

### **Genetics Section Early Career Award**

The Genetics Section Early Career Award is given annually and recognizes the contribution of early-career researchers to the field of fisheries genetics. The goal of this award is to promote innovative and particularly applicable genetics research, increase interest in fisheries genetics careers, and enhance professional connections among fisheries geneticists. The candidate's genetics work should be applicable to the Society's mission to "improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries and aquatic science". The award will be presented at the Genetics Section meeting during the AFS Annual Meeting.

### **Eligibility:**

There are no restrictions on nominators. A nominee must be a full or affiliate member of the AFS Genetics Section and must be within five years of having completed graduate training, including post-doctoral research, and in the initial stages of career development whether that be in an academic, agency, NGO, or other conservation setting.

### **Nomination package:**

1. Cover letter with the nominee's name, professional address and contact information, and the same for the person submitting the nomination.
2. A one-page letter of nomination.
3. The nominee's C.V.
4. Three pdfs of publications and/or other summary material representative of the nominee's contribution to fisheries genetics.

Nominations should provide clear evidence of how the candidate's research furthers our understanding of fish evolution, ecology, conservation or management. Leadership in integrating genetic research with education or end-user/community outreach is considered strongly. We note that the award selection committee is committed to the AFS principles to improve DEI within AFS.

Please submit nominations by **June 30<sup>th</sup>** to Kerry Reid, Committee Chair, at [kerryreid13@gmail.com](mailto:kerryreid13@gmail.com); and cc' Committee Members: Craig Stockwell [Craig.Stockwell@ndsu.edu](mailto:Craig.Stockwell@ndsu.edu) and Trevor Krabbenhoft, [tkrabben@buffalo.edu](mailto:tkrabben@buffalo.edu)