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William Pflieger Conservation Collection

Abstract: Records pertaining to Missouri Department of Conservation Fisheries biologist Dr. William “Bill” L. Pflieger (1932-2021): awards, correspondence, publications, field notes and more, 1960-2021.

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Historical and Biographical Notes

This collection contains non-permanent government records and non-governmental records created by and about William Leo Pflieger (1932-2021), primarily in the course of his fisheries work with the Missouri Department of Conservation. The materials were donated to the Archives by Pflieger’s former colleague Joe G. Dillard in 2022-2023, who was acting on behalf of Pflieger’s family and his wishes.

Bill Pflieger was born in Ohio to parents Orin and Esther (Kiner) Pflieger. After graduating high school, he worked as a carpenter until enlisting in the U.S. Army in late 1952. He served two years during the Korean War. Through the Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act, he attended The Ohio State University where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees. He then moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan with his young family (wife Jo and daughter Patricia) to pursue a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan (U of M). There, he discovered a cooperative program between U of M and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC).

Pflieger joined the cooperative fisheries program and helped collect specimens and record research data in Missouri. The study was part of the Federal Aid to Fish Restoration Program, aka Dingell-Johnson Program. After less than one year of study at U of M, Pflieger determined that his National Science Foundation fellowship did not provide adequate income and he could no longer attend university full-time. He quit mid-semester in early 1961 and applied for full-time employment with the MDC where he hoped to continue the fish research.

The MDC hired him full-time, and Pflieger moved his family from Michigan to Missouri. His second daughter was born in Missouri that summer. Here, he continued his field work in the Dingell-Johnson Program on behalf of both U of M and MDC. Unable to take courses in person anymore, though, Pflieger formally withdrew from U of M in 1964. He chose to enroll at the University of Kansas instead, where the program was more affordable. Pflieger resigned from MDC and moved to Kansas with the agreement that he would continue to study Missouri fishes and use the research he accumulated here to build both his Ph.D. dissertation and apply it toward a publication for the MDC that either he would write (if re-hired after his degree completion) or someone else would write using his research.

As it happened, Pflieger could complete his coursework at the University of Kansas fairly quickly and he re-applied to the MDC in the summer of 1966. Once again, he moved his family to Missouri. This time he stayed. Pflieger's dissertation *A Distributional Study of the Fishes of Missouri* was approved in May 1969. Dr. Pflieger then completed a few more years' research and wrote the seminal guide to Missouri fishes, *The Fishes of Missouri*, published in 1975 by the MDC.

The Fishes of Missouri was very well-received. Dr. Pflieger's attention to detail in creating range maps, species identification descriptions and underwater photography did not go unnoticed. In 1977, primarily because of this work, Dr. Pflieger was honored with the American Motors Corporation Conservation Award, a highly prestigious recognition in this field.

Next, Dr. Pflieger focused on crayfish and developed a booklet called *An Introduction to Missouri Crayfish* in 1987. He planned an expanded version, but was unable to complete it before his retirement in 1995. Ever the researcher, though, Dr. Pflieger was able to stay on with the MDC as a part-time, hourly employee solely for the purpose of completing his crayfish book and revising *The Fishes of Missouri*. He accomplished the former in 1996 and the latter in 1997.

Bill Pflieger's career with the Missouri Department of Conservation lasted nearly 35 years. He passed away on December 15, 2021. He will always be known as an accomplished ichthyologist, photographer and writer.

