

The Angler

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The Vent

Ann Widmer

Our chapter was encouraged to submit a bid this summer to host the 2015 annual meeting of the AFS parent society in Denver. While our chapter executive committee ultimately decided not to submit a bid, I learned a number of things about our chapter during the decision-making process.

To make the decision whether to host the meeting, our chapter: 1) contacted previous meeting hosts to estimate the level of effort required; 2) surveyed the membership via an electronic survey to characterize moral support and estimate potential volunteer hours ; and 3) individually contacted local agency decision makers to estimate institutional support (financial and personnel hours) for the meeting. Labor estimates from the Pittsburgh meeting in 2010 were the most detailed and relevant to our chapter. Their meeting required 22 planning committees, with about 85 people on the planning team. Most were agency staff, although they also had good support from university and private firms. They suggested that we would need the flexibility to have staff work on this for significant amounts of time, perhaps quarter time or more as the meeting approaches.

Despite these rather onerous labor projections, 75% of the 55 survey respondents said that they were excited by the prospect of the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of AFS hosting the 2015 parent society meeting (scoring agreement ≥ 4 out of 5; refer to the full survey results below). Furthermore, people were willing to put their volunteer hours where their mouths are—more than 60% of respondents (N = 34) indicated that they would be willing to serve on one of the planning committees (scoring agreement ≥ 4 out of 5). Even though the survey was only open



for a short 3-day window in the heart of field season, we were able to solicit almost 50% more volunteers for the 2015 parent society meeting than we were for our 2011 chapter standing committees and meeting planning committees combined (N = 24). Thus, I learned that many of our chapter members are excited by opportunities on an international scale and are willing to contribute their time to make that happen.

About half of the people volunteering time for the 2015 meeting were employees of federal agencies, universities, and consulting firms or retired. This surprised me because the vast majority of our active chapter committee members have been Wyoming or Colorado state employees in recent years. I learned that our chapter has a lot of untapped volunteer potential and substantial opportunities to diversify our committee volunteers.

While no one expressed interest in being the primary meeting organizer for 2015, 25% of respondents (N = 14, scoring agreement ≥ 4 out of 5) indicated that they would be willing to chair one of the planning committees. Accordingly, I learned that we have more leaders in our chapter than I had suspected, and again, that leadership is available from non-traditional sources.

The local agencies were generally excited about the professional development opportunities that hosting an international meeting could provide for their employees, but many expressed concern about the large commitments of personnel hours recommended by the Pittsburgh meeting organizers. Despite these reservations, several agencies pledged financial and personnel support to help bring this prestigious meeting to Denver. Through these discussions, I learned that all the agencies contacted were willing to support some (and sometimes substantial amounts of) employee time on AFS meeting planning. This seems somewhat at odds with the responses I received from the membership, where only 38% of the survey respondents indicated that their employer would remunerate them for $\geq 50\%$ of the hours they spend on this activity. If you are interested in getting actively involved in AFS, I would highly encourage you to discuss this possibility with your supervisor—they may be more receptive to your involvement than you may think.

Although the executive committee was encouraged and impressed by the number of people and agencies that expressed excitement and pledged support for the

meeting, we ultimately decided that we did not have quite enough manpower or primary leadership secured to move forward with the bid process for the 2015 meeting. Although we acknowledged that some of our members would be disappointed in the outcome, we felt this decision was in the best interest of the chapter.

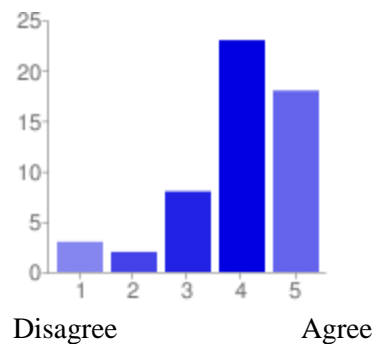
In the meantime, I'm pleased with the many new things I learned about our chapter at a time I thought I knew our chapter pretty well (i.e., the last month of my presidency). I'm hoping this knowledge can be used to get more people actively involved in the operations of our chapter, an experience that has been rewarding for me personally and professionally over the last several years.

Survey of Chapter Interest in Hosting the 2015 Parent Society Meeting in Denver

Prepared by Ann Widmer, 6-27-2011

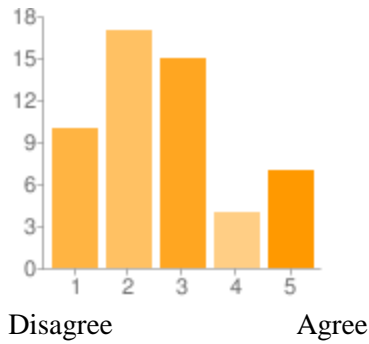
Summary of 55 responses

1. I am excited by the prospect of the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter hosting the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society in Denver, CO.



