





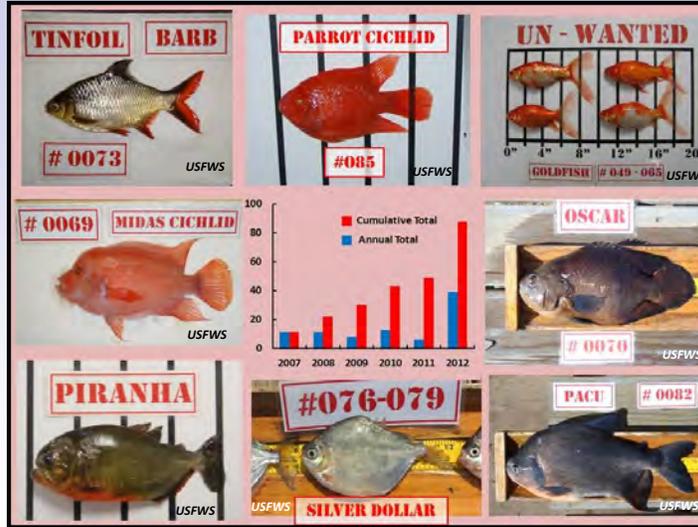
# Turn-in Breaks Annual Record

By Mark Steingraeber



During the past year, the La Crosse FWCO took possession of 39 unwanted hobby fish that ultimately were euthanized. All had earlier been turned-in at the Marineland Pet Center in Onalaska, Wisconsin, by pet owners who no longer could care for these animals.

This total set a new annual record and represented a four-fold increase over the mean number of fish annually relinquished to us. Since its inception in 2006, the unique FWCO-Marineland



At least eight different species, including the first piranha, were among the record 39 fish brought to Marineland in 2012 by owners who could no longer care for these pets

partnership program has prevented the potential release of 92 unwanted pet fish (and an unknown number of fish disease pathogens) into Coulee Region surface waters.

Continued outreach to increase public awareness of potentially problematic species of fish sold as pets, and acceptable alternatives to the release of these animals in the wild, remains a FWCO priority in 2013.



## Cabin Fever Reliever



Make plans now to relieve the seasonal symptoms of cabin fever

Come to the Boat, Sports, Travel, and RV Show, Thursday through Sunday, February 7 - 10, at the La Crosse Center



Visit us at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service display booth near the main entrance



Making Waves TOGETHER!



## Welcome Aboard!



By Scott Yess



Nick Bloomfield was recently converted from a temporary to a permanent fishery biologist for the La Crosse Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (FWCO). First hired to assist with field work and maintenance, he came to us from Illinois in 2011 with high recommendations from supervisors and co-workers there.

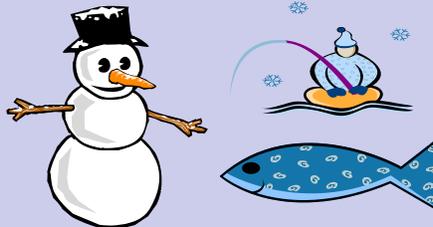


Nick worked his way into a permanent position this fall when he was hired as the stations' newest fishery biologist. Though his main emphasis will continue to be exotic species work, he will also assist our staff with numerous other projects.

Nick has since worked on a variety of aquatic resource projects including: exotic species surveillance, population assessments on tribal and public waters, collections for the La Crosse Fish Health Center, and numerous outreach events.

We are pleased to have Nick join the La Crosse FWCO as a permanent member our team. Join us in congratulating Nick when you get the chance.

WELCOME ABOARD NICK!



Friends of the Upper Mississippi Fishery Services & U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

January 26th - Kids Ice Fishing Clinic - Genoa NFH

Equipment Available 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch Provided

# Medication Drop Off



**Saturday,  
February 16, 2013  
9:00AM—12:00PM**

**Accepting ALL Medications  
Including Controlled Substances**

## **La Crosse County HHM**

6500 State Road 16, La Crosse

**ONE SITE ONLY**

### **YOU CAN BRING:**

- Prescription Medications
- Over-the-Counter Medications
- Tablets and Capsules
- Liquids
- Creams
- Ointments
- Inhalers, Patches
- Needles/Sharps

**Businesses Call 785-9999 for details regarding disposal of business wastes.**

## **Also Accepting Household Hazardous Waste**

- Mercury Thermometers
- Fluorescent Lamps and Electronics
- Paint, Solvents, etc.
- Oil, Antifreeze, Oil Filters
- Aerosols
- Pesticides and Yard Chemicals
- Cleaners and Pool Chemicals

**Next Drop Off Days in 2013  
Three more Drop Off Days  
will be scheduled in 2013.**

**Watch for times and  
locations.**

**Check [www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/solidwaste/HHM/](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/solidwaste/HHM/) or call 785-9999 for more information and for future drop off dates.**

