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The Vent

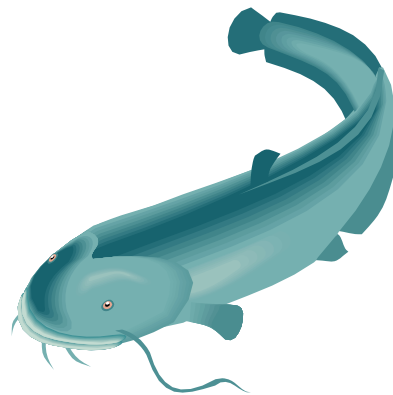
Mark Smith

I was once told to never write a newsletter article that doesn't have any news. I find myself violating this advice here and looking at previous July editions of the Angler, I find myself in good company.

Representing the Chapter over the last year has been fun and rewarding. For me, being the president of the Chapter was like sitting in the cockpit, flying an airplane that was actually on autopilot. All of the real work was done by others more accurately and efficiently than I could have done myself. Fortunately, the flight was smooth, the chairs comfortable, the drinks ample and the aircraft remains intact.

I sincerely thank the crew that shared their time and talents for the good of the Chapter over this past year. The support for the Chapter during this period of financial uncertainty I believe demonstrates the importance of the Chapter and our annual meeting to the membership and the organizations we work for. Let's keep it that way.

The Chapter's future is in good hands.



Business Meeting Minutes

**Annual Business Meeting
3/3/2010, Laramie, Wyoming**

Notes: Diana Sweet

Mark Smith (president) - Opened meeting at 11:40 am. A quorum was established with 58 members present. The agenda was unanimously approved with the addition of a Mentoring Committee update and an online voting update.

Lori Martin (Western Division president elect) - "Never underestimate the power of a good laugh." Lori gave an update about Western Division (WD) and her desire to build strong connectivity between WD and the CO-WY Chapter of AFS. The Western Division is currently seeking to fill openings in committees and looking for nominations for many awards that will be given out at the WD annual meeting in Salt Lake City from April 19th-23rd, 2010. Other information about the WD annual meeting is now available on the WD website. The Adaptive Management Implementation Plan is currently under review and is intended to provide information to the membership about the Biological Opinion in regards to the recovery of salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River Basin. The Governing board of WD will be discussing a resolution regarding the Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska during their meeting in early March.

State of the Chapter, Mark Smith (president) - Mark reported that the state of the CO-WY AFS Chapter is good. There are approximately 30 CSU student sub-unit members, 10 UW student sub-unit members, 70 CO members, and 65 WY members with a total membership of 206. The Chapter has achieved financial stability. We have contributed money to WD student colloquium and our UW and CSU scholarships are fully endowed. Mark encouraged students to attend the upcoming WD meeting and reminded students that travel grants are available through our chapter. Mark emphasized that although the state of the Chapter is good, it can get better. The bylaw revisions that will be discussed during the business meeting will put the CO-WY Chapter in line with the parent society; members need to capitalize on the annual meeting as an opportunity to exchange information with other professionals. The Chapter needs to reassess the vision for fundraising and Mark created a committee

to brainstorm ideas for generating and spending money. Mark ended with a call for volunteers for the WD 2012 meeting that the CO-WY Chapter will be hosting in Jackson, WY.

Treasurer's Report, Diana Sweet (Sec/Treas.) - Diana presented the current treasurers report. There were no comments.

FY11 Proposed Budget, Ann Widmer (Vice Pres.) Ann presented the proposed budget for FY11. Most expenses were similar to FY10. An additional \$3,000 was added to the budget to pay for upcoming WD meeting expenses. The budget must be given to the Budget Review Committee by June 1st, 2010 and approved by the committee by August 1st, 2010.

Committee Highlights, Mark Smith (president) - Mark presented the highlights from the committee chairs.

