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Latest Issue of Eddies Fisheries Magazine Focuses on the People Behind the Program

The Fall 2009 issue of Eddies provides an in-depth look at the people behind the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Fisheries Program. The Service employs about 800 professionals in the program. From geneticists, maintenance workers and veterinarians to pharmaceutical researchers, animal caretakers and fish culturists—the breadth of occupations is surprisingly diverse.

The current issue focuses on features 15 individuals who represent the wide array of talents needed to advance fisheries conservation. Administrative assistants move the paper so that biologists can move fish, recover species and answer research questions. Maintenance mechanics keep the infrastructure functioning, so that fish in the Service's care can prosper. Scientists explore the molecular structure of organisms with DNA sequencers in laboratories, or ride horses into wilderness waters to study wild trout. They detect new diseases and map habitat with modern technology. And each person is working towards one goal—fulfilling the Service's mission to protect our nation's fish and wildlife resources.

Here is just a sampling of a few of the employees profiled in this issue:

- Molly Bowman (cover photo) works for the Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership in Bozeman, Montana. It is the only office in the Service dedicated solely to generating and analyzing data required for drug approvals through the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine.
- Cecilia Lewis, fishery biologist, is a new employee in the Washington Office's Division of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Conservation who prepares fiscal year budget justifications and tracks population data on trust species like salmon.
- Michael Goehle is the Northeast Region's aquatic invasive species coordinator at the Lower Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Coordination Office in Amherst, New York where he deals with round goby and zebra mussel.
- Rachel Mair, an aquatic ecologist at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery in West Virginia, was recognized by receiving the inaugural Rachel Carson Award for Scientific Excellence in 2008 for her work in developing new culture systems and feeding protocols for the culture of federally endangered freshwater mussels. The award recognizes employees who exemplify the best in scientific contribution and application to achieve extraordinary results in conservation.

In each issue, Eddies features several stories and five regular departments. Fisheries and Habitat Conservation Assistant Director, Bryan Arroyo, leads each with his Headwaters column. Watermarks covers the newsy and noteworthy, including a column by the curator at the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery—in this issue learn about the history behind the Service uniform.

Dr. Samuel Snyder, a professor of religion and fellow at the National Sporting Library, closes this issue with his Meanders story, “Love of Sport and the Conservation Ethic.” Professor Snyder argues an imperative—that children must experience wildness afforded by a fishing pole and without that experience in the present day, conservation will be lacking a future.

The 36-page color Eddies magazine is published four times a year, available in print or online at <http://www.fws.gov/eddies>.

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