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The Vent

Ryan Fitzpatrick

I recently had the privilege to take part in the ExCom trip to the Silas drainage in the Wind River basin, Wyoming. Pictures from this trip can be seen in the News and Events section below. To me the trip was a microcosm of the professional and personal benefits of active involvement in the Chapter.

The objectives for the trip were to have ExCom discuss the direction of our Chapter and assist in sampling high elevation lakes in the area. The first objective was achieved through open dialogue throughout the trip. Our Chapter is in great shape moving forward and we will need to make decisions in the next year regarding how to allocate funding. The second objective required gill nets and of course hook-and-line sampling gear. In spite of my horrific strike-to-landed-fish ratio, good data were collected and will assist in the ongoing management of these lakes.

Overall the trip was a great success. We shared information regarding fisheries between our two states and specific regions, we worked hard and we had a lot of fun. Three members of ExCom caught their first golden trout. The reason that I'm bragging about this trip is to make a point. Everyone reading this newsletter is very busy. With budget restrictions we are expected to do more with less. Please do not let this get in the way of active involvement in AFS. Take advantage of funding opportunities in place to provide travel assistance for students and professionals to Chapter, regional and national meetings. In the long term you will benefit greatly from your time with the CO/WY Chapter of AFS in terms of professional growth and friendships.



Business Meeting Minutes

2013 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2013

Fort Collins, CO

Notes: Dan Brauch

Attendees: Ryan Fitzpatrick (President), Paul Gerrity (Vice President), Dan Brauch (Secretary/Treasurer), Diana Miller (Past President), chapter committee members, and chapter members.

Ryan Fitzpatrick (President) - The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am. With 36 current active chapter members present, it was determined that quorum was not met. With no quorum, it was stated that approval of items would require a unanimous vote of at least 20 members, per the chapter bi-laws. Diana Miller agreed to serve as parliamentarian. The business meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

Guest Address (Pam Sponholtz, President-Elect, Western Division American Fisheries Society) – Pam presented details for the upcoming Western Division meeting, which will be held in Boise, Idaho April 15-18, 2013. The Idaho Chapter is hosting the meeting and is planning on several invited speakers, 24 symposia consisting of 350 presentations and 70 posters. Pam also announced the location of the 2014 Western Division meeting: Mazatlan, Mexico. The Western Division is planning on providing up to \$25,000 in matching funds to help professionals to attend the meeting and is requesting the local chapters provide a 50% match. The meeting will be held April 7-11, 2014. The meeting will be at an all inclusive resort which will provide great facilities for families if they travel to Mexico with attending members.

State of the Chapter (Ryan Fitzpatrick) – The state of the Chapter is in great shape with good profit during the past few years. This results in opportunities for funding of student endowments or projects. Ryan solicited ideas from the membership for future funding. The current annual meeting has been a success with a total of 153 registrants attending. Ryan encouraged member activity in AFS functions and committees and spoke to the personal and professional growth and development that AFS involvement brings to those participating. Ryan concluded by thanking members for their participation in the Colorado – Wyoming Chapter of AFS.

Secretary-Treasurer Report (Dan Brauch) – Dan presented a summary of chapter finances for fiscal year 2012, which ended on July 31, 2012. The chapter end of Fiscal Year funds totaled \$61,352, with \$35,508 in checking, \$12,133 in savings, and about \$13,711 in the Western Division Investment Fund. The FY 2012 ending balances were higher due to increased income in FY 2012 from hosting the 2012 Western Division AFS Annual Meeting, in Jackson, Wyoming (Total FY 2012 profit was \$14,351). Dan also gave an update on the projected fiscal year 2013 budget. To date, the chapter has received \$16,713 in income, which includes a significant amount in meeting sponsorship income (\$6,950). \$5,037 in expenses for the current fiscal year have been paid. The FY2013 final income is expected to exceed \$12,000 due in large part to exceptional work by the fundraising committee.

