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**President’s Message, *Scott Shasteen***

I would like to congratulate Trent on an excellent job leading the Illinois AFS Chapter over the past year. It has been a pleasure working with him professionally and through AFS. I look forward to working with everyone to continue providing top notch aquatic resource protection and enhancement throughout the state. Our chapter has top quality committee chairs, co-chairs and members that are passionate about protecting the resource, and being a part of it brings me great pride. The Illinois Chapter is so much more than one Department, Agency, or University. It is a collection of professionals working together providing sound fisheries science.

As I assume the position of president from Trent Thomas, I can’t help but reflect of how I got to where I am today. For me, it started in high school with an excellent biology teacher named Ralph Coate. After high school, I got lucky and landed a job with the Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS) at the Kaskaskia

Biological Station. I was hired to be the maintenance guy while attending Lake Land College (LLC or Losers Last Chance as we often called it). Ted Storck was the principal investigator and ran the station at that time. Shortly after I started, Mike Mounce and Vic Santucci were hired as biologists. These three guys were my first mentors to the fisheries world and I couldn’t have asked for better ones. They provided me with invaluable guidance, education (mainly English), and fisheries skills that continue to serve me today. I would like to thank them for getting me started in a career that I love. I have such great memories working there and those were some of the best times of my life. Thanks guys! I’m sure everyone that belongs to the chapter has a similar story and has early mentors that started him or her in the right direction. For that, I would like to thank all the educators and mentors that took the time to provide guidance and assistance to someone starting out. If it wasn’t for them, none of us would be where we are today.

As Trent stated in the last newsletter, “WOW”, the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting was a memorable event that will be hard to top and even harder to forget. The open panel discussion was filled with history, humor, and emotion. At times, you could hear a pin drop. I hope the Chapter continues to have more open panel discussions at its’ annual meetings. I think these discussions could add a new dimension to our meetings and spark new interest among our members. That being said, the 51<sup>st</sup> annual meeting is fast approaching (see the back page of this newsletter for more information). Trent Thomas and Mike Hooe are working hard to make it another great meeting. The chapter favorite Tuesday evening fish fry mixer is back and you won’t want to miss it! In addition, it’s always sunny in Southern Illinois! I hope to see you there.

**Chapter Objectives:**

- Promotes training of fisheries professionals.
- Provides education outreach to the citizens of Illinois.
- Fosters research in fisheries and aquatic sciences.
- Provides sound fisheries policy information.
- Enhances communication and synergistic relationships amongst fisheries professionals.

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## Governor Quinn Announces Completion of Hofmann Dam Removal (October 2012), Tim Schweizer



**RIVERSIDE (10/26/12)** – Governor Pat Quinn moved forward with a major initiative that will significantly improve the health of Illinois waterways by removing or modifying 16 low-head dams throughout the state over the next several years. At an event in Riverside, the governor announced the completion of the Hofmann Dam removal. The dam removal initiative is the latest by Governor Quinn to protect the environment and preserve Illinois' natural resources.

"Free-flowing rivers benefit all of Illinois," Governor Quinn said. "Removing these dams will improve waterways across our state, making them safer for kayakers and paddlers who use them for exercise and recreation, and for anglers who enjoy fishing in these rivers. This dam removal initiative will improve conservation, water quality and outdoor recreation in Illinois."

The Illinois Dam Removal Initiative will invest nearly \$10 million to remove 12 dams in Cook County on the Des Plaines and Chicago Rivers, including the three that have already been removed. Those projects included removing the Hofmann, Fairbank and Armitage dams in Riverside, which is helping to restore the Des Plaines River to a more free-flowing channel. Removing these dams increases the diversity of fish and aquatic life, as well as eliminating dangers for undercurrents that were a threat to paddlers and fishing enthusiasts.



**Hofmann Dam Removal taking place**  
(photo courtesy of Illinois.gov)

The removal of the three Des Plaines River dams, combined with the remaining nine removal projects planned in Cook County, are being funded through Governor Quinn's *Illinois Jobs Now!* capital program. These dams are targeted for removal over the next two years. The dams being removed or renovated have no benefit to plants and animals that inhabit the rivers or to people who use waterways for recreation. In addition, four other dams on the Vermilion River and Fox River will be modified or removed as part of the initiative.

"Removing dams improves water quality, aquatic habitat and recreational safety," said Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Marc Miller. "It also addresses the issue of dealing with crumbling and aging infrastructure, which would be much more expensive to repair or replace. These dams no longer serve their original purpose and removal or modification will save the state and local communities money in the future."

