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The Vent

Matt Kondratieff

Welcome back from a busy summer! For many of us, the field season is winding down, nets are being repaired and stored for the winter, boats and trailers are winterized, and our attention is moving toward hunting and the holiday season. This year, I am excited to serve as your CO-WY AFS Chapter president. I have high hopes for what we as a Chapter can accomplish this year and I look forward to the interactions I will have with you all. As I was thinking back over my involvement with the CO-WY AFS Chapter over the past seven years, the one thing that has consistently been the most positive aspect is YOU!... the people-not fish, not new technologies, not the challenge of tackling the latest fisheries menace. You, the great people from Colorado and Wyoming that encouraged me to get involved with AFS and who believed that I could accomplish things I had never tried before. I enjoy spending time with these people because we share the same deep passion and love of nature, the outdoors, and fish. As I thought about the question: "What is AFS?" the answer is obvious: its people, you and I. People make AFS special and it's the people that make AFS worthwhile. One of the most valuable (and fun) ways that AFS has helped me is by offering opportunities to serve. I hope that during my term serving as a leader of the CO-WY Chapter, I can offer others the same opportunities to grow and be challenged as I was.

I have been privileged to work for Colorado and Wyoming, two of the top state wildlife agencies in the country. Both states have wonderful fisheries professionals, some of whom have become treasured friends. Our states face many of the same complex challenges. We need each other's strengths and expertise to face these challenges and elevate us to new levels of achievement as we strive to conserve,



protect, and enhance our fisheries resources for generations to come.

Many of us are new faces to the fisheries field. A large number of fisheries professionals are retiring or plan to retire in the near future. As a new generation, we are young and have the opportunity to learn as much as possible from our predecessors before they are gone. Our success in continuing a legacy of sound fisheries management depends on this. We face new threats to our fisheries on a regular basis: illegal introductions, new (and old) fish pathogens, habitat and water quality issues, conflicts among various recreational water users, emerging technologies that help us uncover new (sometimes controversial) information, getting enough water to support our fisheries, and even intra-agency conflicts over managing aquatic and terrestrial species (i.e. birds and fishes). On top of these threats, we deal with an increasingly diverse angling public with some unrealistic expectations and desires that are not biologically feasible or sustainable. How do we deal with so many challenges at once? We learn how to face them together and not alone. Dirk Miller once said, "When you become involved in AFS, you get what you put into it." I hope that many of us will take the challenge to dive in and experience the best of what AFS has to offer-you and I.

Enjoy the rest of 2007 and I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting at the Plains Hotel in Cheyenne, Wyoming on March 3rd, 2008.

December ExCom Meeting



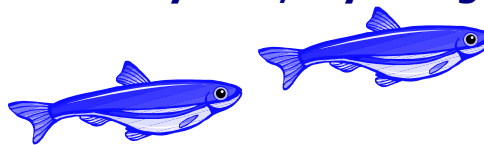
Mark your calendars!

The next Chapter ExCom meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 5th at 8:30 am** at the Wyoming Game & Fish State Headquarters office located at 5400 Bishop Boulevard in Cheyenne.

****Please plan on attending this meeting!****

If you are unable to join us and are serving as a committee chair or member, please provide Matt Kondratieff (970-472-4316; matt.kondratieff@state.co.us) with a committee report/update prior to the meeting. Thanks!

Annual Meeting Announcement **CO-WY AFS** **2008 Annual Meeting** **March 3-6th, 2008** **Cheyenne, Wyoming**



The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming. **The meeting will be held at The Plains Hotel from Monday, March 3 through Thursday, March 6, 2008.** The Plains Hotel is an historic building located on 1600 Central Avenue in historic downtown Cheyenne. Call the hotel at 307-638-3311 and request the Colorado/Wyoming American Fisheries Society rate for reservations. A block of rooms have been set aside for this meeting. Be sure to state you will be attending the Colorado/Wyoming American Fisheries Society meeting.

