

Program Manager Qualifications

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Linda Erickson-Eastwood is the Fisheries Program Manager. Ms. Erickson-Eastwood is responsible for coordinating and administering all fisheries programs designed to meet section goals both on public and private lands. She provides programmatic direction and management to staff and is responsible for working with the Fisheries Management Section Chief on the oversight of the sections budget. She has been involved with the implementation of several previous bonding and LCMR projects and oversees the Section's \$35 million dollar budget.

Ms. Erickson-Eastwood has served as the Fisheries Program Manager since 1998. Other related experiences include: Fisheries Ed Coordinator, Fisheries Information Specialist, Fisheries Management Supervisor, Research Assistant, and Waterfowl Technician.

Education: Graduated from the Iowa State University in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Management. Graduated from University of WI – LaCrosse in 1986 with a Master's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management with computer programming minor.

Ms. Erickson-Eastwood will provide overall management to this proposed LCCMR project. She has effectively demonstrated her capacity to manage programs and budgets, maintain accurate records, and direct staff. Ms. Erickson-Eastwood has experience and demonstrated an ability to collaborate with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders in addressing complicated and contentious management issues. She knows how to get work done on the ground.

Organizational Description

The MN DNR – Section of Fisheries' mission is to "to conserve and manage Minnesota's aquatic resources and associated fish communities for their intrinsic values and long-term ecological, economic, and recreational benefits to the people of Minnesota." **Broad Goals:**

1. To make recreational fishing as good as it can be in the state of Minnesota for the present and future.
2. To conserve, maintain, enhance, or rehabilitate Minnesota's aquatic resources to serve environmental, social, and commercial purposes.
3. To foster an ethic of natural resource stewardship among all Minnesotans.