Important factors that were considered in removal of the Hofmann Dam included the distribution and type of vegetation that occurs on exposed stream banks, the effects on local infrastructure and community support. The project was implemented under an agreement between the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The IDNR agreed to acquire all necessary rights of way for the project.

"The Forest Preserve District of Cook County is the property owner of much of the land along the Des Plaines River, and we have been strong supporters of the removal of the Hofmann Dam since day one," Arnold Randall, Forest Preserve District of Cook County General Superintendent said. "Our mission is to maintain and preserve the natural lands of this County for the pleasure, recreation and education of the public. The Hofmann Dam removal project, and others like it, can help us do just that."

The areas extending upstream from Hofmann Dam will see the most direct physical benefit from the improvements. The upstream reach and river channel have been converted from a slow-moving, deeper pool habitat to a free-flowing stream habitat. The most important benefits include enhanced drainage system at nearby Swan Pond Park to prevent entrapment of fish, increased fish passage,

restoration of the natural flow of the river and improved public safety. More than 15 miles of the Des Plaines River, upstream of the previously existing dam, has been opened to all fish and other aquatic species and a significant increase in biodiversity will be gained.

"It's time for these dams to be removed to protect waterway users and aquatic species alike," said Margaret Frisbie, Friends of the Chicago River Executive Director. "When we eliminate these barriers we open miles and miles of the river system which is critical to restoring its health. 'Friends' has been working on dam removal with Governor Quinn from the beginning. I want to thank the Governor for once again being a champion of Rivers in Illinois."

Governor Quinn's \$31 billion *Illinois Jobs Now!* capital construction program is the largest in Illinois history, supporting an estimated 439,000 construction jobs. The program, which aims to modernize Illinois' infrastructure, began in 2009.

### Remaining Illinois dam removal projects include:

The North Branch of the Chicago River -- Remove or modify four low head dams and free up 55 miles of waterway from downtown Chicago to the north. Partners include the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, the Chicago Park District and other non-governmental organizations. Total cost estimate: \$3,500,000.

- Tam O' Shanter, Chick Evans Golf Course, Winnetka Road Dams - Removal
- North Branch Dam at River Park - Modification

The Des Plaines River -- Remove or modify eight low head dams and free up 32 miles of waterway for paddlers and fish passage. Partners include the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. Total costs estimate: \$6,000,000.

- Dams 1, 2, and 4, Dempster Street, Touhy Ave Dams - Removal
- Armitage, Fairbank Road, Hofmann Dams - Removal (work complete)

### Other dams being considered for removal or modification under the initiative include:

- Blackberry Creek Dam (Yorkville, Fox River), Vermilion River Dam (Danville, Vermilion River), Ellsworth Park Dam (Danville, Vermilion River) - Removal
- Buzzi Unicem Dam (Oglesby, Vermillion River) - Additional modification



## Embattled developer halts megadairy construction in Apple river watershed, Randy Sauer

**November 15, 2012:** The Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) announced a settlement agreement between the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and Traditions megadairy owner/investor A.J. Bos of Bakersfield, California. According to the terms of the settlement, Bos will abandon the construction site, near Nora in Jo Daviess County, where two industrial sized dairy facilities were planned atop fragile karst topography in the Apple River watershed. This culminates a nearly five year, multi-million dollar battle between Traditions and its opposition, spearheaded by a dedicated cadre of local family farmers and other nearby residents.

Carrying a litany of environmental and labor violations from other such facilities in the Pacific Northwest, Bos apparently viewed Illinois as a friendly atmosphere for his industrial dairy operations when applying for a siting permit to Illinois Dept. of Agriculture (IDOA) in 2008. Despite objections from the local County Board and others (including ILAFS), IDOA issued their permit for one of the 5500 head units shortly thereafter. This was followed almost immediately by legal action from the local grassroots group, HOMES, which sought an injunction against construction based on environmental concerns.



**Gov. Pat Quinn showing his support for HOMES (story above)**

Not only would the proposed facility sit atop a sinkhole ridden limestone karst topography (verified by testimony from IL State Geological Survey expert but denied by IDOA officials), one of the units would have been built over a tributary to South Fork Apple River. The 200 million gallons of annual manure output were to be “handled” by earthen lagoons and subsequent land application. Our Chapter’s letter of opposition was predicated on the potentially disastrous implications of such a poorly designed facility on the aquatic life of the Apple River, a Biologically Significant stream known to harbor state listed mussel species and a unique, coolwater fish community.