For more information visit: www.theplainshotel.com

Early registration will begin on Monday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm with the evening welcoming social beginning at 7:30 pm. Snacks and beverages will be available. A two or three hour, theme related, plenary session will launch the meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd at 8:15 am. Contributed papers will follow over the next 2 days. There will be an evening student social on Tuesday, March 5th. The Colorado/Wyoming annual business lunch will take place at 11:30 am on Wednesday, March 5th. We will be wrapped up the meeting with the annual banquet and raffle on Wednesday, March 5th at 6:00pm. A continuing education course will be available on Thursday.

-First Call for Papers-

The Program Committee members are responsible for recruiting speakers and posters. The committee encourages members to start considering a presentation or poster. NO presentation or poster will be turned down. **Final deadline for presentation and poster abstracts is February 18, 2008.**

Abstracts for contributed papers and posters should be prepared as a MS Word or WordPerfect file in 12 point, Times New Roman font, left aligned and include the following information.

1. A brief descriptive title.
2. Names, addresses, telephone and FAX numbers, and e-mail addresses for all organizers. Presenter must be clearly identified
3. An abstract of 350 words or less.
4. Indicate whether presenting a poster or oral presentation. Please indicate the presentation type – 2x2 slides or using an LCD projector and PowerPoint Presentation.
5. Indicate if presenter is a student.
6. Indicate length and width of poster.

Abstract Example

Please follow this format for abstract submission:

Title in 12 point Times New Roman Font

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Abstract: The abstract may include but is not required to include a problem statement, objectives, findings, and conclusions. Abstract will be 350 words or less.

Preference: Oral presentation or Poster. LCD or 2x2 slides.

Student: No.

All contributions must be submitted in either of two ways:

1. E-mail to Craig Amadio at: Craig.Amadio@wgf.state.wy.us **and** Darren Rhea at: Darren.Rhea@wgf.state.wy.us with contributed paper/poster abstract attached as an MS Word or WordPerfect file.
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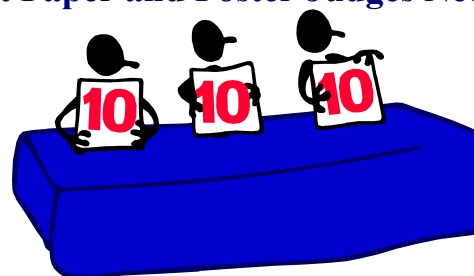
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For additional information, please contact **Craig Amadio** at 307-875-3225 x.229 or **Darren Rhea** at 307-367-4352

Final deadline for submitting an abstract is February 18, 2008.

Best Paper and Poster Judges Needed!



Volunteers are needed to judge papers and posters at the 2008 CO-WY AFS Meeting in Cheyenne. We would like to have three judges per paper and poster, so a great deal of help will be needed from CO-WY AFS members. Please consider volunteering some of your time at this year's meeting.

If you are interested in judging please contact Christina Barrineau @ 307-745-5180 x.240 or Christina.Barrineau@wgf.state.wy.us

CO-WY AFS – Call for Committee Volunteers 2007-2008

We need your help! There are still opportunities to serve as a committee chair for the following committees: Awards, Endowments Funding, Grants Funding, and Tradeshows, Vendors, and Sponsors. For a complete description of each committee chair, consult the procedures manual located on our Chapter's website. Please contact Matt Kondratieff (970-472-4316; matt.kondratieff@state.co.us) if you are interested in serving as a committee chair for one of these positions.

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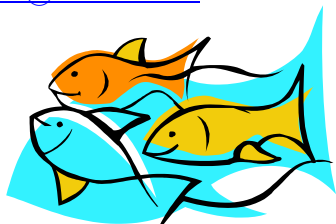
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Endowment Funding Scholarship – VACANT

Grants Funding – VACANT

Tradeshows, Vendors and Sponsors – VACANT

Call for Nominations CO-WY Chapter AFS Awards



Thinking about that outstanding coworker, supervisor, citizen, landowner, colleague, mentor, or other “character?”

