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# Inside Region 3

*Information from the Accomplishment Reporting System for Jan. 1 - Jan. 31, 2003*

## Service Director and Programs Highlighted at Pheasant Fest

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Steve Williams joined members of Region 3's Refuges, Private Lands and External Affairs programs to spread the word about Service habitat programs to more than 12,000 hunters, conservationists and outdoors enthusiasts attending Pheasant Fest, the first-ever national Pheasants Forever conference held Jan. 9-12, at the Radisson South hotel in Bloomington, Minn.

Informational displays focusing on the region's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and the National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial were among the booths of 200 product vendors, conservation groups and government agencies exhibiting at the event. Members of External Affairs, Refuges and Private Lands programs staffed the displays during

the three-day event.

Director Williams was a guest speaker at Pheasant Forever's members' banquet Jan. 11. More than 1,250 members attended the banquet, which also featured Jim Moseley, deputy secretary of agriculture.

According to Greg Brown, chief of the region's Private Lands program, interest in the Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife program was high throughout the event. "We generated more than 36 solid leads from landowners who asked to be contacted by our staff to explore restorations on their land," Brown said. "Many more visitors came by to learn about the program and pick up brochures to read later on."

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program assists private landowners to restore, protect,

develop and maintain wildlife habitat through partnerships between the Service, state fish and wildlife agencies, local agencies, communities, individuals and conservation organizations including Pheasants Forever. The successful program is accomplished through the voluntary cooperation of landowners, who offer drained wetlands and degraded uplands to restore as wildlife habitat. Habitats are restored at no cost to participating landowners, who agree to protect their restored wetlands and uplands for a minimum of 10 years. Through their voluntary cooperation, landowners retain all previous ownership rights and responsibilities, including the right to limit public access, on their restored habitats.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial display helped spark conversations with visitors about their experiences at refuges in Minnesota. A few visitors even exchanged words with the father of the refuge system, "Teddy Roosevelt," portrayed by James Foote, a popular T.R. impersonator from New York. Foote delivered a one-hour monologue on hunting, conservation and the life of Teddy Roosevelt during the event.

Pheasants Forever is one of Region 3's major habitat restoration partners.

Look for a feature article in the next issue of "Pheasants Forever" magazine, highlighting the partnership between the Service and Pheasants Forever. *Scott Flaherty, External Affairs.*



- USFWS Photo by Steve Kufrin

Service Director Steve Williams talks with Teddy Roosevelt impersonator James Foote during the first national Pheasants Forever convention.

## Bad River Tribe and Service Work Cooperatively on Rail Assessment

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's Wildlife Department has completed the first year of a three-year study to assess sora, Virginia and yellow rail populations in the wild rice dominated wetlands of the Kakagon/Bad River wetland complex. Playback surveys and mark recapture of rails were conducted during the 2002 migration periods and breeding season. The cooperative project was developed and led by the tribe in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Great Lakes Coastal Program, the Ashland Fishery Resources Office, as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs Circle of Flight Program.

Tom Doolittle, wildlife biologist for the Bad River Tribe and the primary investigator, reports that a total of 152 rails were captured throughout the field season. One hundred thirty-seven sora rails and 15 Virginia rails were captured between July and September 2002. No yellow rails were trapped, but nine responses were detected during playback surveys.

The rails were trapped with cloverleaf funnel traps, lured by recorded calls. There were four sets of two traps with one solar powered playback station per set.

"Considering this was the pilot year with four trap sets, we were

pleased with the sample size and are expanding the study in 2003," said Doolittle. In 2003, loop transmitters will be placed on 20 sora and Virginia rails to record length of stay in the area.

The 16,000-acre study area in northern Wisconsin is the largest ecologically intact estuary system in the upper Great Lakes and has been designated as a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior. The area has also been an integral part of the tribe's ancestral home for generations.

