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The Vent **Hilda Sexauer**

Happy New Year! I hope your first three weeks of the New Year have been enjoyable. Remember, the 2006 annual meeting is rapidly approaching and we guarantee an excellent educational program and an enjoyable social event. The theme for the 2006 annual meeting is "Adventures in Fisheries - Evolution of Techniques and Technologies". The continuing education workshops and the plenary session will highlight the theme and should appeal to a wide array of biologists.

Two continuing education workshops will be offered this year. On Monday afternoon a ½ day workshop will cover the perspectives, goals and programs of the U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service's Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership. The course will include information on the FDA's Investigational New Animal Drug exemption and New Animal Drug Application processes. The instructors will discuss chemicals, therapeutics, vaccines and anesthetics used in aquaculture, fish management and research. One of the new chemicals discussed will be the Anesthetic Aqui-S®. This workshop is **FREE!** The second workshop is offered on Thursday March 9th. The course will provide detailed instruction on how to use All Topo Maps software and will be helpful for those who use topographic maps for locating routes to a field site, as well as to those who are interested in more

advanced techniques, such as creating custom maps that can interface with GIS software. The course will be valuable to the novice or experienced user for professional and nonprofessional events.

On Tuesday morning the meeting will kick off with a plenary session on "The evolution of piscicide application". The panel of piscicide experts will discuss the application of piscicides, historical to present, and the politics and challenges agencies are confronted with during planning and implementation. Contributed papers will follow the plenary session. There will be two social events plus the banquet dinner this year. The welcoming social will begin at 7 pm on Monday and a social arranged by the CSU and UW Student Subunits will be held on Tuesday. This is an informal event and will provide an excellent occasion for professionals to interact with their future aquatic biologists.

I want to invite all biologists to this annual meeting and ask them to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to share their knowledge of the resource with their colleagues and to build professional friendships.

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"Adventures in Fisheries: Evolution of Techniques and Technologies"

**2006 Annual Meeting of the
Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the
American Fisheries Society
March 6-9, 2006
Cheyenne, Wyoming**

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming. **The meeting will be held at The Plains Hotel from Monday, March 6 through Thursday, March 9, 2006.** The Plains Hotel is an historic building located on 1600 Central Avenue in historic downtown Cheyenne. Call the hotel at 307-638-3311 and request the Colorado/Wyoming American Fisheries Society rate for reservations. A block of rooms have been set aside for this meeting. Be sure to state you will be attending the Colorado/Wyoming American Fisheries Society meeting. www.theplainshotel.com

Early registration will begin on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 pm with the evening welcoming social beginning at 7:30 pm. Snacks and beverages will be available. A two or three hour, theme related, plenary session will launch the meeting on Tuesday, March 7 at 8:15 am. Contributed papers, not all theme related, will follow over the next 2 days. There will be an evening social on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 pm. The Colorado/Wyoming annual business breakfast will begin at 7:00 am on Wednesday, March 8 with contributing papers following the business breakfast. We will be wrapped up the meeting with the annual banquet and raffle. Two continuing education courses will be held in conjunction with this year's meeting. The first course will be held Monday, March 6 from 1:00-6:00 pm, and is free. The second course will be held Thursday, March 9 and has a registration fee. Course details and registration information are in the Continuing Education announcement on page 3

Information related to the 2006 annual meeting can be found on the Colorado/Wyoming website www.fisheries.org/co-wy/

Preliminary Agenda

Monday Afternoon, March 6th

1:00 – 6:00

FDA's Investigational New Animal Drug (INAD) exemption and New Animal Drug Application (NADA)
– Wind River Room

7:00 – 9:00

Meeting Registration – The Plains Hotel main entry

7:00 – 10:00

Evening social, Free food, beer and nonalcoholic beverages provided – Range Room B&C

Tuesday, March 7th

7:00 – 12:00

Meeting Registration – The Plains Hotel main entry

8:00 – 12:00

Trade Show – Powder River Room

8:15 – 8:30

Welcoming Introduction – Range Room B&C

8:30 – 12:00

Plenary Session – Evolution of Piscicide Application –
Range Room B&C

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch (on your own)

1:00 – 5:00

Contributed Papers – Room B&C and Wind River Room

1:00 – 5:00

Poster Session – Powder River, Green River and
Peacock Alley

1:00 – 5:00

Raffle Items – Range Room A

1:00 – 5:00

Meeting Registration – The Plains Hotel main entry

1:00 – 5:00

Trade Show – Powder River Room

6:00

Student Social (Free food, beer and nonalcoholic
beverages) – Room # TBA

Wednesday, March 8th

7:00 – 9:00

Business breakfast meeting – Room B&C

7:00 – 12:00

Registration – The Plains Hotel main entry

9:30 – 12:00

Contributed papers – Room B&C and Wind River Room

9:30 – 12:00

Poster Session – Powder River, Green River and
Peacock Alley

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch (on your own)

