



# The Angler

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## The Vent

**Matt Kondratieff**

Thank you for the privilege of serving as President of the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society for 2007-2008. Looking back over this year, I am amazed at what we were able to accomplish by utilizing our pool of talented, enthusiastic fisheries students and professionals from Colorado and Wyoming. We have made significant progress in many areas that will benefit the Chapter in the future. The mission of the American Fisheries Society is centered on conserving and sustaining our fisheries resources. I stated in a previous letter it is the people within the Chapter that gives AFS meaning, value and allows us to work toward achieving our mission. As President, I had the unique opportunity to get a bird's eye view of many of our Chapter members in action who never receive any formal recognition. I would like to take this time to acknowledge some individuals. I know that there is an inherent danger in doing this because I will surely miss someone, so I ask for your forgiveness in advance if I have forgotten to recognize you.

*Greg Anderson* (Archives) has worked hard this year by tracking down missing CO-WY AFS meeting proceedings and providing them to libraries at CSU and UW. He also worked with Venice Beske and started digitizing pertinent archived materials before they are sent to the Spearfish hatchery in South Dakota. *Kevin Gelwicks and Mark Coleman* (Website) made significant progress on upgrading our Chapter website and presented it during the March Annual Business Meeting. We hope to have the newly updated website up and running by next year. *Rodney Scarpella and Melissa Dickard* (Awards) helped to solicit several excellent award nominations for each award category making the



selection process highly competitive and allowing us to recognize significant contributions of our Chapter members. *Andy Dux and Ryan Fitzpatrick* (Continuing Education) put together two excellent continuing education workshops on how to conduct underwater photography and a two-day workshop devoted to Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS). The ANS workshop was particularly timely with the recent discovery of quagga mussels in Utah and zebra mussels in Colorado. Andy accepted a new job in Idaho. Congratulations! On behalf of the Chapter, good luck and you will be missed.

The *Student Groups* at *UW and CSU* both have active groups at each university campus and had a great turnout at the Annual Meeting. Students contributed to the overall meeting's success by actively assisting with Audio-Visual tasks and arranging the student social details. *Bill Bradshaw* successfully worked with one of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners to secure a donation of \$9,000 that was shared between the Western Division of AFS and the endowment foundations both at CSU and UW. *Dr. Brett Johnson* worked closely with *Craig Amadio, Harry Crockett and Darren Rhea* to elevate our Chapter's Illicit Fish Stocking Resolution (written by *Dirk Miller and Brett Johnson*) to the National level. *Beth Bear and Paul Gerrity* (Newsletter) continue to work hard to produce beautiful, high-quality newsletters that serve as an effective way to reach our Chapter members. The quality of our newsletters keeps on getting better and better. *Lori Martin* (Fundraising; Nominating) worked hard to get our Chapter's taxes completed last year and helped our Chapter raise close to \$3,000 in sponsor donations. We wish to thank our sponsors which included the BLM, BOR, CDOW, WGFD and USFS. Lori also identified two outstanding candidates for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Congratulations to *Ann Widmer*, our new Chapter Secretary-Treasurer! *Tracy Stephens and Dan Brauch* (Raffle) once again did an outstanding job of gathering excellent merchandise/trips for the raffle and coordinating the raffle and silent auction which helps cover Chapter expenses.

The Chapter worked with *Kendall Ross* (Student Liaison) to help assist the student subunits this year. Student registrations to the annual meeting were discounted or waived commensurate with their involvement in annual meeting functions. The Chapter covered two hotel rooms for students during the annual meeting. The Chapter also paid for two

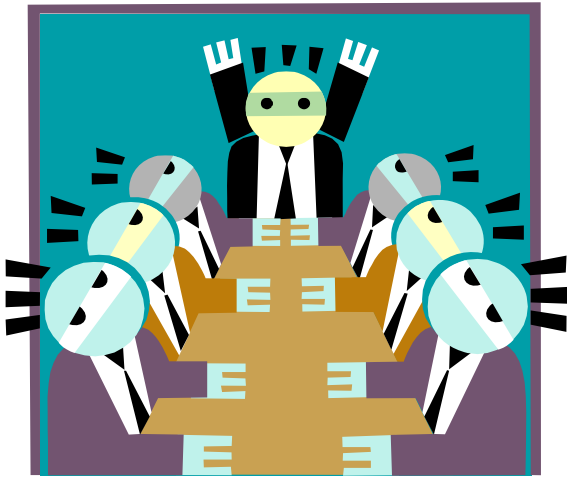
undergraduate students to attend the Western Division meeting in Portland this spring. The Chapter offered 6 parent society memberships for university students.