Preliminary Address Regarding 2015 Meeting (Dan Brauch) – Dan discussed potential meeting locations for the 2015 annual meeting and solicited input from the membership. Paul Day requested meeting in Fort Collins / Loveland area to allow better participation from Wyoming chapter members.

FY13 Proposed Budget (Paul Gerrity) - Paul discussed the FY 2014 budget. The prepared budget plans on \$9,000 in income (projects and 2013 Western Division meeting support was not included in presented budget). It is expected that FY 2014 could see more expenditures than income due to favorable income from past couple of years.

Presidents Highlights of Committee Chair Reports (Ryan Fitzpatrick)

- **Continuing Education** - The Continuing Education Committee organized an Instream Flow Continuing Education Session which was held on Monday (February 25) and was well attended. Tom Annear and Tim Monahan were among the presenters.

- **Archive** – Greg Anderson is the chapter archivist. Dan will send all meeting materials to him for archiving. A funding request will be discussed in new business.

- **Environmental Policy** – Ryan informed the membership about a letter from the Parent Society to President Obama regarding global warming which was submitted earlier this year.

- **Fundraising** – The fundraising committee did a great job with underwriting of the meeting this year, with an \$8,500 in funding commitments from agencies and businesses!

- **Paper/Poster Judging** – Christina Barrineau is chairing the judging committee and is working to compile ratings for the awards banquet.

Student Sub-unit Reports

- **Colorado State University (Tyler Swarr)** – The CSU subunit has been having bi-weekly meetings every other Wednesday. Matt Kondratieff will be presenting at the next meeting. The College Lake Fishing Derby, the sub-units main funding source, has been affected by the invasion of College Lake by New Zealand Mud Snails. Work is being done to get approval from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for approval for spring event, but may need to consider moving the event to the fall if approval is not achieved in time. The student chapter has updated their web site and has a new Facebook page. Many student unit officers are graduating this year, so efforts are underway to increase membership.

- **University of Wyoming (Philip Branigan)** – The UW subunit currently has a good active core group which participates in monthly Tuesday night meetings. Christina Barrineau will be talking next week about the Laramie River. The subunit is financially stable and going well. The subunit thanked the chapter for support of student scholarships to attend the annual meeting.

Unfinished Business

- **None**

- **Announcement of New Secretary Treasurer (Dan Brauch)** – Two great candidates ran for the incoming Secretary/Treasurer position. Bobby Compton was elected as the Secretary/Treasurer for fiscal year 2014. Thanks to candidates for stepping up and being willing to participate as chapter officers.

New Business

- Ryan introduced idea to fund professional representatives to travel to the 2014 Western Division Meeting in Mazatlan. The Western Division intends to provide a match to pay for additional members to attend the meeting if chapter also supports attendance. Paul Gerrity made motion to fund up to \$2,000 for a Wyoming chapter member and \$2,000 for a Colorado Chapter member to attend the

meeting. The motion was seconded by Travis Neebling and was unanimously passed verbally by members present.

- Ryan introduced an Archive Committee request to fund \$2,000 for archiving of digital photographs. Kendall Bakich made motion to provide \$2,000 to fund archiving of chapter digital photographs; Diana Miller seconded motion. During discussion, a question was asked whether previous funding included photo archiving, and the answer was no (only documents). A question was asked about the format of scanned photos, but the format was unknown. It was proposed that a format be chosen that could be widely used by membership. Verbal vote resulted in several dissenting votes, so motion did not pass.

- Ryan brought up request from Western Division to provide additional funding of 2013 Western Division meeting, if possible. \$500 has already been donated by the chapter and Ryan introduced the idea of donating an additional \$500. Darrel Snyder made motion to provide an additional \$500 to support the Western Division Meeting. Jason Burckhardt seconds motion. Verbal vote is unanimous, motion passes.

