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The Vent

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The last time our chapter held a joint meeting with the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society was 17 years ago, in 1994. Ken Kehmeier was president. I dug through a thick three-ring binder of our chapter's annual reports hoping to find an amusing anecdote from 1994 for you, but (sadly) didn't find more than basic meeting statistics. What I did find were distinct patterns in our chapter's activities. Our chapter was working through many of the same issues 17 years ago that we are dealing with today, such as the role of our chapter in advocacy, the dispersal of chapter funds, membership engagement, alternative locations for annual meetings, issues-oriented meeting topics, and chapter continuity. We return to these key topics every few years as if they were new.

How do we improve chapter continuity so that our chapter can achieve something truly new and forward the mission of our society, rather than cycling through a handful of used topics? In the January 2010 edition of the Angler, past-president Mark Smith pointed out that almost all committee members are less than 40 years old and have fewer than 10 years of professional experience. Therein lies our problem—our committee members, although talented and hard working, were probably not chapter members 17 years ago. We lose a lot of institutional knowledge with the rapid turnover in our committees. Furthermore, not many of us have ready access to the old chapter reports or the time to sift through these materials.

In working with the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society on the upcoming meeting, I learned that a number of their committee positions are manned by retirees. It is brilliant! These more experienced



members are extremely savvy when it comes to meeting planning and have saved us a lot of time and money. So, where are our CO-WY AFS retirees? Wayne Hubert is temporarily off the hook since he ambitiously became President of AFS after retiring last year, but how about the rest of you?

I have the honor of presiding over the upcoming 2011 chapter business meeting. If at that meeting you find yourself muttering under your breath, "Didn't we decide on this 17 years ago?" please do the following:

1. Take a moment to acknowledge your chapter president was 16-years-old (and not a chapter member) in 1994;
2. Share some good stories about the last joint meeting at the banquet; and
3. Seriously consider volunteering for a chapter committee position. We will make room for you, I promise.

CO/WY AFS Annual Meeting February 22-25, 2011 Fort Collins, CO



In 2011 the local chapters of the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society will be holding a joint meeting in Fort Collins, CO from February 22 to 25. The theme for this year's meeting is **"From the Cradle to the Grave: Recruiting and Retaining Natural Resource Recreationists"**. This theme was chosen due to its timeliness and because it spans the missions of all agencies, as well as sporting and environmental organizations.

The meeting will begin with a day and a half of invited speakers followed by a day of contributed papers from our members. Some of this year's invited speakers include the Secretary of the Interior (or an undersecretary), Directors of the CDOW and WGFD, Chief of USFWS Division of Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration, CEO of the Humane Society, Forest Pre-schools, Department Chair for CSU Fish, Wildlife,

and Conservation Biology Department, National Director of Project Wild and Project Learning Tree, and Ted Nugent. The final day will highlight contributed papers and will have two concurrent sessions (Fisheries session and a Wildlife session). A draft of the full program is available on the chapter website.

There are two ways to register for the annual meeting this year:

1. Printed registration form mailed with a check to Secretary-Treasurer, Ryan Fitzpatrick. The form on page 14 of this newsletter.
2. Online with a credit card. People from either society can register at:
<http://www.cowyafs.org/annualmeeting/2011/MeetingReg.html>.

**Banquet tickets and complimentary lunches are only available to people that register early.
Early registration ends February 8th.**

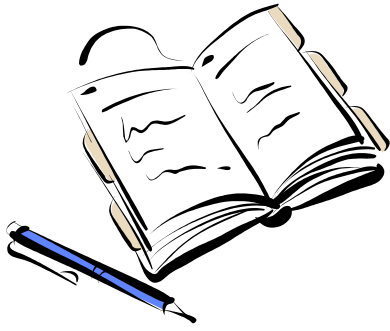
Also, those planning to attend the continuing education classes are encouraged to register as soon as possible, because space is limited.

Any questions about registration can be directed to Ryan Fitzpatrick: Ryan.Fitzpatrick@state.co.us

Please consider staying at the Marriott in Fort Collins for the annual meeting. Not only is it a nice facility and extremely convenient, it helps our chapter to meet contracted room obligations with the hotel. A room block has been reserved at the federal rate of \$85/night under joint AFS/CWS meeting. Room reservations can be made in the block online with the 7-letter code AFSAFSA or by clicking on this link: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ftcco?groupCode=afsafsa&app=resvlink&fromDate=2/21/11&toDate=2/25/11>

Anyone not making reservations online should call the Marriott (1-970-226-5200) and clearly identify that they are making reservations to attend the joint AFS/CWS meeting so that we get credit for the room reservation. **Reservations can be made in the hotel block until February 18th**, although early reservations help your chapter planning committees.