Know someone who has made a significant contribution (this past year) to fishery or habitat management, science, or policy...or someone who was involved in an infamous fish folly?

It is that time of year again!

Award of Excellence: Recognizes (since 1980) “an individual who has made significant contributions in the fishery-aquatic resource field.” This award was formerly (1977-79) known as “Fishery Worker of the Year Award.”

“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.” This award evolved from the original “Stream Habitat Award” (1977-1982) and (since 1991) has been broadened to recognize accomplishments in a wider range of aquatic endeavors.

Leaky Boot Award: “Recognizes the most outrageous behavior” of any fisheries student or professional in the year subsequent to the Chapter’s Annual Meeting.

Format: Limit to one page for MAX and Leaky Boot awards please (Award of Excellence can be more detailed).

Deadline for Nominations: February 18, 2008

Send to or Contact:

* Awards Committee Chair is currently vacant*

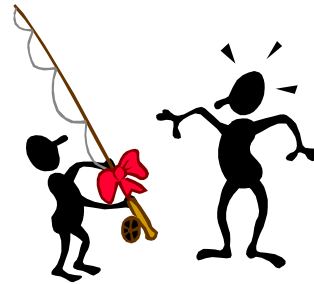
Interim contact for awards:

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Student Gift Memberships



It’s time to think about that summer field worker and recognize him or her with a Student Gift Membership to our CO/WY AFS Chapter!

Your Chapter and ExCom continue to support giving out gift memberships to undergraduate students in Wyoming and Colorado. The Membership Committee has the authority to give out 6 (3 Wyoming, 3 Colorado) gift memberships to undergraduate students attending any college or university in Colorado or Wyoming.

The gift is meant to increase the involvement of undergraduate students in the chapter. We hope these students will consider becoming members of our chapter in the future.

The criteria are simple:

1. A Colorado or Wyoming undergraduate student enrolled in a state college or university.
2. Interested in fisheries, majoring or studying fisheries or aquatics.

Chapter members can send their student nomination to the Membership Committee Co-Chairs.

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Committee Reports

Continuing Education

Andy Dux and Ryan Fitzpatrick took over committee responsibilities from Brett Johnson in August. Currently, potential workshop topics are being considered for the 2008 meeting in Cheyenne. Valuable workshop topics identified by members in the last online survey are being investigated. As we proceed, details about the selected workshop will be announced.

UW Student Subunit Update

The University of Wyoming Student Subunit held officer elections on September 12th. The officers for 2007-2008 are:

Nathan Cook - President
 Anna Senecal - Vice President
 Pete Mudrak - Secretary
 Chris Carol – Treasurer

On October 12th, subunit members Pete Mudrak and Jeff Abplanalp assisted the National Park Service with their lake trout gillnetting program on Yellowstone Lake. That day, the crew of the “Fisheries Freedom” removed 350 of the pesky invasive species from the lake. That same week, Nathan Cook was in West Yellowstone, Montana where he provided volunteer assistance at the Wild Trout Symposium. The subunit also participated in "Safe Treat", a Halloween event on campus in which the kids did some "fishing" for paper fish and identified the fish in exchange for candy.

Future activities include meeting with the Wyoming Game and Fish in early November to establish a protocol for conducting annual redd counts on Spring Creek in Laramie. In the coming semester, the subunit will host several speakers covering a variety of fisheries-related subjects. Wayne Hubert will be speaking in November and David Zafft will be speaking in December. We are also planning a trip to Green River to help remove burbot from Flaming Gorge. We will be having our annual ice-fishing derby next semester as well.

Membership

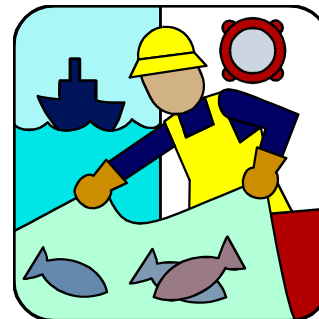
Since the annual meeting, the committee has communicated with the Parent Society and updated our membership as of June 2007. The Parent Society only gives us a membership list with those who have paid their 2007 annual dues. As of June 2007, our

Chapter has 216 members, however our own membership database has us at 271 members. That means that there are those of you that have not yet paid your 2007 annual dues. The Membership Committee will contact the Parent Society before the annual meeting to obtain a current list of paid members.