- The Arrangements Committee did a great job preparing for the annual meeting this year.
- The Continuing Education Committee selected a good topic with broad implications and got very good attendance.
- The Newsletter Committee takes dedicated individuals and *The Angler* is a tribute to their hard work (Beth Bear and Paul Gerrity).
- The Environmental Policy Committee drafted a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers about the Green River pipeline and proposed bylaw and rule revisions to the Chapter.
- The Archive Committee continues to strive for a more permanent and accessible system for the Chapter's documents.
- The Nominating Committee selected two qualified individuals for filling the post of secretary/treasurer during the next term.
- The Fundraising Committee gathered \$2,500 in donations for the meeting and sold a Wyoming commissioner big game tag for \$4,500.
- The Website Committee developed online registration for the annual meeting and, along with the Illicit Stocking Task Force, developed the illicit stocking website.
- An additional committee was created this year, the Student Liaison Committee, and it was filled with an enthusiastic individual (Michelle McGree).

Student Subunit Reports

- **University of Wyoming President Sarah Laske** - The UW subunit has a small group this year, but they have still achieved great accomplishments. They assisted the Wyoming Game and Fish Department with brown trout redd counts, they sent a representative to the WD AFS Student Colloquium at CSU, and they are sending two individuals to the WD meeting in Salt Lake City, UT.
- **Colorado State University President Nate Cathcart** - The subunit hosted the WD AFS Student Colloquium (attended by approximately 30 students) and also sent three individuals to the Midwest Colloquium. The subunit also had bi-weekly meetings (~20 individuals/meeting), are sending 3 individuals to the WD meeting, are assisting the city of Fort Collins with some fish sampling, and are once again hosting their annual fishing derby.

No Unfinished Business

Announcement of new Secretary/Treasurer -

Diana Sweet announced that Ryan Fitzpatrick will be the new Secretary/Treasurer for FY11.

New Business

- Proposed Rule revision - Ann Widmer discussed the proposed rule revision. The rule for advocacy is ambiguous, confusing, and somewhat contradictory to the bylaws of the Chapter. The proposal would make the advocacy rule a step-by-step process (see proposed changes on the website).
- The Environmental Policy Committee moved to adopt Rule 1 as published in the January 2010 edition of *The Angler* newsletter and on the website. There was no discussion. Motion passed.
- Proposed Bylaw revision - Ann Widmer discussed the proposed bylaw revision. The revision is minor with changes to how the rule for advocacy is referenced in the bylaws (see proposed changes on the website).
- The Environmental Policy Committee moved to adopt the bylaw revisions as published in the January 2010 edition of *The Angler* newsletter and on the website. Darrel Snyder asked if referencing a rule in the bylaws is allowed and if changes to the bylaws have to be approved by the Parent Society. Dirk Miller responded that it is allowed, is currently being done, and the bylaw changes do have to be approved by the Parent Society. After this discussion, the motion passed.
- Funding request by the Archive Committee - Greg Anderson proposed \$2,000 in funding to the Archive Committee to scan and digitize all of the Chapter's records. All scanning would be done by a company in Casper, WY.
- The Archive Committee moved to approve \$2,000 to be spent to scan archives. Darrel Snyder asked questions regarding future funding (were their future costs associated with this?) and Greg responded that no future costs would be necessary. Costs to get documents to and from Casper are included in the proposed amount. Dirk Miller discussed organization of the records (how will they be organized, will they be in a useable manner?). Greg responded that records would be named in a manner that was useable but he was unsure exactly how the naming process would occur. After discussion, the motion passed.
- Funding request by the Website Committee - Kevin Gelwicks proposed \$2,000 in funding for website development. The money would be used to convert the website from an HTML format to a wordpress format. This would allow for a self-contained site, easier maintenance, additional components, and individuals could manage certain portions of the website. There was no additional discussion among members and the motion passed.
- Taxes update - Ann Widmer discussed the change in tax preparers and the need to instill rules within the ExCom on how/who does taxes.
- Scholarship recipients - the CSU scholarship went to Samantha Stiffler and the UW scholarship went to Anna Senecal.
- Mentoring Committee - Bobby Compton gave an update on the Mentoring Committee since it is a new committee. He listed the goals and announced that Wayne Hubert received the 1st annual "Mentor of the Year" award. Bobby would like to establish a message board on the website to connect

mentors and mentees but the mentors would need to step up and post on the website first.

