



# News Release

Contact: Steve Kahl, Refuge Manager  
Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge  
6975 Mower Road  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989/777-5930 ext. 16 Fax: 989/777-9200  
E-mail: [Steve\\_Kahl@fws.gov](mailto:Steve_Kahl@fws.gov)  
<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/shiawassee>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 19, 2005

## New Manager Selected for Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

**Saginaw, MI** - Steven Kahl has been selected as the new manager for Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge in Saginaw, MI, according to Jon Kauffeld of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Kahl's previous positions include refuge manager at Wallkill River NWR in Sussex, NJ, assistant manager at Wallkill River NWR, and assistant manager at Iroquois NWR in Basom, NY. Kahl was also an undergraduate intern at Montezuma NWR in Seneca Falls, NY.

"Steve will bring to the job of refuge manager many years of experience working at national wildlife refuges, an understanding of wildlife management, a desire to foster a positive relationship with the community, and a deep commitment to conserving natural resources," said Kauffeld, who oversees national wildlife refuges in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri.

A native of Auburn, NY, Kahl attended the State University of New York's College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees in wildlife biology and management.

Shiawassee NWR was established in 1953 under the Migratory Bird Conservation Act "...for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds." Additionally, the refuge provides a setting for compatible wildlife-dependent recreational activities, including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and scientific research.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 545 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 63 Fish and Wildlife Management offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

###