

Bob Wiltshire is the founder and Executive Director of the Center for Aquatic Nuisance Species (CANS) in Livingston, MT. Dedicated to reducing the human caused spread of invasive species, CANS focuses on creating and delivering programs that inspire people to voluntarily take action to reduce the possibility that they will spread invasives.

Bob has a diversity of experience that gives him a clear understanding of the practical implications of implementing invasive species prevention programs. In his most recent position as Chief of Operations for the Federation of Fly Fishers he was recognized as a leading spokesperson for the fly fishing industry. This experience is buttressed by his 11 years owning and operating a whitewater rafting and fly fishing outfitting business. Additionally, Bob spent 16 years conducting wild trout field studies for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. These combined work experiences give him a unique understanding of how agencies, commercial businesses and organizations approach invasive species issues.

Outreach and education is Bob's specialty. Having graduated with teaching credentials from Wartburg College in Waverly Iowa, he has successfully bridged the gap between formal and informal education. He has been recognized for his work in improving communication skills in fisheries biologists and has initiated the development of many successful education programs. As the founder and former Chairman of the Alliance for Fly Fishing Education Bob worked to develop national mentor based programs that encourage the recruitment of youth as life long anglers.

Bob's understanding of the needs and concerns of anglers and other water recreationists combines with his knowledges of invasive species, outreach and fishery science allow him to effectively advocate for the angling community on the important issues contained in the invasive species effort.

Bob is an avid angler, hiker and skier. He lives in Livingston Montana with Daryl, his wife of 27 years and together they have two grown children of whom they are very proud.