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President's Message:

At the beginning of this officer process, I thought that maybe I could and would make a big difference in our Chapter, especially by setting an example. This road was paved with good intentions. Somehow we got busy with research, the bureaucracy, reports and other time consuming subjects that seemed to change our goals for 1992. If you feel that you got the short end of the stick, well, perhaps Murphy can make up for the two of us.

To let you know that we weren't totally sitting on our thumbs, we did manage to get the Chapter involved in several worthwhile endeavors. First, we supported Dr. George Burgess to act as an independent, unbiased party to the hearing on net fishing in Florida's waters. He admonished both user groups to accept scientifically-derived fishery regulations and ban together to fight the real enemy -- habitat loss and degradation. The next issue to come before us was a discussion with the Secretary of DER, now the nation's Secretary of the EPA, Ms. Carol Browner. We had hoped to convince her of the need for historical ambient water quality standards for bodies of water. We somehow got bogged done. For the next chapter in the struggle, see Pat Fricano. Thirdly, and perhaps the most exciting and rewarding, is the part the Chapter will play in supporting the Snook Symposium 1993, to be held at Mote Marine Laboratory during 15-16 1993. The Chapter has agreed to partially fund this event and then to later help publish the findings as a Proceedings or perhaps a document similar to the volume on aquatic habitat and resources. You are all invited to attend and learn about one of Florida's Premiere Gamefish. And do you remember voting to support the 1995 National AFS Meeting? It's going to happen, so be prepared to give a hand when you are called upon.

This next year promises to be a doozy, what with budget cuts across the board, travel cut to the bone and who knows what else. But this I promise you... you will be in capable hands. Mike Murphy has proved himself over again and again. If I were on a vessel in stormy seas, and I will be with all of you through the next year, there is no one I would trust more with the wheel than I would Mike. So batten the hatches, keep your senses about you, and we'll ride this storm in good fashion.

Thanks for the opportunity to have served!

Ron Taylor

Final Call For Papers:

At the time that this newsletter was going to press, there was still room on the agenda for this year's Florida Chapter AFS annual meeting. If you would like to give a presentation, poster, or host a short discussion session contact Mike Murphy ASAP!

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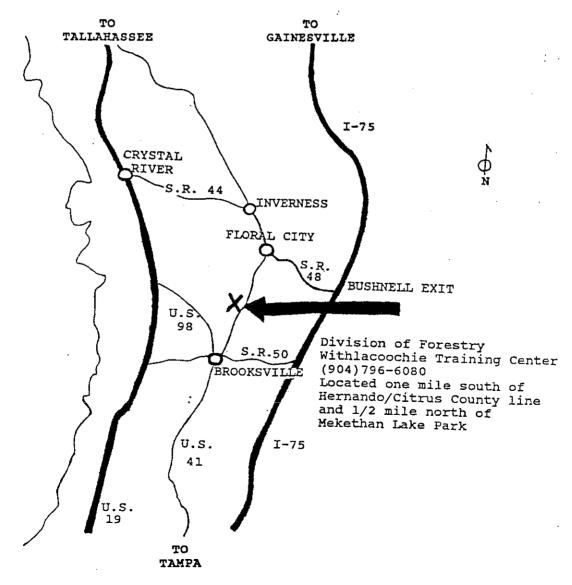
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Directions to the Florida Chapter, AFS 1993 Annual Meeting



Partial List of FAFS Annual Meeting Presentations:

At the time that this newsletter was printed, the following titles had been submitted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Chapter AFS:

The effects of 2,4-D on largemouth bass feeding behavior. Boyer, M., University of Florida, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Gainesville.

Florida Bay: an ailing marine ecosystem. Hunt, J.H., M. Butler and W. Herrnkind, Florida Marine Research Institute, Marathon.

Occurrence and distribution of larval and postlarval common snook (Centropomus undecimalis) in the Tampa Bay and Naples areas. Peters, K.M., R.W. Fenwick and S. Giordano, Florida Marine Research Institute, St. Pete.

Mangrove vs seawall: a fish community comparison. Leffler, D.L. and R.H. McMichael, Jr., Florida Marine Research Institute, Fort Walton.

Seasonal abundance and distribution of the pigfish, <u>Orthopristis</u> chrysoptera, in Charlotte Harbor, Florida. Mitchell, M. and D. Adams, Florida Marine Research Institute, Punta Gorda.

Retention and related mortality for three types of external tags for juvenile red drum, Sciaenops ocellatus. Winner, B.M., M. Ross, T. MacDonald and J. Guenthner, Florida Marine Research Institute, St. Pete.

Aspects of the life history of the yellowmouth grouper, Mycteroperca interstitialis, in the eastern Gulf of Mexico Bullock, L. and M. Murphy, Florida Marine Research Institute, St. Pete.