According to the Tribal Natural Resources Department, Bad River tribal members noted abundant rail numbers in the past and are concerned that this traditional resource is declining. Another concern of tribal membership is the high occurrence of noctuid moth larvae, or "rice worms," preying on wild rice seed. One opinion is that rails and other migratory birds control rice worm numbers, and due to the decline of rail numbers and other avian predators, the wetland systems natural balance has been compromised.

"This study will help to shed some light on these questions by providing a long-term monitoring strategy to determine rail populations in order to make informed management decisions," said Doolittle.

Rails are small, secretive birds of wetlands which are usually heard and not seen. Sora, Virginia and yellow were the three rail species



- USFWS photo

Tom Doolittle and Dave Parisein (left to right) of the Bad River Tribal Natural Resources Department and Ashland FRO Biologist Ted Koehler check rail traps during the first year of this three-year study.

documented this field season and are the only species presently known to range in northern Wisconsin.

The sora is the most abundant rail species in North America. It breeds in Wisconsin and as far north as the Northwest Territories. The Virginia, although less common, occupies much of the same habitat -- shallow, freshwater marshes with emergent vegetation interspersed with open water. Yellow rails are the least common in the area and are found in freshwater marshes, but are more often located in sedge meadow type habitat.

According to Mark Dryer, Ashland FRO project leader, he is proud that the Service's Great Lakes Coastal Program could contribute to the project's initial success. The Service's Coastal Program in the Great Lakes Region began in Fiscal Year 2000 and is administered jointly by the East Lansing Ecological Services Field Office and the Ashland FRO. The program works with numerous partners on conservation and habitat restoration projects across the Great Lakes basin. *Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO*



- USFWS photo by Ted Koehler

Captured rails are banded and released.

## Restoration Planning For West Branch of the Grand Calumet River Begins

In 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the state of Indiana and the Department of the Interior settled a Clean Water Act Violations/Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) natural resource damage case against three industries in Hammond, Ind., for their role in the discharge of pollutants to the Grand Calumet River.

As part of the settlement, the parties agreed to pay \$4.7 million to establish the Grand Calumet River Restoration Fund. In 1999, an additional \$2.1 million was deposited in the fund as part of a settlement of a 1993 lawsuit with the Sanitary District of Hammond. The \$2.1 million will also be used to address the effects of sediment contamination in the West Branch of the Grand Calumet River.

The purpose of the fund is to remediate and restore the West Branch of the Grand Calumet

River, particularly the management of contaminated sediments. The trust fund allows additional funds, including receipts from enforcement actions, to be collected and managed to achieve the desired results.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, U.S. EPA and the Service, on behalf of Department of Interior, act as administrators of the fund. Administration is achieved through a council of appointed representatives from each agency.

The council began evaluating potential remedial activities in the area of Roxana Marsh of the West Branch of the Grand Calumet River. Using \$620,000 from the fund, the Service contracted Foster Wheeler Environmental Corp., to implement the council's plan for the chemical, physical and toxicological characterization of the marsh.

In October, representatives of Service, Indiana DEM and Indiana DNR labored alongside Foster Wheeler's staff collecting 51 core samples from 5.4 miles of the West Branch. The data from these samples will be used to determine the extent of contamination and be the basis for a remediation/restoration plan for the area. Eight core samples were also collected for geo-technical testing to assist with understanding future remediation options. The council plans to use



- All photos courtesy Jim Smith, Indiana DEM  
Researchers assemble a raft that will allow them to take core samples.

the toxicity data collected to focus the restoration plan on the elimination of toxicity to fish and aquatic organisms.

Development of the plan will begin this summer. The entire process will likely take one year or more and will culminate in an Environmental Impact Statement with a recommended alternative. *Daniel Sparks, Bloomington FO*



Once assembled, researchers moved along a 5.4 mile stretch of the river and collect 51 core samples.



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## Rydell Refuge's Clifford Lake Yields No Fish

Staff from Rydell National Wildlife Refuge coordinated with Dave Wedan of the LaCrosse Fishery Resource Office on two beautiful 40-degree days in mid-January to set several gill nets under the ice of Clifford Lake.

