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Blue Goose Lands in Washington for 99th Birthday Celebration

The week of March 11-15 was filled with a flurry of activities in Washington, DC, involving Region 3 outreach specialists, regional refuge chiefs and supervisors. The week's activities not only served to celebrate Refuges' 99th birthday on Mar. 14, but brought added visibility and support to the National Wildlife Refuge System and its upcoming Centennial.

Scott Flaherty and Chuck Traxler of the Region 3 External Affairs Office joined representatives from other Service regions to brief regional Centennial accomplishments, plans and activities to refuge chiefs and supervisors on Mar. 12. The chiefs' update was part of the national outreach team's meeting in Washington. In addition to the briefing, the team discussed action on national centennial efforts, including adoption and approval of a new refuge system logo for use with Centennial printed materials, a \$2.5 million Refuge System exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and updates on national exhibits and media campaigns.

The meetings of the outreach team and refuge chiefs and supervisors coincided with the first meeting of the 10 member Centennial Commission. The commission was established by the National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act and includes in its membership former Service Director Lynn Greenwalt, former Assistant Secretary of Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks William P. Horn, basketball



- USFWS Photo by Chuck Traxler

Region 3 Refuge Chief Nita Fuller and Refuge Supervisors Don Hultman, Jon Kauffeld and Jim Leach (not pictured) briefed Region 3 congressional members in Washington, D.C., on the System's 99th birthday.

star Carl Malone, Naturalist Jack Hannah, host of television's "Jack Hannah's Animal Adventures," Daniel Pedrotti, past president of "Boone and Crockett," Kym Murphy, vice president of environmental policy with the Disney Corporation, John L. Morris, founder and owner of BassPro Shops, Peter Coors, chief executive officer of Coors Brewing Company, Ramona Seeligson Bass, Director of the Texas Wildlife Campaign and Michael Bean, senior attorney and chair for wildlife programs at Environmental Defense.

It's clear from the briefing that the Region's have taken the lead in planning and executing Centennial projects nationwide.

More than 400 distinguished guests, including many Members of Congress, Centennial Commission members and regional representatives celebrated the Refuge System on the eve of its 99th birthday during a reception at the National Botanical Garden near the U.S. Capitol. Secretary of Interior Gail Norton and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Steve Williams hosted the reception. Both leaders

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Refuge System's 99th Birthday Celebration

addressed the assembled guests, delivering strong messages of support for the Refuge system. Bill Horn, chairman of the Centennial Commission, introduced attending commission members. All but three members of the Commission were present.

The day following the reception, regional refuge supervisors continued their visits with congressional delegations from Midwest states. External Affairs supplied each Region 3 refuge supervisor with refuge information packets containing locally produced fact sheets on the Region, the System and the Centennial. The packets were delivered by the supervisors to congressional staff during each visit. Supervisors reported good

support for regional refuges among the delegations. More than 32 congressional staff visits were accomplished during the week, including some visits by Gerry Jackson, Fisheries Program ARD and Charlie Wooley, Ecological Services ARD.

The projects and accomplishments of each region and national teams will be high-

lighted in an upcoming issue of 'News and Views' to be published later in April.

Scott Flaherty, External Affairs



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Service Director Steve Williams (front row, fourth from left) helped the National Centennial Outreach Team promote the System's upcoming Centennial celebration at a congressional reception held on Mar. 13.

Engineering Award Honors Innovative Project on the Upper Mississippi Refuge

The Stoddard Islands Environmental Management Program (EMP) Habitat Rehabilitation Project, located within the La Crosse District of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, was awarded the Seven Wonders of Engineering

Award at the National Engineers Banquet held recently.

The Stoddard Island Project recreates the islands lost due to wind and wave action in the Upper Mississippi River (lower Pool 8). Island loss in this area is a serious problem contributing to widespread fish and wildlife habitat loss.

The Stoddard Island Project has been exceptionally successful in recreating the aquatic vegetation in the area, which has vastly improved fishing and waterfowl use in the area. Keith Beseke, Project Engineer (USFWS) said, "We saw results the first year after the project was completed. We were seeing the habitat reverting back to 1950's conditions. There is no better way to explain it than looking at the images from 1961, 1994 and 2000. You can clearly see the results."

