

La Crosse Fish Health Center



Quick Facts

- There are seven permanent employees
- Provides fish health services to eight states: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana
- Conducts fish health inspections (twice yearly) to National and tribal fish hatcheries in the region
- Implements the National Wildlife Fish Health Survey in the eight state region
- Provides diagnostic services for disease outbreaks in hatcheries and wild populations
- Conducts research on drug effectiveness, disinfection techniques, pathogen pathology, parasite ecology and more
- Teaches a one week course, "Introduction to Fish Health Management" in cooperation with USFWS National Conservation Training Center
- Supports a Fisheries Friends group



Goals & Services Provided

Assist in maintaining healthy populations of fish in the national hatcheries and tribal facilities.

- Provide disease certifications for fish prior to movements and/or stocking.
- Assist state, federal and private managers in diagnosing and controlling infectious disease agents.
- Monitor use of aquatic animal drugs and chemicals.
- Survey wild populations of fish for target and emerging pathogens in order to determine their distribution.

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- Participate in national and regional committees related to Fish Health Policies.

- Conduct research on fish pathogen management and control.

- Provide training in fish health management.

- Work with Friends of the Upper Mississippi Fishery Services (FUMS) volunteers.

- Services provided to: Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Indiana Departments of Natural Resources; Ohio Division of Wildlife;

Missouri Department of Conservations; Keweenaw, Red Cliff, Grand Portage, La du Flambeau, White Earth tribes; Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission; Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority; University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; Western Technical College; Michigan State University; Lake Superior State University; Fort McCoy Military Installation; U.S. Geological Survey; National Wildlife Refuges; and other U.S. Fish and Wildlife service offices.

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Directions

From the west: Take Interstate-90 to 157/53 exit. Turn right onto 157 and go 0.4 miles. Turn left onto Hwy 16 E and go 0.3 miles. Turn left on Braund St. (Shopko) and go 0.2 miles. Turn right on PH and go one block. Turn left on Lester Avenue (carwash on corner) and go 0.1 mile. USFWS office is the 4th building on the right side of the road.

From the east: Travel on Interstate 90 toward La Crosse/Onalaska, WI. Take Exit 5 (Hwy 16 W) and turn left toward La Crosse – (0.7 mi). Take a right on County Rd. PH (0.3 mi). Take a right on Lester Avenue (0.2 mi) car wash on the right. USFWS office is on the right.

From the south: Take Losey Blvd. S, which turns into Hwy 16 E. Turn left onto Braund St. (Shopko) and go 0.2 miles. Turn right onto PH and go 0.1 mile. Turn left on Lester Avenue and go 0.1 mile. USFWS office is on the right.