



# The Angler

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## **The Vent** **Dan Brauch**

January is National Mentoring Month, so I thought it would be helpful to highlight one of the recent programs that our Chapter has undertaken, the Mentoring Program. As a previous member of the Mentoring Committee, I was very excited to see the program implemented in 2014. The principal goal of the program is to assist college students and young fisheries professionals in expanding their fisheries expertise and skills, and continuing their personal and professional growth. We had a great inaugural year of the program with 11 mentors volunteering to host student mentees. Five students applied to participate in the mentoring program and were paired with mentors.

Mentoring was first introduced in Homer's *Odyssey*, where Athena took the form of an old man, Mentor, to provide guidance for young Telemachus. Today, mentoring programs are found in most towns and cities, established to provide young people life building experiences and to promote community growth. The Society level Hutton Junior Biology Fisheries Program is a high school level mentoring program meant to stimulate interest in fisheries science. Our Chapter Mentoring Program picks up where the Hutton program ends, working to continue the development of young fisheries professionals by providing a mechanism to bring more experienced fisheries workers into a relationship with less experienced professionals to expand their knowledge and capabilities in fisheries. The program often leads to valuable experiences for mentors too.

We hope that we can build on the success of our Mentoring Program and see expanded participation by mentors and mentees in 2015. Thanks to all who have volunteered to participate as mentors this year! We hope to encourage prospective mentees to



participate in the program by fully utilizing the available opportunities this year. That is where we can use your help! The Mentoring Committee will be sharing information about the program with all of our Chapter Student Sub-units, but they will not be able to share the program with all potential mentees. If you know of any young professionals that are looking to learn more about fisheries and to participate in the mentoring program, we encourage you to share information with them regarding the program, refer them to our Mentoring page on our Chapter web site, or contact Steve Gale for more information on the program (see the announcement in this issue of *The Angler*).

I would like to close by thanking all of our Chapter members who volunteer their time to assist on a committee or in helping out at the annual meeting. I know that many of you contribute a great deal of time to support to our Chapter and I appreciate all of the work that goes into Chapter business. Thanks for keeping our Chapter running strong and for helping to provide opportunities for continued personal and professional growth!

## **CO-WY Annual Meeting February 24-27, 2015 Fort Collins, CO**

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be February 24-27, 2015 at the Marriott Hotel in Fort Collins, Colorado. A welcome reception for meeting attendees will be held on Tuesday evening. Presentations will follow on Wednesday and Thursday. The student social will be Wednesday evening, business lunch on Thursday, and a banquet on Thursday evening. A continuing education class entitled: "Fish nutrition basics: what fish culturists need to know about feeds and feeding" will be held on Friday.

Online meeting registration with the option of credit card payment is currently open at: [http://www.cowyafs.org/?page\\_id=268](http://www.cowyafs.org/?page_id=268). Registration can also be completed by mail using the registration form provided in this newsletter. **Deadline for early registration is January 30, 2015.**

A block of rooms has been reserved at a rate of \$104.00 per night. Room reservations can be made at: <http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=American%20Fisheries>

[%20Society%20Colorado-Wyoming%20Chapter%5Eftcco%60CWCWCA%60104.00%60USD%60false%602/23/15%602/27/15%602/2/15&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes.](#)

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. The phone number for the Fort Collins Marriott is 970-226-5200. **Reservations can be made in the hotel block until February 2, 2015.**

## **Tentative Meeting Agenda**

### **Tuesday, February 24**

5:00pm – 7:00pm: Registration

5:00pm – 7:00pm: Presentation download and practice

6:00pm – 8:00pm: Raffle and poster setup

6:00pm – 10:00pm: Welcoming social

### **Wednesday, February 25**

7:00am – 5:00pm: Registration

7:00am – 5:00pm: Presentation download and practice

8:20am – 10:30am: Opening session

10:30am – 12:00pm: Contributed papers

12:00pm – 1:30pm: Lunch (on your own)

1:30pm – 5:00pm: Contributed papers

6:00pm – 10:00pm: Student social

### **Thursday, February 26**

7:00am – 5:00pm: Registration

7:00am – 3:00pm: Presentation download and practice

8:00am – 12:00pm: Contributed papers

12:00pm – 1:30pm: Chapter business lunch

1:30pm – 5:00pm: Contributed papers

6:00pm – 10:00pm: Awards banquet and raffle

### **Friday, February 27**

7:00am – 8:00am: Registration

8:00am – 5:00pm: Continuing education workshop "Fish Nutrition Basics: What Fish Culturists Need to Know About Feeds and Feeding"

