

History of Ed Braun in Indiana

After obtaining a B.S. from Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point (now University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point) in Jan. 1970, was hired by Indiana DNR in Feb. as the Southern Research Biologist stationed at Driftwood Research Station (now Driftwood State Fish Hatchery) at Vallonia, Indiana. That lasted four months. Then Uncle Sam said, "I want you!" After 18 ½ months, the Army decided my services were no longer needed so I returned to Indiana DNR in Feb. 1972, first at Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station at Howe to learn something about raising salmonids, then moving to Kingsbury Fish and Wildlife Area where we built and operated the "Fish Shack," Indiana's first salmonid hatchery. Hatched and raised salmon for Lake Michigan in old rotenone barrels for three years until Mixsawbah State Fish Hatchery was finally completed in 1975. Was manager of Mixsawbah until Dec. 1977. At that time, I moved to Whitley County and became the District 4 Fish Management Biologist covering 15 counties in the Northeast part of the state. Retired from DNR the end of May 2009.

Attended my first MAPMS meeting in 1981. After seeing who was involved, I figured someone in Fisheries needed to stay in touch to keep tabs on what Bob Johnson and Carole Lembi were up to.

Served on the Board of Directors of MAPMS for 12 or 15 years including one term as President.

Chaired the Scholarship Committee from its beginning until 2008. Continue to be a member of this committee.

Chaired the By-laws Committee and rewrote the bylaws 3 times and updated the Procedures Manual. (Still needs work.)

Chaired and served on the Internal Audit Committee for a number of years.

Member of the Editorial Committee.

Member of the Program Committee several times including chair.