This project is a cooperative effort between biologists in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Seven Wonders of Engineering Awards competition is conducted annually to recognize outstanding achievements in the field of engineering. The program is designed to acknowledge and publicly recognize those organizations that have advanced the profession and prestige of the entire engineering community.

The project was judged based on the engineering expertise involved, the scope of the project, the significance of the project's contribution to society, the uniqueness of the project and the quality of the entry materials. *Lara Hill, Upper Mississippi River NWR*



-USFWS photo by Lara Hill

Jim Nissen (Left) La Crosse District Manager and Project Engineer Keith Beseke were presented with the "Seven Wonders of Engineering" Award for their Stoddard Islands EMP Project.

Region 3 Partners Receive \$4.8 Million for Habitat Projects

On Mar. 14, 2002, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approved funding for five North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) grants in Region 3. The grant projects are located in the Upper Mississippi River/Great Lakes Region Joint Venture and the eastern portion of the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture.

The projects are funded under the NAWCA Standard Grants Program with matching contributions made by state, federal and non-governmental partnerships.

The acquisition, restoration and enhancement of wildlife habitat will advance the goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan in both the Upper Mississippi River/Great Lakes Region and Prairie Pothole Joint Ventures.

The projects are:

1. Glacial Habitat Restoration Area Phase IV, Wisconsin: The acquisition, restoration and enhancement of 3,494 acres of wildlife habitat will occur in four counties of Wisconsin. This proposal is part of a larger effort to restore wildlife habitat in an area identified as the Glacial Habitat Restoration Area. Long term protection will be provided to 812 acres of wetlands and 2,682 acres of upland. The grant is for \$1 million with partners contributing \$2,133,280. The grantee is Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

2. Lewis and Clark Floodplain Heritage Partnership Phase I, Missouri: Seventy-seven counties in Missouri have been identified as potential sites for this project. Conservation easements will provide long-term protection to 11,719 acres of wildlife habitat being acquired, restored or enhanced. This endeavor will restore



- Photo courtesy of Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Navarre Marsh on Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, a Lake Erie coastal wetland enhancement site in the Northwest Ohio Wetlands Initiative NAWCA Grant Project.

floodplain habitat along the Missouri River and depressional wetlands and uplands within the watershed of the Missouri River. The grant is for \$1 million with partners contributing \$5,794,022. The grantee is Wildlife Forever.

3. Northwest Ohio Wetlands Initiative: Habitat acquisition, restoration and enhancement activities will occur in seven counties in northwest Ohio. This is the first large scale habitat effort in this region of Ohio. A total of 3,052 acres of wetland and upland habitat will receive long term protection. The grant is for \$1 million with partners contributing \$5,376,348. The grantee is Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

4. Centennial Pothole Venture, Minnesota: Twenty-three counties of Minnesota have been targeted as potential areas for wildlife habitat acquisition, restoration and enhancement activities. Conserva-

tion easements placed on 6,843.5 acres of habitat will provide migratory birds with a variety of migration and breeding habitat types. The grant is for \$1 million with partners contributing \$6,183,715. The grantee is Pheasants Forever.

5. Comprehensive Bird Conservation in the Red River of the North Watershed, Minnesota: Eleven counties in Minnesota have been targeted as potential sites for acquiring, restoring and enhancing wildlife habitat. When completed, 3,593.5 acres of wetland and upland habitats will be protected with long term conservation easements. This project is also recognized as providing downstream flood damage reduction benefits. The grant is for \$798,335 with partners contributing \$2,189,598. The grantee is National Audubon Society. *Paul Richert, Migratory Birds and State Programs*

Service to Establish Management Office at Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently announced that it will operate an on-site planning and management office at the new Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in southeast Michigan. The office will allow the Service to oversee its comprehensive conservation planning (CCP) for the new refuge. The international refuge will conserve, protect and restore habitat for 29 species of waterfowl, 65 kinds of fish and 300 species of migratory birds on more than 5,000 acres along the lower Detroit River in Michigan and Canada.

No specific date for the opening of the office has been set, but Service officials expect the office to be operating sometime this summer. Doug Spencer, currently the Service's refuge manager at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge in north central Michigan, will serve as interim manager at the Detroit River refuge.