Timeline

Year	Event
10/26/1932	Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
12/10/1952	Enlisted in the U.S. Army
04/21/1953	Married Jo Ann Osborne
11/20/1954	Honorable discharge from the U.S. Army
1955	Daughter Patricia Ann Pflieger born
03/1958	Received his Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Conservation from The Ohio State University School of Agriculture
Summer 1960	Received his Master of Science degree in Fishery Biology from The Ohio State University
September 1960	Enrolled at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor as a Ph.D. student in Ichthyology
03/01/1961	Hired as a Biologist I with the Fisheries Division, Missouri Department of Conservation
1961	Daughter Cynthia Kay Pflieger born
November 1964	Withdrew from the University of Michigan
12/31/1964	Resigned from the Missouri Department of Conservation
January 1965	Enrolled at the University of Kansas as a Ph.D. student in Ichthyology
07/01/1966	Re-hired as Biologist I with the Missouri Department of Conservation
May 1969	Received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Kansas Department of Zoology
07/01/1969	Promoted to Biologist II
07/01/1973	Promoted to Biologist III
1975	Published <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i> with the Missouri Department of Conservation
c1976-1977	Promoted to Senior Fisheries Research Biologist
1977	Received the American Motors Corporation Conservation Award
c1985-1987	Promoted to Ichthyologist
1987	Published "An Introduction to Missouri Crayfish" in the <i>Missouri Conservationist</i> , April, which also became its own, independent booklet
07/01/1995	Retired from the Missouri Department of Conservation
07/05/1995	Hired part-time as an hourly employee to complete his work on <i>The Crayfishes of Missouri</i> and to revise <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i>
1996	Published <i>The Crayfishes of Missouri</i> with the Missouri Department of Conservation
1997	Published the second (revised) edition of <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i> with the Missouri Department of Conservation
12/15/2021	Died in Ashland, Boone County, Missouri

Additional Descriptive Information

Bibliography

Pflieger, William L. *The Crayfishes of Missouri*. Missouri Department of Conservation and Conservation Commission of the State of Missouri, Jefferson City: 1996.

Pflieger, William L. *The Fishes of Missouri*. Missouri Department of Conservation: 1975.

Related Material

From the Missouri State Archives:

[RG000.103 Department of Conservation State Documents Collection](#): contains some publications Pflieger did for the Department as well as related fisheries publications.

[RG103 Department of Conservation](#): original records of the Department.

[RG103.03 Missouri Department of Conservation Photograph Collection](#): thousands of individual photographs of MDC staff, events, places and wildlife, including fish. Several hundred of Pflieger's fish and crayfish photos are expected to be added to this collection in the future.

[RG998 MS410 Edward Kopplin Conservation Collection](#): a manuscript collection for another MDC Fisheries Biologist.

RG998 MS520 Lee Redmond Conservation Collection (unprocessed): a manuscript collection for another MDC Fisheries Biologist.

Other:

[Integrated Digitized Biocollections \(iDigBio\) Portal](#): an online resource funded by the National Science Foundation that consolidates data and images for millions of biological specimens. A search for the name Pflieger yields over 10,700 results.

[The Ohio State University's Museum of Biological Diversity](#): Pflieger contributed many fish specimens to this collection.

[University of Kansas KUBI Ichthyology Collection](#): Pflieger contributed many fish specimens to this collection.

[University of Michigan Museum of Zoology Fish Collection](#) (click on FishNet2): a search for the name Pflieger yields over 9,000 results.

Series

The records are organized into the following series:

Awards, 1972-1995

Correspondence, 1961-1998

Publications, 1960-1997

Other, 1961-2021

Awards, 1972-1995

Extent: 575 MB; 0.08 cubic ft.

Arrangement: By format, thereunder chronological.

Scope and Content

This series contains printed documents and digital scans of original awards presented to Dr. William Pflieger over the years. The Archives made scans of the awards on April 27, 2022. The scans are 300dpi tiffs as listed below. Original awards nos. 2 and 6 (duck and wolf prints) were returned to the donor, who in turn gave them to the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Numbers 1, 3-5 and 7 were brought to the Missouri Department of Conservation Human Resources Office on May 13, 2022, who will repurpose those original plaques.

Access copies of the digital scans are available at the Archives.

