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The Vent

Kathy Foster

As I looked over the past Vents for the July Angler edition, every President had said how the time has flown by. I couldn't agree more. It's been a thrilling year for me as President of our Chapter. I've met great people, been to a couple of great places (Portland, OR and Sedona, AZ), and realized how amazing AFS can be. There are so many dedicated people, not only in our Chapter but also in Western Division and Parent Society that keep fisheries an important issue.

I've been involved with the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of AFS for 7 years; 4 years as Awards Chair and now 3 years since I began serving on the Chapter ExCom. We've had great meetings in Fort Collins, Cheyenne and this year's Annual Meeting in Loveland. Many of you put a lot of hard work into preparing for this year's meeting and I want to thank you again for your help. Frankly, I can't thank you enough and just so other members know, it's really the committee chairs that make the meeting. Please thank them because it wouldn't have happened without their great effort. I also want to thank members for voting on our recent advocacy issue. Staying involved is one of the best ways to support the Chapter. Remember this is your Chapter and you get out of it what you put into it.

As much as I want to tell you to take the summer off and enjoy all that summer has to offer, we still have Chapter work to do. Mark Smith is already busy with next year's budget. We recently realized that we, as ExCom, have not been doing the Chapter's budget as we should have been as outlined in our by-laws. Therefore, in an effort to abide by our by-laws, the budget is posted on our website for your review.



Please direct any questions to Mark. Also, I'm sure Mark would appreciate hearing from anyone willing to assist with the 2010 Annual Meeting. And don't forget that the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter is hosting the Western Division Annual Meeting in 2012. We're working on a place to hold the meeting in Jackson, Wyoming at the end of March or first part of April, while the ski area and Elk Refuge are still open. So, there should be lots to do, especially if you want to make a vacation out of it and bring your family. But before that, we need help in planning the meeting. If you have an idea for a theme for the meeting and along with that a logo, I sure would like to hear from you. Please be thinking about symposia topics too. Since we're a great Chapter, I know we can put together an outstanding meeting for Western Division!

I truly appreciate you letting me be your Chapter President. I've grown so much personally and professionally from this experience. My year as president was beyond my expectations. Have a great summer and I look forward to working with you on Chapter issues and Western Division Annual Meeting planning.

Business Meeting Minutes

Annual Business Meeting 2-25-09, Loveland, CO

Notes: Ann Widmer

Kathy Foster (president)

The meeting was called to order at 11:48. A quorum was not established. The Business Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved.

Wayne Hubert- -1st VP of AFS parent society

Wayne's primary contact with AFS was through the CO-WY Chapter. Chapters are heart and soul of the AFS organization. The CO-WY Chapter is an exceptional chapter and has played a large role in his professional development.

Wayne is currently serving a 5-year term with the parent society. He chose three speaking points from those sent by the parent society and Western Division presidents.

Parent Society:

1. Planning the annual meeting in Nashville, TN. The meeting will be large and in an exciting location. There will be a large

symposium on the distributions of endangered species across North America.

2. Strategic planning. The Revision Committee will be coming up with a new strategic plan (2010 – 2015) to define goals for the society. He'd like feedback—interest and concerns.
3. Special committees and online voting protocols. Voting on policy statements and things usually done at the meetings.

Western Division

1. Western Division meeting in Albuquerque, NM. Theme is Evolution of the Western Landscape.
2. Initiative on Aquatic Education at the primary and secondary school level.
3. Big Program—Native fishes committee.

Jim Tilmant—Western Division

Jim gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Western Fishes Database. He is continuing to work on the project and seeking funding. There are three goals of project: 1) define current species distributions; 2) identify any decline in distributions; and 3) identify critical habitat areas that should receive special consideration—and disseminate to resource management. The database cannot produce abundance or identify all threats to species' existence.

Many organizations have provided funding support, including our chapter. Three hundred species are now in the database at 4th level HUCs, primarily based on state records. Searches can be conducted by geographic location or fish species.

Current public use of the database is limited. It is an Access database with canned queries (GIS tags limit queries), and cannot be accessed from the internet. To make the database more accessible, they want to put it on the Western Division website through a USGS host (permanent database storage and maintenance). They are working with the University of Redlands to create a file-structured geodatabase in ESRI format. There are new and continuing tasks — online web access format, transfer to USGS database, editing and updating existing species data, and completion of Canadian and Mexican fishes.

