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**The 2021 Annual
Meeting is coming to
a computer near you!**

When: February 23 - 24, 2021



ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be held on February 23-24, 2021. This will be a virtual meeting held over two days. The plan is to host two afternoon sessions.

On Day 1 we will have opening remarks and a plenary speaker followed by contributed papers. The raffle committee is working on some awesome prizes to giveaway after sessions. You must register to be eligible for the prize giveaway. On Day 2 we will host the annual business meeting. Since we will not have a banquet, we will announce the winners of the 2021 Chapter Awards at the end of the business meeting. A contributed paper session will follow along with a final prize giveaway.

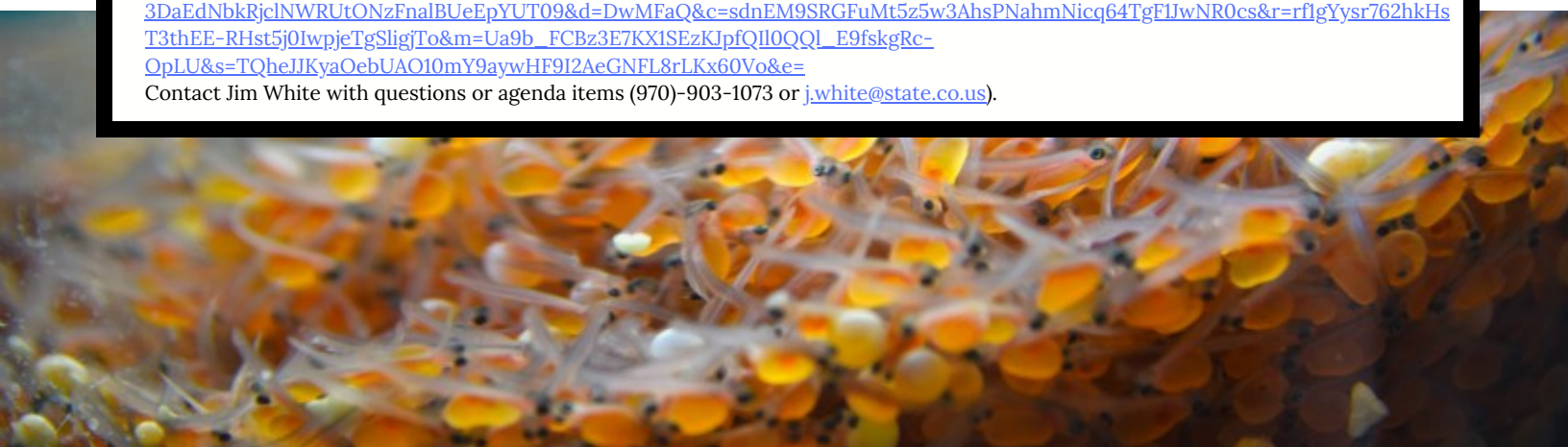
The goal of this year's meeting is to provide a safe platform for the exchange of information and ideas in a scaled down way that is fiscally responsible to the Chapter. The theme of this year's conference is "Science and Storytelling". The Continuing Education Committee is working on offering two webinars. The first is a writing course designed to translate your science into a public media format and the second is a Bayesian statistics course. You must register to attend. Date and time to be announced in the January edition of The Angler.

The Program Committee is asking that all abstracts be submitted by **January 22, 2021**. This is a week earlier than usual. Authors should indicate whether they want to do their talk "live" or submit a "pre-recorded" talk.

Finally, while virtual meetings lack the social networking that we all enjoy so much - and the BS stories we spout over beers! - I am encouraging the membership to practice their "storytelling" skills by writing up a short story about a field experience, biggest fish you ever caught, dumbest joke you ever heard, etc. Please embellish and have some fun! I think this could be a great way to memorialize your story, have others get to "know you", and laugh a little in what normally would be a raucous social hour. Details on how/when to submit will be in the January edition of The Angler.

Meeting registration information will be available on the Colorado/Wyoming AFS website (<https://units.fisheries.org/cowyafs/>) by early January, with meeting details included in the January issue of The Angler. Online registration, with the option of credit card payments, will open January 11, 2021. There is no early deadline for the virtual meeting but you must register to be eligible for prize giveaways and Continuing Education courses. Registration costs will be announced in the January edition of The Angler but should be in the \$50 (or less) range.

