

President's Blog

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Giving Thanks

At this time of year (and one month earlier or so in Canada) we take time and give thanks for the incredible abundance of what we have, the communities in which we live, and the people in our lives.

As it turns out, we do the same thing about this time each year in the North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society, too! Last month, Mark Fincel, President-Elect of NCD-AFS and the Chair of the Awards Committee, sent a call for award nominees to the membership*. We have many types of awards, from ones that recognize excellent communication by our chapters to ones that recognize individuals for service to AFS at all levels. Full descriptions of our awards can be found here: <https://ncd.fisheries.org/awards/>.

So, during this time of reflection and giving thanks, please take some time to nominate one of the many deserving people or groups which comprise the North Central Division. Nominations are due by December 4, 2020 and should be submitted to me (joseph.conroy@dnr.ohio.gov) and/or Mark Fincel (mark.fincel@state.sd.us).

A Great Opportunity

Calling all students and early career professionals who want to attend the 2021 Virtual Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference for free. The North Central Division and the North Central Section of The Wildlife Society are co-administering the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Midwest Travel Grant. This award will pay early-bird registration fees for current students and early career professionals (5 years of employment or fewer). The NCD has funds available to support dozens of awards. The NCD will give preference to applicants who are AFS Society members.

To complete the application, please go to the form here:
<https://forms.gle/6ooYywTZiJwmwGu8>

Please note that the application does require a 150–200 word statement that addresses the following items: (1) financial need; (2) conference participation plan (Will you attend a workshop? Give a presentation? Attend the NCD Annual Business Meeting?); (3) anticipated impact on future work within your organization and our professional society; and, (4) intended plan to relay experience gained to others (e.g., post-conference presentation, newsletter article).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact me at joseph.conroy@dnr.ohio.gov

**We have increasingly heard that aggressive email filters are capturing our listserv communications, like the call for award nominations. We are starting to consider ways around this but it is always a good idea to like us on Facebook (North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society) or to visit the website on a regular basis (www.ncd.fisheries.org). Stay tuned.*



Joe with the turkey he recently harvested (from the local Kroger) for Thanksgiving.