## Meeting Deadlines

Photo Credit: Paul Gerrity



**Don't miss the boat!**  
**Remember these important deadlines**  
**for the Annual Meeting.**

January 30<sup>th</sup>

- ✓ Early Meeting Registration

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

- ✓ Hotel Block Reservations

February 6<sup>th</sup>

- ✓ Award Nominations
- ✓ Presentation and Poster Abstract Submission
- ✓ Photo Contest Entries

February 25<sup>th</sup>

- ✓ Secretary/Treasurer Voting

## Final Call for Papers

The final deadline for presentations and posters is fast approaching. So it's time 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. This year we will be accepting on-line abstracts. Abstracts can be submitted by clicking this [link](#). This page may also be accessed through the CO/WY AFS annual Meeting page found [here](#).

**Final deadline for abstracts has been extended until February 6, 2015.**

**Session moderator volunteers wanted!**  
**If you are interested in moderating a session, please contact Laura, Jason, or Christina.**

## For additional information, or to

**volunteer, contact:** Laura Leslie Burckhardt at 307-250-1213 ([lleslie@swca.com](mailto:lleslie@swca.com)), Jason Burckhardt at 307-527-7125 ([jason.burckhardt@wyo.gov](mailto:jason.burckhardt@wyo.gov)), or Christina Barrineau at 307-745-5180 ([christina.barrineau@wyo.gov](mailto:christina.barrineau@wyo.gov)).

## Final Call for Nominations: CO-WY Chapter AFS Awards

Thinking about that outstanding coworker, citizen, landowner, colleague, mentor, or "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 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. Last year's Award of Excellence recipient was Kevin Bestgen.

**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. Last year's Max Award recipients were Bill Atkinson, Rick Henderson, and Lewis Stahl.

**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 Brett Johnson.

**Leaky Boot Award:** Recognizes the most outrageous behavior of any fisheries student or professional in the year subsequent to the chapter's annual meeting. Last year's Leaky Boot recipients were Bill Bradshaw and Andrew Nikirk.

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:

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**Deadline for awards nominations is February 6<sup>th</sup>**



## Volunteers Needed

### Students!

CO/WY AFS needs your help to run the 2015 annual meeting. 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 \$35.00 and eight hours will count as \$70.00 towards early registration fees (1/2 and full early student parent society member registration fee, respectively). We would like to encourage as many students as possible to volunteer their time.

For more information on volunteering please contact Eriek Hansen at [Eriehansen@Coloradomesa.edu](mailto:Eriehansen@Coloradomesa.edu)

### Paper and Poster Judges!

Volunteers are needed to judge papers and posters at the 2015 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 Mandi Brandt @ 970-842-6330 or [Mandi.Brandt@state.co.us](mailto:Mandi.Brandt@state.co.us).





## Raffle

We are looking forward to a lively raffle and auction to complement the awards portion of the banquet at our 2015 Annual Meeting. We will also be conducting a silent auction, a fishing game (with prizes), a general raffle, and a member photo contest.

**So to maximize our fundraising efforts, we are asking that attendees bring items to donate to our cause.** These could be items that you personally contribute, or that you solicit from a local business, organization, or person. Items may include backpack trips, guided fishing trips, handmade flies, original artwork, prints, or other cool fish and wildlife related items. 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.**

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

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Hilda Sexauer, WY Game and Fish,  
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## Sixth Annual Colorado-Wyoming AFS Photo Contest



One of the perks of our work is that we are often spending time in some of the most scenic areas of the country and have opportunities to view and photograph many types of wildlife. We also get an opportunity to capture images of beautiful fish specimens and spectacular landscapes. The Photo Contest at the annual chapter meeting celebrates this unique aspect of our jobs, while contributing to the Raffle Committee's fundraising efforts.

Please consider submitting one or more of your photos in this year's photo contest. The Raffle and Executive Committees will vote for the top three pictures, which will be framed and featured in the live or silent auction at the upcoming 2015 Colorado/Wyoming Chapter AFS annual meeting. We will also be including all submissions in a slide show to be viewed during the meeting. Besides helping us out in fundraising efforts, you can be honored for your photographic skills and may even win a prize! The deadline for submissions is February 1. We know all too well that a picture is worth a thousand words, but your pictures may be worth so much more than words!

