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Fall Meeting Agenda

Saturday, October 17, 2020 • 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Attendees: President Rich Brueckner, Vice President Ken Cumber, Past President Duaine Ash, Treasurer Jeff Herman, Secretary Marie Hoerner; Board/Club Members, Wayne Beyer, Tom Boerger, Ed Dosch, Rick Eagleson, Chad Engels, Terry Fleck, Rick Mohan, Keith Seidlinger and Keith Witt; Game & Fish Representatives Greg Power, Terry Steinwand and Ben Holden; Lance Gaebe (lobbyist; Zoom host).

1. President Rich Brueckner called the meeting to order and participants were acknowledged via Zoom.
2. A motion to approve the July 18, 2020 minutes was made by Ed Dosch, seconded by Duaine Ash and unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – Jeff Herman presented the 10-17-2020 financial statement and provided an update on the Legislative fund account balance (only minimal interest paid). A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Keith Witt, seconded by Ed Dosch and passed unanimously.
4. Membership Report – Marie Hoerner said that all of the 2019-2020 clubs have renewed for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, with the exception of Southwest Anglers Association from Dickinson. Rich Brueckner has attempted to contact them, as well as the Badland Bass Club, without receiving any responses, but he will continue to contact them.
5. Game and Fish Report – Greg Power provided a Fisheries Update (presentation included with minutes) with updated slides presented at the July meeting. Since July, the state has dried out considerably but we're still near a record number of fishing lakes.. According to a NDSU Ag Econ fishing/hunting study and there is over \$39M in state tax collections coming directly from anglers in North Dakota. Effective in October, Scott Winkelman is the new chief game warden. They also hired this month an R3 full-time position who deals with recruiting, reactivation and retention for hunting and fishing. He noted the fishing community lost Brenda Barstad of Devils Lake. The 2020 Covid-19 pandemic caused the cancellation of about 40 tournaments, but still around 100 tournaments were held this year. Greg said that some of the out-of-state tournaments sponsors desire to have a location/date of a new tournament approved months earlier than what the G&F protocol allows, which creates additional staff time dealing with the matter. He also pointed out that effective October 1, 2020, the fishing contest administrative rules were updated (\$5,000 fisheries conservation cap was removed; any fishing event charging an entry/participation fee of less than \$15 and with fewer than 50 participants and fewer than 15 boats, do not need to be permitted). Resident fishing licenses continue to be higher than previous years and the increase is Covid-related. There have been 16,000 additional licenses purchased to date compared to the past, so license sales are doing pretty good. In 2020, there were 10 specific ANS check stations conducted by warden staff. He also updated a new law was passed last session that created an enhanced ANS program to provide ANS education, inspection and monitoring programs conducted by the G&F. Greg noted revenue of \$1,388,700 as of October 15, 2020, with 20% from non-residents.

Ben Holden, G&F ANS Coordinator, noted that the biggest aspect of ANS is education. G&F partnered with sportsmen's clubs to distribute zebra mussel education posters to areas with infestations; they continue to engage pet stores and classrooms; and developed an ANS dock/lift brochure and distributed 1725 of them to lake front owners statewide. Distributed 5,000 ANS brochures to trappers and continue partnership with

Jason Mitchel, who targeted areas in Minnesota. Approximately 2,000 watercraft inspections were conducted in 2000 which is double from last year. Once summarized, he will provide the results. They added two new watercraft inspection teams in Bismarck and Riverdale (previously only in Devils Lake and Valley City) and hired a fall ANS inspector for the first time (in the past it has been college kids, but they eventually go back to school and ANS doesn't stop in August). The Department inspected over 50 pieces of industrial equipment, where they have found zebra mussels (dead), and are working with partners to place wash stations at various locations. Monitoring efforts – sampled 143 different waterbodies for zebra mussels using plankton tow nets, which is up about 40 waterbodies from last year. Most of the samples have to be processed internally as Covid as slowed contractor lab (i.e. Montana) response times. This fall they are going to conduct dock and lift searches to monitor for zebra mussels. He noted that zebra mussels are really taking off at Lake Ashtabula. New infestation at Lake Lamoure and James River with obvious detection on the shorelines, but no veligers were detected in 101 waterbodies sampled in July. Said it was a down year for Asian Carp and they did a Crayfish survey in southeast North Dakota (last time was 2013) – the native Northern crayfish were the only species detected.

