

This message sent on behalf of Dean Jeffrey Armstrong

I am pleased to announce that professor Michael Jones has been named chair of the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, following a national search. Dr. Jones is a professor and research scientist with the Partnership for Ecosystem Research and Management (PERM) and has been serving as acting chair of the department since February 2008. His appointment became effective June 1, 2009.

Mike Jones has been a member of the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife since 1997 and serves as co-director of the Quantitative Fisheries Center. He has worked closely with fisheries management agencies in research focused on understanding fish population dynamics and applying quantitative tools to practical fishery management problems. Previously, he was a research scientist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, where he led the Great Lakes Salmonid Unit, and was a systems ecologist with ESSA Technologies Ltd. He received both B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in zoology from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

Dr. Jones succeeds William Taylor, who has returned to his faculty position as University Distinguished Professor of Global Fisheries Systems in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and also continues as associate director of Michigan Sea Grant. Please join me in wishing Bill well and thanking him for his dedication and leadership within the department, the college and in many industry and governmental groups at the state, national and international levels.

I want to thank the search committee, chaired by Professor Jim Bence, for its outstanding service. My thanks also to the faculty and staff members and students of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife for their participation and support during the selection process.

I look forward to continuing our work together as Dr. Jones guides the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife in partnership with colleagues and organizations both on and off campus toward a future that fulfills our strategic vision. Please join me in congratulating and supporting Mike in his new capacity as department chair. He can be contacted at his office in Room 7 Natural Resources, by phone at 517-432-0465 or via email at jonesm30@msu.edu.

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