The following organizational chart identifies the Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research Section staff members located at six locations (as of 7/14): Science Operations Center (Madison), University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Limnology campus and Trout Lake Station, Escanaba Lake Research Station (Northern Highland Fisheries Research Area, Boulder Junction), Oshkosh research unit, and Spooner research unit. (*Indicates work status as “on call, as available” for assistance with peak field work.)
Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research Program

The Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research program provides technical expertise to advise science-based management of the state’s aquatic resources. Simply stated, our goal is to help our agency resource managers and the citizens of Wisconsin incorporate science in decision-making. To accomplish this goal our mission is:

Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research Mission

- To conduct, sponsor, and coordinate priority research in support of the agency’s natural resource management programs to protect and enhance the aquatic resources of Wisconsin;
- To provide a balance of research ranging from the landscape-scale for ecosystem management to the species scale, including socially and economically important species as well as species that are rare, threatened, or endangered;
- To provide technical expertise to meet Department needs for science-based decision making;
- To transfer scientific findings to DNR and partners;
- To define and address emerging information needs.

The section is staffed by professional scientists and research technicians possessing diverse individual expertise in fisheries, aquatic ecology, limnology, biogeochemistry, and quantitative ecology. We conduct, sponsor, and coordinate original research within areas of fisheries and aquatic ecology that support the program missions of the bureaus of Fisheries Management and Water Quality, as well as other department programs including the bureaus of Watershed Management, Drinking and Groundwater, Natural Heritage Conservation, Air Management, the Division of Forestry, and the Office of Great Lakes. In addition, staff routinely engage in technical consultation and policy development, serve on various DNR teams, and generally serve as "experts" within their disciplines. Science professionals within this program actively engage in technology transfer activities through the publication and presentation of research results ranging in format from peer-reviewed scholarly journal articles to informal talks. In addition, research staff members serve as leaders in identifying emerging issues and information gaps for aquatic resource protection and management. While agency scientists focus their efforts on applied questions in Wisconsin, the management implications associated with their results inform national and even international audiences.
Program Overview

In this document, we describe our scientific contributions via technical consultation and provide summaries of current research projects and recent publications and presentations, as well as short biographies of our scientists and technicians.

This report covers activities from July 1, 2012 – June 2014 (fiscal years 2013 and 2014).

*The economics of good science... take fishing, for example...*
Wisconsin waters are home to 165 fish species. Wisconsin annually sells about 1.4 million fishing licenses to adult anglers, who spend about 20.8 million days fishing in the state annually. Nearly 41 percent of Wisconsin residents 16 and over participate in fishing, generating a $2.75 billion economic impact. More than 30,000 Wisconsin jobs are supported by fishing, and fishing related activities and sales generate $200 million in state tax revenues for local and state government (<1% is returned to DNR for traditional fisheries management). We help ensure angler’s dollars are wisely spent. We do this by setting research agendas, and then conducting, sponsoring, and coordinating applied research within areas of fisheries and aquatic ecology that help the resource management programs and citizens of Wisconsin make informed decisions.

*Science Services conducts research that supports healthy waters and sustainable fisheries for generations to come.*
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<td>AFWA</td>
<td>Association of Fish &amp; Wildlife Agencies</td>
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<td>AOC</td>
<td>Area of Concern</td>
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<td>PI</td>
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<td>TMDL</td>
<td>Total Maximum Daily Loads</td>
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<td>USGS</td>
<td>United States Geological Survey</td>
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Biennium in Review

Areas of research

During this biennium there were a total of 66 research projects that spanned 19 priority focus areas under 5 of the major research themes in the DNR’s Biennial Research Agenda that guide research topics across the state. The breakdown of research projects is displayed below, with the majority of projects covering topics specific to sustainable fisheries, invasive species, and long-term monitoring and foundational science.

The 66 current research projects for the 2013 – 2014 biennium. Projects are grouped by their priority focus area in the DNR Biennial Research Agenda (note, several focus areas overlap).

Funding

Projects are funded through a variety of sources, including state funds, federal Sport Fish Restoration funds, bureau-to-bureau contracts with partner programs, as well as external grants. Over the last three years, Science Services Research Scientists have been Co-Principal Investigators on external grant projects that totaled $2.7 million!
2013-2014 Highlights

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<th>Funding Breakdown</th>
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<td>Sportfish Restoration</td>
<td>$650k</td>
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<td>Nonpoint Source</td>
<td>$29k</td>
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<td>Aquatic Invasive Species Voluntary Checkoff</td>
<td>$69k</td>
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<td>Additional Funding</td>
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<td>Internal Management Programs</td>
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<td>External Grants</td>
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<td>$2.7 million (over 3 years)</td>
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Publications and Presentations

Communicating research results to our internal and external partners and stakeholders is a critical part of our mission. The professionals employed by the Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research Section routinely publish the results of their work in a variety of outlets from peer-reviewed journals to internal reports. Presenting research results to a variety of professional, internal customers and public audiences is also an important way we share information. Presentations range from hour-long academic seminars to short scientific talks and are given to a variety of audiences. There were 140 publications and 333 presentations from July 2012 – May 2014.

Greg Sass was co-editor of a book entitled “Foundations of Fisheries Science” published by the American Fisheries Society in 2014. This book highlights the seminal works that are most influential to fisheries management.

For the 2013-2014 biennium there were a total of 140 publications. 68 were in peer-reviewed journals, 43 in various reports and DNR publications, 11 books or book chapters, and 18 in various online publications, popular magazines and other outlets.
In addition to technical audiences, there are a variety of ways in which our researchers make research results and expertise accessible to the general public. For example, researchers provided responses to reporters, wrote magazine articles, were featured on radio programs, participated in DNR online chats with the public, presented at citizen events, and developed YouTube videos on a variety of topics.

A recent paper in the journal *Nature* was coauthored by Cory McDonald.

A recent paper coauthored by Greg Sass is one of the most popular in *Fisheries* published in 2013! Currently there have been 1191 views of their article.

John Lyons' online e-book to the *Fishes of Wisconsin* was published in 2014 and available at the following website: [http://infotrek.er.usgs.gov/WDNR_fishes/index.jsp](http://infotrek.er.usgs.gov/WDNR_fishes/index.jsp)
Customer Service to Our Partners

We tallied the results of a questionnaire designed to solicit feedback related to science communications, research priorities, and the science-management partnership with our partners at the 2014 Water Resources Statewide Meeting. Out of approximately 80 Water Resources attendees, 41 surveys were returned. Results indicated 75% of water resources respondents had up to daily (8%), weekly (33%), or monthly (33%) interactions with SS researchers. The remaining 25% interacted either annually or a couple of times per year. Satisfaction rates with the current level of interaction with SS were: 66% very satisfied, 29% satisfied, 5% no opinion, 0% dissatisfied, 0% very dissatisfied. There are a wide range of ways in which water resources staff interact with SS researchers and receive communications from SS researchers (in order from most common to least common = email, phone, individual meetings, statewide meetings, team meetings, presentations and seminars, Science Logbook, publications, professional conferences, SS Open House, section biennial report, etc). This was a useful tool for gauging our level of service to Water Resources.

For the question: “In general, how satisfied are you with the research and technical support you receive from SS?”, the responses were: 71% very satisfied, 9% satisfied, 2.5% no opinion, 2.5% dissatisfied, 0% very dissatisfied.
# 2013-2014 Highlights

## Awards, Recognition and Accomplishments

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<td>John Lyons, Matt Mitro, Matt Diebel</td>
<td>Wisconsin Stream Model project led by section researchers and several key external partners, was named winner of the American Fisheries Society 2014 Sport Fish Restoration Outstanding Project Award for Research and Surveys</td>
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<td>Matt Diebel</td>
<td>Co-Principal Investigator on 2 recent grants awarded in FY14 – $336,862 and $357,854; Received the Water Resources Partner award at the Water Resources statewide meeting for his work in supporting a number of projects for this program</td>
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<td>Matt Diebel and John Lyons</td>
<td>2012 and 2013 winners of the Science Services Bureau Employee of the Year Award.</td>
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<td>Dave Dreikosen, Matt Lorenzoni, Greg Sass, Escanaba Station staff</td>
<td>Interviewed 2500 anglers 365 days a year at the creel station</td>
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<td>Michelle Nault, Martha Barton, Paul Frater</td>
<td>Sampled 20,212 sites in lakes across Wisconsin from July 2012 – September 2013 for aquatic plant species presence and relative abundance.</td>
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<td>Paul Garrison, Caitlin Carlson</td>
<td>National leadership for Environmental Protection Agency National Condition Assessment projects</td>
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<td>Steve Greb</td>
<td>PI on external grant awarded in FY13 to 14 - $180k; Member of the International Ocean Color Coordinating Group and co-chair of the Group on Earth Observations water quality task</td>
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<td>Steve Greb and Matthew Mitro</td>
<td>2012 and 2013 winners of the Steve Serns Excellence in Research Award</td>
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<td>Rabi Gyawali</td>
<td>Leading major project on Wisconsin rivers hydrology</td>
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<td>Gretchen Hansen</td>
<td>PLOS one paper on aquatic invasive species, foundational science for Wisconsin Walleye Initiative stocking plan</td>
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<td>Jennifer Hauxwell</td>
<td>WDNR Secretary’s PRIDE award in the Excellence in Leadership category (2012) – nominated by section staff and also Rebecca Wallace Award Nominee (2012)</td>
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<td>Jeff Kampa</td>
<td>Muskellunge, Lake Sturgeon, Propagation Research, major walleye stocking findings, <em>Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine</em> article</td>
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<td>Paul Kanehl, Dan Walchak, Justin Haglund, Aaron Nolan</td>
<td>During the five months of sampling in 2013 - shocked 35.4 miles of stream, fished 80 overnight nets, and captured 14,015 fish</td>
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<td>Susan Knight</td>
<td>2012 recipient of UW-Madison Heidemann Award for Excellence in Public Service and Outreach</td>
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<td>Gina LaLiberte</td>
<td>Statewide coordinator for cyanobacteria monitoring and response</td>
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<td>Dick Lathrop</td>
<td>Recent paper in <em>Inland Waters</em> – Water quality implications from 3 decades of phosphorus loads and trophic dynamics in the Yahara chain of lakes</td>
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<td>John Lyons</td>
<td>Co-PI on 4 external grants awarded FY12 -13 with university and other agency partners - $1.2 million</td>
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<td>Cory McDonald and Dick Lathrop</td>
<td>Co-PIs on Joint Solicitation Groundwater Grant - $51k</td>
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<td>Cory McDonald</td>
<td>Coauthor on 2013 <em>Nature</em> paper Global Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Inland Waters</td>
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<td>Alison Mikulyuk</td>
<td>2012 recipient of a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship ($90k)</td>
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<td>Michelle Nault, Kelly Wagner, Alison Mikulyuk, Martha Barton</td>
<td>Recipients of 2013 Lake Stewardship Award for Public Service at the 35th Annual Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention and the 2013 WDNR Secretary’s PRIDE Honorable Mention Award Winner.</td>
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<td>Tim Parks</td>
<td>Published a recent paper in <em>American Midland Naturalist</em>.</td>
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<td>Randal Piette</td>
<td>PI on external grant awarded in FY13 to 14 - $35k (direct request from Natural Heritage Conservation Bureau), statewide mussel support</td>
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<td>Andrew Rypel</td>
<td>Invited to National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (2/14), major papers published</td>
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<tr>
<td>Greg Sass</td>
<td><em>Foundations of Fisheries Science</em> book was published by American Fisheries Society</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kelly Wagner, Alison Mikulyuk, Dan Oele, Jen Hauxwell</td>
<td>External grant awarded FY12-14 (Environmental Protection Agency) for invasive species research - $385k (direct request from Water Quality Bureau)</td>
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<td>Carl Watras, with support from Ken Morrison and Jeff Rubsam</td>
<td>Major research paper in <em>Geophysical Research Letters</em> – Decadal oscillation of lakes and aquifers in the upper Great Lakes region of North America: Hydroclimatic implications.</td>
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During the summer of 2013, the experimental research occurring on Little Rock Lake, Vilas County, came to an end after 30 years. This research was paramount in showing the sensitivity of Wisconsin Lakes to acid rain and mercury pollution. This long-term research project resulted in approximately 130 peer-reviewed papers and about 20 graduate student theses along with numerous research collaborations from around the world. This research also helped to inform the legislature shape regulations that are intended to improve clean air and water.
Recognizing our Partners
On an annual basis, Science Services recognizes partners in other programs who advance science-based management of Wisconsin’s waters and fisheries. Science is a critical foundation for sound decision-making. However, the utility of scientific information is limited were it not for the agency’s resource managers to understand and apply it as they make natural resource decisions. For their outstanding efforts toward science-based management on a variety of aquatic issues (2012-14), we recognized and congratulate:

- Jamison Wendel, Kent Bass, and Misty Rood (Fisheries Management)
- Paul Cunningham (Fisheries Management)
- Scott van Egeren (Water Quality)
- Kristi Minahan (Water Quality)
Teaming Up - Identifying Research Needs, Sharing Results, and Technical Consultation

The Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research team collaborates closely with natural resource managers to identify research needs as well as to share relevant research results in a timely manner. In addition to the project-based research identified in the following section, individual staff members in the Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research Section routinely provide technical consultation services to our natural resource management programs, with a particular emphasis on Fisheries Management and Water Resources. These services support programmatic functions ranging from routine management decisions on a particular water body to setting statewide policy on a particular issue.

We have multiple systems in place to ensure our partnership with management programs will achieve shared goals. Specific processes for integrating research and management include:

- Development of Management Bureau Strategic Plans (6-year)
- Development of agency-wide research agenda (biennial)
- Fisheries Management and Science Services Bureau Statewide Meetings (biennial); Statewide Water Quality Biologists (annual)
- Wisconsin Lakes Partnership (annual convention, quarterly meetings, monthly conference calls)
- Formal check-in with Lakes and Monitoring section chiefs to discuss past research and plan next projects and funding (annual)
- Species, Monitoring, Policy Technical Teams (monthly to annual)
- Fisheries Management Board and Water Resources Policy and Management Team (monthly)
- Interactions with Fisheries Management and Water Quality staff (daily - weekly)
- Recruitment of new staff (as needed)
- Targeted interactions with other programs (Watershed, Drinking and Groundwater, Great Lakes)

This section highlights team participation, technical consultations, and policy development efforts by the section during the past biennium. Services provided are listed by team and by individual staff.
Science Consultation Services - Teams

Below we list the formal team assignments of research section staff on management program teams or other councils.

