



WE INVITE YOU to the 68th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference.

**Madison, Wisconsin
December 9-12, 2007**

The conference will mark the 68th year that natural resource professionals have met to share new research, management experiences, and valuable insight on fish and wildlife research and management. The Conference will be held in the beautiful Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Monona Terrace Convention Center on the shore of Lake Monona just blocks from the State Capitol, the University of Wisconsin campus, and downtown dining and night life.

The Conference theme is **"BE THE CHANGE: MANAGE LOCALLY, CONSERVE GLOBALLY"**. Mahatma Gandhi's **"You must be the change you want to see in the world"** was a call for local, individual action to make a difference. Likewise, Rene Dubos challenged participants in the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment to **"Think Globally, Act Locally"** suggesting that ecological consciousness begins at home. What we do locally on our individual fish and wildlife properties or on private lands in our own states can and will have an effect on Midwest regional fish and wildlife populations and their habitat. We are inviting attendees to explore ways to put their individual management actions into a larger context to benefit all fish and wildlife across the Midwest.

The challenge of natural resource professionals today is to manage for ALL fish and wildlife and their habitats. This goal can result in conflicting management strategies for habitats required by different species (e.g., managing for early or late successional forests). One potential solution to this problem is to think and plan at different scales so management moves beyond the local scale towards management of sustainable and healthy habitats across a larger landscape, integrated with but buffered from human development. This solution can provide a model that can be emulated nationally and globally, particularly where natural resource management is in its nascence.



We are considering a variety of symposia topics to help emphasize this theme:

- Prescribed fire
- Lead impacts on fish and wildlife
- Urban fish and wildlife
- Coping with terrestrial and aquatic invasive species
- Aquatic organism passage
- Habitat fragmentation
- Landscape and watershed scale research, management, and planning in the Midwest
- Emerging diseases and pathogens in fish and wildlife

The diverse and exciting program, unique setting, and special events promise that the 2007 conference will be one that you will not want to miss. **So, please put December 9-12 on your 2007 calendar NOW, and plan to come and see us in Madison.**

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