Tentative Meeting Agenda



Tuesday, February 22nd

- 10a- 5p: Continuing education workshop: "Adaptive Fish and Wildlife Management."
- 10a- 5p: Continuing education workshop: "Environmental Conflict and Collaboration."
- 5:30p-10p: Welcoming social
- 5-7p: Presentation download/practice
- 5-7p: Registration
- 6-8p: Poster/raffle set-up

Wednesday, February 23rd

- 7a-5p: Registration
- 7a-6p: Presentation download/practice
- 8:30-8:45a: Introduction
- 8:45a-9:30a: Key note speaker
- 9:30a-12p – Plenary session "Past, Present, and Future: The Story of Fish/Wildlife Management"
- 12-1:30p: Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30-5p: Plenary session "Current Recruitment and Retention Strategies and Programs"
- 5:30p-10p: Student-led social

Thursday, February 24th

- 7a-5p: Registration
- 7a-6p: Presentation download/practice
- 8a-8:15a: Introduction
- 8:15a – 12p: Joint session "Strengthening Our Core: Increasing Hunter and Angler Recruitment and Retention"
- 12p – 1:30p: Chapter business lunch
- 1:30-5p: Contributed papers
- 5:30p-10p: Banquet and auction

Friday, February 25th

- 7a-12p: Registration
- 8a – 12p: Contributed papers

A more detailed agenda can be found on the chapter website at:

http://cowyafs.org/annualmeeting/DraftProgram_2011_tws_afs_%20meeting_11_15_10.pdf

Final Call for Papers

We are once again looking for members to share all of the great work they have been doing over the past year by giving a presentation or poster. This year's meeting topic is "Recruitment of Natural Resources Recreationists and/or Hunter/Angler Recruitment". That said, all topics are of interest and no one will be denied.

Final deadline for presentation and poster abstracts is January 19th.

Abstracts for contributed papers and posters should be prepared as a 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. Only PowerPoint presentations are accepted.
5. Indicate if presenter is a student.
6. Indicate length and width of poster.
7. Indicate whether presentation is "informational" or follows "scientific method" (helps in judging process).

Abstract Example

Title: Program Committee

Authors: Rick Henderson (Presenter), US Forest Service, 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO, 80487, 970-870-2219 (W), 970-870-2284 (F), rhenderson01@fs.fed.us; Laura Leslie Burckhardt, SWCA Environmental Consultants, 8 Cactus Drive, Cody, WY 82414, 307-213-4631 (W), lleslie@swca.com

Abstract: The abstract may include but is not required to include a problem statement, objectives, findings, and conclusions.

Preference: Oral presentation preferred. LCD.

Student: No.

All contributions must be submitted in either of two ways:

1. E-mail to Laura Leslie Burckhardt at lleslie@swca.com and Rick Henderson at rhenderson01@fs.fed.us 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
Rick Henderson
US Forest Service
925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

For additional information, please contact **Laura Leslie Burckhardt** at 307-250-1213 or **Rick Henderson** at 970-870-2219

Final Call for Nominations: CO-WY Chapter AFS Awards



Thinking about that outstanding coworker, supervisor, citizen, landowner, colleague, mentor, or other character? Know someone who has made a significant contribution (this past year) to fishery or habitat management, science, or policy...or someone who was involved in an infamous fish folly?

The Colorado/Wyoming Chapter has four 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.

Award of Excellence: Recognizes (since 1980) an individual who has made significant contributions in the fishery-aquatic resource field. This award was formerly (1977-79) known as Fishery Worker of the Year Award.

Max Award of Merit: In honor of Max Rollefson (WGFD), this award recognizes a short-term professional accomplishment in management, administration, research or culture. This award evolved from the original Stream Habitat Award (1977-1982) and (since 1991) has been broadened to recognize accomplishments in a wider range of aquatic endeavors.

Outstanding Mentor Award: This award will recognize a fisheries professional who has shown substantial devotion to assisting or mentoring prospective fisheries students/professionals, current fisheries students, or fisheries professionals.

Leaky Boot Award: Recognizes the most outrageous behavior of any fisheries student or professional in the year subsequent to the chapter's annual meeting.

Please limit applications to one page for the "Max", Mentor, and Leaky Boot Awards. Award of Excellence nominations are typically more detailed with letters of support from multiple individuals.

For more information or to submit a letter of nomination please contact:

Jason Burckhardt
CO/WY AFS Awards Committee Chair
2820 State Highway 120
Cody, WY 82414
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Jason.Burckhardt@wgf.state.wy.us.

No Max Award of Merit nominees were received last year and the Leaky Boot has not been awarded since 2007!

