

## **Dr. Frank C. Rohwer**

President & Chief Scientist, Delta Waterfowl Foundation  
Bismarck, North Dakota

### Education:

B.S. 1976 Wildlife Biology Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS  
M.S. 1980 Wildlife Ecology Washington State University, Pullman, WA  
Ph.D. 1986 Ecology University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

### Professional Experience:

NSF-NATO Postdoc with Dr. Fred Cooke, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario (1986-1987)  
Assistant Professor, U. of Maryland - Center for Environmental & Estuarine Studies (1987 – 1990)  
Assistant & Associate Professor, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA (1991 – 1997)  
George Barineau Distinguished Professor of Wildlife Ecology, LSU, Baton Rouge (2004 – 2013)  
Scientific Director, Delta Waterfowl Foundation (1991 – 1997; 2000 – 2001; 2003 – 2012)  
President and Chief Scientist, Delta Waterfowl Foundation (October, 2012 – present)

### Recent Research Initiatives (selected examples from recent years)

Evaluating predator management in various landscapes in the prairie pothole region – preparation for a world without CRP.  
Understanding the human dimensions of waterfowl hunting.  
Measuring production in a predator reduced habitat in eastern North Dakota – pairs, nests, and broods and the role of density dependence  
Evaluations of the accuracy of the USFWS waterfowl harvest surveys – are our measures of harvest accurate assessments of age ratios?

### Personal Background

I grew up on the Chesapeake Bay but went to Kansas State University to get a BS in Wildlife Biology. At KSU I learned of the Delta Waterfowl Station and started working there as a field technician in 1975. I worked through the Delta Waterfowl Foundation as a graduate student for both my MS (Washington State University) and Ph.D at University of Pennsylvania. I also spent time as a postdoctoral fellow at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario before accepting my first faculty position at the University of Maryland. During my time in Maryland I worked on a Canada Goose Commission and then started a major research program that examined released mallards on the eastern shore. After a 3-years in Maryland, I was lured to Louisiana State University where I rekindled my relationship with the Delta Waterfowl Foundation by becoming the Scientific Director in 1991. That job as the head science guy for Delta was in addition to my full-time appointment in Louisiana. I concentrated my LSU teaching in fall semesters and spent springs and summers on the prairies directing Delta's research programs. Four years ago I took on the position of President at Delta Waterfowl, left LSU, and moved to Bismarck, ND, which is the location for Delta's head office and located near some of the finest habitat for breeding ducks in all of North America. I remain focused on finding better ways to increase duck production and on helping to be a voice for waterfowl hunters – especially on matters concerning waterfowl hunting regulations and policy issues that can impact ducks.

### Publications:

My student and I have published scores of peer reviewed papers, most of which focus on waterfowl management on the prairies and specifically on the efficacy of intensive management to enhance duck recruitment.