

The Angler

Newsletter of the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
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2017 Annual Meeting

Double Tree Inn
743 Horizon Drive
Grand Junction, CO
February 21-23

This year's annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the Utah Chapter at the Double Tree Inn in Grand Junction Colorado. Continuing Education will be held on Tuesday, followed by a welcome social. Presentations will follow on Wednesday and Thursday. The student social will be Wednesday evening, business luncheon on Thursday with the banquet and raffle following on Thursday evening.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the state rate under the name "American Fisheries Society." Room reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 970-241-8888. Reservations can be made in the hotel block until February 7, 2017.

Meeting registration information will be available on the Colorado/Wyoming AFS website (cowyafs.org) by early December. Online registration, with the option of credit card payments, will be available once again. The deadline for early registration is January 13, 2017.

First Call for Papers

We are once again looking for members to share all of the great work they have been doing over the past year by giving a presentation or poster at the 2016 Annual Meeting. All papers are welcome, including formal scientific papers as well as general informational. Authors will be notified of their acceptance 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Abstracts can be submitted by clicking this [link](#) or visiting the Colorado-Wyoming AFS website (cowyafs.org).

Final Deadline for abstract submissions is January 13, 2017.

For additional information, please contact Christina Barrineau at 307-754-5180 ext. 240, Christina.Barrineau@wyo.gov or Jason Burckhardt at 307-527-7125, Jason.Burckhardt@wyo.gov.

Oral Presentation Guidelines

Oral presentations are limited to a 20 minute time slot and we recommend limiting your presentation to 15 to 18 minutes to allow for questions.

Poster Presentation Guidelines

Poster Presentations - Please restrict your poster to a maximum size of 3' high (0.92 m) x 4' wide (1.22 m) and have a smooth finish. Posters can be attached to the walls with double-sided adhesive strips or hook and loop (VELCRO®) type fasteners. If using VELCRO®, provide both sides (adhesive backing will be required). You are responsible for providing your own form of attachment. Posters can also be mounted on display boards.

Continuing Education

The Continuing Education committee continues to work to provide the chapter with useful and effective workshops. Details for the workshop will be coming soon! If you have any suggestions regarding workshops that you would like to see at our next annual meeting, please contact Dan Kowalski (dan.kowalski@state.co.us).

Awards Nominations

The Colorado/Wyoming Chapter has four award classifications for recognizing our fisheries professionals and the Awards Committee needs your help in determining qualified candidates to receive awards at the 2016 Annual Meeting. This is an opportunity for you to become involved and see that your professional peers receive the deserved recognition from the American Fisheries Society.

Award of Excellence: Recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions in the fishery-aquatic resource field.

Max Award of Merit: In honor of Max Rollefson (WGFD), this "atta boy" recognizes a short-term professional accomplishment in management, administration, research or culture.

Outstanding Mentor Award: This award recognizes a fisheries professional who has shown substantial devotion to assisting or mentoring prospective fisheries students/professionals, current fisheries students, or fisheries professionals.

Leaky Boot Award: Recognizes the most outrageous behavior of any fisheries student or professional in the year prior to the Chapter's Annual Meeting.

For more information please contact Jason Burckhardt at 307-527-7125 or Jason.Burckhardt@wyo.gov.

Raffle and Auction



We are looking forward to a lively raffle and auction to complement the awards portion of the banquet at our 2017 Annual Meeting. We will also be conducting a silent auction, a game raffle (with prizes), a general raffle, and a member photo contest.

To maximize our fundraising efforts, we are asking that attendees bring items to donate to our cause. These could be items that you personally contribute, or that you solicit from a local business, organization, or person. Items may include backpack trips, guided fishing trips, handmade flies, original artwork, prints, or other cool fish and wildlife related items. Each of us in the Chapter probably has at least one business, organization, or person willing to donate something towards the mission of AFS. **Please take a few minutes to ask.**



If you would like to make contributions, please bring your item(s) with you to the meeting or send them to:

Boyd Wright, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
317 W. Prospect
Fort Collins, CO 80526
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OR

Adam Leiferman, Wyoming Game and Fish
8200 Speas Road
Casper, WY 82604
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Paper and Poster Judges Needed

Volunteers are needed to judge papers and posters at the 2017 Annual Meeting. There will be five categories for papers and posters including Best Professional Scientific Paper, Best Professional Informational Paper, Best Professional Poster, Best Student Paper, and Best Student Poster. We would like to have three judges per paper and poster, so a great deal of help will be needed from members. Government agency and private consulting professionals are preferred for judging volunteers. Please consider volunteering some of your time at the meeting! If you are interested in judging please contact Mandi Brandt at 970-768-9649 or Mandi.Brandt@state.co.us.

Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next ExCom meeting will be on December 1, 2016 from 1-5pm. at the Doubletree inn in Grand Junction in concert with the Utah Chapter ExCom. A tour of the facility will take place from 1 to 2:30 pm with a sit down portion to follow. Please direct questions and RSVP to Rick Henderson (Rhenderson01@fs.fed.us).

Call in number: 1-888-844-9904

Access code: 5002004#

Announcements

AFS Travel Grants



AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
147TH ANNUAL MEETING
TAMPA, FLORIDA
AUGUST 20-24, 2017



\$1,500 dollar travel grants are available to professionals and students interested in attending either the Western Division meeting in Missoula Montana (May 22-25) or the Parent Society meeting in Tampa Florida (August 20-24).

Applicants must be in good standing and submit a 1-2 page cover letter detailing:

- The meeting you wish to attend
- Why you wish to attend
- Past and present AFS involvement
- The subject matter to be presented at the 2017 meeting and how it meets Chapter goals
- How meeting attendance supports long-term career goals

Applications are due January 31, 2017 and recipients will be selected in February at the CO/WY Chapter meeting by the Executive Committee. Additional details to follow. Please send applications and inquiries to CO/WY AFS Chapter Past-President bobby Compton at Bobby.Compton@wyo.gov



Announcements



<http://www.greatplainsfisheryworkers.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/gpfwa/>

66th Workshop: Emerging Challenges and Tools

[Hilton Garden Inn, Casper, Wyoming](#)

January 23rd - 25th, 2017

CALL FOR PAPERS!

You are cordially invited to the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Great Plains Fishery Workers Association. Please consider attending this diverse gathering of fisheries professionals and share your valuable experiences and ideas. This organization truly spans many boundaries of northern plains aquatic resources. Network with folks whom you may not see at any other conference – six states and three Canadian provinces!

This is a call for papers – the meeting will be as good as its attendees make it. Works in progress are welcome and topics need not be highly technical, nor does the narrative need to be completely polished. Successes and “learning experiences” are equally important to share at a Great Plains meeting, with an emphasis on information exchange and discussion. Students are highly encouraged to attend! You are our future. Proceeds from the meeting are the primary fundraising effort supporting a scholarship for students of the aquatic sciences at the University of Wyoming.

Our meeting theme this year is "Emerging Challenges and Tools." However, any fisheries, culture, or habitat topics are welcome. Some topics for thought:

- Hybrid and Sterile Predator Culture and Management
- Fish Culture Bio-Security
- Illegal Introductions
- Special Regulations
- Assessing Public Desires in the Information Age
- Two-Story Fishery Management
- Advancements in Fish Culture Technology
- Wild Brood Stocks
- Predator/Prey Balance
- Fishery Renovation
- Climate Change and Fish Health/Habitat/Culture
- Native Nongame Fish and Mussel Culture and Management
- River and Lake Habitat Enhancement

Please submit abstracts by December 30th. Abstract forms and meeting updates are available at the [Great Plains website](#), where online registration will be available soon. Regular

registration will soon be finalized at approximately \$150, and \$100 for students – which includes all meals! Also watch for updates on our [Facebook page](#). A block of rooms will be held at the federal rate of \$91/night until January 9th, and can be reserved by calling the Casper Hilton direct at (307) 266 1300, or [online](#).

We are working on a meaningful workshop and planning social activities to make it a memorable experience catching up with folks from across the region. The meeting will kick-off with a Monday evening social with libations, a light meal, and a cornhole tournament with prizes. Workshop sessions will take place all day Tuesday, followed by the banquet, silent auction, and raffle that evening. Workshop sessions will wrap-up Wednesday morning.

Please get in touch with Gordon Edwards or Brad Tribby with any questions or if you'd like to offer help with the meeting. Thank you for your support and participation,

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