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<td>Fisheries Management Fisheries Propagation Team</td>
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<td>Fisheries Management Database Team</td>
<td>Gretchen Hansen</td>
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<td>Fisheries Management Urban Fishing Team</td>
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<td>Fisheries Management Fish Ageing Task Group</td>
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<td>WDNR Prairie du Sac dam working group</td>
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<td>WDNR Beaver Management Team</td>
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<td>WDNR Aquatic Organism Passage Team</td>
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<td>Sturgeon and Paddlefish Committee</td>
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<td>Matt Mitro</td>
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<td>Fisheries Management Bureau New Employee Orientation</td>
<td>John Lyons, Paul Kanehl and crew, Greg Sass, Jen Hauxwell, Gretchen Hansen, Matt Diebel, Andrew Rypel, Matt Mitro, Jeff Kampa</td>
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<td>Statewide Mussel Team</td>
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<td>Wisconsin Consolidated Assessment and Listing (WisCALM) development science contributors</td>
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Teaming Up – Identifying Research Needs, Sharing Results, and Technical Consultation

Science Consultation Services - Individual Contributions

Below we list some of the individual contributions of research section staff toward management program and stakeholder initiatives. This is only a partial listing of the types of services section staff members have contributed, but provides an overview of the wide range of technical consultations routinely provided, yet difficult to quantify.

Martha Barton
• Analyzes aquatic macrophyte distributions in order to improve management of aquatic invasive macrophytes throughout WI
• Conducts literature reviews on topics of interest to support better decision making and research opportunities
• Coordinated a science and policy symposium for agency Aquatic Plant Management and fisheries staff on the efficacy and effects of herbicide use in lakes in WI, led the development of a 10-year retrospective of science support to the Aquatic Plant Management program and web tools and communications, and development of a Natural Resources Magazine article on Aquatic Plant Management at the request of the Water Quality Bureau
• Created preliminary web-based approach to deliver all aquatic macrophyte research products to the public and internal partners
• Creates lake reports to distribute to aquatic plant management coordinators, lake associations, or outside researchers upon request
• Collaborates on original management research projects related to invasive species ecology and their management (US Army Corps of Engineers)
• Co-leads semi-annual training workshops on aquatic macrophyte data collection, data analysis and identification
• Provides updates to the public and Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission on aquatic plant research project

Matthew Diebel
• Provided support on high capacity well applications as well as technical assistance on setting public rights stage for streams in WC district. The work for the public rights stage determination will include applying Wisconsin streams Ecological Limits of Hydrologic Alteration model to the sites in question to determine minimum flows needed to be protective of the fish community
• Led an effort to prioritize culvert replacements for aquatic organism passage statewide. This issue was prioritized by the Secretary’s office, and involves staff from several other bureaus, including Fisheries, Water Quality, Watershed, and Energy, Transportation, and Environmental Analysis. Developed a budget initiative to prioritize and fund culvert replacements that would result in fisheries habitat improvement
Developed a spreadsheet tool for evaluating whether a fish survey was conducted during extreme (wet/dry, warm/cool) weather conditions. This tool will be used by Water Resources staff as part of the stream natural community verification process.

Contributed to the workgroup for site-specific and biological criteria for phosphorus to provide input on algal criteria.

Developed and trained Fisheries and Water Resources staff in use of a spreadsheet model to evaluate effects of stream flow reductions on fish.

Performed an analysis to determine whether the phosphorus allocations in the Rock River TMDL would allow the Yahara Lakes to meet phosphorus standards. The analysis was submitted to Environmental Protection Agency by the Water Quality Bureau.

Provided review of groundwater proposals for DNR Drinking and Groundwater staff coordinating the state’s Groundwater Coordinating Council Joint solicitation.

Participated in two-story fisheries work group for phosphorus standards.

Assisted the Water Evaluation fisheries Section with revising lake and stream water quality assessment protocols.

Conducting water quality data analysis to support development of water quality criteria for streams and lakes for the Wisconsin Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology.

Serves as technical advisor on Water Quality Bureau TMDL Modeling Team.

Responds to frequent stakeholder inquiries about the Rock River TMDL.

Serves on Water Quality Bureau’s nitrogen criteria development team.

Serves on the Stream Monitoring Technical Team.

Serves as Department representative on Great Lakes-Upper Midwest Landscape Conservation Cooperative Aquatic Connectivity Initiative.

Paul Garrison

Contributed to the workgroup for site-specific and biological criteria for phosphorus to provide input on algal criteria.

Works with the Environmental Protection Agency and other algal taxonomists developing the Environmental Protection Agency’s National Stream and River Assessment Survey.

Participated in the Wildlife Action Plan working group meeting to discuss a potential new classification system for Wisconsin’s inland lakes.

Contributed to the two-story fisheries work group for phosphorus standards.

Participated in the Water Quality competitive grant ranking team.

Works with lake associations to develop management plans.

Works with lake associations and DNR lake managers to set water quality goals.

Works with Water Quality Bureau to develop phosphorus standards.

Works with Water Quality Bureau for Classification, Monitoring, & Assessment of Wisconsin’s Lakes.

Coordinated section grant with Environmental Protection Agency for conducting and interpreting data from National Lake Assessment.

Works with Tribes to understand limnological history of their lakes and the causes of any degradation.

Works with DNR lake managers to understand zooplankton community for biomanipulation projects.
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- Routinely serves as speaker for Wisconsin Lakes Partnership at the annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention and instructor for Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Lake Leaders course. Served as a science lead for Water Quality Bureau’s Assessment Methodology Team
- Served on Steering Committee for Environmental Protection Agency National Lake Assessment 2012
- Served as national trainer for Environmental Protection Agency National Lake Assessment 2012

Steve Greb
- Consulted on Petenwell-Castle Rock nutrient management issue and provided satellite data to evaluate water clarity variations across lake basins
- Proposed and received funding for a budget initiative to move Wisconsin forward in using remote sensing technology to monitor and manage lakes
- Serves on Wisconsin Lakes Partnership
- Serves on Wisconsin’s Initiative on Climate Change Impacts Water Resources, Hydrology, and Central Sands working groups
- Serves on Water Quality Monitoring Team
- Serves on Great Lakes Monitoring Team
- Serves as NASA colleague reviewer for current and future water quality related projects
- Chair of the Water Quality Working Group for Group on Earth Observation
- Steering Committee Chair for NASA/NOAA Algorithm working group

Gretchen Hansen
- Provided technical support for implementing the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative - Provided estimates of the probability of natural walleye recruitment in all lakes proposed for walleye stocking to be used to prioritize stocking decisions, developed evaluation plans, developed budget initiative to study outcomes of the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative
- Participated in multiple (6+) meetings aimed at evaluating the current walleye management system for the Ceded Territory, including analyses of alternative methods of predicting walleye populations when they are unknown, and incorporating walleye production in the analysis
- Attended a Technical Working Group meeting with DNR, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, Voigt Task force, and Mole Lake representatives to present a new model for estimating walleye populations in the absence of field data
- Provided consultation and detailed report outlining the use of a new method for estimating walleye populations to potentially be used for setting walleye bag limits this year at the request of Fisheries Management Bureau and Treaty programs
- Worked with panfish team leaders from fish management to consult on design of adaptive management approach to regulation changes. Developed a simulation model to assess the statistical power of being able to detect changes in panfish size structure in response to regulation changes given high levels of among-lake variability
- Led a two-day workshop at Trout Lake Station for WDNR regional biologists and supervisors to design an adaptive management monitoring and evaluation plan for the existing regulation changes in response to bass increases and walleye decreases
Consulted with Southern district fisheries managers and supervisors to discuss status and future of Lake Mendota biomanipulation project

Worked with colleagues at the Center for Limnology to develop a food web model for Escanaba lake using Ecopath with Ecosim

Met with Minnesota DNR staff to discuss initial results and development future work plans for an interstate project that will describe historical and current distribution of cisco across the region. Related work on climate change and coldwater fish communities in lakes was also presented

Participated in a cross-state bass meeting between Wisconsin and Minnesota to discuss status, trends, and collaborative opportunities between the two states

Provided statistical consultation to Dan Isermann (UW-Steven’s Point) for his analysis examining the utility of various biological performance indicators as in tracking walleye exploitation in the ceded territory

Met with Steve Carpenter (UW-Madison) and Jon Hansen (DNR Fisheries Management) to plan an adaptive management workshop held January 2014 to develop a monitoring and evaluation strategy for the experimental bass-walleye regulation lakes

Met with Dan Isermann (UW-Steven’s Point), Jon Hansen (DNR Fisheries Management), and UW-Steven’s Point master’s student Hadley Boehm to outline the approach to research project examining early life history of walleye in northern WI

Met with Aquatic Invasive Species and Fisheries Management staff to discuss rapid response and research opportunities surrounding the newly discovered invasive New Zealand Mudsnail in Black Earth Creek

Participated in a meeting with water resources staff on the Lake Monitoring strategic plan

Consulted with the fish management bass team leader to develop categories of lakes based on largemouth bass abundance and growth that could be used to guide regulations. These results were presented to the Fisheries Management board

Participated in a collaborative meeting including representatives from WDNR Science Services, WDNR Fish Management, and Michigan State University to discuss their walleye population model and its utility in simulating different regulatory scenarios. At this same meeting, also presented an update on statistical analysis of trends in walleye and largemouth bass populations statewide

Jennifer Hauxwell

Provides leadership, strategic planning, and supervision on the scientific, collaborative, and administrative duties associated with successfully implementing the Wisconsin DNR’s Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research Program, comprised of 40-50 scientists and technicians with an operating annual total budget of approximately $2.7 million, including grant submission and reporting for federal Sportfish Restoration grants, as well as other federal, state, and external grants.

Provides updates to the DNR Research Review Team and Water Division bureaus (Fisheries Management, Water Quality, and Watershed Management) on section staff, funding, projects, and processes/integration with the Water Division for priority-setting
Represents DNR at the Wisconsin Fisheries Research Cooperative Coordinating Council at UW-Steven's Point Serves on Wisconsin Sea Grant Advisory Council, providing input on opportunities where Sea Grant funding focus overlaps with DNR priorities
Attends the Wisconsin Fisheries Advisory Council meetings to learn about science needs of the council and how agency scientists and collaborators can best support the goals of the council
Coordinated a science and policy symposium for agency Aquatic Plant Management and fisheries staff on the efficacy and effects of herbicide use in lakes in WI, led the development of a 10-year retrospective of science support to the Aquatic Plant Management program and web tools and communications, and development of a Natural Resources Magazine article on Aquatic Plant Management at the request of the Water Quality Bureau
Coordinated the development of the non-lead tackle implementation plan for tackle on Escanaba, Nebish, and Pallette Lakes
Provided comments on Water Quality Bureau’s strategic plan, to better incorporate the role of science and science staff
Served on Fisheries Management interview panels for Fisheries Biologist recruitments
Serves on the graduate committee for Center for Limnology doctoral candidate Alison Mikulyuk (advisor Jake Vander Zanden)
Provided updates of Fisheries and Management Research for the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan
Serves on Fisheries Management Board
Serves on Water Quality Bureau’s Water Resources Policy Management Team
Serves on Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Water Resources Working Group; served as reviewer for first report on adaptive assessment
Co-chair of the Program Committee, and member of the Host Committee of the North American Lake Management Society 2012 Meeting
Member of the planning committee for 3rd Science in the Northwoods Conference, Boulder Junction, WI; October 2014
Co-leader of the Aquatic Plants and Algae Species Assessment Group for the Governor’s Council on Invasive Species, charged with reviewing potential species invasivity for WI and facilitating regulatory designations from a group of technical experts and stakeholders
Represented the WDNR research program at Lakes Partnerships meetings, university collaborators, internal program meetings, and other stakeholders
Works with collaborators on original management research projects related to invasive species ecology and management and the effects of land use on aquatic communities (University of Wisconsin, US Army Corps of Engineers)
Presents annual research overview for Fish Management new employee orientation

Jeff Kampa
Consulted on adding muskellunge PIT tag data to the Fisheries Management statewide database
Participated in a meeting to review Wisconsin Sea Grant aquaculture grant proposals
Participated in the St. Croix River Interagency fisheries meeting
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- Participated in the 2013 Coolwater Hatchery Production wrap up meeting. Met with Minnesota DNR staff to discuss initial results and development future work plans for an interstate project that will describe historical and current distribution of cisco across the region. Collaborated with Minnesota DNR in developing a multistate cisco assessment database.
- Initiated a collaborative effort with Dr. Jim Church at UW-Stout to describe cisco morphometric variation among several populations in Wisconsin.
- Participated in a Fisheries Management Walleye Team meeting to determine future stocking and evaluation plans for the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative.
- Participated in multiple (6+) meetings aimed at evaluating the current walleye management system for the ceded territory, and provided updates on analyses of alternative methods of predicting walleye populations when they are unknown, and incorporating walleye production in the analysis.
- Reviewed recent walleye stocking/culture articles from AFS Journals.
- Met with the Natural Heritage Inventory personnel in Spooner, along with other forestry, wildlife, and fisheries managers to discuss and propose potential revisions to the Wildlife Action Plan.
- Consulted with the fish propagation staff at the Governor Thompson Fish Hatchery in Spooner, to determine the sampling statistics needed to estimate number of walleye or musky displaced by water in stocking trucks.
- Worked with the Osceola Hatchery and discussed the logistics of using the fish loader and trying to determine the optimal sample size for weight counts at Osceola during the April, 2014 harvest.
- Provided input on walleye stocking guidelines for Private Producers as part of the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative.
- Provided a review of Lake Sturgeon Options for Private Aquaculture in Wisconsin for the Bureau of Fisheries Management (requested by Kaas).
- Participated in the Lake Sturgeon Team meeting at Stevens Point.
- Consulted with Jeff Scheirer (Park Falls) on the musky stocking program for Lake of the Pines.
- Cooperated with musky guides and musky club members in the Hayward area to assemble volunteer catch data (including PIT tagged musky) to supplement growth data, obtain size structure of angler-caught muskellunge and evaluate the potential to use angler data as a recapture sample for adult musky population estimates.
- Provided a review of a study proposal from Oshkosh Area Fish Management "Habitat Use of Sub-Adult Lake Sturgeon in the Lower Wolf River, Wisconsin".
- Provided guidance to Barron Fish Manager Aaron Cole on PIT tagging stocked fingerling muskellunge from the Governor Thompson hatchery.
- Participated in weekly Hatchery Conference Call updates with Fish Management Supervisors and UW-Steven’s Point Fish Propagation Science Center.
- Reviewed the Lake Superior Biodiversity Conservation Assessment Final Report and provided implementation suggestions to Lake Superior Basin Leader.
- Reviewed the Wisconsin section of a draft Lake Superior Biodiversity Conservation Assessment, which is being coordinated by The Nature Conservancy of Canada.
- Participated in a meeting with Minnesota DNR and the Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota to discuss coldwater fish data exchange in support of climate change modeling efforts at the Natural Resources Research Institute.
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- Met with the Lake Superior Binational Lakewide Management Plan Coordinator to discuss the Lake Superior Biodiversity Conservation Strategy along with related research issues on Lake Superior
- Participated in the Fish Management research prioritization meeting
- Served on Fisheries Management Fish Propagation team
- Served on Fisheries Management Walleye team
- Served on Lake Sturgeon team
- Served on Muskie team
- Presented annual training modules for Fish Management new employee orientation
- Provided technical support to WDNR-funded projects under contract to UW-Steven’s Point Cooperative Fisheries Research Unit
- Provided technical review of consultants Comprehensive Study of Wisconsin’s Fish Propagation System