Clifford Lake lies within the Rydell refuge boundary and is stocked by Genoa National Fish Hatchery with walleye fry each spring and harvested each fall for stocking on other federal and tribal lands in Region 3.

During the winter of 2001-2002, Clifford Lake did not winterkill because of the unseasonably warm weather, so the few walleyes that escaped capture the previous fall continued to grow. Subsequently, most of the new walleye fry that were stocked in the spring were consumed by the previous year-class of walleyes. When it came time to harvest the fish in the fall, only adult fish from 12-15 inches in length from the previous year class of fish were taken.

The purpose of setting gill nets in January was to experimentally check to see how many walleyes had sur-

vived the fall harvest and to make plans for removal in the event that Clifford Lake failed to winterkill for a second year in a row.

Three 150-foot gill nets were strategically placed in Clifford Lake on Jan. 7, in areas where fish are known to congregate. When the nets were collected the morning of Jan. 8, no fish were found. This was considered unusual since the previous month, the Rydell staff placed two 100-foot nets in the same area overnight and collected 40 adult walleyes.

Dave Wedan decided to conduct an oxygen reading of the lake to try to uncover a reason for the lack of walleyes. The oxygen level in the lake had dropped to less than 1.5 parts per million. This was promising news because it meant that the lake would almost certainly winterkill and that the chance that any fish would survive until spring was very slim.

The spring stock will subsequently have a much better chance of surviving until the fall harvest without the competition from the previous year's fish. *Juancarlos Giese, Rydell NWR*



- USFWS photo

Refuge Operations Specialist Juancarlos Giese (left) and Interim Refuge Manager John Braastad retrieve gill nets from Rydell Refuge's Clifford Lake.

## Region 3 Employee Earns National Fire Plan Award



- USFWS photo by Brian McManus

Ken Kaseforth receiving his award from Interior Secretary Gale Norton.

Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton personally presented Ken Kaseforth, Region 3 Contracting Office, with the Department of the Interior's Excellence in Community Assistance award for his work in support of the National Fire Plan.

The award was presented in January at a National Fire Plan meeting held in New Orleans. Kaseforth was one of 171 individuals and organizations nominated nationally for six award categories.

Other Region 3 nominees included Brian McManus, Dan Dearborn, Tom Zellmer, Deborah Daniel, Barb Menough and Leana DeJesus.

Kaseforth was recognized primarily for his support of the Rural Fire Assistance Grant Program. He processed nearly one-fourth of the total number of grants awarded Service-wide during Fiscal Year 2002 and assisted the regional program in achieving hazardous fuels treatment and wildland urban interface actions. *Robert Hansen, ABA-CGS*

## Scouts Help Build Trail Linking Community With "Big Muddy" River and Refuge

Scout Troop 707 from Columbia, Mo., recently completed work for a new trail on the Jameson Island unit of the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. The scouts cleared brush to help open the Lewis and Clark Trail of Discovery. This trail will provide a vital link between the town of Arrow Rock, Mo., and the Missouri River.

The project was an Eagle Scout project for Devin Kemp. "This was a great project," explained Kemp, "It was a lot of hard work but now the town can hike down to the river."

Arrow Rock is a small community of only about 70 permanent residents, but it is a National Historic Landmark and draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

Founded in 1829, Arrow Rock

boomed when the river provided the mass transit of the day and steamships docked at the edge of town. As time passed the town's glory faded, the Missouri River was channelized and is now one mile from town.

Thanks to these scouts and other volunteers, the river now seems a little closer. "This trail will be vital for our Lewis and Clark Bicentennial celebration," explained Mike Duncan, president of the Manitou Bluffs Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Foundation. Arrow Rock is one of the few "Legacy Sites" for the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. The town will host the National Park Service's Lewis and Clark traveling exhibit and will be a stop over for the reenactment journey along the river. "The trail is the critical connection to get the reenactment entourage from the



- USFWS photo by Tim Haller

Boy Scouts hike down a trail they helped build which links a nearby community with the Missouri River and the Big Muddy Refuge.

river to town and for the public to get down and see the boats," Duncan exclaimed.