1:00 – 5:00

Contributed papers – Room B&C and Wind River Room

1:00 – 5:00

Poster Session – Powder River, Green River and
Peacock Alley

1:00 – 5:00

Raffle Items – Range Room C

1:00 – 5:00

Trade Show – Powder River Room

6:30

Dinner Banquet – Rooms A, B and C

Thursday, March 9th

8:00 – 12:00

Continuing Education Workshop – Range Room B

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch (on your own)

1:00 – 5:00

Continuing Education Workshop – Range Room B

Last Call for Papers

The Program Committee encourages members to prepare a presentation or poster relating to aquaculture, fisheries management, piscicides, historic perspectives, advances in aquatic technology, native species, aquatic and upland habitat (watershed perspective), aquatic education, riparian management and other aquatic related topics. NO presentation or poster will be turned down.

Final deadline for presentation and poster abstract is February 13, 2006.

Abstracts for contributed papers and posters should be prepared as MS Word or WordPerfect file in 12 point, Times New Roman font, left aligned and include the following information.

1. A brief descriptive title.
2. Names, addresses, telephone and FAX numbers, and e-mail addresses for all organizers. Presenter must be clearly identified
3. An abstract of 350 words or less.
4. Indicate whether presenting a poster or oral presentation. Please indicate the presentation type – 2x2 slides or using an LCD projector and PowerPoint Presentation.
5. Indicate if presenter is a student.
6. Indicate length and width of poster.

Abstract Example

Please follow this format for abstract submission:

Title in 12 point Times New Roman Font

Authors: Kelly Todd (Presenter), Wyoming Game and Fish Department, P.O. Box 704, Dubois, WY, 82513, 307-455-2431 (W), 307-455-3129 (F), kelly.todd@wgf.state.wy.us; List all coauthors

Abstract: The abstract may include but is not required to include a problem statement, objectives, findings, and conclusions. Abstract will be 350 words or less.

Preference: Oral presentation or Poster. LCD or 2x2 slides.

Student: No.

All contributions must be submitted in either of two ways:

1. E-mail to Kelly.Todd@wgf.state.wy.us or ktodd@wyoming.com with contributed paper/poster abstract attached as an MS Word or WordPerfect file.
2. Submit on a CD in either MS Word or WordPerfect to:
CO/WY Program Committee
Kelly Todd, Wyoming Game and Fish Department
P.O. Box 427
Dubois, WY, 82513

For additional information, please contact Kelly Todd at 307-455-2431 or Kelly.todd@wgf.state.wy.us or ktodd@wyoming.com

Two Continuing Education Courses to be Held at Annual Meeting

Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership

March 6th, 2006

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership staff
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Bozeman, Montana

This ½ day workshop will cover the perspective, goals, and programs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership (AADAP), pertinent to fisheries management and aquaculture. The FDA's Investigational New Animal Drug (INAD) exemption and New Animal Drug Application (NADA) processes will be discussed from the end-users' perspective. Instructors will focus on all aspects of drug, chemical, therapeutic, and vaccine use in fisheries management and aquaculture.

Many new chemicals show great promise for fisheries management applications, such as the "zero-withdrawal" anesthetic Aqui-S®, but must first receive Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approval. Instructors from AADAP will describe how fisheries workers apply to participate in trials of new drugs. Particular attention will be paid to the current and future participation of workshop attendees in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's INAD program and how to maximize its benefits to participants, the overall drug approval process, and the goals of fisheries management and aquaculture.

The instructors are customizing this course for us, so please let us know what issues would be valuable to cover. Contact Gordon Edwards by email at Gordon.Edwards@wgf.state.wy.us or phone 307-473-3418 with your comments and questions.

All Topo Mapping Software Instructional Course

March 9th, 2006

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (may end a little earlier)

John Zobell
Igage Mapping Corporation
Salt Lake City, Utah

Mapping capabilities are an important tool for fisheries workers. All Topo Maps is one of the leading topographic mapping software packages available and is being used by many fisheries workers in Wyoming. All Topo Maps is helpful for those who use topographic maps for tasks as simple as locating the best route to a field site, as well as to those who are interested in more advanced techniques, (Continuing Education continued on Page 4)

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such as creating custom maps that can interface with GIS software. This course will provide detailed instruction on how to use All Topo Maps software. Instruction will be useful for anyone ranging from those who have never heard of the software to advanced users. Expect a detailed overview, step-by-step instruction, and answers to specific questions you may have about the software. After attending this course, inexperienced users will understand the capabilities of the software and have a working knowledge of primary functions. More experienced users will be able to hone their skills and learn to use the software to its full potential. If desired, bring specific questions and All Topo Maps files you want the instructors to look at. To learn more about All Topo Maps visit: <http://alltopo.com/>. We are customizing this course to best meet the needs of Chapter members. If you have ideas or items you want to be covered, please contact Andy Dux by email Andrew.Dux@wgf.state.wy.us or phone 307-233-6410.