Susan Knight
- Provided the plenary session at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention “Celebrating 3 decades of research at Little Rock Lake”. Moderated by Glen Moberg, Wisconsin Public Radio
- Conducted plant identification workshops at the 2012-2014 Wisconsin Lake Conventions
- Conducted plant identification workshops at Kemp Biological Station in 2012-2014
- Conducts various plant identification and plant ecology workshops for citizens
- Conducts aquatic plant surveys
- Conducted research on air tolerance of aquatic invasive species
- Conducting research on effectiveness of milfoil weevil to control Eurasian water-milfoil
- Gave presentations throughout state on declining water levels
- Served as Interim Director at UW-Madison Center for Limnology Trout Lake Station 2010-2012
- Helps coordinate and moderate Science on Tap-Minocqua, a monthly outreach series of science conversations
- Participating in DNR aquatic invasive species technical review teams

Gina LaLiberte
- Statewide Blue-Green Algae Coordinator: for CDC-funded Department of Health Services program to track human and animal illnesses. Coordinate sampling, distribute and interpret results for local health officials, provide ecological and public health information about blue-green algae to citizens, DNR staff, public health officials, media, and Natural Resources Board
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- Attended meetings and worked on setting permit criteria for dye application in Lake Delton with Water staff
- Participated in State of Wisconsin Hazardous Materials & Waste Disposal Awareness Training
- Met with the workgroup for site-specific and biological criteria for phosphorus to provide input on algal criteria
- Provided guidance on assessment of Green Bay Area of Concern cyanobacteria data
- Participated in a meeting on cyanobacterial monitoring with state government colleagues in Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Tennessee
- Participated in a conference call with the Environmental Protection Agency and other algal taxonomists working on the Environmental Protection Agency’s National Stream and River Assessment Survey
- Worked on self-directed safety training in Hazard Communication, Laboratory Safety, and Formaldehyde Safety that will be used by Science Services and also by Water Division staff
- Conducted algal identification and aquatic invertebrate consultations for USGS, county staff, citizen volunteers, consultants, DNR lake managers, DNR state park staff, county aquatic invasive species staff, municipal managers, tribal lake water managers, lake educators, Illinois county staff, and lake homeowners, and provided information about ecology and management strategies
- Tentatively identified & discussed possible control strategies for diatom bloom in Wild Rose fish pond Fish Management
- Provided Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance toxin data to Fish Management
- Evaluated plankton data for potentially toxin-producing cyanobacterial species for Bill James’ (UW-Stout) Red Cedar Lake report
- Provides data for developing lake management plans by DNR managers with lake associations
- Provides data for setting water quality goals by DNR managers with lake associations
- Provides data for Classification, Monitoring, & Assessment of Wisconsin’s Lakes with Water Quality
- Provides data to DNR and Environmental Protection Agency for National Lake Assessment, National Stream and River Assessment, and National Wetland Condition Assessment
- Provided guidance to Environmental Protection Agency in developing field and laboratory protocols for National Wetland Condition Assessment
- Educates citizens in understanding limnological history of their lakes and the causes of any degradation
- Science Operations Center chemical hygiene officer: developed self-directed safety training and materials in Hazard Communication, Laboratory Safety, and Formaldehyde Safety that are used by Science Services and other DNR staff, revised safety plans for Science Operations Center programs, coordinated building-wide laboratory chemical cleanup, brought programs into compliance with OSHA and Environmental Protection Agency regulations
John Lyons

- Provided requested summary of potential impacts of suspended sediments on smallmouth bass and other fish species along Door County to Northeast District Water Leader
- At the request of Law Enforcement, was on call for three consecutive 24-hour periods in June to identify any fish observed in interstate commerce inspections jointly carried out by Law Enforcement and the Wisconsin State Control
- At the request of Water Quality, serving on team to develop proposed language and guidance for new administrative rules concerning designated uses and biocriteria for water quality standards
- Participated in multiple meetings and discussion to develop aquatic portions of State Wildlife Action plan for Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation
- Participated in meeting with Lake Michigan Fisheries Technical Team to develop possible new research priorities for the coming biennium
- Helped develop a budget initiative to conduct science to evaluate the WI Walleye Initiative
- Provided comments on the 2014 Asian Carp strategic framework update at the request of the Water Quality Bureau
- Served on a panel of experts, who will conduct a form of a risk analysis (risk assessment, and input on risk management) pertaining to potential alternatives for a fishway with the purpose of providing safe, timely, and effective fish passage at Prairie du Sac Dam, Wisconsin River, Wisconsin, while also maintaining a barrier to the upstream movement of invasive species requested by US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Worked with Titus Seilheimer and Karl Scheidegger on Asian Carp ID materials that can be used in multiple different contexts by Law Enforcement
- Worked with Craig Berg, from the Milwaukee County Zoo about the possibility of the zoo maintaining captive populations of longear sunfish, starhead topminnow, and other characteristic Mukwonago fishes in an artificial outdoor pond
- Attended the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference and Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association Paddlefish and Sturgeon Committee (agency representative)
- Met with Minnesota DNR staff to discuss initial results and development future work plans for an interstate project that will describe historical and current distribution of cisco across the region
- Provided formal confirmation of identification for the fish used for bioassays by the WI State Lab of Hygiene as part of their Quality Assurance/Quality Control protocols
- Met with Southern Region and CO staff to discuss and plan for the review of an ongoing Environmental Assessment of fish passage at the Prairie du Sac Dam by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Met with Western Region staff to discuss approaches to assessing environmental impacts of high capacity wells on streams in central Wisconsin
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- Provided expert consultation on fish issues to DNR attorneys at an administrative law hearing concerning high capacity well permits for Ridgefield Dairy
- Provided support to Water Division staff on coldwater lake fisheries (2-story fisheries)
- Responds to multiple daily requests from WDNR managers, biologists and administrators; other governmental agencies, universities, environmental consultants, and non-profit organizations inside and outside the U.S.; and the general public for identification of unknown fish specimens, use of photos of specific fish species, and provision of diverse information on aquatic ecology and fish biology. Provides training, makes presentations and gives interviews, and writes popular and technical articles
- Collects data and tracks the status of all rare fishes in the state, and provides information and guidance to appropriate WDNR programs as to how these species might be conserved
- Collects data and tracks the status of all known and potential exotic fishes in the state and provides information and guidance to appropriate WDNR programs as to the threat these species may pose and how they might be controlled
- Participates on WDNR technical teams and committees designated to develop and implement the state’s Wildlife Action Plan, specifically to benefit fish Species of Greatest Conservation Need, for Natural Heritage Conservation, to provide guidance on designing and modifying road crossings to improve passage of fish and other aquatic organisms for Environmental Assessment and Fisheries Management; to help determine water levels that are sufficiently protective of fishes on the Rest Lake Chain and Manitowish River in Vilas County for Environmental Assessment, Water Quality, and Fisheries Management; to advise on the status and potential threat of invasive non-native fishes for Fisheries Management; to ensure that PCB remediation activities in the Pine Creek system in Calumet County do not harm fish populations for Natural Heritage Conservation Bureau and Water Quality; to help conserve the highly diverse fish fauna of the Mukwonago River in Waukesha County for Natural Heritage Conservation Bureau and Fisheries Management; to improve management of smallmouth bass and largemouth bass statewide for Fisheries Management; to design and implement a monitoring and assessment protocol for warm water streams and rivers for Fisheries Management; to develop a biological assessment strategy for streams and lakes for Water Quality; to establish a stream monitoring and assessment system for Water Quality; to implement an improved stream classification system for use by Fisheries Management and Water Quality
- Provides annual information to Fisheries Management and Water Quality on the status and trends of fisheries and fish communities in 13 different streams, rivers and lakes throughout the state
- Developed and helped implement new and powerful tools for monitoring and assessing stream and river ecosystems, including habitat assessment, fish surveys, and bioindicators such as the Index of Biotic Integrity
- Serves as the Wisconsin representative on the American Fisheries Society’s endangered fishes committee, which documents and publicizes the status of all rare fishes in North America
- Serves on Fisheries Management Bass team
- Serves on Fisheries Management Baseline Monitoring Streams team
- Presents annual training modules for Fish Management new employee orientation
- Serves on Water Quality Streams Team
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- Serves on Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts Coldwater Fisheries Team
- Serves as adjunct curator of fishes at the University of Wisconsin Zoological Museum, Madison

Cory McDonald
- Participated in pre-application meeting with GTAC, DNR, and other stakeholders, and participated in with the surface water monitoring team to determine baseline data collection requirements and strategy for proposed iron mine
- Attended Ferrous Mining permitting team meeting
- Provided technical review of the WI River TMDL Technical Scope of Work and attended stakeholders’ meeting
- Attended Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts Working Groups Council meeting
- Consulted with the ad hoc technical team on the iron mining white paper
- Provided technical review of several lake management plans and reports
- Provided review of groundwater proposals for DNR Drinking and Groundwater staff coordinating the state’s Groundwater Coordinating Council Joint solicitation
- Participated in Lake Water Quality Modeling Training at UW-Steven’s Point College of Natural Resources
- Co-PI on UW-Madison Center for Limnology Long-Term Ecological Research grant renewal proposal
- Participated in Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 Numeric Nutrient Criteria workshop

Alison Mikulyuk
- Gave plenary presentation at the New England Association of Environmental Biologists Conference in Burlington, VT
- Participated in the Wildlife Action Plan working group meeting to discuss a potential new classification system for Wisconsin’s inland lakes
- Coordinated a science and policy symposium for agency Aquatic Plant Management and fisheries staff on the efficacy and effects of herbicide use in lakes in WI, led the development of a 10-year retrospective of science support to the Aquatic Plant Management program and web tools and communications, and development of a Natural Resources Magazine article on Aquatic Plant Management at the request of the Water Quality Bureau
- Met with Water Quality Bureau to discuss Aquatic Plant Management-related research products and communications and their availability to internal and external partners and the public
- Participated in the first meeting of the Lakes Classification Technical Advisory Committee on a Nature Conservancy project to develop a conservation portfolio for Wisconsin Lakes
- Met with central office monitoring staff to discuss the use of macrophyte data in developing site-specific phosphorus criteria
- Works with Wisconsin Lakes Partnership to increase communication, collaboration and education about Wisconsin lakes and aquatic macrophytes
- Presents research and provides guidance to county aquatic invasive species coordinators
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- Provides updates to the public and Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission on aquatic plant research project
- Co-leads semi-annual training workshops on aquatic macrophyte data collection and identification
- Provides field assistance to DNR regional managers, citizens, and consultants
- Provides aquatic plant taxonomic assistance to a variety of stakeholders
- Serves on Wisconsin Lakes Technical Team
- Serves on Wisconsin Lakes Monitoring Team
- Develops technical documents and sampling schemes as requested by public and private audiences
- Coordinates field data collection, sets research priorities and design ecological field studies
- Conducts data analysis and provide technical assistance to lake managers and consultants in assessing aquatic plant distribution and abundance and response to management

Matthew Mitro

- Serves on and provides technical and scientific support to the Fisheries Management Trout Team and provided research update on Ash Creek brook trout study for discussion on change/options in wild brook trout spawning program and trout angling regulation proposals review.
- Participated in conference call with the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Groundwater Annex project leads to discuss groundwater science report request by the Drinking and Groundwater Bureau
- Completed stream temperature modeling report with USGS
- Participated in Fish Ageing Task Force and Fisheries Analysis Center initiatives
- Met with Aquatic Invasive Species and Fisheries Management staff to discuss rapid response and research opportunities surrounding the newly discovered invasive New Zealand Mudsnail in Black Earth Creek.
- Attends the Boat and Gear Disinfection Meetings
- Provided consultation at the Driftless Area Land Conservancy planning meeting, consultation on climate change and streams
- Provided consultation to the Water Division, on use of HOBO water level monitors to monitor stream flow in Tyler Forks watershed
- Chair of the Coldwater Fish and Fisheries Working Group for the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts, including collaboration on producing Wisconsin’s first adaptive assessment to identify adaptation strategies to counter climate impacts on coldwater resources and report update for the Fish and Fisheries Working Group
- Served as fisheries/climate expert for DNR Adaptation Workshops for regional supervisors
- Steering Committee and Science and Assessment Team member representing WDNR on the Fishers & Farmers Partnership for the Upper Mississippi River Basin, to foster collaboration between WDNR and the agricultural community on locally-directed projects that support both healthy farm land and healthy streams and fish populations

Our trout research crew surveys a stream using backpack electrofishing.
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- Works with Trout Unlimited Driftless Area Restoration Effort, including assistance to citizen monitoring of stream temperatures to evaluate how stream restoration projects can help lessen the impacts of a changing climate on stream temperatures
- Provides educational outreach on fisheries issues to Wisconsin public schools
- Provides outreach to angler constituent groups such as Trout Unlimited by sharing research and management findings and collaborating on stream restoration projects
- Provides technical and scientific support to the Beaver Management Team on trout fisheries issues, including contributions on beaver/trout research and climate change issues to the new Beaver Management Plan
- Provides technical and scientific support to the Streams Baseline Monitoring Program
- Serves on Fisheries Management Urban Fishing Team
- Provides technical support to WDNR-funded projects under contract to UW-Steven’s Point and the Fisheries Cooperative Research Unit and serves on graduate student committees, ensuring projects address WDNR needs
- Provides field assistance in collecting trout for the WDNR wild trout stocking program
- Provides technical assistance in developing trout angler surveys on fishing regulations, creel data, and DNR programs supporting trout fisheries
- Provides technical reviews of Fisheries Management reports
- Provides assistance in fish taxonomic identification to WDNR wardens
- Presents research findings in WDNR seminar series to staff and public
- Serves as an associate editor for the North American Journal of Fisheries Management

Michelle Nault
- Participated in the Wildlife Action Plan working group meeting to discuss a potential new classification system for Wisconsin’s inland lakes
- Coordinated a science and policy symposium for agency Aquatic Plant Management and fisheries staff on the efficacy and effects of herbicide use in lakes in WI, led the development of a 10-year retrospective of science support to the Aquatic Plant Management program and web tools and communications, and development of a Natural Resources Magazine article on Aquatic Plant Management at the request of the Water Quality Bureau
- Met with Water Quality Bureau to discuss Aquatic Plant Management -related research products and communications and their availability to internal and external partners and the public
- Participated in numerous Eurasian water milfoil management and research meetings
- Participated in several conference calls and provided edits and comments to the “Through the Looking Glass” aquatic plant field guide revision to be published summer 2014
- Provided comments and edits to the recently published, “Field Guide to Wisconsin Streams”
- Co-led the Aquatic Plant Species Assessment Group, part of the Wisconsin Governor’s Council on Invasive Species. Participated in the public review sessions for the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council.

