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Hello fellow anglers. Like many of my co-workers, I too am a North Dakota native who is lucky enough to have been born, raised, and found employment in the natural resource field here in North Dakota. Growing up, I was fortunate to have a dad who loved the outdoors and took every opportunity to take us kids fishing, hunting or camping and I learned from a very young age that the outdoors is where I wanted to work. After high school, I attended NDSU-Bottineau for two years and then transferred to North Dakota State University in Fargo where I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology with a fisheries emphasis in 1985.

I began my career with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department as a fisheries seasonal aid in Riverdale during the summer months while attending college. Those were enjoyable summers where I gained valuable experience sampling, netting and transporting fish in the central part of the state, primarily on the Missouri River System. Following graduation, I worked as a long-term seasonal and was then hired full-time in 1986 as a fisheries technician in Riverdale. After a year and a half in Riverdale, I accepted a newly created position in the fisheries development section in Bismarck. I have worked in the Fisheries Development Program since that time and in 1992 I was given the opportunity to become the Fisheries Development Supervisor.

The Fisheries Development Program is responsible for providing boating and fishing related facilities at all fishing waters throughout the entire state of North Dakota. My duties include the coordination and oversight of the construction of these statewide boating and non-boating access projects. I serve as the department's primary contact and advisor on development related issues and have worked with many of you over the years. I enjoy meeting and working with all the different individuals (and personalities) from the clubs, park boards and entities that we cooperate and cost-share with across the state. The majority of my time is spent at meetings, on the phone or sitting behind a computer preparing and processing pertinent paperwork, permits, agreements, and reports. The thing I look forward to the most is getting out of the office to assist with a project, conduct field inspections of proposed/completed projects, or meet with sponsors and contractors.

Whether I'm watching someone launch their boat on a new ramp, a family fishing off a fishing pier, or someone cleaning their catch at a fish cleaning station, I find it gratifying and rewarding to have played a role in providing these facilities that enable fishermen to enjoy and utilize the great resources we are blessed with. I am especially proud of the amount of work that our small development staff completes and am very fortunate to have two highly motivated, hard working employees (Bill Haase, Wes Erdle) that take on and accomplish the bulk of this work.

If you're ever in the Bismarck area, stop in for a cup of coffee and say hi. Also, feel free to call me anytime with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.