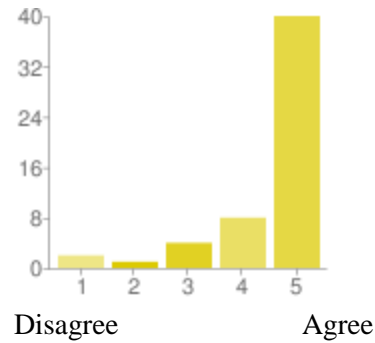
Category	# Responses	% Responses
1 - Disagree	3	5%
2	2	4%
3	8	15%
4	23	42%
5 - Agree	18	33%

2. I would prefer to maintain our chapter's tradition of a smaller, more intimate, regional meeting in 2015.



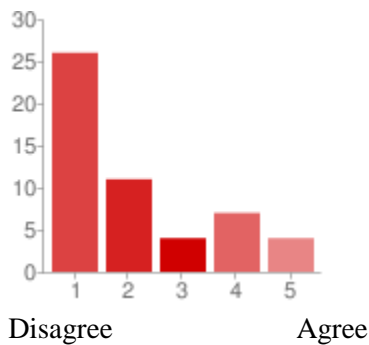
Category	# Responses	% Responses
1 - Disagree	10	18%
2	17	31%
3	15	27%
4	4	7%
5 - Agree	7	13%

4. If our chapter were to win the bid to host the 2015 parent society meeting I will most likely attend the meeting.



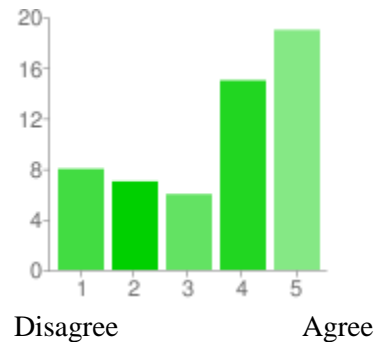
Category	# Responses	% Responses
1 - Disagree	2	4%
2	1	2%
3	4	7%
4	8	15%
5 - Agree	40	73%

3. I am interested in helping construct the bid package due to the governing board of the parent society by August 20, 2011.



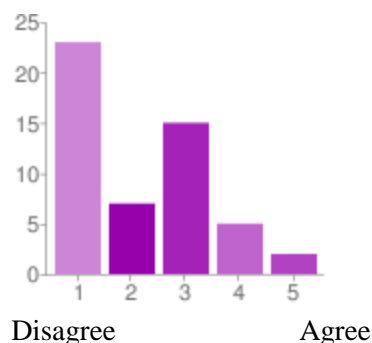
Category	# Responses	% Responses
1 - Disagree	26	47%
2	11	20%
3	4	7%
4	7	13%
5 - Agree	4	7%

5. If our chapter were to win the bid to host the 2015 parent society meeting I will serve on one of the planning committees.



Category	# Responses	% Responses
1 - Disagree	8	15%
2	7	13%
3	6	11%
4	15	27%
5 - Agree	19	35%

6. If our chapter were to win the bid to host the 2015 parent society meeting I will serve on more than one of the planning committees.



Category	# Responses	% Responses
1 - Disagree	23	42%
2	7	13%
3	15	27%
4	5	9%
5 - Agree	2	4%

Business Meeting Minutes

Annual Business Meeting
2/24/2011, Fort Collins, Colorado

Notes: Ryan Fitzpatrick

Attendees: Ann Widmer (President), Diana Sweet (Vice-President), Ryan Fitzpatrick (Secretary/Treasurer), Mark Smith (Past President), chapter committee members and chapter members.

Ann Widmer (President) – The meeting was called to order at 12:18 pm. A quorum was established with 39 members present. Dirk Miller was appointed parliamentarian. The business meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

Wayne Hubert (President, American Fisheries Society) – Wayne provided the current status of the parent society. The American Fisheries Society currently has 9,000 members in 63 different countries with membership numbers stable. Financially the organization is doing well, even though some investments took a hit with the recent decline in the economy. Wayne discussed a new process for AFS publications, online membership lists, and more attention being paid to lead in sport fishing tackle. He reiterated that people should be more active in the parent society as 25-75% of members in some chapters are not members of the parent society.

State of the Chapter, Ann Widmer (President) – The current state of the chapter is strong with members occupying high-level leadership roles, including Lori Martin as the Western Division President and Wayne Hubert as the American Fisheries Society President. Within our chapter membership numbers have been remaining fairly constant. Financially we are doing well with a stable budget and the investment fund is recovering. Chapter accomplishments include developing an illicit introduction resolution, writing environmental policy statements, and conducting surveys that review our management of grants, endowments and fundraising. The current joint meeting with The Wildlife Society is increasing networking opportunities for our members. As an indication of the strength of our chapter the parent society is interested in having Colorado/Wyoming host the 2015 parent society meeting in Denver.

Secretary/ Treasurer Report, Ryan Fitzpatrick (Secretary/Treasurer) – Ryan presented the current treasurer's report. Since this was a joint meeting expenses and income are mixed between AFS and The Wildlife Society. Thus, the report did not contain all information regarding the meeting. Profits for the meeting will be split evenly between AFS and The Wildlife Society. The profit goal for the meeting will be \$7,000 per society.

FY 12 Proposed Budget, Diana Sweet (Vice President) – Diana presented a proposed budget for the 2012 Western Division meeting. The budget was based on 400 expected registrants and has an expected profit of approximately \$7,000 for the chapter. Profits will increase rapidly as the number of registrations increases above 400.

Committee Highlights, Ann Widmer (President) –

- **Arrangements and Program Committees** - The Arrangements and Program committees worked closely with the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society to host a joint meeting in 2011 with an anticipated attendance of over 300 people. The program focused on the recruitment and retention of natural resource recreationists. They developed an ambitious plenary session that included sixteen high-profile speakers, many of who had to be scheduled almost a year in advance of the meeting.
- **Continuing Education Committee** - The Continuing Education Committee worked with

the Colorado Wildlife Society to provide two workshops for the 2011 annual meeting. One course covered was titled fish and wildlife adaptive management, and the second course covered facilitation and conflict resolution. Both courses were excellent and were taught at full capacity.

- **Fundraising Committee** - This year, the Fundraising Committee worked hard to solicit donations from many non-traditional sources. Between the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society and Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of AFS, the Fundraising Committee raised over \$14,000 to help offset meeting and speaker costs. The Fundraising Committee would like to thank all of the sponsors listed in the program for their generous financial support. In addition, several sponsors donated hunting or fishing-related items to our auctions this year.
- **Student Liaison Committee** - The student liaison, Michelle McGree, coordinated with the student subunits from UW and CSU to plan and execute the 2011 annual meeting student social. She kept in touch with the student subunits during the school year and was the main contact between the chapter and student subunits, answering any questions and conveying information between the two groups. One notable achievement was establishing email addresses for the subunits themselves. The email addresses will stay the same from year to year regardless of changes in officers and will make it easier to contact students in the future.
- **Awards Committee** - The Awards Committee received one nomination for the Award of Excellence and three nominations for the Max Award of Merit. All individuals nominated were deemed deserving of the awards by the Awards Committee. No nominations were received for the Leaky Boot Award or the Outstanding Mentor Award.
- **Archive Committee** - The Archive Committee has continued to sort and prepare materials for scanning to be included in the chapter's archive collection. This year, the committee delivered proceedings to the University of Wyoming and Colorado State University. The committee received a \$2,000 budget from the chapter membership for scanning our collection. This budget falls short of an updated quote for scanning, which was \$2,700. Therefore, the committee applied for a \$1,000 grant from the Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board to augment chapter monies and complete scanning.
- **Endowment Funding Committee** - The current balance of the CSU endowment is about \$25,500 and the UW endowment is about \$30,000; scholarships in 2011 are projected to be approximately \$1,100 at CSU and about \$2,000 at UW. We currently have \$11,400 invested in the Western Division Grants Endowment fund. The committee recently completed a survey of the membership to get their input on future fundraising and spending, the results of which will be discussed later. Finally, the committee has secured a generous donation of 45% of the proceeds from the auction of one of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioner Big Game Licenses.
- **Newsletter Committee** - Three issues of The Angler were produced since the 2010 annual meeting (July 2010, November 2010 and January 2011). Thanks to all who sent in submissions for the newsletters.
- **Environmental Policy Committee** - The Environmental Policy Committee redefined the chapter's Rule 1, which guides the development and approval of chapter positions at the 2010 business meeting. No chapter positions have been developed since that time. The committee encouraged members to contact their representatives in support of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan.
- **Website Committee** - Mark Coleman completed the development of the WordPress webpage in the fall of 2010. All the money allocated to this project during the 2010 business meeting has been paid in full. The website committee has begun crossing over information into the new website and hopes to have it online soon. The committee managed the online registration through 123-SignUp for both AFS and the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society, working closely with both society treasurers.
- **Nominating Committee** - This committee identified three qualified candidates from