Michelle Nault coordinating the Aquatic Plants and Algae Species Assessment Group for the Governor’s Council on Invasive Species.
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- Provides leadership and training for implementing statewide standardized baseline monitoring of aquatic plant communities for grant-funded projects (provides standardized GIS-based lake sampling maps; conducts annual training for water resources staff, volunteers, and private consultants statewide to implement standardized protocol, specimen identification, sampling techniques, and data analysis procedures; assists with annual aquatic plant identification workshops)
- Routinely provides lake reports to private individuals, lake associations, or outside researchers upon request
- Works with collaborators on original management research projects related to invasive species ecology and management and the effects of land use on aquatic communities (University of Wisconsin, US Army Corps of Engineers)
- Coordinates Eurasian watermilfoil research statewide and for case studies in various regions including Dane, Bayfield, and Vilas Counties
- Co-leads semi-annual training workshops on aquatic macrophyte data collection and identification
- Provides technical and taxonomic expertise to a variety of stakeholders on aquatic plant management and ecology
- Serves on Wisconsin Lakes Technical Team
- Serves on Wisconsin Lakes Monitoring Team
- Serves on Wisconsin Aquatic Plant Management Technical Team

Timothy Parks
- Consulted on adding muskellunge PIT tag data to the Fisheries Management statewide database
- Participated in the review of the Species of Greatest Conservation Need list in support of the Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan update
- Provided consultation to DNR Water Resources Bureau, Spooner to model long term trends of total phosphorous in Lac Courte Oreilles, Sawyer County
- Participated in the Red Cedar Watershed Conference at UW-Stout
- Initiated a collaborative effort with Dr. Jim Church at UW-Stout to describe cisco morphometric variation among several populations in Wisconsin
- Provided database management training to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources staff collaborating on a cisco distribution study
- Participated in the 2013 Coolwater Hatchery Production wrap up
- Participated in the St. Croix River Interagency fisheries meeting
- Provided statistical assistance to Pamela Toshner (NOR-WMS) with the Lake Health Initiative Customer Survey
- Met with Minnesota DNR staff to discuss initial results and development future work plans for an interstate project that will describe historical and current distribution of cisco across the region
- Visited the Osceola Hatchery and discussed the logistics of using the fish loader and trying to determine the optimal sample size for weight counts at Osceola during the April, 2014 harvest
Consulted with the fish propagation staff at the Governor Thompson Fish Hatchery in Spooner, to determine the sampling statistics needed to estimate number of walleye or musky displaced by water in stocking trucks

Randy Piette
• Attended Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee mussel technical section, mussel coordination team meeting
• Participated as a member of the non-Arthropod Invertebrate Species Team in order to update Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the 2015 Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan
• Provided consultation on Lake Poygan breakwall project and possible impacts to freshwater mussels within the project area
• Provides consultation and field support on dozens of mussel-related projects and associated permits
• Serves on Fisheries Management Catfish team
• Serves as agency freshwater mussel expert, assisting with dozens Water Regulation and Zoning, and Department of Transportation permit reviews for rip-rap, stream crossings, etc, impact to mussel habitat, as well as consultation and support to Endangered Resources for state and federally listed species
• Assists Water Management staff with electrofishing and support to Fisheries Management staff as requested, particularly on projects requiring SCUBA support

Andrew Rypel
• Provided statewide analyses for Fisheries Management’s Panfish Team focused on temporal patterns between 1944-2012 in bluegill, black crappie, and yellow perch maximum and average lengths
• Presented research updates to the Fisheries Management Board and Fisheries Management Panfish Team
• Participated in multiple meetings with Fisheries Management and university partners aimed at evaluating the current walleye management system for the Ceded Territory, and provided updates on analyses of alternative methods of predicting walleye populations when they are unknown, and incorporating walleye production in the analysis
• Participated in a collaborative meeting including representatives from WDNR Science Services, WDNR Fish Management, and Michigan State University to discuss their walleye population model and its utility in simulating different regulatory scenarios
• Participated in a interstate meeting on cisco with Minnesota fisheries researchers
• Provided a tech consult for the Statewide Angler Survey on WI-specific length percentiles of gamefish

Andrew Rypel presenting results of his statewide analysis of fisheries population trends at the 2014 Fisheries Management Biologist meeting.
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- Participated in a meeting with Minnesota DNR and the Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota to discuss coldwater fish data exchange in support of climate change modeling efforts at the Natural Resources Research Institute
- Met with Southern district fisheries managers and supervisors and Science Operations Center staff to discuss status and future of Lake Mendota biomanipulation project
- Met with colleagues at the Center for Limnology to continue work on a food web model for Escanaba lake using Ecopath with Ecosim

Greg Sass

- Collaborator on bass-walleye research with colleagues from UW-Madison, UW-Steven’s Point, USGS, and WDNR Science Services and Fish Management
- Led the collaborative effort a month representatives from WDNR Science Services, WDNR Fish Management, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission and the tribes, and Michigan State University to develop and refine a walleye population model and its utility in simulating different regulatory scenarios for sustainable exploitation
- Participated in multiple (6+) meetings aimed at evaluating the current walleye management system for the Ceded Territory, and provided updates on analyses of alternative methods of predicting walleye populations when they are unknown, and incorporating walleye production in the analysis
- Participated in a Fisheries Management Walleye Team meeting to determine future stocking and evaluation plans for the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative
- Participated in a Sherman Lake 50% annual walleye exploitation meeting with Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission
- Participated in a Northern Highland American Legion State Forest Integrated Property Management Meeting at Trout Lake Station
- Led the implementation of Northern Highland Fishery Research Area non-lead tackle requirement (social survey, signage, interaction with bait shops, postcards to last year’s anglers)
- Met with Dairymen’s, Inc. to discuss proposed funding and fisheries research on the Dairymen’s property in Boulder Junction
- Consulted with Jen Bergman, Justine Hasz, and Tom Meronek regarding the status of the Lake Petenwell and Castle Rock walleye populations
- Met with colleagues at the Center for Limnology to continue work on a food web model for Escanaba lake using Ecopath with Ecosim
- Met with Minnesota DNR staff to discuss initial results and development future work plans for an interstate project that will describe historical and current distribution of cisco across the region
- Led the fish booth at the UW-Madison Trout Lake Station annual open house
- Met with Tim Tobias and Steve Gilbert to discuss the status and management plan for lake trout in Pallette Lake
- Led Trout Lake Station seminar at Escanaba Lake Field Station discussing its importance to research and fisheries management for the state of Wisconsin DNR
- Met with Wes Jahns (retired WDNR fisheries technician in Vilas County) to discuss lake trout management plans
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- Participated in the removal of the Little Rock Lake curtains
- Met with Greg Matzke in Florence to discuss research on Ellwood Lake regarding the discontinuation of milfoil chemical treatments and the response of fish populations
- Led a field trip at the Escanaba Lake Research Station for Waupun high school biology students
- Participated in a Fish Age Task Group meeting at UW-Steven’s Point
- Met with Dr. Roger Jones (former DePaul University mathematician) to provide real-world fisheries data for his current teaching lessons
- Served as a consultant to the Minnesota DNR and Barr Engineering on the installment of a sound-bubble-strobe light barrier to prevent range expansions of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi River
- Advised UW grad students about fisheries projects
- Adjunct professor at UW-Steven’s Point, University of Illinois, Western Illinois University, and Eastern Illinois University (advises five current graduate students and serves on 6 graduate committees)
- Honorary Fellow of UW-Madison Center for Limnology
- Presented annual training modules for Fish Management new employee orientation
- Served on Fisheries Management Walleye team
- Participant in the Wisconsin Fish Age Task Group
- Serves as an advisor on invasive Asian carp management in Wisconsin
- Presenter at Wisconsin Lakes Partnership annual Lakes Convention
- Served on graduate committees at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the UW-Steven’s Point -Coop Unit
- Participated in Schoolyard Long-Term Ecological Research out of the UW-Madison Trout Lake Station to teach 7th grade students about winter limnology

Kelly Wagner

- Participated on the Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan working group to create a more detailed classification system for Wisconsin’s inland lakes
- Participated as a member of the Botany Team for the Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan Update through Natural Heritage Conservation update
- Conducted Science Services technical review of wetland project proposal
- Participated on the Boat and Gear Disinfection Team, working with some Water Quality Bureau and Fisheries staff to create updated guidelines for staff to follow to prevent Aquatic Invasive Species and fish pathogen movement from Department activities
- Met with Water Quality Bureau to discuss Aquatic Plant Management-related research products and communications and their availability to internal and external partners and the public
- Met with central office monitoring staff to discuss the use of macrophyte data in developing site-specific phosphorus criteria
- Acted as liaison between Water Quality Bureau Lakes Team and Science Services aquatic plant research team
- Co-led semi-annual training workshops on aquatic macrophyte data collection and identification
Teaming Up – Identifying Research Needs, Sharing Results, and Technical Consultation

- Designed and coordinated macrophyte field data collection and ecological studies
- Provided aquatic plant taxonomic assistance to a variety of stakeholders
- Provided rare plant data and maps to Natural Heritage Conservation for aquatic plant records encountered in Science Services work
- Provided technical expertise of aquatic plant sampling methods as requested to US Environmental Protection Agency and other state resource agencies
- Represented the Department and presents findings at scientific and academic conferences
- Worked with GIS team and Lakes team staff to collaborate on efforts to digitize and identify small waterbodies in Wisconsin
- Worked with Wisconsin Lakes Partnership to communicate research findings and collaborate on work relevant to WI lakes and aquatic macrophytes

Carl Watras
- Provided the plenary session at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention, Celebrating 3 decades of research at Little Rock Lake. Moderated by Glen Moberg, Wisconsin Public Radio
- Consulted with DNR Office of Communication staff on recent media event at Little Rock Lake (30 years of research)
- Consults with Air Management staff on issues related to mercury pollution and acid rain in Wisconsin
- Met with CO staff from the Water Division, regional staff, Vilas County, UW-Extension, and the North Lakeland Discovery Center for a day-long meeting at Trout Lake to plan a statewide lake level monitoring program for citizen scientists
- Provided guidance to the Water, Monitoring Section on wireless technologies that might be useful for monitoring wetland water tables in Penokee watersheds
- Initiated discussions with Groundwater and Monitoring staff to develop a proposal for expanding the wireless wetland observatory to include upland water tables
- Consulted with Northern District biologists and wetland specialists in Water on Penokee watersheds
- Advised two NGOs (North Lakeland Discover Center and Bad River Watershed Association) on citizen science grant opportunities
- Met with Water Quality and NOR Water Staff at the UW Trout Lake Station to discuss plans for expanding the citizen-based water level monitoring program statewide
- Consulted with northern district managers and Office of Great Lakes modelers on the St Louis River Estuary TMDL
- Contributes “Research Summary” annually for the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest Forestry Newsletter
- Consults with tribes on matters related to atmospheric contaminants
- Provides guidance and support to the North Lakeland Discovery Center and to the Last Wilderness Conservation Association in Vilas County
- Serves on the Center for Limnology outreach team
- Served as contributing editor for Aquatic Ecology and Science of the Total Environment
Research Projects

This section of our report highlights FY 13-14 research efforts by staff members working in the Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research Section. Brief project summaries describe each project and identify the lead scientist(s), collaborating scientists and agencies, and Wisconsin DNR and external customer programs. Projects are funded through a variety of sources, including state funds, federal Sport Fish Restoration funds, bureau-to-bureau contracts with partner programs, as well as external grants. Projects are listed according to the 2013-15 DNR Biennial Research Agenda themes and priority research focus areas (http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/ResearchAgenda2013-2015.pdf). Many projects overlap, so each subsection does not necessarily reflect all pertinent research within that subdiscipline.