Traditions accrued environmental violations shortly after its groundbreaking. In September 2008, Bos piled 26,000 tons of corn silage on a concrete slab at the nascent megadairy. A short time later this material started leaching an acidic discharge. In the meantime, IEPA and USEPA had initiated investigations following complaints by locals and the latter agency demanded detailed site and waste management information. By 2010, USEPA backed by the Justice Dept, demanded Bos to undertake a hydrogeologic study to determine groundwater impacts.

A turning point occurred in October 2010 when a tributary to South Fork Apple River turned bright purple following a large dis-

charge of silate leachage. At that point, IEPA prompted the IL Attorney General’s office to take legal action which eventually culminated in last month’s settlement. The Traditions megadairy generated four illegal discharges, never received an IEPA permit for constructing one of its lagoons over a stream, and failed to initiate the federally demanded groundwater study. All this occurred without housing a single cow in a facility that was slated for over 10,000 head.

Although state and federal regulators eventually intervened in this matter, it was the vigilance and oversight of local residents which led to this factory farm’s demise. The history of Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in Illinois and elsewhere is replete with environmental impacts including objectionable odors, groundwater contamination and massive fish kills. In the interest of Illinois’ aquatic life, it is hoped that oversized, poorly planned facilities such as Traditions will not find favor with their prospective neighbors.

*Adapted from the website “StopTheMegaDairy.org”*

## Statement from IDNR Director Marc Miller on Passage of DNR Sustainability Funding Bill, Chris McCloud

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 28, 2012

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Marc Miller made the following statement about today’s passage of Senate Bill 1566, a crucial funding bill for the IDNR:

“This vote is a victory for conservation and the environment in Illinois; it is also a victory for the economy and communities across the state that use and rely on the services the IDNR provides on a daily basis. I commend State Representative Frank Mautino and State Senator Toi Hutchinson for their leadership and hard work leading up to today’s action. I also want to thank the members of Illinois’ General Assembly who supported this bill, which will allow us to meet the needs of constituents, including those who use our state parks in the years to

come,” said IDNR Director Marc Miller.

“While it’s important to remember that capturing these new funds will take time, we will work as quickly as we can to put the new revenues toward their intended purpose. Passage of this bill will help us hire critical staff to maintain state parks, fix aging infrastructure, speed up regulatory functions and make a bigger difference in the lives of everyone we serve,” added Miller.

Senate Bill 1566 passed the Illinois Senate today by a vote of 39-11 and now goes to the Governor.

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## Nomination of Ken Russell for 2012 AGLOW Public Servant Golden Glow Award

Dan Sallee



**Ken Russell accepting AGLOW Award**

After graduating college in Missouri, Ken Russell joined the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (then Dept. of Conservation) on November 1 1962 as a District Fisheries Biologist. Ken quickly achieved a reputation as a superior fish management biologist, particularly in the areas of small impoundments and strip mine lakes. He participated in the original AFS multi-state small pond management study, and has written and taught small impoundment techniques throughout his career.

Ken recently re-wrote *Management of Small Lakes and Ponds in Illinois*. Ken has had a long and very productive relationship with Western Illinois University, and has mentored numerous graduate students on small impoundment research projects, and species specific (he's also a panfish expert) management research. He has been involved in over 1,000 educational workshops for the public and has been involved in or the subject of countless popular articles. Each year Ken speaks to thousands of kids at Envirothons, Conservation Days, fishing expos, fishing derbies, scouting events, school assemblies and individual classes. What is striking about this is the intensity Ken brings to his educational work. Many have watched Ken drop to his knees to get at "kid level" and TEACH. After 49+ years on the job, the ecological fire in his gut still burns very brightly, and he is determined to make the most out of every educational opportunity. Ken could have retired with full benefits many years ago, but still gives 110 % to the resources and people he serves.

Ken has been honored with awards from countless Sportsmen's groups, county conservation offices, newspapers, and professional societies. One example of awards is the prestigious Spirit of the Shack Award from the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. This award is given to the person who best personifies the conservation ethic of Aldo Leopold. Another example is the Stephen A. Forbes Excellence in Fisheries Science Award that Ken received from the Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

Ken has made an indelible mark on Illinois with his management activities. He has made another lasting mark with the thousands of people he has presented conservation principles and ethics to, and still another mark has been made with all of the young professionals that Ken has mentored and who are working today.