Wyoming to run for the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

Student Subunit Reports

- **Colorado State University** (Zack Underwood, President) – The CSU subunit has been conducting a research project on mercury concentrations in fish in College Lake. The results of this project have been submitted to the Canadian Journal of Aquatic Sciences. Seven students attended a student colloquium in Idaho and two attended a colloquium in South Dakota. The results of the mercury project were presented at both colloquiums.
- **University of Wyoming** – There are currently twelve active students in the UW subunit. They are working on a burbot tagging project with the CSU subunit and a brown trout tagging project.

No Unfinished Business

Announcement of new Secretary/Treasurer –

Ryan Fitzpatrick announced that Paul Gerrity will be the Secretary/Treasurer for FY12.

New Business

- Proposed bylaw revision – Diana Sweet presented a bylaw revision that would include language allowing for the removal of an ineffective officer by 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 second revision is a change in the duties of the officers, reflecting the changes in the parent society's reporting requirements. Jason Burckhardt made a motion to pass the revision. Wayne Hubert seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Fundraising Vision – Travis Neebling presented results of a survey regarding fundraising.
- AFS parent society venue in 2015 (Ann Widmer) – Hosting the parent society meeting is a big opportunity, but will also be a lot of work for the chapter. Approximately half of the membership indicated they were interested in hosting the meeting. Moving forward, we will gauge the level of support from agencies to help staff the meeting. It was agreed that without significant agency support that our chapter would not have

the number of individuals to sufficiently staff a meeting this large.

- UW and CSU scholarship recipients (Diana Sweet) - Sarah Laske was the recipient of the UW scholarship and Zack Underwood was the recipient from CSU for the 2009-2010 academic year.
- Ron Remmick Undergraduate Scholarship Award - Dirk Miller presented the award to Nate Cathcart.
- Significant Contribution to the Colorado State University Student Subunit – Zack Underwood presented the award to Ken Kehmeier.
- CO-WY AFS Chapter Award of Excellence – Jason Burckhardt presented the award to Bruce Rosenlund.

Robin Knox made a motion to adjourn. Melissa Dickard seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:28 P.M.

Annual Meeting Award Recipients



Award of Excellence: **Bruce Rosenlund**, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for an outstanding career dedicated to the management and restoration of aquatic resources.

"Max" Award of Merit: **Mark Fowden** and **Beth Bear** (Wyoming Game and Fish Department) for the development and implementation of a state-wide aquatic invasive species program in Wyoming.



"Max" Award of Merit: **Boyd Wright** (Colorado Division of Wildlife) for work on native fish recovery.

Ron Remmick Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship
Award: Nate Cathcart

American Fisheries Society from UW: Sarah Laske

American Fisheries Society Scholarship from CSU:
Zack Underwood

Best Professional Paper (Informational): Travis Neebling, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, "History and future of the hydroacoustics program in Wyoming."

Best Professional Paper (Scientific Method): Jesse Lepak, Colorado Division of Wildlife, "Manipulation of sport fish growth to reduce mercury bioaccumulation on a whole-lake scale."

Best Student Paper: Daniel Gibson-Reinemer, University of Wyoming, "Climate change and river fishes: decoupling of thermal and physical habitat?"

ExCom Meeting Minutes



ExCom meeting minutes are no longer published in The Angler newsletter. Minutes are now available on the chapter website at:
<http://www.cowyafs.org/excom/excom.html>

Committee & Subunit Updates

Continuing Education – Bobby Compton and Harry Crockett

The 2011 joint meeting with the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society featured two excellent courses that were well attended. The first course, titled "Environmental Conflict and Collaboration" was taught by CSU professor Jessica Thompson and introduced participants to the basics of environmental conflict, human communication, and behavior in complex problem solving. A second course, titled "Adaptive Fish and Wildlife Management, was taught by CSU professor Bill Kendall and introduced participants to the basics of adaptive management

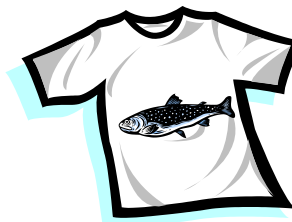
decision making through lecture, case studies, and group discussions. Between the two courses, approximately 60 people participated in the workshops.

