

# Great Plains Fish & Wildlife Conservation Office News

May 2020



Image: Sunrise at the Sunshine Bottoms boat ramp on the Missouri River

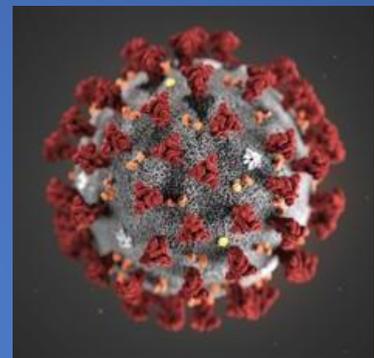
# COVID-19 Response

Daily reporting, data calls

Weekly Regional Office calls

Co-worker check-in calls

Phase Recovery Planning and data tracking



## Team Calls and Planning

Asian carp planning, coordination, document reviews

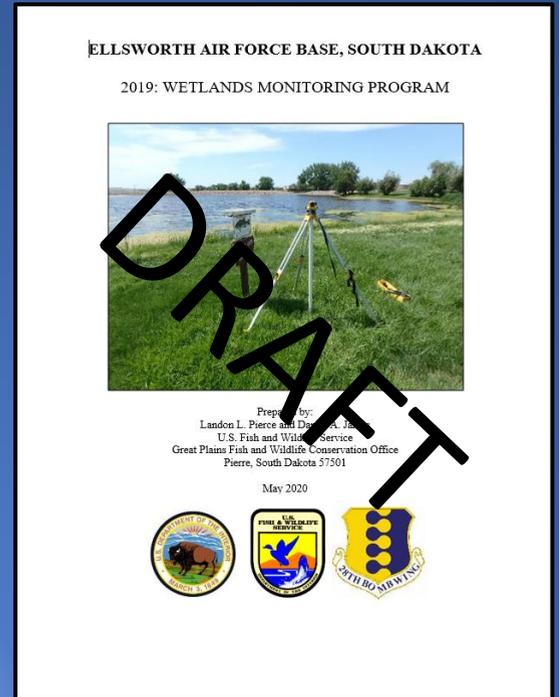
Missouri River Recovery

FAC Priorities



# Sikes Act

Complete Draft final report for the 2019 Ellsworth AFB Wetlands Monitoring Program (66 pp)



## Tribal



Buffalo Dam,  
Cheyenne River IR



Bullhead Dam,  
Standing Rock IR

Coordinate with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and DC Booth NFH to stock 1,000 trout at Buffalo Dam and 1,000 trout at Bullhead Dam.

# National Fish Hatchery Prioritization Project

In December 2019, Dan was asked by the Regional Office and the Chief of the Branch of Hatchery Operations and Applied Sciences from Headquarters, to be a main author of a national program to assess recovery and restoration programs and goals, and their impact on high priority species programs within the FWS. Dan was assigned the American shad, an anadromous species found along the entire eastern U.S. coastline and Atlantic Ocean. It is a large, ambitious project as it examines the historical and present status of the species, its habitats, regulatory history, and its entire historical and present hatchery program. Dan has spent the majority of his time on this during May and has made significant progress on this important national project.



# Upcoming Activities

Sikes Act

Ellsworth AFB remote creel survey report

Calls, reporting, and planning

Transition from COVID Phase 1 to Phase 2...?

Continue work on the National Fish Hatchery  
Prioritization Project

# Great Plains FWCO



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Terms/seasonal:  
none