



## **Hannibal Bolton**

Hannibal Bolton's career has spanned more than 30 years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Fisheries Program. He was stationed at the Central States Fishery Management Station at Princeton, Indiana (1971-1974), was Assistant Project Leader at the Ashland (Wisconsin) Fisheries Assistance Office (1974-1981), and was the first supervisor of the Winona (Minnesota) Fisheries Assistance Office (1981-1991). Hannibal moved to the Twins Cities Regional Office in 1991 and supervised all Fishery Resource Offices as Fisheries Associate Manager, then all fisheries field stations as Deputy Assistant Regional Director. From 1995 to the present, he has served as Chief, Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance in Washington DC.

Hannibal has made notable contributions to fisheries management wherever he has worked. In the late 1970's, he was an early leader in successful efforts to improve fisheries management on Native American reservations in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. He supervised the implementation of newly authorized aquatic nuisance species control programs on the Great Lakes, and oversaw successful efforts to restore lake trout populations in Lake Superior. At the national level, Hannibal initiated the National Fish Passage Program and played a crucial role in developing the National Fish Habitat Action Plan.

Hannibal has dedicated much of his career to making the face of the fisheries profession reflect the image of the American people through his minority recruitment and mentoring efforts. He has received several national awards for his work in this area from the Department of Interior, USFWS, and the American Fisheries Society (AFS). As an active AFS member since 1973, Hannibal has chaired many committees at the society, division and chapter levels. He served as President of the Wisconsin Chapter (1991-1992) and has been a member of the Fisheries Management Section since its inception in 1981.

The impressive contributions of Hannibal Bolton to fisheries management, aquatic habitat conservation, and the fisheries profession serve as an inspiration to all current and future fisheries professionals.

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