- Ryan introduced a suggestion that since chapter funding has exceeded income the last few years, there is potential to use some of the chapter funds to support various projects or to provide meeting support such as student endowments, additional travel support, or support for retired fisheries folks. Discussed a need to maintain input and participation by people who are no longer active and who maintain lots of knowledge but are not able to attend meeting financially. Discussed benefits of having experienced fisheries professionals available to interact and share their experience with students and other professionals. Also discussed a desire to involve and encourage attendance from students and professors from small colleges. Ann Widmer made motion to form a committee to propose additional funding and allow for membership vote at the 2014 annual meeting. Diana Miller seconded motion and membership supported motion with unanimous verbal vote, motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm

ExCom Meeting Minutes



ExCom meeting minutes are no longer published in The Angler newsletter. Minutes are now available on the chapter website at: <http://www.cowyafs.org/> under the "Documents" link.

Annual Meeting Award Recipients



Award of Excellence: Greg Policky, Colorado Parks and Wildlife. For an outstanding career dedicated to the management and restoration of aquatic resources.

"Max" Award of Merit: Ryan Colyer, Biota Research and Consulting, Inc. For his stream restoration efforts in the Snake River drainage of Wyoming.



Outstanding Mentor: Jesse Lepak, Colorado Parks and Wildlife. For his devotion to mentoring prospective fisheries students and fisheries professionals.



"Leaky Boot" Award: Dan Kowalski, Colorado Parks and Wildlife. For a body of work too lengthy and extensive to mention here.



Best Paper Professional (Scientific): Jesse Lepak, Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "Tiger muskellunge predation on stocked sport fish intended for recreational fisheries."



Best Paper Professional (Informational): Steve Gale, Wyoming Game and Fish Department. "Orangethroat darter in Lodgepole Creek – methodology matters."

Best Student Paper: Devin Olsen, Colorado State University. The Arctic char *Salvelinus alpinus* of

Dillon Reservoir, Colorado: an evaluation of their present status and future management possibilities.”

Best Poster: Estevan Vigil, Colorado Parks and Wildlife. “Prevalence and intensity of the parasitic copepod (*Salmincola californiensis*) on kokanee salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) in a Colorado reservoir.”

Funding requests approved by the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter AFS ExCom in FY 2013:

The ExCom received two Funding Request Applications requesting money to support projects in Fiscal Year 2013. The ExCom approved funding support of \$1,000 to Dr. Brett Johnson to pay a web technician to convert the Colorado-Wyoming AFS Illegal Stocking Website to a more user friendly format which will allow for improved long term maintenance and editing. The ExCom also approved \$1,000 to Dr. Annika Walters and Steve Gale to support a research project to determine stream of origin and migration timing of salmonids in the Upper North Platte River Drainage using otolith microchemistry.

Committee and Subunit Updates

Continuing Education Committee (Diana Miller and Jesse Lepak) - Bobby Compton is no longer on the Continuing Education committee due to his new commitments on the CO/WY Excom. Diana Miller has taken his place as the Wyoming representative on the committee. Currently, the committee is discussing a genetics workshop for the next annual meeting. If anyone has any other suggestions, please forward them to the committee.

Archive Committee (Greg Anderson) - The Archive Committee is looking for advice, guidance and new committee members that may want to assist with a project to scan the chapter's photo collection. Also, all chapter members are invited to share their photos from meetings and events for scanning and archiving to this project. Please contact Chapter Archivist Greg Anderson for more details.

Colorado State University Student Subunit (Jon Wardell) - Spring 2013 was very productive and filled with lots of exciting new things for the Colorado State University Student Subunit.



Fishing Derby Success

After a year of fighting red tape, our 28th Annual Evan Lefort Memorial College Lake Fishing Derby was finally approved, and the event was a huge success. The Derby was cancelled last year due to New Zealand mudsnails contamination. Our members worked hard on developing a standard operating procedure (SOP) for decontamination, and were able to get the popular community event back on the calendar. The Derby took place on Saturday, April 27, 2013 and 100 anglers participated and helped raise funds for the club. The 100 anglers along with 32 volunteers happily went through the thorough decontamination procedures conducted by AFS CSU members and supervised by CPW. The highlights of the 2013 Spring Derby include: largest pike- 30 inches, largest bass- 19 inches (largemouth), most fish caught- 11 fish, and smallest fish- 12 inches. Plans are already underway for the next Derby, which we are hoping to have fall 2013.