The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge was created in December 2001, and is the first international refuge in North America. The refuge is a result of an unprecedented partnership of government agencies, businesses, conservation groups, landowners and private citizens on both sides of the border. The refuge is also a key component of the Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative, a community-based program that seeks to build "green" infrastructure and create outdoor recreational opportunities in Wayne County, Michigan. The public-private partnership gained momentum over the past year through a series of cooperative agreements, land exchanges and acquisitions involving governments, private businesses, citizens and conserva-

tion groups.

"As managers of the refuge, we will reach out and engage partners and citizens and involve them in the planning process to help us plot conservation and recreation decisions for the future of the refuge," said Spencer. "As a new member of the National Wildlife Refuge System, it is our policy to make areas of this refuge open to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education and environmental interpretation."

The Lower Detroit River contains shipping channels, shoals and islands that serve as habitat for numerous fish and wildlife. Located at the intersection of the Atlantic and Mississippi Flyways, an estimated three million ducks, geese, swans and coots migrate annually through the region. More than 300,000 diving ducks stop each year to feed on wild celery beds in the river. The Canada-United States North American Waterfowl Management Plan has identified the Detroit River as one of 34 waterfowl habitat areas of major concern in the U.S. and Canada. (Lower Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin).

The Detroit River is also known for its duck hunting and fishing, activities the Service plans to continue on parts of the refuge.

"Among our goals is to establish plans that proved ample opportunities for hunting and fishing while incorporating refuge goals and conserving habitat," Spencer said. "Long-term, restoring habitat on refuge land will benefit hunters and fishers all along the river." *Scott Flahery, External Affairs*



- USFWS photo by Rick Julian

A young girl puts nesting material into a new wood duck house she built at Rydell NWR.

Seventy Wood Duck Houses Find New Homes

With snow still covering the ground on Mar. 23, 57 visitors to Rydell National Wildlife Refuge constructed wood duck boxes for placement by local lakes, ponds and rivers. Visitors from over 100 miles away participated in the construction project. A temperature in the high 20s, a bright sun and light winds helped make the outdoor activities more enjoyable.

After the construction activities a number of visitors took time to hike the trails, take some pictures and enjoy the refuge. Many also visited the new addition on the Visitor's Center and sampled cookies, hot cider, coffee and hot chocolate provided by the Friends of Rydell Refuge Association.

Wood for the boxes was supplied by the Cormorant Lakes Sportsmen Club, the Minnesota DNR and the refuge. Volunteers and staff spent over 100 hours cutting out all the box parts. Many additional boxes were built by the volunteers who came to help. These boxes will find homes on the refuge or with visitors this spring. Twenty "kits" will be available for the bluebird box program in April. *Rick Julian, Rydell NWR*

Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District Nest Basket Program a Success

Recently completed maintenance and nesting success surveys of the nesting baskets in the Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District indicated that 65 percent of the baskets successfully produced mallard or Canada goose broods in 2001. The cone shaped nesting baskets were placed in wetlands on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the district during the past decade to provide nesting sites for mallards.

A total of 130 baskets were available for nesting during the spring and summer of 2001. Of these, 64 were successfully used by mallards to produce ducklings and 29 nest baskets were successfully used by Canada geese to produce goslings. Six of the baskets were used by mallards to produce double clutches and two baskets were used by both mallards and Canada geese to successfully produce clutches. Successful mallard production in nest baskets increased steadily during the early 1990's on the Detroit Lakes WMD

and has maintained an average of nearly 63 percent nesting success during the past five years.

There was no evidence of nest predation in any of the baskets. Abandoned mallard nests were found in four of the unsuccessful baskets and abandoned Canada goose nests were found in four other unsuccessful baskets. This abandonment rate (six percent) was significantly lower than the 18 percent abandonment rate that occurred in 2000.

According to the Fergus Falls



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Refuge Operations Specialist Larry Hanson replaces straw in a nesting basket and checks for evidence of successful waterfowl production.

Habitat and Population Evaluation Team, more than 10 percent of the mallard production in the district now comes from nesting baskets. *Les Peterson, Detroit Lakes WMD*

Historical Museum Invasive Species Display Helps Educate Public



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Sea Lamprey are one of the invasive species the Service provided the Bay County Museum for an educational display.