Work continues on the trail with a planned gravel surface and future interpretive signs. *Tim Haller, Big Muddy NFWR*

## Minnesota Valley Private Lands Program to Celebrate 10,000 Restored Acres

Since 1988, the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program at Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge has restored more than

10,000 acres of prairie and wetland habitat. In recognition of this achievement, the refuge plans to thank its many partners by inviting

them to attend an open house on June 21. A four-hour bus tour of sites restored through partnerships with many private, local, state and federal organizations will be followed by a public event with speakers and presentations to acknowledge this milestone.

Minnesota Valley refuge

owes this tremendous success to the efforts of more than 1,000 governmental and non-governmental organizations, outdoor clubs and private landowners that have contributed funds, technical assistance, labor and outreach activities over the last 15 years.

In the future, the refuge envisions even greater success with these organizations as well as developing new conservation partnerships.

Most importantly, this celebration will highlight the role private landowners have in the conservation of both prairie and wetland habitats within our 14-county wetland management district.

For more information about this event please call Minnesota Valley NWR at 952-858-0711. *Ron Knopik, Minnesota Valley NWR*



- USFWS photo by Mike Malling

This previously-drained 18-acre wetland restoration in Rice County, Minn., was completed in 1999 through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. The basin now supports several hundred waterfowl each year and also accommodates migrating northern pike in the spring. Landowners Jim and Connie Cihak were so pleased with the results they enrolled an additional 30 acres into the program.

## Lake Trout Movement Analysis Presented at International Meeting

Fishery Biologist Aaron Woldt of the Alpena Fisheries Resource Office attended the winter Lake Huron Technical Committee Meeting in Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 21 - 23 and presented analysis of lake trout movement in Lake Huron based on recoveries of coded-wire-tags. Coded-wire-tags are microscopic tags placed in the snouts of hatchery lake trout prior to stocking. Tags are extracted from lake trout at the time of harvest.

In 1992, 1994, 1996 and 1998, 60,000 coded-wire-tagged yearling lake trout were planted at each of six sites

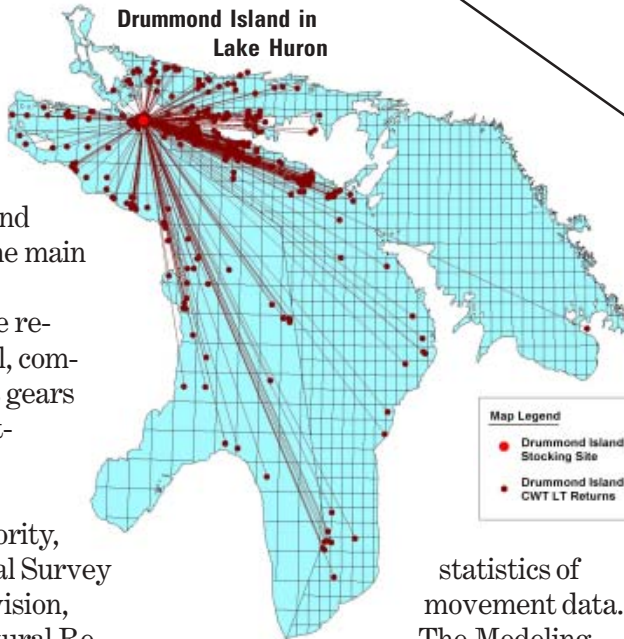
(Drummond Island Refuge, Adams Point, Middle Island, Six Fathom Bank, Sturgeon Point and Point Au Barques) in the main basin of Lake Huron.