New Club Officers

At the end of the semester, we also elected new officers: President - Jon Wardell, Vice President - Tyler Swarr, Treasurer - Kyle Dick, Student Liason - Ali Ulrich, Aquarium Curator - Alex Townsend, and Secretary - Betsy Welk.

CPW Fish ID Workshop

Each year, Dr. Kevin Bestgen of CSU's Larval Fish Laboratory conducts an identification course for newly-hired Colorado Parks and Wildlife aquatic technicians from around the state. This year, AFS CSU chapter helped support the workshop by providing fish holding and viewing tanks to enhance the learning experience for participants. The fish were happy, and the staff were able to observe the fish in great detail in our tank setup. Big thanks to Dr. Kevin Bestgen and CPW biologists for letting us help out.



Campus Education Live Aquarium Displays

Our aquarium curator and other team members have been working hard to enhance and maintain three educational aquariums at CSU with a new fourth tank on the way. The new tank will be an amphibian display, featuring a custom built habitat and a variety of frogs, salamanders, toads, fish and vegetation to help raise awareness about the importance of amphibians in aquatic ecosystems and their recent decline in the U.S. The three other tank displays are warmwater sportfishes, native fishes, and tropical community fishes.



Highlights for coming year

CSU AFS is looking forward to an exciting fall semester. It will be focused on strengthening student recruitment and participation as well as diversifying its programs to include collaborative outreach projects, informative speakers, and fun events - including a kids fishing day with CPW and a Fall Fishing Derby. CSU AFS has a great new Facebook page, so please "Like" us to stay up to date and get more information at:

www.facebook.com/pages/American-Fisheries-Society-Colorado-State-University/450549101699139.

A big thank you goes out to all of our standing committee members who have done a fantastic job of running the Chapter in the past year!



2013 Meeting Sponsors

Thank you to all of the sponsors who donated to our 2013 annual meeting!

Cutthroat Trout (\$2,000+)



Stantec

Sauger (\$1,000 to \$2,000)



Aquatic Section



Flannemouth Sucker (up to \$1,000)



Northwest Region



Treasurer's Report

Colorado-Wyoming AFS Fiscal Year 2013

JULY 26, 2013

BEGINNING CHAPTER BALANCES - August 1, 2012	
Checking	\$35,508
Savings	\$12,133
WD Investment Fund (value fluctuates)	\$13,711
TOTAL	\$61,352

July 26, 2013 BALANCES	
	\$45,317.41
	\$12,134.42
	\$14,875.96
	\$72,327.79

INCOME Estimated	
Annual Meeting Registration and Food	\$22,365
Continuing Education Registration	\$1,025
Sponsorships	\$8,450
Raffle	\$2,500
Parent Chapter Rebate	
TOTAL INCOME	\$34,340

