

Happy December NCD!

The holidays are here! This evening I get to take my nephews shopping for their Christmas presents. They are active anglers, and we are going on a little shopping spree to the local Bass Pro Shop. We have made tons of memories together over the years, hiking, fishing, riding ATVs and spending time together outdoors. It is great to pass on these family traditions, and I hope you take time to enjoy some recreation and family time during the holidays.

We will soon be gathering in Springfield, IL for the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference. It looks to be a great meeting, and I hope to see many of you there! It is also the time of year that many of our chapter meetings occur. The NCD ExComm wants to attend as many chapter meetings as possible, so please let us know when those meetings will occur. Here are the meeting dates we have so far:

- Midwest F&W Conference – Jan 26-29
- Illinois Chapter – Jan 29 (in conjunction with Midwest)
- Kansas Chapter – Jan 30-31 (Kansas Natural Resources Conference)
- Nebraska Chapter – Feb 4-5
- Missouri Chapter – Feb 4-6 (Missouri Natural Resources Conference)
- Wisconsin Chapter – Feb 4-6
- Minnesota Chapter – Feb 10-12
- Ontario Chapter – Feb 20-22
- Dakota Chapter – Feb 24-26
- Iowa Chapter – Mar 3-4
- Michigan Chapter – Mar 11-13



I am unsure when the Indiana and Ohio Chapter meetings are scheduled. If you are still filling in some spots in the agenda for your Chapter meeting, be sure to peruse the Ambassador Program web site (<https://ncd.fisheries.org/ambassador-program/>) to check out the cool stuff happening across the division. You can probably bring in someone from a neighboring state really easily, and learn something new!

Also, I am hoping to unveil a new “honor” to be bestowed upon some “Heroes of Fisheries” at our meetings this winter. Stay tuned for more details!

We have two candidates for the office of Vice President, and will be holding the election soon. Look for an email with biographies and photos of our candidates. We plan to have this office filled prior to our Annual Business Meeting, held at the Midwest.

I took a little time off after Thanksgiving to go out and engage in one of my favorite activities, ice fishing! We are just now getting safe ice here in Iowa, but northern Minnesota treated me well! Enjoy the holidays!



Thanks,

*Jeff*