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Greetings to everyone. I appreciate the opportunity to introduce myself through the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress. Though I consider myself an affirmed North Dakotan I am originally from central Minnesota. I grew up on a lake there which undoubtedly stimulated my life long career interest as well as the hobbies I enjoy.

In 1989 I earned my A.A.S. degree in Natural Resources from the University of Minnesota. During the summer months I was a counselor/instructor for (at the time) the In-fisherman's Camp Fish. I continued my education at North Dakota State University where I obtained my B.S. degree in Zoology with a fisheries emphasis in 1992.

After working a summer under Dr. John Peterka for NDSU, I became hired as a seasonal fisheries aide for the North Dakota Game and Fish in Jamestown the fall of 1992. The following fall I was hired as a fisheries technician. In 2005 I became a district fisheries biologist. My job duties are very diverse. I spend several months each year directly involved with fish production. Production duties include: the collection of fish eggs, collection of brood fish, trap and transporting adult fish, as well as distributing fish produced at Valley City National Fish Hatchery to all parts of the state. I am involved with netting surveys in which data is collected to better manage fish populations. Collecting dissolved oxygen data, water quality related information as well as operating low-level discharge systems on select impoundments are also part of my duties. When time permits I am fortunate enough to create and conduct studies pertaining to the improvement or enhancement of fish populations in our lakes in the southeast part of the state.

The diversity and ability to pursue ideas that may create a better understanding for, or utilization of the fisheries resource is what I consider to be the most stimulating part of my job. I also enjoy creating a better understanding among our constituents why biologically we do the things that we as a division to enhance the resource.

Should your travels bring you to the Jamestown area feel free to stop by and say hello. If you're on a fishing mission, I may even have a hot tip for ya!!!