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Rick Schultz Hired as New Regional Representative, Midwest Region

The National Wildlife Refuge Association is pleased to announce that Rick Schultz has joined the National Wildlife Refuge Association as the new Regional Representative for the Midwest Region. Schultz is based in Farmington, MN and will be facilitating communication between the Midwest Region, local nonprofits, local communities and the Refuge Association about issues related to Government Affairs and Conservation Programs.

"With Rick's extensive knowledge of the region and professional background we know he will be a strong asset to the Refuge Association team," said David Houghton, President of the Refuge Association. "We couldn't be more excited to welcome Rick as a Regional Representative."

Schultz is native to Minnesota, but spent many of his adolescent years in Montana enjoying the great outdoors. Under the guidance of his parents, he developed an appreciation for fishing, hunting, and other outdoor pursuits, which eventually lead him to a career in wildlife conservation.

Schultz worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of the Interior for more than 35 years. He spent 21 years in the field working on national wildlife refuges in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Iowa. His most recent field position was that of refuge manager of Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

In 2005, Schultz relocated to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters in Washington, DC where he served as Division Chief for Natural Resources and Planning for the National Wildlife Refuge System. In 2007, he accepted the position of National Borderland Coordinator for the Deputy Secretary of Interior. In this capacity, his primary responsibility was to assist the Department of Homeland Security incorporate environmental stewardship into border security fences and operations.

In October 2009, Rick returned to the Fish and Wildlife Service where he served as Regional Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System in the Midwest. In September 2012, Rick retired and is now enjoying time with family, home projects, bird guns, gun dogs, and fly-fishing rods.

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