

Apostle Islands Conference Held

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On November 6, 1981, the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore hosted its Third Annual Research Conference at Park Headquarters in Bayfield, Wisconsin. The general areas of research investigations covered by this year's reports were: environmental history and ecological surveys; water resources; archeological and historical research; background studies for park planning and development.

The meeting gave professionals as diverse as soil scientists, fisheries biologists, plant ecologists and cultural geographers the chance to exchange information on their Apostle Islands research projects. It also afforded an opportunity for interested area residents to learn what the current and future research and development plans are for the park.

From a total of 16 research papers presented at the conference, such varied subjects as "Forest History of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore based on Pollen and Charcoal Analysis," "Electro-fishing Survey of Several Apostle Islands Shorelines, 1981," "Context and Background for Early Agriculture on the Apostle Islands" and "Social Carrying Capacity at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore" generated particular interest.

Some 63 registrants represented a cross section of academia and the general public. Press and television coverage was provided by local papers and Station WDIO, Duluth. Supt. Pat H. Miller, Regional Chief Scientist Gary Larson and Regional Chief Historian Andy Ketterson welcomed conferees.

Plans are to abstract and publish the conference papers. The publication will be available through the park and the Midwest Regional Office.

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