Kathy Foster

Kathy recognized members with parent society and Western Division responsibilities: Wayne Hubert, Jim Tilmant, Lori Martin, Bill Bradshaw, Dirk Miller, Mark Smith. Other recognition was given to

active student subunits, those who worked on the new website, and the new Mentoring Committee.

Kathy also talked about the Western Division Investment fund. We put in \$14,000 but the market turned sour. History tells us it will improve. Kathy asked the membership what it wants to do with this money. Currently, there are no guidelines for distributing this money, and help is needed with developing these guidelines.

The Western Division ExCom meeting was in May 2008. The Chapter committed to hosting the 2012 WD meeting, while Diana Sweet (Jackson, WY) is Chapter President. Diana is currently soliciting volunteers. Kathy will be the organizing committee chair. Ideas for themes and artwork are needed.

The Chapter supported two students to travel to the Western Division meeting in 2008. ExCom developed a more formal application process. The Chapter wants to send two undergraduate students to Western Division meetings — one from state. The Western Division also has a travel grant available to students (fixed sum).

Ann Widmer (Treasurer report)

The Chapter did not make as much money through registration at the 2009 meeting as had been budgeted, but other categories came in under budget—particularly continuing education and facilities. Meeting income was similar to last year. See the updated budget at end of newsletter.

CSU subunit (Nate Cathcart)

Nate thanked Adam Hansen for subunit fundraising. The subunit will be hosting the student colloquium in October (at Montana State University last year). The subunit will also be doing a study on College Lake. Jesse Lepak has a Hg study underway using fish donated from the CDOW for use in manipulation experiments. There is a list of great speakers lined up for subunit meetings. The subunit also sold t-shirts at the Chapter meeting.

UW subunit (Anna Senecal)

Students had a good time at the Chapter meeting. The subunit encouraged member participation and actively sought new members. During the school year the subunit had workshops on how to get into graduate school, fly tying, and a presentation from Steve Gale. Richard Hays presented a poster on the subunit red-monitoring project at the Chapter

meeting. The subunit also sold t-shirts, pint glasses, and flies as fundraisers at the meeting.

Committee Reports

Archiving: Greg Anderson and Venice B. (not present, but sent update). The committee has proceedings for CSU and UW, per available proceedings list, but is still missing a number of years. Chapter files have been turned over to Greg Anderson from Lori Martin. Intermountain Records can scan the materials for storage in Spearfish. As time allows, the committee will scan photos. Membership should start thinking about how to commemorate our Chapter's 50th anniversary.

Awards: Melissa Dickard. Pat Bigelow kept the Leaky Boot because no nominations were received for the award. Eagle Residency and Mark Coleman received MAX awards, and Dirk Miller received the Award of Excellence. A lot of award paper was ordered that will cover multiple years. Because of difficulty in obtaining parent society president signatures for awards, the Chapter President and Vice President will now sign awards.

Continuing Education: Ryan Fitzpatrick and Bobby Compton.

Microscopes for the macroinvertebrate identification workshop were provided by Barry Nehring and Boris Kondratieff. Thirty participants were expected for the workshop.

Environmental Policy: Mark Smith (vice president).

Mark challenged the membership to participate on the committee if they want to advocate environmental causes. He helped write letters of support for national legislation with the Western Division, including the 1872 Hard Rock Mining Law revision and the clean water restoration act. Little had been done recently because of a change in administration.

Illegal Stocking Task Force: Brett Johnson.

A Chapter resolution was forwarded to the parent society and subsequently dropped. The committee wants to resubmit the resolution for adoption. Pat Martinez and Brett Johnson just wrote a paper for Fisheries that references the resolution. There is a poster regarding available materials (see website) and feedback was encouraged.

Membership: Steve Gale. At the time of the annual meeting the Chapter had 267 paid members, including 161 regular members. The membership is

higher than last year. All student gift memberships were given away this year. The Membership Committee will have a booth at 2009 WGFD Expo.

Program: Rick Henderson. Laura Burckhardt helped with the program. Rick also thanked the speakers for the 32 contributed papers. The student volunteers did a great job with AV.

Raffle: Dan Brauch and Catherine Willard. A lot of organizations and individuals donated to the raffle. Dan asked for participation in the raffle and bonus raffle.

Website: Kevin Gelwicks. Mark Coleman was instrumental in getting our new website up. The new address is <http://www.cowyafs.org/>. Comments or concerns on the website are always welcome. The committee is currently working on online registration and voting for next year.

Jeff Falke received the CSU Scholarship, and Nathan Cook received the Ron Remmick Memorial Scholarship.

