



Dr. David W. Willis

Dr. Dave Willis received a B.S. and a M.S. from the University of North Dakota in 1977 and 1978, respectively, and a Ph.D. from Colorado State University in 1980. He served as a District Fisheries Biologist and Reservoir Fisheries Investigator for the Kansas Fish and Game Commission before joining the faculty of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at South Dakota State University (SDSU) in 1987. In 2002, he was one of only 15 faculty members to ever be recognized as a Distinguished Professor at SDSU and has mentored over 40 graduate students to date.

Dave's contributions in fisheries management research and education have been remarkable. His productive working relationships with several federal and upper Midwest state agencies has led to the publication of over 165 peer-reviewed articles in the fisheries literature. He has served as a coeditor, coauthor or author on seven books including the 1996 American Fisheries Society (AFS) publication *Fisheries Techniques*, 2nd edition that is often used as a textbook in fisheries management courses. Dave frequently presents workshops to federal and state agencies on the tools and practices used in fisheries management. His national leadership in fisheries management education for both professionals and laymen was recognized by the AFS Excellence in Fisheries Education Award in 1997 and the AFS Excellence in Public Outreach Award in 2003.

As a member since 1978, Dave has been deeply involved in AFS in a variety of roles. He has held five elective offices including President of the Fisheries Management Section (2003-2005), President of the North Central Division (1991-1992), and President of the Kansas Chapter (1986-1987). Dave has chaired or been a member of 41 standing or ad hoc AFS committees. He has served as an associate editor (1999-2004) of the *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* and as a member of the AFS Book Editorial Advisory Board since 1997.

The exemplary research and education efforts of Dr. David W. Willis will continue to serve the national fisheries management community long into the future.

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