Membership Type	COWY AFS Chapter
Life	34
Regular	117
Retired	12
Student	33
Young Professional	19
Developing Countries	1
Totals	216

The Membership Committee will again set up a booth to provide membership with information on the Hutton program, Professional Certification and our activities. Also at the 2008 chapter meeting we will have our Master Membership List on a laptop. Please stop by and check your contact information to make sure it is current.

JOB BOARD



We're planning to have a JOB BOARD again at the 2008 chapter meeting in Cheyenne. The board is intended to help those looking for employees, as well as those looking for employment. Please bring copies of your job announcement or resume to post on the board. If you will not be present at the meeting, please send your announcement or resume to Ann Widmer (awidmer@swca.com) or Steve Gale (Steve.Gale@wgf.state.wy.us).



September EXCOM Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2007

WGFD Office, Cheyenne, WY

8:45 Meeting Called to Order

Attendees: Matt Kondratieff, Kevin Gelwicks, Mark Smith, Dave Zafft, Lori Martin, Beth Bear, Daly Edmunds (Wyoming Wildlife Federation)

Matt Kondratieff presented a draft budget that is out for review prior to final approval.

Matt handed out and summarized the agenda for the day. There were no additions or changes.

Matt acknowledged the advancement of officers.

Budget

Kathy Foster was not able to make the meeting but provided a Secretary- Treasurer report. Investment in the WDAFS Investment Fund brought our year-end balance down from the previous year. The 2007 Chapter meeting was profitable largely due to raffle proceeds.

Lori Martin added that Fort Collins added a city sales tax at the last minute because we are not “city sales tax exempt”, which she is still trying to have returned from the Annual Meeting expenses.

There was a short discussion regarding the current amount in the university endowments. No one knew what the balances were or what they had been paying out. Kathy Foster provided this information in an email sent on July 18, 2007. The market value of the UW endowment as of May 31, 2007 was \$33,331.00, and the amount available for annual scholarships was \$1,278.05. The market value for the CSU endowment as of June 30, 2007 was \$25,182.29, and the amount available for annual scholarships was \$1,132.41. Kathy indicated in her email that she was sending \$4,000 each to UW and CSU, so these funds are presumed not included in the balances mentioned.

Matt explained that travel for the president (himself) to the WD AFS meeting was split between the FY06-07 and FY07-08 budgets to save out of pocket money from the president at the time. Matt will submit

receipts for the remaining portion of his travel to be paid from the FY07-08 budget.

Matt asked if there was a need to budget money for paper ballots any more. It was decided that we need to leave the money in the budget unless we can figure out a secure form of electronic balloting.

2008 Meeting

Mark Pegg who is putting together the annual meeting for the NE Chapter called Matt. He proposed a joint meeting with our Chapter in Sidney, NE.

The many pros and cons of having a joint meeting were discussed. If we held the meeting in Sidney the folks from CDOW would be able to stay in Sterling and commute just as easily as if they stayed in Ft. Collins and commuted to Cheyenne. The commute from Cheyenne to Sidney would be twice as long (1.5 hours) as driving from Cheyenne to Fort Collins, but the WGFD might be able to secure out-of-state travel to stay in Sidney.

Mark Pegg has the last week in February and first week in March on hold with the Holiday Inn and will wait for a decision by our Chapter. The NE Chapter is unable to travel out of state so having them join us in Cheyenne is not an option.

Reasons suggested for holding a joint meeting with NE included: need for variety and the ability to meet with a new Chapter we have not historically met with before, proximity of NE to CO/WY and similarity in fisheries issues/topics between the states, Sidney NE is home to the Cabela's headquarters and close to our two traditional meeting locations (Cheyenne and Fort Collins), and it just would be a fun experience to meet with the NE Chapter.

