Steam rising off the Missouri River on a cold morning.
We attended the Middle Basin Pallid Sturgeon Workgroup meeting in St. Joseph, MO to discuss pallid sturgeon recovery efforts in the Missouri River.

• Jennifer presented the Pallid Sturgeon Population Assessment Program (PSPAP) 2019 sampling summary for the Missouri River, Segment 7 (a 59 mile reach from Gavins Point Dam, SD to Ponca, NE).

• Jennifer was selected for the workgroup position of sub-chair. Congratulations!
We modified an old, underpowered, tiller controlled 19-ft, flat bottom work boat to use in our PSPAP monitoring program. By adding a steering console and replacing the old 70 hp motor with a low-hour, surplus 115 hp motor, we created a functional and useful work boat at minimal cost.
Completed final report for fisheries surveys conducted at Offutt Air Force Base (AFB) Lake, Nebraska.

Coordinated stocking requests with Gavins Point and DC Booth National Fish Hatcheries for 9 Tribes in SD and KS.
Dan was nominated and accepted to Project Leader Academy, which will occur March 30-April 10 at NCTC.

Dan attended the annual Sikes Act Coordination and Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan review meeting with representatives from the SD Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP), Ellsworth AFB, and SD FWS Ecological Services at the SDGFP Outdoor Campus West in Rapid City, SD. We discussed current project status and progress as well as future needs for natural resource management.
Conference preparation for the Dakota AFS
- Annual meeting: Feb 24-26, Spearfish, SD.

Report completion and submission
- Offutt AFB Lake Fish Survey
- Offutt AFB Fish Management Plan
- Ellsworth AFB Fish Management Plan

Field work planning and coordination for upcoming field work season.

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Bio. Sci. Technician: Vacant (2 months)

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