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Hello to everyone! My name is Wesley Erdle. I am a fisheries development technician stationed in the Bismarck field office. I was born in Dickinson and raised 25 miles east near Richardton on a family farm/ranch. At a very young age I fell in love with the outdoors and throughout my youth I hunted and fished as much as I possibly could get away from the ranch. I graduated from Richardton Taylor High School in 2001. After graduation there was no doubt in my mind what field I wanted to pursue in college. I attended North Dakota State University for four years and graduated in 2005 with a bachelor of science in Zoology with an emphasis in wildlife and fisheries management.

I started working for the department as a summer seasonal in 2004. I worked seasonally for a little over two years and in July of 2007 I was hired full time. There is never a dull moment working as a technician in fisheries development. Spending almost every day outside, the elements of Mother Nature always keeps you on your feet. The bulk of my job consists of the construction and maintenance of boat ramps and courtesy docks across the state. Most of the boat ramps we construct during the field season consist of concrete and rebar, the remaining are metal slide-in sections that we build during winter months, and assemble together on site. Another aspect of my work is statewide fisheries sign maintenance and installation.

The greatest part of my job is traveling across the whole state and viewing all the scenery that makes North Dakota so great. I also enjoy the fact that I am never doing the same thing day in and day out. There is always something new and exciting right around the corner.

If you are ever around the Bismarck area, don't hesitate to stop in and say hi.