

# *Great Plains Fish & Wildlife Conservation Office*

January 2020



Steam rising off the Missouri River on a cold morning

# *Recovery and Restoration*

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!



# *Recovery and Restoration*

**FY2019 Annual Report  
Pallid Sturgeon Population Assessment  
Segment 7**



Prepared for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers –  
Missouri River Recovery Program

By:

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Completed “FY2019 Pallid  
Sturgeon Population Assessment  
Program Annual Report: Segment  
7”

# *Recovery and Restoration*

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.



# *Tribal Trust and Recreation*

## OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE LAKE, NEBRASKA

### 2019 FISHERIES SURVEY REPORT



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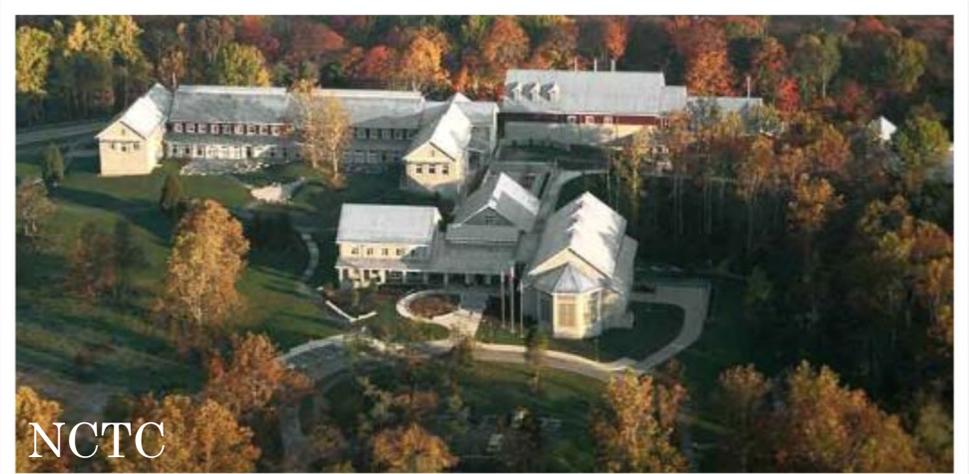
Completed final report for fisheries surveys conducted at Offutt Air Force Base (AFB) Lake, Nebraska.

Coordinated stocking requests with Gavins Point and DC Booth National Fish Hatcheries for 9 Tribes in SD and KS.

# *Partnerships and Employee Development*

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.



# *Upcoming Activities & Staff*

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.

## **Staff**

### *Pierre*

Project Leader: Vacant (32 months)

Acting Project Leader/Fish & Wildlife Biologist: Dan James

Fish & Wildlife Biologist: Landon Pierce

Administrative Officer: Kristen Grohs

Bio. Sci. Technician: Vacant (2 months)

### *Yankton*

Fish Biologist: Jennifer Johnson

Fish Biologist: Jason Kral

# *About Us*

*The Great Plains Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office provides fish and wildlife management technical assistance to Native American Tribes and federal agencies including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Defense, and National Wildlife Refuges within South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas.*

Sunset on the Missouri River

<https://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/fisheries/greatPlainsFWCO.php>