

**PLATFORM PROGRAM  
HOTEL BALLROOM A  
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007**

7:50–8:00 AM Welcome and Announcements - **John Chick**, MRRC President

**SESSION I—SEDIMENTS, NUTRIENTS, ALGAE AND ZOOPLANKTON** (Moderator: Steven Zigler, UMESC)

8:00–8:20 AM NUTRIENT DYNAMICS, OXYGEN CONCENTRATIONS AND ECOSYSTEM METABOLISM IN THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

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8:20–8:40 AM EFFECTS OF FLOOD PULSES ON NITRIFICATION RATES IN UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER FORESTED FLOODPLAINS

**T.M. Jicha**<sup>1,2</sup>, B.H. Hill<sup>1</sup>, L. Johnson<sup>3</sup>, C.M. Elonen<sup>1</sup>, and M.S. Pearson<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>US Environmental Protection Agency, Mid-Continent Ecology Division, Duluth, MN. <sup>2</sup>University of Minnesota-Duluth <sup>3</sup>Natural Resource Research Institute, UMN- Duluth, MN

8:40–9:00 AM NITROGEN AND SEDIMENT LOADING TO THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER: ASSESSMENTS OF 25 WATERSHEDS IN MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN

E. Mundahl<sup>1</sup> and **N. Mundahl**<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI 49931 <sup>2</sup>Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987

9:00–9:20 AM EVALUATION OF LIGHT PENETRATION ON NAVIGATION POOLS 8 AND 13 OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

**S. Giblin**<sup>1</sup>, K. Hoff<sup>1</sup>, J. Fischer<sup>2</sup>, T. Dukerschein<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>WI Department of Natural Resources, Long Term Resource Monitoring Program, La Crosse, WI 54603. <sup>2</sup>WI Department of Natural Resources, La Crosse, WI, 54601

9:20–9:40 AM ZOOPLANKTON OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER: SPATIAL PATTERNS OF COMMUNITY STRUCTURE AND THE INSHORE RETENTION CONCEPT

**A.P. Levchuk** and J. H. Chick, Illinois Natural History Survey, Great Rivers Field Station, Brighton, IL 62012

9:40–10:00 AM ZOOPLANKTON IN LAKE PEPIN: SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL RELATIONSHIPS

**R. M. Burdis**<sup>1</sup> and J. K. Hirsch<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, LTRMP Lake City Field Station, 1801 South Oak Street, Lake City, MN 55041 <sup>2</sup>Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Ecological Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155

10:00–10:20 AM **BREAK**

**SESSION II—CONTEMPORARY HEALTH AND HISTORICAL FLOWS** (Moderator: Greg Sass, INHS)

10:20–10:40 AM NORTH-TO-SOUTH POSITION OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER STATES AND THEIR HEALTH RANK: A COMMENTARY

**J. Hart**, Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, P.O. Box 1452, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304

10:40–11:00 AM RETRO-MODELING THE PHYSICAL TEMPLATE OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM

**J.W.F. Remo**<sup>1,2</sup> and N. Pinter<sup>1,2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Environmental Resource and Policy Program and <sup>2</sup>Department of Geology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale 62901-4324, USA

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

11:00–11:50 AM WHY NATURALIZE DEVELOPED FLOODPLAINS? AN INTEGRATED ANALYSIS AND RESPONSE

**Richard E. Sparks**, National Great Rivers Research & Education Center, Godfrey, IL 62035

11:50–1:00 PM **LUNCH** (on your own)

**SESSION III–NON-NATIVE SPECIES** (Moderator: Jonathan Remo, SIUC)

1:00–1:20 PM DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE OF NON-INDIGENOUS FISHES IN THE GREAT RIVERS OF THE CENTRAL BASIN, USA

**M.S. Pearson**<sup>1</sup>, D. Bolgrien<sup>1</sup>, T. Angradi<sup>1</sup>, F.H. McCormick<sup>2</sup>, T. Jicha<sup>1</sup>, D.L. Taylor<sup>1</sup>, B.H. Hill<sup>1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>USEPA, ORD, NHEERL, Mid-Continent Ecology Division, Duluth, MN 55804 <sup>2</sup>USFS, Environmental Sciences Research, Olympia, Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Olympia, WA 98512

1:20–1:40 PM LARVAL ASIAN CARP IN THE UPPER AND MIDDLE MISSISSIPPI RIVER: AN INDEX OF ESTABLISHMENT AND DISPERSAL POTENTIAL.

