



Fish Health Section

The official link to the FHS website is: <http://www.fisheries.org/units/fhs>

FHS NEWS

ELECTIONS – see attached FHS election_2010.pdf, FHS ballot_2010.pdf

FHS elections are now open. Cast your vote now! Candidate biosketches and a ballot form are located on the [nominations page](#) and are also attached. You will need to acquire a log-in name and password to access these files on the website. Remember, you need to be a current member to vote.

Sent ballots to: diwanowicz@usgs.gov

Ballots due July 23

Attention Students Attending the 6th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health

September 5 – 9, 2010

Tampa, FL

Students,

If you are in need of a roommate for your hotel costs, please become a friend to the AFS/FHS Students Facebook page and post on the wall! Make sure to let everyone know if you're male or female and how many roommates you would like.

With that, please utilize the facebook page. This is an open forum to discuss problems, accomplishments, or just letting off some steam. It's also an excellent way to get to know each other, even for future collaborations!!

So utilize the AFS/FHS Students Facebook page and start posting!!

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

<http://www.fisheries.org/units/fhs/meeting.php>

FUNDAMENTALS OF FISH HEALTH

Olympia Fish Health Center is putting on another "Fundamentals of Fish Health" workshop. As the principle instructor and coordinator, I want to announce the following information for this highly interactive workshop. The course will begin at 8:00 AM on July 13 (Tuesday) and end at 5:00 PM on July 15 (Thursday), 2010. I have coordinated and taught this class or something like it for over 25 years and this may be the last one for me!

This 3 day workshop will be held at the Bonneville Training and Auditorium Room, Cascade Locks, Oregon. Guest instructors will include Ann Gannam, USFWS Nutritionist, and Jay Davis, USFWS Environmental Contaminants Specialist. Other guest lecturers may be included at the workshop. The workshop will focus on the major pathogens and diseases of fish in the Northwest and how the environment influences those pathogens, the fish and those diseases.

For lodging we have set aside a block of 20 rooms at the Best Western Columbia River Inn at Cascade Locks, Oregon. The training room will only handle 25 people at most, so we will limit the number of participants to that level. My wish is to include participants from a diverse selection of Federal, State, Tribal and Nongovernmental individuals. Since there are several States and Tribes in the area, it will be necessary to choose applicants on a case-by-case basis.

If you get this notice and are interested, please e-mail me at ray_brunson@fws.gov with the following information and you MUST include all of the following information

Your Name:

Your email address and phone number:

Your mailing address:

Agency Affiliation (or none if you are not affiliated):

A fish health or fisheries professional that can be a reference for you:

The phone number and email of the reference:

All applications must be sent to me by June 4, 2010 in order for us to properly prepare your materials and information for the class. When applicants are selected they will receive more information on lodging and class materials. I will respond to all applicants whether they are selected or not. by June 11, 2010.

Thanks!

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2010 WESTERN FISH DISEASE WORKSHOP

<http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/event/westernfishdisease/>

Corvallis, Oregon

June 22-24

Agenda– [see attached Agenda_WFDW.pdf](#)

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| Tues June 22 | 9 am-4pm | CE course: Pathogens of wild and naturally reared populations |
| | 5-7 pm | Poster session, reception and registration |
| Wed June 23 | 7:30 | Registration |
| | 8 am-5 pm | Sessions |
| | Evening | Dinner at Tyee Winery |
| Thurs June 24 | 8 am-noon | Sessions |

At this time we are soliciting for **POSTERS** covering topics associated with fish health (parasites, bacteria, viruses, immunology, emerging technology for pathogen detection, treatments, etc). Please submit your abstract to Sascha Hallett at Halletts@science.oregonstate.edu by June 10.

Lodging: Hilton Garden Inn, Corvallis, Oregon.

Room rates: \$90 single, \$110 double. Rooms will be held under “Western Fish Disease Workshop” for individual call reservations. Guests must call in to the front desk (541-752-5000) to confirm reservations with this group.

Room block cut off date: **June 4, 2010** www.hiltongardeninn.com.

Recreational Opportunities:

Corvallis is located in the heart of the Willamette Valley, and is uniquely situated between big cities, pristine mountains, and the Oregon Coast. Visit [Travel Oregon](#) and VisitCorvallis.com for more information.

Important Dates:

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| May 15, 2010 | Deadline for student travel award submission |
| June 1, 2010 | Deadline for abstract submission |
| June 4, 2010 | Deadline for reduced room reservations |
| June 10 2010 | Deadline for poster titles and abstracts |
| June 18, 2010 | Deadline for online registration |

Contact Information: If you have any questions at this time please contact either

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Formation of an Executive Committee for the Western Fish Disease Workshop

In order to make life simpler for those involved in putting together our annual meeting, we would like to form an Executive Committee comprised of representatives of the various state and federal agencies, tribal partners, private industry, university and research groups that participate in the annual meetings.

For this purpose we need one volunteer (at least to begin with) from each group to be willing to serve on this committee. At this time we have scheduled our first meeting for noon on Wednesday, June 23rd. We will have a catered lunch supplied during the meeting.