**Deadline for Awards Nominations
is February 4th.**

Student Volunteers Needed



Student volunteers are needed to assist with the 2011 CO/WY AFS meeting in Fort Collins. We are looking for volunteers to help with audiovisual support and the raffle during the meeting. Hours of volunteer time will be credited and count towards meeting fees. Four hours of volunteer time will count as \$35 and eight hours will count as \$70 towards registration fees (1/2 and full early student registration fee, respectively). We would like to encourage as many students as possible to volunteer their time.

For more information on volunteering please contact Michelle McGree at Michelle.McGree@state.co.us

The Raffle Committee Wants YOU...



To contribute to the 2011 annual meeting raffle!

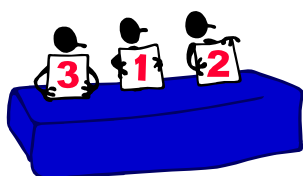
Members of both TWS and AFS are compiling items for our fast-approaching, joint meeting raffle. Money generated from this fundraiser will help the chapter defray meeting costs and provide much needed funds for scholarships and other important monetary requests.

We'd greatly appreciate any personal donations from our membership. Donations can be anything from money, artwork, or gift certificates, to fishing trips, tackle, hand-made goods and more. Instead of returning them, consider gifting the chapter that new pair of waders you purchased that just don't fit! Anything and everything helps. Please help out and give a donation today.

Thanks everyone for your help!

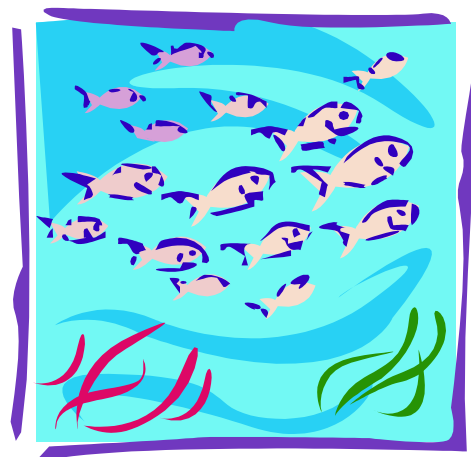
To donate, contact Dan Brauch (Dan.Brauch@state.co.us) or Anna Senecal (Anna.Senecal@wgf.state.wy.us).

Best Paper and Poster Judges Needed!



Volunteers are needed to judge papers and posters at the 2011 CO/WY AFS meeting in Fort Collins. We would like to have three judges per paper and poster, so a great deal of help will be needed from CO-WY AFS members. Government agency and private consulting professionals are preferred for judging volunteers. Please consider volunteering some of your time at the meeting!

If you are interested in judging please contact Christina Barrineau @ 307-745-5180 x240 or Christina.Barrineau@wgf.state.wy.us



2011 Second Annual Colorado/Wyoming AFS Photo Contest



Given the great success of last years' photo contest, the Raffle Committee is now accepting submissions for the Second Annual Colorado Wyoming Joint AFS-TWS Photo Contest! We all work in beautiful places and certainly have taken some amazing photographs, as evident by last years' submissions.

We are asking you to browse your files and send in your best photos for a chance at fame and fortune, and the opportunity to help your chapter raise a little cash. First, second, and third place winners will be selected. In addition to having their photos printed, framed, and entered in the ever-prestigious AFS annual auction, each of the three winners will receive a nominal cash prize (so I lied about the fortune). All submissions will be compiled into a slide show to be viewed during the meeting. Photo submissions will also be posted on the chapter website unless the photographer indicates otherwise.

Thanks in advance for all those great photos!

Please submit your photos by February 9th
to Dan Brauch at Dan.Brauch@state.co.us

Meeting Theme Slideshow



The 2011 CO/WY AFS and TWS meeting is focused on "Recruiting and Retaining Natural Resource Recreationists". To highlight this theme we are asking members to submit photographs that express the many ways in which our organizations are working to address this important issue. The slideshow will be played on monitors and projectors at various times throughout the meeting.



Please email photographs by January 31st to rhenderson01@fs.fed.us. Please type "photograph" for the subject and limit yourself to two submissions.

Continuing Education Workshops



There will be two concurrent continuing education courses at the 2011 meeting.

Date: February 22, 2011. The courses will begin at 10:00 and end at 5:00, with hour-long lunch breaks.

