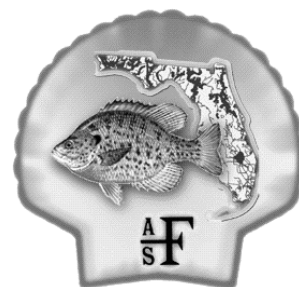


the Shellcracker



FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

<https://units.fisheries.org/fl/>

October 2017

Greetings from Ruskin!

First off, I hope everyone made it through the recent storms in good health and spirits. Damage from Hurricane Irma was spotty in the state, but some of the hard-hit areas are still recovering. Hurricane Maria did much worse to Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and other islands in the Caribbean. Recovering from a storm can take a toll on the mind, body, and soul—let's remember our friends, neighbors, and colleagues around the state and beyond and help out as much as we can.

This has been an unusual but exciting year for the Florida Chapter AFS. We hosted the 147th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society in August at Tampa. By all measures the meeting was a success despite travel restrictions that prevented some colleagues from attending. The local planning committee (<https://afsannualmeeting2017.fisheries.org/planning-committee/>) deserves a BIG thank you, especially Kerry Flaherty-Walia and Travis Tuten (Meeting Co-Chairs), for all the hard work. It was a great time hearing about fisheries research from around the world, catching up with old friends, meeting new ones, and starting up productive collaborations.

Congratulations to Nick Trippel, our new President-Elect. Thanks also to Kevin Johnson for staying on as Secretary-Treasurer. Kevin is always on top of things and keeps us operating smoothly. Andy Strickland did a great job as President and will continue to serve the chapter as Past President (and the awesome raffles). Congratulations also to Amanda Croteau, the new Student Subunit President. Last (but not least!), thanks to Jessica Feltz for staying on as Newsletter Editor.

Because of the altered timeline from the Tampa meeting, our Florida Chapter meeting has been moved back a little to April 11-13. Put it into your calendar! We'll be back at the FFA Leadership Center. It's not too early to start thinking about talks/posters, award applications, and raffle items.

Lastly, let's think a bit about Florida Chapter membership and value. Membership is cheap but provides a lot of value. One of the most important is the value of a strong network of fisheries professionals. If you need information on Florida fish, aquatic plants, fisheries, or aquatic sciences, a Florida Chapter member can probably help. The annual meetings in particular are valuable—a place to present your research and receive feedback, to hear about the awesome work done by others (maybe a spark for your own research), to network, for professional development, to win awards, and to provide service for the resource. And of course, visit the bonfire. We have 211 members. Let's try to (1) increase membership and (2) get a lot of those members (and non-members) to the Florida Chapter meeting in April.

And, take a kid fishing!

Sincerely,
Jeff Hill
Florida Chapter President



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Upcoming Events

December 15, 2017: Abstract submission deadline for the SDAFS Meeting

March 1, 2018: FL Chapter Award nomination deadline

March 7-11, 2018: Annual Southern Division Meeting; San Juan, Puerto Rico

April 11-13, 2018: Florida Chapter Meeting ; FFA Leadership Center, Haines City, FL

Interested in contributing something to the Shellcracker? Email Jessica Feltz at Jessica.Feltz@myfwc.com with any articles or information that you would like to be included in the next issue. The deadline for the next issue is December 8, 2017.

The University of Florida Opens the *Nature Coast Biological Station*

Jack Payne

Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources

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University of Florida

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By some estimates, a quart of horseshoe crab blood is worth \$15,000. So it's in our interest to count crabs on Florida's shoreline. There aren't enough scientists to do all the beachcombing that requires. Nor are there enough to do field tests in the fishing village an hour north of Tampa to verify the clams you eat in local restaurants are being farmed in clean water.

Scientists are finding fish in Apalachicola that previously hadn't been seen north of Tampa. Again, collecting data to help them figure out why is too big a job for them to do alone.

Researchers rely on citizen scientists for help. Anglers send scientists DNA samples from their catch. Groups do spot crab counts on the gulf coast. Other volunteers sample the water near the clam farms.