Harry Crockett stepped down and was replaced by Jesse Lepak as the Colorado representative of the Continuing Education Committee. The Continuing Education Committee is in the process of selecting courses for next year's annual meeting. If anyone has suggestions please contact Bobby Compton (307-745-5180 Ext. 229; bobby.compton@wyo.gov) or Jesse Lepak (jesse.lepak@state.co.us).

University of Wyoming Student Subunit – Eriek Hansen

The UW subunit had an eventful spring. In early March, Travis Neebling from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) gave a presentation on the use of hydroacoustics in fisheries assessments with specific examples from WGFD. In April, Steve Gale from WGFD gave a presentation on fisheries management in southeast Wyoming. Steve also provided some fishing tips for the members. We are excited for this fall. In collaboration with WGFD, we will conduct our fourth year of brown trout redd counts on Spring Creek in Laramie.

Calling All Artists!



Are you a fan of the University of Wyoming Subunit's t-shirts? You could be the next designer. We are seeking design ideas for our new t-shirt. Here are a few guidelines to help you with your design:

- 1) Do not include the year or meeting title, we usually sell the shirt for a couple of years.
- 2) The design on the front and back of shirt may match, or they can be different,
- 3) Incorporate "Wyoming" into the design.
- 4) Color designs are allowed.

Our previous two designs were the fish cowboy and the state of Wyoming with native species by drainage. The winning designer will receive a \$50 prize and a free t-shirt! The deadline for submissions is August 31st 2011. Please email any questions and designs to Eriek Hansen at ehansen8@uwyo.edu.

Treasurer Report

Colorado-Wyoming AFS Fiscal Year 2011 Budget
August 1, 2010 to July 15, 2011

BEGINNING CHAPTER BALANCES	\$42,125		CURRENT BALANCES
Checking	\$18,278		\$19,854.03
Savings	\$12,131		\$12,131
WD Investment Fund (value fluctuates)	\$11,716		\$11,716
INCOME	Estimated	Itemized	Received to Date
Annual Meeting Income	\$18,000		
Total meeting registration fees (all categories)		\$18,000	\$45,105
Chapter Rebates From Parent Society	\$350		\$310
Chapter Rebates From FY 09/10	\$274		\$274
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,274		\$45,689
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized	Spent to Date
Arrangements Committee	\$12,250		\$10,688
Food (banquet, breaks, socials) and Meeting Room Charge, AV		\$12,000	
Complimentary Rooms		\$250	\$371
Awards Committee	\$100		
Plaques, Frames etc.		\$100	\$64
Continuing Education Committee	\$1,500		
Continuing Education Workshop		\$1,500	\$300
Mentoring Committee	\$50		
Mailings, award, etc.		\$50	
Membership Committee	\$50		
Mailings etc.		\$50	
Paper/Poster Judging Committee	\$600		
Presenter Awards		\$100	\$31
Speaker gifts		\$500	\$413
Program Committee	\$100		
Program Printing		\$100	
Raffle Committee	\$1,000		
Raffle (seed money)		\$1,000	\$1,020
Registration Committee	\$700		
Name tags, envelopes, etc.		\$200	\$284
Student registration/volunteer refunds		\$500	
Student Liason Committee	\$1,000		
Student social		\$1,000	\$1,230
Meeting Reimbursements			\$320
Student Registration Reimbursements			\$400
Reimbursement of Wildlief Society Expenses			\$19,245
SUB-TOTAL ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES	\$17,350		\$34,366

