

MISSOURI RIVER NORTH DAKOTA

Project Name: Pallid Sturgeon Recovery

Project Type:

- Restoration (Channel and Riparian)
- Species Recovery (Pallid Sturgeon)

Project Description: Pallid sturgeon are endangered, bottom-dwelling fish that have remained largely unchanged as a species for 70 million years. Individuals grow up to 6 feet in length and 85 pounds in weight, can live beyond 60 years of age, and now are rarely seen in the wild. While the pallid sturgeon was able to withstand changes due to glaciations, flooding, and drought, more recent changes to the river have contributed to decline in this species.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

This project conserves habitat at the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers to maintain habitat for the species. The project also collects brood stock and uses fish hatcheries to produce and stock pallid sturgeon fingerlings. The project also monitors populations in support of recovery and restoration of these native fishes in the Missouri River and conducts associated educational outreach regarding sturgeon recovery.

Lead Federal Agency:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Natural Resources Conservation Service

Non-Federal Partners:

- North Dakota Game and Fish Department
- North Dakota Natural Resource Trust
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Many other federal, state, and local partners

Outcomes for 2012:

- Collect and rear brood stock
- Stock fingerlings in Missouri River
- Support educational and outreach opportunities



North Dakota Game and Fish Department