All these efforts will get a boost from a new University of Florida people's house of marine science in that clam farming village, Cedar Key. The Nature Coast Biological Station, or NCBS, will also be a headquarters for faculty with advanced training, equipment, and agency funding. But UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences built NCBS in part to increase the connection between scientists and the community.

Citizen science is both a scientist's force multiplier and a way for the average Florida resident to participate in expanding what we know about "old" or "real" Florida. In this case, the science is focused on one of the most pristine stretches of coastline in the continental United States.

That knowledge is increasingly important in conserving wild spaces in a state that gets 1,000 new residents a day and more than 100 million visitors a year. Much more than in other parts of the state, the economy of the Gulf Coast north of Tampa relies on a healthy natural environment.

Fishing boat captains, bird watching guides, foresters, kayak rental operators, and clam farmers need a healthy gulf coast to make their living. So do the people who work in the bait shops, restaurants, and fuel stations frequented by the weekend warriors who come in to hook a snook or spot a spoonbill.

UF/IFAS aims to develop NCBS into a Woods Hole of the Southeast. Individual scientists have long sought answers to the Nature Coast's mysteries. UF Emeritus Professor Jane Brockmann's decades of work on horseshoe crabs come to mind.

NCBS will bring together government agencies, industry partners, and UF and other universities' experts to accelerate and strengthen such science. That will help us treat the coast so it continues to bolster the economy and the environment.

This organized effort is essential if we're to get beyond anecdotal evidence that our horseshoe crab population is in worrisome decline. Worrisome, because we may some day need the crabs' blood for use testing the sterility of medical equipment and of any drug you've received through a shot.



Jack Payne; Head of IFAS

Florida's horseshoe crabs aren't currently harvested for biomedical use as crabs are elsewhere, but the high-value of their blue blood has prompted a few companies to apply for permits. That could put more pressure on a species already used for bait and in aquaria.

NCBS Extension agent Savanna Barry is cooperating with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to organize volunteers to collect data on crabs. She is training people, many with no scientific backgrounds, to safely pick up crabs, weigh them, measure their brown shells, and tag them.

If you find a tagged crab yourself, please report it. The sightings help with the research.

She's starting in the Cedar Key area but plans to expand her volunteer force to cover much more of Florida's coastline. FWC needs the information to make science-based decisions on the state's horseshoe crabs.

Barry is also teaching people how to untangle birds from fishing lines. Her colleagues are teaching fishing boat captains to tag fish for counts of underwater life so we don't overfish it.

NCBS has already organized beach cleanups and public lectures. Its experts also serve the finest clam dip in Florida made with clams it raises in their experimental hatchery. And they don aprons and serve it to friends, neighbors, and visitors at the annual Cedar Key Seafood Festival.

The doors opened to NCBS on Sept. 22, when I cut the ribbon at a celebration to mark completion of the first phase of construction (there are plans for a miniaquarium sponsored by the Florida Aquarium later). We held a community open house the following day.

If you've ever gone casting for snook, savored a bowl of clam chowder, or been vaccinated, you stand to benefit from the Nature Coast Biological Station's science. A central premise of this new lab is that the gulf's future depends on solid science, and that solid science depends in part on you.



**Minutes of the 37th Annual Business Meeting of the Florida Chapter
American Fisheries Society
August 22, 2017
Tampa Marriott Waterside, Tampa, Florida**

President Andy Strickland called the meeting to order at 1705 hours and established a quorum. Items on the meeting agenda affecting students were moved to the beginning of the meeting so the students could leave early to attend the student networking event.

Committee Report

Student Scholarships and Awards – Chuck Cichra said that sixteen students applied for travel grants and all sixteen received grants. The recipients stood to be recognized. Students receiving travel grant awards represented Florida International University, University of South Florida, Michigan State University, and the University of Florida. Chuck encouraged everyone to buy raffle tickets to support next year's student travel grants. Chuck then gave the history of the Rottman scholarship and summarized the recipient applications. Natalie Simon received the M.S. Rottman award and Katelyn Lawson received the PhD Rottman award, both representing the University of Florida. Each was presented with a certificate and a \$500 check.