**Ken with AGLOW Exec. Director Josh Lantz (left)**

Ken has mentored and who are working today.

## Federal Judge Dismisses Multi-State Asian Carp Lawsuit, Randy Sauer

On December 3, US District Judge John Tharp dismissed a lawsuit filed jointly by five states (Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio and Pennsylvania) which sought to curb the spread of Asian carp into the Great Lakes through lock closure (Chicago and Calumet Rivers) and other physical measures. The two year old lawsuit accused the US Army Corps of Engineers and Chicago's Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of creating a "public nuisance" by failing to physically separate Lake Michigan from a network of streams and canals potentially capable of conveying the invasive species from known populations in the Upper Illinois Waterway into the lake.

In his ruling, Judge Tharp maintained that existing Federal law requires the Corps to maintain an open shipping channel between Lake Michigan and the Des Plaines River. The judge added he was "mindful of, and alarmed by, the potentially devastating ecological, environmental, and economic consequences that may result from the establishment of an Asian carp population in the Great Lakes" but that only Congress, and not the courts, could authorize the physical separation of the two systems. He gave the states until January 11, 2013 to replead their case in a way that

doesn't request violating the law.

A spokesman for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette said "we are reviewing this decision and considering our options". This is the latest in a series of legal setbacks for the plaintiffs; four times previously the U.S. Supreme Court refused to order temporary measures such as closing the locks. The controversy has been brewing for over a decade; the first electric barriers were installed in the Chicago Waterway in 2003 and since then millions have been spent in monitoring and control efforts. Despite eDNA evidence to the contrary, not a single live Asian carp has been collected in Lake Michigan and only one (Lake Calumet in 2010) has been taken anywhere below the barriers.

*Adapted from Associated Press release, 11/4/12.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Winter Fisheries Training for Acoustic Tag & Hydroacoustic Assessments** Co-Hosted by HTI and the University of Washington (UW) Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society at the UW School of Aquatic and Fishery Science

#### **1. Using Acoustic Tags to Track Fish**

7-8 February 2013 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
At University of Washington, Seattle, WA

This short course addresses all aspects of tracking fish movement with acoustic tags, including three-dimensional tracking with sub-meter resolution. The course includes hands-on-operation and a variety of applications are covered.

#### **2. Using Hydroacoustics for Fisheries Assessment**

14-15 February 2013 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
At University of Washington, Seattle, WA

The hydroacoustic short course covers mobile and fixed-location survey techniques, and subjects include basic hydroacoustic theory, deployment logistics, data collection and processing, as well as typical results. Split-beam, single-beam, and multi-beam frequency techniques are discussed in detail.

More information can be found at: [http://www.HTIsonar.com/ha\\_short\\_course.htm](http://www.HTIsonar.com/ha_short_course.htm)  
Lunch is provided. For more info or to save a seat, email: [support@HTIsonar.com](mailto:support@HTIsonar.com).

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### **ILAFS: Continuing Education Opportunities**

Illinois AFS Continuing Education co-chairs Jonathan Leiman and Ben Lubinski are finalizing details on a Continuing Education Workshop to be held **February 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Kibbe Biological Research Station in Warsaw, IL.**

**Day One:** Dr. Timothy Spier of Western Illinois University has volunteered to teach a one day workshop on "An Introduction to 'R-statistics'". R-stats is a language and environment for statistical computing and graphics. R-stats provides a wide variety of statistical (linear and nonlinear modelling, classical statistical tests, time-series analysis, classification, clustering, ...) and graphical techniques, and is highly extensible. R-stats is available as a free software download.

**Day Two:** Aquatic Ecologist, Josh Sherwood, with the Illinois Natural History Survey has volunteered to teach a workshop on "Darter and Minnow Identification". This workshop will focus on field collection methods, field identification, and lab identification. One of the main goals of this workshop will be having open-ended conversations with all workshop attendees who can share their "tricks of the trade" when it comes to field and lab ID of darters and minnows.

Housing at Kibbe is available and meals will be provided, cost will be included in the workshop registration fee which is yet to be determined.

### **Books: The Fishes of Illinois—Free PDF**

Now available as a free PDF download through Google books - The Fishes of Illinois (1920) by Stephen Alfred Forbes and Robert Earl Richardson.

This out-of-print book is hard to find and expensive. This is a great opportunity to add this historic piece of literature to your library at no cost.

