

# Extension and NCRAC Updates

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# Extension Program Changes

- Termination of NIFA funding
  - As of July 1 2011
  - 1 yr. support from UW-Extension
  - Future uncertain
- Loss of Sarah Kaatz

# Program Highlights

- Conferences
  - Annual WAA conference
  - NADF Field Days (Coldwater workshop)
- Workshops
  - Beginning aquaculture (2 sessions)
  - Farm pond management
  - DATCP Rules listening session
- Farm visits
  - 48 on-site consultations

# Highlights (cont.)

- Scholastic
  - 33 high school and college presentations
- Community and Professional
  - 17 presentations
- Personal contacts
  - 4,300 face-to-face

# Legislation/Permitting

- Regulation of aquaculture Bill (SB-537, AB655)
  - Reduces paperwork
  - Extends natural water body permits
  - Aligns water discharge permits w/ agriculture and feds
  - Remove import permits for farm-to-farm transfers
  - Retains import permits and FHC's for state waters
- DATCP fish health certification
  - Revision of testing requirements
- Re-establishment of the working group
- WPDS
  - Pursuit of a general permit

# Publications

- A Consumer's Guide to Wisconsin Farm-Raised Fish.
- Fish Health for Producers- Certification Program
- Aquaculture Biosecurity DVD
- Project reports

# NCRAC

- Forward funding authorization for:
  - Economic impact assessment
  - Bluegill diet verification
  - Probiotics
- Next call for statements of interest
  - Monosex (male) bluegill populations
  - Indoor feeding regimens for Yellow Perch fry-fingerlings

# NCRAC priorities list

- No changes
  - Aquaculture Drugs
  - Baitfish
  - Yellow Perch
  - Largemouth Bass
  - Sunfish
  - Aquaculture Extension and Marketing



# NCRAC final note

- Investigation into holding the annual NCRAC meeting in combination with next year's WAA Conference
- Include a forum for NCRAC researchers to present their recent projects directly to the industry