New Business

Using Credit Cards through Website: Kevin Gelwicks. Registration costs will need to be increased to cover costs of using credit cards. Other chapters use and highly recommend 123SignUp.com, an online registration service. The fee structure is confusing, but it would cost \$1.50 per registrant plus 2% to 3%-- about \$4.50 per registrant per year. The consensus from Chapter members was that the convenience of using credit cards is worth the increase in fees. The Chapter needs to put this payment system in place before the 2012 Western Division meeting. The cost of using this system would have been about \$540 for this year's meeting. The motion passed to put this system into place.

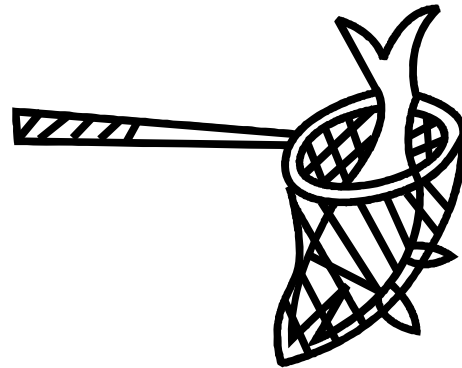
Membership: Steve Gale. Steve asked if there's anything that the committee can do to better serve the Chapter. Currently the committee updates the email list, attends WY Expo, and provides the membership and job boards at the annual meeting. However, the Membership Committee can do more.

Mentoring Committee: Catherine Willard. Catherine recently moved from Idaho, where there is a mentoring committee that encouraged and recognized Hutton scholars. Funding for the Hutton Program has decreased, but the parent society is still

contributing to it. The Idaho Chapter also posts job and volunteer opportunities for students on its website and recognizes outstanding mentors in the chapter. It is difficult for the CO-WY Chapter to participate in the Hutton Program because we don't have a lot of "diversity" candidates. Catherine wants to start by recognizing an outstanding mentor member next year and then let the committee evolve from there.

Next Year's Meeting: Mark Smith. Putting together a meeting for next year is going to be difficult because of shrinking agency budgets. He is discussing a joint meeting with Nebraska in Sydney, if members are able to get travel approved.

1:05pm Meeting was adjourned.



Annual Meeting Award Recipients

American Fisheries Society Ron Remmick Memorial Scholarship from UW: Nathan Cook

American Fisheries Society Scholarship from CSU: Jeff Falke

MAX Award: Eagle Residency (Colorado DOT)



MAX Award: Mark Coleman



Award of Excellence: Dirk D. Miller



*Best Professional Paper: Wayne Hubert (left)
Best Student Paper: Anna Senecal
Best Poster: Richard Hays*

Annual Meeting Recap

2009 Annual Meeting in Loveland, CO

- 120 participants
- Regular Members = 54
- Regular Nonmembers = 12
- Retired Members = 3
- Student & Young Professional Members = 26
- Student & Young Professional Nonmembers = 13
- Invited Guests = 6
- Continuing Education Only = 6
- 32 contributed papers

Thanks for a great meeting!

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 4 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. The Membership Committee has awarded three gift memberships to undergraduate students since the annual meeting. We have 1 more to award, so please nominate a student that might be interested in exploring a career in fisheries.

Steve Gale

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Check your Parent Society AFS Membership Information



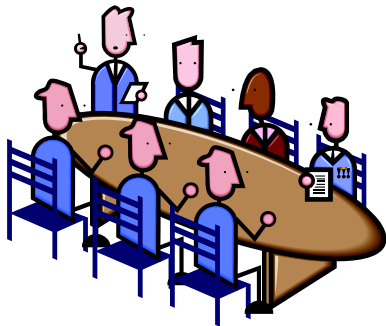
Check and update your membership information by visiting the parent society webpage at <http://www.fisheries.org/afs/>.

Next, click on the “Membership” tab near the top of the page. Then under the “Information” column click on “Directory”. Your Login is the first letter of your first name then your full last name and your full AFS membership number (i.e. JDOE0000000). The default password is “afslive”.

Search for yourself and then click on your name under the “Customer Name Company” column to access your information and update if necessary.

If you have problems, contact Steve Gale at Steve.Gale@wgf.state.wy.us or contact Farasha Euker (Parent Society Webmaster and Electronic Services Coordinator) at feuker@fisheries.org.

Committee & Subunit Updates



Membership- Steve Gale

Student membership is very affordable at only \$19, which includes access to fisheries journals (see www.fisheries.org for details). Furthermore, the difference in cost to attend the CO-WY Chapter meeting between student members and student non-members is \$15 (early registration price), 79% the cost of membership! Please encourage the fisheries and wildlife students you know to join AFS and to participate in the CO-WY chapter.

Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) – Mark Smith, Ann Widmer

At the 2009 Western Division Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, our Chapter was asked to participate as signatories on a letter crafted by the Utah AFS Chapter. The letter was written in response to the Army, Corps of Engineers published “Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Regional Watershed Supply Project in Wyoming and Colorado”.

The letter created confusion for some of the membership because it didn’t address all of the probable impacts that could occur to the fisheries resources of Wyoming and Colorado if the project was developed. The primary reason for the letter not containing more detail was that there isn’t yet a formal proposal to review; the process is in its infancy. There will be more opportunities to voice our opinions on this matter as it proceeds through the NEPA process.

Following the Chapter’s Rules, a vote of the membership was conducted via email ballot from 5/14 to 5/29/2009. Sixty-eight Chapter members voted with sixty-seven in favor of participating as signatory. Our Chapter Rules created some confusion as to whether we needed a majority of membership (we currently have 267 members) or a simple majority of votes for approval. The confusion resulted from our Rules for Advocacy, Rule 1, Section A., Line 4. That states “A majority of Chapter membership supports addressing this issue.” The ExCom requested the Parent Societies Constitutional Consultant, Gwen White review our Bylaws and Rules to determine how to proceed. Her opinion was that a majority of membership that chose to vote should be accepted as meeting this requirement, which is consistent with Bylaws of the Parent Society. She also recommended we try to adopt language in Chapter Bylaw that clarified this position. To review the final letter, visit the Chapter website (<http://www.cowyafs.org/>).

If you’re interested in participating on the ECC please contact Ann Widmer. This committee needs people!

Continuing Education – Bobby Compton and Ryan Fitzpatrick

Dr. Boris Kondrattieff of Colorado State University conducted the continuing education workshop at the annual meeting. The workshop was titled “Aquatic macroinvertebrate identification, ecology, and metrics useful in fishery management” and had thirty

one attendees. As always, Dr. Kondratieff provided an entertaining and very informative workshop. Special thanks to Dave Reese for assisting with the course and Barry Nehring for providing additional microscopes. The Continuing Education committee is in the process of selecting a course for next year's annual meeting based on past surveys, but if anyone has any specific course topic suggestions please contact Bobby (307-875-3225 ext. 256) or Ryan (970-472-4336).



Dr. Boris Kondratieff instructs Tate Wilcox on the finer points of aquatic macroinvertebrate identification.

Awards Committee: Jason Burckhardt, Rodney Scarpella, Melissa Dickard

At the 2009 Annual Meeting, the CO/WY Chapter presented the following awards:

- *Award of Excellence to Dirk D. Miller
- *Max Rollefson Award of Merit to Eagle Residency (Colorado Dept. of Transportation) for improvements to the Basin of Last Resort that will reduce future sedimentation issues in lower Black Gore Creek and Gore Creek.
- *Max Rollefson Award of Merit to Mark Coleman for his much appreciated work on redevelopment of the Chapter's web site.

Congratulations to all!

Raffle: Dan Brauch, Catherine Willard

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 \$2,487 for the Chapter.

CO/WY AFS Chapter ExCom Meeting Notes

**ExCom Meeting 4-1-2009
12:00pm: conference call**

Attendees: Kathy Foster (president), Jason Burckhardt, Ann Widmer (secretary-treasurer), Rick Henderson, Mark Smith (vice president), Greg Anderson.

Purpose: Annual meeting follow-up. Notes: Ann Widmer

Budget: Annual meeting income was only \$301.40 less than we had budgeted. Great job to the arrangements, speaker gifts, continuing education, and student volunteer committees for keeping costs down. The Chapter recently donated \$500 to the Western Division to support the meeting in Albuquerque.

WD Meeting: We received no applications for student travel. Mark and Ann will attend the meeting.

Archive: Greg Anderson took records to Intermountain Records for a formal cost quote: \$1,860 for everything or \$1,100 for film only. It's more economical to do all records at once than box by box because of a set up fee. Kathy will look at the by-laws to determine whether this needs to go to a membership vote, since there is a \$500 limit for ExCom approval.

Western Division Meeting Planning 2012: It is up to the Chapter to organize the meeting. Assistance with early planning is available from the parent society. It is not too early to start planning. Start considering venues and developing artwork. We are planning for the end of ski season in Jackson, WY. Planning committee volunteers are Diana Sweet, Kathy Foster, Melissa Dickard, Ann Widmer, Rick Henderson, Steve Gale, and Christina Barrineau.