Tagged lake trout are recaptured in recreational, commercial and assessment gears by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, United States Geological Survey Biological Resource Division, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Woldt presented GIS-based maps

showing the spatial distribution of tagged lake trout recaptures and the average distance moved from each stocking location. Woldt also presented trends in distance moved with lake trout age as well as descriptive

Disbursement of lake trout stocked at Drummond Island in Lake Huron



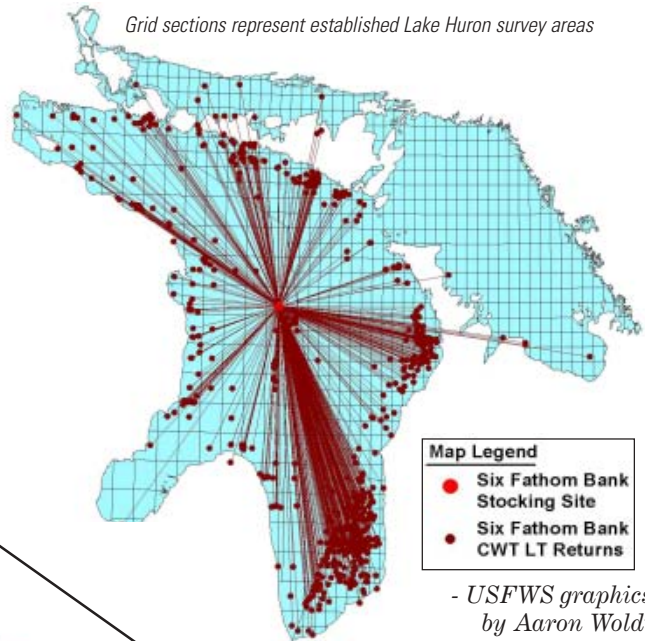
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 ● Drummond Island Stocking Site  
 ● Drummond Island CWT LT Returns

statistics of movement data. The Modeling

Subcommittee of the Technical Fisheries Committee will use these results to update the stocking

Disbursement of lake trout stocked at Six Fathom Bank in Lake Huron

Grid sections represent established Lake Huron survey areas



Map Legend  
 ● Six Fathom Bank Stocking Site  
 ● Six Fathom Bank CWT LT Returns

- USFWS graphics by Aaron Woldt

movement matrix in the 1836 Treaty water statistical-catch-at-age models.

These models are updated annually and used to set harvest limits in treaty waters as mandated by the 2000 Consent Decree—a 20 year fishery allocation agreement for 1836 Treaty waters signed by the State of Michigan, United States, Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. *Aaron Woldt, Alpena FRO*



Trempealeau NWR's Ann Prochowicz holds a blue goose cookie cutter while draped in the Centennial Pendleton blanket.

## Friends Groups Help Support Centennial Celebration

The Friends of the Upper Mississippi River Refuges recently began stocking Centennial items in the store operated at Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge.

The newest item is the copper Blue Goose cookie cutter. Administrative Technician Ann Prochowicz developed an informational card to attach to the cookie cutter which promotes the

Centennial.

Prochowicz stated, "I think we'll add one of these to our time capsule, I even included a recipe for Blue Goose cookies on the card."

Anyone interested in purchasing a blue goose cookie cutter or other items may contact Trempealeau NWR. *Cindy Samples, Upper Miss. NFWR*

## Native Lake Trout Egg Shipment Received at Jordan River Hatchery

The Jordan River National Fish Hatchery recently received its annual shipment of lake trout eggs.

Once hatched, each fish will be marked (fin clipped and/or tagged) in early 2004 and then be released in lakes Huron and Michigan in the spring.

A total of 5.3 million eggs were received: 2.8 million from Saratoga NFH in Wyoming; 2.2 million from Hiawatha Forest NFH in Michigan; and, 277,000 from Crystal Springs State Fish Hatchery in Minnesota.

The Jordan River National Fish

Hatchery is dedicated solely to restoration of lake trout in the Great Lakes in conjunction with the Pendills Creek, Iron River, Saratoga, Genoa and Allegheny Hatcheries.