**A.M. Lohmeyer**, and J.E. Garvey, Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Center, Department of Zoology, Life Science II Room 173, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901

1:40–2:00 PM REDUCED CONDITION FACTOR OF TWO NATIVE FISH SPECIES COINCIDENT WITH INVASION OF NON-NATIVE ASIAN CARP IN THE ILLINOIS RIVER: EVIDENCE FOR COMPETITION AND REDUCED FITNESS?

**K.S. Irons**<sup>1</sup>, G.G. Sass<sup>1</sup>, M.A. McClelland<sup>1</sup>, and J.D. Stafford<sup>2</sup>,  
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2:00–2:20 PM ACTIVE VERSUS PASSIVE MANAGEMENT OF COMMON AND GRASS CARP FOR BACKWATER LAKE NATIVE FISH RESTORATION: A CASE STUDY FROM THE NATURE CONSERVANCY'S EMIQUON PRESERVE

**G.G. Sass**, K.S. Irons, T. M. O'Hara, T.R. Cook, M.A. McClelland, N.N. Michaels, M.L. Smith, and M.R. Stroub,  
Illinois River Biological Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, 704 North Schrader Avenue, Havana, IL 62644

2:20–2:40 PM HYBRIDIZATION BETWEEN SILVER AND BIGHEAD CARP IN THE MISSISSIPPI AND ILLINOIS RIVERS

**J.T. Lamer**<sup>1</sup>, C.R. Dolan<sup>1</sup>, J.H. Chick<sup>1</sup>, and J.M. Epifanio<sup>2</sup>,  
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2:40–3:00 PM **BREAK**

**SESSION IV–ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSES IN MANAGED RIVERS** (Moderator: Teresa Newton, UMESC)

3:00–3:20 PM ECOSYSTEM RESPONSES TO AN EXPERIMENTAL DRAWDOWN ON THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER: A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

**M.D. Delong**, Large River Studies Center, Biology Department, Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987

3:20–3:40 PM IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL CONTROLS ON THE DIVERSITY OF FISHES AND ABUNDANCE AND SIZE STRUCTURE OF CENTRARCHIDS IN OFF-CHANNEL AREAS IN THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM: AQUATIC VEGETATION AND PHYSICAL FEATURES

**B.C. Knights**, B.S. Ickes, Y. Yin and J.C. Nelson, U.S. Geological Survey, Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center, 2630 Fanta Reed Road, La Crosse, WI 54603

3:40–4:00 PM RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNITY STRUCTURE OF YOY FISHES AND WATER QUALITY VARIABLES FROM POOL 26 OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER: A CROSS-COMPONENT ANALYSIS OF LTRMP DATA

**J.H. Chick**, L.A. Soeken-Gittinger, E.N. Ratcliff, E.J. Gittinger, and B.J. Lubinski, Illinois Natural History Survey, Great Rivers Field Station, 8450 Montclair Ave, Brighton, IL 62012

- 4:00–4:20 PM THE EFFECTS OF DROUGHT-LIKE CONDITIONS ON FISH AND WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS IN POOL 26 OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
**B.J. Lubinski**, E.N. Ratcliff, L.S. Gittinger, and J.H. Chick,  
Illinois Natural History Survey, Great Rivers Field Station, 8450 Montclair Ave.  
Brighton, IL 62012
- 4:20–4:40 PM THE EFFECT OF A RECENTLY COMPLETED HABITAT REHABILITATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (HREP) ON FISH ABUNDANCES IN THE LA GRANGE REACH OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER USING LONG TERM RESOURCE MONITORING PROGRAM (LTRMP) DATA  
**T.M. O’Hara**, M.A. McClelland, K.S. Irons, T.R. Cook and G.G. Sass, Illinois River Biological Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, 704 North Schrader Avenue, Havana, Illinois 62644
- 4:40–5:00 PM SWAN LAKE HABITAT REHABILITATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (HREP): POST-PROJECT BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL RESPONSE MONITORING  
**C.R. Dolan**, J.T. Lamer, and J.H. Chick, Illinois Natural History Survey, Great Rivers Field Station, Brighton, Illinois 62012
- 5:00–6:00 PM **POSTER SESSION**
- 6:00–8:00 PM **BANQUET**

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FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2007**

7:50–8:00 AM Morning Welcome and Announcements—**John Chick**, MRRC President

**SESSION V—FISH, LANDSCAPES AND BENTHOS** (Moderator: Jeff Houser, UMESC)

8:00–8:20 AM EFFECTS OF COMMERCIAL HARVEST ON SHOVELNOSE STURGEON POPULATIONS IN THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

**J. Koch**<sup>1</sup>, M.C. Quist<sup>1</sup>, and C.L. Pierce<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management, Iowa State University, Ames, IA. <sup>2</sup>USGS-Iowa Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

8:20–8:40 AM DEMOGRAPHICS OF SHOVELNOSE STURGEON POPULATIONS IN THE LOWER PORTION THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

**M.J. Afflerbaugh**, T.W. Spier, and M.L. Miller, Western Illinois University Department of Biological Sciences, Macomb, IL 61455

8:40–9:00 AM TRENDS IN LARGEMOUTH BASS AND BLUEGILL POPULATIONS AMONG THE UPPER AND LOWER ILLINOIS RIVER, 1957-2006

**M.A. McClelland** and G.G. Sass, Illinois River Biological Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, 704 North Schrader Avenue, Havana, Illinois 62644

9:00–9:20 AM FISH MOVEMENT IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

R. Brooks<sup>1</sup>, J. Garvey<sup>1</sup>, **S. Tripp**<sup>1</sup>, M. Hill<sup>1</sup>, M. Madegan<sup>1</sup>, T. Spier<sup>2</sup>, D. Herzog<sup>3</sup>, and B. Hrabik<sup>3</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL. <sup>2</sup>Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL, <sup>3</sup>Missouri Long Term Monitoring Station, Jackson, MO

9:20–9:40 AM A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN LANDSCAPE STRUCTURE FOR THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER FROM 1989 TO 2000

**M.M. Porzky**<sup>1</sup>, J.C. Nelson<sup>2</sup>, R.W. Tyser<sup>1</sup>, and C.M. Hupy<sup>3</sup>, <sup>1</sup>River Studies Center, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, 1725 State St., La Crosse, WI 54601 <sup>2</sup>Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center, 2630 Fanta Reed Rd., La Crosse, WI 54603 <sup>3</sup>Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, 1725 State St., La Crosse, WI 54601

9:40–10:00 AM BENTHIC PRODUCTIVITY AND LIFE-HISTORY OF FINGERNAIL CLAMS OF POOL 9, UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

**J. Eckblad**, M. Hoegh, D. McAdam, B. Reynolds, B. Evans, M. Swenson, K. Swenson, D. Schultz, M. Howie, T. Young, N. Leslein, B. Powell, L. Doerr, K. McVey, Department of Biology, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa 52101

10:00–10:20 AM **MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT POSTERS/BREAK**

**SESSION VI—MUSSELS, TURTLES, AND HABITAT ASSESSMENTS** (Moderator: Brian S. Ickes, UMESC)

10:20–10:40 AM FACTORS AFFECTING THE NEST SITE SELECTION OF SMOOTH SOFTSHELL TURTLES (APALONE MUTICA)

**K.L. Brown**, M.A. Romano, and S.T. Meiers, Department of Biological Sciences, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455

10:40–11:00 AM EFFECTS OF A HUMAN-MADE ENVIRONMENTAL BARRIER TO GENE FLOW IN A SEMI-AQUATIC TURTLE, *Trachemys scripta* ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

**L.M. Coghill**<sup>1</sup>, M.A. Romano<sup>1</sup>, B. Sloss<sup>2</sup>, and R. Franckowiak<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Department of Biological Sciences Waggoner Hall, Macomb IL, 61455. <sup>2</sup>College of Natural Resources, Univ. of Wisconsin-Stevens Point 800 Reserve Street, Stevens Point, WI USA 54481

11:00–11:20 AM ENVIRONMENTAL CUES AND RED-EARED SLIDER (*TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA ELEGANS*) REPRODUCTION

**J.K. Tucker**, Great Rivers Field Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, 8450 Montclair Avenue, Brighton, Illinois 62012-2032, USA

11:20–11:40 AM CLIMATIC WARMING, RED-EARED SLIDERS (*TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA ELEGANS*), AND SEX RATIO

**J.K. Tucker**<sup>1</sup>, C.R. Dolan<sup>1</sup>, J.T. Lamer<sup>1</sup>, and E.A. Dustman<sup>2</sup>,

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11:40–12:00 PM POPULATION ESTIMATES OF NATIVE FRESHWATER MUSSELS IN POOL 5 OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER, 2006

**M. Davis**<sup>1</sup>, J. Kern<sup>2</sup>, T. Newton<sup>3</sup>, and B. Gray<sup>3</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Lake City, MN 55041. <sup>2</sup>Kern Statistical Services, Inc., Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. <sup>3</sup>U.S. Geological Survey, Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center, La Crosse, WI 54603

