

Happy November NCD!

I had some important things I wanted to share with you in October, so I held off until this month to do a retrospective of the HUGE AFS-TWS Joint Meeting in Reno. Wow, what an event. Over 4,000 fisheries and wildlife professionals gathered in one place. It was impressive.

I think members of the other AFS Divisions were a little surprised at how much overlap there was between the fish folks and the wildlife folks at this meeting. NCD folks, I believe, thought things were relatively normal, because we see it every year at the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference.

Once of the big items from the meeting is the handoff from one AFS President to the next. President Scott Bonar has been very active on AFS communication channels ever since. He has an aggressive call to action for AFS members in regard to climate change. Please take some time to consider the items he has been sharing, and what your role can be in this regard.

I had the opportunity to participate in two AFS-TWS joint symposia at the meeting, one regarding conservation in agricultural landscapes, and the other about Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) efforts and assessments regarding hunter and angler participation. It was great to be able to share knowledge and information in these venues, and to learn things from other professionals who work on similar issues. These networking opportunities are just fantastic learning environments. There will be an R3 symposium at the Midwest, so be on the lookout for me there.

The other NCD ExComm members and I are at work recruiting candidates for the office of Vice President. If you know of someone who would do a great job serving the Division and the Society in this manner, please let us know.

If you are traveling over the Thanksgiving holiday, please be safe. And remember to take a look around and consider all the things we do have to be thankful for. We are truly blessed.

Thanks,

*Jeff*

P.S. I do occasionally work, and can prove it [HERE](#). Hope your final days in the field weren't as cold as mine!