The Alpena Fishery Resources Office provided aquatic invasive species for a display in the Maritime Exhibit at the Historical Museum of Bay County in Bay City, Mich.

Species provided for display included sea lamprey, Eurasian ruffe, round goby, zebra mussels and rusty crayfish; all of which are found in nearby Lake Huron.

The exhibit, titled "Bay City: Sea Port to the World" features the ecology and history of the Saginaw River. The display will be part of the "Uses and abuses of the Saginaw River" program that

focuses on reaching students and will run during April and May 2002, then become a permanent part of the museum's collection.

The museum receives approximately 60,000 visitors annually for special events. Fishery Biologist Anjanette Bowen met with volunteers who will be staffing the exhibit to provide information on the invasives.

Public education is an important means of preventing the spread of invasive species. *Anjanette Bowen, Alpena FRO*

Cost-Share Program Provides Over \$3 million for Fish and Wildlife

At least 138 projects valued at more than \$3 million will be conducted through the Service Challenge Cost-Share Program by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during Fiscal Year 2002 in the Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region.

All 138 projects being carried out by the Service are in cooperation with hundreds of local, state and regional partners.

Conducted since 1988, the program has successfully leveraged federal funds with non-federal dollars and in-kind services to cost-share projects that support fish and wildlife conservation on Service, non-federal, private and tribal lands.

During Fiscal Year 2002, Region 3 is providing funds valued at almost \$545,000 and partners have pledged more than \$2.5 million. Total expenditures for the 138 projects are likely to exceed \$3.1 million. Approximately 150 wetland acres and 1,100 upland acres will be restored.

More than \$103,000 of Service funds will cost share 37 projects on National Wildlife Refuge System lands. Additionally, the Service is providing more than \$79,000 for Centennial projects to prepare for the 100th anniversary of the System in March 2003.

Twenty-five projects to enhance recreational fishing opportunities on national wildlife refuges will receive Service funds amounting to almost \$104,000, while ecosystem teams will carry out 15 projects with cost share assistance of more than \$95,000.

Additionally, 22 projects will cost-share the restoration of wetlands and other unique upland habitats, including native prairies, oak savannas, bottomland hardwoods, coastal marshes, rare fens and important riparian areas. These projects, which received \$90,000, will restore and enhance habitats for trust species, including endangered and threatened fish and wildlife.

The cooperative projects will also: purchase equipment and/or supplies for habitat projects; conduct fish and wildlife research; maintain and improve Service facilities; enhance hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, hiking, photographic and other recreational opportunities on Service lands for all visitors; sustain diverse self guided interpretive programs; and improve environmental education and outreach.

Since its beginning, the program's success has resulted from the timely generosity of partners, who have contributed funds at a 76:24 ratio. From 1988 - 1995, partners contributed funds and in-kind services valued at \$2.4 million, but since FY 1996 contributions from cooperators have amounted to approximately \$13.7 million.

The Service's funding during the program's history amounts to more than \$5 million. *Steve Kufirin, Wildlife and Habitat*

Ashland FRO Monitors Lake Sturgeon Spearing Season on Lake Winnebago

The annual lake sturgeon spearing season on Lake Winnebago, Wis., was held from Feb. 9-24, 2002. Poor ice conditions in some areas of the lake and regulation changes resulted in a slower harvest rate this year.

Mandatory daily registration of all sturgeon speared took place at registration stations around the lake. Harvest caps for mature female, immature females and males which trigger closure of the spearing season were not reached by the end of the season.

Ashland Fishery Resources Office biologists assisted Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff at registration stations. Data collected includes a

variety of biological information from the speared fish and demographic data on the spearers. All sturgeon were internally sexed to track the number of mature females, immature females and males harvested. Standard fish data such as length, weight, age structures and recapture information was also determined and recorded.

Experience gained primarily with internal sexing will allow Ashland FRO biologists to continue to accurately collect this data on sturgeon harvested or incidentally killed. Lake Superior fishery agencies often request Ashland FRO technical expertise for sturgeon sex determination and aging. *Henry Quinlan, Ashland FRO*



-USFWS Photo

All lake sturgeon harvested during the Lake Winnebago spearing season must be registered. Data collected from the fish will help establish harvest limits and manage the species.