Estimates of population abundance of common snook, <u>Centropomus undecimalis</u>, from the east and west coasts of Florida. Taylor, R.G., J.A. Whittington and D.E. Haymans, Florida Marine Research Institute, St. Pete.

Trawl catch composition in the Northern Indian River Lagoon: influence of algal and sponge bycatch. Paperno, R., Florida Marine Research Institute, Melbourne.

Population structure of gag (<u>Mycteroperca microlepis</u>): consequences of spawning aggregation fishing? C.C. Koenig, Department of Biological Sciences, Florida State University, Tallahassee.

Early life history studies of three Sciaenid species in the Indian River Lagoon, east Florida. Alshuth, S. and R.G. Gilmore, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Fort Pierce.

Mercury research in Florida. Lange. T. and H. Royals, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Eustis.

Estimates of trophy bass (>8 pounds) harvest on Lake Jackson using photographic diaries. Cailteux, R., J. Nordhaus and D. Dobbins, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Quincy.

Black bass management by regulation in Florida. W. Porak, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Eustis.

Gulf sturgeon research and restoration efforts of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Panama City Field Office. C. Reynolds, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Panama City.

Fecundity in the gag, <u>Mycteroperca microlepis</u>. Collins, L.A., A.G. Johnson and C.P. Keim, National Marine Fisheries Service, Panama City. (Poster)

Urban Fishing Committee:

A short presentation and discussion of urban fishing will be included on the agenda at this year's Florida Chapter annual meeting/conference (22-24 February). Committee members and others interested in urban fishing should plan to attend. The agenda tentatively includes current research, update of Florida urban fishing programs, water quality as a consideration, and education programs. For more information or to suggest items to be included, contact Dylan Jones, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Jacksonville Urban Pond Program, Phone: 1 (800) 342-8105 or (904) 768-9924.

Upcoming Meetings:

Florida Aquaculture Conference, 23 February 1993, Reitz Union, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. Topics include: production systems; catfish, crawfish, striped bass, baitfish, bream, oysters, clams, and marine finfish culture; aquaculture and the environment; water quality; fish health; economics; marketing; and fee fishing. Registration fee \$30, registered students \$15. For more information call IFAS Office of Conferences at (904) 392-5930.

Florida Lake Management Society, 13-15 April 1993, Deland, Florida. Registration fee \$65 if payment received by 15 March, \$75 afterwards. For more information contact Marty Armstrong, Armstrong Environmental Services, 2907 SR 590, Suite 14-C, Clearwater, Florida 34619. Phone (813) 726-8896. Exhibitor space is still available.

In Print:

<u>Investigation and Valuation of Fish Kills</u>, 1992. American Fisheries Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-2199. Paperback, 96pp. \$28.00 (\$22.00 for AFS members). Prices include postage and handling inside the U.S. Phone: (301) 897-8616.

<u>Fisheries Management and Watershed Development</u>, 1992. This book explores the effects of watershed development on freshwater, estuarine, and nearshore fishery resources. American Fisheries Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-2199. 282pp. \$50.00 (\$40.00 for AFS members). Prices include postage and handling inside the U.S. Phone: (301) 897-8616.

1993 Raffle Bigger Than Ever!!!

More than \$6,800 worth of prizes were given to the Florida Chapter AFS for our 1992 annual raffle. Included were \$2,400 in trips (one trip is for 3 days in the Tortugas on the Winner Fishing Fleet out of Marathon, Florida), \$462 in rods and reels, \$995 in tackle, \$745 in artwork (including work by Diane, Peebles, Guy and Harvey), \$385 in T-shirts and hats, and \$1,835 of miscellaneous merchandise (books, coolers, tents, sleeping bags, eye glasses).

This year's raffle may be even bigger and better! Prizes collected so far include several trips (snapper trips on the Winner Party Boat Fleet, 3-day trip to the Tortugas on the Winner Fleet, canoe trip with lodging); a palmetto hammock; artwork, including Peebles; tackle; rods and reels; cast net; T-shirts and hats. If you can't come to the meeting, send your money with someone who's going! Someone who's lucky!

FAFS Raffle:

January 27, 1993

Fellow Members,

I would like to thank all of you for your enthusiastic support that made last years raffle a big success. A record amount of funds was raised and many members went home with some rather nice parting gifts. Special thanks to **Doug Haymans**, **Dennis Renfro**, and **Doug Adams** for their time and effort. It was a raffle to end all raffles!

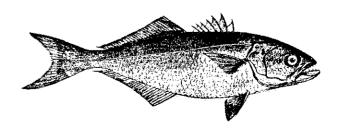
As many of you might already know, Doug is heading up the effort this year. He has drafted a fair number of select members from all over the state whom I am sure will be gathering raffle items night and day until we all meet in Brooksville. If you haven't been drafted and want to make a contribution please call Doug or me at (813) 896-8626.