Reasons to hold off meeting with NE this year included: limited available meeting space (Holiday Inn) which is not conducive to concurrent sessions, allowing CSU and UW students to have an easier time commuting back and forth from the meeting to their respective campuses, re-establishing a pattern of holding meetings in Colorado and Wyoming on alternating years, complexities of holding a joint meeting (separating meeting registrations/profits etc.) require additional time and planning over normal meeting years, a meeting location in CO or WY might draw more law enforcement folks to deal with the topic of illicit introductions than a meeting in a separate state, and out-of-state meetings historically

have lower overall attendance than meetings within our home states.

After a thorough discussion, a final decision was made to meet in Wyoming this year and not to meet with NE, but we should plan on a joint meeting with NE for 2010 or 2011.

Student Sub-units

Matt asked if anyone knew who the CSU president was. Lori thought it was Lucas Young. We don't have a working email address for him. The UW president is Dave Banks but they are having new elections this month.

Matt gave a synopsis of the planned events for the UW student sub-unit provided by Dave Banks. CSU subunit did not send a report of recent student sub-unit activities.

There was considerable discussion related to increasing involvement by the student sub-unit presidents in the EXCOM. All in attendance agreed that we should consider steps that help student sub-unit presidents become a more functional component of the Chapter and the EXCOM.

Kevin Gelwicks brought up the subject of student involvement at the Chapter meetings and how we encourage/subsidize their participation at the meeting. Many ideas were floated regarding ways that we could encourage participation and make best use of Chapter resources. All liked the idea of a free banquet ticket and a raffle ticket for a "student volunteer only" item. Another prize idea was to offer to pay for one student volunteer to attend the WDAFS meeting for that year. The ExCom would like to have an award certificate printed for the student volunteer who contributes the most volunteer time at the next annual meeting.

Lori mentioned that we need to give out the AFS parent society student memberships that we have. We have six parent society memberships that we would like to see given to undergraduates.

Wyoming Wildlife Federation Speaker

Matt introduced Daly Edmunds from the Wyoming Wildlife Federation. Daly gave a presentation about the mission of her organization and how they are striving to bring about responsible oil and gas development in our region. The federation is trying to bring sportsmen together to provide some balance that protects our wildlife and public lands. Matt

asked Daly what AFS might do to "help the cause." Daly felt the Chapter might be able to sign onto some type of advocacy paper to combine our voice with other organizations that would be forwarded to policy makers

The meeting was adjourned for lunch and a tour of the Plains Hotel as a potential annual meeting location.

After lunch and the tour, the ExCom agreed to hold the 2008 annual meeting at the Plains Hotel, and signed a contract to hold a block of rooms for the meeting dates (March 3-6, 2008).

Next, standing committee reports were presented.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Arrangements Committee:

Beth Bear and Dave Zafft (Arrangements Committee) discussed the current status on 2008 annual meeting locations and ideas for socials. The Community House in Cheyenne and the Terry Bison Ranch were suggested as a potential location for a social one evening. Beth will look into more details regarding these locations for a social.

Chapter Archivist:

Lori Martin (for the Chapter Archivist) shared the latest news on archiving Chapter materials and sending them to the Spearfish facility. She is working with Eric Wagner of WDAFS to help get important materials scanned for our Chapter and the Western Division.

Continuing Education:

No report. Ideas for continuing education were suggested including the possibility of having a time for biologists to share their own special sampling gadgets, methodologies, or tools as a way for them to display their creativity and novel ideas for tackling complex fish sampling problems. Other ideas included having a presentation from Freshwaters Illustrated (Jeremy Monroe) or have a wild game chef come and give a presentation on preparing wild game.

Environmental Policy:

No report. Tapes from the 2007 annual meeting plenary session on oil and gas development have now been converted to DVD for distribution. ExCom needs to determine how to respond to several

requests to sign letters regarding energy development and determine whether or not to give money to a walleye/sauger publication effort.

