

Happy November NCD!

Now that the buzz from the midterm elections is (starting) to die down, we have nominations of our own to concentrate on! It's that time of year again to submit nominations for our very own North Central Division Awards. Our awards include: Most Active Chapters (one for Large and one for Small), Most Active Student Subunit, Best Communications Award, Meritorious Service Award, and the Fisheries Excellence Award. Through these awards, the NCD can recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our members, subunits, and chapters- please take the time to nominate someone who deserves acknowledgment!

Award nominations are due December 15th and should be emailed to Past President Mark Pyron at mpyron@bsu.edu. See <http://ncd.fisheries.org/awards> for additional details on how to apply.

Another award to consider is the Joan Duffy Award, which not only comes with recognition, but it also comes with money. Information about the Duffy Award can be found here: <http://ncd.fisheries.org/joan-duffy-award/> Joan was a beloved Fisheries Supervisor here in the Michigan DNR, and her experiences travelling to meetings as a student strongly influenced her career in many ways. This award targets students and provides travel support to the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The award is matched by both the NCD and the student's home chapter.

Chapter Awards Committee Chairs – don't forget to send the names and contact information for the Duffy winners to me by December 15th - these students will be recognized at the MFWFC meeting in January.

November |nō'vembər| n. The last month of autumn, but the beginning of a new adventure; time to take risks and do the unexpected. A time to be thankful and grateful.