Next Executive Committee meeting: Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 from 9AM - 12PM. Zoom Meeting Link: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__cpw-2Dstate-2Dco.zoom.us_j_85436951814-3Fpwd-3DaEdNbkRjclNWRUtONzFnalBUeEpYUT09&d=DwMFaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1IwNR0cs&r=rflgYysr762hkHsT3thEE-RHst5j0IwpjeTgSligTo&m=Ua9b_FCBz3E7KX1SEzKJpfQI10QQI_E9fsgkRc-OpLU&s=TQheJJKyaOebUAOI0mY9aywHF9I2AeGNFL8rLKx60Vo&e=
Contact Jim White with questions or agenda items (970)-903-1073 or j.white@state.co.us.



FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS



CHECK OUT THIS LINK FOR TIPS & TRICKS ON CREATING & DELIVERING EFFECTIVE PRESENTATIONS:

<https://fishculture.fisheries.org/professional-development/tips-%20on-giving-%20presentations/>

We are once again looking for members to share all of the great work they have been doing over the past year by giving a live or pre-recorded presentation or poster at the 2021 Annual Meeting. All papers are welcome, including formal scientific papers and general informational papers. Authors will be notified of their acceptance for live presentations two weeks prior to the meeting; all pre-recorded presentations will be accepted and posted as long as they are received by the posting deadline. Abstracts can be submitted by visiting the Colorado/Wyoming AFS website (cowyafs.org) and following the link. Final Deadline for abstract submissions is January 22, 2021. For additional information, please contact Dr. Annika Walters at 307-766-5473 or annika.walters@uwyo.edu, Eric Fetherman at eric.fetherman@state.co.us, John Walrath at john.walrath@wyo.gov, or John Woodling at woodling@colorado.edu.

Oral presentation guidelines: Oral presentation guidelines: Live oral presentations are limited to a 10 minute time slot and we recommend limiting your presentation to 8 minutes to allow for questions. Pre-recorded oral presentations can be up to 20 minutes. Pre-recorded talks will be posted to the website or YouTube prior to the start of the meeting so that the membership can view them at their leisure. Live talks will be recorded as they are given and posted in the same location after the meeting for folks that were unable to attend the live sessions.

Poster presentation guidelines: Poster presentation guidelines: Please restrict your poster to a single power point slide. Posters will be posted to the website or YouTube prior to the meeting so that the membership can view them at their leisure. Please include a three minute “elevator speech” video that summarizes the work on your poster. Since there will not be a formal poster session this year, be sure to include your contact information on the poster so that folks can contact you with questions.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 8AM - 4:45PM

THE INSTRUCTORS:



Dr. Steve McMullin:
Writing, McMullin
Training and
Consulting



The Continuing Education Committee is happy to provide two webinars for the annual meeting this year. The first course will focus on communicating technical information to a non-technical audience. Dr. McMullin is a former AFS President (2017-2018). Dr. McMullin spent the first half of his extensive career out west attending the University of Idaho and working for Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. Dr. McMullin earned his Ph.D. from Virginia Tech and has been a member of the Virginia Tech community since 1989. Currently owner of McMullin Training and Consulting, his focus is on leadership development and the interactions between humans and natural resources.

