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Joe Larscheid Fisheries Bureau Chief Iowa Department of Natural Resources 502 East 9th Street De Moines, IA 50319-0034

Dear Joe,

On behalf of the Fisheries Administration Section, I am very pleased to inform you that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' "Fish Iowa!" Urban Fishing Program Development and Case Study has been selected to receive the 2012 Sport Fish Restoration Outstanding Project award in the category of Aquatic Education. The annual Sport Fish Restoration Outstanding Project awards, given by the Fisheries Administration Section of the American Fisheries Society, are intended to both highlight the importance and effectiveness of the Sport Fish Restoration program and recognize excellence in fisheries management, research, and education.

Award winners receive a plaque honoring their achievement. The Section wishes to present this award at an appropriate public venue in your state. If you or a staff member would contact me regarding your desires for a presentation, one of the Section officers will travel to a location of your choice for the presentation.

Again, please accept our congratulations on this award and the recognition of the outstanding efforts of your fisheries program.

Sincerely,

Mike Stone, President-Elect

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AFS Fisheries Administration Section

2012 Sport Fish Restoration Awards Program Chair

CC: Gus Rassam, AFS Executive Director Doug Nygren, AFS FAS President