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<td>Request of Water Quality Bureau - Lakes section</td>
<td>Monica Turner (UW-Madison), Steve Greb</td>
<td>Monitoring lake water clarity on an annual basis since 2003 through remote sensing. This project aims to use this long-term dataset to identify landscape drivers of water clarity and develop predictive models.</td>
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<td>Evaluation of potentially invasive aquatic species, including macrophytes,</td>
<td>Request of Water Division for NR 40 development</td>
<td>Michelle Nault, Alison Mikulyuk,</td>
<td>Key study for developing and updating Chapter NR40 (Invasive Species Identification, Classification, and Control). Extensive literature reviews were compiled on Wisconsin-specific threats posed by 36 aquatic invasive species in 2007 (NR 40 initial development and promulgation) and 42 species in 2012 (NR 40 update and revision). These reviews were used by the Governor’s Council on Invasive Species stakeholder species assessment groups in developing recommendations for additional species to list under NR 40.</td>
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<td>Statewide evaluation of early season whole lake and small-scale herbicide</td>
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<td>Conduct water monitoring on herbicide applications in Wisconsin lakes and flowages in order to provide information regarding actual herbicide concentration and exposure time data</td>
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<td>Michelle Nault, Alison Mikulyuk, Martha Barton, Jennifer Hauxwell</td>
<td>Evaluate the long term abundance and distribution of Eurasian water-milfoil (EWM) in a variety of lakes in Wisconsin. Results will allow us to understand the efficacy of management and how to best distribute the state’s Aquatic Invasive Species grant funds. Twenty-four lakes were selected and surveyed annually to represent different ecoregions (north, central, south), EWM population levels (established or new), and management scenarios (best strategic management or no management).</td>
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<td>Technical assistance provided to assess the status of recently-discovered Eurasian watermilfoil populations in Wisconsin lakes</td>
<td>Water Quality Bureau - Request of Water Quality Bureau Lakes Section</td>
<td>Michelle Nault, Martha Barton, Alison Mikulyuk, and Jennifer Hauxwell (Science Services)</td>
<td>Conduct rapid response surveys and provide technical assistance for newly discovered Eurasian water-milfoil populations. Newly discovered populations are assessed using the baseline aquatic plant survey method and data is used to inform the development of rapid response management plans and grants.</td>
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<td>Efficacy of early spring harvesting or 2,4-D treatment as a</td>
<td>Water Quality Bureau - Request of Water Quality Bureau Lakes Section</td>
<td>Jennifer Hauxwell, Alison</td>
<td>This project is a partnership between DNR, Dane County, and the US Army Corps of Engineers to evaluate techniques to manage Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed in lakes.</td>
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<td>Regulated aquatic plants in trade: assessing prevalence in trade and risk to Wisconsin waterbodies</td>
<td>Water Quality Bureau - Developed and submitted proposal at request of WD (Wakeman, Bode, Schaal)</td>
<td>Kelly Wagner, Jennifer Hauxwell, Alison Mikulyuk, Elizabeth Haber, Mindy Wilkinson, Chrystral Schreck (Science Services), Scott Van Egeren (Water Division)</td>
<td>Reduce the availability of invasive aquatic plants via the trade industry by determining where regulated species are sold, educating vendors through outreach, and determining barriers to change through social survey of vendors. Biological surveys of vendor stock before and after education will determine efficacy of education campaign, and surveys of 150 small waterbodies near retail sources will determine risk of species introductions on the landscape.</td>
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<td>Spiny water flea and zebra mussel veliger laboratory service</td>
<td>Request of Water Quality Bureau</td>
<td>Paul Garrison, Gina LaLiberte, Caitlin Carlson</td>
<td>Process 800-1300 plankton samples as part of Water Quality Bureau-led GLRI project on aquatic invasive species.</td>
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<td>Evaluation in Wisconsin’s Lake Michigan Areas of Concern</td>
<td>Request of Office of Great Lakes</td>
<td>Paul Garrison</td>
<td>Analyze benthic invertebrate and plankton communities in Wisconsin’s four Lake Michigan Areas of Concern (AOCs; Menominee River, Lower Green Bay and Fox River, Sheboygan</td>
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<td><em>Cladophora</em> and water quality of Lake Michigan: a systematic survey of Wisconsin nearshore areas</td>
<td>Request of Office of Great Lakes</td>
<td>Steve Greb, Paul Garrison</td>
<td>Implement a monitoring program to observe the density, distribution, and associated water quality impacts of <em>Cladophora</em> along Wisconsin’s Lake Michigan shoreline. Continuing investigation designed to test sampling techniques and assist with developing long-term monitoring plans and research needs, as well as identifying short-term beach clean-up and odor mitigation options, and addressing public information needs.</td>
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<td>Nearshore monitoring site - Kewaunee station</td>
<td>Request of Office of Great Lakes</td>
<td>Steve Greb</td>
<td>Deploy in situ sensor and track water quality parameters at a Lake Michigan nearshore station. This system complements 2 other units deployed by UW-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Science.</td>
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<td>Evaluation of Areas of Concern (AOCs) using satellite remote sensing - a pilot study</td>
<td>Request of Office of Great Lakes</td>
<td>Steve Greb</td>
<td>Although a substantial amount of water quality data exists for the AOC, comprehensive data sets are often not available. As such, multiple lines of evidence have to be employed to help determine whether a BUI should be removed or persist after remediation efforts have been completed. This project investigates new methodologies to obtain spatially uniform, systematic water quality measurements across Wisconsin’s AOCs. There are a variety of satellites in orbit that present different capabilities (spatial and spectral resolution, and temporal passover). The purpose of this project is to</td>
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<td>Groundwater, drinking water &amp; water use</td>
<td>Characterizing the sources of elevated groundwater nitrate in Dane County, WI</td>
<td>DG Bureau - see also Research agenda Appendix list of Water Quality/ Watershed priorities</td>
<td>Cory McDonald, Dick Lathrop</td>
<td>The goal of this project is to elucidate spatial and temporal trends in groundwater nitrate contamination in Dane County and to identify the drivers of these trends. Specific objectives are to: 1. Develop accurate, time-resolved maps of nitrate concentrations in the shallow aquifer of Dane County and identify localized areas of the county where nitrate concentrations are consistently high or low, as well as areas where concentrations are increasing or decreasing over time, 2. Develop an empirical model of nitrate concentration as a function of hydrological parameters (groundwater flow and residence time, location in the aquifer), soil characteristics, and land use that can be applied from well- to basin-scales, and 3. Run model scenarios to explore the potential for conservation measures, etc. to reduce regional groundwater nitrate concentrations in the future.</td>
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<td>Citizen monitoring to ground-truth satellite remote sensing data on lake water quality</td>
<td>Water Quality Bureau - Request of Water Quality Bureau Lakes and Monitoring Sections</td>
<td>Steve Greb</td>
<td>Citizens collect in situ data in lakes to ground-truth data from satellites.</td>
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<td>Lake temperature study</td>
<td>Water Quality Bureau - Monitoring and Lakes Sections</td>
<td>Dick Lathrop</td>
<td>Evaluate long term patterns in lake temperatures for a variety of resource management applications.</td>
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<td>Evaluation of Prairie du Sac Dam fish passage project</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Fisheries Assessment Objectives for Fisheries Research; Water Reg and Zoning</td>
<td>John Lyons</td>
<td>Provide scientific leadership in the design and evaluation of a proposed upstream passage facility and to determine if it is successful in re-establishing extirpated species above the dam and improving fisheries. The installation of upstream and downstream fish passage through the dam in would be the largest project of its kind in the Midwest, with an unprecedented opportunity to learn how to better reconnect fragmented river systems and restore their fisheries.</td>
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<td>Great Lakes Basin aquatic connectivity assessment</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Fisheries Assessment Objectives for Fisheries Research</td>
<td>Matt Diebel</td>
<td>Cost-benefit approach to maximizing gains in fish passage across the Great Lakes basin while minimizing negative effects of aquatic invasive species. Develop infrastructure for collection, storage, and analysis of barrier data across the Great Lakes Basin. Develop a volunteer monitoring program for evaluating fish passage at road crossings. Provide specific guidance for restoration at scales from individual watersheds to the entire basin, refine methodologies for spatial analysis of barriers, and provide a systematic framework for comparing costs (direct economic costs, species invasions) and benefits (connectivity, focal fish species) of barrier removal. Utilize spatial data on the location and attributes of barriers (dams and road-stream crossings) and fish breeding habitat throughout the Great Lakes basin to analyze the optimum strategy for enhancing connectivity and restoring fish migrations.</td>
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<td>Northern pike spawning habitat connectivity</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Fisheries Assessment Objectives for Fisheries Research</td>
<td>Matt Diebel</td>
<td>Guide the restoration of stream connectivity by identifying the most significant fish migration barriers in the Green Bay watershed. These results will provide a quantitative basis for prioritizing barrier removal and tracking the progress of connectivity restoration. Utilize a GIS-based analytical approach that bases the value of barrier removal on both the amount and quality of reconnected habitat. The results of this project will include a detailed map of habitat suitability and accessibility for northern pike and stream-resident species and a list of barriers ranked on connectivity effect.</td>
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<td>Sustainable fisheries</td>
<td>Ceded Territory Walleye Sustainable Harvest Modeling / The effects of exploitation on northern walleye populations</td>
<td>Fisheries Management 2011-2014 Tier 1 Research Priority</td>
<td>Greg Sass, Andrew Rypel, Gretchen Hansen, Michigan State University researchers, Fisheries Management</td>
<td>Key study for setting sustainable walleye harvest goals. Statistical modeling using all available and appropriate Ceded Territory walleye data and conduct walleye population assessments in northern WI lakes. Build a statistical catch-at-age model to test for exploitation rates in a mixed fishery (including tribal pulse fishing) (35%, 50%, 75%, 90%) that lead to long-term walleye sustainability by varying compensatory recruitment responses and initial adult walleye densities. Independent of the first model, we will test various recreational harvest regulations, tribal exploitation rates, and various angler effort and behaviors; an emergent property of this model will be sustainable exploitation rates under the various scenarios.</td>
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<td>Hatchery and Fisheries Management support services</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Propagation Program Objectives for Fisheries Research</td>
<td>Jeff Kampa</td>
<td>Provide study consultation and conduct studies to inform science-based operational planning in the Fish Management Propagation program. Refinement of some standard hatchery practices to reduce stress and improve condition of stocked fish, as well as adapt to meet unforeseen challenges (e.g. new diseases) in the statewide production program. Document oxytetracycline (OTC) mark efficacy, implement lab quality control procedures and maintain lab equipment at the Governor Tommy Thompson State Fish Hatchery to support Fish Management stocking evaluations.</td>
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<td>Muskellunge growth characteristics</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Muskellunge Program</td>
<td>Jeff Kampa</td>
<td>Develop better documentation of age and growth characteristics in premier muskellunge fisheries, with an objective of setting realistic goals based on limnology, fish community, and angling pressure. Evaluate new approaches to user group participation in research, with local guides and anglers reporting data from tagged muskellunge. Monitor population age structure, and validate age and growth of muskellunge in</td>
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<td>Cisco assessment and walleye-cisco interactions in Wisconsin lakes</td>
<td>Fisheries research serves Water Division Fisheries Management Bureau; also serves Water Quality Bureau for site-specific phosphorus criteria development</td>
<td>Jeff Kampa, John Lyons, Greg Sass</td>
<td>This project is surveying Wisconsin lakes with historical records of cisco (<em>Coregonus artedi</em>) populations (key forage for walleye and muskellunge) to assess current distribution. A subset of lakes will be monitored, and relations between cisco and gamefish will be modeled. Sampling will consist of variable mesh size vertical gillnets and hydroacoustics. This project is part of a tri-state effort to understand the relationship between cisco abundance and temperature and land use on as well as resulting impacts on walleye.</td>
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<td>Long-term viability of source populations of wild brook trout and brown trout for Wisconsin’s wild trout stocking program</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Trout Program Objectives for Fisheries Research</td>
<td>Matthew Mitro</td>
<td>This study investigates the long-term viability of wild brook trout and brown trout populations as source populations for Wisconsin’s wild trout stocking program. Develop a quantitative understanding of the long-term viability of wild brook trout and brown trout populations as source populations for Wisconsin’s wild trout stocking program. This study will enable science-based management decisions that will work to ensure the long-term viability of a successful program.</td>
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<td>Matthew Mitro</td>
<td>Key study for developing the Driftless Area Master Plan. Understand the role of stream flow (base flow and extreme flow events) and stream temperature in trout population dynamics. Trout population response to stream flow will assist in determining appropriate minimum flows and in identifying risks to trout populations associated with changing land use, groundwater use, precipitation, and temperature. Also received grant to track gill lice.</td>
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<td>Restoration of a brook trout fishery in Tenny Spring Creek using an artificial barrier</td>
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<td>Matthew Mitro</td>
<td>Investigate the effect of stream habitat restoration on brook trout and brown trout populations in order to guide future trout stream restorations. This study also evaluates how trout age structure and abundance varies among restoration sites, the role that environmental conditions and recruitment play in restoration success, and the implications for future monitoring of stream habitat development projects and the setting of recovery expectations.</td>
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<td>Effects of known exploitation rates on trout population dynamics</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Trout Program Objectives for Fisheries Research</td>
<td>Matthew Mitro</td>
<td>This study will investigate the effects of a known exploitation rate on a brown trout population in Trout Creek. Specific objectives include quantifying the effects of a known exploitation level of trout under a maximum size limit on trout population abundance, size structure, recruitment, growth, and mortality.</td>
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<td>Fisheries Management Bureau initiative</td>
<td>Matthew Mitro</td>
<td>Provide research support toward implementing the Wisconsin Fisheries Analysis Center—a cooperative effort between UW-Stevens Point faculty and WDNR research scientists and managers—which will provide three broad services of value to fisheries management in Wisconsin: 1) Analysis of fish population dynamics and quantitative fishery science metrics used by WDNR fisheries biologists and technicians in response to natural variation, management intervention, or human induced environmental change within Wisconsin and the region; 2) Quality assurance and quality control systems for fish age estimation; and 3) Technical training (seminars and short courses) for state fisheries professionals and technical staff (provided on a cost per trainee basis), and graduate students, including the development of distance education and certification programs that would increase accessibility for agency professional staff.</td>
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<td>Manage &amp; sustain populations</td>
<td>Sustainable fisheries</td>
<td>Lake sturgeon distribution, movement, and stocking success in the Upper St. Croix River and Namekagon River</td>
<td>serves Fisheries Management Bureau</td>
<td>Jeff Kampa</td>
<td>Estimate lake sturgeon population size from the confluence of the St. Croix River and Namekagon River upstream to the first barrier in both river systems. In cooperation with WDNR and MDNR Fish Management staff, document lake sturgeon movement throughout the upper St. Croix River system in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Assess the performance of lake sturgeon stocked above movement barriers in the St. Croix River and Namekagon River.</td>
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| Manage & sustain populations | Sustainable fisheries | Characterizing thermal regimes of coolwater walleye in the warm | serves Water Division | Brian Weigel/Justin Haglund | Characterize the thermal regime of the lower Wisconsin River and how it may affect walleye movement and survival. Collect data on 1) the
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<td>John Lyons, Matthew Mitro</td>
<td>summer maximum water temperature, 2) the water temperatures inhabited by walleye throughout the summer, with special emphasis during peak summer temperatures, and 3) identify thermal refugia used by walleye.</td>
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<td>Predicted effects of temperature and precipitation on Wisconsin stream fishes</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Fisheries Assessment Objectives for Fisheries Research</td>
<td>John Lyons, Matthew Mitro</td>
<td>Key study for developing the Driftless Area Master Plan. Improve the sensitivity of an existing GIS-based, watershed-scale model that predicts stream suitability for 50 fish species to variation in climate and groundwater flows by developing a hydrologic model to link changes in air temperature and precipitation to changes in water temperature and stream flow. Use the improved model to predict how various temperature and precipitation scenarios will alter the distribution and abundance of Wisconsin stream fishes. Predict the response of stream fishes to Wisconsin-specific projections over the next 25-50 years and identify streams particularly vulnerable to guide management planning.</td>
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<td>Sustainable fisheries</td>
<td>Fish response to hydrologic modification</td>
<td>Request of Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater</td>
<td>Matt Diebel</td>
<td>Flow regime is a primary determinant of the structure and function of aquatic and riparian ecosystems for streams and rivers. Our scientists and various collaborators are working to understand how stream flow affects fish communities. Areas of focus - Dane County and Statewide. Evaluate relationships between stream fish species distributions and hydrologic metrics, including low and storm flows. These relationships will then be used to predict changes in fish assemblages that would result from hydrologic modification from groundwater withdrawals and increases in impervious surfaces.</td>
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<td>Sustainable fisheries</td>
<td>Fisheries-based lakes classification</td>
<td>Request of Fisheries Management - top tier priority FY14</td>
<td>Andrew Rypel</td>
<td>This project will link fisheries biological information with limnological data to classify lakes according to the fisheries they support. To be used as a tool for fish biologists and the public in setting realistic management goals on individual water bodies.</td>
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<td>Statewide panfish research</td>
<td>Request of Fisheries Management - top tier priority FY14</td>
<td>Andrew Rypel</td>
<td>This project provides long term trends in panfish and other species. Data used in statewide information sessions by Fisheries Management to guide a revision of the statewide panfish management plan.</td>
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<td>A regional decision support tool for identifying vulnerabilities of riverine habitat and fishes to temperature and precipitation</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau</td>
<td>John Lyons</td>
<td>This project provides data across the Upper Midwest on stream fisheries under various temperature and precipitation scenarios.</td>
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<td>Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences</td>
<td>Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Walleye Program Objectives for Fisheries Research</td>
<td>academic staff genetics laboratory manager through Dr. Sloss's lab at UW-Steven's Point (Wisconsin's Fisheries Cooperative Unit) focused on gamefish genetics.</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Nutrient impacts to surface water and groundwater</td>
<td>Long term trends in the water quality of Wisconsin rivers</td>
<td>Request of Water Division</td>
<td>Matt Diebel</td>
<td>Evaluate trends over time in selected water quality parameters on Wisconsin rivers. Results of 42 sites on Wisconsin rivers will provide an overall picture of how water quality has changed over the last 30-50 years and factors associated with trends including agricultural and urban land management practices and wastewater discharges.</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Nutrient impacts to surface water and groundwater</td>
<td>Phosphorus and nitrogen in Lake Mendota's tributary streams and shallow groundwater systems: Trends and linkages to agriculture (comp project)</td>
<td>serves Water Division</td>
<td>Dick Lathrop</td>
<td>Conduct monitoring in the Yahara tributaries for N and P. Conduct a sub-project as part of Yahara CLEAN to analyze long-term P loading and lake response data that would allow specific P loading reduction targets to be recommended and if achieved would produce measurable water quality benefits for the four Yahara lakes. The analyses were completed and a final report written in December 2011. The results and recommendations of that work have been foundational to new lake clean-up efforts by Yahara CLEAN partners and Clean Lakes Alliance, a local non-profit group.</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Nutrient impacts to surface water and</td>
<td>Devils Lake responses to 10 years of bottom water withdrawals</td>
<td>serves Water Division</td>
<td>Dick Lathrop</td>
<td>To install and analyze a bottom-water withdrawal system to remove excess internal recycling of P from the lake, and return the lake to a lower trophic state. The 5,500-foot long withdrawal</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>groundwater</td>
<td>Exploring the influence of wetlands on nutrients in the Lower Yahara Lakes</td>
<td>Water Quality Bureau - Lakes section and Southern District staff</td>
<td>The overall objective of this project is to define the role of Upper Mud Lake in moderating the movement of nutrients (from both upstream and watershed sources) through the Yahara chain of lakes. The retention and/or release of nutrients from this system must be known if the efficacy of best management practices for nutrient reduction in the watershed is to be evaluated for downstream nutrient reductions. This project will develop a seasonally-resolved nutrient budget for Upper Mud Lake, and test the potential for this wetland-rich system to act as alternately as a source and sink for nutrients.</td>
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<td>Nutrient impacts to surface water and groundwater</td>
<td>Taconite iron mining in Wisconsin - a review</td>
<td>Bureau of Water Quality list of priority research needs</td>
<td>Coordinate an interagency team including Water Quality and Air and Waste to draft an overview of taconite mining in Wisconsin. Provide research and technical consultation to Water Division staff in developing recommendations for list of parameters and spatial and temporal monitoring design for mining applications.</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Mining impacts</td>
<td>Coordination of blue-green algae statewide monitoring</td>
<td>Request from Water Quality Bureau Lakes and Monitoring sections</td>
<td>Coordinate agency's response and follow-up monitoring of blooms of blue-green algae. Work cooperatively with the Department of Health Services and Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene.</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Harmful blue-green algae</td>
<td>Sentinel lakes – tracking long-term trends in acid rain and mercury</td>
<td>Serves Water Division and AWaRe Division Bureau of Air Management</td>
<td>As part of the Northern Wisconsin Long Term Ecological Research Program, a number of lakes are routinely monitored for a number of parameters - represents a partnership with UW. This project has yielded key information for use</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Biological criteria &amp; designated uses</td>
<td>Development and evaluation of watershed models for predicting stream fishery potential</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Fisheries Assessment Objectives for Fisheries Research</td>
<td>John Lyons, Matthew Mitro</td>
<td>in establishing scientific information for mercury and acid rain. The project is the foundation for other projects including fisheries consumption advisories.</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Biological criteria &amp; designated uses</td>
<td>Assessing drivers of variability in the chlorophyll phosphorus relationship in Wisconsin lakes</td>
<td>Request of Water Quality Bureau</td>
<td>Matt Diebel, Cory McDonald</td>
<td>This study is key for Fisheries Management and also for Water Quality Bureau's Bioassessment reporting for Environmental Protection Agency. Develop computer models that use readily available, watershed-scale, GIS-based information to predict flows, water temperatures, and suitability for 50 fish species in all 55,000+ miles of streams and rivers in Wisconsin. Utilize these models to assess, map, and classify the current status of stream fisheries in the state and will provide tools for managers to determine stream potential and to effects of land-use, temperature, and precipitation on stream fisheries.</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Biological criteria &amp; designated uses</td>
<td>Developing an aquatic macrophyte-based bioassessment tool</td>
<td>Water Quality Bureau - Request of Water Quality Bureau Lakes Section</td>
<td>Kelly Wagner, Scott Van Egeren, Alison Mikulyuk, Michelle Nault, Jennifer Hauxwell</td>
<td>This project is important for developing site-specific phosphorus criteria. Better understand what caused outliers in the redevelopment of the P-Chl relationship for WI lakes. Assess drivers of variation in the phosphorus/chlorophyll relationship in shallow lakes.</td>
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<td>Service to lake associations - nutrient management studies -</td>
<td>Request of lake association and regional Water</td>
<td>Paul Garrison</td>
<td>Develop a macrophyte-based bioassessment tool and indicator of environmental quality. Utilize a database of standardized aquatic plant surveys conducted on 266 Wisconsin lakes.</td>
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<td>Science Services provides research support to various lake groups evaluating water quality. Paleolimnological techniques provide information</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Uses</td>
<td>Anvil Lake, Big Moon Lake</td>
<td>Quality Bureau staff</td>
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<td>Uses Anvil Lake, Big Moon Lake in the past to establish reasonable goals for future water quality conditions. Use diatoms, geochemistry, and sediment accumulation to assess water quality status of lake and compare to historical conditions.</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Baseline assessment &amp; monitoring</td>
<td>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Lake Assessment</td>
<td>Request from Water Division to design and implement U.S Environmental Protection Agency National Lakes Assessment</td>
<td>Paul Garrison</td>
<td>This project is part of a national program to assess the condition of the Nation's lakes. Indicators and stressors that are being evaluated are nutrients, algal toxin, water chemistry, sediment mercury and diatoms, phytoplankton, zooplankton, shoreland habitat, benthic macroinvertebrate community, and macrophytes.</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Baseline assessment &amp; monitoring</td>
<td>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Lakes Assessment Support - Developing a rapid assessment protocol for macrophytes</td>
<td>Water Quality Bureau - Request of Water Quality Bureau Lakes Section</td>
<td>Alison Mikulyuk, Kelly Wagner, Michelle Nault, Martha Barton, Jennifer Hauxwell</td>
<td>Developed a transect method to quickly screen macrophyte communities which will be compared against the current baseline protocol to determine its suitability as a Tier I monitoring protocol for macrophytes.</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Baseline assessment &amp; monitoring</td>
<td>The use of satellite remote sensing for monitoring Wisconsin lakes</td>
<td>Request of Water Quality Bureau - Lakes section</td>
<td>Steve Greb, Eric Erdmann</td>
<td>Science Services provides support to Water Quality Bureau for WDNR's baseline monitoring program with a focus on statewide assessments of lake water clarity using satellite imagery. Utilization of remote sensing as a cost-effective alternative to traditional in-situ monitoring methods. This technique provides spatial coverage ranging in scale from with-in lake variation to statewide coverage.</td>
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<td>Baseline assessment &amp; monitoring</td>
<td>Remote Sensing Research Scientist</td>
<td>Funded Budget Initiative</td>
<td>Steve Greb, Daniela Gurlin</td>
<td>Remote sensing, particularly the use of satellites, has emerged as a cost-effective method for a variety of environmental monitoring applications.</td>
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<td>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Rivers and Streams Assessment</td>
<td>Request from Water Quality Bureau Monitoring section</td>
<td>Paul Garrison, Gina LaLiberte</td>
<td>Examples of remote sensing uses include forest ecosystem health, forest fire monitoring, land use changes and land cover changes, such as percent imperiousness. One of the most important advantages remote sensing has over conventional monitoring is cost savings. This position will provide scientific leadership in assessing the variety of remote sensing options and applications and implementing a cost-effective approach to lake monitoring.</td>
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<td>Pollutants &amp; human health</td>
<td>Baseline assessment &amp; monitoring</td>
<td>Citizen based monitoring – developing a user-friendly protocol to track lake levels and water tables across Vilas County</td>
<td>Serves Water Division and Division of Land's Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation</td>
<td>Carl Watras</td>
<td>Develop standardized protocols that citizens may use to monitor lake levels across Vilas County. Volunteers currently monitor weekly ice-out to ice-on water level fluctuations in 26 Vilas County lakes, and compiled data are being incorporated into the SWIMS database by Lake Management staff.</td>
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<td>Social &amp; economic values</td>
<td>Customer satisfaction &amp; behavior</td>
<td>Statewide angler mail creel survey</td>
<td>Request of Fisheries Management - top tier priority FY14</td>
<td>Matthew Mitro</td>
<td>This is a key study, typically conducted on a 5-year cycle to determine statewide patterns in fishing preference, catch, and many other variables.</td>
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<td>Ensure solid science foundation</td>
<td>Long-term monitoring &amp; foundational science</td>
<td>Rewrite the book <em>Fishes of Wisconsin</em></td>
<td>Serves Water Division, Natural Heritage Conservation</td>
<td>John Lyons</td>
<td>Summarize the extensive and rapidly increasing new information on all 165 species of fishes in Wisconsin that has become available since the standard reference work <em>Fishes of Wisconsin</em> was published in 1983. The project will provide improved interpretation and access to information essential to the conservation and</td>
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<td>Northern Highland Fishery Research Area population and harvest monitoring</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Walleye Program Objectives for Fishery Research</td>
<td>Greg Sass</td>
<td>Management of fisheries and aquatic resources in Wisconsin. Make both the new and older information accessible through innovative online applications, including a photo-based fish identification system, a customizable distribution-mapping tool, a comprehensive searchable bibliography, and an updatable “e-book” of species accounts.</td>
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<td>Key study for implementing the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative. Continue to collect fisheries assessment and limnological data, as well as angler data to add to the valuable and extensive Northern Highland Fishery Research Area database, in order to provide information that will address a number of high priority issues that were identified by the Joint federal-state-tribal Assessment Steering Committee. Maintain the long-term Northern Highland Fishery Research Area database and to continually monitor fishing pressure, angler characteristics, and fish populations through a compulsory creel census and fish population sampling. The Northern Highland Fishery Research Area was established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (then the Wisconsin Conservation Commission) in 1946 to study the effects of angling on fish populations. There are five lakes in the Northern Highland Fishery Research Area which have been continuously managed as experimental research waters including Escanaba (293 acres), Nebish (98 acres), Pallette (176 acres), Spruce (16.5 acres), and Mystery (16 acres). These lakes were chosen for research because they were typical of the</td>
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<td>Status and trends in sportfish populations of southwestern Wisconsin warmwater streams</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Fisheries Assessment Objectives for Fisheries Research</td>
<td>John Lyons</td>
<td>Document the responses of smallmouth bass to nutrient runoff, to floods and droughts. Provide data and interpretation to improve the conservation and management of a unique and valuable type of stream fishery. Monitor sportfish abundance, reproductive success, size structure, and growth rate each year in seven streams in southwestern Wisconsin that support (or once supported) high quality fisheries, continuing annual survey since 1989.</td>
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<td>Long-term monitoring &amp; foundational science</td>
<td>Status and trends in the fish community of the lower Wisconsin River</td>
<td>Fisheries Management Bureau - see Fisheries Management Strategic Plan 2007-13 - Fisheries Assessment Objectives for Fisheries Research; Water Reg and Zoning</td>
<td>John Lyons</td>
<td>Provide data and interpretation to improve conservation and management of one of the most important fisheries in the state (Wisconsin River). Monitor long-term fish community dynamics each year over the entire Lower Wisconsin River. Evaluate sportfish abundance, reproductive success, size structure, and growth rate each year for the Prairie du Sac Dam tailwater, continuing annual surveys begun in 1987.</td>
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<td>Historic and future flows of Wisconsin rivers and associated impacts on river island resources</td>
<td>Serves Water Division</td>
<td>Steve Greb</td>
<td>Determine how the flows of Wisconsin's major rivers are changing over time and how these hydrologic changes might impact river channel and island shape and size. In recent past, Wisconsin has experienced both record flooding and record drought conditions, resulting in</td>
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<td>Developing wireless radio-sensor networks to monitor effects of temperature and precipitation on lakes and wetlands</td>
<td>Serves Water Division</td>
<td>Carl Watras</td>
<td>Dramatic swings in the flow of water in Wisconsin rivers. Changes in river flow have major effects on fisheries ($2.75 billion industry supporting 30,000 jobs in WI), navigation, water quality, recreational safety (boating, camping, etc.), and diversity of species found on islands. We have partnered with the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management to conduct work to better understand river hydrology in Wisconsin as well as to inventory the lands associated with riverine islands. Wisconsin has thousands of river miles and over 400 river islands.</td>
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<td>Ensure solid science foundation</td>
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<td>Lake level fluctuations in the Northern Highland Lake District of Wisconsin: historical and current patterns</td>
<td>Serves Water Division</td>
<td>Carl Watras</td>
<td>Understand the regional water cycle and linkages between lake levels and temperature and precipitation. Records of lake stage, water table elevation, precipitation and evaporation are being investigated.</td>
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Research Publications

Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research staff routinely publish the results of their work in technical reports and peer-reviewed journals, serials, monographs, and books produced by scientific societies and other publishers. They also make their findings available to people who make and influence decisions about natural resources and environmental management through internal reports, impact assessment and guidance documents, brochures, fact sheets, and informational leaflets. There were a total of 140 publications - 68 were in peer-reviewed journals, 43 in various reports and DNR publications, 11 books or book chapters, and 18 in various online publications, popular magazines and other outlets. Publications appearing in print from July 2012 through June 2014 are listed below.

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Hansen, G. J. A. and C. C. Carey. In review. Fish and phytoplankton exhibit contrasting temporal species abundance patterns in a dynamic north temperate lake. PLOS ONE.


Jennings, M., G. R. Hatzenbeler, and J. M. Kampa. 2014. Distribution and relative abundance of the gilt darter Percina evides in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Research Report Number 194.


Lyons, J., and K. Schoephoester. 2014. FishMapper. USGS Great Lakes GAP and WDNR Fish Mapping Application [Interactive tool for precisely mapping the distribution of all fish species within Wisconsin]. http://infotrek.er.usgs.gov/fishmap


Mitro, M. G., M. P. Engel, R. S. Stewart, and J. B. Petchenik. In review. Public meeting and online survey on Wisconsin’s inland trout program. DNR publication series.


Nault, M. In press. Governor’s Council on Invasive Species and Wisconsin DNR - technical reviews of 42 potentially invasive aquatic plants and algae in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Science Services, Madison, Wisconsin, USA.
Oele, D. L., D. J. Hogan, and P. B. McIntyre. In review. Tracking migrations of northern pike in Great Lakes tributaries: if we restore breeding habitat, will they come? Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences.


Piette, R. 2014. Study: Effects of flow regulation and restriction of passage due to hydroelectric project operation on the structure of fish and invertebrate communities in Wisconsin's large river systems. WDNR FINAL REPORT. Phase II: Menominee River Fish and Habitat Conditions Post Flow Regulation Changes.