*Christina Barrineau* (Best Paper/Poster) stepped in at the last minute and did a great job of organizing best paper/poster judges, implementing the latest Parent Society scoring methods and recruiting judges. *Bobby Compton* (Audio-Visual) arranged all the audio-visual equipment for the meeting and coordinated student volunteers. The program ran seamlessly. *Steve Gale and Ann Widmer* (Trade Show, Vendors and Sponsors; Membership) attracted vendors for our annual meeting and ran our job board posting fisheries job opportunities for students. They also have finally prepared an accurate, up-to-date email list of our members and we were able to successfully reach out to our membership to vote on an important advocacy issue thanks to their efforts. *Kathy Foster* (Environmental Policy) successfully worked with membership to execute a vote on an important advocacy issue related to energy development in Wyoming. *Craig Amadio, Harry Crockett, Brett Johnson and Darren Rhea* (Illicit Stocking Task Force, Program) worked hard to put together an excellent plenary session devoted to ANS/Illegal fish stocking. Law enforcement from both states were successfully contacted and informed of the session, including our invitation for them to join us at no cost. Craig also did an excellent job of putting together the meeting program and getting folks to submit papers and posters for the meeting. *Beth Bear, Dave Zafft, and Kevin Gelwicks* (Arrangements) had the challenging job of handling logistics (food, meeting space, accommodations, hotel contracts, etc.) without the help of a Chapter President from in-state. They did a great job of negotiating with the hotel to get us the highest quality services without breaking the budget. *Dirk Miller* worked closely with *Mark Smith and Kathy Foster* (Registration) to develop a database for tracking future meeting registrations efficiently and cost-effectively.

I would like to thank *Eric Wagner* (WD AFS President) for attending our Chapter meeting, addressing the Chapter membership during the business meeting, and participating in the blue grass/country music jam during the student social. Thanks also to *Harry Crockett, Bill Bradshaw, Jon Ewert, Nate Cook, and Erin Youngberg* for making this musical event a big success!

Finally, the future is looking bright for the Colorado-Wyoming AFS Chapter with several exciting events to note. We are holding our first-ever joint meeting with the Nebraska Chapter of AFS in 2010 in Sydney, Nebraska (Cabela's) and we will be hosting the Western Division meeting in Denver, Colorado in 2012.

In closing, thank you all for making my Presidency memorable, exciting and successful. I enjoyed serving the Chapter this past year and look forward to many more exciting and challenging years ahead.



## 2008 Colorado-Wyoming Chapter AFS Business Meeting Minutes

Cheyenne  
Great Plains Hotel  
March 5, 2008

Chapter Members in attendance: 70  
Parliamentarian: Dirk Miller

### *Agenda and Minutes*

The printed agenda was approved by the membership. The 2007 business meeting minutes were approved by the membership.

### *Western Division President*

Eric Wagner, the current AFS Western Division president was introduced. Eric introduced the Western Native Fishes database. The database is nearing completion. The goal is to have an interactive database available to all. To date the project has cost approximately \$83,000. More money is needed to continue the project. The Western Division is trying to put together a new

environmental concerns committee. A representative from the Chapter is needed. Eric asked for a volunteer but received none.

### *Archive Committee*

Greg Anderson updated the Chapter on the current state of the Chapter archives. Lori Marten is slowly working through digitizing and organizing 10 boxes of chapter records. The archives will be housed in Spearfish, SD after they have been organized.

### *Chapter President*

Matt Kondratieff updated the membership on the Chapter's accomplishments over the last year. There are currently more than 25 active serving committee chairs. Two new committees were formed (Illicit Stocking Task Force and Student Liason). Various committees put together the 2008 Annual Meeting including a plenary session on illicit fish introductions and two continuing education workshops.