Membership Committee:

Steve Gale submitted a brief report. Current number of paid Chapter members stands at 216 (according to latest Parent Society figures, June 2007). The Chapter booth at the Wyoming Game and Fish Expo was a hit again with kids. Highlights included a fishing game that taught kids how to identify 5 species of fish and fish anatomy.

Newsletter Committee:

Beth gave a brief update from Paul Gerrity on the newsletter. We are currently publishing 3 Angler newsletters a year. She and Paul (committee chairs) would like to have more feedback on what to include in the Angler and suggestions on how to improve the quality of the publication to make it as useful as possible.

Nominating Committee:

No report.

Program Committee:

No report.

Webmaster Committee: Kevin Gelwicks said that he plans to update the Chapter website and give it a new look. He will be working on the website this fall/winter.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Annual Meeting Funding:

Lori Martin has already received a generous donation of \$1,000.00 from the BLM and is working on donations from other agencies/potential donors.

Awards Committee: No report.

AV Committee: VACANT. No report.

Best Student Paper/Poster Judging Committee:

VACANT. No report.

Endowment Committee: VACANT. No report.

Grants Funding Committee: VACANT. No report.

Raffle Committee: No report.

Registration Committee: No report.

Trade Show, Vendors, Sponsors Committee: No report.

Volunteers Committee: VACANT. No report.

Illicit Introductions: No report.

ExCom briefly discussed potential persons to contact to fill some of the special committee vacancies.

Unfinished Business

Finances: The ExCom praised Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioner Fred Lindzey and Bill Bradshaw's efforts to get \$8,000 from a 2007 Commissioner's tag. The money was split between CSU and UW scholarship funds. The ExCom would like to see similar efforts made in Colorado to generate money for the endowment funds.

Taxes: Lori and Matt will work on getting taxes completed this year by someone in the Fort Collins area at a cheaper rate than our previous tax preparation company. Lori and Matt will work on getting the procedures for tax preparations into the Procedures Manual.

Resolution on Curtailing Illegal Fish Introductions:

The ExCom had adopted and approved a resolution submitted earlier in June by CO-WY AFS members Dr. Brett Johnson and Dirk Miller. The ExCom hopes this resolution will raise awareness of the seriousness of this threat to our existing fisheries and lead to useful solutions/techniques for dealing with this increasingly serious threat. We decided to post the adopted resolution on the Chapter website and include it in our next Angler newsletter. The suggestion was made to send this resolution to the Chief Law Enforcement Officers for both WY and CO.

Western Division Investment Fund: The ExCom discussed the need for a lead person to assist with determining how money generated through the WDAFS Investment Fund will be used. We need a person to step forward and assist with creating a process or mechanism for dealing with grant proposals and the timing of when/how much money is available to fund grants using money generated through this fund.

New Business

The next Chapter ExCom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5th at 8:30 a.m. at the Wyoming Game and Fish Headquarters in Cheyenne.

Conference call meeting times and dates in October and November are TBD.

Meeting Adjourned





Fiscal Year 2008 Budget



Colorado-Wyoming AFS Fiscal Year 2008 Budget September 10, 2007

BEGINNING CHAPTER ACCOUNT BALANCE - Checking Account and Savings Account **\$24,037.78**

INCOME	Totals	Itemized
Annual Meeting Total Income	\$19,750.00	
Total meeting registration fees (all categories)		\$9,000.00
COWY Chapter business meeting lunch registration		\$500.00
Raffle (gross income)		\$3,500.00
Raffle (seed money)		\$1,000.00
Banquet registration		\$2,000.00
Continuing education workshop registration fees		\$1,000.00
Meeting donations		\$2,750.00
Donations	\$0.00	
Account Interest	\$14.00	
Chapter Rebates From Parent Society	\$400.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,164.00	