You can register for either of these courses using the registration form for the annual meeting, or by contacting Matt Kondratieff at 307-367 4347

Matt.Kondratieff@wfg.state.wy.us



Pass on the Knowledge

The student chapters are looking for old copies of our Proceedings for the UW and CSU libraries. We would also like to get a complete set of Proceedings and old Angler newsletters for our archive. If you have any of these items and are willing to part with them please bring them to the upcoming annual meeting in Cheyenne. If you are not coming to the meeting but would still like to contribute them to the Chapter please call or email Anita Martinez (970-255-6143; anita.martinez@state.co.us)

A Guide for Presenters at the Chapter Meeting

If you're planning to present a paper at the CO-WY Chapter Meeting, please follow these guidelines:

Presenting a Paper:

- Submit abstract (≤350 words) prior to February 13th.
- Time allotted for each presentation will be 20 minutes: 1 minute for introductions, 15-16 minutes for the presentation, and 3-4 minutes for questions.
- The only acceptable formats for presentations are 2"x 2" slides or computer LCD projection using Microsoft PowerPoint. If additional formats are necessary (i.e., Corel Presentation) please contact Beth Bear for arrangements.
- Save presentation as your last name followed by first name as the presentation title.
- **Submit presentation in Microsoft PowerPoint format on C.D., by Monday, February 27th to:**

Beth Bear
Wyoming Game & Fish Dept.
528 S. Adams, Laramie, WY 82070

Or, if smaller than 10MB, presentations can be emailed to: bthbear@hotmail.com

*Please send an email confirming that a presentation has been sent or emailed to: Beth.Bear@wgf.state.wy.us so that receipt of presentation can be verified.

- If not submitted by February 27th, presentations should be brought to the meeting on CD (CDR) or USB Flash Drives in Microsoft PowerPoint compatible format.
- At the meeting, presentations will be downloaded to the meeting computers at registration. Presentations must be downloaded by 8:00 pm on the evening before your talk.
- If using 2" x 2" slides, please bring your slides in a labeled carousel to your scheduled room at least 1 hour before your session is scheduled to start so that AV workers can prepare it for projection and you can receive last-minute instructions regarding AV equipment. Use only an 80-slide carousel. Slides may jam in the larger 140-slide carousels.
- Please bring a backup copy of your presentation to the meeting, just in case.
- A preview room will also be available so speakers can make sure slides are arranged correctly.
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Presenting a Poster:

- Submit abstract (<350 words) prior to February 13th.
- Create an easily readable poster.
- Bring your poster to the meeting. Locations for posters and directions for hanging will be provided at registration.
- Stand near your poster during dedicated poster breaks to answer questions.

Nominate a Coworker for a Chapter Award

The Colorado/Wyoming Chapter has three award classifications for recognizing our fisheries professionals and the Awards Committee needs your help in determining qualified candidates. This is an opportunity for you to become involved and see that your professional peers receive the deserved recognition from this Society. Please take a moment and think about your professional peers that have made significant contributions and accomplishments to our aquatic resources. It is your responsibility to make sure our professionals receive this recognition.

The following are the awards and criteria.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

- Significant efforts in the advancement of the fisheries' profession, beyond routine expectations.
- A milestone work contributing to the understanding/conservation/management of aquatic resources.
- Original advancement or innovations in fishery research, culture, or management techniques.
- Significant contributions, via public education and participation to conservation of aquatic resources.
- Imaginative and successful programs in aquatic resource conservation education.
- Leadership in recognition/development of habitat issues that lead to a legislation/policy that protect/enhance the aquatic resource.
- Development of aquatic research, culture or management programs of regional or national significance.
- Important ecological discoveries or new taxonomic criteria.
- New philosophies or ideas that contribute to the understanding or management of aquatic resources.
- This is a lifetime award; therefore an individual may only win this award once.

"MAX" AWARD of MERIT

- "Atta Boy or Girl" award for a job well done, an outstanding effort in aquatic resource conservation, a major contribution to the well being of the fisheries' professions, creation of a new "whiz bang" idea or any act that elicits that warm all over feeling. This award generally recognizes significant short-term accomplishments.
- All persons associated with water resources, regardless of affiliation are eligible for this award.

LEAKY BOOT AWARD

- This is an award for recognition of extreme decadence even beyond the norms for a fish squeezer. It recognizes the most outrageous behavior in the year subsequent to the Chapter's

annual meeting. The benefits is to show that all persons have value, even if it's only for use as an example of initiative gone awry.

- This award can be given to any fisheries student or professional, even if they might not want it.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Please take some time and think about your peers that deserved recognition. Our goal is to make Chapter awards significant and truly reflect our recognition of our peers and others that help the fishery and aquatic resource. We need your nominations to make this work. Include a one-page description of the contributions or accomplishments that qualify the nominee for the award.

