



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

La Crosse *Fishery Resources Office*

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1981
- FY 2005 Budget: \$398,000
- Staff: six permanent; four temporary

Geographic Area Served

- Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin
- Mississippi River bordering the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge to Rock Island, Illinois
- Illinois Waterway

Office Goals

- Restore native and interjurisdictional fishes, wetlands and aquatic habitats
- Fulfill federal trust responsibilities to Native American Tribes
- Prevent the extinction of federally endangered mussels and fish
- Address the spread of nonindigenous, aquatic invasive species
- Provide environmental education

Services Provided To

- Private citizens
- Menominee, Mille Lacs, Prairie Island and White Earth Tribes
- Federal and state agencies
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- St. Croix National Scenic Riverway
- Fort McCoy military base
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices

Activity Highlights

- Restoring lake sturgeon in the Wolf and Red River basins
- Monitoring for zebra mussel infestations on the St. Croix and Mississippi rivers; and Asian carp and round goby distribution in the Illinois Waterway
- Restoring aquatic habitat
- Restoring mussels - winged mapleleaf and Higgins' eye pearl mussels in the Upper Mississippi River Basin
- Removing fish passage barriers



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