

**The A. Stephen Weithman, Jr. Leadership Award** - This award was created to honor A. Stephen Weithman, Jr. for his long-term and outstanding leadership to the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and Missouri's aquatic resources. The recipient of this award is recognized for their leadership qualities which continue the leadership standards Steve established.

This year's recipient of the Weithman Leadership Award is Travis Moore.

Travis Moore received a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife from the University of Missouri in 1991 and is a 29-year veteran of the Missouri Department of Conservation, and he currently serves as a Fisheries Management Biologist out of Hannibal. Throughout his career Travis has served as a leader, mentor, and dedicated member of MOAFS.

His leadership accomplishments include:

- MDC's Lake Sturgeon Recovery Team Lead
- Northeast Team Leader for MDC's Discover Nature – Fishing Program
- Ebonyshell Mussel Recovery Team Leader
- Dean and instructor for MDC's ITC program
- Chair of the UMRCC Fisheries Committee and Mussel Committee
- 5-time mentor for the internship program of the National Great River Research and Education Center
- Advisor for the Conservation Federation of Missouri's Conservation Leadership Corps.
- Collaborated with the University of Missouri, Western Illinois University, and Perdue University to assist graduate students and develop research projects
- Mentored over 20 students as hourly employees with MDC.
- President and Scholarship Chair of the University of Missouri School of Natural Resources Alumni Board
- And for the National Wild Turkey Federation he has served as Missouri State Board Member, Northeast Missouri District Director, Northeast Missouri Chapter President, Secretary, Treasurer, JAKES Chair, and Banquet Committee Chair

Travis has also been a very active and valuable members of the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. His contributions include:

- Serving as President, Awards Chair, Finance Chair, Student Support Chair, Resolutions Chair, and as a member of the Disabled Angler Committee
- He was the arrangements chair for the 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of AFS in Kansas City
- Student activities chair for the 130<sup>th</sup> AFS Annual Conference in St. Louis
- Arrangements Chair for the UMRCC annual meetings in 2006, 2011, and 2015
- Student Activities Chair for the 2003 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference
- Student Activities Chair for the 2005 Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Conference
- Hospitality Chair for the 2014 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference
- Host of the National Association of Paddlefish and Sturgeon meeting in 2018

- Started the Student Job Fair at MNRC in 1998
- Exhibits and Posters Chair for 2002 MNRC

Travis' passion to conserve and manage the natural resources of Missouri, his dedication to paying it forward to conservationists of today and tomorrow, and his service to AFS make him a well deserving recipient of the MO-AFS Stephen Weithman, Leadership Award.