*Photo Caption: The three member photo contest winners from 2014. In clockwise order, the first two photos were submitted by Bill Pate (CSU), and the bottom right photo was submitted by Kort Kirkeby (PG Environmental LLC).*

## Continuing Education Workshop CO-WY AFS

This year's Continuing Education offering is a course on aquaculture and fish nutrition entitled:

### **Fish Nutrition Basics: What Fish Culturists Need to Know About Feeds and Feeding**

In this Workshop, we will discuss the basic nutritional requirements of fish and how these differ from terrestrial animals, attributes of feeds and how to choose the best one for your operation, and feeding strategies to maximize efficiency. Special topics, including pre/probiotics, low phosphorous feeds, etc., will also be discussed. Featured species and examples include but are not limited to: Chinook Salmon, Largemouth Bass, Muskellunge, Rainbow Trout, and Walleye.

Feed represents the largest cost in fish culture, and there are very few aspects of fish performance that aren't influenced by feeds and feeding practices. Examples include: growth and efficiency, broodstock performance and gamete quality, water quality and effluent management, budgets, environmental impacts, etc. What you feed and how you feed it affects virtually everything from egg to creel.

There is no participant cap on registration. The Workshop will take place February 27<sup>th</sup> in two sessions: 8:00am-noon and 1:00pm-5:00pm, lunch on your own.

*Instructor Bio: Dr. Jesse Trushenski is President of the Fish Culture Section of the American Fisheries Society and an Associate Professor with the Center for Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Aquatic Sciences (CFAAS) at Southern Illinois University Carbondale where she heads a research team dedicated to aquaculture nutrition and fish physiology.*

Photo Credit: Anna Senécal

## Calling all Members!



The Archive Committee is looking for past photos of our members and meetings to include in the Chapters photo collection.

I know there are photos out there and would like to digitize them for historical documentation. You can donate your photos to the Chapter or loan them to me for digitizing. I plan to attend the upcoming meeting and will be able to scan paper photos, slides and collect others that may already be in digital (flash drive/CD) format.

In case you can't make the meeting, or have a large collection and are willing, I could collect your photos and return them to you at a later date.

Dig through your files and please bring your photos!

For more information, members can contact me at:

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## Steve Gale

*Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer*



The above picture was taken in 2005 when I first started as a Fisheries Biologist for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in Laramie and the look on my face still cracks me up. It's the look of someone feeling a little overwhelmed with my new job. A lot has happened in the last 10 years and that look still crosses my face from time to time. That overwhelmed feeling may fade a little with each deadline met and each task crossed off the "To-Do-List", but that feeling is always looming as it's hard to "catch up" on work or life for that matter. I'm only mentioning this because if elected to our Chapter's Excom, I have no doubt I would initially feel overwhelmed, but I would be excited about the opportunity to serve on our Chapter's Excom and continue the strong tradition of our Chapters service to our members and the aquatic resources of Colorado and Wyoming.

Brief summary of my AFS background - I have been a member of the Parent Society of AFS since 2000. My involvement in AFS has included Montana Chapter Member 2002-2005, Parent Society Education-Student Subsection Committee 2002-2004, Montana Chapter Continuing Education Committee 2004, Montana State University Student Subsection Secretary 2004, Montana State University Student Subsection Member 2004-2005, Colorado/Wyoming Chapter Member 2005-present, Parent Society Fisheries Management Section Member 2006-present, Colorado/Wyoming Chapter Membership Chair 2006-2012, Colorado/Wyoming

Chapter Trade Show/Vendor Committee 2006-2008, Colorado/Wyoming Chapter Arraignment Committee Co-Chair 2010, Colorado/Wyoming Chapter Trade Show Committee 2011, Western Division 2012 Annual Meeting Trade Show Committee 2012, Certified Fisheries Professional 2012, Colorado/Wyoming Chapter Arraignment Committee Co-Chair 2014, Colorado/Wyoming Chapter Mentor Program Committee Co-Chair 2014-present.