Location: Ft. Collins Marriott

Regular member cost: \$25 early registration; \$50 late registration

For questions about workshop content or registration please contact:

Bobby Compton at

Bobby.Compton@wgf.state.wy.us,

307-745-5180 (ext 229)

or

Harry Crockett at Harry.Crockett@state.co.us,

970-472-4339

Course 1:

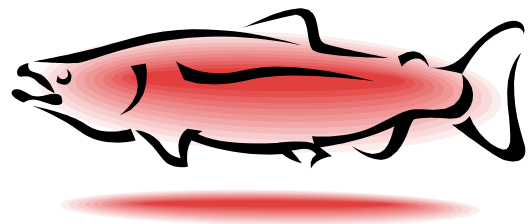
Adaptive Fish and Wildlife Management

Adaptive management is about making the best possible decision, in the face of various sources of uncertainty, and at the same time trying to reduce that uncertainty. To achieve that, the decision process is decomposed into its elements (management objectives, set of alternative actions, predictions of the consequences of those actions, and monitoring to evaluate the decision and the predictions). Each element is considered, debated, and constructed, and then the elements are re-assembled and a decision is derived from the connections between these pieces. This approach brings rigor, clarity, and transparency to consideration of what can often be a complex and confusing process. This clarity applies not just to decisions related to managing the resource, but monitoring decisions as well. During the workshop we will discuss the process above and the elements of an informed decision. For each element we will discuss what is needed to make the decision process

rigorous and transparent (e.g., attributes of clearly expressed objectives, and examples of how conflicting objectives can be balanced to develop an objective function; how the process can be used to get the most out of monitoring dollars). The format for the workshop will be a combination of lecture, discussion of case studies, and small group discussion.

Instructor: Dr. Bill Kendall, Cooperative Research Unit Assistant Leader and Assistant Professor, Colorado State University

Course Capacity: 40 participants



Course 2:

Environmental Conflict & Collaboration

This six-hour training session will combine lecture and facilitated activities to introduce participants to the basics of environmental conflict, human communication and behavior in complex problem solving. It will introduce innovative process design ideas for engaging in productive conflict management and collaboration with stakeholders. The session will begin with an overview of the key principles of conflict resolution and applications to natural resource issues (10am - 12pm). After an hour lunch break, we will resume with an in-depth discussion of how to better understand the human factor in conflict situations, including interpersonal communication and relational dynamics and how they influence the potential for collaboration. Finally, we will explore techniques for facilitating workshops, meetings and collaborative efforts - spanning from the nuts and bolts of organizing to integrating innovation into the standard public meeting.

Instructor: Dr. Jessica Thompson, Assistant Professor, Colorado State University

Course Capacity: 25 participants

CO/WY AFS Secretary-Treasurer Election

This year we are fortunate to have **three** nominees for the incoming Chapter Secretary-Treasurer position. Beth Bear, Paul Gerrity, and Travis Neebling have accepted the nomination to lead our chapter.

Candidate biographies are on pages 8-10. Voting information follows the three candidate biographies.

Beth Bear

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer



I generally try to keep this part of my biography secret but I am indeed from California, and the L.A. area at that. I didn't grow up with fishing or fisheries as a big part of my childhood, but I do have some good memories of fishing with my dad at Big Bear Lake. Of course, the stories mostly involve me hooking him several times while trying to cast but nonetheless we were enjoying the outdoors and doing some fishing.

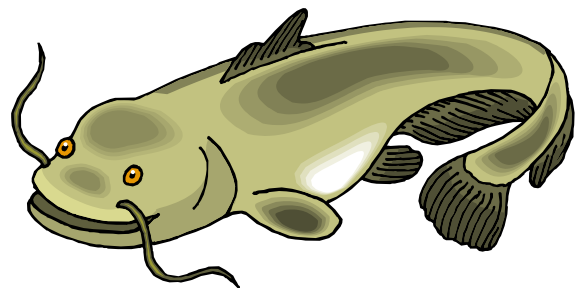
I received my Bachelors degree in Marine Biology and Fisheries in 2000 from Cal Poly State University in San Luis Obispo. I figured what better way to use a marine biology degree than in Wyoming, so in 2000 I headed for Yellowstone National Park. I worked as a fisheries technician in the park for three years on a few different projects including lake trout removal (I can whack a lake trout with the best of them), and fish and invertebrate surveys. In 2003, I entered graduate school at Montana State University in Bozeman and received my Masters degree in Fisheries Management in 2005. After graduation, I made the move back to Wyoming and started working for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. From 2005 to 2009 I worked on various

native fish projects in eastern Wyoming and the Bighorn basin. Since 2009, I have been working on aquatic invasive species for the state and have been the coordinator of the aquatic invasive species program since April 2010.

I am not sure I know what "spare time" is anymore but if I have some I enjoy getting outside with my husband Steve, our 3 year old son Tyler, and our two pups. We're expecting another boy in the next few weeks that should complete the wonderful chaos that is our life.

I have been involved in various aspects of AFS since about 2002 as a member of the Parent Society, member of the Montana Chapter, member of the Montana State University Chapter, and best of all as a member of the CO/WY Chapter since 2006. I've tried to help contribute to the CO/WY chapter in a few different ways as the Audio-Visual Committee Chair for the 2006 meeting, Arrangements Chair for the 2008 and 2010 meetings, and as Co-editor of the amazing, wonderful, always fascinating newsletter *The Angler* since 2006.