Please submit your nominations by February 15, 2006, attention:

Kathy Foster, Medicine Bow – Routt National Forests, 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487, (970) 870-2219, FAX (970) 870-2284, email kfoster02@fs.fed.us

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It is also time to take a few moments to recognize your colleagues for their excellent work or for that "oops" didn't quite work out correctly event. Send your nominations for the CO-WY AFS Chapter awards to Kathy Foster @ Kfoster02@fs.fed.us.

And lastly, if you have items that you would like to donate to the annual raffle (float trips, backpacking trips, a week vacation in a remote cabin, gear or other items) contact Dan Brauch @ Dan.Brauch@state.co.us or Tracy Stephens @ Tracy.Stephens@wgf.state.wy.us

Have a wonderful 2006 and I hope to see you Cheyenne!

CSU AND UW ENDOWMENT STATUS



Colorado State University:

1/3/06 = **Principal Market Value - \$23,857**

Adam Hansen received a \$1,000 scholarship from the CO/WY AFS Endowment at CSU for the current academic year.

University of Wyoming:

11/05 = **Principal Market Value - \$24,852**

Patrick Lionberger is the recipient of this years Ron Remmick Memorial scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

CSU AFS Spring Fishing Derby

By Kendall Ross, CSU Student Sub-unit President

We are currently planning our Annual Fishing Derby to be held in April. A tradition for more than 25 years, our derby is held at College Lake and has become our biggest fundraiser. Our tickets sell for \$30, of which \$10 from each ticket goes to the Louis Swift Scholarship, awarded to a deserving fisheries student. Because we limit ticket sales to 100, we often have long lines of people who show-up hours before opening on the day of sale.

Our derby allows access to a restricted lake that offers large pike, crappie, yellow perch, carp, and "unofficial state record size" bass. Prizes donated by local fishing shops and breweries are awarded for the largest bass, largest pike, most fish caught, most inches caught, largest pike on a fly rod (sponsored by New Belgium Brewery), and smallest fish caught.

The derby is not only a long-standing tradition here at CSU; the Lefort family has had three generations participate in our event. And, in memory of Evan Lefort, a generous donation from the family was used to establish the Evan Lefort Memorial Award for the Largest Pike Caught. The winner of the award has his name engraved on a plaque displayed in the Wagar Building at CSU.

If you are interested in our event please check our website (www.warnercnr.colostate.edu/FWB/afs/) for updates on event information and dates for ticket sales.

Chronicles of the Fish People at the University of Wyoming

By Bobby Compton, UW Student Sub-unit President

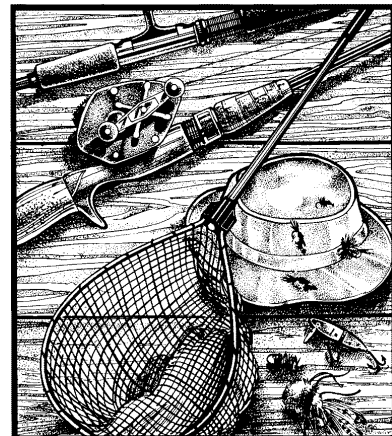
As the snow continues to drift and the temperatures remain relatively cold, we ice fish. Thoughts of last year's field season trigger memories of a hard day's work in the friendly confines of a warm summer day and a cold running stream. Luckily, Dr. Hubert and Dr. Rahel keep us focused and we enjoy (for the most part!) our studies.

The UW student sub-unit keeps chugging along. Patrick Lionberger, 2004/2005 president, passed the torch to Jason Kolts, Diana Sweet, Andy Carlson, and me. Together, we have provided speakers of good quality and pizza of good quantity for all people attending our meetings. In reality, we are working hard to offer informative talks, interactions with local professionals, and some good old fun. Highlights of the fall semester include a lake trout gill-netting trip to Yellowstone Lake, brief presentations on previous and current work conducted by graduate students, a talk on fishing opportunities/lake survey data in the Laramie region by Matt Hahn, and a Christmas social. We have seven speakers, an ice fishing derby, and a lake clean-up scheduled for the spring semester (all events are updated on our website). We look forward to attending the Colorado/Wyoming chapter meeting and hope to catch up with everyone, perhaps over a refreshing beverage at the student social.

And just like that, the semester will most likely scream by, we will take pleasure in doing fieldwork in the friendly confines of neoprene waders, and dream of icefishing again.



Help is needed on the AV committee for the upcoming CO-WY Chapter AFS meeting in Cheyenne, March 6-9th. Volunteers are needed to assist with downloading presentations at the meeting and running AV equipment during presentations. If interested, please contact Beth Bear @ 307-745-5180 x. 256 or email: Beth.Bear@wgf.state.wy.us



No Election to be Held for Secretary-Treasurer

An interesting turn of events has prompted the EXCOM to suspend the election for Secretary-Treasurer this year. One of our candidates for Secretary-Treasurer, James Dominquez, has taken a position with the New Mexico fish and game and will therefore be unable to compete for this position on the Executive Committee. Please wish James well in his new job!!! Because the annual meeting is fast approaching the EXCOM decided to not pursue another candidate. We are happy to announce that Kathy Foster is our new Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations Kathy!!!!!!