Brief summary of my background – Grew up a Husker in North Platte, fished for trout and bass in the sparkling NE waters, hunted for pheasants, ducks, and geese in the Sandhills, played basketball, golf, and tennis (not very well), raised flies, grew my beard long, maybe stayed out too late a time or two, wanted to be an architect, grew my hair long, started to lose my hair, graduated high school, attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, realized I didn't want to be an architect, landed my first fisheries job at 19 with the NEDEQ, had a Flathead Catfish knock me over while electrofishing, maybe stayed out late a time or two, spent a summer in Green Bay, WI tracking Lake Sturgeon, worked for the NE Game and Parks, lost all my hair (or so I thought), graduated with a B.S. degree, moved to Yellowstone National Park for fish tech job, dispatched many Lake Trout over three years, spent my nine lives on Yellowstone Lake, met my future wife (!), started grad school in Bozeman, fell in love with the Bitterroot Valley, studied fish entrainment, graduated with my M.S., got hitched, Hawaii honeymoon, moved to Laramie, started with the WY Game and Fish, misplaced agency items (if you find a GPS or two in the Snowy Range, please let me know), had a kid (Tyler, now 7), didn't think it was possible but lost more hair, had another kid (Carter, now 4), love being a Dad, told Paul I would run for Secretary-Treasurer....future to TBD.



**Kevin Gelwicks**  
*Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer*



Growing up in central Illinois and vacationing in northern Wisconsin, I was always drawn to the water. Whether catching crayfish in soda cans in my neighborhood creek or fishing for bluegill, pike and bass on Wisconsin lakes, I could never get enough of the critters that lived under the surface. Imagine my surprise when I learned in 1989 that I could actually turn my passion for fish into a career!

In 1993, I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a BS in aquatic biology. Between my Junior and Senior years in college, I worked for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) as an Instream Flow Technician. I quickly recognized Wyoming as a place where I would like to live and work, but I would have to wait a few years before I could realize that dream. After graduation, I traveled south to Louisiana State University to earn a MS degree in Fisheries. My research focused on how water chemistry and physical habitat affected fish assemblages in the Atchafalaya River Basin. Upon completion of my MS in 1996, I returned to Wyoming to work as a Fisheries Biologist on the statewide Fish Population Unit. I assisted with a number of large projects, including an assessment of the Salt River Snake River Cutthroat and Brown Trout fishery, surveys of Bighorn Mountain streams in search of native Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout and a drainage-wide survey of the Green River drainage in Wyoming to assess the status of Flannelmouth Sucker, Bluehead Sucker and Roundtail Chub.

In 2007, I was promoted to my current position as the Supervisor of the WGFD's Aquatic Assessment Crew. This statewide crew consists of two stream fish biologists, a reservoir and tailwater fish biologist and a herpetologist. I have lived in Laramie for almost 19 years now where I enjoy the outdoors with my wife Melissa and daughters Morgan (7) and Helen (2).

The American Fisheries Society has always been a big part of my fisheries career, beginning as an undergraduate. In 1990, my advisor at UWSP prompted me to join AFS and I have been a member ever since. Whether it was my first AFS chapter meeting in Green Bay, WI, my first Parent Society meeting in Tampa, FL or last year's CO/WY meeting, these meetings have always served to spark my enthusiasm for fisheries.

Since joining the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter in 1996, I have chaired the Audio-Visual, Best Paper Award and the Webmaster committees. As the Chapter Webmaster since 2005, I have overseen two revisions to the website and initiated online registration for the 2010 Annual Meeting. This position has given me the opportunity to work closely with the ExCom and has opened my eyes to the challenges and rewards of putting on a successful annual meeting.

I am honored to be nominated as Secretary-Treasurer of the CO/WY Chapter and I see it as an opportunity to give back to the society that has supported me throughout my career. If elected, I would continue the CO/WY Chapter tradition of hosting an excellent annual meeting. In addition, I would build on the successes of past officers by encouraging participation by biologists and culturists, mentoring our successors and tackling ongoing threats to our fisheries resources through advocacy and education.

## ExCom Meeting Minutes

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

[http://www.cowyafs.org/?page\\_id=212](http://www.cowyafs.org/?page_id=212)



## Calling All Mentees!

Thanks to all those who submitted their Mentor Applications for 2015, we have some great opportunities for those who submit their Mentee Applications. Mentee Applications are **due March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Mentee application packages must include a contact and general information page, a student statement of interest, and one recommendation from a college/university professor or fisheries or wildlife professional. You can find the application form on our Chapter website [www.cowyafs.org](http://www.cowyafs.org) under the "Mentoring Program" tab.