I have really enjoyed the challenges that have come with each of these experiences and have mostly enjoyed the people I've got to know better through volunteering with the chapter. I would like to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for the chapter in order to continue the strengths of our chapter and to better our chapter where possible by increasing involvement by members, recruiting new members, and finding new ways that our chapter can help make a difference in the future of fisheries through mentoring and advocacy.



Paul Gerrity
Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer



Growing up in Cleveland, OH on the shores of Lake Erie, my interest in fisheries began at a very young age. During summers and autumns a weekend rarely passed when I was not fishing Lake Erie for yellow perch, walleye, or smallmouth bass with my dad and two uncles. During the winters and early springs I fished northern Ohio rivers for steelhead every chance I got. It's not an understatement to say that through grade school and high school fishing was pretty much my life. Although I enjoyed the outdoors and fishing so much, I didn't realize that I wanted a career in fisheries until my junior year as Biology major at John Carroll University in northeastern Ohio. That is when a graduate student introduced me to Ohio Division of Wildlife (ODW) fisheries biologists that he worked with. I immediately thought that those biologists had the greatest jobs in the world because they got to work on Lake Erie almost every day and had the opportunity to make management decisions to protect and improve the fishery that I grew up with. After meeting those fisheries biologists I spent three field seasons working with them at the ODW – one summer as a creel clerk and two summers as a technician on a 52-foot trawling/gill netting research boat.

After earning my B.S. from John Carroll and finishing my last contract with the ODW in 2001, I continued my career by working as a fisheries technician at two U.S. Geological Survey field stations – one in Sandusky, OH where I continued to work with the Lake Erie fishery, and another in Dixon, CA where I assisted with research on mercury contamination in fish in central California reservoirs. After almost two years of working with USGS, I decided to move on to graduate school. In 2005 I earned my M.S. in Fisheries Management from Montana State University by studying the diet and habitat use of shovelnose sturgeon and the federally

endangered pallid sturgeon in the Missouri River above Fort Peck Reservoir in Montana. After graduating from MSU I began my employment with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) in Casper. I spent almost four years working for the WGFD in Casper, where my main duty was sport fish management on the reservoir and tail-water fisheries within the North Platte River drainage. Currently, I am a fisheries biologist with WGFD in Lander, where I have resided for a little over a year. My main duties in Lander are sport fish management and native species conservation in the Wind River drainage.

I have been a member of the American Fisheries Society since 1999 when I began working as a fisheries technician in Ohio. My first active involvement with the AFS occurred when I served on the Membership Committee of the Ohio Chapter of the AFS from 2001 to 2002. I was also active with the AFS during my time in Montana by assisting with the creation of the Montana State University AFS Student Subunit, serving as the subunit's treasurer from 2004 to 2005, and presenting my research at the 2004 and 2005 Montana Chapter AFS annual meetings. Since moving to Wyoming I have been involved in the CO/WY AFS Chapter in many aspects, including presenting my research at the 2010 chapter meeting, and serving as co-editor of the chapter newsletter (2006 – present), chair of the Best Paper/Poster Committee (2006 – 2007), and chair of the AV Committee (2010). I am also a Program Committee member for the CO/WY Chapter and Western Division AFS meeting that will be held in Jackson in 2012. Outside of chapter-level involvement, I have also presented research at the 2005 AFS Annual Meeting in Anchorage and the 2010 Western Division Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City. Some of my other accomplishments include publishing three peer-reviewed articles in AFS journals and becoming an AFS Certified Fisheries Professional in 2010.

Since becoming a member of the CO/WY AFS Chapter I have been very impressed with the professionalism and dedication of fellow members. If elected I would like to help keep the chapter in the direction it is already going. I'm a huge proponent of making management decisions and advocating causes based on sound science and the best available information. I believe the best ways to do this are through continuing education, information sharing at meetings, and mentoring students and young professionals.

I am honored to be considered for the Secretary/Treasurer position for our chapter and would appreciate your support!

Travis Neebling

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer



I have been fascinated with fish since a young age. I grew up in San Diego, CA and Western Australia where I enjoyed snorkeling and SCUBA diving as well as breeding and raising many species of both native Australian freshwater fish and African cichlids. Therefore, it is not surprising that I have chosen a career that is centered on fisheries.

I have been an active member of the American Fisheries Society since 2004 when fellow undergrads and I formed a student subunit at Northland College. Following undergrad, I received my M.Sc. from Iowa State University (ISU) where I served as president of the student subunit. I strived to increase overall membership, involvement and participation within the subunit. As president I provided opportunities for scientific and professional development along with social activities for the members. My hard work (and that of my fellow officers and members) was rewarded when the ISU Student Subunit was selected as the Most Active Student Subunit in the North Central Division (NCD) for the year that I served as president.