Student Subunit Report

John Hargrove praised the effort of the student subunit fundraisers, who raised \$4600 for the student social at the 2017 Tampa meeting. He acknowledged the sponsors and virtual 5K coordinators. He then announced the results of subunit elections: Amanda Croteau – President, Natalie Simon – Vice President, Allison Durland Donahou – Secretary/Treasurer, and University Liaison – Lauren Kircher. Chapter President Andy Strickland then presented John with a plaque to thank him for his service to the student subunit.

Chapter Elections

Kevin Johnson agreed to stay in the Secretary/Treasurer position for a third year and Jessica Feltz agreed to remain the newsletter coordinator for the coming year. Candidates for president-elect were Angela Collins and Nick Trippel. Each candidate stood and gave a brief bio and their vision for the next year's chapter meeting symposium. Ballots were passed out and a vote was taken.

Committee Report

Newsletter - Jessica Feltz thanked the authors who contributed in the past year. Jessica encouraged everyone, especially students, to submit a summary of their current projects for the newsletter.

Recognitions of Special Guests and Past Presidents

Chapter President Andy Strickland recognized special guest AFS President Joe Margraf. Joe thanked the Florida Chapter AFS for a job well done on the 2017 society annual meeting.

Past-presidents of the Florida Chapter in attendance were acknowledged: Steve Miller, Kathy Guindon, Mike Allen, Chuck Cichra, Eric Nagid, Deb Murie, Linda Lombardi, Kerry Flaherty, Travis Tuten, Chris Bradshaw, Jennifer Rehage.

Southern Division Past-presidents in attendance were acknowledged: Mike Allen, Steve McMullin. Wes Porak was also acknowledged as both a Chapter past-president and the current Southern Division president, though he was not able to attend the business meeting because he was serving as a session moderator at the time.

Southern Division Report

Kim Bonvechio gave an update on Southern Division business. The next Southern Division meeting will be in Puerto Rico from March 7-11, 2018. The division is trying to keep the cost low and make the meeting a good value with quality training workshops. Kim encouraged all to attend this meeting and support the newest member of the Southern Division. Wiley will soon be the AFS publisher and members will have free on-line access to all AFS journals. The Southern Division has a new website that is now on the AFS server. There is also ongoing work to improve social media outreach. Kim reminded everyone that while Florida Chapter membership makes one a member of the Southern Division, it does not make someone a member of AFS, and she encouraged everyone to join AFS. Registration for the Southern Division meeting will soon be tiered to include a discount for AFS members.

2016 Business Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Kevin Johnson made a motion to approve the 2016 business meeting minutes as they appeared in the newsletter, the motion was seconded and passed. Kevin then presented the 2016 Treasurer's Report. The chapter ended the year with \$43,705.71 in total assets.

Rottmann Fund Report

Kevin Johnson gave an update on the Rottmann Scholarship Fund via an email from Larry Connor. The Rottmann Memorial Scholarship Fund paid two Rottmann Scholarships in 2016 totaling \$1,000. The fund had assets of \$30,999.08 as of 31 December 2016. This represented a \$3,182.54 increase from the 31 December 2015 assets of \$27,816.54. Since inception the Fund has had an 8.75 % annual rate of return.

Minutes of the 37th Annual Business Meeting of the Florida Chapter American Fisheries Society (Continued)

Committee Report

Florida Chapter Awards – Eric Nagid said there were no nominations for the Rich Cailteux or Outstanding Achievement award this year.

Website – Kevin Johnson stated that our Florida Chapter website is now hosted on the AFS headquarters server. Our webmaster, Eric Sawyers, has been deployed overseas with the Air Force Reserves since January. Hae Kim from the Southern Division has filled in while Eric was gone. Kerry Flaherty encouraged us all to thank Hae for the incredible job on our 2017 meeting website. He was very responsive to our every request and got material posted very quickly after we sent it to him.