If you have additional questions please contact Steve Gale ([Steve.Gale@wyo.gov](mailto:Steve.Gale@wyo.gov)) or Darren Rhea ([Darren.Rhea@wyo.gov](mailto:Darren.Rhea@wyo.gov)).

## Committee and Subunit Updates

**Colorado State University Student Subunit (Alex Townsend)** The Colorado State University AFS student subunit would like to welcome Estevan Vigil as our new Vice President. Estevan has been an AFS officer for two years and has served as our Research Project Coordinator. Estevan has some great ideas for the future of AFS at CSU and will make a big difference as an officer. We would like to thank previous Vice President Ben Wasserstein for his hard work and dedication, and congratulate him on his recent graduation.

### Upcoming Events and Information:

We will be hosting two ice fishing clinics with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to help educate students and the public on ice fishing techniques and provide opportunities to get on the ice and catch some fish. The classroom sessions will be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on January 30th and February 6th on CSU campus in the Wagar Building room 133. The fishing will be on January 31st and February 7th at a location to be determined.

**CSU AFS is looking forward to hosting the student social for the upcoming CO/WY AFS meeting on Wednesday February 25th at 6:00pm! Shuttle service to and from the event in downtown Fort Collins will be provided. Please look for updates on the venue and menu for the event.**

A promotional graphic for the American Fisheries Society (AFS). At the top, it says "AFS. The Society That Made Fish Famous!" followed by "Reach Out and AFS Someone. Help Engage New Members Share This Special". Below this is a list of benefits: "\$200 off registration at the annual meeting", "Discounted price on all AFS journals", "30% discount on dozens of AFS books", "12 free issues of Fisheries magazine", "Member-only access to website features, including our searchable member directory", "Special rates for professional certification", and "and more!". In the center is a large red circle with "Welcome to AFS" and "50% OFF" in white text, held by a hand. Below the circle, it says "This offer is good from Jan. 12- Mar. 12, 2015" and "Contact eprzygod@fisheries.org". At the bottom, it says "50% off the regular dues price FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY!".

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## Mail-In Registration Form

**Registration Form for the 2015 Annual Meeting of the  
Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the  
American Fisheries Society**

**February 24 - 27, 2015  
Mariott Hotel Fort Collins, CO**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
AFS Member ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Early registration deadline for the meeting and continuing education workshop is  
January 30, 2015. Early registration is required to attend the banquet and lunch.**

**Registration: Includes all breaks, Tues. and Wed. evening socials, and Wed. business meeting lunch**

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	
Regular Parent Society Member	\$155	\$175	\$
Student or Young Professional Parent Society Member	\$70	\$85	\$
Regular Non-Parent Society Member	\$170	\$190	\$
Student or Young Professional Non-Parent Society Member	\$85	\$100	\$
Retired	\$0	\$0	\$
One-Day (Parent Society Members and Non-Members)	\$90	\$100	\$

Tuesday Evening Welcoming Social (Free)	# attending	_____
Wednesday Evening Student Mentoring Social (Free)	# attending	_____

**Banquet Registration**

Dinner Thursday, February 26th @ 6:00 PM	Student Member	\$20	\$
	All Other Registrants	\$30	\$
	Additional Tickets	\$35	\$

Banquet meal options: (1) butternut squash ravioli (vegetarian), (2) pan seared salmon, and (3) sirloin steak.

**CO/WY Business Meeting Lunch Buffet (Included with registration)**

Wednesday, March 5th Check if attending ☐

Make checks payable to: CO-WY AFS	Total Due	\$
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Send completed form and registration fee to:

**Rick Henderson, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487**

## 2014-2015 Chapter Officers and Committee Members

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## News and Events

### Chapter Bylaw Revisions

Draft chapter bylaw revisions are now posted on the chapter website for your review. These revisions will be discussed and voted on during our annual business meeting on February 26. If you cannot make it to the business meeting on February 26 but would like to comment on the revisions, please send your comments to Past-President Paul Gerrity ([paul.gerrity@wyo.gov](mailto:paul.gerrity@wyo.gov)) by February 16.

