

Communicating research findings

THE RESULTS [OF AN INFORMAL questionnaire to all NPS scientists involved in fish and wildlife research] indicate that [78% of] NPS researchers place a great importance on publications. This was evident in the written comments attached to many questionnaires. Several individuals pointed to the need for an NPS technical report series as an outlet, particularly for management-oriented publications. The high interest in publications struck me as somewhat ironic because the reviews I have done of NPS scientific literature . . . have shown a low portion (< 20%) of NPS research winds up in

professional journals. . . . These responses seem to indicate that more than any other factor, the NPS natural science program could be greatly improved by better communication between scientists and managers. This is not a new problem. It was voiced time and again in interviews I have conducted with retired NPS biologists in the course of my research.

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