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2014 Annual Meeting

**Hilton Garden Inn
2229 Grand Avenue
Laramie, WY 82070
March 4-6, 2014**

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be Tuesday, March 4 - Thursday, March 6 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Laramie, Wyoming. Continuing Education will be Tuesday with a welcome social for meeting attendees Tuesday evening. Presentations will follow Wednesday and Thursday. The business lunch will be Wednesday afternoon, the student social Wednesday evening, and banquet Thursday evening.

Meeting registration information will be available in early January. Online registration, with the option of credit card payments will be available once again. **Deadline for early registration is February 7, 2014.**

A block of rooms has been reserved at a rate of \$77.00 per night. Room reservations can be made at <http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/wyoming/hilton-garden-inn-laramie-LARLAGI/index.html>. If reserving a room online, after clicking on the above link look just below the red "Check Availability" tab, click on "more options", then click on "add special rate codes", then enter our group code COWYAF. Anyone not using this link should clearly identify that they are making reservations to attend the Colorado-Wyoming AFS meeting or mention our group code COWYAF so we get credit for the room reservation. This is important because we need to meet our room obligations. Phone number for the Laramie Hilton Garden-Inn is 307-745-5500. **Reservations can be made in the hotel block until March 4, 2014.**

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. 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 24, 2014.

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

The Continuing Education program will feature a population genetics workshop lead by Dr. Chris Funk and PhD candidate Sarah Fitzpatrick (Department of Biology, Colorado State University). This workshop will serve as an introduction to population genetics as it relates to applied conservation and management. The main goal is to provide a practical overview and 'molecular toolkit' for current or future fisheries managers to interpret population genetics studies and understand what types of questions can be addressed by incorporating a genetics perspective. Topics that will be covered include a brief overview of theoretical concepts, types of questions that population genetic studies can inform, methodology & costs, interpretation of scientific literature, and case studies. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for the morning and afternoon of **Tuesday March 4**; further details (e.g., times, registration costs and class sizes) to follow.

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. Last year's Award of Excellence recipient was Greg Policky.

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. Last year's Max Award recipient was Ryan Colyer.

Outstanding Mentor Award: This award recognizes a fisheries professional who has shown substantial devotion to assisting or mentoring prospective fisheries students/professionals, current fisheries students, or fisheries professionals. Last year's Outstanding Mentor Award recipient was Jesse Lepak.

Leaky Boot Award: Recognizes the most outrageous behavior of any fisheries student or professional in the year prior to the chapter's annual meeting. Last year's Leaky Boot recipient was Dan Kowalski.

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

Paper and Poster Judges Needed

Volunteers are needed to judge papers and posters at the 2014 meeting in Laramie. 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.

Raffle and Auction



We are looking forward to a lively raffle and auction to complement the awards portion of the banquet at our 2014 Annual Meeting. We will also be conducting a silent auction, a fishing game (with prizes), and a general raffle. Each of us in the Chapter probably has at least one business, organization or person willing to donate something towards the mission of AFS. **Please take a few minutes to ask.**

So to maximize our fundraising efforts, we are asking that attendees bring items to donate to our cause. We would be more than happy to receive any item and are interested in items such as backpack trips, guided fishing trips, handmade flies, original artwork, prints, or other fish related items. To make the most of donated trips, we ask that you arrange lodging to go along with the trip, if possible.



If you would like to make contributions please bring your item(s) with you to the meeting or send them to:

Boyd Wright
317 W. Prospect
Fort Collins, CO 80526
Boyd.wright@state.co.us

OR

Hilda Sexauer, WY Game and Fish,
P.O. Box 850
Pinedale, WY 82941
Hilda.sexauer@wyo.gov

Committee Positions

There are currently two committee positions available:

- Audio-Visual
- Student Liason

Please contact Paul Gerrity (paul.gerrity@wyo.gov) if you are interested.

