

Dear Friends,

Since 1952, the Southern Division AFS has supported the professional growth, development, and networking of fisheries professionals throughout the Southeast US and the Caribbean. Since the very beginning, the efforts of the Division and especially the annual meeting have resulted in tremendous benefits for the freshwater, coastal, and marine fisheries resources and the anglers, conservationists, and naturalists that enjoy them.

The more than 500 attendees that we are anticipating attending this meeting will enjoy training workshops, the Division business meeting, technical committee meetings, and pertinent and timely symposia and contributed sessions consisting of an anticipated 400 scientific presentations. These activities will directly support the professional growth and development of attendees which will in turn serve our vital fisheries resources.

We have an outstanding team of Texans working to make this a productive and enjoyable meeting that ultimately benefits freshwater and marine fisheries resources, but we need your help. Please consider helping us make this an affordable meeting so as many students, young professionals, and fisheries scientists as possible can attend. At your convenience, take a moment and thoughtfully review the [sponsor](#), [exhibitor](#), and auction pages to help you determine the most appropriate way to express your support of the fisheries science profession. As you genuinely consider the options, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our dedicated Fundraising Committee members at any time. Thank you for considering supporting this essential meeting. We look forward to partnering with you!

[Join us in expressing gratitude to those sponsors, exhibitors, and auction supporters who have already committed to the future of fisheries!](#)

Sincerely,



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