Rich Brueckner asked if the DOT monitors road construction where they are pumping water out of various locations and putting it on roads and is their equipment getting checked? Ben said he is usually informed of these projects. Power also said that the DOT, State Water Commission and Riverdale Corps have helped with sampling or providing needed coordination. On the Red River, they have seen an increase in veligers, but do not have the numbers for this year.

Terry Fleck said when he was chairman of the Water Resource District in Burleigh County, they had a ton of requests for water removal from Apple Creek and smaller tributaries, which came from Weisz Construction, Northern Improvement and other secondary companies that were doing road work in and near the county, so he is wondering if G&F is reaching out to the ND Water users and Water Resource District to bring them up to speed on making you aware of construction projects that are drawing water out of those bodies. Another question is can you explain the difference between the construction inspections? Ben said the large equipment comes from the Corp on the Missouri River System and that equipment is at higher risk because it has been sitting in waterbodies that have zebra mussels (generally the equipment originates from the Great Lakes which are infested with zebra mussels and other ANS), so it's high priority to have the equipment inspected. Greg Power noted that he gave an ANS presentation to the ND Water Users recently for information purposes. He also said that docks and lifts are becoming a real concern with the G&F. They don't have any jurisdiction on docks and lifts, but it is still education 101 when it comes to the potential impacts of zebra mussels and docks and lifts. Rich Brueckner said that in talking with local Devils Lake legislators, they suggested contacting the Association of Counties to get them involved in licensing boat dock/lift legislation. Terry Steinwand said that on October 1st an administrative rule was amended; boat lifts and docks are also include as structures that must free of any ANS when in transit. G&F doesn't have the authority to license docks and lifts at this time. Fleck asked about boat education outreach as they take boats out of the water and he believes that anything that goes in a body of water should be licensed.

Tom Boerger asked about proof of bait purchase and Greg Power said the G&F has come a LONG way in cleaning up our bait industry. They have looked at the bait receipt issue, but there are just too many issues to make its implementation effective. Fleck asked if they are giving any thought on any restrictions on putting fish back in the water caught in 30+ feet of water (dead fish released). Power said the GF continues its education efforts and he doesn't see it just as a tournament issue. Rick Mohan said one of their tournaments this year, due to Covid, changed to a "Catch/photo/release" and he believes that when the fish go back in quickly, there was a dead loss of about two fish. Power said it's not what you see immediately, but rather what is called post-mortality. Jeff Herman said he fished the NWT this fall and he heard guys that pre-fished

the tournament saying they caught 1,000 fish and some people probably aren't aware of the release, so we need to make people aware of the problem.

6. Old Business

- a. Lobbyist agreement with Lance Gaebe/Dwyer-Gaebe Group. We currently do not have any legislation that we are try to push through in the 2021 session, so do we want to hire Lance to monitor the situation. Chad Engels made a motion in favor of hiring Lance Gaebe on a monitoring-basis. The motion was seconded by Duaine Ash and passed. Lance Gaebe was asked to submit a proposal to monitor possible legislative issues during the 2021 session and the Board will review it and make a decision on accepting his proposal. Terry Fleck said he would be interested in being part of the group to review the proposal as Friends of Lake Sakakawea would again be interested in partnering with the Congress to share Gaebe lobbyist cost. Gaebe mentioned that the Legislature is planning to hold a hybrid session at this time, although some lobbyists plan to get together, there may be no-person testimony. He said they have installed cameras in most of the meeting/hearing rooms at the Capitol and they may encourage people to participate remotely. Greg Power said the trespass legislation may be an issue that we want to monitor.
- b. North Dakota Aquatic Nuisance Species Awareness Week – President Brueckner asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to work with Ben Holden from G&F on the ANS Awareness Week. Terry Fleck said he is not interested in chairing of the committee, but would serve as a member, as he believes it is a great idea to build state-wide awareness. Steinwand said he thought that from the July meeting, we wanted an ANS Awareness month and he has talked to the Governor's office about a proclamation for an "ANS Awareness Month", but with Covid he has not heard back from them. Rich said it really wouldn't matter if it's a week or month, but would like to kick it off in May/June when fishing gets started for the year. Holden said it was something they could bring up at their ASIC committee to reach a lot of difference avenues that haven't been hit in the past (i.e. transportation). Since there weren't any other volunteers, Rich will visit with individuals to get a committee together.
- c. Boat Gas Tax – Rich Brueckner said there are still issues with the amount of money, almost a \$1M in watercraft gas tax, that goes to the DOT. He said that when he went to the Association of Counties website, apparently on September 10th there was a presentation made to the committee about raising the prices of fuel gas tax. There was also a presentation by the DOT stating that they are going to need \$2.18 billion over the next 10 year to get our roads and bridges all up-to-snuff, but the email he read indicated that nothing came out of the interim tax committee in regards to legislation related to increasing gas tax. Steinwand said that he hasn't been following the gas tax issue, but he heard rumors that they wanted to increase the gas tax, but if it hasn't come out of the interim committee, does not mean that it won't come up during the legislature. Terry Fleck said that there are two issues being discussed – with the Legacy Fund revenue there is discussion to use some for infrastructure, so they may avoid the gas tax increase. Fleck also said they would like to see 70% of the Legacy Fund used for infrastructure and that would give DOT a lot of the money they need, although there are some legislators that think we need to raise the gas tax. Some of those on the Legacy Fund are sharing their thoughts with legislators and discussions are occurring. Brueckner said they will continue to monitor the gas tax issue and noted it hasn't been changed since 2005, so it's probably long overdue.
- d. Legislative Meetings – It was recommended by Brueckner at the July meeting that the clubs hold meetings with their local legislators to get their feeling related to the upcoming session. Fleck said Friends was in the process of scheduling a meeting with legislators around the Lake, but with Covid it has been delayed, but they will try to hold a virtual meeting. Again, Brueckner encourages local clubs

