



# Fish Health Section



## FHS NEWS – July 2025

**Fish Health Section website:** <https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/>

**Fish Health Section Facebook Site:** <https://facebook.com/FishHealthSectionAFS>

**Fish Health Section on LinkedIn:** Please join our newest social media network at LinkedIn Login, Sign in or search for us and ask to join.

**Fish Health Section Twitter/X feed:** @AFSFishHealth

**Fish Health Section Fishbook Group:** <https://fishbook.fisheries.org/groups/fish-health-section/>

A new AFS networking platform now allows fisheries professionals to share and collaborate on research projects, as well as form networking groups. The Fisheries Collaboration Network, nicknamed Fishbook, is now open for all to create accounts. Upload your research projects in progress or even those still in the conceptual stage, receive comments and find collaborators. Check out the Fish Health Section Group.

**Welcome to our newest and returning members:** Kaiden Sharp. To continue receiving the monthly newsletter, please renew your memberships in AFS and the FHS at <https://fisheries.org/membership/>.

## FHS Procedural Manual updated

Please visit the link to see the newest version [https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/30/2025/06/FHS\\_Procedural\\_Manual\\_final\\_revision-approved-by-EXCOM-15-Apr-2025.pdf](https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/30/2025/06/FHS_Procedural_Manual_final_revision-approved-by-EXCOM-15-Apr-2025.pdf)

## Fish Health Workshops - Looking for Programs

The Archive Committee continues its search for programs from past Fish Health Workshops. If you have a hard or digital copy of the following years, please email Matt Stinson ([mstinson@nwifc.org](mailto:mstinson@nwifc.org)).  
Westerns: 1960-1998, 2000, 2004, 2014, 2023  
Easterns: 1979, 1993, 2022

## Hello Fellow FHS members!

Our annual fish health meetings are a highlight of my calendar, and what a great way to finish my year as your president, with the *triple* joint meetings of the 31st Aquatic Drug Approval Coordination Workshop, 64<sup>th</sup> Western Fish Disease Workshop *and* Annual AFS Fish Health Section Meeting in Bozeman, Montana in June!

I was able to meet a new cohort of promising student researchers and reinforce old friendships. Despite the travel challenges, we had an impressive presence of members from across Canada and the US (from AK to PEI and CA to FL).

We had a full lineup of contributions from our membership, from the AAADAP focused day Tuesday through the Continuing Education Workshop Friday (I hope you too acquired some "New Tools for Your Tackle Box").

Program highlights included an overview of the AFS by president elect Gary Whelan, and a plenary session on Montana Fisheries.

I had the good fortune to be president in a year that the S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award was to be bestowed upon one of our members. It was my great pleasure to invite Dr Rodman Guy Getchell to accept this honor. I still fondly remember Rod welcoming me into the fish health community over two decades ago in West Virginia, at my first Annual FHS meeting.



### S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award - Fisheries

Dr. S.F. Snieszko stands as one of the most prominent figures in the establishment of the modern fish health sciences in the USA and internationally. This award is presented to individuals to honor their outstanding accomplishments in the field of fish health. This is a career achievement award. The nomination must be made by a current member of the FHS to the awards committee. The nomination ...  
[units.fisheries.org](http://units.fisheries.org)

Congratulations also to our Best Student Presenters:

First place talk: Sarah Williamson, MS student, Alaska Pacific University;

Second place talk: Mia Reed, PhD student, UC Davis;

Third place talk: Tryssa de Ruyter, Washington State;

and Best poster: Kim Jacobson, PhD student, UC Davis. Thank you to everyone for all the effort you invested in your scientific communications, and also a big thank you to our judging panel.

Thanks again to the local organizing committee: Ken Staigmiller, Shane Ramee, Guppy Blair and Lacey Hopper, and Paige Maskill for AV assistance throughout the week. And a shout out to Nora Hickey for her key role in organizing the CEW, and all of our knowledgeable contributors.

During our Business Meeting, I was excited to announce the establishment of a new award to foster collaborations and the exchange of research expertise among lab groups and FHS members: the J.L. Fryer Research Experience Scholarship. Look out for further details in an upcoming newsletter!

It was a pleasure working with all of the committee members this past year - thank you to outgoing members and a warm welcome to recently elected members. We are fortunate to have this vibrant, supportive community, and it would not be this entity without all of your various contributions.

I look forward to assisting our incoming President, Dr Jesse Trushenski and working further with you all in the year and years ahead.

Perhaps I'll see you in Washington State at the next WFDW or Norway for our ISAAH in 2026?  
Please say hello!

Best,  
Sascha Hallett

## **MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & COURSES**

We are pleased to invite you to the  
**22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Diseases of  
Fish and Shellfish**

**Organised by the European Association of Fish  
Pathologists**

**Conference dates: 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2025, Heraklion, Crete,  
Greece**

**Registration is now open!**

**Abstract submission deadline: 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Early bird registration until 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Check out our programme, keynotes, workshops, and social events

here: <https://eafp2025.org/>

and in the attached flyer

**See you in Heraklion!**



## **JOBS/GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

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

Applications by September 15, 2025 for assured consideration

The Department of Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Georgia (<https://vet.uga.edu/pathology>) in conjunction with the Georgia Aquarium has an available combined residency and PhD training position in anatomic pathology with aquatic animal emphasis (<https://vet.uga.edu/education/intern-residency-programs/pathology-residency-program/>) beginning July 1, 2026. The incoming resident will join a team of 9 residents and a diverse faculty, including 1 certified fish pathologist and 23 ACVP diplomates, with expertise in domestic, aquatic, avian, exotic, wildlife, and laboratory animal pathology. This intensive, comprehensive, 5-year training program is designed to meet the eligibility requirements for board certification by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and meets most requirements for Fish Pathologist certification by the American Fisheries Society. Aquatic pathology experience is focused on the extensive collection of freshwater and marine fishes at the Georgia Aquarium and includes work conducted both at UGA and on-site in Atlanta. Exposure to invertebrates, amphibians, turtles, aquatic birds, and marine mammals occurs periodically. Residency training is augmented by necropsy experience in conjunction with the AAVLD-accredited Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, surgical biopsy service to the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital and private veterinary practices, and rotations in the Zoo and Exotic Animal Pathology Service.

More details in attached .pdf

### **Zebrafish Related Job Announcements**

<https://wiki.zfin.org/display/jobs/Zebrafish-Related+Job+Announcements>

## **RESOURCES/NEWS**

### **Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership (AADAP) Updates are available by request:**

The AADAP Updates feature news on aquaculture drugs currently in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval process, AADAP programmatic updates, and aquaculture drug use guidance information. If you would like to sign up to receive the AADAP Update, please email to be [paige\\_maskill@fws.gov](mailto:paige_maskill@fws.gov) added to our email listserv.

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transcripts) for the **Certificate in Veterinary Pathology Program (Residency in Pathology)** must also be submitted through the Graduate school website (<http://grad.uga.edu/admissions/requirements/>) by September 15, 2025. The University of Georgia is located in Athens, a vibrant community of 100,000 located in the wooded Piedmont hills of northeast Georgia. Offering the amenities of a cosmopolitan city, the surrounding area also offers a wide variety of lifestyle choices. Athens is located 1½ hours from Atlanta, two hours from the Appalachian Trail, and four hours from the Atlantic coast. The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.