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Game and Fish Recognizes Williams County Water Resources District

The state Game and Fish Department recently recognized the Williams County Water Resources District for efforts in developing and enhancing public boating and fishing related facilities in northwestern North Dakota.

Bob Frohlich, fisheries development supervisor, said Game and Fish established the award this year and will continue to annually recognize outstanding partnership contributions in the future. "Williams County Water Resources District is an extremely worthy recipient of this award due to their involvement in public use areas and facilities since the 1980s," Frohlich said.

Game and Fish typically provides 75 percent cost-share on ramp and facility projects, while local groups or agencies match the remaining 25 percent of the cost. In most cases the local partner also commits to taking care of annual operations and maintenance. "Developing and maintaining these facilities would not be possible without the assistance and support of a local entity," Frohlich added.

One major Williams County WRD project involved developing the boating access area at the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers confluence more than 20 years ago, and subsequently working with other partners to complete a number of improvements, including a paved access road and parking area, vault toilets and campground improvements.

"The confluence boating access area has become one of the most heavily used public and fishing access sites in the northwestern part of the state," Frohlich said.

Williams County WRD was also recognized for turning Kettle Lake into a popular public sport fishery; developing public access areas and facilities on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land along Lake Sakakawea and the Missouri River upstream of Lake Sakakawea; and developing and managing Lund's Landing, Lewis and Clark bluff overlook, Thompson Landing and adjoining areas on the Little Muddy River, Little Beaver Bay, Trenton Lake, U.S. Highway 85 boating access area and the Pumphouse fishing access site. In addition, Williams County WRD works closely with the Williams County Park Board and other entities to develop and manage public use areas and facilities at several smaller fishing waters throughout the county, including Blacktail Dam, Cottonwood Lake, Epping-Springbrook Dam, Kota-Ray Dam, McGregor Dam, McLeod Lake, Spring Lake Park Ponds, Tioga Reservoir and Trenton Lake.

"They have been very aggressive in providing fishing piers and other facilities for youth, elderly and those with disabilities," Frohlich said. "They are definitely deserving of this award."

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Workshop Set Aug. 13-15

Women who want to learn more about outdoor activities are encouraged to participate in the 16th annual Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Workshop Aug. 13-15 at Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau. Applications are being accepted and enrollment is limited to 100 participants age 18 or older. The cost is \$135 with an Aug. 1 registration deadline.

The workshop, sponsored by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, offers more than 20 different seminars, each of which lasts more than three hours.

Classes are held outdoors, and each session contains 45 minutes of lecture with the remainder

dedicated to hands-on instruction. Each session has room for 12 women. Participants are limited to four sessions.

Women will learn the basics of hunting and fishing, shooting, navigation, and plants and animals. Classes include basic boating skills, archery, canoeing, fly-fishing, kayaking, plant identification, tracking and trapping, and Dutch oven cooking.

Participants will stay in dorms and must provide their own bedding and towels. All camp facilities are handicap accessible. Equipment will be provided unless noted in the course description.

To receive an information brochure and enrollment form, contact Nancy Boldt, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, at (701) 328-6312; ndgf@nd.gov; or visit the Game and Fish website at gf.nd.gov