

Great Plains Fish & Wildlife Conservation Office News

June 2020



Image: A U.S. Air Force B-52 landing at Ellsworth AFB while we were doing fish surveys (2018 photo).

Sikes Act

Sought assistance from other stations to review remote creel survey images

- Two 'volunteers' have signed on – thank you!
- Landon has developed sampling design, database, data entry forms, and training materials
- Training will begin early July



Tribal Fisheries Assistance



Coordinate stocking with Gavins Point NFH and the:

- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- Yankton Sioux Tribe
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe
- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

A total of 214,912 fingerling fish were stocked. Species included black crappie, bluegill, largemouth bass, and yellow perch.

National Fish Hatchery Prioritization Project

Dan continued his work on the hatchery report for American shad. The species has about 32 different management and habitat plans associated with its restoration. Numerous NFHs work with the species. One document Dan reviewed was >1,100 pages long! Dan spent the majority of his time on this during June and continues to make progress on this national project.



Pallid Sturgeon Recovery

Pallid Sturgeon Technical Team

- Landon continues to represent FWS as a technical expert for the Missouri River Recovery Program

Recovery coordination

- Landon participated in weekly calls with the Pallid Sturgeon Recovery Coordinator and the FAC Pallid Sturgeon Recovery Lead to discuss issues related to pallid sturgeon recovery

Pallid Sturgeon range map

- Landon participated in conference calls led by Ecological Services (Headquarters) to update the pallid sturgeon range map

Asian Carp Team

Landon discussed eDNA sampling in the lower Missouri River basin with the team.

Upcoming Activities

Sikes Act

Ellsworth AFB remote creel survey report

Continue work on the National Fish Hatchery Prioritization Project

Great Plains FWCO



Project Leader:
Vacant (3 years, 1 month)



Acting Project Leader (3 years, 1 month), Fish & Wildlife Biologist:
Dan James



Fish & Wildlife Biologist:
Landon Pierce



Terms/seasonal:
none