

The Angler

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2012 Western Division Meeting

Snow King Resort - Jackson, Wyoming ----- March 26-29, 2012

In 2012, the CO-WY Chapter will be hosting the Western Division AFS meeting in Jackson, Wyoming. This meeting will be taking the place of our Chapter annual meeting. Be prepared to learn about "Ecosystem Management in a Twitter World," where social scientists and natural resource managers will discuss the difficulties and approaches to conducting long-term, ecosystem level management in a society that expects instant results (Tuesday, March 27). Symposia topics, including energy development affects on fisheries, new fisheries technology, and burbot management across the west, will grab your attention and contributed papers and posters covering a wide variety of topics will keep you up to date on all the latest research and technology (Tuesday-Thursday, March 27-29). Continue your education with courses on stable isotope analysis, R programming language, aquatic plants, and leadership within AFS (Sunday and Monday, March 25-26).

A room block is reserved at Snow King Resort for meeting attendees. Room rates are \$100/night plus taxes and fees. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-522-KING(5464). Be sure to ask for the rate for the American Fisheries Society. For more information: <http://fisheriestn.wordpress.com/lodging-2/>

Registration for the Western Division meeting will be open in mid-December and early registration will end February 15th, so make sure to register early. Visit the website for registration details: <http://fisheriestn.wordpress.com/registration-2/>

First 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. All contributions must be submitted on the Western Division Annual Meeting 2012 website <http://fisheriestn.wordpress.com/>. **Final deadline for presentation and poster abstracts is February 15, 2012.**

Continuing Education

There will be four continuing education courses offered during the 2012 annual meeting. The first course will cover the utility of stable isotopes in fisheries, and will be instructed by Scott Carlton, Assistant Coop Unit Leader at New Mexico State University. The second course will cover the statistical program R (a programming language and software environment for statistical computing and graphics), and will be co-instructed by Mevin Hooten, Assistant Coop Unit Leader at Colorado State University, and Viviana Ruiz-Gutierrez, Postdoctoral Fellow at Colorado State University. The third course will cover aquatic plant identification and ecology, and will be instructed by Elizabeth Brown, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The fourth course will cover leadership at all levels within the American Fisheries Society, and will be co-instructed by Dirk Miller, Fish Management Coordinator for Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and Joe Margraf, Supervisor of Western Cooperative Research Units for the United States Geological Survey. The first three courses will be taught on Monday, March 26, while the AFS Leadership course will be taught on Sunday, March 25.

Awards Nominations

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 the American Fisheries Society.

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 "atta boy" 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 prior to the chapter's annual meeting.

Information on how to complete a nomination will be available in the next issue of The Angler. For more information please contact Jason Burckhardt at [307-527-7322](tel:307-527-7322) x*814 or Jason.Burckhardt@wyo.gov.

Call for Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering to help plan the 2012 Western Division Annual Meeting or assist during the meeting, please contact Diana Miller at Diana.Miller@wyo.gov

Paper and Poster Judges Needed

Volunteers are needed to judge papers and posters at the 2012 meeting in Jackson. We would like to have three judges per paper and poster, so a great deal of help will be needed from 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](tel:307-745-5180) or Christina.Barrineau@wyo.gov

Next ExComm Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on December 8th, 2011 at 12:00pm at the Jackson Game and Fish Office in Jackson, Wyoming. The meeting will focus on planning for the Western Division Annual Meeting and will include a tour of Snow King Resort. If you are planning to attend the ExComm meeting, please contact Diana Miller at Diana.Miller@wyo.gov