The main revisions to the bylaws include: 1) a re-organization of the Executive Committee structure to accommodate the addition of the new student subunit at Colorado Mesa University; and 2) a clarification of which chapter members are eligible to vote on chapter business based on the AFS Constitution.

### 2015 Chapter Funding Requests due by February 13th

The ExCom would like to request that any Funding Requests for 2015 be submitted to Chapter Secretary-Treasurer, Rick Henderson, by February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Submission by this date will allow for any requests to be distributed to the membership for consideration for funding at the annual meeting business meeting. More information on the Funding Requests Procedures and the Funding Request Form can be found on our Chapter web site. Projects submitted for potential funding should promote the AFS mission and objectives, incorporate science-based management, conservation or understanding of fisheries resources, and elevate the visibility of fisheries issues to a broader audience.



### “Restoration Challenges and Solutions for the Rocky Mountain Region”

The first technical conference focusing on post-fire and post-flood restoration, water usage, water withdrawal, interbasin transfer and much more. For more information, visit

[www.RockyMountainStream.org](http://www.RockyMountainStream.org)

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### **56<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Fish Disease Workshop June 2-4, 2015**

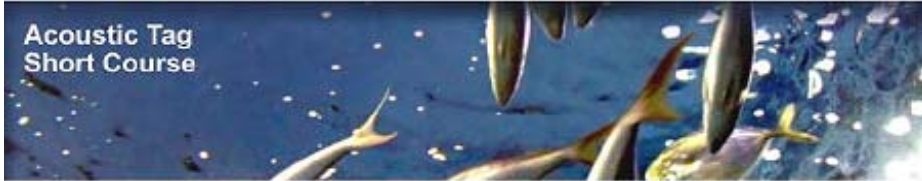
### **Sheraton Steamboat Resort, Steamboat Springs, Colorado**

Western Fish Disease Workshop (WFDW) is an annual conference designed to address fish health issues affecting aquaculture and wild fish populations in the western United States, Canada, and the Pacific Ocean. Researchers, fish health professionals, veterinarians, and students come together to present current topics of interest in all fields of fish health. Presentations cover identification, diagnostics, treatment, and management of a variety of bacterial, viral, and parasitic pathogens. Poster sessions allow students and vendors to present their current research and products in an informal setting, and an evening banquet allows individuals to network and communicate while enjoying a good meal and entertainment. WFDW also offers RACE accredited Continuing Education hours for fish health professionals and veterinarians who need them for maintaining certifications. Please join us this year at the Sheraton Steamboat resort in beautiful Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Registration is offered online through 123signup.com at <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=ybvvv> and hotel reservations can be made at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1410026766&key=CDC42E1>

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### Winter Training Opportunities for Acoustic Tag & Hydroacoustic Assessments Co-Hosted by HTI and the University of Washington (UW) Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society at the UW School of Aquatic and Fishery Science



#### ***Using Acoustic Tags to Track Fish***

5-6 February 2015

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Attend Online or at University of Washington School of Aquatic Fishery Sciences, Seattle, WA

[http://www.HTIsonar.com/at\\_short\\_course.htm](http://www.HTIsonar.com/at_short_course.htm)

This short course addresses all aspects of tracking fish movement with acoustic tags, including three-dimensional tracking with sub-meter resolution. The course includes hands-on-operation and a variety of applications are covered. Lunch is provided. To reserve a seat or ask a question, email **HTI at [support@HTIsonar.com](mailto:support@HTIsonar.com)**.

Tuition Rate Offer (50% discount) for university students, university staff, non-profit and tribal organizations. [http://www.htisonar.com/Training\\_Special\\_Offer.htm](http://www.htisonar.com/Training_Special_Offer.htm)



#### ***Using Hydroacoustics for Fisheries Assessment***

12-13 February 2015

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Attend Online or at University of Washington School of Aquatic Fishery Sciences, Seattle, WA

[http://www.HTIsonar.com/ha\\_short\\_course.htm](http://www.HTIsonar.com/ha_short_course.htm)

The hydroacoustic short course covers mobile and fixed-location survey techniques, and subjects include basic hydroacoustic theory, deployment logistics, data collection and processing, as well as typical results. Split-beam, single-beam, and multi-beam frequency techniques are discussed in detail. Lunch is provided. To reserve a seat or ask a question, email **HTI at [support@HTIsonar.com](mailto:support@HTIsonar.com)**.

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