



Fish Health Section



The official link to the FHS website is: <http://www.afs-fhs.org/>
NEW WEBSITE!!!: www.afs-fhs.org

FHS NEWS

A SHORT NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Happy New Year! There are a lot of things happening in the FHS right now. Paul Hershberger and his group are finalizing plans for the 2013 Western Fish Health/ National AFS-FHS joint meeting. Jerri Bartholomew, Ray Brunson and Andy Goodwin are busy planning the International Symposium for Aquatic Animal Health (ISAAH) for 2014. The updated bluebook (2012 edition) should be available soon and the Bluebook Committee and Inspection Handbook committee are active in evaluating needed changes in future editions. There are many hard working members of the Fish Health Section. Two tireless contributors are Jerri Bartholomew producing the Listserve and Jill Rolland, Secretary/Treasurer. Both have been doing an excellent job for several years. It is great to work with this group! Please feel free to contact me or any of the FHS officers if you have suggestions for improvements or if there are policy issues that you think the Section needs to address. Also let me know if there are things in the Parent Society (AFS) that you feel could be improved. Soon we will be asking for nominations for elected positions and for awards, so be thinking about recognizing or supporting one of your FHS colleagues.

The last thing I wanted to say is **If you forgot, please renew your membership ASAP!** You need to be a member to vote, hold office, to be eligible for Certification, to maintain Certification and to get this update.

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2014 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH

Portland, Oregon
Aug 31 – Sept 4, 2014

I am pleased to announce that this meeting will be held in Oregon! Late summer is a beautiful time to be here and Portland is a wonderful city with lots to offer. Stay tuned for details as meeting planning progresses. I do promise a great venue and fun events – of course the scientific program will be outstanding.



54TH WESTERN FISH DISEASE WORKSHOP AND AFS FISH HEALTH SECTION MEETING



We are pleased to announce the 2013 Western Fish Disease Workshop and Annual Meeting of the AFS Fish Health Section in Port Townsend, WA from June 18-20, 2013. Port Townsend (population 9,000) is a beautiful Victorian seaport, located on the northwest shore of Puget Sound, only a 2 hour drive from Seattle and SeaTac airport. The meeting will be held at the newly constructed Northwest Maritime Center, with spectacular views of Port Townsend Bay and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Information on registration, abstract submission, and lodging options will be available in early 2013. For more information, please contact Paul Hershberger (phershberger@usgs.gov) or Jake Gregg (jgregg@usgs.gov).

STUDENT SECTION

A new student profile has been posted on the student web site. To read more about Sarah McConnachie, a Ph.D. student at Atlantic Veterinary College and a Student Involvement Committee co-chair and, go to http://afs-fhs-students.blogspot.com/2013/01/january-student-profile-sarah_14.html

We'd also like to remind advisors to encourage their students to sign up and get involved in the Fish Health Section. If you have any news/information you'd like posted on the student website or would like to volunteer for the next profile, please contact Amy Long and Sarah McConnachie at student.section.fhs@gmail.com.

OTHER MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

2013 SALMON DISEASE WORKSHOP - PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

July, 2013 (dates to be decided)
Corvallis, Oregon

This workshop is designed for professionals working in the fish health field and will emphasize recent advances and developments in our understanding of salmonid diseases. The workshop is limited to 20 participants on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, if you wish to receive graduate credit and to register, please contact Dr. Jerri Bartholomew at 541-737-1856 or e-mail at:

bartholj@science.oregonstate.edu

A website for more information and with links to registration will be posted in the near future.

JOBS

EXTENSION ASSOCIATE (AQUACULTURE) – see attached Position Announcement for Aquaculture Position.pdf

Assignment Area: East Mississippi Counties (primarily Noxubee, Lowndes, Monroe, and Chickasaw)

Position Function: The Extension Associate (Aquaculture) will be responsible for maintaining and strengthening the visibility and scope of the MSU Thad Cochran National Warmwater Aquaculture Center (NWAC) program. This includes the ability to provide on-site assistance to commercial fish producers to assess needs, provide presumptive diagnostics, develop and implement educational programs to address fish health, water quality and water use, production and other management related problems.

This position is a 12-month, 100% Extension, professional non-faculty position headquartered at the North Mississippi Research and Extension Center (NMREC), Verona, MS. (Physical office location to be determined.) While the Associate will report administratively to the NMREC Head, the successful applicant will interact programmatically with the Extension Aquaculture Leader located at the National Warmwater Aquaculture Center, Stoneville, MS.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- _Work closely with researchers in the NWAC, MSU Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and Extension Specialists, producers, and representatives of the aquaculture industry in order to strengthen commercial aquaculture in East Mississippi.
- _Work as a team member in developing educational meetings, bulletins, and other user-oriented publications for producer clientele, producer groups, and other public and private agencies.
- _Facilitate on-farm research conducted by MSU catfish researchers.
- _Conduct demonstrations and develop appropriate mass media electronic communications.

Minimum Qualifications: Earned bachelor's degree in Aquaculture, Fisheries Management, Natural Resource Management, Biological Science, or closely related fields. The level of appointment and salary will be commensurate with the individual's qualifications, background, and experience.

Preferred Qualifications: Master's degree in Aquaculture or Fisheries Management.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Applicant should have a working knowledge of pond aquaculture systems and have strong oral and written communication skills. Word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software abilities required.

Position Close Date: Open until filled.

PARF #: 7052

How to Apply: Apply online at the MSU Jobs website (<https://www.jobs.msstate.edu/>)

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