(Editors Note: For the membership to learn more about our new Secretary-Treasurer, we are printing Kathy Foster's candidate biography below)

Kathy Foster

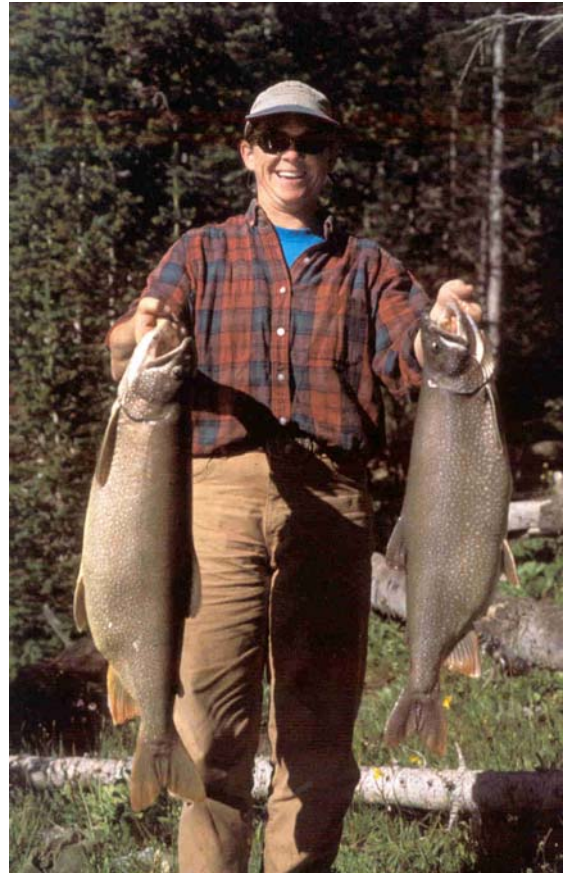
I grew up in the suburbs on the Front Range in Colorado. Fortunately for me, my family had a historic mountain cabin on the North Fork South Platte River, which became my escape from city life and my introduction in the great outdoors. The cabin is over 100 years old and was a stop on the Narrow Gauge Railroad between Denver and Leadville. It has been in our family for over 50 years. Going to the cabin every weekend was a great way to learn about the natural environment. Experiencing the daily fluctuations of the river in front of our cabins is what first piqued my interest in water. The North Fork South Platte River serves as a conduit for water delivery from Dillon Reservoir on the west side of the Continental Divide to Denver on the east side of the Divide.

I received a B.S. in Watershed Sciences from Colorado State University in 1986. My first professional job was as a hydrologic technician with the Forest Service on the Routt National Forest in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. I continued working as a hydrologic technician in Wyoming and Montana and as a hydrologist in Idaho with the Forest Service. I soon realized that I needed to diversify my profession since my husband at the time was also a hydrologist with the Forest Service and two hydrologists in the same family make it very hard for a dual career couple. Also, with a more diversified background, we could weather the looming federal budget cuts at the time better. Fisheries was the logical choice, given my background in hydrology since the physical and biological are intricately entwined. I got my fisheries from the University of Idaho, Moscow in 1993. I have been working as a fisheries biologist since starting on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest and am currently the South Zone Fisheries Biologist on the Medicine Bow – Routt National Forests in Steamboat Springs,

Colorado. I guess I've come full circle. I feel I've combined the best of both worlds with hydrology and fisheries. My primary responsibilities include Colorado River cutthroat trout management and restoration, boreal toad population and habitat monitoring and assessing impacts and recommending mitigations for land management activities.

I have been involved with AFS since 1993, participating with the University of Idaho Student Chapter, Idaho Chapter and currently the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter. Since 2003, I have been the Awards Chair for our chapter.

As a candidate for this position, some of my desires are to increase participation from our current membership, increase our membership and continue to support our excellent chapter. I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for our Chapter's Secretary-Treasurer Office. I appreciate your consideration for this position.



Membership Committee Announcements

Membership Services: The Membership Committee will bring their "Membership Services" booth to the annual meeting. Please stop by and check out the display and services offered to you!

Membership Campaign: The Parent Society has reduced student memberships from \$38.00 to \$19.00 and also has kicked off its 2006 members in 2006! Membership recruitment campaign. You should have received a flyer about this program with you 2006 membership dues. If you did not, please contact the membership committee for more details

Student Gift Memberships: No takers in 2005, lets change that! Your chapter AFS Excom provides up to 6 gift memberships to undergraduate students in both Colorado and Wyoming. A current member can nominate a student by contacting the membership committee. Please send your requests to Greg Anderson or James Dominguez.

Membership Packets: The committee has membership-recruiting packets available for current members to give out to potential new members. These will also be available at the Membership Services booth at the annual meeting.

Help Wanted?