Container List

Digital Scans:

Location	Image Name	Description	Date
	MS516_01_front.tif; MS516_01_reverse.tif	“Commendation Award to Dr. William Pflieger in recognition and appreciation of a meritorious contribution toward the future of sport fishing” from the Sport Fishing Institute. Reverse reads, “For service as volunteer speaker Dr. William L. Pflieger at First National Bass Symposium Tulsa, Oklahoma February 3-6, 1975 per order Board of Directors Sport Fishing Institute, Washington, D. C.” 9.75” wide, 7.125” tall, 0.75” deep.	02/03-06/1975
	MS516_02_full.tif; MS516_02_print.tif	“Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Award of Excellence to Dr. William L. Pflieger.” Matted print illustrated by Charles Schwartz, mother mallard and her ducklings. Print measures 16”x9.5”, matte measures 21.5”x15.75”.	February 1977

Location	Image Name	Description	Date
	MS516_03.tif	"In recognition of exceptional service in the cause of conservation this plaque is awarded to Dr. William L. Pflieger of Columbia, Missouri by American Motors Corporation." 9.5" wide, 12.75" tall, 1.125" deep.	1977
	MS516_04.tif	"Thirty Year Service Award presented by the Missouri Conservation Commission to William L. Pflieger in recognition and appreciation of thirty years of service as an employee of the Missouri Department of Conservation." 13" wide, 11" tall, 0.75" deep, lenticular finish on front.	09/01/1992
	MS516_05.tif	"For outstanding effort in the Conservation of Missouri's biodiversity William L. Pflieger Task Force Member" by the Missouri Conservation Department and U.S. Forest Service Department of Agriculture. 9.75" wide, 9" tall, 0.75" deep made in the shape of Missouri.	1992
	MS516_06_full.tif; MS516_06_print.tif	"William L. Pflieger 1992 Fisheries Division Employee of the Year." Matted print of "A Second Glance," (wolves) illustrated by Al Agnew, copyright 1991. Print measures 11.5"x18.5". Matte measures 17.25"x25.75".	1992-1993
	MS516_07.tif	"William L. Pflieger for faithful service 1961-1965 1966-1995." Plaque in the shape of a triangle with an inset in metal of the Conservation Department's leaf, fish and raccoon logo. 10.75" all three lengths, 9.14" tall, 1" deep.	1995

Paper Records:

Location	Box	Folder	Description	Date
	342	1	Letter from John L. Funk to Dr. Howard F. Horton, Oregon State University, nominating Pflieger's <i>A Distributional Study of Missouri Fishes</i> for their Wildlife Society's Fisheries Publication Award	09/06/1972
	342	2	1) Letter from Carl R. Noren to Pflieger congratulating him for ten years of service. 2) Handwritten notes for the speech for Pflieger's 10-year service award, no author.	02/01-08/1973
	342	3	Nomination letter by Larry R. Gale for Pflieger's book <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i> for the 1976 The Wildlife Society Fisheries Publications Awards	07/21/1976
	342	4	Thank you letter from Pflieger to Dr. Donald A. Kangas, Northeast Missouri State University, for the American Fisheries Society Award	02/25/1977
	342	5	American Motors Corporation Conservation Award nomination: numerous letters of support and press releases, awards program, 5"x7" b&w photograph of Pflieger. (.TIF scan of the photograph is on the Z Drive)	09/07/1976-08/22/1977 & n.d.
	342	6	30-Year Presentation – typed summary	09/01/1992 (presumed)
	342	7	Nomination Form from Thomas L. Russell for Pflieger for Division of Fisheries Outstanding Employee	12/07/1992
	342	8	Nomination from Jerry J. Presley for Pflieger for the Clarence W. Watson Award from Mississippi State University	08/29/1994
	OB33	1	Award presented by the Missouri Prairie Foundation for recognition of the contribution made to the preservation of Missouri's native prairies to William L. Pflieger: 17.5" x 14.75" prairie chicken illustration by Charles W. Schwartz	n.d.

Correspondence, 1961-1998

Extent: 0.29 cubic ft.

Arrangement: Chronological.