- Online voting - Kevin Gelwicks asked for feedback on the idea of online voting. There was concern that there was no way to verify individuals on an online voting system and people could vote more than once, possibly making the system corrupt. A lot of discussion ensued about the current system and the proposed. It was determined that the person collecting votes (usually the Secretary/Treasurer) could do it however he/she wants. The bylaws actually state that voting can be done by whatever means the Chapter feels is appropriate.

Meeting Adjourned

Annual Meeting Award Recipients

American Fisheries Society Ron Rimmick Memorial Scholarship from UW: **Anna Senecal**

American Fisheries Society Scholarship from CSU: **Samantha Stiffler**



Award of Excellence: **Kurt Fausch**, Colorado State University

Outstanding Mentor Award: **Wayne Hubert**, Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit

Best Professional Paper (Informational) - Tie: **Rick Henderson**, "Aquatic Passage Program for USFS lands in Colorado and Wyoming", U.S. Forest Service

Best Professional Paper (Informational) - Tie: **Christina Barrineau**, "Successes and Setbacks: Lessons Learned from Three Stream Habitat Projects", Wyoming Game and Fish Department



Best Professional Paper (Scientific Method): **Kevin Bestgen**, "Population status of Colorado pikeminnow in the Green River Basin, Utah and Colorado, 2000-2003 and 2006-2008", Colorado State University



Best Student Paper: **Sarah Laske**, "Roundtail chub lentic habitat use and overlap with piscivorous trout species", University of Wyoming



Best Poster: **Zachary Underwood**, "An Evaluation of the Critical Thermal Maxima of the Colorado River Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii pleuriticus*)", Colorado State University

CO/WY Chapter Travel Grant Letters

In 2010 the CO/WY Chapter of the AFS funded two students, one from Colorado and another from Wyoming, to attend the WDAFS annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Letters from each of these students describing their experience at the WDAFS meeting follow.

Nate Cathcart Colorado State University



Thanks to funding from the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to attend the Western Division of the AFS annual meeting, I was able to fly to Salt Lake City, Utah. This was my third WDAFS meeting that was funded either by the CO/WY Chapter of the AFS (Portland, OR 2008) or the CSU Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology (Albuquerque, NM 2009). In addition to yours truly, CSU had great attendance by undergraduates (4), graduate students (4), post-docs (1), and faculty (2). It was nice to see many CSU alums and fellow CO/WY Chapter members at the meeting too.

Like past AFS meetings, students were kept busy volunteering, networking at socials, and presenting. I was able to volunteer a few hours to help upload talks. The socials gave us a chance to meet new people and catch up with friends from past WDAFS meetings. There was a much greater variety of professionals that served as mentors at the student social than in previous years. I also was able to assist in presenting our CSU-AFS research on College Lake

at the poster social and then present research at Thursday's contributed papers session.

Of the presentations I attended, my favorite was by Dr. Peter McHugh about the impact of non-native trout on *galaxiid* fishes in New Zealand. I enjoy learning about different fishes not found in Colorado that face synonymous issues we fish biologists and managers are addressing in the west. The most impressive poster was based on the role of adfluvial spawners in linking stream and lake ecosystems: nutrient excretion, potential regulators, and trophic responses by a trio of fish people from Utah State University. That poster was intriguing since many interesting fish like to move from lakes to streams including, but not limited to: burbot, suckers, coaster brook trout, bull char, and cisco.

Besides socializing, learning about fish research at talks, and volunteering, I was able to conduct business at the Monday ExCom meeting pertaining to funding requests for a field study in summer 2010 and student involvement in the WDAFS. While it may have been a long six-hour meeting, my participation at business meetings within the Division and the Chapter have given me a sense of familiarity with the AFS system which will be beneficial to my career in fisheries and future roles in the AFS. Overall, Utah was another swell meeting and I hope the Chapter can continue funding students to attend WDAFS annual meetings in the future because Seattle in 2011 will be epic.