There are two Chapter members serving as representatives on Western Division committees. The Chapter sponsored a booth at the Wyoming Game & Fish Hunting and Fishing EXPO. The Chapter has two active student sub-units at UW and CSU.

The Chapter paid for student hotel rooms at the annual meeting and offered free registration in exchange for volunteering at the meeting. The Chapter was able to find two very good nominees for the secretary-treasurer position. The Chapter is financially secure and has filed appropriate tax information.

### *Secretary Treasurer Report*

Mark Smith reported on the Chapter finances. The annual meeting is projected to cover all of the Chapter expenses for the fiscal year. The Chapter received \$9,000 from the sale of a Wyoming commissioner's elk license. The money generated from the sale of the license was earmarked for the UW and CSU scholarship endowments (\$2500 each) and the Western Division AFS (\$4500).

A very close election for secretary-treasurer resulted in the election of Ann Widmer to take the secretary-treasurer position in FY09.

### ***CSU Student Sub-unit Update***

Lucas Young is the current sub-unit president. The sub-unit has hosted a number of activities to get students involved in AFS and is in the process of planning its spring fishing derby at College Lake. One of the sub-unit goals for the year has been to increase undergraduate involvement. They have been successful with this and had nearly 10 undergraduates attend the Chapter meeting.

### ***UW Student Sub-unit Update***

Nate Cook is the current UW subunit president. The subunit has been very active again this year. They have started an annual cooperative project with WY Game and Fish to count brown trout redds in Spring Creek. The subunit participated in the first annual burbot fest, an ice-fishing odyssey at Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

### ***Awards Committee***

Melissa Dickard reported that the committee had multiple nominations for most awards and had to make tough choices as to who to give awards too.

### ***Continuing Education Committee***

Ryan Fitzpatrick took over the co-chair position for Brett Johnson. Andy Dux reported on the two very good workshops that were organized in conjunction with the annual meeting.

### ***Environmental Policy Committee***

Kathy Foster reported on the petition letter the Chapter voted to be a signatory too. The letter to Wyoming governor Dave Freudenthal advocates energy development that better considers wildlife related impacts. Chapter members voted via email 55 to 1 to sign the letter.

### ***Fundraising Committee***

Lori Marten reported that nearly \$3,000 in donations had been received for the annual meeting.

### ***Illicit Stocking Task Force***

The committee originated at the 2007 business meeting. Dirk Miller and Brett Johnson drafted a resolution on illicit stocking that is being considered by the parent society for adoption by the society. The committee put together the plenary session for the annual meeting and will be drafting goals and objectives to guide the committee in the future.

### ***Program Committee***

Craig Amadio reported that there were 23 contributed papers for the annual meeting. This is down significantly from recent years and Craig challenged the membership to do better in 2009.

### ***Raffle Committee***

Dan Brauch and Tracy Stephens reported on the many items available via auction and raffle and encouraged all to be generous in donating.

### ***Website Committee***

Kevin Gelwicks and Mark Coleman unveiled the new website. Mark has offered to co-chair the committee to get Kevin up to speed. The Chapter needs its own domain to have a more functional website for the future. The cost to the Chapter would approximate \$100/year. Mark has brought almost all of the old stuff to the new site.

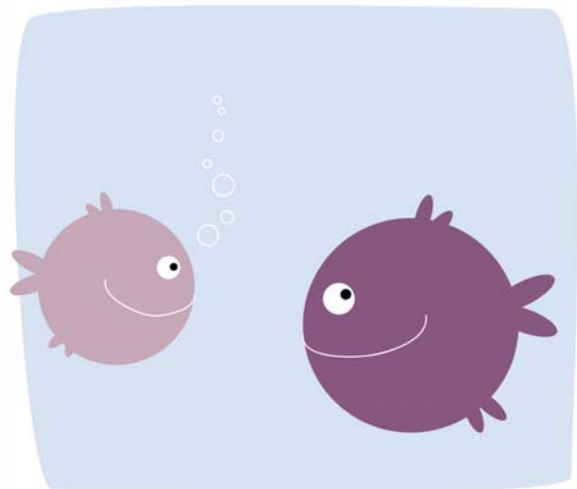
A motion was made and carried to establish our website under our own domain. Future budgets should allocate funds to the website committee to cover expenses.

