

Happy October NCD!

October in Iowa means it is harvest time, and it likely means that all across the Upper Midwest. On Monday, I participated in the harvest of 15,000 advanced fingerling walleyes from the Iowa DNR's Rathbun fish hatchery. We fin clipped all of those fish, and sent them off to their future homes. After that, we PIT tagged another 1,000 fish before calling it a day. It was fun, because as "the data guy", I don't often get to go play with the fish.

Speaking of fish, I have a request of you! As a member of AFS, you are no doubt aware of the fact that AFS will be turning 150 in 2020. As part of that celebration, AFS wants to highlight 150 fish. The nomination process is open to all AFS members, and can be accessed here:

<https://150years.fisheries.org/150-fish-nominations/>

So far, only 17 fish have been nominated. Nominations close on November 15, 2019, so time is running short. I would hope that we can get at least one nomination from every AFS chapter and subunit in the NCD. The nomination process is simple, and should only take a few minutes of your time. Please take a few moments to step up and be a part of AFS 150!

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeff".