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February 28, - March 2, 2023



ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS

After two years of virtual meetings that were adeptly handled by Jim White, Christina Barrineau, and a whole host of people who are a lot more tech-savvy than I, I am thrilled to announce that we're going back to in-person meetings again! I suspect that I echo a lot of folks' sentiments when I say that I am really looking forward to seeing everyone in person next year.

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be held from February 28th through March 2nd at the Hilton in Fort Collins. We are still assembling continuing education workshops, a plenary session, a business meeting, social events, and our contributed paper sessions. We will be hosting a combination of live talks and prerecorded talks, as discussions in our most recent Executive Committee meeting led us to understand that this would allow a lot more participation from our membership.

In a time of global unrest, pandemics, and a rapidly changing climate, it seems that chaos is the new normal these days. Thus, the theme of "Embracing Uncertainty" seemed appropriate for this year. We all deal with uncertainty fairly regularly, whether it is because we work in systems with highly variable environmental conditions, encounter "surprises" in our research or daily work, or seek novel ways to analyze noisy data sets. So tell us your story by submitting a talk for next year's meeting!

We will be using Whova for our registration platform again. It worked well last year, and it does give us the opportunity to provide virtual meeting options without breaking the bank. We are still trying to figure out the best way to arrange a hybrid meeting.



**Next Executive Committee Meeting:
last week of January, day TBD**

ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS (continued)

So, look for more details early next month (next year!!). We intend to open registration during the first week of January, after working out some details with the Hilton. Registration costs will be higher than in previous years because of the substantial increase in costs since our last in-person meeting. We also need to make sure we are covering chapter expenses such as travel grants, assistance to new and existing student subunits, and support for new AFS chapters. While virtual attendance and student registration fees will help ease the financial burden for some, please contact us if your employer will not cover meeting costs. I am really looking forward to seeing all of you!

Ashley Ficke
CO/WY AFS President

**Nominations for 2023-2024 Secretary-Treasurer
will be in the January edition of The Angler.**

Stay Tuned!

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS



We are once again looking for people to share some of the great work they have been doing over the past year by giving an oral presentation or presenting a poster at the 2023 CO/WY AFS Annual Meeting February 28 - March 2. The meeting will be in-person with virtual options. All papers are welcome, including formal scientific studies and general informational talks. We make every effort to include every presentation in the program. You will be notified of your presentation time and date two weeks prior to the meeting. Abstracts can be submitted by visiting the Colorado-Wyoming AFS website (cowyafs.org) or submitting here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1L0xcvEyXMmrDaRpqBNXPVHBoIqIKg6iOQPS3EaS4RhI/> . **Final deadline for abstract submissions is**

January 27, 2023. For additional information or questions, you may contact: Annika Walters – (307) 766-5473, annika.walters@uwyo.edu
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Presentation guidelines: In-person oral presentations have the option of a 10 or 20 minute time slot and we recommend leaving 2-5 minutes for questions. Recorded oral presentations can be up to 20 minutes. For poster presentations please restrict your poster to a maximum size of 3' high (0.92 m) x 4' wide (1.22 m) or a single powerpoint slide. All posters and talks (including in-person) will be posted to the website prior to the meeting so that the membership can view them at their leisure. Please be prepared to submit talks/posters the week before the meeting so we can get them on the website in time.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

STAY TUNED FOR THE JANUARY ANGLER WHERE WE WILL HAVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON OUR CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASS FOR THE MEETING. CONTINUING ED WILL PROBABLY BE ONE IN-PERSON CLASS THIS YEAR, WITH THE TOPIC OF SUCCESSFULLY APPLYING FOR FEDERAL JOBS. WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED A COUPLE OF OPTIONS FOR MID-YEAR SEMINARS, INCLUDING AN EDNA WORKSHOP.

CHECK IT OUT! TIPS & TRICKS ON CREATING EFFECTIVE PRESENTATIONS

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

HELP MAKE THE ANNUAL MEETING A SUCCESS!



Audio-Visual Committee Members Needed

Are you tech-savvy? If so, we need your help! We are looking for people who are comfortable with tasks like uploading prerecorded talks/making them available through our Whova platform and helping folks with the IT aspects of their in-person presentations. Please contact Ashley Ficke at ashleyduncanficke@gmail.com or (970) 290-4374 if you are willing to lend a hand. Thanks in advance for showing off your IT skills!

Judges Needed

Volunteers are needed to judge papers and posters at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Colorado Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. We need 20-30 judges from Colorado and Wyoming (combined) to have three judges per paper and poster, so a great deal of help is needed from CO/WY AFS members.

Government agency, private consulting professionals, and college professors are preferred for judging volunteers. Please consider volunteering some of your time at the meeting to give our presenters valuable feedback and potentially an award. If you are interested in judging please contact Tyler Swarr @ Tyler.Swarr@state.co.us or Eric Fetherman @ Eric.Fetherman@state.co.us

Award Nominations Needed

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 2023 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 27th. Contact Travis Neebling at (307) 233-6410 or travis.neebbling@wyo.gov for more information on how to nominate your peers.

Raffle Items Needed

The Raffle Committee will be working hard to round up some great items for the 2023 meeting. Please consider donating something to the cause this year. On that note, if you have a great skill set to share, please consider donating some of your time! Fishing trips, hunting trips, wilderness expeditions, float trips, etc. would all be appealing to those of us that love spending time outdoors, not to mention, hanging out with your colleagues! Don't hesitate to reach out to our committee with questions, offers, or ideas. We look forward to raising some money for the chapter and our great aquatic resources in 2023!

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The History Behind the Max Award of Merit

A MAX award was established by the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in 1978, in honor of Max Rollefson. MAX awards currently recognize short-term professional accomplishments in management, administration, research or culture. Numbers of awards and recipients given are solely at the discretion of the Awards Committee. While this award evolved over the years, the name still honors Max.

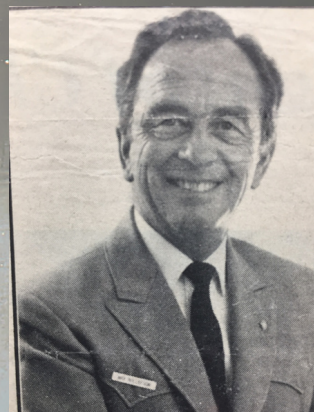
Max was among the founding members of the Chapter. Cutthroat Trout in Colorado and Wyoming was the theme of the first annual Chapter meeting in 1966. Max gave a presentation on cutthroat trout management in the Salt and Snake River drainages. He served as secretary-treasurer during the 1968-69 term.

Max's commitment to conservation efforts for the Snake River Cutthroat Trout and fisheries habitat was the inspiration for the MAX award. Such conservation efforts were especially challenging during a time when fisheries management and public interest emphasized stocking and introduction of new species.

Max Dean Rollefson was born on February 25, 1925, in Ambrose, North Dakota. He was a paratrooper in World War II and was seriously wounded in action. Max graduated from Utah State University and received a MS degree in fisheries management from Colorado State University in 1958. His thesis topic was the development and evaluation of interrupted direct current electro-fishing equipment.

Max worked as a fisheries biologist for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for 26 years. Max joined Wyoming Game and Fish Department in 1950 as a fisheries biologist in Cheyenne and served as assistant chief fish warden from 1952-54. He worked as a fisheries biologist throughout much of Wyoming including Saratoga, Cokeville, Lander, Laramie and Cody.

Max was the area fisheries supervisor in Jackson from 1960 until his untimely death at age 51 on December 16, 1976. Max was survived by his wife Ardis, son Stace, and twin daughters Lynne and Laura.





LOGO CONTEST

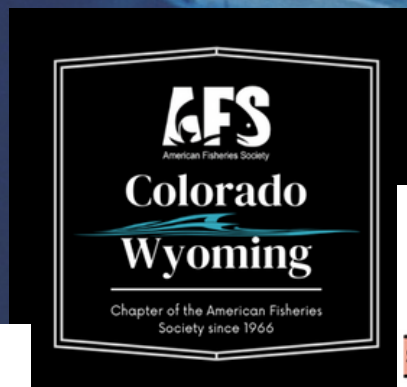
CO/WY AFS needs a new LOGO!

Submissions Should Include:

- ✓ CO/WY Name
- ✓ AFS Society Logo (available at [fisheries.org](https://www.fisheries.org))
- ✓ Water and/or fish present
- ✓ "Connection" element (color, state shape, etc.)

DEADLINE EXTENDED: JANUARY 27

Design
Examples



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