Annual Meeting Feedback: Kathy welcomes any feedback regarding the meeting. She has received mixed reviews on the location, but most people agreed that it was worth the money saved.

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 2009 – 2010 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 2010 annual meeting. Standing committee vacancies currently exist on the Environmental Policy and Membership committee. Special committee vacancies include Audio Visual, Endowment Funding, Grants Funding, and Trade Show/Vendor committees. If you are interested in serving on an AFS committee, please contact Mark Smith at 307-527-7322 x.15 or Mark.Smith@wgf.state.wy.us

Proposed Fiscal 2010 Budget Available Now!

The proposed FY2010 Chapter budget is available for membership review and comment at the Chapters website (<http://www.cowyafs.org/>).

Please direct comments to the Budget Review Committee Chair, Matt Kondratieff (Matt.Kondratieff@state.co.us).

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

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Colorado Division of Wildlife
Daiichi Hooks/Angler Sport Group
Ducks Unlimited
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Special thanks to Bill Atkinson for being the auctioneer again this year!

Treasurer Report

June 15, 2009

BEGINNING CHAPTER ACCOUNT BALANCE (August 2008)	\$35,054.38		Current Balance
Checking	\$10,776.89		\$12,093.00
Savings	\$12,128.77		\$12,129.43
WD Investment Fund (value fluctuates)	\$12,148.72		\$8,746.65
INCOME			
	Budgeted	Itemized	Spent To Date
Annual Meeting Total Income	\$27,000.00		
Total meeting registration fees (all categories)		\$20,500.00	\$15,037.00
Raffle (gross income)		\$4,000.00	\$2,200.00
Meeting donations		\$2,500.00	\$2,520.00
Account Interest	\$14.00		\$10.00
Chapter Rebates From Parent Society	\$300.00		\$346.56
TOTAL INCOME	\$27,314.00		\$20,113.56
EXPENSES			
	Budgeted	Itemized	Spent To Date
Annual Meeting Total Expense	\$22,000.00		
Food (banquet, breaks, socials) and Meeting Room Charge		\$14,500.00	\$9,969.62
Student Social		\$200.00	\$500.00
AV total (if using own projectors/laptops)		\$0.00	\$0.00
Raffle (seed money)		\$1,000.00	\$994.83
Program Committee		\$400.00	\$0.00
Speaker gifts; complimentary rooms and gifts		\$2,500.00	\$1,803.55
Continuing education workshop expenses		\$2,000.00	\$706.29
Awards Committee		\$100.00	\$315.90
Student registration/volunteer refunds		\$800.00	\$508.74
Other Excom committee operations, including all other committees		\$500.00	\$209.47
Registration Refunds		\$0.00	\$150.00
Chapter Expenses	\$5,314.00		
Excom Meetings - Sept/Dec/Feb		\$200.00	\$164.35
FY08 tax preparations		\$200.00	\$336.68
Donations (Western Division)		\$500.00	\$500.00
AFS Gift/Student Memberships (4 @ \$19 each)		\$76.00	\$76.00
Contributions to Student Subunits		\$400.00	\$400.00
VP ('09) travel to WD meeting - Albuquerque, NM		\$1,500.00	\$1,152.28
President travel to WD Retreat - Sedona, AZ		\$888.00	\$929.70
Student Travel Support to WD		\$500.00	\$0.00
Archive Scanning		\$500.00	
Website		\$100.00	\$93.35
Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Wildlife Heritage Expo - Casper		\$300.00	
Liability Insurance		\$150.00	\$150.00
UW Foundation Ron Remmick Scholarship Fund	\$0.00		
CSU Foundation AFS Scholarship Fund	\$0.00		
WD AFS Investment Fund Donation	\$0.00		
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	\$27,314.00		\$18,960.76
PROJECTED TOTAL FY09 PROFIT OR LOSS	\$0.00		\$1,152.80
ESTIMATED CHAPTER FY09 ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$35,054.38		

News & Events

2009 Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Expo

Held each September, the Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo is FREE and open to the public! Everyone is invited to be a part of the celebration of Wyoming's wildlife and wildlands by attending the Expo! There are hands-on activities and other educational opportunities for everyone regardless of age, physical ability or experience. The Expo is hosted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department with exhibitors from over 150 businesses, agencies, and organizations.

