



### Winter 2011 Highlights

#### January

- 11 MGLP conference call. Main topic was to finalize modeling endpoints for the assessment. Endpoints to include: sport fish indices (cold, cool, and warm water species), water quality, and “keystone” fish species.
- 21 Midwest FHP Assessment conference call with Downstream Strategies.
- 24 NFHAP Partnership Conference Call.

Spent considerable time this month compiling fish data for the assessment, which include more than 216,000 fish collection records from the eight MGLP states are included.

#### February

- 8 Gave a MGLP assessment presentation at the MN AFS annual meeting.
- 11 Three MGLP related nominations are submitted for National Fish Habitat Action Plan awards. *(two of these nominations will become award recipients at National Casting Call).*
- 11 MGLP Co-chair conference call. Main topic was outreach efforts for the assessment.
- 20 “Fish Sticks” is highlighted on Babe Winkelman’s program. An interview with WI DNR’s Scott Toshner from this show will be posted on the MGLP website.
- 22 Sent a MGLP letter of support for fish passage barrier removals on Wabana Lake, MN. This project is a partnership between the Wabana Lake Association, U.S. Forest Service, MN DNR, and Itasca County. The group may seek project funds from MGLP next year.

#### March

- 4 Developed an outreach “one-pager” for six Midwest FHPs announcing the aquatic habitat assessments completed this summer and early fall (see second page). Secured the domain name [www.MidwestFishHabitats.org](http://www.MidwestFishHabitats.org) to post the assessments later this fall.
- 8 MGLP conference call. Main topic was a discussion with Dr. Roy Martin, Downstream Strategies modeler, on water quality parameters for the assessment. Met with Steve Heiskary, MN Pollution Control Agency, to discuss the water quality aspect of the MGLP aquatic habitat assessment
- 9 Met with CB Bylander and Pete Takash (MN DNR) and Maureen Gallagher regarding outreach strategies for the Midwest fish habitat assessments
- 15 Provided a document describing MGLP to MN DNR staff for the Fishing Opener press packet.
- 16 Sent fish and water quality data for the MGLP assessment to Downstream Strategies.
- 31 Integrated lakeshed layer for all MGLP states is nearly complete!

#### On the Horizon

- April**
  - 12 MGLP state/federal coordinators conference call.
  - 12-15 National Fish Habitat Board Meeting and Jim Range Casting Call, Washington, D.C.
  - 12-14 Wisconsin Lakes Convention, Green Bay WI
- May**
  - 3-5 Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Annual Conference, Custer, SD.
  - 4 MSCG Letters of Intent are due.
  - 10 MGLP state/federal coordinators conference call.
- June**
  - 1-2 North American Media Group filming a show on MGLP in northern MN.
  - 14 MGLP state/federal coordinators conference call.