

FISHERIES DIVISION PROFILED

The Fisheries Division of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is one of the smallest in the nation, totaling 22 full-time staff. With 162,000 licensed anglers in North Dakota, this equates to about one fisheries employee for every 7000 licensed anglers! Fisheries staff are responsible for all aspects of developing and maintaining fisheries in the nearly 700,000 acres of water (when full) in approximately 300 or so fishing water bodies scattered across the state. The Fisheries Division is composed of staff dealing primarily with fish management/research including ANS matters (generally all field staff), fisheries development (boat ramps, roads, etc), fish production (spawning and distribution, and coordination with the NFH), habitat protection (SOL program) and administration.

In an effort to provide the fishing public (Sportfishing Congress; SFC) a profile of the names, faces and responsibilities of the individuals who work for the Fisheries Division, the Department will periodically provide SFC a short narrative written specifically by Fisheries Division staff (in their own words!). Hopefully in the next few years, these individual profiles will be useful for both the reader and Department staff.

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