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FHS NEWS

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**2009 FISH HEALTH SECTION ANNUAL MEETING
PARK CITY, UTAH – PROSPECTOR SQUARE LODGE AND CONFERENCE
CENTER
JUNE 8 – 10, 2009
See website for forms and more information**

The 2009 joint meeting of the Fish Health Section of AFS and the Western Fish Disease Conference will be held at Prospector Square, Park City Utah. The conference will include a half day continuing education course ***“Applications of bacterial genomics to fish diagnostics”*** presented by Dr. Mark Lawrence, Mississippi State and 1½ to 2 days of scientific presentations. The continuing education course will be held Monday morning from 8 am to noon. The general meeting sessions will begin at 1 pm Monday, June 8th and will end either Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday at noon dependent on the number of abstracts received. Registration will include the Monday night social and Tuesday night banquet.

Important Dates: April 3, 2009 Deadline for early, reduced registration
April 3, 2009 Deadline for abstract submission
April 21, 2009 Deadline for reduced room reservations
March 15, 2009 Deadline for student travel award submissions

To be considered for the Best Student Paper Award or the Sniesko Student Travel Award, the student **MUST** be a member in the FHS. It is not too late to **JOIN NOW!!!!**

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS: SNIESZKO, ACHIEVEMENT, AND STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

FHS Members,

As we look ahead to the 2009 Fish Health Section Annual Meeting in Park City, Utah June 8-10, the Awards Committee is pleased to solicit nominations for the following two awards:

1) S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award (SDSA), honoring individuals for outstanding accomplishments in the field of aquatic animal health.

2) Special Achievement Award, presented periodically to a FHS member who has made a significant accomplishment in the fish health field regarding a new discovery, diagnostic method, publication, etc. during the past year

Criteria outlining qualifications for these awards and a list of previous winners can be found on the section website: www.fisheries.org/units/fhs/awards.htm.

Nominations for the Snieszko and Special Achievement Awards will be accepted up to **April 1, 2009**.

Student members planning to attend the meeting are encouraged to apply for Snieszko Student Travel Awards. The total amount available is unknown at this time, but a sum of up to \$1000 is awarded to defray travel expenses to one or more students presenting a talk in the aquatic animal health field. The application deadline for travel awards is **March 15, 2009**. For more information on travel assistance visit the website at <http://www.fisheries.org/fhs/awards.htm>. Student members are also eligible to compete for the Best Student Paper Award. Participants must be FHS members and notify an Awards Committee member of their intentions prior to the beginning of presentations.

FHS members interested in nominating an individual for the Snieszko or Special Achievement Awards and students seeking travel assistance should send required materials to the Awards Committee via Al Camus at camus@uga.edu or using the address below.

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**MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS - FOR INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER
UPCOMING MEETINGS GO TO THE WEBSITE:**

<http://www.fisheries.org/fhs/meeting.htm>

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY SALMONID DISEASE WORKSHOP
July 13-24

Corvallis, OR

Registration is now open, please register online at:
<http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/registration.html> or
<https://secure.oregonstate.edu/ocs/register.php?event=355>

For additional information, see:
<http://microbiology.science.oregonstate.edu/Salmon+Disease+Workshop>

JOBS

WILDLIFE/FISH SPECIALIST 1

Working Title: Fish Health Program Coordinator
(Class Code: GF01-15361)

CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled
FULL HIRING RANGE: \$3727.00 - \$5229.00 Per Month
AGENCY HIRING RANGE: \$3,727.00 - \$4,546.00 Per Month
DEPARTMENT: Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Services
LOCATION: Laramie