The popular job board will again be posted at the annual meeting. The Job Board is available for you to post your job announcements. If you are looking for a new job, peruse the job board at the meeting to see what's available in Colorado and Wyoming. If you would like to put a job announcement out for your temporary position (s), please email it to James Dominguez. James.Dominguez@state.co.us

CO-WY AFS Chapter ExCom Meeting Minutes

Wyoming Game & Fish Department Regional Office
Laramie, Wyoming
Thursday, December 15th, 2005

Attendees: Craig Amadio (Program), Bobby Compton (U.W. Student Group President), Andy Dux (Continuing Education), Gordon Edwards (Continuing Education), Scott Gangl (Newsletter), Matt Kondratieff (Secretary-Treasurer), Lori Martin (Vice-President), Anita Martinez (Past-President), Hilda Sexauer (President), and Dave Zafft (Arrangements).

Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m. A quorum of officer was present.

Approval of September 2005 Business Meeting Minutes
Hilda Sexauer made a motion to approve the September 22, 2005 minutes. Anita Martinez seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Update on committee members-Hilda Sexauer updated us on current status of committees.

Procedure Manual Update-Matt Kondratieff presented an update on the Chapter procedure manual. Two people submitted edits to the procedure manual.

Action Items:

- Venice Beske will update the archival committee section related to submitting materials to the Spearfish, SD facility.
- Greg Anderson will create a new section on the Tradeshow, Vendors, and Sponsors Committee.
- Matt Kondratieff and Lori Martin will create a section on Tax Preparation.
- Dave Zafft and Bill Bradshaw will create a section on investments.
- Dave Zafft will complete a section on grants.
- Dave Zafft will work on forming a committee for grants and investments.

Chapter Taxes for FY2004-Matt Kondratieff and Lori Martin
Matt Kondratieff and Lori Martin gave an update on Chapter tax preparations.

Action Items:

- Lori Martin will review tax information and categories and deliver materials to the tax preparer next week.
- Matt Kondratieff and/or Lori Martin will work with Bill Bradshaw and the tax preparer to determine what we need to report to the IRS regarding the Coca Cola stock investments.

Treasurer Report – Matt Kondratieff submitted a handout (budget report). The current checking account balance as of December 22, 2005 is \$13,289.88 and the current savings account balance as of December 15, 2005 is \$26,067.37.

Endowments - Anita Martinez noted that the Past-President serves as the Endowments Committee Chair.

Action Items:

- Anita Martinez will coordinate with each university liaison to make sure that scholarships are presented to students on behalf of the Chapter and that a Chapter representative will be present during the award ceremony.
- Program Committee Chair(s) should make sure that student scholarship recipients are recognized at the annual meeting business breakfast meeting.

Grants - Hilda Sexauer noted that we should advertise within the Angler that grants may be applied for through the Chapter website. We need to specify a deadline for grant applications.

Action Items:

- The ExCom will need to specify a deadline for grant applications.
- Hilda will write a brief announcement for Angler newsletter reminding members that grants may be applied for through the Chapter website.

Student Subunit Updates and involvement in 2006 Annual Meeting

C.S.U. Student Subunit Update - Kendall Ross: No report.

U.W. Student Subunit Update - Bobby Compton delivered an update of subunit activities from 2005, and described some planned activities for 2006.

Action Items:

- Bobby Compton will contact the Chapter with further details pertaining to a short course on larval fish ID.
- Bobby Compton and Kendall Ross should email the ExCom by February with a tentative number of students planning on attending the annual meeting.
- Bobby Compton should work with the U.W. student subunit and Dave Zafft (Arrangement Committee) to organize/plan the Tuesday night social event.
- Bobby Compton and Kendall Ross should get a tentative list of students who would like to volunteer and receive a discounted registration. These lists should be forwarded to Beth Bear.
- Bobby Compton and Kendall Ross should coordinate with Dave Zafft (Arrangements Committee) to determine the best way to compensate student volunteers.
- Student volunteers will pay the full registration costs and then be refunded after the meeting is over if they have helped with the meeting.
- Complementary rooms will be reserved in the student's names that use them. Student subunits will pay for the rooms and will be refunded after the meeting is over.
- Beth Bear (A.V. committee) and other committee members who work with student volunteers, should

observe students during the meeting and note individuals deserving of special praise for their service.

- Outstanding student volunteers should be recognized during the banquet.
- Craig Amadio and Kelly Todd (Program Committee Chairs) should provide outstanding student volunteers with a small award of appreciation.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee - Greg Anderson

Action Items:

- Greg Anderson will contact the Parent Society to determine Chapter membership totals.
- Greg Anderson will contact Kevin Gelwicks (website) regarding specific changes that should be made to the Chapter website.
- Greg Anderson will purchase writing pens and sticky notes for inclusion with annual meeting participant packets and use at the Wyoming Game & Fish Department EXPO (or similar events).
- Greg Anderson will contact Bobby Compton and Kendall Ross asking them to submit names of any students that would like financial assistance with a student membership.
- Hilda Sexauer will write a letter addressed to potential interested Wyoming agencies explaining specifics of the Hutton Program.
- Scott Gangl will discuss specifics of the Hutton Program with WGFD fish staff.