Raffle/Silent Auction – Andy acknowledged Alan Collins for his help with the Silent Auction and said that Alan brought in over \$30,000 worth of items for the auction. He said that sales were going well and potential profit was discussed. Profit will be split 70% (AFS)/30% (FL Chapter). Discussion ensued about how to sell more raffle tickets at the Grand Networking social at the Aquarium.

Membership – Kevin Johnson gave an update on membership via an email from Larry Connor. In 2016, the Chapter had 221 members, an increase of 17 from 2015. A total of 86 members paid their dues at the annual meeting in 2016 versus 69 in 2015. The number of members paying their dues through the Society increased from 130 in 2015 to 134 in 2016. The Chapter's membership included 50 student members. Approximately 64% of the chapter members, 142, were also Society members.

Old Business

None.

Installation of New Officers

Andy Strickland announced Nick Trippel as the new President-elect. He then turned the meeting over to Jeff Hill as the new President. Jeff gave Andy a plaque to thank him for his service as President.

New business

The 2018 Chapter meeting will be April 11-13, 2018 at the FFA Leadership Training Center in Haines City. The date was moved from the tradition March date to put some more space between that meeting and the 2017 society meeting, and to have the meeting take place after the busy field seasons for our inland and marine fisheries members.

Jeff encouraged all members to pay their 2017 dues – with online or at the Chapter booth at the tradeshow. Dues are usually collected with annual meeting registration, but this year is different because of the hosting of the society meeting, so he encouraged us not to forget our Chapter dues.

Andy Strickland proposed that the Chapter contribute \$5,000 from the meeting proceeds to the Rottmann fund to increase the endowment and its earnings – with a view to someday increasing the Rottmann scholarship amounts. Much discussion ensued about the source of the Rottmann Scholarship funds, the size of the Rottmann Scholarship endowment, the amount of the of the scholarships and the uncertainty of the 2017 meeting profits. Linda Lombardi suggested tabling the proposal to contribute meeting proceeds to the Rottmann fund until the exact value of the meeting proceeds is known, and then to maybe make the contribution a percentage of the proceeds. Chuck Cichra said that, in the past, the scholarship amount has exceeded the earnings of the endowment, and that, when that happened, the Chapter made up the difference from the general fund. He also clarified that the endowment fund would need to be roughly twice its current value to generate twice the earnings to double the current scholarship award amount. The scholarship endowment funds are held in mutual funds monitored by Larry Conner. More discussion ensued and Steve Miller moved that we raise the amount of the Rottmann Scholarship awards to \$1,000 each, for a total annual award of \$2,000. Discussion ensued, the motion was clarified, seconded and passed.

Jessica Feltz moved to table discussion on how to use meeting proceeds until the next Chapter meeting in April. Kerry Flaherty-Walia seconded the motion. Kathy Guindon suggested posting the awards we give (with amounts) on the Chapter website before the April discussion. Eric Nagid suggested that no special project was likely to come up and it would not be a problem to move a large amount of money into the Rottmann Endowment. The motion to table discussion passed.

A request was brought for Wes Porak that the Florida Chapter sponsor the next Southern Division meeting in Puerto Rico. Kerry Flaherty-Walia moved to sponsor the meeting for \$1,000. The motion was seconded and passed.

President Jeff Hill recognized Kerry Flaherty-Walia and Travis Tuten for the excellent and extensive work they did on hosting 2017 society meeting. Andy Strickland said that he has received a lot of compliments on this meeting and he thanked all involved. Paul Zajicek spoke about the National Aquaculture Association moving its headquarters and building new partnerships and coalitions. They are attending this AFS meeting for the first time as exhibitors and their goal is to grow US aquaculture in a sustainable way.

Bev Sauls spoke about the student mentoring event and said that it went well. She thanked Ross Boucek for his work on the student mentoring.