While at ISU I also became more involved at the division and section level. I served as the NCD representative for the Student Subsection of the Education Section and worked closely with the Student Affairs Committee Chair for the NCD to increase student participation and involvement at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference (the annual meeting of the NCD). I also organized and held the 2nd Annual Midwest Fisheries Student Colloquium.

Following graduation, I began my current position as the reservoir research biologist on the statewide research crew within the WGFD. I immediately became involved

with the Colorado-Wyoming (CO-WY) AFS Chapter and currently serve as the Endowment Fund Committee chair. I am also very active in the Western Division as the newsletter editor, Electronic Services Advisory Committee representative, and Environmental Concerns Committee chair. Additionally, I am developing the website for the 2012 Western Division meeting in Jackson, WY. At the national level, I am currently a Young Professional Mentee where I shadow Wayne Hubert in his role on the Governing Board and Executive Committee.

I strongly believe in the value of the American Fisheries Society. As a candidate for this position, I hope to renew interest and involvement in the student subunits, increase participation of current members, work closely with Diana Sweet and others in developing the 2012 Western Division meeting, and provide new and unique opportunities for members. I will also strive to work with groups that are currently under-represented or disenfranchised with the American Fisheries Society.

Vote Now!



Vote by Email: To vote for Secretary-Treasurer by e-mail, send an e-mail with your name, AFS number, and your candidate of choice to Ryan Fitzpatrick at: Ryan.Fitzpatrick@state.co.us by **February 18th.**

Paper Ballot: Members who do not wish to vote by e-mail may respond by paper ballot at the annual meeting in Fort Collins. Paper ballots will be available at the registration desk at the annual meeting. All ballots must be returned to the registration desk by **5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 23rd.**

Only current chapter or subunit AFS members are eligible to vote.

Student Gift Memberships



Your chapter and ExCom continue to support giving out gift memberships to undergraduate students in Wyoming and Colorado. The Membership Committee has the authority to give out 4 gift memberships to undergraduate students attending any college or university in Colorado or Wyoming during a calendar year. Chapter members can send their student nomination to the Membership Committee Co-Chairs Steve.Gale@wgf.state.wy.us or Boyd.Wright@state.co.us

We have 4 gift memberships for 2011 and the criteria are simple:

1. A Colorado or Wyoming undergraduate student enrolled in a state college or university.
2. Interested in fisheries, majoring or studying fisheries or aquatics.

Job Board



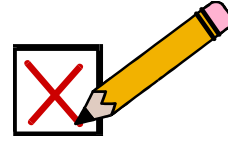
We're planning to have a JOB BOARD again at the 2011 chapter meeting in Fort Collins. The board is intended to help those looking for employees, as well as those looking for employment.

Please email your job announcement or resume to post on the board **by February 22nd** to Boyd Wright at Boyd.Wright@state.co.us

Looking for employment???

Look no further than the AFS website @ <http://www.fisheries.org/afs/jobpage.php>.

Check your Parent Society AFS Membership Information



Check and update your membership information by visiting the Parent Society webpage at <http://www.fisheries.org/afs/>.

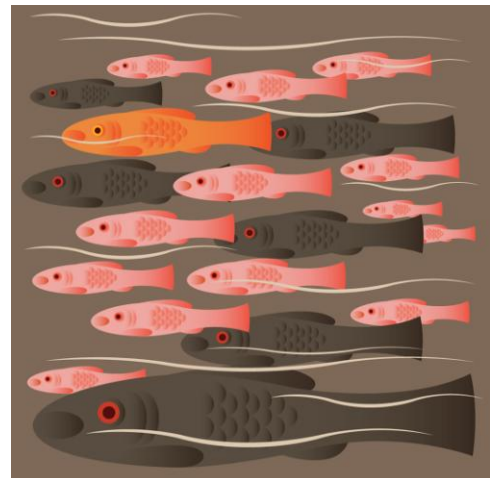
Next, click on the "Membership" tab near the top of the page. Then choose your membership category (individual member or student). Then you can select to find out more information on each membership category, download an application, or join/renew online.

If you are going to join/renew online then you need to login. Your login is the first letter of your first name then your full last name and your full AFS membership number (i.e. JDOE0000000). The default password is "afslive".

If you want you can create a new account. Follow the steps when prompted to complete your renewal.

If you have problems, contact Steve Gale at Steve.Gale@wgf.state.wy.us or contact Farasha Euker (Parent Society Webmaster and Electronic Services Coordinator) at feuker@fisheries.org

You must have updated your membership for 2011 to be eligible to vote for Secretary/Treasurer and at the Business Meeting.