*Clarice Beckner,  
Jordan River  
NFH*

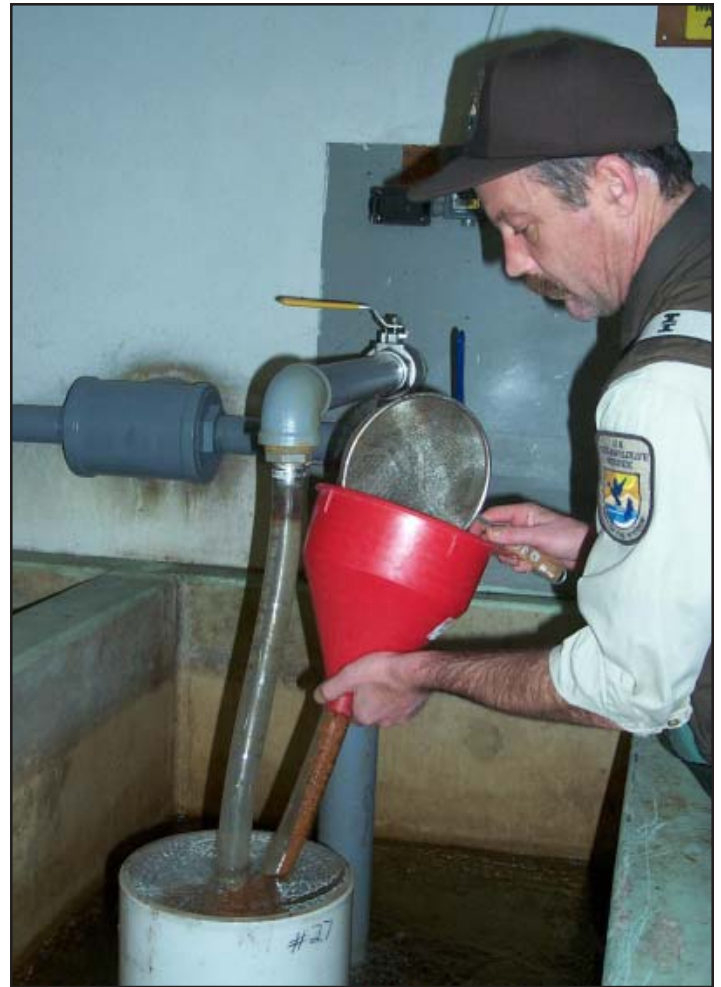
## Genoa National Fish Hatchery Cooperates in Wild Lake Trout Egg Collection

Jeff Lockington, biological technician for the Genoa National Fish Hatchery, traveled to Seneca Lake, NY., to collect eggs from a valuable lake trout strain used in the Service's ongoing Great Lakes lake trout restoration program.

The Seneca Lake strain of lake trout has been known to survive well in the Great Lakes and appears to be able to survive in areas

that have consistently experienced high sea lamprey predation, making this strain an invaluable component of the program.

This year, state partners from New York



Jordan River NFH Assistant Project Leader Dave Huntly transfers lake trout eggs into an incubator jar.



- USFWS Photos

Genoa NFH Biological Technician Jeff Lockington collects eggs from lake trout collected in New York's Seneca Lake. These eggs will be raised and hatched at Genoa NFH.

allowed the national fish hatchery system to participate in their ongoing egg collection efforts on the lake.

Thirty-three pair of wild lake trout were collected and spawned. The eggs were then held at Allegheny National Fish Hatchery (Pennsylvania) until the adult fish health samples were analyzed. After the fish were given a clean bill of health, the eggs were transferred to the Hiawatha Forest National Fish Hatchery.

The resulting fish will remain at Hiawatha Forest and develop into captive broodstock, producing eggs and fish for future restoration efforts. *Doug Aloisi, Genoa NFW*

## Accomplishment Reports Received

The following reports were processed by the Region 3 Accomplishment Reporting System for accomplishments completed between Dec. 1 and Dec. 31, 2002. Employees can search all reports using the ARS's Report Manager.

**Muscatatuck Refuge U.S. Hwy. 50 Entrance Receives Safety Upgrade**

*Susan Knowles, Muscatatuck NWR*

**Evaluation of Lake Sturgeon Spawning Reef in the St. Clair River Completed**

*James Boase, Alpena FRO*

**Muscatatuck Refuge Participates in Job Shadow Program**

*Susan Knowles, Muscatatuck NWR*

**Muscatatuck Refuge Test Site for IRIS - Hydric Soil Indicator**

*Susan Knowles, Muscatatuck NWR*

**Muscatatuck Refuge Centennial Exhibit at Falls of the Ohio**

*Susan Knowles, Muscatatuck NWR*

**Binational Program Joint Committee Meeting**

*Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO*

**Partners For Fish and Wildlife Program Participates at Ingham County (Mich.) Open House**

*Tom Eitniewar, East Lansing FO*

**Population Assessment of Rails in Northern Wisconsin**

*Ted Koehler, Ashland FRO*

**East Lansing Field Office Serves on Great Lakes Shoreline Task Force**

*Barbara Hosler, East Lansing FO*

**Indiana Schools Benefit From Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program**

*Jeff Kiefer, Indiana PLO*

**Regional Office Employees Participate in the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Food Drive**

*Arlene White, ABA (DCR)*

**Alpena Staff Interviewed for Lake Sturgeon Article in Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

*Tracy Hill, Alpena FRO*

**Big Muddy Refuge Participates in Public Wildlife Event**

*Tim Haller, Big Muddy NWR*

**Service Helps Scouts Build Trail on Big Muddy River**

*Tim Haller, Big Muddy NWR*

**Alpena Internet Access Upgrade**

*Debra Turner, Alpena FRO*

**Centennial-Themed Evening Honors Horicon Refuge Volunteers**

*Molly Stoddard, Horicon NWR*

**Service Presents Lake Trout Movement Analysis at Winter LHTC Meeting**

*Aaron Wolcott, Alpena FRO*

**Diversity Report**

*Dale Bast, Iron River NFH*

**Spotlight on the Centennial at Minnesota Valley Refuge**

*Scott Ford, Minnesota Valley NWR*

**Region 3 Employee Earns National Fire Plan Award**

*Robert Hansen, ABA-CGS*

**New Network and Satellite Internet Connection at Savanna District, Upper Mississippi Refuge**

*Loyd Mitchell, ABA (CSG)*

**Improved Techniques for Fish Ageing**

*Adam Kowalski, Alpena FRO*

**Appropriation Law Training for Region 3 Employees**

*William Andersen, ABA (Budget & Finance)*

**Partners Program Begins Work with the Automotive Industry**

*Tom Eitniewar, East Lansing FO*

**Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative Focus is "All Bird Conservation"**

*Charles Scott, Columbia FO*

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

*John Heinrich, Ludington Bio. Station*

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

*Tom Kerr, Minnesota Valley NWR*

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

*Clarice Beckner, Jordan River NFH*

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

*Clarice Beckner, Jordan River NFH*

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

*Jeffrey Mengler, Chicago FO*

**Science Support Research Projects - 2003**

*Sean Kelly, Migratory Birds & State Pgm*

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

*Aaron Wolcott, Alpena FRO*

**Long Term Care Open Season**

*Linda Krupinski, ABA (Personnel)*

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

*John Heinrich, Ludington Bio. Station*

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

*John Heinrich, Ludington Bio. Station*

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

*John Heinrich, Ludington Bio. Station*



**RDE Manual Updated**

*William Andersen, ABA (Budget & Finance)*

**Staff Reorganization at Alpena Fisheries Resource Office**

*Jerry McClain, Alpena FRO*