Richard Hayes University of Wyoming

Thanks to the travel grant I received from the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter I was able to attend my first Western Division American Fisheries Society meeting. My first Western Division meeting was exciting and slightly intimidating. Nearly 300 people from the western US presenting their research in as many as five rooms at a time was an experience that I hope to repeat in the future. Topics ranging from telemetry techniques to the future of cutthroat trout restoration kept me moving from room to room to catch as many different presentations as possible. Attending the Western Division meeting allowed me to see the diversity of topics that are being studied in the western US. Presentations on chinook salmon, brown trout impacts on New Zealand streams, and species native to Utah, Oregon, and California were

some of the more interesting presentations. Attending student presentations allowed me to see what will be expected of me as a potential future graduate student in fisheries. I was able to see research being done at different universities helping me to narrow my search for locations to investigate for possible graduate work. At the Western Division meeting I presented a poster emphasizing the cooperative effort between the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in Laramie and the AFS student subunit at the University of Wyoming. This presentation allowed me to interact with people that currently work in fisheries. Answering questions gave me a chance to interact with academics and professionals, testing my knowledge of the work and addressing issues that could lead to better data collection and presentation. The interactions I had at the meeting solidified my decision to pursue a career in fisheries. One of the last and more memorable parts of the meeting was finding out that Dr. Wayne Hubert does win something in every raffle.

selecting a course for next year's annual meeting. If anyone has suggestions please contact Bobby Compton (307-875-3225 ext. 256) or the new Colorado representative on the committee, Harry Crockett (970-472-4339).

Colorado State University Student Subunit – Nate Cathcart

Elections were held for CSU subunit officers in spring 2010. The 2010-11 school year will have an officer line up of some familiar and fresh faces. Undergraduates William Stacy and Zachary Underwood will be co-presidents in the fall and spring, respectively. Graduate student and burbot-master Eric Gardunio will be back as Vice President to offer veteran leadership, undergraduate Janine Whitney will serve as Secretary, and graduate student Christ Craft will hold the most responsible position of Treasurer. Rounding out the officers is undergraduate Jordan Anderson, who will serve as aquarium curator and student liaison.

The spring semester was once again a busy time for the subunit. Subunit students attended and presented at the Midwest Student Colloquium in Manhattan, KS, the CO/WY Chapter of the AFS Annual Meeting in Laramie, and the Western Division AFS Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City. Zachary Underwood took home best poster honors at the CO/WY meeting while the best poster at the WDAFS meeting went to the CSU, CSU-AFS, and CDOW collaborative study on mercury dilution in northern pike in College Lake.

The 26th Annual Evan Lefort Memorial Fishing Derby at College Lake was another sell out in April. The fundraiser was won by a 35-inch northern pike, which was the biggest northern pike caught in five years. Further fundraising was conducted as the subunit performed sampling for the city of Fort Collins on a plains creek in May. Students are currently drafting a technical report for the city and the CDOW to use on this creek. The College Lake mercury study field component officially concluded this spring with a sampling event used to obtain tissue samples a year after northern pike were fed rainbow trout.

This summer, most students are working hard with various groups like the CDOW, Larval Fish Lab, or CSU. After field work is over, students will be kept busy in the fall with the AFS Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh in September, where the subunit will be

Excom Meeting Minutes



Excom meeting minutes will now be available on the Chapter website at: <http://cowyafs.org/index.html>

Minutes will no longer be published in The Angler newsletter.

Committee & Subunit Updates

Continuing Education – Bobby Compton and Ryan Fitzpatrick

The 2010 continuing education course was titled "Practical Analyses of Catch per Unit Effort Data for the Statistically Challenged" and was conducted by Dr. Wayne Hubert. The course covered principles of study design and statistical analyses and had over fifty attendees. Participants had the opportunity to present their own data and have Dr. Hubert give guidance as to future sampling considerations. The Continuing Education Committee is in the process of

funding a student to travel to present the College Lake northern pike poster. The subunit will also be attending the 3rd Annual Western Division AFS Student Colloquium at the University of Idaho in October.

Proposed Fiscal 2010 Budget Available



A draft budget for FY2011 has been posted on the CO/WY AFS website for Chapter review. It is concurrently being reviewed by the Chapter Budget Review Committee. Any comments on the budget should be submitted to Ann Widmer (awidmer@swca.com) prior to August 1, 2010.