Rypel, A. L. 2014. Do invasive freshwater fish species grow better when they’re invasive? Oikos. Published online. DOI: 10.1111/j.1600-0706.2013.00530.x


Stewart, J. M., J. Bruce, A. Covert, D. Infante, D. Krueger, J. Lyons, J. McKenna, M. Slattery, L. Wang, K. Wehrly, D. Wieferich, S. Westenbroek. 2014. FishVis. Predicted effects of climate change on stream fishes in the Great Lakes Region [Interactive tool for users to map and summarize predicted changes in stream fish distribution in response to climate change over the next 50-100 years]. http://wim.usgs.gov/FishVisMapper/FishVis.html


2013


Diebel, M. 2013. Priorities for barrier removal to improve access to northern pike spawning habitat in Green Bay tributaries. Project report to The Nature Conservancy.


Garrison, P. J. 2013. Results of sediment core taken from Big Doctor Lake, Burnett County, Wisconsin. 5 pp.

Garrison, P. J. 2013. Results of sediment core taken from Sand Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin. 5 pp.


Mitro, M. 2013. Report on Ash Creek brook trout survival, abundance, and recruitment as part of the DNR wild trout stocking program.


Oele, D. L. and P. B. McIntyre. 2013. White sucker isotope and tumor analysis report for the Milwaukee and Kewaunee Rivers. Environmental Protection Agency, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant #: 00E00876-sub4 and 00E00712-1
Research Publications


Wu, C., R. Lathrop and K. Welke. April 2013. Sediment and carp dynamics in Lake Mendota’s Yahara River estuary. Final project report for DNR Lake Planning Grant to Dane County with subcontract to UW-Madison.

2012


Garrison, P.J. 2012. Results of sediment core taken from Cedar Lake, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. 6 pp.


Garrison, P.J. 2012. Results of sediment cores taken from Big and Little Arbor Vitae Lakes, Vilas County, Wisconsin. 8 pp.


In addition to publishing research results, the professionals employed by the Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research Section routinely present the results of their work in the form of presentations. Presentations range from hour-long academic seminars to short scientific talks and are given to a variety of audiences. There were 333 staff presentations given from July 2012 – June 2014 and are listed below.

### 2014

Barton, M., M. Nault, A. Mikulyuk, K. Wagner, and J. Hauxwell. (25 April 2014). Early season 2,4-D herbicide and harvesting treatment effects on Eurasian watermilfoil in Turville Bay Lake Monona, Dane County. Poster Presentation. 2014 Wisconsin Lakes Convention, Steven’s Point, WI.


Diebel, M., A. Ruesch, D. Menuz. (15 April 2014). Ecological limits of hydrologic alteration in Dane County streams. Dane County Land Conservation Department, Madison, WI.


Diebel, M. (28 March 2014). Nitrogen in Wisconsin streams. UW College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Nitrogen Science Symposium, Madison, WI.

Diebel, M. (19 March 2014). Fisheries research overview. 2014 Orientation for new Fisheries Staff Meeting, Madison, WI.
Research Presentations

Diebel, M., A. Ruesch, D. Menuz. (13 March 2014). Ecological limits of hydrologic alteration in Dane County streams. Capital Area Regional Planning Commission, Madison, WI.


Diebel, M. (3-5 February 2014). Biological effects of nitrogen in Wisconsin streams. Environmental Protection Agency Nutrient Criteria meeting, Chicago, IL.


Research Presentations


Hansen, G. (13 February 2014). Simulating thermal and oxygen dynamics of Wisconsin’s lakes: progress, future directions, applications. Science Services Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Section meeting, Madison, WI.

Hansen, G. (12 February 2014). Trends and trajectories of Wisconsin’s walleye populations: research to inform management. Center for Limnology Seminar Series, Madison, WI.

Hauxwell, J. (28 April 2014). Fisheries and aquatic sciences research updates and your future research needs. Wisconsin DNR Research Review Team. Science Operations Center, Madison, WI.

Hauxwell, J. (19 March 2014). Welcome to Science Services and research section overview. Wisconsin DNR Fisheries Management Orientation Training for New Employees, Madison, WI.

Hauxwell, J. (11 March 2014). Science Services updates and your future research needs. Wisconsin DNR Water Resources Statewide Meeting. UW-Steve’s Point Treehaven. Tomahawk, WI.


Kampa, J. (14 February 2014). Using angler-collected muskellunge data to guide management programs. Science Services Open House, Madison, WI.
Knight, S.E. (May 2014). Aquatic plant identification and ecology. EcoTrek (a day of ecological experiences for 7th graders from a local elementary school). Kemp Natural Resources Station, Woodruff, WI.

Knight, S., T. Kratz and C. J. Watras. (24-26 April 2014). Back to the point of lake management. Keynote Plenary Session. 36th Annual Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention, Stevens Point, WI.

Knight, S. E. and J. E. Havel. (April 2014). A multi-lake field experiment to test the efficacy of milfoil weevil for control of Eurasian water-milfoil (poster). WI Lakes Convention, Stevens Point, WI.


Kratz, T., J. Gaeta, G. Hansen, J. Walker and C. Watras. (24-26 April 2014). Climate change, water levels and the ecology of northern Wisconsin lakes. 36th Annual Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention, Stevens Point, WI.

LaLiberte, G. (24-26 June 2014). Field identification of algae. Aquatic Plant Identification Workshops, Kemp Natural Resources Station, Woodruff, WI.

LaLiberte, G. (14 February 2014). The Wisconsin harmful algal bloom surveillance program and other algal monitoring efforts in Wisconsin. Science Services Open House, Madison, WI.


Lyons, J. (28-29 May 2014). Stream fish sampling and fish identification. Field Training Course for WDNR Water Quality Biologists, Dane County and Marathon County, WI.


Lyons, J. (24-26 April 2014). Effects of climate change on cisco, a keyston fish species in Wisconsin’s deepest lakes. 36th Annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Lyons, J. (20 March 2014). Overview of invasive, threatened/endangered, and non-game fish research. Training session for new WDNR Fisheries employees. Madison, WI.


Lyons, J. (11-13 March 2014). Everything you always wanted to know about fish bioassessment (but were afraid to ask), 2 hour training. Water Resources Statewide Meeting, Treehaven, WI.

Lyons, J., R. Piette, T. Parks, A. Rypel, G. Sass, J. Kampa, and M. Mitro. (4 March 2014). Ask the experts. WDNR Live online chat about fish migration and research, Madison, WI.

Lyons, J. (22-23 February 2014). Panel discussion on invasive species. Madison Fishing Expo, Madison, WI.

Lyons, J. and M. Diebel. (14 February 2014). Fish-based stream classification for management and conservation. Science Services Open House, Madison, WI.

Lyons, J. (12 February 2014). Climate change adaptation for stream fisheries. The Center for Limnology Seminar Series, Madison, WI.

Lyons, J. (11 February 2014). Lecture on Wisconsin fish diversity. Ecology of Fishes Class at UW Madison, Madison, WI.

McDonald, C. (10 April 2014). Natural wetlands as phosphorus filters. DNR Waterway and Wetland Protection & Dam and Floodplain Programs statewide meeting, Wausau, WI.


Mitro, M. (19 March 2014). Wisconsin DNR trout research. 2014 Orientation for new Fisheries Staff Meeting, Madison, WI.


Mitro, M. (14 February 2014). Research to support inland trout fisheries. Science Services Open House, Madison, WI.

Mitro, M. G. (4-5 February 2014). Monitoring gill lice and trout population dynamics in Wisconsin streams. 7th Annual Driftless Area Symposium, La Crosse, Wisconsin.


Nault, M. (24 April 2014). Panel discussion member on aquatic plant management research. 2014 Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention, Steven’s Point, WI.


Nault, M. (14 February 2014). Science to support statewide aquatic plant and invasive species management. Science Services Open House, Madison, WI.


Parks, T.P. and G. Gelwicks. (1 April 2014). Connectivity to Mississippi River and large reservoirs: implications when evaluating the environmental influence on fish assemblage structure in midwestern nonwadeable rivers. 26th Annual Spring Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, North Central Division, Rivers and Stream Technical Committee, Milan, IL.


Read, J. R., L. A. Winslow, G. J. A. Hansen, J. Van Den Hoek, P. Hanson, L. Bruce, C. Markfort. (22 May 2014). Simulating lakes in the landscape. Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting, Portland, OR.


Rypel, A. L. (March 2014). From bass to bivalves: how a changing world is changing our fisheries. Mississippi State University, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Starkville, MS.


Sass, G. (7 March 2014). Research overview of the Northern Highland Fisheries Research Area. Vilas County Board, Eagle River, WI.

Sass, G. (17 February 2014). Aquatic invasive species guest lecture. UW-Steven’s Point Fisheries Management course, Stevens Point, WI.


Sass, G. (13 February 2014). Fish community and aquatic ecosystem responses to the cessation of Eurasian watermilfoil chemical treatment on Lake Ellwood, WI. Science Services Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Section meeting, Madison, WI.

Sass, G. (12 February 2014). Fish community and aquatic ecosystem responses to the cessation of Eurasian watermilfoil chemical treatment on Lake Ellwood, WI. Eurasian watermilfoil summit, Madison, WI.


Watras, C. J. and T. Meinke. (27 January 2014). The Little Rock Lake project. WXPR Radio, Rhinelander WI.


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Barton, M., A. Mikulyuk, M. Nault, K. Wagner, J. Hauxwell, S. van Egeren, T. Asplund, J. Skogeboe, S. Jones, J. Leverance, and S. Graham. (18 November 2013). Early season 2,4-D herbicide and deep harvesting treatment effects on Eurasian watermilfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum) and native
Research Presentations

macrophytes in Turville Bay, Lake Monona, Dane County, Wisconsin. Dane County Public Information Meeting. Madison, WI.


Diebel, M., A. Ruesch, and D. Menuz. (25 November 2013). Introduction to WDNR’s new waterbody and watershed attribute database, WDNR seminar, Madison, WI.


Diebel, M. (1 May 2013). Developing chlorophyll indicators for lakes. WDNR Biological Assessment Program Review Workshop, Madison, WI.


Diebel, M. (6 April 2013). Nutrients in Wisconsin streams. Wisconsin Citizen-Based Monitoring Conference, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.


Diebel, M., A. Ruesch, and D. Menuz. (1 March 2013). You are what you drain: A high-resolution hydrologic database connecting freshwater with the surrounding landscape. WDNR Science Services Open House, Madison, WI.
Research Presentations


Garrison, P. (9 June 2013). Paleolimnology or history in the mucking. Cedar Lake Association Annual Meeting, Cedar Lake, WI.


Garrison, P. (11 April 2013). The importance of a lake’s watershed and understanding the importance of phosphorus loading. In: Sorge, B., P. Cunningham and P. Garrison. Limnology 101: So you want to understand lakes? Workshop at Wisconsin Lakes Convention, Green Bay, WI.

Garrison, P. (11 April 2013). History in the mucking. 2013 Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention, Green Bay, WI.

Garrison, P. (20 February 2013). Lake Superior and Lake Michigan nearshore monitoring summary. WI Great Lakes meeting, Wausau, WI.


Gyawali, R. (19 September 2013). A hydro-climatic modeling framework for adaptive water resources management in the Great Lakes Basin. Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.


Heath, E., T. Hoyman, M. Nault, J. Skogerboe. (5 March 2013). Field research of early-season 2,4-D applications for control of hybrid Eurasian water milfoil. Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting. Cleveland, OH.

Hansen, G. (12 November 2013). Research updates to the Fisheries Management Board, Madison, WI.

Hansen, G. (20 September 2013). Workshop on the food web modeling software Ecopath with Ecosim. DNR and UW scientists, Madison, WI.


Hansen, G. (18 December 2013). The model used to predict the probability of walleye natural recruitment for Wisconsin Lakes. The Walleye Team, Wausau, WI.

Hauxwell, J. (11 November 2013). Research priorities and process. Water Resources PMT, Woodruff, WI.


Jennings, M. and J. Kampa. (5-7 February 2013). Muskellunge size structure changes and angler perceptions in the Spider Lake Chain. Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society 42nd Annual Meeting, Rothschild, WI.


Kampa, J., G. Hatzenbeler, J. Wendel and M. Jennings. (16 March 2013). Lake sturgeon restoration program on the Namekagon River. Hayward Fishing Expo, Hayward, WI.


Research Presentations


Knight, S. E. (August 2013). Aquatic plant ecology. Washburn Lakes Lake Association, Spooner, WI.


Knight, S. E. (September 2013). Aquatic plant identification and ecology. Lakeland Union High School botany class.

Knight, S. E. (July-September 2013). Bog walks for the Trout Lake Summer Seminar series and UW-Limnology students.


Knight, S. E., M. Barton, and M. Nault, P. Skawinski. (June 2013). Plant identification, Kemp Natural Resources Station, Woodruff, WI.

Knight, S., M. Nault, M. Barton, K. Wagner and P. Skawinski. (9 April 2013). Aquatic macrophyte identification workshop. Wisconsin Lakes Convention, Green Bay, WI.

Knight, S. E., L. Bruckerhoff and J. E. Havel. (April 2013). Tolerance of air exposure and its impact on dispersal of aquatic invasive species. Wisconsin Lakes Convention, Green Bay, WI.

Knight, S. E. (March 2013). Bog ecology. Citizen Lake Monitoring Network, Spooner, WI.


LaLiberte, G. (25-26 June 2013). Field identification of algae. Aquatic Plant Identification Workshops, Kemp Natural Resources Station, Woodruff, WI.

LaLiberte, G.D. and E. Wollenburg. (25 June 2013). Health risks of exposure to blue-green algal blooms and response guidance for public health officials in Wisconsin. Presented to public health officials from Vilas, Oneida, Florence, Forest, and Iron Counties, Rhinelander, WI.

LaLiberte, G. D. and E. Wollenburg. (23 May 2013). Health risks of exposure to blue-green algal blooms and response guidance for public health officials in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Public Health Association and WI Association of Local Health Departments and Boards 2013 Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI.


Lathrop, R. (5 December 2013). Linking science and management for reducing blue-green algal blooms in the Yahara Lakes. UW-Madison Introduction to Limnology course Guest Lecture, Madison, WI.

Lathrop, R. (24 January 2013). Linking science and management for reducing blue-green algal blooms in the Yahara Lakes. UW-Madison Institute of Environmental Studies course, Madison, WI.

Lyons. (7 November 2013). Fish vulnerability analysis. Fish Vulnerability to Climate Change workshop, Middleton, WI.

Lyons, J. (September 2013). Methods to capture fishes from Wisconsin’s waters. Lecture and field demonstration for University of Wisconsin class “Natural History Museums”, Madison, WI.


Lyons, J. (1 May 2013). Stream natural communities: applications for bioassessment. Presentation during U.S. Environmental Protection Agency review of the Wisconsin DNR biomonitoring program, Madison, WI.

Lyons, J. (19 March 2013). The diversity of Wisconsin’s fishes: past, present, and future. Lecture in University of Wisconsin class “Ecology of Fishes”, Madison, WI.