Scope and Content

Correspondence to, from and about Dr. Pflieger. The letters are primarily professional and concern Dr. Pflieger's employment and research.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Description	Date
	342	9	Various letters (10) regarding Pflieger's appointment as Biologist I [last letter is mistakenly dated 1960, but it is 1961] (see also Other Series for his job application)	01/04/1961-03/07/1961
	342	10	Memo from P.G. Barnickol to John L. Funk re a job outline for Pflieger and Funk's reply	03/21-22/1961
	342	11	Letter from Pflieger to John L. Funk re a trip to Columbia and Funk's reply	03/25-29/1961
	342	12	Memo from John L. Funk to Pflieger re his assigned duties, though Pflieger's name is crossed out and replaced with David W. Bridges	01/14/1963
	342	13	Memo from Pflieger to John L. Funk reporting on a recent speaking engagement	04/28/1964
	342	14	Memo from John L. Funk to Charles A. Purkett re Pflieger	08/04/1964
	342	15	Letter from John L. Funk to Dr. Reeve M. Bailey, University of Michigan, re Pflieger's plans not to return to their program and Bailey's reply	10/22/1964-11/06/1964
	342	16	Letter from Pflieger to Dr. Reeve M. Bailey, University of Michigan, stating he will no longer be attending their Ph.D. program	11/24/1964
	342	17	Memo from Pflieger to John L. Funk requesting loan of fish collections and Funk's reply	12/03-04/1964
	342	18	Pflieger's resignation letters (2) sent to John L. Funk and Charles A. Purkett, Jr.	12/07-10/1964
	342	19	Memo from Pflieger to John L. Funk requesting materials on loan	12/21/1964
	342	20	Letter from Pflieger to John L. Funk thanking him for a going-away party	01/02/1965
	342	21	Letters (3) from Pflieger to John L. Funk re his smallmouth bass manuscript and one reply from Funk	02/01/1965-03/29/1965

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	342	22	Letter from Pflieger to John L. Funk re a hybrid bass study	05/24/1965
	342	23	Letter from Pflieger to John L. Funk re his article on smallmouth bass reproduction being rejected by <i>Transactions</i> with attachments and Funk's reply	06/04-08/1965
	342	24	Letter from Jo Pflieger (Bill's wife) to John L. Funk informing him that Bill's paper on bass fries in nests will appear in <i>Copeia</i> . Includes reply from Funk and letter from Funk to the publisher ordering copies.	02/16/1966-03/01/1966
	342	25	Memo from Otto Fajen to Charles W. Schwartz re Pflieger's address on smallmouth bass	02/28/1966
	342	26	Memo from John L. Funk to Pflieger re his assigned duties on the Fisheries Research Staff	10/06/1966
	342	27	Memo from Pflieger to John L. Funk reporting on his recent speaking engagements	04/11/1967
	342	28	Letter from Charles A. Purkett, Jr. to Duane B. Kelly requesting that Pflieger and Charles Schwartz be permitted to show the film <i>Headwaters</i> at the Missouri Audubon Society meeting	06/19/1967
	342	29	Memo from Pflieger to John L. Funk informing him he gave a talk and showed the film <i>Headwaters</i> to the Audubon Society of Lake of the Ozarks State Park	10/10/1967
	342	30	Memo from Charles A. Purkett, Jr. to Pflieger asking him to participate in a fishing workshop and follow-up thank you letter	04/19/1968-05/17/1968
	342	31	Memo from Pflieger to John L. Funk re his future with the Department	03/04/1969
	342	32	Letter from Pflieger to Dr. Frank J. Schwartz of <i>Copeia</i> thanking him for publishing his note	07/01/1969
	342	33	American Motors Conservation Awards press release, "Women are Winners of Eight of Twenty American Motors Conservation Awards." Three recipients are from Missouri: Dr. James Whitley, John J. Rollings and Mrs. J. Russell Wilson.	06/01/1970
	342	34	Letter from Robert Rush Miller, Chairman of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists's Conservation Committee, to Gov. Warren E. Hearnes re hearings involving potential threats to aquatic ecosystems and reply from Allen Brohn of MDC	06/16-24/1970