Eric Nagid motioned to adjourn the business meeting. The motion was seconded and passed at 1813.



Treasurer's Report Florida Chapter AFS **Kevin Johnson** **1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016**

	Cash	Mutual Fund	Total
	(MS, WF, PP)		
January 1, 2016	\$ 29,190.98	\$ 17,401.99	\$ 46,592.97
December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 25,059.46</u>	<u>\$ 18,646.25</u>	<u>\$ 43,705.71</u>
Difference:	\$ -4,131.52	\$ +1,244.26	\$ -2,887.26

Credits:

2016 meeting revenue (includes dues)	\$ 17,059.00
2016 Meeting Raffle/Silent Auction Income	\$ 2,857.00
Dues paid thru AFS HQ Rebate Checks	\$ 1,667.00
Rottmann Scholarship Fund Rebate	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 22,583.00

Debits:

2016 Meeting Expenses	\$ (16,537.00)
Rottmann Scholarships	\$ (1,000.00)
Dequine Best Student Paper	\$ (100.00)
FLAFS Embroidered Columbia Shirts	\$ (4,719.00)
AFS 2017 Annual Meeting Invoices	\$ (3,370.00)
Oklahoma Chapter SDAFS Meeting	\$ (500.00)
Ecological & Evolutionary Ethology of Fishes	\$ (200.00)
AFS Liability Insurance	<u>\$ (150.00)</u>
Total:	\$ (26,576.00)

ROTTMAN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2017

Doctoral-level Recipient
Katelyn Marie Lawson
University of Florida



Masters-level Recipient
Natalie Ann Simon
University of Florida



A SPECIAL THANK-YOU

A special thanks to the raffle committee for making the raffle and silent auction in Tampa a huge success. We had our best year ever, raising over \$11,000. We really set the bar for the Silent Auction at the National Meeting and have likely changed the scope of it for years to come. A significant portion of the Silent Auction and Raffle proceeds from the National Meeting will remain in the Florida Chapter budget to help fund our students for the 2018 Florida Chapter meeting in Haines City. Our raffle at the 2018 Florida Chapter meeting will be "business as usual", including chum and all the chaos that have become the norm over the past several years. If you are interested in helping out please email Andy Strickland (Andy.Strickland@MyFWC.com) or Alan Collins (lac96@bellsouth.net). Remember the proceeds help fund our student travel grants for the 2019 FL Chapter meeting. Please contact us to get involved.



Thanks,

Andy Strickland & Alan Collins

Thank you to the sponsors of the 2017 FLAFS Student Raffle!

Colin Levings, Univ. of B. C.	Boatsticks.com	Catch and Release Fine Prints
Artist Joe Tomelleri	Bird of Prey Fishing Tackle	Subaru
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David Boyd, Fishing Guide	John Jolley	Ober Gatlinburg
J. R. Munding		

38th Annual Meeting of the Florida Chapter American Fisheries Society

We invite you to submit abstracts for the 2018 annual meeting of the Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society meeting. The meeting will take place **April 11-13, 2018 at the Florida FFA Leadership Training Center, located in Haines City**, on the shore of Lake Pierce. We hope you can join us!

The meeting will consist of both invited and contributed oral presentations and posters. The 2018 symposium is titled '**Improving communication and collaboration in fisheries science**'. In today's world, the need for us as fisheries researchers and managers to effectively communicate and collaborate with stakeholders and other fisheries professionals has never been more important.

The **2018 symposium** will focus on how effective communication and collaboration can help us more efficiently work on complex fishery related issues both in marine and freshwater environments. This symposium will focus on the processes fisheries scientists use or have experimented with to communicate and collaborate with stakeholders and each other. This symposium invites speakers to discuss what has worked or has not worked for them in these areas, through reviews of established case studies or emerging research approaches. Talks should emphasize on the processes used to work in these areas. The goals for this symposium are to highlight methods for us to improve communication and collaboration skills which in turn allows stakeholders and collaborators to better understand the importance of what we do as fisheries professionals.

