



“Musings by Melissa”
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BREAKING NEWS!!! As of today, the NCD now has an official job board on our website! Thanks to the brains and skills of our NCD President-Elect Sandy Clark-Kolacks and our NCD webmaster Brian Borkholder, we now have a forum to post temporary and full-time fisheries positions for FREE for the benefit of our members! Check out the “NCD

Jobs Boards” tab on our homepage: <http://ncd.fisheries.org/>. There’s already one job posted! If you have positions, email them to [Brian](#) for posting.

Now back to our regularly scheduled programming. . .

Greetings, NCD! Signs of springs have been emerging across our division sporadically. South Dakota has been hearing some fabulous “goose music” (in the immortal words of Aldo Leopold) these past few days. Although, the birds may be wondering why they’re back now that the white stuff is covering the ground again.

March is one of those months where you never really know what you’re going to get. Will the month come in like a lamb or a lion, as the old saying goes? Will there be a blizzard on Easter or will it be sunny and 70 degrees? The local weatherperson seems to be less accurate than usual.

From a Division standpoint, the month starts with both lion and lamb characteristics. Most chapters have had their annual meetings, but some are going on as I type this or will be happening in the next fortnight. So, some chapters are calm and some are a little crazy with planning.

There’s a flurry of activity at the Society. We’re getting to know new staff members at headquarters in Bethesda who started within the past couple of weeks. And all divisions and sections are starting to prepare their mid-year Governing Board reports in anticipation for our meeting next month. For some leaders and staff, March will be like a lion for all of its 31 days. For others, it may oscillate between a roar and a faint “baa”.

Preparing the NCD report seems like one of those “tedious” and time consuming tasks, but it’s actually pretty rewarding! It’s a chance for me to capture all of the great work you all do within your subunits, chapters, technical committees, and standing committees. So, to all of you NCD leaders out there at whatever level, please let me know what you’re doing to advance fisheries science and develop fisheries professionals at all levels. I’ve got the Society’s template for reporting. Send me your request via email to melissa.wuellner@sdstate.edu, and I’ll send the template to you (no charge!). It’s a short document. ☺

Looking forward to learning more about what you all do in your units! Happy Spring!

Melissa