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Donald C. Jackson, a native of Arkansas (USA), grew up hunting, fishing, canoeing and camping. He was active in the Boy Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. After graduation from North Little Rock High School (Arkansas), he received his B.S. (zoology) and M.S. (zoology/limnology) from the University of Arkansas and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa for undergraduate scholarship. He worked professionally as an Associate District Executive for the Boy Scouts in central Arkansas and as a Head Resident/Counselor for the University of Arkansas Student Housing Service prior to joining the U. S. Peace Corps. In the Peace Corps (1978-1980) he served on the Zoology Faculty of the National University of Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur). Upon his return from the Peace Corps, he attended Lexington Theological Seminary (Kentucky) and served as pastor of the New Liberty Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Owen County, Kentucky. From there he began doctoral studies, receiving his Ph.D. in fisheries management from Auburn University (Alabama) in 1985. His first post-doctoral faculty position was with the University of Alaska where he served as Visiting Assistant Professor (1985-1986). He joined the faculty of Mississippi State University in 1986 and was promoted to the rank of Professor in 1996. His primary focus is river fisheries research, management and development. He has generated in excess of \$3.3 million in extramural research funds since joining this faculty.

Dr. Jackson is the 2009-2010 President of the American Fisheries Society. He is also Past-President of the Mississippi Wildlife Federation. He received the Mississippi Wildlife Federation's Fisheries Conservationist of the Year Award (1992), the American Fisheries Society Fisheries Management Section's Award of Excellence (1997), and was elected a Fellow in the American Institute of Fisheries Research Biologists (1998). In 1999 he was awarded the Conservationist of the Year Award by the Mississippi Wildlife Federation for his record in stream and river conservation and was commissioned by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization to provide technical guidance regarding river fisheries management. In 2001 he received the Faculty Research Award from the Mississippi State University College of Forest Resources, and the Research Scientist Award from the Office of the Vice President for Research. In 2007 he received the American Fisheries Society's Distinguished Service Award for his work as Chair of the society's Hurricane Relief Task Force. He has worked on international fisheries assignments in Southeast Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Europe, speaks and reads Bahasa Malaysia/Indonesia and Spanish, and reads French. In addition to his position with Mississippi State University, he is an Adjunct Professor with the Malaysian University of Science (Universiti Sains Malaysia - Penang). Dr. Jackson has directed (as major professor) 14 M.S. theses and 10 Ph.D. dissertations, and is author or co-author of numerous technical reports and professional peer-reviewed papers/chapters in fisheries journals and texts. He also writes short stories (*Trails*: The Strode Publishers, Huntsville, Alabama - 1984; and *Tracks*: University Press of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi - 2006). His passions are duck hunting and creek fishing.