12:00–1:00 PM **LUNCH**

**SESSION VII–STATISTICS AND HABITAT ASSESSMENT** (Moderator: John Chick, INHS)

1:00–1:20 PM CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH SUBSTITUTING AVERAGES FOR SAMPLE DATA

**B.R. Gray**, U.S. Geological Survey, Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center

1:20–1:40 PM A NOVEL APPROACH TO EVALUATE HABITAT QUALITY IN THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER -- QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF ESSENTIAL FATTY ACIDS

**M. Bartsch**, L. Bartsch, B. Knights, J. Vallazza, S. Gutreuter, W. Richardson, and T. Newton, U.S. Geological Survey, Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center, La Crosse, WI 54603

1:40–2:00 PM HOME ON THE BIG RIVER: ASSESSING HABITAT CONDITION IN THE GREAT RIVERS OF THE CENTRAL UNITED STATES

**D.L. Taylor**, T.R. Angradi, D.W. Bolgrien, B.H. Hill, T.M. Jicha<sup>1</sup>, M.S. Pearson, S.L. Batterman, and M.F. Moffett, USEPA, ORD, NHEERL, Mid-Continent Ecology Division, 6201 Congdon Blvd., Duluth, MN 55804

2:00–2:40 PM **BUSINESS MEETING**

2:40–3:20 PM **RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION**

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007 12:00 PM–6:00 PM**  
Authors Present 5:00 PM–6:00 PM  
(Listing by Topic)

**FISH**

- 1) FISH ASSEMBLAGES WITHIN THE GREAT RIVERS OF THE UNITED STATES  
M.A. McClelland, K.S. Irons and **T.R. Cook**, Illinois River Biological Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, 704 North Schrader Avenue, Havana, Illinois 62644
- 2) EFFECT OF BACKWATER LAKE MANAGEMENT ON HABITAT FOR RIVERINE FISH  
**T.R. Timmermann**, C.R. Dolan, and J.H. Chick, Great Rivers Field Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, Brighton, IL 61012
- 3) FISH POPULATION DYNAMICS OF AN ANNUALLY-FLOODED SEASONALLY-ISOLATED BACKWATER LAKE OF THE ILLINOIS  
**M.R. Stroub**, G.G. Sass, and K.S. Irons, Illinois River Biological Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, 704 North Schrader Avenue, Havana, Illinois 62644
- 4) FOOD PREFERENCES AND FEEDING RATES OF SLIMY SCULPIN  
D. Mundahl<sup>1</sup> and N. **Mundahl**<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Winona Senior High School, Winona, MN 55987. <sup>2</sup>Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987
- 5) SPORTFISH TRENDS IN THE LA GRANGE REACH OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER, 1994-2006  
**N.N. Michaels**, G.G. Sass, and K.S. Irons, Illinois River Biological Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, 704 North Schrader Avenue, Havana, Illinois 62644
- 6) UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BACKWATERS AS FISH OVERWINTERING REFUGIA: EVIDENCE OF FISH MIGRATION IN LATE FALL  
**A. Bartels**<sup>1</sup> and J. Janvrin<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, La Crosse, WI 54603. <sup>2</sup>Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, La Crosse, WI 54601

**FOOD WEBS**

- 7) HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF LARGE RIVER FOOD WEBS THROUGH STABLE ISOTOPE ANALYSIS  
**E.E. Zelenka**<sup>1</sup>, M.M. Delong<sup>1</sup>, and J.H. Thorp<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Large River Studies Center and Biology Department, Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota 55987. <sup>2</sup>Kansas Biological Survey and Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66047
- 8) EFFECTS OF AN EXPERIMENTAL DRAWDOWN ON FOOD WEBS IN UPPER MISSISSIPPI REACH 5  
**B. Sheehan** and M. Delong, Large River Studies Center, Biology Department, Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota 55987
- 9) AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN TROPHIC DYNAMICS IN THE ST. CROIX RIVER: A STABLE ISOTOPIC EVALUATION  
**D. Ramanan**<sup>1</sup>, M.D. Delong<sup>1</sup>, and J.H. Thorp<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Large River Studies Center and Biology Department, Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota 55987. <sup>2</sup>Kansas Biological Survey and Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66047
- 10) TEMPORAL TRENDS OF THE DIETS OF FISH IN THE OHIO RIVER USING STABLE ISOTOPES  
**J.M. Hofmann**<sup>1</sup>, M.D. Delong<sup>1</sup>, and J.H. Thorp<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Large Rivers Studies Center, Biology Department, Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987. <sup>2</sup>Kansas Biological Survey and Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66047
- 11) ISOTOPIC COMPOSITION OF RIVERINE AUTOTROPHS: RELATIONSHIP WITH ISOTOPIC RATIOS OF INORGANIC NUTRIENTS  
**M.E. Babcock** and M.D. Delong, Large River Studies Center, Biology Department, Winona State University, MN 55987