We strongly encourage submissions for the symposium, but will also accept submissions outside the scope of the symposium topic. Therefore, in your abstract submission please specify if you would like your presentation to be part of the symposium.

Deadline for abstract submission and early registration: **Wednesday, February 28, 2018.**



Meeting details

The 2018 meeting will be held at the Florida FFA Leadership Training Center, 5000 Firetower Road, Haines City. Maps and directions will be available in the next issue of the Shellcracker or can be found on the Florida FFA Leadership Training Website at www.flaltc.org.

The meeting's schedule of events will be similar to past meetings with exception of serving lunch on the first day to help cut costs. We will begin in the afternoon on Wednesday, April 11th with the presentation of contributed papers. The poster session will take place following dinner on Wednesday evening. The 'Improving communication and collaboration in fisheries science' symposium will start on Thursday morning. The business meeting and raffle will follow dinner on Thursday night. We will hear more contributed papers on Friday morning, followed by lunch and the presentation of awards immediately following lunch.

Registration, Lodging, Meals, and Chapter Dues

Early registration deadline is **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**. The cost for early full registration is \$45.00. The cost for full registration after Wednesday, February 28, 2018 is \$65.00. **We strongly encourage folks to register early because the venue needs estimates for meals and rooms several weeks in advance.** If you are staying at the FFA Leadership Training Center for this year's meeting, the cost for full meals and lodging is \$212.00. Costs of meals and lodging are higher for this year's meeting than they were in past years because the amenities offered at the FFA Leadership Training Center will be much better and gratuity is built into the cost. The full cost of meals and lodging is still cheap compared to most meetings. Linens will be provided including pillows, towels, and sheets.

For your convenience, **all registrations will be made online at <https://flafs.regfox.com/38th-annual-meeting-of-the-florida-chapter-american-fisheries-society>**

This link to the registration website will also be made available on our chapter's website at <https://units.fisheries.org/fl/>. **There will be no mail-in registration forms this year, however, you can still mail a check for your meeting costs.**

If you can't attend the meeting, we have a link on the chapter's website (<https://units.fisheries.org/fl/chapter-dues/>) where you can pay your \$10 annual dues electronically, or you can still mail a check for \$10 to the Secretary/Treasurer made payable to Florida Chapter AFS.

Opportunities for student support

As in previous years, student travel awards will be available for the annual meeting. Master's and doctoral students are also eligible for the Roger Rottmann Memorial Scholarship, for which the recipient(s) will be announced at the annual meeting. More information and the application materials are available on the chapter's website at <https://units.fisheries.org/fl/awards-and-scholarships/>.

2018 Student Raffle

We need your help to make this meeting's raffle a great one. If you are interested in helping or donating items please email Andy Strickland (Andy.Strickland@MyFWC.com) or Alan Collins (1ac96@bellsouth.net). Remember all proceeds fund our student travel grants for the following year's meeting. Please contact us to get involved!

We look forward to seeing everyone in Haines City for our 2018 annual meeting!

Thanks,
Nick Trippel

1st Call for Oral & Poster Presentations!

Abstract Submission

Please submit your abstract as a MS Word document to nick.trippel@myfwc.com. Please follow these instructions for submission:

In the email subject line, please enter FLAFS 2018: followed by the author names in your abstract (e.g., FLAFS2018 SmithTaylorRosen)

Use the same name for the abstract file, e.g., FLAFS2018 SmithTaylorRosen.doc

Please include the associated information requested above with the abstract

Abstract format

Abstract *word limit is 300 words* and should include the following information:

Presenter: Williams, Brian

Email: BrianWilliams@FloridaFish.net

Author(s): Williams, B.1, K. Rowley1, and P. George2

¹Affiliation with address.

²Affiliation with address.

Title: Recommendations for New Limits on Some of Florida's Most Targeted Fish Species

Abstract: 300 word maximum

Student Presentation: No or Yes (work presented was completed while a student)

Presentation type: Oral or Poster

Would you like to be considered for the symposium? Yes or No

Are you willing to be a moderator? Yes or No

Are you willing to be a judge? Yes or No If so, oral presentation or poster?