Trade Show, Vendors, and Sponsors Committee - Greg Anderson

Action Items:

- Greg Anderson will continue to work with various vendors and establish a list of trade show participants.
- Greg Anderson will coordinate with the Raffle Committee to make sure we don't contact potential raffle item donors more than once.
- Greg Anderson will submit the complete list of vendors to the Registration Committee Chairs before the annual meeting so that vendors receive appropriate discounts/benefits.

Awards Committee - Kathy Foster

Kathy Foster has already received 3 Max Award nominations and 1 Award of Excellence nomination from people since the first call for nominations went out. She has no nominations for the leaky boot award yet.

Action Items:

- Chapter membership should send Kathy Foster deserving award candidate nominees before the annual meeting.

Raffle Committee - Dan Brauch and Tracy Stephens (No report)

Action Items:

- Organize raffle in similar fashion as past years.

- Coordinate with Greg Anderson (Trade show, Vendors, and Sponsors Committee) on raffle items received from trade show vendors.
- Coordinate with INAD instructors to determine distribution of door prizes and/or raffle items.

Website_- Kevin Gelwicks

Action Items:

- Kevin Gelwicks should work with Western Division contacts to determine what is involved in piggybacking with the Western Division to have space on their website.

Best Paper/Poster Committee_- Vacant

Several people's names were suggested in order to fill the vacant best paper/poster committee.

Action Items:

- Hilda Sexauer will contact potential Best Paper/Poster Committee candidates in order to fill this vacant position.

A.V. Committee - Beth Bear

Beth Bear has taken care of most of the A.V. needs. She still needs LCD projectors, slide projector, and laser pointers.

Action Items:

- Beth Bear will contact appropriate people that might be willing to lend necessary A.V. equipment for the annual meeting.
- A.V. Committee/Program Committee Chairs will submit a list of student volunteers who actually assisted with the meeting so that student volunteers receive discounts/reimbursements for their assistance.

Continuing Education Committee - Andy Dux and Gordon Edwards distributed a handout listing potential continuing education topics for the meeting.

Action Items:

- Andy Dux and Gordon Edwards will coordinate with the Program Committee to conduct a brief survey of potential continuing education topics from the Chapter during the meeting, possibly immediately following the plenary session.
- Andy Dux and Gordon Edwards will arrange for the INAD instructors to conduct their course on Monday afternoon from 2 p.m.-6 p.m.
- They will also arrange for us to have a continuing education session on Thursday from All Topo. They will determine if Thursday's session will be a full or half-day course.
- Continuing Education Committee Chairs will send a complete list of instructors to Matt Kondratieff prior to the annual meeting so that they receive appropriate benefits.

Program Committee_- Craig Amadio stated that the first call for papers went out in the previous Angler newsletter. He has already received a handful of abstracts from interested speakers.

Action Items:

- Craig Amadio and Kelly Todd will contact last year's Program Committee to determine the most efficient methods for assembling/producing the 2005 annual meeting program.
- Craig Amadio and Kelly Todd will decide upon an appropriate gift for speakers and order an appropriate number of these for the annual meeting.
- Craig Amadio and Kelly Todd will submit a list of potential session topics for the annual meeting for the next Angler newsletter.
- Program Committee/Arrangement Committee Chairs will send a complete list of invited speakers to Matt Kondratieff prior to the annual meeting so that they receive appropriate benefits.

Registration Committee_- Matt Kondratieff and Dirk Miller

Action Items:

- Registration Committee will make sure that invited speakers, continuing education instructors, and vendors receive appropriate benefits for participating in the annual meeting.
- Registration Committee will make sure that all presenters are registered and no presenters are given free registration. There will be no confusion regarding this point on registration forms.
- Dirk Miller and Sheila Brol will make sure that the we have black/white and color printers available for printing receipts, awards, name tags, etc.

Arrangement Committee_- Hilda Sexauer and Dave Zafft

Action Items:

- Arrangements Committee will finalize the agreement between the Chapter and the Plains Hotel including food arrangements.
- Arrangements Committee will submit a list of plenary (invited) speakers to the Registration Committee so that they receive the appropriate benefits.

Archiving Committee_- Venice Beske received approval from the ExCom to proceed with the process of moving the archived materials to the Spearfish, South Dakota facility

Action Items:

- Venice Beske will update her handout regarding the procedures for submitting archival materials to the Spearfish, SD facility, what items are appropriate for archiving, and where to send materials (including contact information, addresses, and phone numbers for the Spearfish facility) before the annual meeting in March.
- Venice Beske will send the Procedures Manual Committee Chair a copy of the formal agreement between the Chapter and the Spearfish facility once it is finalized.
- Venice Beske will create a draft agreement for the ExCom to review prior to completing the arrangements with the Spearfish facility. This agreement will include specific clauses related to notifying the Chapter should

the facility be abandoned/vanish and Chapter ownership of our materials before the annual meeting in March. The agreement will state that our archived materials will be loaned to the facility, not donated, for a specified period of time at which time, the ExCom will re-evaluate the formal agreement and determine what changes (if any) should be made.