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	342	35	Letter from Pflieger to Charles Cocker re his commitment to speak to Cocker's aquarium group	03/08/1971
	342	36	Memo from Charles A. Purkett, Jr. to Pflieger re his <i>A Distributional Study of Missouri Fishes</i>	04/28/1971
	342	37	Letter from John L. Funk to Dr. Gerald E. Gunning, Tulane University, re an article review he is delegating to Pflieger	07/20/1971
	342	38	Memo from Charles A. Purkett, Jr. to Pflieger thanking him for a copy of "The Fauna of Missouri Springs"	02/22/1972
	342	39	Memo from John L. Funk to Reed Twitchell re a new SCUBA suit for Pflieger	02/28/1972
	342	40	Memo from Allen Brohn to Charles A. Purkett re Pflieger's list of endangered fishes	06/15/1972
	342	41	Letter from Pflieger to Dr. Arthur Witt, Jr., Cooperative Fishery Unit, re an honorary appointment as Research Associate	03/13/1973
	342	42	Memo from Earl P. Coleman to Pflieger re trainee performance	01/23/1974
	342	43	Memo from Joe G. Dillard to Pflieger re grass carp and common carp Pflieger displayed at the Field Division Conference	09/27/1974
	342	44	Memo from Charles A. Purkett, Jr. to Pflieger re grass carp and common carp Pflieger displayed at the Field Division Conference	10/01/1974
	342	45	Memo from Charles A. Purkett, Jr. to Pflieger re Pflieger's presentation on grass carp at the Division Conference	12/10/1974
	342	46	Handwritten note from Pflieger to Joe Dillard re his desire to attend the ASIH meeting in Virginia and present a paper on bass hybridization	03/12/1975
	342	47	Memo from Allen Brohn to Pflieger re his report on the Niangua darter and related memo from Joe Dillard to Pflieger and Jim Whitley	08/04-05/1975
	342	48	Letter from Pflieger to Robert B. King, Supervisor Special Investigation re his credentials as an expert witness on fish identification	07/21/1975
	342	49	Letter from James B. Reynolds, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife, to Pflieger thanking him for his talk on fisheries management. Includes flyer for the talk.	02/10-19/1976

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	342	50	Memo from Joe G. Dillard to Purkett and Fry re a 03/24/1976 <i>Missourian Weekly</i> article, "Underwater Photos Aid State Fish Study: On the Lookout for Rare Fish" by John P. Baker. Includes article.	03/26/1976
	342	51	Seven letters of congratulation from various senders to Pflieger re his book <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i>	05/06/1976- 06/04/1976
	342	52	Letter from Clarence F. Clark to Paul Barnickol, MDC Assistant Director, and reply from Carl Noren re a copy of Pflieger's book and Barnickol's death	06/16/1976
	342	53	Letter from James P. Fry to Director [Carl] Noren re the history of <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i> and Pflieger	06/18/1976
	342	54	Invitation to attend a reception for the release of MDC's and Pflieger's publication <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i>	06/25/1976
	342	55	Memo from Joe G. Dillard to Purkett, Fry, Michaelson and Redmond with enclosure of a book review for <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i> by S.D. Gerking from <i>Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada</i> Vol. 34 No. 2 (1977), p. 310	03/23/1977
	342	56	Handwritten note from Pflieger to Joe Dillard re storage of the illustrations used in <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i> and Dillard's reply	07/13- 18/1977
	342	57	Handwritten note from Joe Dillard to Pflieger re a stream resource project	09/19/1977
	342	58	Memo from Allen Brohn to Pflieger re water chemistry of Blue Pond	10/18/1977
	342	59	Letter from D.W. Coble of Wisconsin Cooperative Fishery Research Unit, University of Wisconsin, to Pflieger re Coble's review of Pflieger's book <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i> . Includes the review.	04/14/1978
	342	60	Letter from Richard M. Parsons of United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service to Larry R. Gale, Acting Director of Missouri Department of Conservation re endangered status of the Niangua darter and Pflieger's research. Includes related memo from Joe G. Dillard to Jim Fry.	04/26/1978- 05/30/1978
	342	61	Handwritten note from Pflieger to Joe Dillard re his talk to the Aquarists of Central Missouri. Includes the May 1978 issue of their newsletter "Bubbles" that summarizes Pflieger's talk on p. 5.	05/30/1978