Refuge Centennial Programs at Local Schools Reach 3,000 People

“Countdown to the Centennial” school assembly programs held at 20 schools in nine communities near Horicon National Wildlife Refuge were conducted by Ranger Molly Stoddard throughout March. The presentations reached 2,800 pre-school through 8th grade students and 180 adults. During each one hour program, participants sang happy birthday to the National Wildlife Refuge System, met Region 3’s stand up Teddy Roosevelt, watched the NCTC video “America’s National Wildlife Refuge System - Where Wildlife



- USFWS Photo by Molly Stoddard

As part of the program, students study the Refuge System Visitor’s Guide to learn about refuges across the country. The curriculum was developed with a Centennial cost-share grant and is available for use by all field stations.

Comes First,” competed in teams for valuable prizes in the game “Find the Refuge,” counted down the Top 10 reasons why they should care about refuges and the Centennial, dressed up in the Big 6 recreational uses of refuges, listened to Rachel Carson’s interpretation of the blue goose emblem, sang “Wild Things,” and signed a banner pledging to help celebrate the Centennial in specific ways.

Two of the schools were also visited by our blue goose mascot. Each school received a T.R. Bear, a copy of the NCTC video and a copy of the book “Wildlife Refuge, A Classroom Adventure,” as prizes. Each student received a blue goose centennial tattoo and their own copy of the National Wildlife Refuges visitor guide map. Teachers received the Region 3 Centennial fact sheet, Rachel Carson’s excerpt, a listing of Horicon NWR events and programs, the Friends of Horicon NWR brochure and a leaflet listing ways they can help us celebrate the Centennial (which in some cases was distributed via school newsletters to families at home).

Local reporters attended two of



- USFWS Photo by Molly Stoddard

Students pose with Teddy Roosevelt during the “Countdown to the Centennial” program presented at their school.

the presentations, providing additional outreach. Materials for this special program offering were provided by a Region 3 Centennial cost-share grant which was matched by the Midwest Interpretive Association. As one of Region 3’s focus refuges in 2002, “Countdown to the Centennial” is part of Horicon NWR’s effort to build momentum for the Centennial. Announced on NCTC’s Internet listserv VOICES, the lesson plan for this program was distributed to 23 Service employees representing all regions for their own use. *Molly Stoddard, Horicon NWR*

230 Attend 2nd Annual Habitat Day at Crane Meadows NWR

Over 230 people attended the second annual Habitat Day at Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge on Mar. 23. Participants learned about bluebirds and wood ducks and constructed their own bluebird or wood duck box for placement at their home in a location where these birds will benefit. One hundred ten wood duck boxes and 250 bluebird boxes were built.

The woodworking classes at Little Falls and Royalton high

schools cut out pieces for 300 bluebird boxes and 50 wood duck boxes prior to the event. Other partners included the Big Lake Sportsman Club, Little Falls Sportsman Club, Randall Sportsman Club, Royalton Sportsman Club, Ducks Unlimited, Minnesota Waterfowl Association, Great River-Great People, St. Cloud Area Environmental Council and the Camp Ripley Environmental Office. Refuge staff and 26 volunteers assisted in building the boxes.



- USFWS Photo by Lori Wolff

Three girls show off the bird houses they just constructed at the Crane Meadows habitat day.

Nancy Haugen, Sherburne NWR

Winnebago Sturgeon Spearers Aid Service's Fish Health Survey

Lake Winnebago in east-central Wisconsin is the largest inland lake in the state (about 132,000 acres) and is inhabited by part of the largest naturally sustaining lake sturgeon population in the world. Due to their great abundance, Lake Winnebago-strain lake sturgeon are used as an egg source for lake sturgeon re-introduction and rehabilitation projects throughout this species' historical North American range.

Lake sturgeon are also harvested from Lake Winnebago during a popular mid-winter spear fishing season that began in the early 1930's and has been held for more than 70 consecutive years. The total number of state-licensed spearers participating in the event has grown dramatically in recent years as more people seem willing to travel greater distances to participate in what has become a unique recreational fishing event.

Given the ecological significance of this fish population and the local cultural and economic importance of the spear fishery it sustains, the health status of the Lake Winnebago lake sturgeon population is of interest to fish managers throughout the region. Therefore, Service staff from the La Crosse Fishery Resource Office and La Crosse Fish Health Center teamed with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources personnel to

collect tissue samples from lake sturgeon harvested Feb. 9, the opening day of the 2002 spear fishing season, near Stockbridge, Wis.

