

IDAHO CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
2006 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Idaho Chapter American Fisheries Society held their 2006 annual meeting February 15-17 at the Red Lion Riverside in Idaho Falls, ID. Approximately 180 chapter members participated. There was a record attendance by college students and many folks attended from neighboring states.

During the 2 days prior to the annual meeting, the chapter sponsored 2 workshops and a symposium. That Monday, Dr. Mary Connor from Utah State University taught a Population Viability workshop. The workshop enabled students to create their own population viability models. Tuesday, Ann Gannam from USFWS Abernathy Technology Center in Longview, WA taught a workshop on hatchery nutrition. Both the Population Viability and Hatchery Nutrition Workshops were well attended. A symposium exploring the differences between large-spotted and fine-spotted Yellowstone cutthroat trout also occurred the second day. That symposium attracted 135 biologists intent on determining if the two varieties of Yellowstone cutthroat trout are separate subspecies.

The annual meeting (Wednesday through Friday) drew 180 biologists from all over Idaho and neighboring states. The plenary session, Economic Aspects of Idaho Fisheries-The Great but Seldom Used Economic Tool, provided chapter members important tools they could use in their everyday conservation efforts. The annual meeting had a total of 43 presentations and 12 posters. Best papers were awarded in Student and Professional categories.

Best Student Paper:

Dawson Dunning, Fine-scale Genetic Structure of Westslope Cutthroat Trout in a Tributary to the Selway River

Best Professional Papers:

Brian Leth, Reproductive success of hatchery and natural origin Chinook salmon in a stream with a history of supplementation management

David Teuscher, Predation by double crested cormorants and American white pelicans on native Yellowstone cutthroat trout and hatchery rainbow trout in Blackfoot Reservoir, Idaho

Vaughn Paragamian, Seasonal movement and the interaction of temperature and discharge on burbot in the Kootenai River, Idaho, USA and British Columbia, Canada.

Committees are extremely active in the Idaho Chapter and the committee meetings, held during lunch on Wednesday, were very well attended. The banquet on the second day of the meeting was an opportunity to discuss AFS business with the Chapter as a whole. Bob Hughes, Western Division President, shared Western Division perspectives. During the banquet, the chapter recognized several exemplary members and volunteers with awards, including artist Judy Hall-Griswold for her art contributions and Jimmy Gabettas of Jimmy's Fly Shop for his annual financial support. Bruce Rieman was awarded the

coveted annual RL Wallace Native Fish Conservationist of the Year award for his leadership in native fish conservation. Also at the banquet, the chapter leadership announced a newly established state-wide student scholarship. The chapter has already fully endowed a scholarship for students attending University of Idaho.

Everyone had a great time at the social/fund-raiser on Thursday night, where a lot of money was raised for the chapter. Keith Munn, an auctioneer from the Idaho Falls stockyards, volunteered to auction contributed items and an Idaho Falls jazz/swing band, Swingshift, played great dance music all night long. The 2006 ICAFS annual meeting will be one that will not be forgotten for a long time.



Mary Connor teaching the Population Viability Workshop prior to the annual meeting



Ann Gannam teaches the hatchery nutrition workshop on Tuesday.



Dr. Robert Behnke address the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Symposium, the day before the ICAFS Annual Meeting.



Idaho Chapter AFS Executive Committee meet at the Red Lion Hotel the night before the annual meeting.



Chapter President Russ Kiefer addresses the Idaho Chapter of AFS during the annual meeting



Steve Elle (right) leads a discussion at the Education Committee meeting.



Bruce Rieman, Biologist with the USDA Forest Service, addresses the Business Luncheon after receiving the RL Wallace Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award for his work with bull trout and other native fish conservation throughout Idaho.



Judy Hall-Griswold (Artist), Russ Kiefer (Chapter President), and Liz Mamer (Chapter Treasurer) are recognized by Matt Powell (Chapter Past President) for their services to the chapter.



Professional auctioneer Keith Munn gets a high bid for a trout print at the fund-raiser/social.



Bart Gamett, Chapter Vice President, with the Fish-O-Flies at the fund-raiser/social.



Jimmy and Marilyn Gabettas of Jimmy's All Seasons Angler, perennial and generous chapter sponsors, show off the hand-carved fish they received from an extremely appreciative Idaho Chapter.



Idaho Chapter AFS during the social/fund-raising event.



Idaho Chapter AFS members kicking up their heels to Swing Shift during the annual meeting social/fund-raiser.



Vaughn Paragamian encourages fund-raiser/social participants to try their hand at the football toss.



Jeff Heindel tries his arm at the football throw during the social/fundraiser