagle Days**

*Richard Speer, Mingo NWR*

**New Rule Streamlines Wetland  
Restoration Activities in Wisconsin**

*James Ruwaldt, Wisconsin  
Private Lands Ofc*

**HGM Modeling to Support  
Ecosystem Restoration In Upper  
DesPlaines**

*Jeffrey Mengler, Chicago FO*



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