



# Fish Health Section



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## FHS NEWS

### Nominations for the S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award (SDSA)

It's that time of year to consider nominations for the S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award (SDSA). As you know, the SDSA is the highest award presented by the Fish Health Section. It is presented for the purpose of honoring individuals for outstanding accomplishments in the field of aquatic animal health. This is a career award and while it may be given to more than one individual in a year, it is not necessarily awarded every year.

If you wish to nominate an individual for the SDSA please open the PDF entitled, "SDSA nomination announcement" for details on how to submit a nomination.

### Blue Book Chapter Request from the Technical Standards Committee

The AFS-FHS Technical Standards Committee is seeking input on updates for Section 1 (Diagnostic Procedures) of the Blue Book. Please consider the need for new chapters or revisions to existing chapters. With your help, we can continue to make this an up-to-date and relevant reference for the field of fish health!

Please forward suggestions to one of the committee members:

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### 57<sup>th</sup> Western Fish Disease Workshop, AFS Fish Health Section Meeting, and 22<sup>nd</sup> USFWS Aquaculture Drug Approval Coordination Workshop Jackson Hole, WY

SAVE THE DATE!! The date for this meeting has been set for June 7-10, 2016. Please open the PDF entitled, "WFDW 2016 Save the Date" for more information.

## Meetings, Workshops, and Courses

### 34th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference

Fortuna, California, USA

April 6-9, 2016

In 2016, Salmonid Restoration Federation will produce the 34th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference in Fortuna, California. The first two days of the conference include full-day workshops and field tours. Friday begins with a half-day plenary session followed by 1.5 days of technical, biological, and policy-related concurrent sessions. This conference will focus on a broad range of salmonid and watershed restoration topics of concern to restoration practitioners, watershed scientists, fisheries biologists, resource agency personnel, land-use planners, and landowners. Please open the PDF entitled, "2016 SRF Second Call For Abstracts" for more information on this meeting.

In addition, there will be a special session entitled, "Salmonid Physiology, Diseases, and Fish Health". Please open the PDF entitled, "FishHealthSessionAbstract" for information pertaining to this special session.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Fish & Shellfish Immunology

Portland, Maine, USA

June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Holiday Inn by the Bay



#### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are excited to announce that the next International Conference of Fish & Shellfish Immunology will be held in beautiful Portland, Maine. ISFSI 2016 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Fish & Shellfish Immunology and the first time it will be hosted in the United States.

We welcome your abstracts for your oral and poster presentations. All abstract submission must be made online at the conference website. The online submission period will be from August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The conference website is now available! Please go to <http://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/isfsi/>

Take advantage of the EARLY BIRD registration rates (deadline May 1, 2016)

Submit your ABSTRACTS (deadline February 10, 2016)

Take advantage of special hotel rates (deadline May 26, 2016)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

## **JOBS/GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

### **Post-Doctoral Associate: Fish Epidemiology and Aquaculture-Related Research University of Minnesota Twin Cities, MN**

The University of Minnesota is seeking applicants for a Post-Doctoral Associate in fish epidemiology and aquaculture related research. Please follow the link below for a full description of this opportunity.

[https://www.myu.umn.edu/psp/psprd/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS\\_HRAM.HRS\\_APP\\_SC\\_HJOB.GBL?Page=HRS\\_APP\\_JBPST&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1&JobOpeningId=304974&PostingSeq=1](https://www.myu.umn.edu/psp/psprd/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_APP_SC_HJOB.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_JBPST&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1&JobOpeningId=304974&PostingSeq=1)

### **Combined Anatomic Pathology Residency and PhD with an Aquatic Animal Emphasis University of Georgia Athens, GA**

The Department of Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Georgia (<http://www.vet.uga.edu/vpp>) in conjunction with the Georgia Aquarium has an opening for residency training in anatomic pathology with aquatic animal emphasis beginning July 1, 2016. Please open the PDF entitled, "ResidencyTraining Anatomic" for a complete description of this opportunity.

### **9-Month Tenure Track Faculty Position University of Alaska Southeast Juneau, AK**

The Department of Natural Sciences at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau is seeking a qualified individual for a tenure-track position to begin August, 2016. This position will support undergraduate programs in Biology and Marine Biology, and a program emphasis in Fisheries. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Biology, Marine Biology, Fisheries, or related field. This successful applicant will be responsible for teaching lower and upper division biology and marine biology courses, including fisheries-related courses in their area of expertise. Faculty at UAS are expected to

establish an externally funded research program. Preference will be given to applicants with a background in genetics, pathology, development, or oceanography, and those that can provide local field and/or lab fisheries research and educational opportunities for undergraduates. This is a 9-month per year, tenure-track position with a competitive salary and excellent package of benefits including negotiable relocation funds. This position is represented by a collective bargaining unit agreement. Initial review of applications will begin January 15, 2016. Please go to [www.uakjobs.com](http://www.uakjobs.com), reference posting # 0071490 to apply.

*The University of Alaska is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer and educational institution. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other status protected by law. Applicants needing reasonable accommodation to participate in the application and screening process should contact the local Human Resources office.*

### **Scientific Assistant Position**

**Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL)  
Pullman, WA**

Below is a link to a great job opportunity at the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic laboratory (WADDL). The position includes work both at WADDL and with the USFWS on Federal and Tribal Salmon hatcheries in Central Washington. It is an especially fine opportunity for a veterinarian interested in putting solid fish experience on their resume. Below is a link to the position announcement.

<https://www.wsujobs.com/postings/22412>

## **RESOURCES**

### **New 2016 Quality Assurance Aquatic Bacteriology Module**

The Veterinary Laboratory Association Quality Assurance Program (VLAQAP) administered out of the Atlantic Veterinary College in Prince Edward Island Canada, provides proficiency testing to over 300 veterinary diagnostic labs worldwide. Currently this proficiency program includes a Fish and Shellfish Histopathology Testing Modules which can be provided quarterly to client labs which do fish histopathology. The VLAQAP program is expanding into Aquatic Proficiency Testing and will offer in early 2016 an Aquatic Bacteriology Module twice per year. This proficiency program will provide to client laboratories a lyophilized aquatic bacterial isolate which can be used as an external Quality Control measure for participating labs. In addition, clients will be able to anonymously check their performance against other participating labs. More information on this program can be obtained by either emailing to [qap-avc@groupwise.upei.ca](mailto:qap-avc@groupwise.upei.ca) or visiting the VLAQAP website <http://vlaqap.org/>

Please see the attached advertisement, PDF entitled, "VLAQAP New Fish Bacti".

## **Western Fisheries Science News: Issue 3.10 – October 2015**

Please enjoy the latest issue of our Center newsletter, designed to update you on science, new publications, events and news from the U.S. Geological Survey, Western Fisheries Research Center (WFRC). WFRC scientists conduct research on aquatic animal health; restoration ecology; and drivers of ecosystem change at six different field stations throughout Washington, Oregon and Nevada. We hope that this newsletter will help familiarize you with WFRC science and update you on our latest developments. Please forward to colleagues who may also benefit from these communications.

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