

The Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society would like to extend an invitation to members to join them for next year's annual meeting in Boise, Idaho, 3–6 March 2015 (www.idahoafs.org > 2015 Annual Meeting).

A Recap of This Year's Annual Meeting in Idaho Falls, Idaho

The meeting took place in February at the Shilo Inn with 233 attendees, of whom 33 were students—tremendous volunteers—from the Palouse and Portneuf student units. The topics of the meeting included passive integrated transponder tag detection systems, geospatial information using Google Earth, and hatchery innovations. President Elect Tom Curet organized the plenary session, under the theme: “Stream Connectivity in Fisheries Management: Fix It, Break It, or Leave It?” Plenary speakers included Jeff DiLuccia, Chris Beasley, Dave Moser, Dan Isaak, and Helen Neville, all of whom highlighted the fisheries management issues facing many western states, and the struggle to protect native species from nonnative invasions. Forty-two technical presentations were made with two concurrent sessions, a poster session with 12 posters, a welcome social, a mentoring social, and student mixer pizza feed, and a sixth annual “Spawning Run.” Despite threats of ice, snow, and rain, the sun came out long enough to provide excellent conditions for the Spawning Run and they had the best participation since this event started. A shorter walking route and some rather risqué outfits may have also contributed to the success.

The Chapter also recognized Dan Isaak and Brett High as Outstanding Fisheries Professionals. Paul Kline was awarded the R.L. Wallace Native Fish Conservation Award for his efforts in getting Sockeye Salmon back to Idaho. Paul Kline was not able to attend the meeting but was able to accept the award through Ed Shriever holding a cell phone to the microphone. Michael Quist received the award for Outstanding Mentor, and many others received awards and recognition for their distinguished service to the Idaho Chapter. In addition, several scholarships to both graduate and undergraduate students were awarded.

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Students and professionals mingle during the student mixer sponsored by the Palouse and the Portneuf student units and the Idaho Chapters Mentoring Committee.

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