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	342	62	Handwritten note from Joe Dillard to Pflieger with attachment re Mr. Hale's visit to Fisheries Research Section	06/13/1978
	342	63	Handwritten note from Pflieger to Joe Dillard re Pflieger's article acceptance to <i>American Midland Naturalist</i>	08/29/1978
	342	64	Handwritten notes from Pflieger to Joe Dillard re research into endangered species and related memo from Dillard to Jim Whitley	02/16-19/1979
	342	65	Memo from Larry R. Gale to Pflieger to re Pflieger's Niangua darter report and Pflieger's reply	04/06-17/1979
	342	66	Memo from Allen Brohn to Pflieger re Pflieger's <i>Distribution, Status and Life History of the Niangua Darter</i>	04/10/1979
	342	67	Handwritten memo from Pflieger to Joe Dillard re the Natural Aquatic Workshop	08/07/1979
	342	68	Letter from Pflieger to Dillard re the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists meeting he attended at University of Maine-Orono	08/07/1979
	342	69	Memo from Rich Wehnes to Pflieger re fish population data in the East Fork of the Chariton River and Parsons Creek	05/12/1980
	342	70	Handwritten letter draft from Pflieger to Steve Weithman about personnel issues on the EELUT Project. It is unknown whether the letter was actually sent. The EELUT was the Eastern Energy and Land Use Team. They developed a system for describing fish and wildlife species using a set of standardized codes and data entry procedures. This project is what evolved into the MOFWIS database (Missouri Fish and Wildlife Information System).	06/13/1980
	342	71	Letter from Pflieger to Dr. Charles H. Hocutt, University of Maryland re a chapter in <i>Zoogeography of Freshwater Fishes of North America</i>	06/25/1980
	342	72	Letter from Pflieger to Joe G. Dillard re attendance at the 1980 American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists	06/25/1980
	342	73	Letter from Rich Wehnes to Otto Fajen and Pflieger re Parson's Creek channelization	07/03/1980

Location	Box	Folder	Description	Date
	342	74	Letter from Pflieger to Dr. Frank B. Cross, Museum of Natural History University of Kansas re their chapter for the upcoming book on fish zoogeography (see also Publications Series for related outline)	09/05/1980
	342	75	Letter from Pflieger to Dr. David S. Lee, North Carolina State Museum of Natural History re <i>Atlas of North American Fishes</i>	11/06/1980
	342	76	Handwritten note from Pflieger to Joe [Dillard] re Dillard's article and a list of fish new to Missouri (list not included)	07/14/1981
	342	77	Memo from James P. Fry to Pflieger thanking him for his stream resource update presentation	02/16/1982
	342	78	Letter from Jerry Naunheim, Jr. of <i>The Columbia Missourian</i> to Joe Dillard re photograph rights of a picture of Pflieger in his lab and Dillard's reply. Includes 10"x6.625" b&w print and a copy of the 05/06/1982 article, "Columbia Man First to Observe Rare Fish Mating" by Judy Freeman. (.TIF scan of the photograph is on the Z Drive)	08/22-27/1982
	342	79	Letter from Joseph W. Artman of United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service to Larry R. Gale, Director of Missouri Department of Conservation re Pflieger's report <i>Distribution, Status, and Life History of the Bluestripe Darter, Percina cymatotaenia</i>	12/10/1982
	342	80	Letter from Pflieger to James P. Fry re Kansas City Friends of the Aquarium	05/18/1983
	342	81	Memo from Charles A. Purkett, Jr. to Pflieger re <i>An Introduction to the Crayfish of Missouri</i>	04/22/1987
	342	82	Letter from M. LeRoy Heman to Pflieger thanking him for being a judge for the 1988 trout stamp competition	04/22/1987
	342	83	Letter from Larry R. Gale to Pflieger re Pflieger's 25 years of service	09/01/1987
	342	84	Press release from Joel Vance re Pflieger's 25 years of service	02/19/1988
	342	85	Letter from James M. Engel, Chief, Division of Endangered Species United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service to Jerry J. Presley, Director of Missouri Department of Conservation re Pflieger's services with the Niangua Darter Recovery Plan and Presley's reply	08/04-30/1989