### ***Scholarship Recipients***

Jeff Wagner (CSU) and Dave Banks (UW) were recognized as recipients of the 2007 Chapter scholarships.

### ***New Business***

Matt Kondratieff explained the new process adopted for voting via email.



## 2008 Annual Meeting Committees

### Standing Committees:

**Arrangements:** Beth Bear, Dave Zafft, and Kevin Gelwicks

**Program:** Craig Amadio and Darren Rhea

**Continuing Education:** Andy Dux and Ryan Fitzpatrick

**Chapter Archivists:** Greg Anderson and Venice Beske

**Environmental Policy:** Kathy Foster

**Membership:** Steve Gale and Ann Widmer

**Nominating:** Lori Martin

**Newsletter:** Beth Bear and Paul Gerrity

**Registration:** Kathy Foster and Mark Smith

**Webmaster:** Kevin Gelwicks

**Student Liaison:** Kendall Ross

**Illegal Stocking Task Force:** Craig Amadio

### Ad Hoc Committees:

**Audio-Visual:** Bobby Compton

**Raffle:** Tracy Stephens and Dan Brauch

**Best Paper/Poster:** Christina Barrineau

**Awards:** Rodney Scarpella and Melissa Dickard

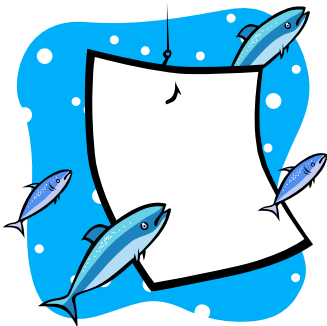
**Fundraising:** Lori Martin

**Trade Show, Vendors, Sponsors:** Steve Gale

**Endowment Funding Scholarship:** Matt Kondratieff

**Grants Funding:** Matt Kondratieff

## Annual Meeting Awards Recipients



**Award of Excellence:** Darrel Snyder

**Max Rollefson Award of Merit:** Dan Brauch

**Max Rollefson Award of Merit:** Hilda Sexauer

**Leaky Boot Award:** Pat Bigelow

**Past-President Award:** Lori Martin

**Best Professional Paper:** Chris Myrick

**Best Student Paper:** Michelle McGree

**Best Poster:** Pat Bigelow

**AFS Ron Remmick Memorial Scholarship from**

**UW:** Dave Banks

**AFS Scholarship from CSU:** Jeff Wagner

## CO-WY AFS Chapter ExCom Meeting Conference Call Minutes



CO-WY AFS chapter

Meeting 5-21-08

Attendees: Matt Kondratieff, Kathy Foster, Ann Widmer, Paul Gerrity, and Greg Anderson

Notes: Ann Widmer

### Business meeting notes

Matt sent out minutes from the 2008 Business Meeting. No additional changes were made, but the minutes could not be approved because there was not a quorum. Minutes will be approved at a later date.

### Support students to attend AFS meeting

For the first time the CO-WY Chapter supported two undergraduate students from CSU (Eric and Nate) to attend the Western Division (WD) meeting. The Chapter assisted with travel expenses by giving each student about \$200 apiece. Meeting registration fees were waived and the WD sponsored lodging.

Matt asked Chapter members if it is a good idea to sponsor undergraduate students going to the WD meeting in the future, and if the selection process should be competitive. Members in the conference call generally supported the idea, and thought it would be a good idea to make the selections competitive using a relatively simple application process (e.g., a description of what they would get out of the experience and a CV). Kathy volunteered to check out what other chapters are doing and create a draft application.

### Membership Rebates

The Chapter received rebates based on membership; however, rebates were only received for regular members (i.e., not lifetime, students, young professionals, etc.) with a CO or WY address. We only have 139 regular members (out of 250 members total).

