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Greetings to readers of this website. As one of the senior (older) members of the fisheries division, I think many of you may have at least a little familiarity with me and some of my activities within the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. I grew up on a farm near Lake Oahe in southwest Emmons County (so far SW that I attended school in Pollock, SD). After attending and obtaining Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from University of North Dakota, I began my permanent employment with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department in 1978 as the Garrison Diversion Unit biologist stationed in Carrington. I have held several positions within the fisheries division since that time. In 1981 I was transferred to Bismarck, first as the fisheries division's limnologist and then beginning in 1985 as the fisheries development coordinator. In 1992 I was assigned to Williston as a western district fisheries biologist, and am currently stationed in Williston as the Northwest district fisheries supervisor.

My primary responsibilities include management of sport fish populations in the northwest part of North Dakota. As with other district fisheries supervisors, this work includes supervision and coordination of fish population sampling and stocking activities, water quality sampling, assisting other division staff with fisheries development, ANS and SOL project activities. I also appreciate having the opportunity to interact with the public, especially with many of the state's dedicated and appreciative anglers, regarding various fisheries issues. I also assist with fish surveys and other field work pertaining to the Missouri River System, especially in the upper end of Lake Sakakawea and in the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers upstream of Lake Sakakawea. My main Missouri River System activities relate to paddlefish research and management. You may have noted from this introduction that I've been fortunate to have been able to live near or along the Missouri River System for most of my life! I am currently of member of the American Fisheries Society and a member and past president of the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. I've presented papers at several Dakota Chapter/AFS meetings, and have authored or co-authored numerous Department publications, scientific papers and popular articles regarding the Missouri River System and other fisheries topics within North Dakota. I am currently the ND Game and Fish Department representative on the Upper Basin Pallid Sturgeon Workgroup, the Missouri River Natural Resources Committee, and the North Dakota/Montana paddlefish management workgroup. I am also currently serving as North Dakota's appointed representative on the drafting team charged with developing a charter for the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee.

I was pleased to have been selected as a member of the ND Fishing Hall of Fame in 2003. My career within the fisheries division has been fairly unique because of the diversity of positions that I've held and because of the variety of activities with which I've been involved. I still look forward to going to work, and hope that I can continue to serve the state's anglers and to work to better the state's fisheries resources for at least a few more years. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you think I can be of assistance, or even if you'd just like to stop in at the Williston office for a cup of coffee!