Chapter Bylaws Revision Update

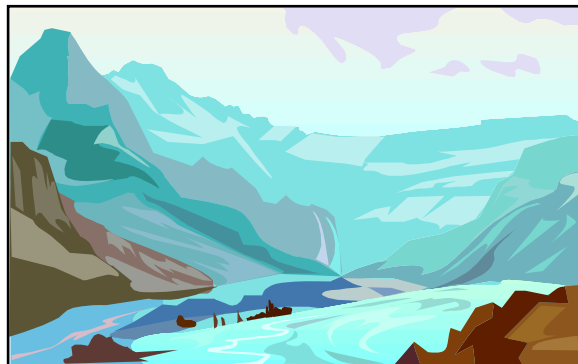
On March 3, 2010, the Chapter voted to revise the Chapter bylaws. The bylaws revision removes text regarding the preparation and consideration of advocacy positions from the body of the bylaws and instead refers the reader to Chapter Rule 1.

The bylaws revisions approved by the Chapter need to be approved by Western Division and the Parent Society before they can be adopted. Western Division approved the changes on June 9, 2010. The constitutional consultant for the Parent Society, Ira Adelman, is currently reviewing our bylaws revision and will present them at the next meeting of the AFS governing board. If approved, these changes will be formally adopted by the Chapter and the revised bylaws will be posted on the Chapter website.

Revisions to Chapter Rule 1 were also approved by the Chapter and can be reviewed at: <http://www.cowyafs.org/bylaws/COWYChapterBylawsProposedRevision2010.pdf>

Sneak Peak at the 2011 Annual Meeting

February 22-25, 2011
Fort Collins, CO



Mark your calendars and submit your travel requests. We will be hosting our next annual meeting February 22-February 25, 2011 at the Marriott in Ft. Collins, CO. We are hosting the meeting jointly with the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society. We had also invited the Wyoming Chapter of the Wildlife Society, but they declined because of existing contractual obligations with another hotel.

The program title will be "From the Cradle to the Grave: Recruiting and Retaining Natural Resource Recreationists". Our Program Committee is currently hard at work securing some great speakers to help us examine several aspects of this interesting and timely topic.

Welcome New Committee Members!

Our chapter depends on the work of our volunteer committee members, and we are very pleased to welcome some new committee members. Harry Crockett is serving on the Continuing Education Committee from Colorado; Boyd Wright is serving on the Membership Committee from Colorado; and Anna Senecal is serving on the Raffle Committee from Wyoming. Additionally, Matt Kondratieff, Kendall Bakich, and Beth Bear are serving on the Arrangements Committee for the 2011 Annual Meeting. Thanks to all of you for stepping up and volunteering! Also, a huge thank you goes out to all of our standing committee members who have done a fantastic job running the Chapter in the past year.

Treasurer Report

Colorado-Wyoming AFS Fiscal Year 2010 Budget

July 6, 2010

BEGINNING CHAPTER BALANCES	\$32,937		CURRENT BALANCES
Checking	\$12,063		\$18,163
Savings	\$12,129		\$12,131
WD Investment Fund (value fluctuates)	\$8,745		\$10,663
INCOME	Estimated	Itemized	Received to Date
Annual Meeting Income	\$24,750		
Total meeting registration fees (all categories)		\$18,750	\$16,804
Raffle (gross income)		\$3,500	\$3,491
Meeting donations		\$2,500	\$2,050
Wyoming Commissioners' License			\$4,500
Chapter Rebates From Parent Society	\$300		\$347
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,050		\$27,191
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized	Spent to Date
Arrangements Committee	\$12,250		
Food (banquet, breaks, socials) and Meeting Room Charge, AV		\$12,000	\$11,719
Complimentary Rooms		\$250	\$154
Audio-Visual Committee	\$50		
AV total		\$50	\$0
Awards Committee	\$200		
Plaques, Frames etc.		\$200	\$68
Continuing Education Committee	\$1,500		
Continuing Education Workshop		\$1,500	\$594
Environmental Policy Committee	\$0		
Mentoring Committee	\$50		
Mentor of the Year Award		\$50	
Membership Committee	\$50		
Mailings etc.		\$50	
Newsletter Committee	\$0		
Paper/Poster Judging Committee	\$600		
Presenter Awards		\$100	\$80
Speaker gifts		\$500	\$482
Program Committee	\$500		
Program Printing		\$500	\$0
Raffle Committee	\$1,000		
Raffle (seed money)		\$1,000	\$989
Registration Committee	\$100		
Name tags, envelopes, etc.		\$100	\$238
Student registration/volunteer refunds		\$500	\$420
Committee Gifts	\$0		
			\$500
Student Liaison Committee	\$600		
		\$600	\$756
SUB-TOTAL ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES	\$16,900		\$15,999

