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Melanoma & Skin Cancer Awareness



May is Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month. According to the American Association for Cancer Research, more than 6 million people receive a skin cancer diagnosis each year.

Start your day with SPF

Skin cancer awareness and prevention – it needs to be addressed more often in our profession! Not only the impacts that extended sun exposure can have on your body, but how to properly care for your skin while working in the field. With all of the different products that are available on the market, how do you know which ones to choose? We've taken the guess work out of it for you by asking those who spend hours outside on the water! [Here](#), we breakdown the sun care brands most recommended by the Women of Fisheries. As any good scientist knows, don't just take our word for it, do your own research and consult your dermatologist when deciding which products are right for you!

[Click here to see the brands most recommended by the Women of Fisheries](#)



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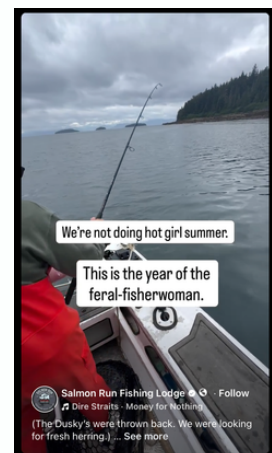
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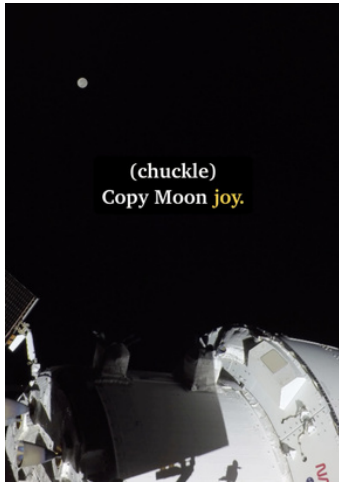


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“Copy. Moon joy.” Reflections on the Artemis II Mission

By Lynn Mattes



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“Copy, Moon joy” was spoken by Science Officer Angela Garcia from NASA Mission Control acknowledging the Artemis II crew’s excitement as they orbited the moon in early April 2026, and has gone viral as a way to describe the overall happiness surrounding the mission. I keep hearing that phrase in my head and thinking about how much joy and inspiration that mission brought to me, and many others. Our species sent four of its own around another celestial body for the first time in over 50 years. The last time humans had been this far from earth, I was two and a half months old, unfortunately not old enough to remember. I heard teachers, grandparents, aunts, and uncles talk about watching Neil Armstrong take “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind” with the rest of the world, and the collective awe, hope, and inspiration it brought.

I think the Artemis II mission, taking humans around the far side of the moon, has become that beacon of hope and inspiration for many of us in 2026. The world is currently rather tumultuous and sometimes ugly on many fronts. This mission showed what humans can accomplish when we work together towards common goals. It took thousands of individuals to make the mission successful: machinists, manufacturers, engineers, physicists, chemists, biologists, computer programs, service industry, electricians, plumbers, communications, government officials, and many many others. All working toward the same goal, advancing science and exploration, working for the collective good. This mission gave me a sense of hope for humans as a species that I have been missing for a long time.

Moon Joy to Fisheries Joy

Hopefully seeing so many intelligent and capable women succeeding in a previously male-dominated field can serve as further inspiration to all of us women in fisheries. Keep seeking answers, keep exploring, keep learning, keep inspiring others on your journey, try to have an adventure or two, and find your own “Fisheries joy”.



© NASA Earthset, April 6, 2026, as seen by the crew of NASA’s Artemis II spacecraft as it swung around the far side of the moon. This is now my homescreen on my personal cell phone.



Instagram post from user @artsyhadia



Instagram post by user @ktomreads



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Fishing for Opportunities



Student Opportunities

Position: [MS Research Assistantship](#)
Organization: Idaho Co-op Fish Wildlife Unit
Deadline: 07/01/26

Position: [PhD Fisheries Ecology](#)
Organization: Louisiana State University
Deadline: 06/19/26

Position: [PhD Wildlife, Fisheries & Aquaculture](#)
Organization: Mississippi State University
Deadline: 09/13/26

Job Opportunities

Position: [Director of Marine Fisheries](#)
Organization: North Carolina Dept. Environmental Quality
Deadline: 06/22/26

Position: [Assistant Professor Fisheries](#)
Organization: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Deadline: 06/12/26

Position: [Ichthyoplankton Ecologist](#)
Organization: A.I.S. Inc.
Deadline: 06/30/26

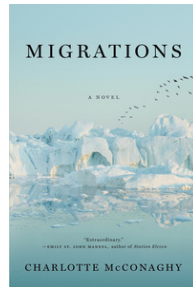
Position: [Fisheries Aide \(2 positions\)](#)
Organization: Idaho Dept. Fish & Game
Deadline: 07/03/26

Do you know someone who should be featured in a Fish Sister Profile or Research Highlight?

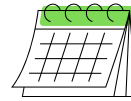
Nominate them now! Self nominations are also encouraged

[Nominate Today!](#) 

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Our summer read is Migrations by Charlotte McConaghy



Save the Date for the Discussion
[July 12, 8pm EST](#)

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