**FIELD STATION HIGHLIGHTS**

- 12) DEVELOPMENT OF THE MIDDLE MISSISSIPPI RIVER WETLANDS FIELD STATION: OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION  
**D.J. Myers** and M.R. Whiles, Center for Ecology, Department of Zoology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-6501

- 13) THE GREAT RIVERS FIELD STATION: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS FROM OVER A DECADE OF MONITORING POOL 26 OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
**E.J. Gittinger**, R.J. Cosgriff, L.A. Gittinger, B.J. Lubinski, E.N. Ratcliff, J.K. Tucker, and J.H. Chick, Illinois Natural History Survey, Great Rivers Field Station, 8450 Montclaire Ave, Brighton, IL 62012

#### TURTLES

- 14) CLIMATIC WARMING AND RED-EARED SLIDER (*TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA ELEGANS*) NATURAL HISTORY  
**J.K. Tucker**<sup>1</sup>, C.R. Dolan<sup>1</sup>, J.T. Lamer<sup>1</sup>, and E.A. Dustman<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Great Rivers Field Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, 8450 Montclaire Avenue, Brighton, Illinois 62012-2032, USA; <sup>2</sup>Department of Biology, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Edwardsville, Illinois 62025, 54603

- 15) COMMON SNAPPING TURTLE (*CHELYDRA SERPENTINA*) SEX DETERMINATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS  
**E.A. Dustman**<sup>1</sup>, J.K. Tucker<sup>2</sup>, C.R. Dolan<sup>2</sup>, and J.T. Lamer<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Department of Biology, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Edwardsville, Illinois 62025, USA; <sup>2</sup>Great Rivers Field Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, 8450 Montclaire Ave., Brighton, Illinois 62012 USA

#### INVERTEBRATES

- 16) POTENTIAL WOOD EXCAVATION BY COMMON NET-SPINNING CADDISFLIES IN POOL 8, UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
**R.J. Haro**<sup>1</sup>, W.B. Richardson<sup>2</sup>, and R.M. Northwick<sup>1,2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>River Studies Center, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, WI 54601. <sup>2</sup>U.S. Geological Survey, Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center, La Crosse, WI 54602

#### PHYTOPLANKTON

- 17) ARE MIGRATING WATERFOWL TRANSPORTING *CHARA* AS THEY MIGRATE?  
**R. Smith**, and S.T Meiers, Department of Biological Sciences, Western Illinois University Macomb Illinois 61455

#### ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT

- 18) UTILIZATION OF WATER QUALITY INDEX TO ASSESS THE OVERALL WATER QUALITY IN UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
**V. Kimler**, and C. Kim, Department of Natural and Applied Science, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, IA 52001

- 19) EXPLORATORY ANALYSIS OF INDEX OF BIOTIC INTEGRITY SCORES CALCULATED FROM DATASETS OBTAINED FROM THREE DIFFERENT DAY ELECTROFISHING PROTOCOLS  
A. Bartels<sup>1</sup>, **T. Dukerschien**<sup>1</sup>, and B.S. Ickes<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Field Station, 2630 Fanta Reed Road, La Crosse, WI 54603; <sup>2</sup>USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center, 2630 Fanta Reed Road, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54603

#### GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- 20) A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR THE MINES OF SPAIN RECREATION AREA, DUBUQUE, IA  
**C. Moonen**<sup>1</sup>, J.J. White<sup>1</sup>, G.L. Zuercher<sup>1</sup>, D.H. Easley<sup>1</sup>, and W. Buchholtz<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Department of Natural and Applied Sciences, University of Dubuque, 2000 University Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001. <sup>2</sup>Mines of Spain Recreation Area, E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Heights Road, Dubuque, IA 52003

#### MAMMALS

- 21) WHITE FOOTED MICE (*PEROMYSCUS LEUCOPUS*) AT MINES OF SPAIN RECREATION AREA, IOWA  
**J.J. White**<sup>1</sup>, C. Moonen<sup>1</sup>, G.L. Zuercher<sup>1</sup>, D.H. Easley<sup>1</sup>, and W. Buchholtz<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Department of Natural and Applied Sciences, University of Dubuque, 2000 University Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001. <sup>2</sup>Mines of Spain Recreation Area, E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Heights Road, Dubuque, IA 52003

#### SEDIMENT

- 22) A GIS TECHNIQUE FOR ASSESSING SEDIMENT HARDNESS IN A MANAGED ILLINOIS RIVER BACKWATER  
**J.T. Lamer**, C.R. Dolan, and J.H. Chick, Great Rivers Field Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, Brighton, IL 62012