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Hello to all of you. My name is Scott Elstad. I was born, raised and educated in Devils Lake. I received my A.A. degree from Lake Region Junior College, my B.S. in Fish and Wildlife Biology from University of North Dakota (UND) and my M.S. in Biology from UND. I served five years in the US Air Force and spent the last 20 years in the ND Air National Guard.

I worked briefly for the US Fish and Wildlife Service and then seven years for the ND Dept of Health, Surface Water Quality Program (both in Bismarck). Before that, I worked as a seasonal employee for the ND Game and Fish in Devils Lake (district lakes), Riverdale (sturgeon and paddlefish on the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers), and performing some number crunching in Bismarck.

I have been in my current position as the Aquatic Habitat Supervisor for the Save Our Lakes Program (SOL) for approximately 4 years. The SOL program main goal is to enhance and restore North Dakota's aquatic habitat resources in order to protect the fishery of North Dakota. Basically my job addresses just about anything (buffers, grassed waterways, sediment dams, alternate water sources, etc) that will improve the water quality, and thus the fishery, of our states water bodies. My current position is awesome in that everyone I am doing something different and usually in a different area of the state. By that I mean that one day I am talking to a landowner in McVile about a grassed waterway and the next I am in Elgin coordinating with the local municipality or water resource board to build a sediment dam or pull accumulated sediment out of a reservoir. It's been exciting but very busy. I spend May through November on the road and December through April planning and meeting with organizations to get the next summers projects off the ground. Next time you're in Bismarck, stop and say hello, if you can catch me.