



Fisheries

FY 2010 Highlights

Region 3 - Midwest Region

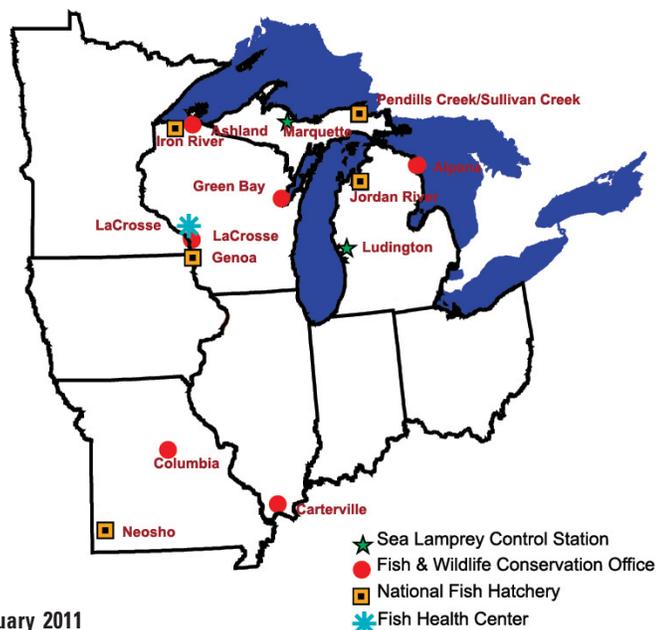


The vision of the Service and its Fisheries Program is working with partners to restore and maintain fish and other aquatic resources at self-sustaining levels and to support Federal mitigation programs for the benefit of the American public.

Implementing this vision will help the Fisheries Program do more for aquatic resources and the people who value and depend on them through enhanced partnerships, scientific integrity, and a balanced approach to conservation.

Regional Facts

- Region 3 encompasses 514,000 square miles and a population of about 60 million people including four Great Lakes and most of the Upper Mississippi River
- 9.0 million people fished and spent more than \$10.0 billion in our Region
- 94,838 people visited field stations and staff represented the program at 465 aquatic and educational activities
- 422 volunteers contributed 14,133 hours
- Fisheries operates with about 213 full-time equivalents at 5 National Fish Hatcheries, 6 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices, 2 sea lamprey control Biological Stations, and 1 Fish Health Center
- Received 41.5 million through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for restoration activities



National Fish Hatcheries and Fish Health Center

(\$6.9 million-operations; \$1.9 million-maintenance)

- ✓ Distributed about 16.4 million fish and 22.8 million eggs with emphasis on native species (i.e. lake trout, brook trout, sturgeon, walleye)
- ✓ Produced and distributed 1,523,477 native mussels of eight species (two species are Federally endangered)
- ✓ Assessed all hatchery fish populations for certifiable fish pathogens

Sea Lamprey Control Stations

(\$11.5 million-operations)

- ✓ Treated 78 streams sites to control larval sea lamprey infestations
- ✓ Completed the first year of an intensive strategy to reduce lampreys in Lake Huron
- ✓ Detected and determined the extent of sea lamprey larval infestations at 370 sites
- ✓ Operated and maintained 30 barriers to block spawning runs of adult sea lampreys
- ✓ Fished traps in 54 streams to estimate abundance of spawning-phase sea lampreys, including a new trap on the Cheboygan River
- ✓ Collected 21,844 lampreys from 20 streams for sterile male operations
- ✓ Sea lamprey spawning populations reduced in 2 of 5 Great Lakes during 2010
- ✓ Conducted lamprey pheromone trials in 10 streams cooperating with USGS

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices

(\$8.2 million-operations)

- ✓ Fulfilled 63 tribal technical assistance requests
- ✓ Conducted 12 surveys for baseline/trend information for aquatic invasive species
- ✓ Removed or bypassed 32 fish passage barriers opening 1,012 miles to uninhibited fish access
- ✓ Restored 120 miles of stream/shoreline habitat
- ✓ Provided \$489,838 in grants for the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act
- ✓ Provided \$507,486 in grants for 8 state and the St. Croix River ANS Management Plans
- ✓ Completed 81 habitat assessments