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Under the direction of the Laboratory Director; plan, coordinate, and execute the fish disease prevention and control program for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The person in this position will be required to closely coordinate and communicate program activities with the Laboratory Director and Division Administrators to provide legally mandated veterinary disease inspections for the Department's state hatcheries, free-ranging broodstocks, quarantine units and private aquaculture facilities in the state. The Fish Health Program Coordinator will be required to consult and advise Fish Division administration, hatchery superintendents, and fish culture personnel on fish health concerns and testing results to minimize disease impacts and to prevent the spread of pathogens.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: Plans and conducts regulatory veterinary/fish health inspections and laboratory testing for commercial and state owned hatcheries. Oversees fish disease sampling and testing work including; reviewing and updating regulatory testing guidelines, reviewing fish health inspection reports for interstate movement of fish, traveling extensively to fish culture sites to perform necropsies and collect tissue samples, performs laboratory bacterial and viral assays as well as parasitological examinations. Will also provide all aspects of veterinary diagnostic services for investigating fish disease problems and fish kills at hatcheries and for field operations. Will be required to perform the appropriate diagnostic tests to determine the cause of fish disease or death and makes chemotherapeutic recommendations to hatchery managers. Will conduct

in-service training for the purpose of educating hatchery and fish managers about proper fish disease prevention and control strategies. The Fish Health Program Coordinator will represent the interests of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department at National fish health policy meetings and is required to network nationally with other fish health professionals to determine disease status of fish stocks and to establish standardized sampling protocols. Provides documentation and diagnostic reports to Wyoming Game and Fish Department biologist and the general fishing public. Provides recommendations to fish staff, biologist, and hatchery owners regarding chemotherapy, habitat modification, changes in water chemistry, and biological control measures when appropriate. Provides lab and field services for statewide fish disease studies. This include; parasite surveys, bacterial studies, fish aging studies, overseeing work on collection and identification of aquatic nuisance species, writing fish disease articles and publications, lecturing and teaching fish disease classes to university students and Wyoming Game and Fish employees, writes grant proposals, organizes and summaries disease data for administrative staff reports. Communicate on weekly basis with regional and national fish health professionals on fish health and aquatic nuisance species concerns.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS: Proficiency in the disciplines of microbiology, bacteriology, parasitology, histology, virology, mycology and epidemiology. Essential skills include competency in oral and written communication as well as having the ability to speak effectively and effectively when communicating with other personnel; within and outside of the laboratory and Department. Competency in the use of chemicals and hazardous materials is required. Working knowledge of the American Fisheries Society Bluebook and the ability to use these procedures and protocols to perform legally mandated veterinarian aquatic animal health inspections are necessary. Ability to compile and analyze test data, write reports and drive a state vehicle long distances for sample collection and inspection work.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Any combination of training and experience equivalent to a bachelor's degree in wildlife management, range management, biology, zoology, ichthyology or closely related field, PLUS seven years of professional work experience in wildlife or fish resource management, research or habitat development, enforcement of wildlife laws and regulations, OR a master's degree in wildlife management, biology, zoology, ichthyology, range management or closely related field, PLUS five years of professional work experience in wildlife or fish resource management, research or habitat development enforcement of wildlife laws and regulations.

NOTE: Must be currently certified by the American Fisheries Society (AFS) as an Aquatic Animal Health Inspector. The Fish Health Program Coordinator will be expected to obtaining a Fish Health Pathologist certification from the AFS (unless holding an advanced degree; i.e. a PhD and/or DVM) within a reasonable time period. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department will assist with the cost of

certification. Must have a valid driver's license.

APPLICATIONS: For more information or to apply online go to <http://statejobs.state.wy.us/JobSearchDetail.aspx?ID=15361> or submit a State of Wyoming Employment Application to the Human Resource Division, Emerson Building, 2001 Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0060, Phone: (307)777-7188, Fax: (307)777-6562, along with transcripts of any relevant course work.

The State of Wyoming is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively supports the ADA and reasonably accommodates qualified applicants with disabilities. No notice of eligibility will be sent to applicants who meet the minimum qualifications.

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RESOURCES

AADAP NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of the AADAP Newsletter (Vol 5-1) is now available for you viewing entertainment and/or education. To view click on the following link and scroll to the bottom of the page.

<http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/aadap/newsletter.htm>

We have decided to provide only a link as opposed to attaching a pdf file, in the hopes that this will cause less problems with server limitations relative to size of email attachments (the Newsletter seems to keep getting bigger and bigger). An additional change to the Newsletter is a Table of Contents on the first page, with hyperlinks to the various sections and articles.

As always, please contact us if you have any questions or comments on recent changes, or anything else related to the Newsletter or AADAP's website. Don't forget to pass this on to others that you feel may benefit from the information within the Newsletter.

Cheers.

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