

Great Plains Fish & Wildlife Conservation Office News

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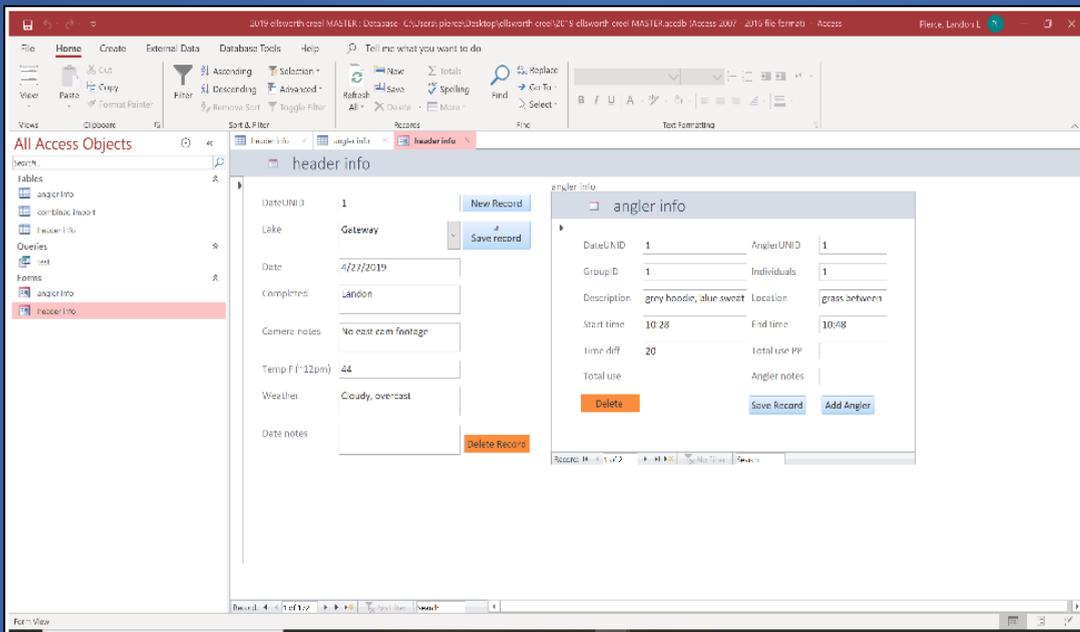


Image: View from the “office” while sampling for pallid sturgeon on the Missouri River near Niobrara, Nebraska.

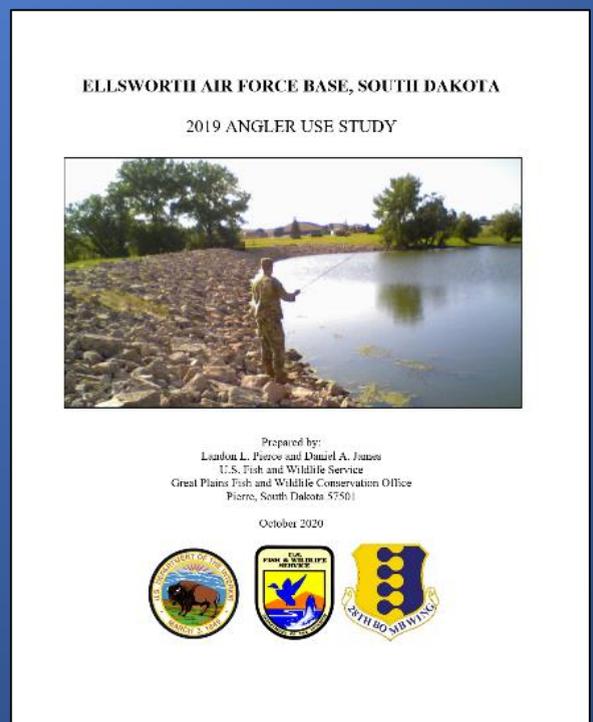
Sikes Act

Continued remote creel survey project

- Landon performed quality assurance/quality control of the image data entry.

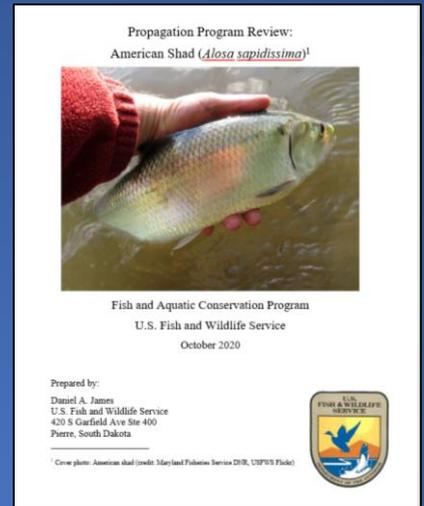


- Drafting of the report continues.



National Fish Hatchery Prioritization Project

Dan completed the draft of the Propagation Program Review for American shad (98 pages).



Pallid Sturgeon Recovery

Pallid Sturgeon Technical Team

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



Recovery coordination

- Landon participated in weekly coordination calls with the Pallid Sturgeon Recovery Coordinator to discuss issues related to pallid sturgeon recovery.



Asian carp Team

Dozer trawl electrofishing system

- Transported boat to Midwest Lake Pond and Lake Management in Polo, MO to have the electrofishing system installed on the Asian carp dozer trawl.



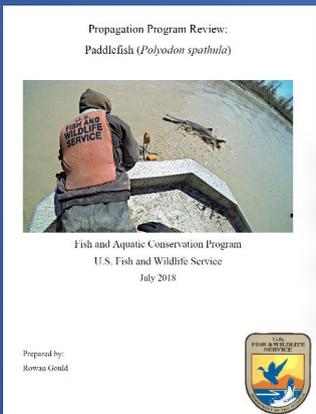
Partnerships



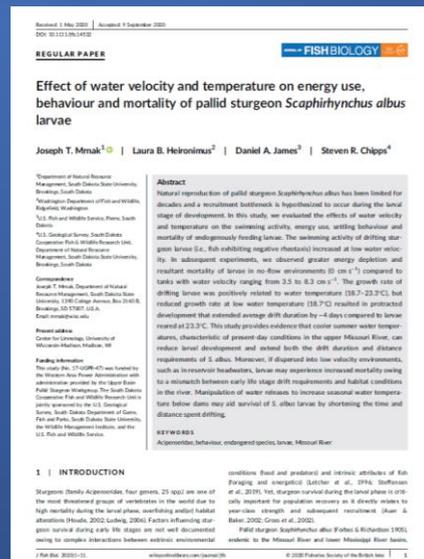
Met with SD Department of Game, Fish and Parks biologists via video conference to discuss Lake Sharpe (Missouri River) shovelnose sturgeon research and population monitoring.

Randoms...

Landon revised a draft manuscript evaluating the ability of species distribution models - created using species distributions in the Missouri River basin - to predict species distributions in the Colorado River basin.



Landon reviewed the Propagation Program Review draft for pallid sturgeon, part of HQ's national program review.



Dan coauthored a peer-reviewed journal article with one of his students from South Dakota State University.

Great Plains FWCO



Project Leader:
Vacant (3 years, 5 months)



Acting Project Leader (3 years, 5 months), Fish & Wildlife Biologist:
Dan James



Fish & Wildlife Biologist:
Landon Pierce



Terms/seasonal:
none