CSU Student Subunit Report- Fall 2013 was very productive and filled with lots of exciting new things for the Colorado State University Student Subunit, including a successful fishing derby and new officer elections. More than 100 anglers and volunteers shared an exciting day on the water at The CSU AFS Fall Fishing Derby hosted by the Subunit on September 21. Derby highlights include: largest pike- 36 inches, largest bass- 19.5 inches (smallmouth), most fish caught- 11 fish, and smallest fish- 4.5 inches. Here is the link to the derby photo album: <http://col.st/18SaC4w>. Also new this year, the subunit added a kids fishing contests thanks to the enthusiastic support of sponsors who donated prizes for Kids Most Fish, Smallest Fish, and Biggest Fish contests. The winners took home fantastic prizes which included fly rod/reel combos, tackle boxes, and a wide assortment of lures. All kids that participated in the competition received a raffle prize with a variety of lures and fishing information. CSU Subunit donated a portion of the funds raised from the event to CSU Cares and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. The donations to CSUCares helped provide emergency funds and assistance to CSU students and employees who were impacted by the floods, and the Community Foundation donation benefited the Poudre

River, Loveland, and Estes Park Communities impacted by the floods. For more information, follow this link: <http://www.today.colostate.edu/story.aspx?id=9297>

New Club Officers

At the end of the semester, we also elected new officers. Our 2014 AFS Subunit Officers include: President - Jon Wardell, Vice President - Tyler Swarr, Treasurer - Kyle Dick, Student Liaison – Dylan Kwak, Aquarium Curator - Alex Townsend, Assistant Curator – William Radigan, Secretary – Ben Wasserstein, and Research Project Coordinator – Estevan Vigil.

UW Student Subunit Report- This past fall, we kicked off the UW student subunit monthly meetings with presentations from our local graduate student members, Tyler Firkus and Zachary Underwood. We also were very lucky to hear talks from Kevin Rogers of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (cutthroat trout genetics-Sept. 10th) and Steve Sharon of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD fish culture-Nov. 5th). The UW subunit also worked with Steve Gale of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department monitoring brown trout redds in Spring Creek in Laramie, as well as helped gill net Upper North Crow Reservoir in Curt Gowdy State Park. The UW subunit plans to help WGFD with burbot removal in Flaming Gorge Reservoir in January, and we are very excited to host the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter annual meeting here in Laramie this March. As always, meetings begin at 5:30pm and are held on the University of Wyoming Campus. Anyone with an interest in fisheries is encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact Jessica Dugan (jdugan2@uwyo.edu).

Western Division Meeting

The 2014 Western Division AFS meeting will be held from April 7–11, 2014 in Mazatlán, Mexico. Together with the Mexico Chapter of AFS, the Western Division is pleased to be hosting this meeting with the backdrop of the beautiful city of Mazatlán. Please take a few minutes to visit the Western Division AFS website for information regarding this meeting. There will be 11 symposiums with topics such as mangroves as habitat, interaction of energy production on aquatic resources, impacts of invasive species, globalized fisheries, native trout, the state of the rocky reefs in the Gulf of California, and more (<http://wdmeeting2014.wordpress.com/>). We already have over 300 posters and oral presentations submitted!

As a reminder though, the deadline for abstracts has been extended to January 17th; regarding abstract submission please contact Hilda Sexauer (Hilda.Sexauer@wyo.gov).

Travel funding opportunities are also still available for Students and Professionals through December 31st. Please contact Tracy Wendt (wdaafs.student@gmail.com) for information on the Student travel funds and David Ward if you have questions regarding Professional travel (david.ward@hdrinc.com)

Abstract and travel assistance applications must be submitted via the Western Division website <http://wdaafs.org/>.

Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next ExCom meeting will be on December 17, 2013 at 10:00am at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Laramie Regional Office (528 South Adams, Laramie, WY 82070). This meeting will finalize details for the annual meeting and tour the meeting facility. If you have any agenda items please contact Paul Gerrity (paul.gerrity@wyo.gov). Any committee members are welcome to attend. To call into the meeting, dial 1-877-278-8686 and enter PIN:235059.