<http://www.google.com/books?id=5SgaAAAYAAJ>

### **ILAFS Chapter Financial Update, Cory Suski**

As of 8-30-2012:

Checking Account: \$8,773.54

Money Market (savings) account: \$1086.66

The Chapter also has 2 CDs: (1) Dr. Larry Jahn Student Fund CD: \$ 6,014.96, and (2) General Funds CD has \$12,688.88. These 2 CDs total \$18,703.84 as of 7/6/12.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ILLINOIS AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

The Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (IL AFS) will be awarding up to **4 travel grants** for students to attend this year's Annual Meeting. The grants will be **\$100 each** to help students to attend the Annual Meeting to be held at Rend Lake from **March 5-7, 2013**.

Criteria for this selection will be based upon financial need and/or reason(s) for attending the meeting (e.g., paper presentation, pertinent paper session, IL AFS committee meeting). Students should include the above information and also state their class standing (i.e. junior, B.S. candidate), fisheries related interests, participation in IL AFS activities, and AFS membership status when applying. A letter from each applicant's advisor confirming the need for travel money is also required.

Grant recipients are asked to attend the Business Meeting at the conference to receive their awards. **ALL STUDENTS ARE URGED TO APPLY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE PRESENTING A PAPER!!!**

Submit electronic (preferred) or paper applications

by: **February 1, 2013**

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### Position Announcement—Large River Biologist, IL Natural History Survey

INHS is seeking an individual to lead field research teams in the collection of fish population monitoring data. This position will be located at the **Illinois River Biological Station in Havana, Illinois**.

**Project description:** Incumbent will serve as field crew leader/coordinator for long-term fish population monitoring programs to complement and augment current efforts by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, US Army Corps of Engineers, and US Geological Survey to monitor the composition and relative health of the fish populations in the Illinois River. Funding for these efforts is made available through long-term agreements with **US Army Corps of Engineers** and **Illinois Department of Natural Resources**.

**Job description:** Successful candidate will lead teams of field technicians in the collection of fish population monitoring data on the Illinois River from mid-June – October 31 each year, with administrative and research duties during off-season. The successful candidate will also be responsible for fish identification and processing, data entry, and maintenance of field equipment, and be strongly encouraged to participate with the principal investigator and other field station staff in the publication of peer-reviewed scientific articles and scientific presentations related to this program.

**Qualifications:** The preferred candidate will have a M.S. in fisheries, biology, aquatic ecology, or related field by the start of the appointment. Consideration will be given to B.S. level candidate with extensive credentials. Experience writing reports and journal articles, with standard fisheries statistical analyses, and presenting at scientific meetings is preferred. Successful candidate must demonstrate strong leadership skills and commitment to scientific excellence, experience in pulsed-DC and/or AC boat electrofishing, fyke and hoop netting, trawling, standard fish sampling and other sampling techniques important to river ecological research. Candidate should have experience driving 4WD trucks and trailering boats, be willing to travel with occasional overnight stays, work in inclement weather and conditions, be proficient in fish identification, and demonstrate a commitment to team water and equipment safety. Large-river experience in electrofishing standard fish sampling techniques, boat driving, and maintaining field equipment is also preferred. Demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office, MS Access, ArcGIS products and statistical software packages is a plus. The individual must have a valid driver's license, be able to swim, and be able to work in extreme weather conditions.

For more details or to apply see <https://jobs.illinois.edu>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Annual Meeting Information

## 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Dates: Tuesday – Thursday, March 5-7

Location: Rend Lake Resort, 11712 East Windy Lane, Whittington, Illinois

#### **Meeting Information:**

Conference begins at 1pm March 5<sup>th</sup> and ends at 12pm March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Registration includes breakfast Wednesday and Thursday, fish fry and social on Tuesday evening, lunch and dinner banquet on Wednesday, with drinks and snacks during breaks. An ILAFS commemorative pint glass will be provided to each registrant. Special room pricing of \$60 for a reserved block of rooms is available until February 5<sup>th</sup>. Please call 618-629-2211 to reserve a room.

#### **Registration Information:**

Registration is currently open. Registration fee is \$95 for professionals and \$60 for students and retirees. Please visit <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4qu5dfdab&oeidk=a07e6mfwgst5632dea7> to register.

#### **Abstract Submission Information:**

Abstract submission for oral or poster presentations is open and closes on January 30<sup>th</sup>, so this is the first call for papers. Please visit <http://dnr.illinois.gov/FishWildlifeConference/Register.aspx> for more information or to submit an abstract.

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Come join the fun at Rend Lake!

