Dedication

This work is dedicated to those who are or have been associated with the unit program. Included are Fish and Wildlife Service employees who helped administer the Program, personnel of the Wildlife Management Institute, state fisheries and wildlife agency cooperators, and university cooperators. A special part of the dedication is to the unit leaders, assistant unit leaders, secretaries, and administrative assistants who served on the front lines through good times and bad. These individuals make the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Program a continuing success.

J. N. "Ding" Darling had the vision to "see" the need for land-grant universities, state agencies, and the federal government to join forces to accomplish research in fisheries and wildlife to provide information for scientific management of America's vast wildlife populations. The Cooperative Units are living proof of the effectiveness of "Ding's" vision.