

**Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society**  
**57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**Montana fisheries:  
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February 20-23, 2024

Yogo Inn

Lewistown, Montana



## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

| Date/Time                 | Event  | Location |
|---------------------------|--|----------|
| <b>Tuesday, Feb. 20</b>   |  |          |
| 8:00                      | Registration   |          |
| 9:00-12:00 pm             | Continuing Ed. Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Dr. Maria Hill  | TBD      |
| 12:00-1:00 pm             | Lunch  |          |
| 1:00 pm-5:00 pm           | Continuing Ed. Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Dr. Maria Hill  | TBD      |
| 6:00 pm-9:00 pm           | Welcome social   | TBD      |
| <b>Wednesday, Feb. 21</b> |  |          |
| 7:30 am                   | Registration   |          |
| 8:30 am                   | <b>Plenary session:</b> State-of-the-art-of fish culture<br><u>Matt Cochran</u> (HDR Fisheries) Current hatchery design.<br><u>Eric Fetherman</u> (CODNR, WDAFS) Research in CO hatcheries.<br><u>Angela Smith</u> (MTFWP) Status of a Cutthroat Trout hatchery.<br><u>Ladd Knotek</u> (MTFWP) Getting stocked fish into anglers' hands. | Ballroom |
| 12:10 pm                  | Lunch (provided) Committee meetings?   | TBD      |
| 1:10- 4:30 pm             | <b>Contributed Papers</b>  | Ballroom |
| 5:00-6:00 pm              | Montana Association of Fish & Wildlife Biologists  | TBD      |
| 6:00 pm-9:00 pm           | Student Mentoring/Fish Trivia Social (beer and apps)   | Ballroom |
| <b>Thursday, Feb. 22</b>  |  |          |
| 7:30 am                   | Registration   |          |
| 8:30-11:50                | <b>Contributed papers</b>  | Ballroom |
| 12:00 am                  | Business lunch   | Ballroom |
| 1:30-4:30 pm              | <b>Contributed papers</b>  | Ballroom |
| 6:00 pm                   | Pre-banquet social   |          |
| 7:00 pm                   | Awards banquet and raffle  | Ballroom |
| <b>Friday, Feb. 23</b>    |  |          |
| 8:30-11:50                | <b>Contributed papers</b>  | Ballroom |
| 12:00-4:00 TBD            | Meeting adjourned, happy trails.   | Ballroom |

**Continuing education session:**

This year's continuing education workshop is centered around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) on 20 February. Led by Dr. Mariah Hill, a licensed clinical psychologist with a specialization in multicultural psychology, this workshop will include 6 hours of training and delve into crucial topics such as the foundations of DEI, the cultural identity model, exploration of one's cultural identity, foundations of privilege, implicit bias and microaggressions, and concluding with a focus on microaffirmations. As a special feature, fisheries professionals will participate in a panel discussion, shedding light on the practical applications of microaffirmations and diversity within the field.

Dr. Hill, based at MSU-Bozeman in the Counseling & Psychological Services office, boasts extensive experience in teaching, training, consulting, and providing therapeutic services related to cultural identity and DEI. Dr. Hill has developed multiple programs at MSU-Bozeman aimed at increasing inclusive practices, particularly Safe Zone and the Diversity & Inclusion Development (DID) program. She has expanded her DEI consulting services to a broader range of Montana communities in more recent years.

## To reserve a room, contact the Yogo Inn at:

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A block of rooms has been reserved under “Montana Chapter American Fisheries Society” or “AFS” \$115/night.

You may also book rooms at the state rate with proper identification.

Space is limited so please book double occupancy, if possible, to help keep everyone under the same roof.

For additional information email or phone Peter Brown at:

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Updates will be posted on the MT AFS website:

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

### **Paper Submissions:**

Abstract submissions for papers and posters should be emailed no later than **January 31** in MS word using the following format: Times New Roman (12 point) font with single spacing. All abstracts must include the title, author(s), and a concise abstract body that does not exceed 250 words.

### **Presentation formats:**

Two formats that will be dispersed through the meeting according to topic

**Standard:** 20 min (15 min, 5 min questions). The classic presentation meant to provide the results of a typical research project. Presentations are evaluated for best paper award.

**Brief:** 10 min (~7 min talk, questions may be answered if time permits or deferred to later). Presentations on recent advances, techniques, or “in progress studies” that members would like to share with colleagues. Presentations will not be included in the best paper evaluations.

**Potential Sessions:**

Fish health

Fish culture

Species of Concern

Nonpermanent streams

Fish updates to the 2025 State Wildlife Action Plan

Fisheries habitat and stream restoration

Please spur your colleagues and contact Peter with additional suggestions ([Peterbrown406@gmail.com](mailto:Peterbrown406@gmail.com)), 406-580-3323.

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