The rebate check was lower than we expected. Rebates have decreased dramatically over the last

three years. The Chapter did experience a 9% decrease in regular membership, but that doesn't seem to account for the total loss in rebates. It seems incongruous that the parent society is promoting lifetime memberships, but local chapters don't benefit from these memberships. Members discussed proposing a pro-rated rebate with the parent society. Matt will talk with Mark Smith about rebate specifics and maybe ask Steve Gale to find out more information about how the rebates are processed.

### Illicit Stocking Resolution

No one on the task force was in attendance. The resolution is currently being reviewed by several parent society members for adoption at the national level.

### Website

Kevin Gelwicks has applied for a website domain, and it appears progress is being made on getting our new website up and running. The new website will be separate from the parent society and will cost the Chapter \$90/year, but provides more flexibility. Kevin Gelwicks and Mark Coleman are primary contacts for this project.

### Archiving Materials

Meeting proceedings have been sent to UW and CSU libraries (the Chapter received thank you letters). Greg and Venice are still looking for lost copies of proceedings.

Mark Smith wanted to know which of his files should be digitized and archived (e.g., receipts). Greg will collect file materials from members at the Aug/Sept. ExCom meeting for archival purposes.

The Chapter members decided to go through archive boxes as a group during the fall ExCom meeting to decide what needs to be digitized. Digitizing documents would be a good way to archive files because they can be retrieved without going to Spearfish (i.e., much less hassle). The Chapter should also decide which documents should be made available online. Document archive organization should be done on an annual basis.

Greg asked what format digitized documents should be in, and what software would be the best to use. Regarding file type, .pdf files seem to work well — they can be color, are comparatively compact, and are reasonably secure. .tiff files were also mentioned. The Chapter may also want to purchase an external

hard drive for digitized archive records. Also, can students do the scanning for the Chapter? These topics will be discussed at the fall ExCom meeting.

### Article for Fisheries?

There was interest at the annual meeting in putting together a short article with photos to be submitted to Fisheries. Because no one felt motivated about preparing a draft, the Chapter will not prepare the article this year. This may be something the Chapter should do next year; however, advance preparation is needed. The article would need to be submitted as soon as possible after the annual meeting because of publication delay.

### Extra Auction Items

There were some extra items from the annual meeting auction - gift certificates from a flyfishing store in Jackson and money off of a fly box and coupons for money off of fishing reels. Tracy didn't want to put these out for auction because the businesses that donated these items probably won't cover a substantial cost of the prizes.

Chapter members did not come up with an answer on what to do with these items.

### Procedures manual updates

Boyd Wright wants to help us keep up with our procedures manual. The manual is much more valuable if we keep it up to date. Matt will help him get oriented with this process.

Please e-mail Boyd with any desired updates regarding chapter procedures (Word document that can be cut and pasted). Every so often we can post the latest revisions on the website.

Kathy thought we should review responsibilities in the procedures manual and change it to help reflect reality (e.g., arbitrary deadlines on committee appointments).

To gain approval for changes: By-laws require a vote by the membership; rules under by-laws can be changed by ExCom; and procedures are much more flexible because can be changed by active members. Procedures are meant to be a practical guide and don't require approval process.

### Insurance

Universities have insurance. Accidental injuries and deaths on campus will be covered by university

liability insurance. However, fishing derbies and meetings off-campus aren't covered.

We should follow up with the parent society to see if they have coverage for student groups and sponsored activities off-campus. Matt has contacted the parent society, but hasn't heard back.

One possibility is obtaining private insurance on an event-by-event basis. Chris Myrick looked into this and found out it was very expensive.

### Summer newsletter

July newsletter. Beth and Paul won't have time to work on this until late June/early July, and will set a deadline around June 25 for submissions. They are aiming to get the newsletter out in late July. Paul will draft an email requesting submissions for Matt to send out.

Matt will provide photos for the newsletter from the 2008 annual meeting.

Paul and Beth would like to get photos from student sub-units (e.g., fishing derby photos). Another idea for The Angler could be referencing a Denver Post article about recent CSU activities with the Boys and Girls Club.

### Nebraska joint meeting in 2010?

Mark Smith is not here to provide an update. Matt says it sounds like this is Colorado's plan in 2010.

