



Paul J. “Jack” Wingate

Jack Wingate received a B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1964 and a M.S. from the University of South Dakota in 1968. He did additional graduate work at Southern Illinois University from 1970 to 1974 conducting research on the cause and control of gas embolism in fish. Jack worked for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission from 1974 to 1982 serving first as a biologist in the Interagency Wildlife Coordination Section and then as a research biologist with the Division of Inland Fisheries. He began his career with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in 1982 and served as both the Fisheries Research Manager and the Fisheries Operation Manager for the Section of Fisheries over his 25 years of service.

Jack has made many outstanding contributions to fisheries management. Two that have served as templates for other state and provincial management programs are his integration of research and management for an interactive, adaptive approach for muskellunge by the MDNR and his initiation of a standard monitoring program for walleye in 10 large lakes in Minnesota and a portion of Lake Superior. Jack provided strong leadership on the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission and led in the development of agreements between Native American tribes and the MDNR for the management of large lake fisheries that provided for compatible commercial, subsistence, and sport fisheries. He supervised an extremely productive fisheries research program within the MDNR that has produced over 95 peer-reviewed fisheries management publications over the last 25 years.

Jack has provided dedicated long-time service to the American Fisheries Society (AFS) as a member since 1971. Most notably, he was AFS President (1995-1996), North Central Division President (1989), and Minnesota Chapter President (1985). Jack served on the Program Committees for the World Fisheries Congresses in Beijing, China in 2003 and Vancouver, Canada in 2004. He has received AFS Awards of Excellence from the Fisheries Management Section (1999), Minnesota Chapter (1999), and the North Central Division (2001).

The outstanding fisheries management accomplishments of Paul J. “Jack” Wingate have had a lasting impact on the nation’s aquatic resources.

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