to reach out to their local legislators before January or during the session to discuss issues of importance to the Congress. Lance Gaebe encourages clubs to make legislative contacts this month, noting that when they are campaigning it is a good time to get the legislators' attention and then they will know you when the legislature starts and when you really do need something.

- e. Web Site update – Marie Hoerner said she has not made any further contacts since late last year on changing to a different provider. FYI – Last fall, Marie signed up for a 30-day trial with Wild Apricot and spent many hours attempting to design a new website and use their membership software. She called JW Schroeder, who said he couldn't help with the design and recommended Brian Dahlin. She found out that she is not a website designer, but would be willing to look for someone that could. Rich Mohan said that at our December meeting we talked about the Wild Apricot software that includes membership software and one of his club members (JW Schroeder) may be able to assist with us out. Duaine Ash made a motion to use Rick Mohan as the contact for JW Schroeder to provide assistance in rewriting our website, with the understanding that there may be a fee. Rick Mohan will follow up with the Board on his findings.

7. New Business

- a. Section 12.1-22-03 of ND Century Code

Criminal Trespass – Noncriminal Offence on Posted Property – Terry Steinwand said that the hunting trespassing issue came up during the last session and focused on criminal trespassing. If the last bill that was debated had passed, it would have highly affected ice fishing. He said they formed an interim natural resources committee and the legislature are looking at putting three bills forward for the 2021 session – extending the pilot study for electronic posting; making electronic posting the same as physical posting penalty; and the third one is a mixture of criminal and hunting trespass. Criminal Trespassing is the main bill (Class A misdemeanor), with hunters being excluded. Steinwand said NDSFC really needs to pay attention to how this legislation evolves.

On a different subject, Terry Steinwand said they are putting some capital improvement money into the Valley City National Fish Hatchery and he mentioned that Ed Dosch is now on the G&F Advisory Board in the Devils Lake area.

- b. ANS Partnership Program – Rich Brueckner said we are trying to pull together Nelson, Benson and Ramsey Counties to take on the challenges of the ANS monitoring and set up a Tri-County ANS Board, but they have not yet been able to get all together. He mentioned that 40/50% of activity on Devils Lake comes from out-of-state. Ben Holden said it would be great to have a decontamination wash station for boats coming off the waterbodies and that a lot of the wash stations will be self-serve to promote clean boats; however, they do need to train individuals to decontaminate the boats and have education material available. In addition, they need to figure out where the best place would be to locate the wash stations. It's a free program to promote clean boats, so there will not be a charge to wash boats. Ben said they are looking to hire local seasonal workers to do inspections, so please let Ben know if you know of anyone. They are looking to install inspection devices at boat ramps next year at Lake Ashtabula, Lake Lamoure and Devils Lake that are automated and solar powered and use cell phone service to take pictures of watercraft launching (automatically has a recorded message that says you have entered a zebra mussel infested waterbody, so remember to pull your plug, etc.). The devices would take a video and send it to Holden to review. The device works 24 hours a day. Terry Fleck asked if these devices could be made available to park board and Ben said yes. He also asked if there is a YouTube video on true decontamination process or has the G&F thought about producing one. Ben said that you can go to "westernais.org" to watch a decontamination video, but it should only be done by training individuals as there is a lot more to it. Terry also said that Parks and