### Chapter meeting in 2009

Kathy is looking into accommodations. Fort Collins (Hilton or Marriott) or Loveland (event center) are some of the early candidates.

Kathy is thinking about a Sept. 4 ExCom meeting. She'll get a better idea of facilities before then.

### 2008 WD meeting

Kathy attended the 2008 WD meeting as our Chapter representative. The meeting was good, although it was heavily geared towards salmon. The CO-WY Chapter was well represented.

The CO-WY Chapter report is due to the WD in mid-July—the report should emphasize new information.

Our WD investment fund has done pretty well—approx. \$17,500 in funding.

There will be a WD ExCom fall retreat in November 2008, with the location yet to be determined.

### 2012 WD meeting

Kathy stepped up and said we'd host the WD meeting in 2012. It is our turn. The meeting will probably have to be in the Denver area to accommodate the anticipated crowd (600-800 people). There were 1,100 registrants at the 2008 meeting with 31 session break-outs and hundreds of papers. There were a lot of social opportunities and activities.

Our Chapter needs to start planning next year after the annual meeting. Next year Matt will need to select a very capable candidate for secretary treasurer since that person will be president during this meeting.

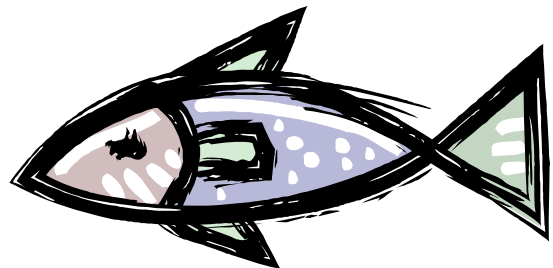
Ann volunteered help look at venues in Denver—probably starting in 2009.

### Membership database

Ann and Steve are working on a new membership database format. Should be easier to update with information from the parent society. This will enable them to send out emails to all past and present members (e.g., for newsletters, annual meeting announcements, etc.) or selectively to active members (e.g., for voting).

## September ExCom Meeting

The next Chapter ExCom meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at the Colorado Division of Wildlife Fort Collins office located at 317 West Prospect**. If you are unable to join us and are a committee chair or member, please provide Kathy Foster (307-775-9166, [kafoster@usgs.gov](mailto:kafoster@usgs.gov)) with a committee report/update either prior to the meeting or via meeting conference call.



## CO-WY AFS – Call for Committee Volunteers

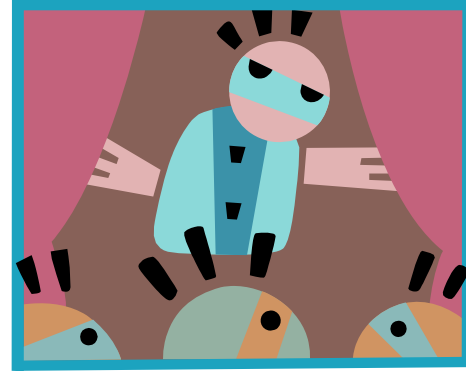


Would you like to gain more experience in a specific area related to fisheries and to enhance your leadership skills? Want to make a difference in the American Fisheries Society (AFS)? Well, now is your chance to by serving as a 2008 – 2009 CO/WY AFS committee member.

As a small organization, AFS depends on volunteers for many tasks related to the science and the profession. Committees at all levels of AFS provide many ideas that shape the future of the Society, and they are excellent avenues for members to begin or continue volunteer service to AFS.

Currently, opportunities exist to serve on both standing and special committees for the 2009 annual meeting. Standing committee vacancies currently exist on the Program, and Arrangements committee. Because Colorado will be hosting the 2009 annual meeting, it is preferable that standing committee volunteers be from Colorado. Special committee vacancies include chairman positions for the Endowment Funding Scholarship, and Grants Funding committees. If you are interested in serving on an AFS committee, please contact Kathy Foster at 307-775-9166 or [kafoster@usgs.gov](mailto:kafoster@usgs.gov).