**2003 Year Class of Lake Trout Hatches at Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery**

*Tracy Walters, Pendills Creek NFH*

**Great River/Clarence Cannon Refuges Host Successful Deer Hunts**

*Candace Chambers, Great River NWR*

**Service Director, Programs, Part of Pheasant Fest Success**

*Scott Flaherty, External Affairs*

**Software Will Help Great Lakes Managers Do Their Jobs Even Better**

*Rachel Levin, External Affairs*

**Sign Shop Helps Upper Miss Refuge Celebrate the Centennial**

*Cynthia Samples, UMRNW&FR-Complex HQ*

**Lake Sturgeon Committee Tackles Tributary Inventory**

*Rachel Levin, External Affairs*

**Commercial Fishermen Play Expanded Role in Monitoring Lake Sturgeon**

*Rachel Levin, External Affairs*

**Lake Sturgeon Committee Increases Its Speed on the Information Superhighway**

*Rachel Levin, External Affairs*

**Great Lakes Intranet Site Connects People**

*Rachel Levin, External Affairs*

**Lake Sturgeon Denizens Gather for Inaugural Meeting**

*Rachel Levin, External Affairs*

**Great Lakes Team Leads Effort to Standardize Lake Sturgeon Genetic Analysis**

*Rachel Levin, External Affairs*

**Cameron-Bilsbach CAP Completed**

*Kevin de la Bruere, Rock Island FO*

**Crane Meadows Refuge Honors 55 Volunteers at Recognition Dinner**

*Nancy Haugen, Sherburne NWR*

**A New Look for the Alpena Fishery Resources Office Web Site**

*Anjanette Bowen, Alpena FRO*

**Quarterly EE, Interp program data - Minnesota Valley**

*Scott Ford, Minnesota Valley NWR*

**Wisconsin Partners for Fish and Wildlife Partners with State Historical Preservation Office**

*James Ruwaldt, Wisconsin Private Lands Ofc*

**Kentuck Lake Walleye Restoration, Model for Cooperation and Success**

*Frank Stone, Ashland FRO*

**Native Lake Trout Egg Shipment Received at Jordan River**

*Clarice Beckner, Jordan River NFH*

**Conservation Applicant Referral and Evaluation System (CARES) Highlights**

*Linda Krupinski, ABA (Personnel)*

**Genoa National Fish Hatchery Completes Pond Renovation Completed**

*Doug Aloisi, Genoa NFH*

**Friends Group Supports Centennial Celebration**

*Cynthia Samples, UMRNW&FR-Complex HQ*

**Green Bay FRO Provides Creel Data Summary Report for Lake Michigan Tech Committee**

*Dale Hanson, Green Bay FRO*

**Letter of Recognition Presented for Lake Sturgeon Stewardship**

*James Boase, Alpena FRO*

**Bald Eagle Days Attracts Thousands of Visitors**

*Rick Nelson, Rock Island FO*

**Service Biologist Attends Statistical-Catch-At-Age Workshop**

*Aaron Woldt, Alpena FRO*

**Fisheries and Ecological Services Supervisors Meet their Annual EEO Training Requirement**

*Peggy Nelson, ABA (DCR)*

**Review of Necedah Whooping Crane Festival Proves Event Was A Great Success**

*Molly Mehl, Necedah NWR*

**Rydell Refuge's Clifford Lake Yields No Fish**

*Juancarlos Giese, Rydell NWR*

**Restoration Planning For the West Branch Grand Calumet River Underway**

*Daniel Sparks, Bloomington FO*

**Human Resources Gives Presentation to Field Supervisors**

*Linda Krupinski, ABA (Personnel)*

**Christmas Bird Counts Completed at Fergus Falls Wetland District**

*Kevin Brennan, Fergus Falls WMD/PWLC*

**Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge Revives Christmas Bird Count**

*Mary Stefanski, Rice Lake NWR*

**New Year Class of Broodstock Hatched at Hiawatha Forest National Fish Hatchery**

*Tracy Walters, Pendills Creek NFH*

**Minnesota Valley Refuge Plans 10,000 Acre Celebration**

*Ron Knopik, Minnesota Valley NWR*

**Muscatatuck Refuge Conducts annual Christmas Bird Count**

*Susan Knowles, Muscatatuck NWR*

**Genoa National Fish Hatchery Cooperates in Wild Lake Trout Egg Collection**

*Doug Aloisi, Genoa NFH*



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