Location	Box	Folder	Description	Date
	342	86	Letter from Jerry J. Presley to Pflieger asking him to consider serving on the Biological Diversity Task Force with Pflieger's reply and two follow-up letters	09/28/1989-12/14/1989
	342	87	Memo from Pflieger to Jerry J. Presley accepting his appointment to the Biodiversity Task Force	12/14/1989
	342	88	Letter from Pflieger to Dennis Norman re proposed management of Otter Slough	09/14/1992
	342	89	Letter from Pflieger to Dr. Ted Cavender, Museum of Biological Diversity The Ohio State University re his stream fish inventory work	02/18/1993
	342	90	Memo from Pflieger to A. Stephen Weighman re RET Species Sub-Program Committee	05/24/1993
	342	91	Letter from Jerry J. Presley to Pflieger thanking him for 33 years of service and congratulating him on his retirement	07/28/1995
	342	92	Memo from Thomas R. Russell to Columbia area personnel re Pflieger's retirement	08/04/1995
	342	93	Letter from Pflieger to Rainer Froese, International Center for Young Aquatic Resources Management, Philippines, granting permission to use his fish slides	01/03/1996
	342	94	Handwritten note about a radio interview on an upcoming crayfish event at Powder Valley Nature Center	06/19/1998

Publications, 1960-1997

Extent: 0.56 cubic ft.

Arrangement: Chronological.

Scope and Content

Publications by or about Dr. Pflieger. Some are his personal research, others are related directly to his Fisheries work for the Missouri Department of Conservation. (For more of his MDC work, see the Record Group 103 link in the Related Materials section at the beginning of this finding aid.) Currently, there are no reference copies available of the content of the floppy disks.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Description	Date
	343	1	<i>Studies on the Life Histories of the Cyprinid Fishes</i> , <i>Notropis spilopterus spilopterus (Cope)</i> and <i>Notropis whipplei (Girard)</i> Pflieger's master's thesis presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree Master of Science, The Ohio State University, approved by adviser Ernest E. Good, Department of Zoology and Entomology. Fishes' common names are the spotfin shiner and the steelcolor shiner, both in the minnow family. Both fishes' genus is now <i>Cyprinella</i> .	1960
	343	2	The University of Kansas Graduate School Program of the Final Public Examination for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy of William L. Pflieger, Zoology	04/30/1969
	343	(none)	<i>A Distributional Study of the Fishes of Missouri</i> (separate volumes <i>Text</i> and <i>Appendix</i>) Pflieger's PhD dissertation submitted to the Department of Zoology and the faculty of the Graduate School of the University of Kansas in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.	05/09/1969
	343	3	"A World Under Water" from <i>Missouri Life</i> magazine, Vol. 2 No. 1 (full issue).	March-April 1974
	343	(none)	<i>The Fishes of Missouri</i> by William L. Pflieger, first edition	1975