Rec is doing a cost-share program. Rich Brueckner said there are also federal grant programs available. Jeff Herman said their club talked about partnerships with counties and park boards, but asked if the tribes have ever been contacted. Ben said the G&F has reached out to tribes, especially in Devils Lake about putting wash stations on tribal lands. Power also noted that MHA has been very good in addressing ANS matters.

- c. Wash stations at State Parks (Grahams Island, Fort Stevenson, etc.) – Terry Steinwand said G&F doesn't have enough time and manpower to run the stations at Devils Lake. Greg Power said they would like a partnership. The GF will pay for it, but do not want to not run the funding through their payroll. Ben said their wash station documents include paying a stipend for maintenance or manpower. Keith Witt said the biggest concern is to find administrative cost for stations. Ben said the best scenario would probably be to build the task into someone's current job duties and the G&F would provide a yearly stipend to cover some of those costs.
- d. The 2021 Annual Meeting/Fundraiser is set for April 17, 2021 at AMVETS. Marie Hoerner has obtained a raffle permit form to conduct our raffles, but will hold off on obtaining a raffle permit until closer to the end of the year to see what the Covid situation is at that time and what direction will be taken.
 - Nomination Committee – President, Past President and Keith Witt (appointed at large by the President) will be in contact with the board members with terms expiring in 2021 to see if they will continue serving for an additional two-year term.
 - Individuals with 2021 expiring terms will be contacted by one of the Nominating Committee members – Positions with terms expiring in April 2021 are Rich Brueckner (president); Duaine Ash (past president follows what happens with the president's position); Jeff Herman (treasurer); Tom Boerger, Joe Solseng, Ed Dosch, Mike Anderson, Rick Mohan and Keith Seidinger.
- e. Other new business
 - Application for Sportfishing Congress for Hall of Fame – Ken Cumber suggested that the NDSFC be nominated in 2021 to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, especially with all of the contributions made on behalf of fishing in North Dakota. Keith Witt said applications will be accepted until May 1 and someone will need to submit detail on what Sportfishing Congress has done for fishing in North Dakota. Keith said a board member could submit an application and they will also need two letters of support from neutral parties. Ken Cumber and Tom Boerger have agreed to spearhead the process. If anyone else want to help, please let Ken know.
 - Spending cap on monies spent without Board approval – Ken Cumber asked that this item be placed on the agenda. He believes there should be a cap on the amount spent without Board approval. Rick Mohan said that FM Walleyes prepares and presents an annual budget for board approval and they also have a limit on the amount paid without board approval. Jeff Herman and Marie Hoerner will put together an annual budget (income/expenses) to be presented at the April 2021 meeting. A determination on the limit will be decided on at the April meeting. Jeff mentioned that he already has an Excel spreadsheet with all income and expense items that could be emailed to the board monthly if needed.

- Terry Fleck there is a Land and Water Fund Grant (has apportioned over \$1.87 million for fiscal year 2020 for North Dakota), which is part of the great American Outdoor Act and will be annually funded with \$9 million. He said this is a great opportunity for your clubs to get grant funding and encourages anyone looking for funds to apply. There is an online grant application workshop on October 29th beginning at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested, contact Char Binstock, grants coordinator for North Dakota @ 701-328-5364; www.parkrec.nd.gov/business. Other grant programs are available through the ND Community Foundation and has a variety of levels of grants available for different areas of the state for projects. Terry said there are also grants available through local banks.