## Committee Updates



### Continuing Education – Andy Dux and Ryan Fitzpatrick

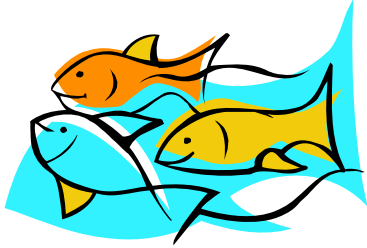
Two continuing education workshops were held during the annual meeting with 28 members attending the Aquatic Nuisance Species workshop and 23 attending Underwater Photography for Aquatic Biologists. Thank you to those who completed course evaluations, which we are still going through. There will be a survey sent out this summer asking for input regarding topics for future continuing education workshops. Please take time to complete a brief survey so we can bring you information that is most beneficial to you. There is now a position open on the continuing education committee as Andy has accepted a position in Idaho (Congratulations Andy!). If anyone is interested in filling his position please send an email to Ryan ([ryan.fitzpatrick@state.co.us](mailto:ryan.fitzpatrick@state.co.us)).

### Raffle

Thanks to all of the people and companies who donated items to the raffle. Thanks also to the many people who supported the Chapter and raffle by purchasing tickets, and to the many student volunteers who helped with the raffle. The raffle was a huge success again this year, netting \$3,042 for the Chapter.



**Please thank and support the  
businesses and individuals who  
contributed to the success of our  
2008 annual meeting.**



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*Continuing Education:*

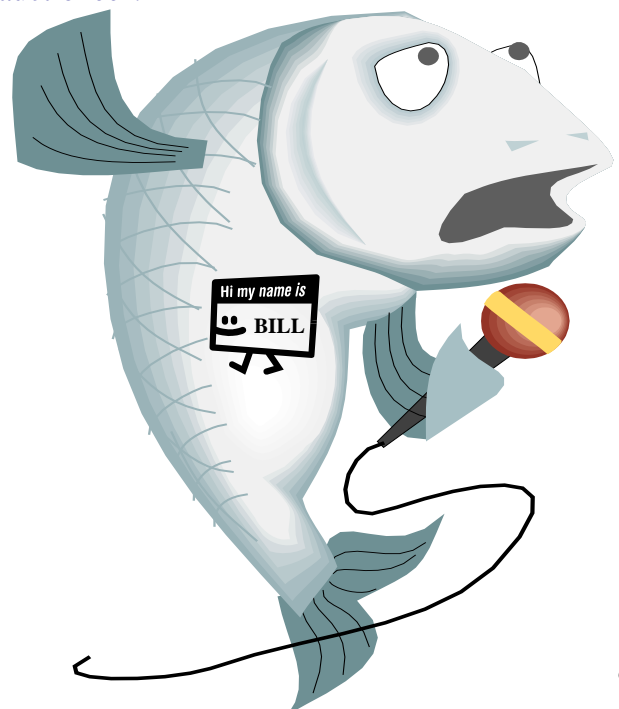
Freshwaters Illustrated: Jeremy Monroe and Steve Glass  
ANS Workshop: Colorado State Parks, Colorado Division of Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Weed Management Association, and the Colorado Aquatic Nuisance Species Steering Committee.

*Raffle & Auction Donors:*

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WY Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
WY Trout Unlimited

**Special thanks to Bill Atkinson for being the  
auctioneer!**



## 2008 Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Expo

Expo'08 is the 11th Annual Wyoming Hunting & Fishing Heritage Expo, with over 121,000 people attending over the years. The Expo provides learning and participation opportunities that communicate the relevance of wildlife and habitat management, teach outdoor skills, encourage ethical behavior and stewardship, and perpetuate Wyoming's hunting, fishing and wildlife watching heritage. The Expo is a **FREE** educational event for all ages and skill levels.

The year's Expo is **September 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2008!**

The Expo takes place at the Casper Events Center, the Center's grounds, and nearby shooting ranges in Casper, Wyoming.