Treasurer Report - Continued

Colorado-Wyoming AFS Fiscal Year 2011 Budget
August 1, 2010 to July 15, 2011

ANNUAL CHAPTER EXPENSES	Annual	Itemized	Spent to Date
Archive Committee	\$100		
		\$100	\$92
Endowment Committee	\$50		
Mailings etc.		\$50	
Registration Committee	\$620		
Undergraduate Student Memberships		\$120	
Student Travel Grants (WD Annual Meeting)		\$500	\$500
Website Committee	\$100		
Web Domain Registration		\$100	
Other	\$2,750		
Donations (Western Division)		\$500	\$500
President Travel to WD Mid-year Meeting (Grand Junction 2010 FY)		\$750	\$619
President Travel to WD Mid-year meeting (2009 FY)		\$750	\$747
Tax Preparation		\$600	\$500
Liability Insurance		\$150	\$150
SUB-TOTAL ANNUAL CHAPTER EXPENSES	\$3,620		\$3,107
BYLAW APPROVED EXPENSES	Estimated	Itemized	Spent to Date
CSU Student Sub-unit	\$200		
Annual Contribution		\$200	\$200
Executive Committee	\$2,050		
EXCOM Meeting Lunch		\$250	
VP Travel to WD Meeting (Seattle, WA)		\$1,800	\$1,103
UW Student Sub-unit	\$200		
Annual Contribution		\$200	\$200
BYLAW APPROVED EXPENSES	\$2,450		\$1,503
CHAPTER-APPROVED EXPENSES FROM 3-3-2010 BUSINESS MEETING	Estimated	Itemized	Spent to Date
Funding request from Archive Committee	\$2,000		\$2,883
Funding request from Website and Illegal Stocking Committees	\$2,000		\$2,000
SUB-TOTAL CHAPTER-APPROVED EXPENSES	\$4,000		\$4,883
EXCOM-APPROVED EXPENSES IN 2011 (NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000)			
ExComm Lunch 9/8/2010			\$80.00
ExComm breakfast reimbursement 9/8/2010			\$23.58
Reimbursement for Article of Incorporation			\$50.00
Reimbursement for ExComm breakfast and lunch 12/7/2010			\$100.25
EXCOM-APPROVED EXPENSES IN 2011 (NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000)	\$0		\$254
WESTERN DIVISION MEETING 2012 IN JACKSON, WY			
Seed money for deposits, artwork, and promotional materials	\$3,000		
Poster Printing			\$62
SUB-TOTAL WESTERN DIVISION EXPENSES	\$3,000		
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	\$27,970		\$44,113
ACTUAL CHAPTER ENDING BALANCE			\$19,854

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News & Events



NEW FRONTIERS IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND ECOLOGY: LEADING THE WAY IN A CHANGING WORLD

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY 141ST ANNUAL MEETING
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON . SEPTEMBER 4-8, 2011 . [WWW.FISHERIES.ORG/AFS2011](http://www.fisheries.org/afs2011)

Set your sights on attending this year's Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society 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 magnificent 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 Meeting will provide a unique forum for participants to explore the many multidisciplinary aspects of fisheries science and management. In addition to the eclectic mix of outstanding symposia, contributed papers, and posters for which AFS meetings are known, the Seattle 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 anthropogenic 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 this September. We guarantee your experience will be a memorable one.

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



2011 Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Expo

Held each September, the Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo is FREE and open to the public! Everyone is invited to be a part of the celebration of Wyoming's wildlife and wildlands by attending the Expo! There are hands-on activities and other educational opportunities for everyone regardless of age, physical ability or experience. The Expo is hosted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department with exhibitors from over 150 businesses, agencies, and organizations.

Wyoming's wildlife-related recreational opportunities are so valuable and important that the Wyoming Game and Fish Department initiated the Wyoming Hunting & Fishing Heritage Expo in 1998, which has become an annual event. The Expo is just one way the Wyoming Game and Fish Department is helping to insure the future of Wyoming's hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing heritage for generations to come.

Expo'11 is the 14th annual and will be held **September 8th-10th, 2011!**

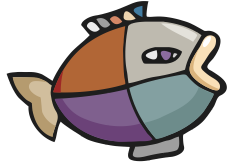
The Expo takes place at the Casper Events Center, the Center's grounds, and nearby shooting ranges in Casper, Wyoming.

For more information visit:

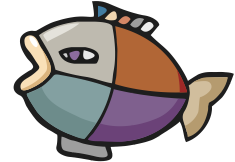
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72nd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference



December 4-7, 2011
Des Moines, Iowa



Welcome to the home of the 2011 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference! Save the dates of December 4-7, 2011 for the conference. This meeting will mark the 72nd year that natural resource professionals in the Midwest will meet to share new research, management experiences, and valuable insight on fish and wildlife issues. The Midwest is the premier fish and wildlife conference in the central U.S. with more than 1,000 attendees at past conferences.

The Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference offers an excellent forum for training, professional development and networking. Professionals and students will share their latest work and discuss the challenges of the future. The Des Moines Marriott Downtown offers an outstanding, affordable venue for this gathering. We encourage you to browse our website and to contact us with any questions.

To further enhance your trip to the 72nd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, please visit the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau website.

We look forward to seeing you in Des Moines in December 2011!

For more information, visit: <http://www.midwest2011.org/>