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2013 Annual Meeting

Marriott Hotel
350 East Horsetooth Road
Fort Collins, CO
February 25-27, 2012

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be February 25-27, 2013 at the Marriott Hotel in Fort Collins, Colorado. Continuing education will be Monday with a welcome reception for meeting attendees on Monday evening. Presentations will follow on Tuesday and Wednesday. The student social will be Tuesday evening, business lunch on Wednesday and a banquet on Wednesday evening.

A block of rooms has been reserved at a rate of \$89.00 per night. Room reservations can be made at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ftcco?groupCode=fisfisa&app=resvlink&fromDate=2/25/13&toDate=2/28/13>. Anyone not using this link should clearly identify that they are making reservations to attend the AFS meeting so we get credit for the room reservation. This is important because we need to meet our room obligations. Phone number for the Fort Collins Marriott is 970-226-5200.

Reservations can be made in the hotel block until February 4, 2013.

Meeting registration information will be available in early December. Online registration, with the option of credit card payments will be available once again.

Deadline for early registration is January 18, 2013.

First Call for Papers

We are once again looking for members to share all of the great work you have been doing over the past year by giving a presentation or poster. As always, all topics are of interest and we will once again have a "Sharing Your Experiences" session to discuss lessons learned.

Final deadline for presentation and poster abstracts is January 18, 2013.

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.
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

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

Preference: Oral presentation preferred.

Student: No.

All abstracts must be submitted 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.

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

Continuing Education

We are still finalizing our Continuing Education program for the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Meeting in Fort Collins, CO. This year, based on the responses we have received, we are hoping to offer a workshop on pure and hybrid sucker identification, as well as a workshop on genetics in fisheries. Our goal is to provide an overview of catostomids in Colorado and Wyoming given their ubiquitous nature, tendency to hybridize, and conservation importance. Given recent developments in genetic research related to cutthroat trout, we are also hoping to offer a workshop providing the basics of genetics in fisheries research, and the tools to critically evaluate literature related to this topic. We have not yet solidified these workshops, but will provide further details (e.g., registration costs and class sizes) when they are available.

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 an individual who has made significant contributions in the fishery-aquatic resource field.

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.

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) Ext. *814 or Jason.Burckhardt@wyo.gov.

Paper and Poster Judges Needed

Volunteers are needed to judge papers and posters at the 2013 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 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@wyo.gov

Committee Positions

There are currently two vacant committee positions available. These are:

- Newsletter (Colorado co-chair)
- Membership (Wyoming co-chair)

Please contact Ryan Fitzpatrick (ryan.fitzpatrick@state.co.us) if you are interested.

If anyone is currently a committee member but no longer wishes to serve please let Ryan know.

UW Student Subunit Report- The UW subunit is off to a great start for the 2012-2013 school year. We have seen record-high attendance at the monthly meetings and have seen more involvement from underclassmen. We just finished up our annual brown trout redd count survey on Spring Creek, a collaboration with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD). This year, we implanted radio transmitters into 20 spawning fish and will track their movement between Spring Creek and the Laramie River. This allows students to become familiar with tracking equipment, understand fish movement, and work alongside members of the WGFD. Several students have also shown interest in attending the Western Divisional meeting in Boise this spring. We are looking to host speakers for the spring semester. If interested, please contact Phil Branigan at pbranig1@uwyo.edu to discuss topics and potential dates. We are looking forward to an exciting spring semester here in Laramie!

Western Division Meeting

Western Division has asked each Chapter to sponsor a symposium at the Annual Meeting April 15-18, 2013 in Boise, ID. If you plan on attending and are interested in hosting a symposium please contact Ryan Fitzpatrick (ryan.fitzpatrick@state.co.us) by **November 30, 2012**.

Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be **December 11, 2012** at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife office in Fort Collins (317 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526) beginning at 9:00am. This meeting will finalize details for the Annual Meeting and tour the facility. Any committee members are welcome to attend. If you have an item that you would like to include on the agenda contact Ryan Fitzpatrick (ryan.fitzpatrick@state.co.us). Call-in instructions will be emailed to committee members as the date approaches.