Location	Box	Folder	Description	Date
	344	1	"The Fishes of Missouri," from <i>Missouri Conservationist</i> Vol. 37 No. 5, pp. 4-5 announcing Pflieger's book (full issue)	May 1976
	344	2	"Lynne Taylor Illustrates Book on Missouri Fishes," from <i>Contact</i> newsletter, pp. 1-3, a publication of MFA Insurance Companies, Columbia, MO (full issue)	10/20/1978
	344	3	News clipping from <i>Jefferson City News and Tribune</i> "Audubon Meeting" announcing Pflieger will be speaking at the River Bluffs Audubon Society meeting on Oct. 9	10/05/1980
	344	4	Excerpt from <i>Atlas of North American Freshwater Fishes</i> , pp. v-vi, 50, 174, 177, 180, 658 & 671; Pflieger contributed content	10/29/1980
	344	5	Pflieger's draft outline for a chapter in <i>Zoogeography of North American Freshwater Fishes</i> (see also Correspondence Series for a related letter)	11/05/1980
	344	6	<i>The Biodiversity of Missouri: Definition, Status, and Recommendations for Its Conservation</i> by Timothy A. Nigh, William L. Pflieger, et al.: a publication of the Biodiversity Task Force	March 1992
	344	7	"River Crusader" by Vince Magers from <i>The World and I</i> , pp. 258-265 about Pflieger and his work. Includes internal Fisheries routing slip, 04/24/1992.	May 1992
	#0005282929		3.5" floppy disk titled "The Crayfishes of Missouri Reformatted [sic] Version." There are seven files on the disk, but the files have no file extension, therefore the original file format is unknown as of 06/24/2024. Some files opened in Notepad++ and appear to be the draft text for Pflieger's book <i>The Crayfishes of Missouri</i> . File names are: CRYDISHB [sic], CRYFISHA, CRYFISHC, CRYFISHD, CRYFISHE, CRYFISHF and CRYTABLE. 365 KB.	10/03/1995
	#0005282925		3.5" floppy disk 1 of 2 titled "Fishes of MO REV update." As of 06/24/2024, the disk could not be read. Unknown disk size.	10/03/1995
	#0005282927		3.5" floppy disk 2 of 2 titled "Fishes of Missouri," containing one file REFALPH.REV. When opened with Notepad++ on 06/24/2024, it appears this file is the draft alphabetized list of references for Pflieger's revision of <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i> . 99 KB.	10/04/1995

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	344	8	"MoNAC Turns 20" from <i>Conservation Currents</i> newsletter, p. 1: mentions an award for Pflieger	April 1997
	344	9	Handwritten list of Pflieger's technical publications	n.d.
	344	10	News clipping "Crawdaddy Daddy," unknown paper, with pic and caption about Pflieger's crayfish book	n.d.
	344	11	Handwritten notes (2) with corrections to <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i>	n.d.

Other, 1961-2021

Extent: 0.09 cubic ft.

Arrangement: Chronological.

Scope and Content

Other documents created by or about Dr. Pflieger, particularly his field notes on fish. Pflieger visited innumerable sites in Missouri during his long career with the MDC, and the notebook is just a sampling of site notes spanning 11 years. The series also includes testimony he gave at an unknown court case and a couple documents on his employment history.

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	344	12	Pflieger's application for employment with the Conservation Commission as Fishery Biologist (RESTRICTED until 12/15/2031 per RSMo § 610.035 due to the presence of a Social Security Number). Includes his transcript from The Ohio State University, his personality score and requests for recommendations with replies.	01/17/1961
	344	13	"A Check-list of the fishes of Current River in Missouri"	07/11/1966
	344	14-15	Pflieger's field notebook with observations of fish in the wild. The notebook is RESTRICTED due to potential locations of endangered species and caves. The notebook is in three parts: field notes (1968-1978), photography notes (1976) and utilization of sunfish nests for spawning (1970). Pages are not numbered.	04/10/1968- 04/07/1978
	344	16	Affidavit of William L. Pflieger, State of Missouri County of Boone copied from an unknown court case file, pp. 1-9. Talks about fish in the Osage River.	"1970?" handwritten on p. 1
	344	17	Program for the Acquisition and Utilization of Aquatic Habitat Inventory Information Symposium, Portland, OR where Pflieger co-presented "Techniques for the Classification of Stream Habitats with Examples of Their Application in Defining the Stream Habitats of Missouri" with M. Anthony Schene, Jr. and Pamela S. Haverland	10/28- 30/1981

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	344	18	Handwritten document headed "Fishes newly discovered or rediscovered in Missouri in the last 20 years."	c1983
	344	19	Vita, William L. Pflieger	c1990
	344	20	Updated Checklist of Missouri Fishes	July 1991
	344	21	Book Timeline and Milestones: a plan for a revision of <i>The Fishes of Missouri</i> with a timeline spanning 2012-2015	c2012
	344	22	Obituary for Dr. William Leo Pflieger by Joe G. Dillard, first draft	December 2021
	344	23	Handwritten notes in pencil on notebook paper, one headed "Fishing Notes," the other "Bait Fishing"	n.d.