



Fall 2008 Highlights

September

- 1 Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission becomes a MGLP partner.
- 9 MGLP state/federal coordinators' conference call- major topic was needed data for the draft strategic plan, including species of greatest conservation need and water quality information.
- 17 Gave a MGLP presentation at the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society meeting in Walker MN.
- 18 National Fish Habitat Action Plan conference call- major topic was the draft "Policies and Guidance for Fish Habitat Partnerships."
- 24 **\$National Fish Habitat Conservation Act is introduced into the U.S. House and Senate.**

October

- 7 MGLP conference call with state agency fisheries chiefs, USFWS, TNC, USGS to discuss draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- 8 Content of MGLP MOU agreed to. Began receiving signatures on October 9.
\$GIS Specialist starts. Funded by a USFWS Demonstration Grant.
- 14 MGLP state/federal coordinators' conference call- major topic was interim strategies and targets.

November

- 13 MGLP state/federal coordinators' conference call- major topic was a governance structure.
- 21 MGLP conference call with state agency fisheries chiefs, USFWS, TNC, USGS to discuss draft governance.
- 24 National Fish Habitat Action Plan conference call and Webinar. Major topic was the National Fish Habitat Assessment.

December

- 2 Gave a MGLP presentation to the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council, Wabena WI.
- 4 Gary Whelan (MI DNR) gave a MGLP presentation to the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership.
- 18 Received letter of support from the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies supporting MGLP's Fish Habitat Partnership application.
Submitted MGLP application for Fish Habitat Partnership recognition. Decision will be made at the Board meeting in March 2009.
- 20 MGLP news story highlighted on www.fishhabitat.org. View the video there or at www.midwestglaciallakes.org.
- 30 \$Finalized contract with the Indiana Lakes Management Society for MGLP workshops. Funding provided by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant.

On the Horizon

- Jan.** 13 MGLP state/federal coordinators' conference call.
29-31 "Building Partnerships: Protecting Indiana's Aquatic Resources." Indiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society/Indiana Lakes Management Society's Annual Meeting, Indianapolis IN.
- Feb.** 2-4 "Fish Without Borders: Great Lakes Interactions." MN/WI/ONT Chapters of the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting, Duluth MN.
10 **MGLP Steering Committee Meeting, Minneapolis-St. Paul.**
17 MGLP state/federal coordinators' conference call.
- Mar.** 4-5 National Fish Habitat Board meeting and MGLP presentation for partnership recognition, Harrisburg PA.
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