Actual	
	\$19,638.00
	\$995.00
	\$10,320.00
	\$4,306.00
	\$328.80
	\$35,587.80

ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized	Actual
Arrangements Committee	\$15,979		Spent to Date
Food (banquet, breaks, socials) and Meeting Room Charge, AV		\$14,979	\$10,990.54
Signs, posters, contributed paper boards			\$418.35
Complimentary Rooms		\$900	\$589.32
Awards Committee	\$100		
Plaques, Frames etc.		\$100	\$59.25
Continuing Education Committee	\$500		
Continuing Education Workshop		\$1,000	\$250.00
Mentoring Committee	\$50		
Mailings, award, etc.		\$50	\$0.00
Membership Committee	\$50		
Mailings etc.		\$50	\$0.00
Paper/Poster Judging Committee	\$600		
Presenter Awards		\$100	\$0.00
Speaker gifts		\$500	\$776.61
Program Committee	\$1,000		
Program Printing		\$1,000	\$815.00
Raffle Committee	\$1,000		
Raffle (seed money)		\$1,000	\$1,423.70
Registration Committee	\$700		
Name tags, envelopes, etc.		\$200	\$106.01
Student registration/volunteer refunds		\$500	\$1,095.00
123 Signup Fee and credit card fee	\$1,092		\$1,444.90
Student Liason Committee	\$1,000		
Student social		\$1,000	\$880.00
SUB-TOTAL ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES	\$22,071		\$18,848.68
ANNUAL CHAPTER EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized	Actual
Archive Committee	\$100		
		\$100	\$0.00
Endowment Committee	\$50		
Mailings etc.		\$50	\$0.00

Registration Committee	\$620		\$257.00
Website Committee	\$100		
Web Domain Registration		\$100	\$0.00
Other	\$2,150		
Donations (Western Division)		\$500	\$1,000.00
President Travel to WD Mid-year Meeting		\$1,000	\$0.00
Tax Preparation		\$500	\$497.00
Liability Insurance		\$150	\$150.00
2014 Annual Meeting Deposit		\$1,000	\$1,000.00
SUB-TOTAL ANNUAL CHAPTER EXPENSES	\$3,020		\$2,904.00
BYLAW APPROVED EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized	Actual
CSU Student Sub-unit	\$300		
Annual Contribution		\$300	\$300.00
UW Student Sub-unit	\$300		
Annual Contribution		\$300	\$300.00
Executive Committee	\$1,750		
EXCOM Meeting Lunch		\$250	\$190.73
VP Travel to WD Meeting (Boise, ID)		\$1,500	\$1,235.16
BYLAW APPROVED EXPENSES	\$2,350		\$2,025.89
CHAPTER-APPROVED EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized	Actual
SUB-TOTAL CHAPTER-APPROVED EXPENSES	\$0		\$0.00
EXCOM-APPROVED EXPENSES IN 2013 (NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000)			
Undergraduate Student Memberships	\$120	\$120	\$0.00
Student Travel Grants (WD Annual Meeting)	\$500	\$500	\$0.00
AFS Illegal Stocking Web Site revision and update			\$1,000.00
Upper North Platte Otolity Microchemistry Study			\$1,000.00
SUB-TOTAL EXCOM APPROVED EXPENSES	\$620		\$2,000.00
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	\$28,061	TOTAL EXPENSES TO DATE	\$25,778.57
SAVINGS INTEREST AND WD FUND EARNINGS	\$0		\$1,166.40
PROJECTED CHAPTER ENDING BALANCE	\$67,631	CURRENT BALANCE	\$72,327.79
ESTIMATED ANNUAL MEETING PROFITS	\$12,269	Annual Meeting Profit	\$16,739.12
		FY Profit	\$9,809.23

Proposed Budget

Colorado-Wyoming AFS Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

BEGINNING CHAPTER BALANCES (as of May 31, 2013)		\$75,085
Checking		\$48,066
Savings		\$12,143
WD Investment Fund (value fluctuates)		\$14,876

INCOME		Estimated
Annual Meeting Income		\$24,250
Parent society refund		\$300
TOTAL INCOME		\$24,550

ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized
Base Registration Cost	\$831	
123 Signup Fee		\$831
Continuing Education Committee	\$1,000	
Continuing Education Workshop		\$1,000
Food	\$11,445	
Hilton Food & Service Chrges		\$10,445
Student Social		\$1,000
AV	\$700	
Hotel fees for screens and podiums		\$700
Raffle Committee	\$1,000	
Raffle (seed money)		\$1,000
Other	\$3,300	
Presenter Awards		\$100
Awards Committee		\$100
Mentoring Committee		\$50
Nametags		\$100
Membership Committee		\$50
Student Volunteer Reimbursements		\$1,000
Programs		\$1,000
Registration Committee		\$100
Complimentary Rooms		\$800
Speaker costs and donations	\$500	
SUB-TOTAL ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES	\$18,776	
ANNUAL CHAPTER EXPENSES	Annual	Itemized
Archive Committee	\$100	
		\$100
Endowment Committee	\$50	
Mailings etc.		\$50
Website Committee	\$100	
Web Domain Registration		\$100
Other	\$2,150	
Donations (Western Division)		\$500
President Travel to WD Mid-year Meeting		\$1,000
Tax Preparation		\$500
Liability Insurance		\$150

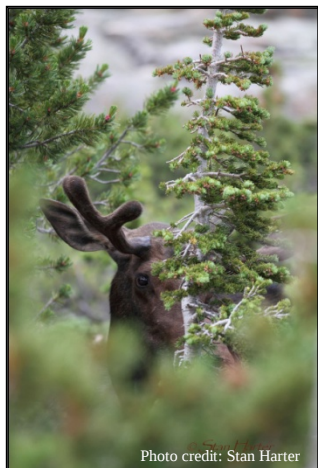
SUB-TOTAL ANNUAL CHAPTER EXPENSES	\$2,400	
BYLAW APPROVED EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized
CSU Student Sub-unit	\$300	
Annual Contribution		\$300
UW Student Sub-unit	\$300	
Annual Contribution		\$300
Executive Committee	\$2,525	
EXCOM Meeting Lunch		\$250
Lunches & Dinners for Summer ExCom Meeting in Lander		\$275
VP Travel to WD Meeting In Mazatlan, Mexico		\$2,000
BYLAW APPROVED EXPENSES	\$3,125	
CHAPTER-APPROVED EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized
CO/WY AFS Member Travel Grants	\$4,000	
Travel expenses for CO member travel to WD Meeting In Mazatlan, Mexico		\$2,000
Travel expenses for WY member travel to WD Meeting In Mazatlan, Mexico		\$2,000
SUB-TOTAL CHAPTER-APPROVED EXPENSES	\$4,000	
EXCOM-APPROVED EXPENSES IN 2013 (NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000)		
CMU student subunit start-up	\$300	
Student Travel Grant (WD Annual Meeting - Mazatlan)	\$1,700	
SUB-TOTAL EXCOM APPROVED EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	\$30,301	
PROJECTED CHAPTER ENDING BALANCE	\$69,334	
ESTIMATED ANNUAL MEETING PROFITS	\$5,474	
FY 14 NET	-\$5,751	

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News and Events

2013 ExCom Trip to Thumb Lake in the Wind River Mountain Range of Wyoming



Alpine moose



CO/WY AFS Chapter ExCom members. From left to right are Past-President Ryan Fitzpatrick, President Paul Gerrity, Secretary-Treasurer Bobby Compton, and Vice-President Dan Brauch



Stan Harter's first golden trout



Silas rainbow



Past-President Ryan Fitzpatrick and Vice-President Dan Brauch fishing for golden trout at Thumb Lake



Dan Brauch's first golden trout

Ryan Fitzpatrick's first golden trout



Thumb Lake golden trout



Paul Gerrity hiking with sampling gear

News and Events



The Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and 2013 AFS President John Boreman cordially invite you to attend next year's Annual Meeting, September 8-12, 2013, in the Natural State. The meeting theme is *Preparing for the Challenges Ahead*.

