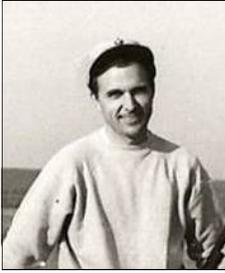
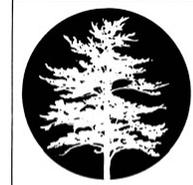


Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame



Robert L. Hunt

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“The results of Bob Hunt’s work on Wisconsin’s trout resource can be summed up as scientific advance, sound conservation and better fishing.”

— from Hunt’s biography for Hall of Fame

Facts

About
Robert L. Hunt

Pioneering Wisconsin fisheries biologist

Credited with building Wisconsin’s modern trout program

Expert on wild trout in Wisconsin streams

Built understanding about stream restoration strategies and tools

Led efforts to develop scientifically sound trout fishing regulations

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Robert L. “Bob” Hunt’s imprint on fisheries management in Wisconsin and well beyond can be found in technical publications, videos and his book, “Trout Stream Therapy.”

More than anything else, though, it is found on healthy, thriving streams, many with self-sustaining wild trout populations.

Hunt was a pioneer in efforts to improve stream habitat, trout management and effective regulations based on science and a clear understanding of the capacities of streams and the species they held.

Little wonder Hunt earned recognition as Wisconsin’s top authority on trout stream science and is considered a national leader in those fields.

Hunt grew up in Wisconsin and after a stint in the U.S. Army, earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at UW-

Madison. Like his brother, Dick, a fellow Conservation Hall of Fame inductee, Bob chose a career in public service. He joined the Wisconsin Conservation Department as a fisheries biologist in 1959, at a time when Wisconsin’s trout program consisted mostly of stocking.

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**About Wisconsin's
Conservation Hall of Fame**

Location:

Schmeckle Reserve
Stevens Point, Wis.

Attractions:

Displays, information on Wisconsin's conservation history and leaders. Schmeckle Reserve, owned by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, provides hiking and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Purpose:

To educate and inspire people with information about how resource conservation has shaped our environment and our lives.

Hours:

M-F, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat: Noon - 4 p.m.
Sun: Noon - 4 p.m.

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Honoring our state's rich conservation history

Robert L. "Bob" Hunt

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Streams were devastated by cattle grazing and other human-generated harm. In the course of his more than 30 years with what would become the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Hunt led efforts to restore and revitalize streams across the state and worked to educate the public about proper management.

Hunt's pioneering research on wild trout led to changes in management strategies and Wisconsin's system of classifying trout streams. The changes recognized that many streams are capable of maintaining self-sustaining populations and don't need heavy stocking.

His evaluation of stream-bank debrushing and the use of brush bundles, half-log devices and other stream restoration tools led the DNR and citizen groups to employ these techniques where appropriate.

Hunt also helped build public support for an inland trout stamp, generating funds for fisheries programs.

His scientific expertise also helped lead to Wisconsin's modern trout angling regulations tailored to zones of the state and the characteristics of streams.

Always willing to share what he learned, Hunt has served on many state, national and international committees, highlighting Wisconsin's pioneering programs, many of them the result of his work. He has encouraged citizens groups to participate in habitat restoration efforts.

Today, Wisconsin's trout streams provide recreational opportunities for thousands, support local and regional