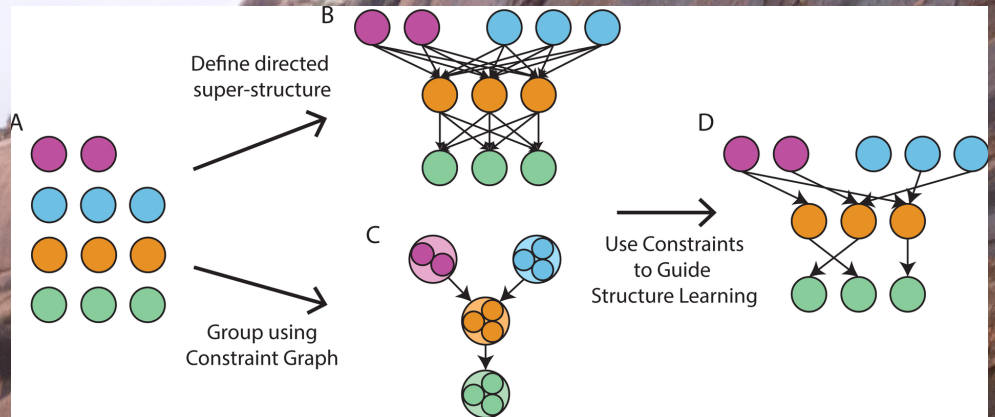


CONTINUING EDUCATION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 8AM - 5PM



Dr. Mevin Hooten:
Bayesian Modeling,
Colorado State
University



This virtual workshop will cover basic Bayesian statistical ideas with application to aquatic science data and will focus on concepts and interpretation. The course will include traditional lecture material, computer demonstrations, and interactive discussion. Examples involving fish and other aquatic organisms and environments will be provided and time will be devoted to address frequently asked questions as well as questions from the audience. Due to time constraints, all computing will be performed as demonstration, however, concepts and detailed computer code will be adapted from two textbooks:

- Hobbs, N.T. and M.B. Hooten. (2015). *Bayesian Models: A Statistical Primer for Ecologists*. Princeton University Press.
- Hooten, M.B. and T.J. Hefley. (2019). *Bringing Bayesian Models to Life*. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

About the presenter:

Mevin Hooten is Assistant Unit Leader in the USGS Colorado Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and Professor at Colorado State University. He is an elected Fellow of the American Statistical Association and has authored over 145 scientific publications including 3 textbooks. His research focus is on Bayesian and spatio-temporal statistical modeling of ecological processes. He has developed and presented dozens of short courses and workshops on statistical methods including 8 on Bayesian methods and computing.



AFS NEEDS YOU TO MAKE THE ANNUAL MEETING A SUCCESS!

Judges (Might?!) be Needed

The 2021 meeting is no ordinary CO/WY AFS meeting (to point out the obvious). Judging talks and posters in a virtual environment is difficult. How to balance recognition in a normal year compared to this year will be a challenge. The Judging Committee is wrestling with these questions. Please contact Tyler Swarr at 303-291-7159 or tyler.swarr@state.co.us with your thoughts.



Award Nominations Needed

The pandemic has not stopped our great work. The Colorado/Wyoming Chapter has four awards for recognizing our fisheries professionals. The Awards Committee needs your help in determining qualified candidates to receive awards at the 2021 Annual Meeting. This is an opportunity for you to become involved and see that your professional peers receive their deserved recognition from the American Fisheries Society.

- (1) **Award of Excellence:** Recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions in the fishery-aquatic resource field.
- (2) **Max Award of Merit:** In honor of Max Rollefson (WGFD), this "atta boy" recognizes a short-term professional accomplishment in management, administration, research, or culture.
- (3) **Outstanding Mentor Award:** This award recognizes a fisheries professional who has demonstrated substantial devotion in assisting or mentoring prospective fisheries students/professionals, current fisheries students, or fisheries professionals.
- (4) **Leaky Boot Award:** Recognizes the most outrageous behavior of any fisheries student or professional in the year prior to the Chapter's Annual Meeting.

The deadline to nominate will be January 22nd. For more information on how to nominate your peers please contact Travis Neebling at (307) 233-6410 or travis.neebing@wyo.gov.

Session Award Items Needed

Annual meetings, whether in person or virtual, are an opportunity for the Chapter to raise money to cover meeting costs and provide membership services like travel grants, student sub-units, and governance. **To maximize our fundraising efforts, we are asking that attendees donate items to our cause.** These could be items that you personally contribute, or that you solicit from a local business, organization, or person. Items may include backpack trips, guided fishing trips, handmade flies, original artwork, prints, or other cool fish and wildlife related items. Each of us in the chapter likely knows at least one business, organization, or person willing to donate something towards the mission of AFS. **Please take a few minutes to ask and coordinate your gift with Stephen and Clay.**

If you would like to make contributions, please coordinate with:

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AND

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