For more information visit:

<http://gf.state.wy.us/services/education/expo/index.asp>

**\*Volunteers are needed to help at the CO-WY AFS booth at Expo!**

Contact Steve Gale at: [Steve.Gale@wgf.state.wy.us](mailto:Steve.Gale@wgf.state.wy.us) or (307) 745-5180



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## 69th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference

Columbus, Ohio

December 14-17, 2008

Call for Contributed Papers and Posters  
Deadline: September 2, 2008

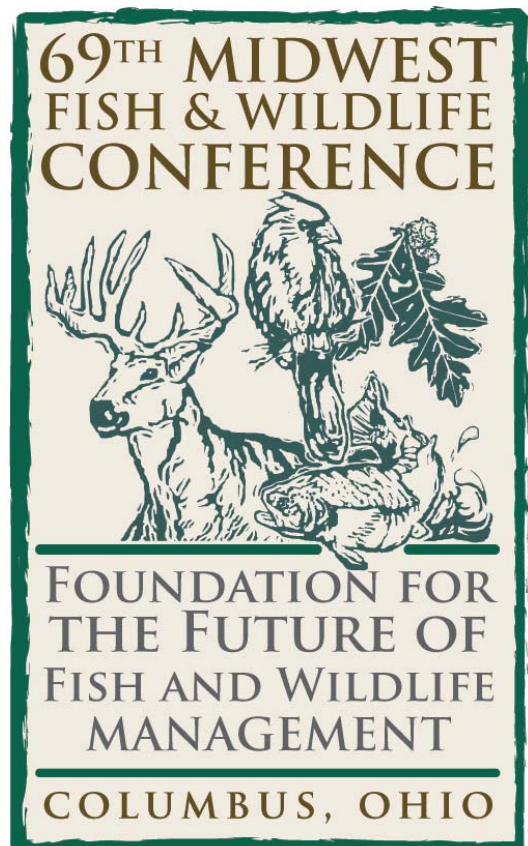
[Submit Abstracts Online](#)

The 69th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio during December 14-17, 2008. The meeting will include exceptional plenary speakers, workshops, symposia, contributed papers as platform (oral) and poster presentations, and technical committee meetings. We invite submission of contributed papers on topics of fish and wildlife science, management, conservation, education, or policy and particularly encourage those within the broad theme of Foundation for the Future of Fish & Wildlife Management. Abstracts will be available on the web site, but proceedings will not be published.

Contributed presentations from completed studies or significant results from ongoing work will be given highest priority.

Acceptance of papers and posters from work currently in progress will depend on abstract quality and program space. Platform presentations and posters will be accepted based on technical merit and contribution to our knowledge of species, populations, communities, ecological processes, management practices, conservation initiatives, education models, or policy issues. However, meeting time and space is a limiting factor and we may not be able to accept all papers submitted, whether from professionals or students.

For more information visit: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/wildlife/tabid/19507/Default.aspx>



## American Fisheries Society 138th Annual Meeting



Ottawa, Canada  
August 17-21 2008

<http://www.fisheries.org/afs08/>

**We invite you to join us in Ottawa**, Canada's capital city, for the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) at the Ottawa Congress Centre and Westin Hotel August 17-21, 2008.

The theme of the meeting is "Fisheries in Flux: How Do We Ensure Our Sustainable Future". This theme reflects President Mary Fabrizio's Program of Work for her year in office, and addresses the ongoing challenge of confronting change when managing fisheries.

Fisheries and fish communities are not static properties of ecosystems. Stressors such as overexploitation, species invasions, habitat degradation, climate change, and water resource demand are a few of the factors that drive changes. These changes potentially threaten sustainable use. Some notable examples include the collapse of the cod fishery on the east coast, declines in the B.C. salmon fishery and fish community changes in the Great Lakes as a result of the introduction of zebra mussels. Can we find solutions to these threats? What are we doing to ensure a sustainable future and what changes need to be made in our management of aquatic ecosystems?

Ottawa is an ideal location to explore this theme. The Ottawa River, which flows through the city, and the rest of the Great Lakes basin have experienced many of the challenges and changes facing aquatic ecosystems and fish communities throughout the world and that we will be addressing in the events, symposia and contributed papers at the meeting.

We encourage symposia, papers and posters that build on the themes of the plenary speakers and our meeting theme "Fisheries in Flux", demonstrating how fisheries managers are thinking about and addressing the challenges facing fish populations and aquatic ecosystems.

We also encourage all meeting participants to enjoy all that the Ottawa area offers before, during and after the meeting.

Annual Meeting Photos









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