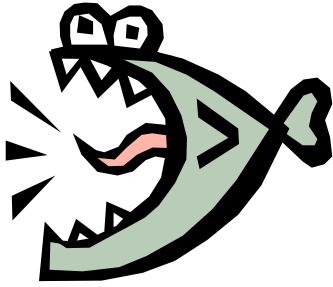
EXPENSES	Totals	Itemized
Annual Meeting Total Expense	\$15,150.00	
Food (banquet, breaks, socials) and Meeting Room Charge		\$9,200.00
AV total (if using own projectors/laptops)		\$0.00
Raffle (seed money)		\$1,000.00
Printing (abstract/program)		\$350.00
Speaker gifts (mugs); complimentary rooms and gifts		\$1,800.00
Continuing education workshop expenses		\$2,000.00
Student registration/banquet ticket refunds		\$800.00
Angler Newsletter/Ballots	\$200.00	
Excom Meetings - Aug/Dec/Feb	\$200.00	
Excom Operations	\$1,700.00	
FY07 tax preparations		\$200.00
Donations		\$600.00
Other Excom committee operations, including all other committees		\$900.00
AFS Gift/Student Memberships (6 @ \$19 each)	\$114.00	
FY06 Contributions to Student Subunits (\$200 each)	\$400.00	
VP ('08) travel to WD meeting - San Francisco (hotel + food)	\$1,100.00	
VP ('09) travel to WD meeting - Portland	\$1,000.00	
Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Wildlife Heritage Expo - Casper	\$300.00	
Website	\$0.00	
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	\$20,164.00	

ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL MEETING PROFIT OR LOSS **\$4,600.00**

ESTIMATED TOTAL FY08 PROFIT OR LOSS **\$0.00**

ESTIMATED CHAPTER FY08 ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCE **\$24,037.78**

Illegal Stocking Resolution



Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Resolution on Curtailing Illegal Fish Introductions

WHEREAS, fisheries professionals have a public trust responsibility to conserve and protect all aquatic wildlife and their habitats for future generations; and

WHEREAS, deliberate, unauthorized and illegal fish introductions are adversely impacting aquatic resources; and

WHEREAS, illegal introductions often impede ongoing management and restoration efforts, many times at great expense in terms of agency time and public resources; and

WHEREAS, these introductions can have enormous and unmitigatable economic and ecological impacts; and

WHEREAS, there continue to be new introductions in spite of ongoing education and regulatory efforts; and

WHEREAS, current approaches are clearly not providing adequate protection for aquatic wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the American Fisheries Society (AFS) is the leading organization of fisheries professionals; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (CO-WY AFS) shall establish a committee to identify effective strategies already in use and to devise new approaches to curtail illegal fish introductions; the committee will convene workshops, workgroups, special symposia or any other tools and methods they deem appropriate; they should seek insight within the

Chapter, the Western Division and the Parent Society of the AFS as they work on this difficult problem; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CO-WY AFS will work with fisheries management agencies to implement solutions and urges agency administrators to support the efforts of this CO-WY AFS committee; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CO-WY AFS urges fisheries management agencies to immediately and aggressively expand their current efforts and adopt new regulatory, education and outreach, and management strategies to curtail illegal stocking; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the: Directors of the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Wyoming Game and Fish Department; Statewide Aquatic Manager, Colorado Division of Wildlife; and Chief of Fisheries, Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Adopted by the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
August 17, 2007

68th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference December 9-12

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We invite you to the 68th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, December 9-12, 2007. The conference will mark the 68th year that natural resource professionals have met to share new research information, management experiences, and valuable insights of fish and wildlife research and management. The Conference will be held in the beautiful Frank Lloyd Wright designed Monona Terrace Convention Center on the shore of Lake Monona just blocks from the State Capitol, the University of Wisconsin campus, and downtown dining and night life.