8. Club Reports

- Red River Area Sportsmen's – Wayne Beyer – Good river fishing for spring-summer and fall. Four river fishing piers and two boat landings. Mooreton Pond – 3 piers and landing. Identifying wash station location. Shoreline erosion project to improve river pier placement. Youth Ice Fishing Derby scheduled for 2-20-2021.
- Dakota Anglers – Ken Cumber – Planning for summer events/tournaments. Have a quarterly newsletter and hope to be able to get back to normal and on schedule.
- LRAA – Keith Seidlinger – Are started up meetings again in September, but have the summer months off. Postponed their April annual meeting until September and is now cancelled with the intent to hold it in April 2021. Hoping to go forward with next year's summer tournaments. Anyone who joined LRAA during the Covid year (2020), their membership is carried over to 2021 at no additional cost. Said that membership is down.
- Bis-Man Reel & Rec – Jeff Herman – Held their annual tournament on September 19th (33 teams) and had several meetings since then. Looking to have another tournament on November 10th. Postponed the annual Cabin Fever fundraiser until March 2021. Have been looking to help with Burleigh County Parks & Rec fish cleaning station to get it enclosed. They are interested in the grant money Terry talked about.
- FM Walleyes – Rick Mohan – Worked hard to remain engaged with their members and the community. Moved to some Zoom board and member meetings, but started in-person meetings this fall. Were able to hold their 3 tournaments (had online rules meetings and awards ceremonies) and had good participation, probably because a lot of other tournaments didn't happen. Stayed active with local Parks & Rec. Membership remains pretty steady and there's a lot of interest in activities.
- Fishing Hall of Fame – Keith Witt – Congratulated Ken Cumber as being inducted into the Fishing Hall of Fame for 2020. Unfortunately, the Governor's Cup was cancelled and the induction normally takes place during the tournament's rules meeting, so Ken's ceremony will take place next year along with the 2021 inductee. Keith again noted the deadline to submit nominees for the Hall of Fame is May 1st.

Rich Brueckner thanked Lance Gaebe for setting up the Zoom meeting. Lance's assistance was very much appreciated!

Duaine Ash asked if there was a plan in place to get additional funds for lobbying fees. Rich said once we get the proposal from Lance Gaebe on the amount of his fees, an email will be sent out or Zoom meeting will be held to determine whether we need to solicit additional funds. Terry Fleck said he would like to be included on receiving Lance's legislative proposal from Dwyer/Gaebe Group, since Friends would be interested in cost-sharing the project.

9. A motion was made by Rich Mohan, seconded by Keith Seidlinger and passed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Terry Fleck mentioned that under the new Roberts Rules of Order, the President no longer needs to ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted By: Marie Hoerner

Date Submitted: October 18, 2020

Fisheries Update

Greg Power
Fisheries Chief

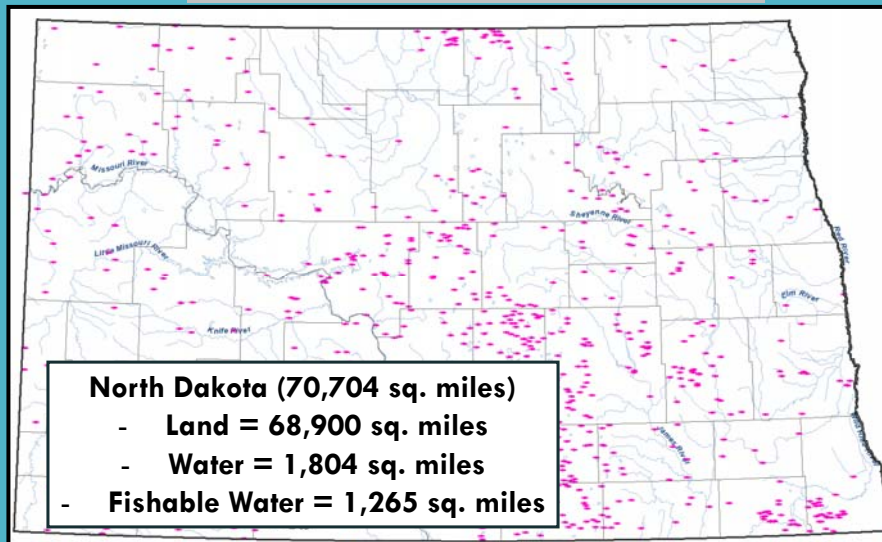


North Dakota Sportfishing Congress

October 17, 2020

North Dakota Water Bodies

420 waters; 800,000+ acres



North Dakota Fishing Scorecard



2019	
License sales	206,166
Angler-days adj	1,519,908
Resident active anglers	127,093
Angler annual expenditures	\$788M *
Res. adult participation rate	24.0%
Res. angler satisfaction **	High
Division (% favorable)	98%
Regulations (% favorable)	90%
Boat launchings	580,000
Estimated walleye harvest	1,350,000
... Big 3 walleye harvest	990,000

