

Jerry Darkes, Owner

Angling Consulting Services, Inc.

Bio

- Have over 40 years of fly fishing experience in fresh and saltwater.
- Have worked in all aspects of the industry- retail sales, guiding, instructing, full-time sales rep for nearly 20 years. Tied flies to help put myself through college.
- Was the first “fly fishing only” guide on Ohio’s Lake Erie tributaries.
- Have written numerous articles for a variety of publications about fly fishing in the Great Lakes region and beyond.
- Have been featured in several books and video/DVD productions about fly fishing around the Great Lakes.
- Have participated in several television productions about fly fishing in the region
- Work with top companies within the industry, have received a number of sales awards.
- Active in fly fishing education to the public- have organized, conducted, and participated in many promotional events.
- Support a variety of environmental groups and regional restoration projects, participate in river clean ups and other activities.
- Regularly give presentations and programs to fly fishing groups and clubs throughout the region.
- Have developed a number of fly patterns for use in the Great Lakes and other areas.
- Am recognized as an authority on Great Lakes steelhead and warmwater fly fishing.

Companies I currently represent- Angler Sport Group, Dr. Slick, Echo, Flymen Fishing Company, Freedom Hawk Kayaks, Nautilus Reels, Pacific Fly Group, Patagonia, Scientific Anglers, Scott Rods, William and Joseph

Please accept this information for nomination as an AFFTA board member. I have been actively involved in the fly fishing industry as far back as I can remember, having experienced the “boom” years and now the slow down. I would like to use my experience and offer my ideas to keep the fly fishing industry moving forward. My main area of focus is the continued promotion of warm water opportunities and the application of fly fishing throughout the region and within the Great Lakes themselves. I feel that the continuing conversion of warm water anglers from conventional tackle to fly fishing is a key component to the long-term success of the industry.