Wyoming's wildlife-related recreational opportunities are so valuable and important that the Wyoming Game and Fish Department initiated the Wyoming Hunting & Fishing Heritage Expo in 1998, which has become an annual event. The Expo is just one way the Wyoming Game and Fish Department is helping to insure the future of Wyoming's hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing heritage for generations to come.

Expo'09 is the 12th Annual and will be held **September 10th-12th, 2009!**

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>



70th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference

Welcome to the Land of Lincoln and home of the 2009 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference! December 6-9, 2009 marks the 70th year that natural resource professionals in the Midwest will meet to share new research, management experiences, and valuable insight on fish and wildlife issues. The Midwest is the premier fish and wildlife conference in the central U.S. with more than 1,000 attendees at past conferences.

We are expecting tremendous interest in the 2009 conference due to the location, the excellent plenary speakers, and the content of the workshops and breakout sessions. The Hilton is located in the heart of downtown Springfield, which is rich in Abraham Lincoln history. In addition to discussing fish and wildlife issues, conference attendees will experience Lincoln's story as never told before. Our welcome social will be held at the prestigious Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and while in town, you'll walk the same streets Lincoln and his family walked 165 years ago.

We encourage you to browse our website and to contact us with any questions. Register (by November 6, 2009) and reserve your room early (by November 16, 2009) to ensure the best rates. We look forward to seeing you in Springfield in December!

For more information: <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/midwest/>



American Fisheries Society 139th Annual Meeting



On behalf of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, I want to invite you to Nashville Tennessee for the 139th meeting of the American Fisheries Society. It will be held at the Renaissance Hotel and the Nashville Convention Center from August 30 through September 3, 2009.

The meeting's theme:

"Diversity, the foundation of fisheries and the American Fisheries Society; are we gaining ground?"

is very appropriate for Tennessee. *It is truly a unique and fascinating place.* We have some of the most diverse aquatic habitats and critters on the continent. From high mountain streams in east Tennessee to the Mississippi River delta in the western part of the State, it is home to over 315 species of fish, 120 species of mussels, and 77 species of crayfish.

Did I mention music? Nashville is the Music Capital of the World, from country, to bluegrass, to rock. Take your pick. The meeting will be located in downtown Nashville, the epicenter of all types of music venues. *You will not be disappointed.*

Tennessee is rich in history too! There are famous civil war battlefields all over the state for folks to visit and learn about. Some are close to Nashville, but most are no more than an hour or two away.

Think you might have time to fish? Tennessee has a wide variety of lakes and streams scattered across this wonderful State. From brook trout fishing in the Smoky Mountains, to trophy brown trout in our tailwaters, to world record smallmouths in our reservoirs, to world class stripers in our rivers, to monster catfish in the Mississippi River, we have it all.

Nashville is one of the friendliest cities in the country and will greet you with lots of good old fashioned southern hospitality. Come prepared to have a good time!

Bobby Wilson

General Meeting Chair | AFS 2009

For more information: <http://www.fisheries.org/afs09/>



Hydroacoustic Technology Inc. Courses



Using Acoustic Tags to Track Fish

15-16 October 2009, Seattle, WA USA: http://www.htisonar.com/at_short_course.htm

24-25 October 2009, Lyon, FRANCE: http://www.htisonar.com/at_short_course_lyon.htm

4-5 February 2010, Seattle, WA USA: http://www.htisonar.com/at_short_course.htm

This short course addresses all aspects of tracking fish movement (and other aquatic life, such as eel, shrimp, crab) with acoustic tags, including three-dimensional tracking with sub-meter resolution. Acoustic tags are effective for estimating survival, monitoring migration patterns, and observing behavior. This course includes a variety of applications and course manual is included. \$300.00 USD and €200 Euros in Lyon, France, per student. Each class has 15 seats available. And wouldn't it be great if we could all make it to the acoustic tag training course in Lyon, France?!



Using Hydroacoustics for Fisheries Assessment

*8-9 October 2009, Seattle, WA USA: http://www.htisonar.com/ha_short_course.htm

11-12 February 2010, Seattle, WA USA: http://www.htisonar.com/ha_short_course.htm

*Tentative

The hydroacoustic short course covers mobile and fixed-location survey techniques, and subjects include basic hydroacoustic theory, deployment logistics, data collection and processing, as well as typical results. Hydroacoustics are effective tools for enumeration, detecting presence/absence, revealing abundance and distribution, as well as trajectory patterns. Split-beam, single-beam, and multi-beam frequency techniques are discussed in detail. Each class has 15 seats available.

2009 - 2010 Chapter Officers and Committee Members

Chapter Officers

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