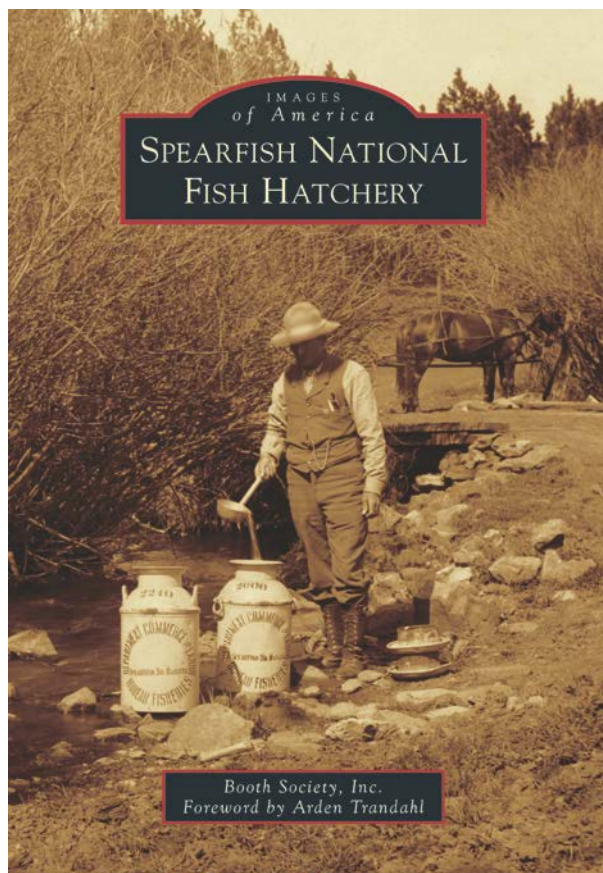
Little Rock, nestled in the heart of the Natural State, offers down-home hospitality with big city flair. The Marriott Hotel in downtown Little Rock hosts the event while the AFS Technical Program and other meeting events will be held at the adjacent Statehouse Convention Center. The Statehouse Convention Center is in Little Rock's River Market district, which hosts abundant cultural, entertainment and dining options. Little Rock also offers excellent trolley service for nearby attractions. For those interested in an extended visit, the "Natural State" offers world-class fishing, hiking, whitewater, and cultural experiences. Arkansas also offers excellent state and national parks ranging from the Crater of Diamonds State Park, the world's only public diamond mine, to the Buffalo River National Park, America's first national river.

The 2013 AFS Annual Meeting will bring professionals together to network and share knowledge in fisheries science and management. Speakers will present a broad range of topics at the plenary session, technical symposia, and contributed oral and poster sessions. An array of continuing education courses will also be offered.

We hope you will plan on coming to Little Rock to partake in hospitality, friendship, networking and education. You won't be disappointed. Your attendance at the 143rd Annual Meeting will help in "Preparing for the Challenges Ahead".



News and Events



Spearfish National Fish Hatchery tells an intimate history through scores of archival images of one of the oldest Service facilities in the nation.

In 1892, US Fish Commission scientist Barton Warren Evermann was on assignment to South Dakota from Washington, DC. His charge: survey fisheries and locate a site for a federal hatchery. The foray took him to the Black Hills and springs of Ames Canyon that poured into Spearfish Creek. The site was ideal. By 1899, Spearfish National Fish Hatchery started raising trout for the Black Hills and points beyond, and its effects on fishing were profound.

In time the mission changed from simple propagation to diet and genetics research, conservation training, and ultimately the historic preservation which continues today. The station's name also changed.

Today's D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives—named to honor the hatchery's first superintendent—is a treasure trove of information related to fisheries conservation. The facility's historic and commanding hatchery building is iconic in the community and a one-of-a-kind museum. The station is the Service's first and only collection management facility dedicated to preserving fisheries history.

About the authors: Randi Sue Smith is the archive's curator and has handled most of its 175,000 items, including nearly all of the images in this book, many of which were viewed for the first time in decades. Carlos R. Martinez is the facility's director, and Craig Springer is a fish biologist and editor of the Service publication, *Eddies*. All three teamed up to write this book in partnership the facility's friends group, the Booth Society, Inc.

The book will be available in Spearfish, SD or via www.arcadiapublishing.com by July of 2013. All proceeds benefit the Booth Society, Inc.