Lyons, J. (6-7 March 2013). Validating/modifying stream natural community classifications with field data. Presentation given to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Annual water Quality Biologists Training Session, Tomahawk, WI.

Lyons, J. (1 March 2013). Summarizing everything that is known about Wisconsin fishes in an easily accessible online format: the *Fishes of Wisconsin* project. Poster at the annual Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Science Services Biennial Training Session, Madison, WI.

Lyons, J., and J. M. Stewart. (26-28 February 2013). FishVis: A web-based system for visualizing predicted effects of climate change on stream fishes in the Great Lakes region. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Management Biennial Training Session, Wisconsin Dells, WI.


McDonald, C. (8 November 2013). Exploratory research on nutrient dynamics in the Yahara lakes. Water Division Managers meeting, Madison, WI.
Research Presentations

McDonald, C. P. (10 October 2013). Nutrient dynamics in surface and ground waters of Dane County. UW Water Resources graduate seminar, Madison, WI.

McDonald, C. (7 March 2013). Does nitrogen play a role in the water quality of WI lakes? DNR Annual Meeting of Biologists, Treehaven, WI.

McDonald, C. (1 March 2013). How many lakes are (really) in Wisconsin? Science Services 2013 open house, Madison, WI.

McDonald, C. (17-22 February 2013). CO₂ emissions from lakes and reservoirs in the contiguous United States. The Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography Aquatic Sciences 2013 meeting, New Orleans, LA.


Mitro, M. (12 November 2013). Update on Fishers & Farmers Fish Habitat Partnership; Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts Fish & Fisheries Working Group and working group council meeting; and Ash Creek trout research. Fisheries Management Board Meeting, Madison, Wisconsin.


Morrison, K. (20 February 2013). Evaporation research and lake levels – recent research. Lakes Partnership Meeting, Boulder Junction, WI.

Myers, B., C. A. Dollof, J. R. Webster, and A. L. Rypel. (September 2013). Macroecological variations in stream community fish production across the southern Appalachian Mountains: implications for climate change. Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Minneapolis, MN.


Nault, M. (6 December 2013). Statewide aquatic plant management research. UW-Steven's Point Fisheries and 2,4-D Research Proposal Meeting, Stevens Point, WI.


Nault, M., J. Skogerboe. (11 March 2013). Utilizing science to guide Aquatic Plant Management in Wisconsin. EWM Research Meeting. Rhinelander, WI.

Nault, M., M. Barton, J. Hauxwell, K. Wagner, and A. Mikulyuk. (7 March 2013). Utilizing science to guide Aquatic Plant Management in Wisconsin. Wisconsin DNR Biologists Meeting, Tomahawk, WI.


Read, J. S. and G. J. A. Hansen. (7 November 2013). Simulating Wisconsin’s managed lakes. UMGL LCC Fish Vulnerability to Climate Change workshop, Middleton, WI.


Rypel, A. L. (March 2013). The ecosystems they area a-changing or how fisheries are reacting to an increasingly modified world. University of Wisconsin, Center for Limnology, Madison, WI.

Rypel, A. L. (1 March 2013). A retrospective on size structure changes of sportfishes in Wisconsin. WDNR Science Services statewide meeting, Madison, WI.

Runde, B. J., B. Myers, and A. L. Rypel. (February 2013). Secondary production of fish assemblages along a land use gradient in an Appalachian Mountain stream. Virginia Chapter Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Lexington, VA.

Sass, G. (8 October 2013). Research overview to the Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association, St. Germain, WI.


Sass, G. (20 February 2013). UW-Steven’s Point invited guest lecture on invasive species. Stevens Point, WI.


Wagner, K. I., E. Haber, A. Mikulyuk. (1 March 2013). Landscape risk assessment of invasive aquatic plants in southeast Wisconsin ponds. Wisconsin DNR Science Open House Poster Presentation, Madison, WI.


Watras, C. J., T. Kratz and S. Knight. (5 September 2013). The Little Rock Lake Project. WPR Radio, Glen Moburg Show, Stevens Point, WI.

Watras, C. J. (2013). The Little Rock Lake Project. WJFW TV, Rhinelander WI.

Watras, C. J. (31 July 2013). The Little Rock Lake Project. WPR Radio, Larry Meiller Show, Madison WI.


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Bruckerhoff, L., S. E Knight, and J. E. Havel. (October 2012). Survival of invasive aquatic plants after air exposure during simulated overland dispersal. Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference, La Crosse, WI.


Diebel, M. (14 November 2012). Ecological limits of hydrologic alteration in Dane County streams. Capitol Area Planning Conference, Madison, WI.


Diebel, M. (10 October 2012). How to reconnect your watershed. Wisconsin Association for Floodplain, Stormwater, and Coastal Management Conference, Madison, WI.


Garrison, P. (14 November 2012). Practical use of algal studies. Presented to Dr. Bob Pillsbury’s algal ecology class, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI.


Garrison, P. (16 October 2012). Dunes Lake sediment core results. Citizen Committee for the Management of Dunes Lake, Sevastopol, WI.

Garrison, P. (21 September 2012). Paleolimnology as a lake management tool. Lake Leaders Institute, Lake Tomahawk, WI


Jennings, M. and J. Kampa. (9 October 2012). Fisheries Research program update. Meeting of the Northern Region Management Team, Spooner, WI.


Knight, S. E. (October 2012). Aquatic invasive species at Nicolet College (for area middle school students).


Knight, S. E. (September 2012). Lakeland Union High School botany class: aquatic plant identification and ecology.


Knight, S. E. (July-September 2012). Bog walks for the Trout Lake summer seminar series and UW-Limnology students.

Knight, S. E. (July 2012). Aquatic plant identification and ecology. Lake Tomahawk Lake Fest, Kemp Natural Resources Station, Woodruff, WI.

LaLiberte, G. D. (14 November 2012). Real world algae questions, concerns, and applications at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Presented to Dr. Bob Pillsbury's algal ecology class, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI.


LaLiberte, G. (23 July 2012). Hazard communication for the WDNR Science Operations Center: supplement to online training, Madison, WI.

LaLiberte, G. (23 July 2012). Laboratory safety for the WDNR Science Operations Center, Madison, WI.


Lathrop, R. (12 December 2012). Wisconsin's changing climate: impacts and adaptation. UW-Madison Environmental Engineering course Guest Lecture, Madison, WI.

Lathrop, R. (7 December 2012). Linking science and management for reducing blue-green algal blooms in the Yahara Lakes. UW-Madison Introduction to Limnology course Guest Lecture, Madison, WI.

Lathrop, R. (9 November 2012). Linking science and management for reducing blue-green algal blooms in the Yahara Lakes. Plenary talk of the North American Lake Management Society, Madison, WI.


Lathrop, R. (7 November 2012). Bottom water withdrawal in Devil's Lake: combining science and engineering to solve multiple lake management problems. North American Lake Management Society meeting, Madison, WI.

Lyons, J. (4 December 2012). Research project overview. Presentation given to Wisconsin DNR Fisheries Management Policy Board, Madison, WI.

Lyons, J. (15 November 2012). Development of multimetric biotic indices (IBI's) to assess aquatic ecosystem integrity in Wisconsin. Lecture given to the Stream Ecology Class, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Wauwatosa, WI.

Lyons, J., N. Utrup, and J. A. Morton. (31 October 2012). Fish passage at the Prairie du Sac Dam on the Lower Wisconsin River. Presentation given to staff of Alliant Energy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Fitchburg, WI.

Lyons, J. (19 September 2012). Methods to capture fishes from Wisconsin’s waters. Lecture and field demonstration for University of Wisconsin class “Natural History Museums”, Madison, WI.


McDonald, C. (8 November 2012). Using high-resolution geospatial data to advance understanding of the abundance and size distribution of lakes. NALMS 2012 Symposium, Madison, WI.
McDonald, C. (31 October 2012). The influence of hydrologic inorganic carbon loading on lacustrine carbon cycling. The UW Center for Limnology seminar series, Madison, WI.


Nault, M. and J. Skogerboe. (5 December 2012). Evaluation of herbicide applications for control of aquatic invasive species. Aquatic Plant Management in the Ceded Territory, Voight Task Force, Hayward, WI.


Nault, M., J. Skogerboe, T. Asplund, J. Hauxwell, and M. Barton. (30 October 2012). Evaluation of herbicide applications for control of Eurasian watermilfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum). The Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC), La Crosse, WI.


Nault, M. and J. Skogerboe. (18 September 2012). Results of Governor’s Council Aquatic Plants and Algae Species Assessment Group for classifying 42 new or previously-classified “caution” species: Research & Regulations Committee. Wisconsin Invasive Species Council (WISC), Madison, WI.


Research Presentations

Rypel, A. L., J. Lyons, M. Mitro. (November 2012). Applied fish ecology research. WDNR and UWM SFS meet and greet, Milwaukee, WI.

Rypel, A. L., J. Lyons, M. Mitro. (October 2012). Update on research ideas and goals. Fisheries Management Board annual meeting, Madison, WI.

Sass, G., S. Carpenter, J. Gaeta, J. Kitchell, and T. Ahrenstorff. (7-9 November 2012). Fish population dynamics in a northern Wisconsin lake following a whole-lake addition of coarse woody habitat. North American Lake Management Society meeting, Madison, WI.


Sass, G. (8-10 February 2012). Invited presentation at the Southern Division AFS meeting, Nashville, Tennessee.


Wagner, K., A. Mikulyuk, S. Van Egeren and J. Hauxwell. (29 October 2012). Availability of aquatic invasives through the live plant trade and landscape risk. The Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC), LaCrosse, WI.


Scientists in the Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Research Section are experts in their fields of study. In the following section, we provide information on their educational background, their area of expertise, and key collaborators. In this section, we include all staff who contributed toward our mission during FY13 and 14, including those no longer represented in our current organizational chart.

**Jessica Backus, LTE Technician**

*Education:*
B.S., Zoology and Biological Aspects of Conservation, University of Wisconsin - Madison

*Expertise:*
Fisheries and limnology

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**Christopher Bailey, LTE Technician**

*Expertise:*
Field operations, fisheries monitoring, ageing, creel

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**Martha Barton, LTE Scientist**

*Education:*
B.S. Biology, University of Central Florida
M.S. Biology, University of Central Florida

*Expertise:*
Aquatic ecology, aquatic macrophyte monitoring, aquatic invasive plant ecology and management

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**Caitlin Carlson, LTE Scientist**

*Education:*
B.S., Biology, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

*Expertise:*
Environmental Protection Agency National lake, shoreline and wetland assessment, zebra mussel and spiny water flea assessment

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**Jacob Dickmann, LTE Technician**

*Education:*
B.S., Biology, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

*Expertise:*
Mussel community assessment

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**Matt Diebel, Scientist**

*Education:*
B.A. Biology, Colorado College
M.S. Water Resources Management, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ph.D. Limnology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Expertise:*
Non-point source pollution, landscape-scale patterns in aquatic ecosystems, distributions of Wisconsin stream fishes, aquatic ecosystem connectivity, statistical modelling, Nitrogen stable isotopes

*Key collaborators:*
DNR Water Quality Bureau; DNR Fisheries Management Bureau; US Geological Survey; UW-Madison Center for Limnology; USDA Forest Service
David Dreikosen, Technician

Education:
B.S. Zoology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Expertise:
Sampling gear, ageing techniques, ecology and fish population dynamics

Andrew East, LTE Technician

Education:
B.S., Fisheries, Northland College

Expertise:
Fisheries and avian ecology

Eric Erdmann, LTE Scientist

Education:
B.S., Wildlife Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate Certificate, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), University of Wisconsin-Madison
M.S., Wildlife Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Expertise:
Ecology, Remote Sensing, GIS, Landscape Ecology

Paul Frater, LTE Scientist

Education:
B.Sc., Biology and Natural Resources Management, Writing Minor, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
MSc., Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Iowa State University

Expertise:
Aquatic ecology, vegetation monitoring, aquatic invasive plant ecology

Paul Garrison, Scientist

Education:
B.S., Biology, Montana State University
M.S., Biology, Montana State University

Expertise:
Paleolimnology, lake restoration, lake assessment, wetland assessment, stream assessment, lake classification

Key collaborators:
USGS; Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians; Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians; UW-Milwaukee—The Water Institute; UW-Stevens Point, Dr. Samantha Kaplan; Michigan State University, Dr. Patricia Sorrano, WDNR Office of Great Lakes, Lakes Program, Water Quality Bureau, Whitefish Lake Conservation Organization; Big Round Lake District; Lake Arbutus Lake Association; Silver Lake Lake Association; Barron County Land and Water Conservation; City of Shell Lake. Benton County, Minnesota Conservation Department. Clear Lake, Iowa Lake Improvement Association.

Jeremiah Gorne, LTE Technician

Education:
B.S., Northland College, Natural Resources

Expertise:
Aquatic ecology, community ecology, lake assessment

Eric Grazia, LTE Technician

Education:
B.S., Geography, University of Wisconsin - Madison
Steven Greb, Scientist

Expertise:
GIS, stream passage research

Education:
B.S., Chemistry and Watershed Management, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
M.S., Forest Hydrology, Utah State University

Expertise:
Limnology and hydrology, agricultural and urban runoff and pollutants, pathogens, acid rain chemistry, satellite remote sensing of complex waters

Key collaborators:
US Geological Survey; US Environmental Protection Agency; University of Wisconsin-Madison, Stevens Point, and Milwaukee; NASA; UW-Extension

Daniela Gurlin, Project Scientist

Education:
B.S., Biology, University of Rostock
MSc., Geographical information sciences, University of Edinburgh
PhD., Natural Resource Sciences, University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Expertise:
GIS sciences, remote sensing for ecological research

Rabi Gyawali, Project Scientist

Education:
B.S., Civil Engineering, Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Bangalore University
M.S., Human and Natural Resource Studies, Kathmandu University
M.S., Environmental Engineering, Michigan Technological University
PhD., Environmental Engineering, Michigan Technological University

Expertise:
Climate effects on stream hydrology

Elizabeth Haber, LTE Scientist

Education:
B.S., Plant Biology, University of Michigan
M.S., Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Michigan

Expertise:
Aquatic invasive plant ecology, Aquatic plant communities

Justin Haglund, LTE Technician

Education:
B.S. Biology, University of Wisconsin – Platteville
M.S. Natural Resources - Fisheries – University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point

Expertise:
Fisheries and habitat monitoring, field operations, fish age and growth analysis

Gretchen Hansen, Scientist

Education:
B.S., Biology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
M.S., Fisheries and Wildlife, Certificate in Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, and Behavior Michigan State University
PhD., Limnology and Marine Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Expertise:
Aquatic food webs, species interactions, fish population dynamics (especially bass and walleye), fisheries management, statistical modeling, simulation modeling, aquatic invasive species
**Scientist and Technician Index**

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WDNR Fisheries Management, Minnesota DNR Fisheries Management, UW-Madison, UW-Steve’s Point, United States Geological Survey, Michigan State University

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