Ludington
Biological Station

Quick Facts

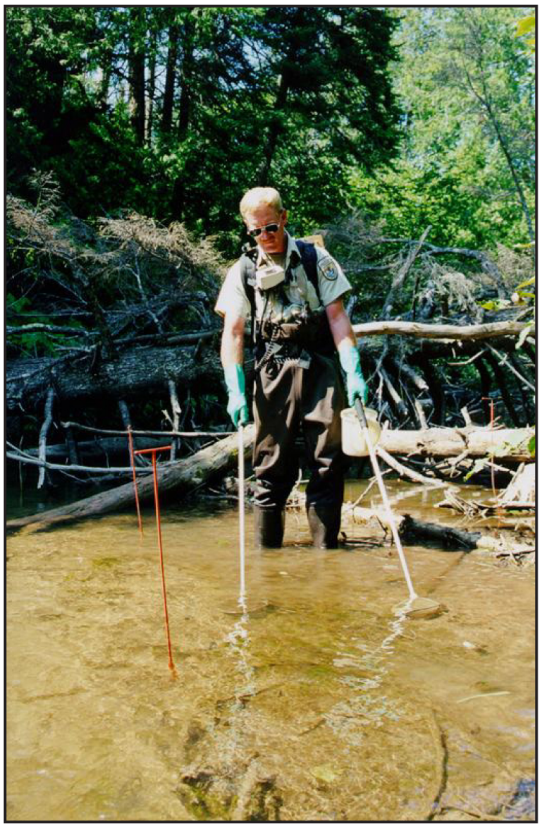
Office Facts
- Established: 1956
- Funded by Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- Staff: 14 permanent; 18 seasonal

Geographic Area Served
- Great Lakes states; primarily lower peninsula of Michigan, and northern Indiana tributaries of Lakes Michigan and Huron

Station Goals
- Conduct ecologically sound and publicly acceptable integrated sea lamprey management
- Support fish community objectives for each of the Great Lakes
- Fulfill U.S. obligations under the 1954 Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between U.S. and Canada
- Fulfill Service obligations under August 2000, U.S. District Court Consent Decree covering fisheries in 1836 Treaty waters of Lake Huron, Superior and Michigan
- Rehabilitate Great Lakes fisheries by reducing sea lamprey population by 90 percent
- Ensure protection of nontarget species and the environment

Services Provided To
- Federal and state agencies
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Great Lakes tribes
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices

Activity Highlights
- Reduce sea lamprey populations to 10 percent of pretreatment levels
- Help maintain viability of $5 billion annual Great Lakes fishery economy
- Implement alternatives to chemicals, including barriers and sterile male releases, for sea lamprey control
- Develop and implement enhanced lamprey control techniques
- Assess sea lamprey populations



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