Visit us on the web at: <http://midwest.ncd-afs.org/>

The 57th GPFWA Workshop and First Call for Papers



On behalf of the Wyoming Game & Fish Department, I formally invite you to the 57th annual reunion and workshop of the Great Plains Fishery Workers Association. This great event is scheduled for **January 28th–30th, 2008 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Sheridan, Wyoming**. Sheridan is a great western town and a good time is guaranteed. Previous Great Plains meetings were held here back in 1954 (3rd annual) and 1972.

Sheridan is in northeastern Wyoming at the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains, about 30 miles south of Montana on Interstate 25 and 190 miles west of South Dakota on I-90/25. The Holiday Inn is conveniently located near exit 25 off I-25 at the south end of town (1809 Sugarland Drive, Sheridan, WY 82801). Sheridan has a recently expanded local airport with connecting flights to Denver, CO and Billings, MT.

A block of 80 rooms will be reserved at a special rate until Sunday, January 6 (\$60/night + taxes; two double beds or one king w/sofabed). You can reserve rooms by calling 1-877-269-5199 (toll-free) or 307-672-8931. Tell them you're with Great Plains Fishery Workers to ensure your low rate. This venue has a complimentary airport shuttle, restaurant, sports-bar, coffee shop, pool & hot tub, sauna, free wireless internet, and more.

Registration fees include all meals and will be \$110-\$120US/regular or \$75US/students. Registration will start at 1:00 pm on Monday, January 28th with the fish fry and auction following at 6:30 that evening. **Don't forget to bring items for the auction!** Technical sessions begin at 8:30 AM January 29th followed by a banquet that evening. Conclusion of the technical sessions will be about noon Wednesday January 31st, a brief business meeting will conclude, and you are free to go.

Please let us know soon if you can attend and start thinking of presentation topics now. Displays are most welcome. To all students (future fisheries experts): We encourage you to attend the workshop, and to increase your chances at scholarship money, why not give a presentation? Your work is important, so go ahead and share it with others. Remember that any topic related to aquatic habitat is also relevant to fisheries. When you decide, please send a title, subject, or abstract to Jim Barner (Jim.Barner@wgf.state.wy.us) or Gordon Edwards (Gordon.Edwards@wgf.state.wy.us). Remember to also spread the word about our meeting with others and bring them along. Let them know that the quality of information transfer is unparalleled and the extra-curricular activities are legendary!



**Registration Form for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the
Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the
American Fisheries Society**

**March 3 - March 6, 2008
The Plains Hotel, Cheyenne, Wyoming**

Name: _____
Affiliation: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____
AFS Member ID #: _____

Name Tag Information

Name: _____
Title: _____
Affiliation: _____

Early registration deadline for the meeting and continuing education workshop is February 18, 2008. Early registration is required to attend the banquet and lunch meeting.

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	
Meeting Registration: Includes all breaks and Monday and Tuesday evening socials			
Regular Parent Society Member	\$100	\$125	\$ _____
Student or Retired Parent Society Member	\$55	\$70	\$ _____
Regular Non-Parent Society Member	\$115	\$130	\$ _____
Student or Retired Non-Parent Society Member	\$70	\$85	\$ _____

Monday Evening Welcoming Social (Free) # attending _____
Tuesday Evening Social (Free) # attending _____

Banquet Registration			
Dinner Buffet <i>Wednesday, March 5th @ 6:00 PM</i>	\$25		\$ _____
Additional Buffet Ticket	\$30		\$ _____

CO/WY Business Meeting Lunch Buffet			
<i>Wednesday, March 5th @ 11:30 AM</i>	\$10		\$ _____

Continuing Education Workshop Registration

Course: TBA
Thursday, March 6th

Regular Parent Society Member	\$35	\$50	\$ _____
Student or Retired Parent Society Member	\$25	\$40	\$ _____
Regular Non-Parent Society Member	\$50	\$65	\$ _____
Student or Retired Non-Parent Society Member	\$40	\$55	\$ _____

***Note: No Credit Cards Accepted. Please make checks payable to: CO-WY AFS** **Total Due** \$ _____

**Send completed form and registration fee to:
 Mark Smith, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, 2820 State Hwy 120, Cody, WY 82414**