New ways to Communicate with other AFS Members

AFS is now on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, Google Discussion Group, and Live News Feeds.



Look for the above icons on the right side of the AFS homepage (<http://www.fisheries.org/afs/>) and click on each one to find out more.



Do you BLOG???

Check out the AFS BLOG at <http://www.fisheries.org/blog/>.

You can find information on AFS happenings, meetings, news and media info, member's opinion posts, opportunities, resources, and more.

Chapter Bylaw Revision

The CO-WY AFS bylaws are under revision again this year. The changes include the addition of officer removal language allowing for the removal of an ineffective officer by a vote of the executive committee. This is becoming more common among AFS chapters nationwide as there is no current avenue to remove an incompetent officer if it is necessary. The last revision is a change in the duties of the officers, reflecting the changes in the Parent Society's reporting requirements. All revisions will be posted on the CO-WY AFS website 30 days prior to the annual business meeting on the 24th of February.

ExCom Meeting Minutes

ExCom meeting minutes are now available on the Chapter website at:

<http://cowyafs.org/excom/excom.html>



Committee Updates

Membership (Steve Gale and Boyd Wright) - Since the annual meeting, the committee has communicated with the Parent Society and updated our membership as of November 2010. The Parent Society only gives us a membership list with those who have paid their 2010 annual dues. As of November 2010, our chapter has 223 members, 44 of which reside outside CO/WY.

Membership Type	CO/WY AFS Chapter
Life	36
Regular	113
Retired	8
Student	49
Young Professional	17
Totals	223

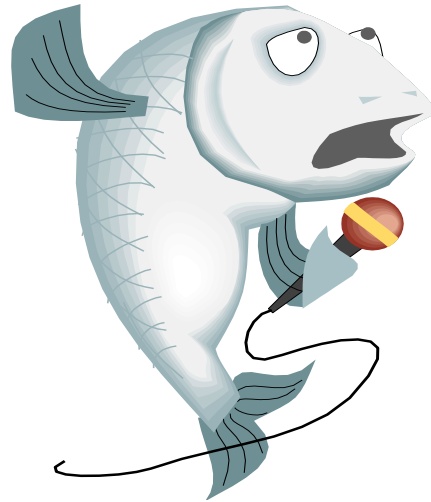
CSU Subunit (Zack Underwood) - The CSU subunit is gearing up for a fun and busy spring semester. We will kick things off with a group ice-fishing trip with the UW subunit to Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Following that, our subunit has been invited to travel to Brookings, SD to attend the Midwest Student Colloquium, so several of our members will be doing that the last week in January. As usual, we have bi-weekly meetings planned throughout the semester, with many fantastic speakers lined up. Our subunit has had a recent impulse of enthusiastic undergraduates, and we look forward to working and learning with them over the next few months.

Student Travel Assistance for 2011 Western Division Meeting



The Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society would like to aid two students, one from CSU and one from UW, in attending the Western Division Annual Meeting. In 2011, this meeting is held in conjunction with the Parent Society meeting in Seattle, WA from September 4-9. Travel grants, not to exceed \$250.00 each, will be awarded on a competitive basis to assist these students with expenses incurred when attending the annual meeting. Completed applications must be e-mailed or mailed no later than 45 days before the annual meeting (July 21, 2011). Award decisions will be made within two weeks after the deadline. The complete application can be found on the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter AFS website:
<http://www.cowyafs.org/>

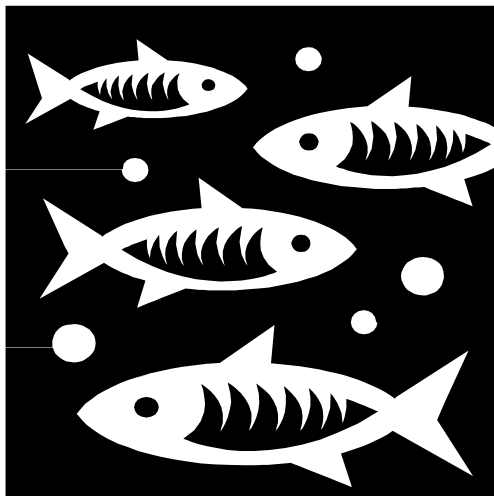
Call for Chapter Proceedings



The Archive Committee is in need of annual meeting proceedings. Most of the missing proceedings are from the years 1990-2000. We need 2-3 copies for archives and 1 each for the University of Wyoming and Colorado State University. The Archive Committee is asking (pleading) that every member checks your files to see if you can give up your old copies and help our chapter out.

Proceedings can be mailed to:
Greg Anderson
P.O. Box 168
Daniel, Wyoming 831

Contact Greg Anderson at
Greg.Anderson@wgf.state.wy.us for more information.



