**AFS Estuaries Section Business Meeting**

**Sunday, August 19, 2018**

**Atlantic City, NJ**

**Convention Center Room 320**

Called to order by President Lynn Waterhouse at 16:00

* Introduction of Section Officers
  + President Lynn Waterhouse, President-Elect Catherine Johnston, Secretary Jim Vasslides, Past-President Karin Limburg, Webmaster Abigail Franklin Archer, All-Around Awesome Guy Lee Benaka
* Minutes from 2017 Business Meeting at Tampa, FL
  + Motion to approve made by Roger Rulifson, seconded by Abigail Franklin Archer, approved unanimously
* President’s remarks – Lynn Waterhouse
* The section’s report to the AFS governing board was filed; the Monster’s workshop at Tampa meeting was the main focus of the reporting, with student travel awards also highlighted.
* Per the AFS parent organization roster the Estuaries Section had 204 members as of July 2018.
* Special Thank You to AIFRB for sponsoring this year’s Monster’s workshop. Information about the organization is available outfront.
* This is an off-year for officer elections; terms expire next year so a call for nominations will go out this winter/spring. Students are encouraged to consider serving on the Executive Committee.
* There will be an informal Joint Social with the Marine Section on Monday Night following the tradeshow @8:30pm at Wingcraft Kitchen & Beer Bar.
* Report on “Monsters of Climate Change Science” workshop – Lee Benaka
  + This year’s event was well attended; 24 registered and 6 walk ups.
  + Great line-up of presenters led to excellent discussions.
  + Stickers are still available for $5
  + Overall, we expect about $1,000 in profit to support student travel
* Treasurer’s Report – Konstantine Rountos
  + Konstantine was not able to attend the meeting, but he submitted a report
    - As of August 18, 2018 the Section had a balance of $4,520. This does not take any expenses or income from the 2018 meeting into account.
* Presentation of Student Travel Award:
  + Amanda Croteau, University of Florida
    - “Colonization and Use of a Salt Marsh Following Large-Scale Habitat Restoration”

Symposium: Habitat Enhancement for Conservation and Management in Marine and Freshwater Environments: Effects and Mechanisms of Response

* + - “Reefs to Rivers: Bridging Florida's Diversity by Empowering Student Involvement”

Symposium: Engaging the Next Generation of Fisheries Scientists: Strategies for Student Subunits of AFS

* + Steven Lombardo, NC State University
    - “Evidence for temperature-dependent shifts in spawning times of anadromous alewife (Alosa pseudoharengus) and blueback herring (Alosa aestivalis)”

Symposium: American Shad and River Herring: Research, Monitoring, and Challenges to Effective Management of three alosine species of conservation concern on the Atlantic coast

Thursday, August 23

* + Potomac Chapter Award- Vaskar Nepal, VIMS
    - “Responses of invasive Blue Catfish to variation in food resources”

Symposium: Diet and Feeding

Monday August 20th

* Section sponsored symposium at AFS 148
  + Life in the Big City: Understanding Urbanization Impacts on Estuarine Fishes and Shellfish – Thursday 1:40-5:00 Room 305/306.
* Ideas for symposia for 2019 Reno, NV meeting – Catherine Johnston
* Connecting headwaters and estuaries
* Colorado River as a diminishing estuary – “Ghosts of estuaries past”
* Pairing with a group in The Wildlife Society
* Seabird bycatch in Fisheries
* Ecosystem approaches to Management
* Sea lion depredation in salmon
* Population assessment techniques that cross realms
* Monster’s workshop
  + Aquatic/terrestrial foodweb linkages
  + Concerns over student attendance – cost ($20) and timing of meeting
  + Is Sunday a good day to attract students, or is a weekday event better?
  + Should it be advertised as a “workshop” vs a continuing ed event?
* Other business & Open Remarks
  + AFS Policy approach
    - Drew Winters, AFS Policy Director, explained to the members the Society’s revamped approach to providing input on policy matters at the national level.
  + Society Leadership – Leanne Roulson, incoming 2nd VP
    - Leanne introduced herself and discussed incoming President Trushenski’s work plan items
      * Increase diversity in AFS
      * Complete the new strategic plan
      * Implement a Leadership Academy for continuing education
      * Make fisheries relevant to the public at large
      * Host the meeting in Reno
      * Revitalize the AFS book program
  + Marine and Coastal Fisheries Journal – Deb Murie
    - Journal celebrating 10-year anniversary
    - Students can be reviewers – request special accommodations
    - Please consider serving as a reviewer
* Science Communication Section
  + - The new Science Communication section would like to help you with your communication efforts – just ask them.
  + Governing Board Meeting update
    - New subsection of the International Section – Egypt
    - New Student and Early Career Professional Section

Adjourned at XX.