



Bruce D. Shupp

Bruce D. Shupp, has had and continues, a distinguished career involved with the management and conservation of fisheries resources on state, regional and national levels. A native of Pennsylvania and a graduate of Penn State, Bruce began his fisheries career in the mid-west with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 1972, he joined the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) as a Fisheries Management biologist in the Adirondack Mountain Region. In 1976, he became the statewide supervisor of warmwater fisheries management and in 1980, he was promoted to Chief of the Bureau of Fisheries-a position he has mastered for 14 years.

He was instrumental in the enhancement and promotion of New York's Great Lakes fisheries and the heightened awareness to black bass fisheries in New York and throughout the northeast United States.

Bruce is an American Fisheries Society "Certified Fisheries Scientist," a Past President and Honorary Member of the New York Chapter of AFS, a Past President of the Fisheries Administrator's Section of AFS and has chaired other committees on the AFS Society level.

In January of 1995, Bruce became National Conservation Director for Bass Anglers Sportsman's Society. He is also a member of the TVA Stewardship Council and serves on advisory committees at Auburn University and Virginia Tech. He currently directs the B.A.S.S. Conservation Program, which supports the conservation activities of 600,000 B.A.S.S. members, 2800 clubs and 47 state and provincial federations.

Elected into the "**NATIONAL FISHERIES HALL OF EXCELLENCE**," 2002, Executive Committee, Fisheries Management Section, American Fisheries Society.