THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

David J. Jude, Ph.D., research scientist in the School of Natural Resources and Environment, retired from active faculty status on January 18, 2012.

Dr. Jude received his B.S. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1966, his M.S. degree from Iowa State University in 1968, and his Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University in 1973. Dr. Jude began his career as a statistician and computer programmer at Michigan State University in 1972. In 1973 he joined the Great Lakes Research Division at the University of Michigan as a research investigator. He was promoted to assistant research scientist in 1976, associate research scientist in 1978, and research scientist in 1984. In 2002 Dr. Jude joined the School of Natural Resources and Environment where he continued as a research scientist until his retirement.

Dr. Jude is well known for his research work on the Great Lakes and connecting tributaries including research in Lake Michigan on yellow perch larvae, lake trout reproduction on offshore reefs, and exotic species such as round and tubenose gobies and zebra and quagga mussels. In the Muskegon River Dr. Jude’s research focused on toxic substances, burbot, deep-water sculpin, and larval fish distributions. Dr. Jude’s work has greatly expanded our understanding of fish population dynamics and provided vital clues to understanding entire life cycles. He is a well-known scientist to fishery ecologists nationally and internationally.

Dr. Jude has taught courses on great lakes aquatic field methods and great lakes aquatic ecosystems. Dr. Jude’s outgoing personality and wonderful sense of humor have engaged many students who have passed through his lab and have gone on to have successful careers in fisheries biology.

The Regents now salute this distinguished researcher for his dedicated service by naming David J. Jude research scientist emeritus.

Requested by:

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