Presentation details

Speakers will be given 20 minutes for talks (15 minutes for presentations and 5 minutes for questions and/or discussion). We will have PowerPoint on a laptop capable of accepting your presentation on a flashdrive or other device.

All posters will be presented on *Wednesday evening, April 11*, and can be left up for the entire meeting. Posters should be no larger than 150 X 100 cm (60" X 40"), but they can be set up either as portrait or landscape format on an easel.

If you require other options for projection or poster formats, please contact the annual meeting's Program Chair, Nick Trippel, nick.trippel@myfwc.com.



Award Nominations

The Florida Chapter American Fisheries Society is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Achievement and Rich Cailteux Awards. Our membership is full of dedicated professionals, and it's time to recognize their efforts. Please review the award criteria below and send nominations to Eric Nagid (eric.nagid@myfwc.com) by **March 1st, 2018**. Applications should be limited to one page, but descriptive enough to convey why the individual is deserving of the award.

Outstanding Achievement Award

The purpose of the Outstanding Achievement Award is to recognize individuals for singular accomplishments and contributions to fisheries, aquatic sciences, and the Florida Chapter. The award aims to honor individuals for distinct contributions to the fisheries profession and enhancing the visibility of the Chapter. The Outstanding Achievement Award is the highest honor Florida AFS may bestow upon an individual member or collaborating group.

Candidates will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Original techniques or research methodology
- Original ideas, viewpoints, or data which contributed to fisheries management or our understanding of aquatic resources
- Important ecological discoveries
- An original fishery research or management program of statewide importance
- Activities in public education and outreach that have statewide impacts

Rich Cailteux Award

The purpose of the Rich Cailteux Award is to recognize individuals who have maintained a long-term commitment to research, management, and/or conservation of Florida fisheries and aquatic resources. This award aims to honor individuals for their career contributions to the fisheries profession and enhancing the visibility of the Florida Chapter.

Candidates will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- A minimum of 20 years spent in a fisheries related field in Florida
- Substantial career contributions to Florida aquatic resources and the fisheries profession
- An imaginative and successful program in fisheries and aquatic sciences education
- A history of mentoring young fisheries professionals, and involvement and leadership with the Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society



Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

2018 Annual Meeting Registration Information

Florida FFA Leadership Training Center

April 11-13, 2018

*All registrations will be made online @ <https://flafs.regfox.com/38th-annual-meeting-of-the-florida-chapter-american-fisheries-society>

Payments for registration, meals, lodging, and chapter dues prior to the meeting will be made online via credit card or by mailing a check to the address listed on the registration website.

PRE-REGISTRATION: registration paid online or check postmarked by **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

\$ 35.00 One-day Registration \$ 45.00 Full Registration

LATE-REGISTRATION: registration paid online or check postmarked after **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

\$ 45.00 One-day Registration \$ 65.00 Full Registration

Meals and Lodging (lodging price based on double occupancy rooms for professionals)

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

No Lunch This Year

\$19.00 Dinner

\$70.00 Lodging

Thursday, April 12, 2018

\$6.00 Breakfast

\$11.00 Lunch

\$19.00 Dinner

\$70.00 Lodging

Friday, April 13, 2018

\$6.00 Breakfast

\$11.00 Lunch

Full Meals and Lodging \$212.00

Linens (provided)

Florida Chapter dues (calendar year 2018) \$10.00



**Registrations will still be accepted at the meeting, but with a late registration fee.
We can accept VISA, MASTERCARD, AMEX, DISCOVER, cash, or check at the meeting**.**

Note: This is a buffet-style service and food must be ordered one week in advance.
Since meals are pre-paid, **please** submit your registration online as soon as possible.

**FWC employee's may only use a state-issued P-Card to pay for the cost of registration and lodging.
However, it is recommended to pay for all meeting costs with personal funds and seek reimbursement.