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 Colorado-Wyoming AFS Fiscal Year 2010 Budget
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OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized	Spent to Date
Tax Preparation		\$350	\$500
Web Domain Registration		\$100	
SUB-TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$450		\$500
BYLAW APPROVED EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized	Spent to Date
CSU Student Sub-unit	\$200		
Annual Contribution		\$200	\$200
Executive Committee	\$1,750		
EXCOM Meeting Lunch		\$250	\$160
VP Travel to WD Meeting (SLC, UT)		\$1,500	\$494
UW Student Sub-unit	\$200		
Annual Contribution		\$200	\$200
SUB-TOTAL BYLAW EXPENSES	\$2,150		\$1,055
EXPENSES FOR EXCOM CONSIDERATION (* <\$500/item, not to exceed \$2,000)	Estimated	Itemized	Spent to Date
CSU Student Sub-unit	\$500		
Student Colloquium		\$500	\$500
Executive Committee	\$1,000		
Donations (Western Division)		\$500	\$500
President Travel to WD Retreat (UT)		\$500	\$503
Illegal Stocking Task Force Committee	\$500		
Web-page Improvement		\$500	\$500
Registration Committee	\$580		
Undergraduate Student Memberships		\$80	\$78
Student Travel Grants (WD Annual Meeting)		\$500	\$387
SUB-TOTAL EXCOM EXPENSES*	\$2,000		\$2,469
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	\$21,500		\$20,022
PROJECTED TOTAL FY10 PROFIT	\$5,691		
ESTIMATED CHAPTER FY10 ENDING BALANCE	\$38,628		

2010 - 2011 Chapter Officers and Committee Members

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News & Events

American Fisheries Society 140th Annual Meeting

September 12-16, 2010
Pittsburgh, PA

There's no place like Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the 140th meeting of the American Fisheries Society.

Join us downtown **September 12-16, 2010**, at the spectacular Westin Hotel and the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Pittsburgh is renowned for its arts, entertainment and recreational opportunities. With fabulous dining, world-class museums and innovative art galleries, Pittsburgh is one of the top travel destinations in the world. Sporting opportunities are diverse. Pittsburgh is home to Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers, Stanley Cup Champion Pittsburgh Penguins and the Pittsburgh Pirates. On the water, enjoy fishing along Pittsburgh's river banks for bass and other game fish.

Explore beyond the city. You will find solace in the mountains of western Pennsylvania for hiking or native brook trout fishing. Try white water rafting in the rapids of the Youghiogeny River.

With so much to see and do, you'll find Pittsburgh is a city with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you in September 2010.

For more information, visit: <http://www.fisheries.org/afs10/>



2010 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'10 is the 13th annual and will be held **September 9th-11th, 2010!**

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>



71st Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference

December 12-15, 2010

Hyatt Regency
Minneapolis, Minnesota



The 71st Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota during December 12-15, 2010. The Midwest is the premier fish and wildlife conference in the central U.S. with more than 1,000 attendees at past conferences. The Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference offers an excellent forum for training, professional development and networking. Professionals and students will share their latest work and discuss the challenges of the future. The Hyatt Regency Minneapolis offers an outstanding, affordable venue for this gathering. We encourage you to browse our website and to contact us with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis in December!

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. Abstracts will be available on the website, 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.midwest2010.org/>