If you have experience in the formation or the running of such a committee, your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Please respond with your willingness to participate in the Executive Committee to Tony Amandi at amandia@onid.orst.edu **no later than June 11th**

SIXTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH (ISAAH-6)

Sept. 5 - 9, 2010, in Tampa, Florida, USA

<http://aquaticpath.epi.ufl.edu/isaah6>

JOBS

<http://www.fisheries.org/units/fhs/employment.php>

M.S. GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS IN FISH HEALTH – see attached Fish Disease Assistantships May 2010.pdf

University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff

2010 Pacific Region Fisheries Student Career Experience Program Recruitment

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Pacific Region Fisheries program seeks university faculty/staff nominations for students to be considered for admission into the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP). One opening is available in fiscal year 2010, and the selected student trainee will be based at the Abernathy Fish Technology Center (Center) in Longview, WA (<http://www.fws.gov/aftc>). During SCEP, the student trainee will complete between 640 and 1000 hours of paid work, often in the summer months, but also at other times which accommodate the academic calendar and the student's program. Upon successful completion of their academic program and required work experience, the SCEP student would be placed into a permanent fish biologist position at the Center.

Eligible students must be enrolled at least half-time at an accredited college or university in a graduate natural resources/science program with an emphasis in fisheries, fish nutrition, aquaculture, biochemistry, chemistry, aquatic ecology, or related fields and have a GPA of at least 3.0 in their major subject. Candidates with the following background/traits are particularly desired:

General knowledge of the role of hatcheries in fisheries management

Demonstrated leadership skills

Interest in an applied research career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Anticipated degree completion within the next 2 years

Benefits: Starting pay for the student trainee will be \$18.59 per hour for students who have completed at least six months of their graduate program, but may be more dependent on additional education or related work experience. The selected student will earn annual leave and sick leave during work periods, will contribute to the Federal Employees Retirement System, and will be eligible for health and life insurance.

Applicants are to submit a résumé (NOT a Curriculum Vita) plus both undergraduate and graduate transcripts to

Judith Gordon, Center Director
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Abernathy Fish Technology Center
1440 Abernathy Creek Road
Longview, WA 98632
Attention: SCEP PROGRAM

Please note that official transcripts will be required of the selected applicant. Applications must be received at this address by close of business July 2, 2010.

Fish and Wildlife Administrator GS-0480-13/14 FPL 14-

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

Location: Ecological Services, Panama City, FL

Open Period: 05-27-2010 thru 06-10-2010

Fish Pathologist Position

New Hampshire

Contact information about the position is: Joel Bader

[Joel.Bader@wildlife.nh.gov] (603)- 744 5470.

Forwarded message: Is there any one that you are associated with that may be willing to come on board with NH Fish and Game at its new Fish (Aquatic Animal) Pathologist? The person can have a vet/PhD., Vet, PhD. Or even just a masters degree in some allied field to Fish (Aquatic Animal) Pathology. We will train such a person for the job and even send them for some schooling. The expectation of management is that such a person will eventually obtain AFS board certification and Wastewater certification. We would even be willing take a recent undergraduate (at lesser pay grade), if the person was a good fit. Advanced training, if needed will be provided by the state, so extensive work experience is not expected. I was hoping you could identify potential people for me and have them contact me directly. This is a great opportunity for a UNH graduate. The job will become available in July, but I'd like to start training them, as soon as they are available. I will talk salary and benefits with the individuals specifically. The salary will be moderate in terms of the going rate nationally, but the state benefits

are fantastic, as is living in tax-free and natural resource-rich New Hampshire. In addition, the job has great autonomy, significant responsibilities and even a realistic opportunity for advancement.

RESOURCES

NATIONAL WILD FISH HEALTH SURVEY – see attached [NWFHS_handout.pdf](#)

"I'm writing to let you know that the long awaited "new" web interface for the National Wild Fish Health Survey is ready for your testing and review. Below is a web link, user name and password that will give you access to the site. Please be aware that database documentation and home page are still under construction. The home page "Contact Us" button is not functional at this time. Please email feedback including comments and suggestions to wildfishsurvey@fws.gov

I'd be happy to spend a few minutes helping you with any questions, but we'd appreciate it if you tried to navigate the site on your own first. This web interface is intended to be "user friendly" so we'd like to know if you see/have problems getting around or performing any of the functions including searches (queries), viewing and printing maps and reports, and downloading datasets, etc... Understanding, of course, that the Quick Start and Help sections are not complete.

The interface is divided into three sections (panes): 1) upper left is search info., 2) lower left is search results in table format, and 3) right half is the interactive map of results. When you first start and prior to performing any searches, the map shows all sites surveyed (yellow dots). The markers on the map (balloons) coincide with the sites displayed in the results table... you'll notice the balloons update as you page through the table. Much of the interface function/behavior will seem similar to sites like Google Maps, so if you're familiar with those you should be fine.

We'd like to limit access initially so please don't share outside your office. Do feel free to forward contact info for anyone that you think might provide useful review/testing during this beta testing period."

Thanks for your understanding and patience in this matter and again, I apologize for any confusion.

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NEWS

**PRESTIGIOUS CANADA EXCELLENCE RESEARCH CHAIR AWARDED TO
UPEI AND AVC – CONGRATULATIONS IAN GARDNER!**

<http://www.upei.ca/news/media/2010/05/17/prestigious-canada-excellence-research-chairs-awarded>

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