Dollars and cents of fishing in North Dakota



North Dakota Outdoor Recreational Activities Total Annual Economic Effects

	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Gross Business Volume</u>
Fishing	\$787,825,000	\$911,512,000	\$1,699,337,000
Hunting	\$186,595,000	\$227,586,000	\$414,181,000
Fishing and Hunting	\$974,420,000	\$1,139,098,000	\$2,113,518,000

more than \$39M in state tax collections came directly by anglers fishing in North Dakota

Latest Fishing Tournament Issues / Concerns



1. The number of tournaments continue to grow on Lakes Sakakawea. Over the past few years, the Department's tournament protocol (used to control the number and where contests can occur on the big waters) has worked well. Most recently, another layer of criteria was added to assist in the decision making -

Lake Sakakawea Maximum Tournament Boat Days			
	Upper Sak	Middle Sak	Lower Sak
May	300	300	300
June	300	300	300
July	300	400	900
August	300	300	300
September	250	200	200
October	250	150	150

2. Some of the out-of-state tournament sponsors desire to have a location and time of a new tournament approved months earlier than what our protocol dictates. This creates unnecessary additional staff time communicating/corresponding on this matter. No final decisions for tournament approval can be made until mid-November – early December timeframe.
3. Updated fishing contest administrative rules (effective October 1, 2020) -
 - a. The \$5000 fisheries conservation cap was removed. All future tournaments will need to pay the full 10% toward a conservation project
 - b. Any fishing event charging an entry or participation fee less than fifteen dollars, and with fewer than fifty participants, and with fewer than fifteen boats do not need to be permitted (Note – in the past, five dollars was the threshold).

Fact Finding:

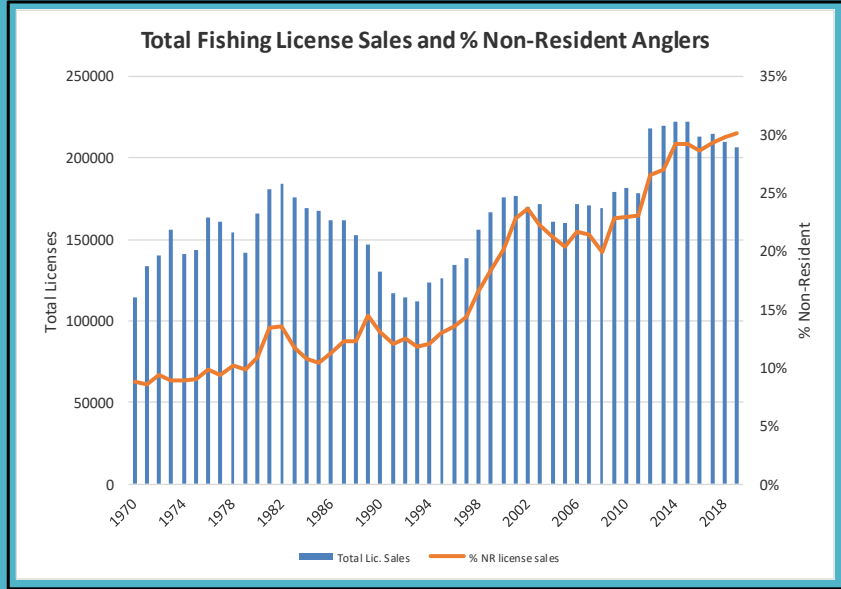
Roads - Pickups Versus Semis



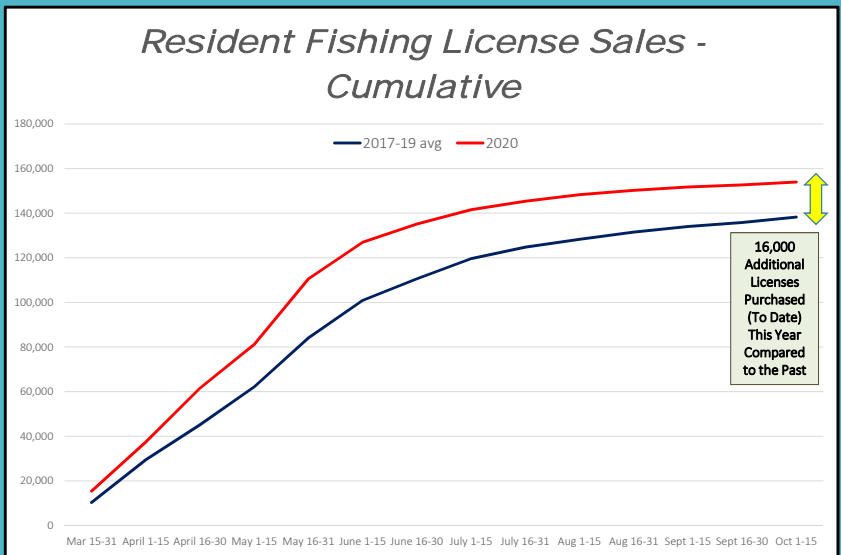
While anglers do use and conceptually contribute to the wear and tear of select roadways, it has been well documented in numerous studies that the weight of a vehicle is the primary contributing cause of damage to a road. For example, in a study (Excessive Truck Weight: An Expensive Burden We Can No Longer Afford) conducted by the U.S. General Accounting Office, it was found that the road damage caused by a single 18-wheeler was equivalent to the damage caused by 9,600 cars. The study also revealed that the road damage did not grow proportionally to the increase in weight, but instead grew exponentially by the 4th power of the relative weights. As an example,

when comparing an 80,000 lb. semi full of grain to a standard 8,000 lb. pickup truck (as often used by anglers), the semi-truck is ten times heavier than the pickup. But taking the 4th power of the relative weight, the semi would cause 10,000 times more road damage than the pickup.

Recent Fishing License Sales



2020 Fishing Trends and Covid-19



Aquatic Nuisance Species



Enforcement Efforts

Each Enforcement region was given a target number of hours for the biennium to be dedicated to ANS enforcement.

Regions with water bodies with zebra mussels' infestations were/are given priority. This prioritization includes both individual game warden presence and ANS check stations in the area. If new infestations occur, those will be added to the priority list.

Game Wardens have been and continue to work ANS enforcement both during routine patrol and targeted efforts such as check stations. For 2020, there were 10 specific ANS check stations.

As of this past July, there had been a total of 125 citations and 87 written warnings for ANS violations this biennium.

Aquatic Nuisance Species - SB 2293




A new law was passed last session that created an enhanced ANS program. The expressed intent of this bill is to augment ANS education, inspection, and monitoring programs conducted by the Department.

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	- Residents <u>\$250,200</u>
	- Non-res. Fishing Licenses = 45,200 <u>\$135,600</u>
	- Non-res. Waterfowl Licenses = 16,300 <u>\$48,900</u>
	- Motorized Watercraft Registrations = 57,600 <u>\$864,000</u>
	- ANS stickers = 6000 <u>\$90,000</u>
	TOTAL (~to date) \$1,388,700



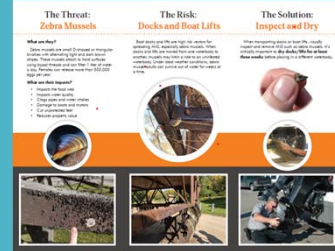
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	- Resident = \$1,114,200 (80%)
	- Non-residents = \$274,500 (20%)
	TOTAL (~to date) \$1,388,700



Education

Print Material

- Partnered with sportsman’s clubs to distribute zebra mussel education posters to areas with infestations
- Continued to engage pet stores and classrooms
- Developed ANS dock/lift brochure and distributed 1726 brochures to lake front owners statewide.



JMO Partnership

Department’s Campaign



Prevention

Watercraft inspections

- Approximately 2000 watercraft surveys
- Added 2 new watercraft inspection teams
- Caught 4 fouled watercraft
- Saw an increase in vegetation on watercraft
- Hired fall ANS inspectors for the first time



Equipment inspections

- Inspected over 50 pieces of industrial equipment

Wash stations

- Working with partners to place stations at various location



Monitoring



Zebra mussels

- Sampled 143 different waterbodies using plankton tow nets
- No veligers were detected in 101 waterbodies sampled in July
- Advanced detection and adult sampling at larger waters
- Dock/lift fall search effort
- Collected monthly veliger tows from infested waterbodies
- New infestation at Lake Lamoure

Vegetation

- Surveyed 14 popular duck hunting WPA
- Continued normal sampling of district lakes

Monitoring- Cont.

Asian Carp

- No Asian carp sampled in 2020
- Very few confirmed reports of the fish

Crayfish

- Surveyed SE districted lakes
- Northern crayfish only species detected