Annual Meeting Proceedings

Anita Martinez has worked with Venice Beske to get a complete set of proceedings for both CSU and UW libraries.

Action Items:

- Anita Martinez will send out a call for Chapter members to bring old proceedings to the March annual meeting in the next Angler newsletter.
- Anita Martinez will work with Venice Beske to make sure university libraries have complete sets of past annual meeting proceedings and share information regarding which proceedings we need for the collections.
- Venice Beske will sort through copies of proceedings and make sure that the archives are complete before sending them to university libraries.
- The Program Committee will send Venice Beske at least 3 hard copies of the 2005 annual meeting proceedings (2 for universities, 1 for archives).
- The Program Committee will find any recent (within the past 3 years) annual meeting proceedings and send them to Venice Beske.
- Scott Gangl will print copies of all newsletters he has produced and send them to the University of Wyoming library contact for inclusion in their collection. He will add the University of Wyoming library contact on his current mailing list.

Unfinished Business

Annual Meeting Sessions/Plenary Session

There was discussion on topics and presenters for a plenary session dealing with chemical treatments or illicit species introductions.

Action Items:

- Hilda Sexauer and the Program Committee will follow through with the idea of having a plenary session that will address various aspects of chemical treatments including past, current, and future challenges.

Next ExCom Meeting Date

No ExCom meetings will be scheduled until after the annual meeting has taken place. If necessary, we will meet via phone (conference calls) in February.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Excellence in Fisheries Education Award Education Section, American Fisheries Society

The American Fisheries Society (AFS) Excellence in Fisheries Education Award was established in 1988. The award is administered by the Education Section and is presented to an individual to recognize excellence in organized teaching and advising in some aspect of fisheries education. Nominees may be involved in extension or continuing education, as well as traditional college and university instruction. Nominees must be AFS members, have been actively engaged in fisheries education within the last five years, and have had at least 10 years of professional employment experience in fisheries education. Two or more people may act as nominators, but at least one nominator must be an AFS member. Letters and supporting material documenting the contributions of the nominee to fisheries education (e.g., awards, descriptions of exemplary service, innovations, students taught and advised, post graduate achievements of former students) should be sent to **Michael Quist** (mcquist@iastate.edu) and a second copy to **Donna Parrish** (Donna.Parrish@uvm.edu) in digital form. Please send a hard copy of nomination materials to **Michael Quist**.

Nomination deadline is **May 31, 2006**. Additional information can be obtained from:

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An Address from Fisheries Management Section President Dave Willis:

Good day, Fisheries Management Section (FMS) members.

Please remember that we need nominations for the FMS awards, as well as our Hall of Excellence. Everyone knows someone who is deserving, so please consider making a nomination. Award nominations are due by 30 May, but do them now! Deadlines don't really work in a volunteer organization! :-). Details on the various awards, and nomination materials needed, can be found at our web page (<http://www.sdafs.org/fmsafs/>).

Also, we are just organizing our Nominating Committee, and will be seeking candidates for President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer. If you know someone who might be good at this, or if you are interested yourself, please contact committee chair Joe Larscheid at Joe.Larscheid@dnr.state.ia.us. Once again, descriptions of officer duties can be found on our web page (<http://www.sdafs.org/fmsafs/>).

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Do you need an idea for a New Year's Resolution?

**How about . . .
mentoring a local high school student
in fisheries biology!**

All you need to do is submit a mentor application to the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program by February 15, 2006 and recruit students at your local high school(s). If a student from your area is selected for the Hutton Program, they will work with you for eight weeks in the summer, and will receive a \$3000 scholarship from AFS! For more information, go to the AFS main page and follow the link to the Hutton Program. You can also e-mail the Hutton assistant, Danielle Hawkins, to learn more.
If you are interested in making a donation to the Hutton Endowment Fund or would like to sponsor an individual student, please visit the Hutton website and click on "Donate" under the Hutton Program.

Second Call for Contributed Papers and Posters for the 2006 Annual Meeting of the AFS Western Division



The program committee for the Western Division Annual Meeting invites abstracts for contributed oral and contributed poster presentations.

Both contributed oral and contributed poster abstracts must be received by 15 February 2006. All submissions must be made using the Western Division online abstract submission system, which is available at: <http://water.montana.edu/afs/>

Format for Abstracts

Formatting is automatically completed for you at the website. Please select a session topic from the topic list. Use a brief but descriptive title; avoid acronyms and scientific names unless the common name is not widely known. List all authors, their affiliations, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Abstracts are limited to 200 words. The presenter will be notified by 17 March regarding formal acceptance of their presentation.

Indicate your preference for the presentation format using one of the following: 1) oral presentation only, 2) poster presentation only, 3) oral presentation preferred, but poster presentation acceptable.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

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