A total of 26 spearers who registered their fish with the DNR permitted Service staff to collect tissue samples that were later processed by at the FHC laboratory in Onalaska, Wis.

Diagnostic tests are now underway on these lake sturgeon samples to determine the incidence of certain bacterial (e.g., *Aeromonas salmonicida*, *Renibacterium salmoninarum*, *Edwardsiella ictaluri*) and viral (e.g., infectious pancreatic necrosis, viral hemorrhagic septicemia, iridiovirus) pathogens that could compromise the health of this globally significant sturgeon population and lead to disease outbreaks in a wide variety of other fish species.

Test results will be entered into



-USFWS Photo

Service biologists work cooperatively with the fishing public and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to collect data that will help keep Lake Winnebago and other sturgeon populations healthy.

the Service's National Wild Fish Health Survey database to plot the distribution of these and other fish pathogens across the country. This comprehensive fish health information system provides a national perspective that is used by the Service and its partners to improve their efforts in protecting, restoring and managing fish populations across the country. For more information on the Service's National Wild Fish Health Survey, visit the Internet at <http://wildfishsurvey.fws.gov>.

Mark Steingraeber, LaCrosse FRO

Lake Sturgeon Genetics Project Planning Gets Underway

The Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem Team Lake Sturgeon Committee and cooperating agencies began formal planning to prepare for the 2002 field season. Specifically, staff from the Ashland, Alpena and Lower Lakes FRO's met with Ontario Ministry of Natural Re-

sources and Department of Fishery and Oceans personnel to coordinate sample collection for a Great Lakes lake sturgeon genetics project.

The project is funded from a Great Lakes Fishery Trust grant and calls for sampling spawning lake sturgeon populations throughout the

Great Lakes.

Field work will begin in spring 2002. Tissue samples will be collected from sturgeon sampled during the spring spawning run in tributaries to Lakes Huron, Superior and Ontario. Henry Quinlan, Ashland FRO

Region 3 Partners Get \$407,000 for Small NAWCA Projects

On Mar. 5, 2002, the North American Wetlands Conservation Council approved funding for nine small North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) grants in Region 3. Six of these grant projects are in the Upper Mississippi River/Great Lakes Region Joint Venture and three projects are in the eastern portion of the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture. The projects are funded under the NAWCA Small Grants Program with matching contributions made by state, federal and nongovernmental partnerships.

The Region 3 projects identified by Joint Venture area are:

Prairie Pothole Joint Venture

1. Moberg Wetland Centennial Waterfowl Production Area, Minn.
2. Minnesota USFWS Land Restorations and Enhancements
3. Lake Augusta Habitat Restoration, Minn.

Upper Mississippi River/Great Lakes Region Joint Venture

1. Round Lake Headwaters Protection, Mich.
2. Estel Wenrick Wetlands, Ohio

3. Aboite Wetland Restoration, Ind.
4. Skaff Parcel Protected Forever, Mich.
5. Shallow Wetlands in South central Wisconsin
6. Restore Raccoon Creek/Nygren Wetlands, Ill.

The acquisition, restoration and enhancement of wildlife habitat will advance the goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan in both the Upper Mississippi River/Great Lakes Region and Prairie Pothole Joint Ventures.

Paul Richert, Migratory Birds and State Programs

Accomplishment Reports Received

The following reports were processed by the Region 3 Accomplishment Reporting System for accomplishments completed between Mar. 8 - 25, 2002. Employees can search reports using the Report Manager utility in the ARS.