In closing, I would like to thank all of last years raffle contributors. Their support and generosity is deeply appreciated by the Society and crucial to the continued function of our Chapter. If you are a patron to any of the contributors listed in the following pages, please extend your personal thanks to them for the rest of the membership.

Thanks again for your support and I'll see you in Brooksville!

Sincerely,

Brent L. Winner Florida Marine Research Institute

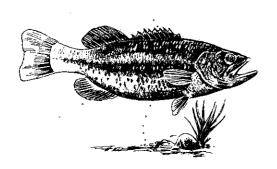


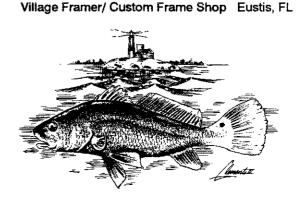
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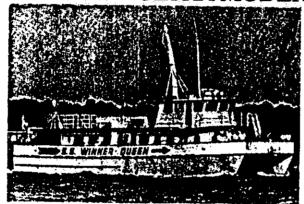
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Update on Florida LAKEWATCH

The Florida LAKEWATCH Program in which volunteers participate with University of Florida researchers to monitor lake water quality around the State, is still growing strong. For example:

- 1. In the past six months over sixty lakes have been added to those already in the Program.
- 2. As a pilot project, monitoring on twenty sampling sites on the Crystal River has been taken over by LAKEWATCH volunteers from the Southwest Florida Water Management District researchers who were forced by budget constraints to discontinue their monitoring.
- 3. Two new collection centers, one at the Orange County Cooperative Extension Service Office in Orlando and one at St. Johns River Water Management District Office in Palatka, have been set up.
- 4. Two video tapes have been produced: (1) What Makes a Quality Lake, and (2) Florida LAKEWATCH: Join the Team. These videos can be borrowed free of charge or purchased through the Information Office at the Center for Aquatic Plants at 904-392-1799.
- 5. Volume III of the LAKEWATCH Newsletter has been distributed. A free subscription can be obtained by contacting Sandy Fisher at 904-392-9613.



Grass Carp Information Directory Compiled by Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Grass Carp Committee

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Introduction

Since the introduction of grass carp (Ctenopharyngodon idella) to the United States in the early 1960's and in Florida by the mid 1970's, the grass carp has become a major management tool for the control of aquatic vegetation. Florida now uses a triploid grass carp to control aquatic vegetation in many aquatic systems including canals, small and large impoundment and natural lakes. The triploid grass carp, which is reportedly a sterile fish, is used instead of the diploid carp to eliminate natural reproduction in state waters. The control of vegetation with grass carp, as well as other control methods, in aquatic systems yields the potential for changes in other components of the system including, water quality, fish and wildlife populations. The exact changes in water quality, fish and wildlife populations that occur as aquatic vegetation is removed from a system is still a matter of debate among many management and research personnel.

To facilitate the transfer of information on the use of grass carp, the Grass Carp Committee of the Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (FAFS) has composed this information directory as a source of information for state agency personnel as well as private citizens who are working with or planning to work with grass carp. This directory consists of names and addresses of professionals, who have worked with grass carp or on lakes that have been stocked with carp, that are willing to share their knowledge of using grass carp to control aquatic vegetation with any interested parties. They are listed with their area of expertise in parentheses after their name, which was divided into the following groups for this bulletin: aquatic macrophytes (AM), bird populations (BP), fish populations (FP), water quality (WQ), stocking procedures (SP), economic analysis (EA), integrated management (IM), and carp production (CP). The professionals on this list, which is not all inclusive of the professional in the state of Florida, are from many different agencies and regions of the state, yielding a diverse group from which to ask questions regarding the effect of using grass carp as a biological control agent. Their opinions on the use of grass carp do not necessarily represent the official views of the agencies for which they work.

The grass carp is a restricted fish that may be possessed only by permit from the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC Rule 39-23.088). The procedure for obtaining a permit starts with an application that can be obtained from:

Mr. Clayton Phillippy Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission Farris Bryant Building 620 South Meridian Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600 (904) 488-4066

If the applicant's water body is 5 acres or less, a biologist will call the applicant for further information in order to make a recommendation. If the water body is over 5 acres a biologist will conduct an on site visit and make a recommendation.

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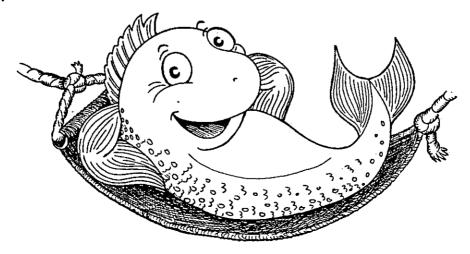
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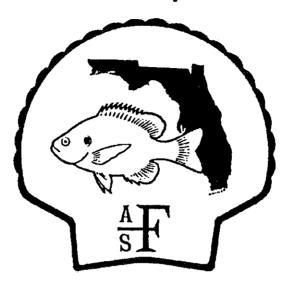
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