Proceedings Still Needed

Year	Proceedings Needed (#)
1966 - 1979	5 each year
1989	1
1990	4
1991	1
1992	4
1993	2
1994	4
1995	2
1996-1998	4 each year
1999	2
2000	4
2002	2
2003	1
2004	2
2005	1

**Registration Form for the 2011 Annual Meeting of the
Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
and the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society**

**February 22 - 25, 2011
Marriott Hotel, Fort Collins, CO**

Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Title:	<input type="text"/>		
Employer:	<input type="text"/>		
Address:	<input type="text"/>		
City:	<input type="text"/>	State: <input type="text"/>	Zip: <input type="text"/>
Phone:	<input type="text"/>	E-Mail: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
AFS Member ID #:	<input type="text"/>	CWS Member (yes or no)	<input type="text"/>

Early registration deadline for the meeting and continuing education workshop is February 8, 2011. Early registration is required to attend the banquet and to have lunch provided on Wednesday and Thursday.

Meeting Registration: Includes all breaks and Tuesday and Wednesday evening socials.

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	
Regular	\$145	\$170	\$ <input type="text"/>
Student or Retired	\$70	\$85	\$ <input type="text"/>

Tuesday Evening Welcoming Social (Free)	check if attending	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday Evening Student Mentoring Social (Free)	check if attending	<input type="checkbox"/>

Banquet Registration (for early registrants only)

Dinner Buffet <i>Thursday, February 24th</i>	\$30	\$ <input type="text"/>
Additional Buffet Ticket	\$30	\$ <input type="text"/>
(guest, if applicable)		
Dinner options (check preference)	Parmesan chicken breast	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Pan-seared salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Vegetarian	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Lunches (for early registrants only)	please check yes or no	yes	no
<i>Wednesday, February 23 Lunch Buffet</i>	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Thursday, February 24 Box Lunch During Society's Business Meeting</i>	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Continuing Education Workshop Registration

Adaptive Management, Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 10:00 am. Instructor: Bill Kendall (40 seats available)

Regular	\$25	\$50	\$ <input type="text"/>
Student or retired	\$0	\$15	\$ <input type="text"/>

Conflict Resolution and Facilitation, February 22, 2011, 10:00 am. Instructor: Jessica Thompson (25 seats available)

Regular	\$25	\$50	\$ <input type="text"/>
Student or retired	\$10	\$25	\$ <input type="text"/>

Total Due \$

If paying by check, send completed form and registration fee to: Ryan Fitzpatrick, 317 W. Prospect Rd., Fort Collins, CO 80526 (970-472-4336). Checks should be made out to CO-WY AFS.

If paying with a credit card, online registration will be available at <http://www.cowyafs.org> beginning on January 5, 2011

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**2011 Western Division Annual Meeting
Seattle, WA
September 4-8, 2011**



Set your sights on attending next year's annual meeting in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. With its focus on **"New Frontiers in Fisheries Management and Ecology: Leading the Way in a Changing World,"** the conference will provide a wonderful opportunity for fisheries professionals to meet, exchange information, catch up with friends, and find inspiration.

AFS President Wayne Hubert, Meeting Co-Chairs Cleve Steward and Larry Dominguez, and Program Co-Chairs Craig Busack and Dave Ward invite you to attend the 2011 AFS Annual Meeting at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle, Washington. With magnify-cent Puget Sound at its doorstep and Mount Rainier and the towering Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges visible in the distance, the Emerald City offers both scenic splendor and myriad recreational opportunities. The Convention Center is within walking distance of the vibrant Seattle waterfront, with its jumble of shops, restaurants, art galleries, and the world famous Pike Place Farmers Market. There are a multitude of shopping venues, sights, and experiences to enjoy when not engaged in meeting activities. You'll want to extend your stay to allow time to visit Puget Sound, the rugged Olympic Peninsula, and other fabulous nearby destinations.

The 2011 AFS Annual Meeting will provide a unique forum for participants to explore the many multidisciplinary aspects of fisheries science and management. In addition to the high caliber and eclectic mix of symposia, contributed papers, and poster sessions for which AFS meetings are known, the 2011 meeting will feature a broad range of technical, social, and legal topics that are of national and international interest, including measures to recover from massive man-made and weather-related catastrophes and to ensure the long-term sustainability of fisheries resources. Regional topics will highlight efforts to protect and clean up Puget Sound and address emerging issues related to the Columbia River, salmon recovery, and watershed management. We encourage those involved or interested in fisheries science and management, marine and freshwater habitat protection, or fisheries-related recreation to contribute to this important meeting.

Support AFS and indulge yourself by coming to Seattle next September. We guarantee your experience will be a memorable one.

For more information visit: <http://www.fisheries.org/afs2011/>