Wood Duck Box Workshop March 23
Rick Julian, Rydell NWR

Seventy Wood Duck Houses Find New Homes
Rick Julian, Rydell NWR

Radio Interview Educates Lake Huron Water Users About Aquatic Invasive Species
Anjanette Bowen, Alpena FRO

Detroit Lakes Fire Staff Present Fire Training Courses
Les Peterson, Detroit Lakes WMD

Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District Nest Basket Program a Success in 2001
Les Peterson, Detroit Lakes WMD

Historical Museum Invasive Species Display Helps Educate Public
Anjanette Bowen, Alpena FRO

Missouri Man Arrested for Wildfire Arson
Gary Jagodzinski, Onalaska LE

Joint Venture Program Participates at International Partners In Flight Conference
Barbara Pardo, Joint Venture

Wildlife Rehabilitation Session Held at Freshwater Spills Symposium
Lisa Williams, East Lansing FO

Refuge Centennial Programs at Local Schools Reach Almost 3,000 People
Molly Stoddard, Horicon NWR

Presentations at Great Lakes Fishery Commission Meetings
Henry Quinlan, Ashland FRO

Service, partners cooperate to provide more than \$3 million for fish and wildlife conservation
Steve Kufirin, Wildlife and Habitat

Emiquon Refuge Completes NAWCA Grant
Ross Adams, Illinois River NWR

Tribes, State and Service Discuss Law Enforcement Issues
Ed Spoon, Madison LE

Binational Program Lake Superior Work Group
Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO

Neal Smith Refuge Hosts National Wildlife Refuge System Birthday Party
Don Jorgensen, Neal Smith NWR

Service participates in 29th annual Outdoorama
Christopher Mensing, East Lansing FO

U.S. Rep. Hulshof visits Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge
Dave Ellis, Great River NWR

Region 3 Partners Receive \$4.8 Million for NAWCA Habitat Projects
Paul Richert, Migratory Birds & State Pgm

Shiawassee Refuge Celebrates
Refuge System's 99th Birthday
Becky Goche, Shiawassee NWR

Regional Centennial Accomplish-
ments Briefed to Refuge Chiefs,
Supervisors.
Scott Flaherty, External Affairs

University students learn about
restoration and natural resource
damage assessments
Lisa Williams, East Lansing FO

Innovation is Rewarded on the
Upper Mississippi Refuge
*Cynthia Samples, UMRNW&FR
Complex HQ*

Ashland FRO to Inventory Fish
Species at Pictured Rocks National
Lakeshore
Lee Newman, Ashland FRO

Ashland FRO and USGS Partner to
Determine Lake Trout Ages
Glenn Miller, Ashland FRO

New Hunter Education Grant
approved for Minnesota
Julie Morin, Federal Aid

Coordination of Brook Trout Activi-
ties in Wisconsin Waters of Lake
Superior
Henry Quinlan, Ashland FRO

Rydell Refuge Nest Structures
Revitalized for the 2002 Nesting
Season
Rick Julian, Rydell NWR

Service to Establish Management
Office at Detroit River International
Wildlife Refuge
Scott Flaherty, External Affairs

Lake Sturgeon Genetics Project
Planning Gets Underway
Henry Quinlan, Ashland FRO

Ashland FRO Web Page Updated
Frank Stone, Ashland FRO

Big Muddy Manager Presents to
Wildlife Society
Tim Haller, Big Muddy NWR

2000 Consent Decree Enters Sec-
ond Year
Henry Quinlan, Ashland FRO

Credit Card Program
*William Andersen, ABA (Budget &
Finance)*

Sherburne and Crane Meadows
Refuge Volunteers Honored
Nancy Haugen, Sherburne NWR

DL WMD's Longstanding Easement
Case is One Step Closer to Resolu-
tion
Les Peterson, Detroit Lakes WMD

Service Partners Receive \$407,250
for North American Wetland Con-
servation Act (NAWCA) Projects
*Paul Richert Migratory Birds &
State Pgm*

CSG Customer Service Survey
implemented
John Herron, ABA (CSG)

Sherburne NWR Participates in
Landowners Workshop
Nancy Haugen, Sherburne NWR

Minnesota Valley NWR Recruits for
Summer Temporary Positions
Tom Kerr, Minnesota Valley NWR

Ashland FRO uses publication to
provide technical information for
tribal hatcheries
Frank Stone, Ashland FRO

Web Page Presentation for the MH/
TGP Ecosystem Team
Frank Stone, Ashland FRO

Cache River Watershed Benefits
from Resource Partnership
*Elizabeth Jones, Cypress Creek
NWR*

Ashland FRO Monitors Lake Stur-
geon Spearing Season on Lake
Winnebago
Henry Quinlan, Ashland FRO

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Students study a National Wildlife Refuge System map