

# THE ANNUAL MEETING EDITION

## IDAHO CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MATT POWELL

Greetings Everybody,

Well, the votes are in! I'd like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all of you who took the time to read and return your votes on our recent proposal to amend our chapter bylaws. Of 303 ballots mailed out, I received 173 responses (57.1% voter turn-out) enough for a simple majority. Of those responses, 167 voted in favor of amending the bylaws with 6 against the change. So as the election now stands, we will be voting as a Chapter during the business luncheon at this year's annual meeting for a Secretary instead of a Secretary/Treasurer. The newly elected Secretary will then serve a new two-year, successional position beginning in September when all the Chapter officers annually change. The following September, the Secretary will succeed to the EXCOM office of Treasurer. In the meantime, our current Secretary/Treasurer, Liz Mamer, has graciously agreed to stay on the first year as Treasurer and help out in this transition. My thanks also goes out to Dr. Christine Moffitt for alerting the EXCOM and making sure we are making changes in accordance with our parent society.

The annual IDAFS meeting is fast approaching. Our February gathering this year in Boise promises to be a good one. Your President-Elect, Russ Kiefer has a full slate of presentations and posters covering a wide range of fisheries topics. There really is something here for everyone. As a courtesy, those of you who are presenting should try and get Russ a copy of your presentation as soon as possible to avoid any delays or last-minute problems before the sessions. Though in this computer age we've almost come to expect some glitch in every Powerpoint presentation, I can tell you everyone appreciates it when the sessions run smoothly. You can do your part in helping toward an error free session by getting your presentation as early as possible to Russ or one of his designees.

The deadline for abstract submission to the annual meeting of AFS is also fast

approaching (February 11<sup>th</sup>). Please consider submitting your work there too. This year's meeting will be held in Anchorage Alaska in conjunction with the Western Division of AFS meetings. The Idaho chapter has, in the past, been well represented by our members at the National AFS Meetings. So let's make an effort this year too. Besides, what a great place for a meeting!

One last thing of interest; Jeff Heindel and Vaughn Paragamian are coordinating two pre-meeting workshops before IDAFS this year, one on genetics and another on media communications. Please see the details in this newsletter.

Be safe traveling and I'll see you all in Boise.

Matt

**2005 Idaho Chapter Annual Meeting**  
**February 24-26**  
**Boise Double Tree Hotel-Riverside**

Managing Fisheries in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Meeting New Challenges with New Ideas  
Russ Kiefer

### Plenary Session

The plenary session will be devoted to discussions on how to communicate fisheries information to society so that decisions affecting fisheries are made with a realistic understanding of the potential biological outcomes. The entire annual meeting agenda follows this article.

### Instructions for Papers and Format

Please submit abstracts electronically or on CD or diskette in MS Word for Office 2000. Presentations will be restricted to specific format guidelines. For those who chose to stay with 35mm slides will be accommodated as usual. If you wish to give your presentation in digital format, please use the following guidelines. You will be restricted to MS PowerPoint in Office 2000, stored on 100MB ZIP drive discs or a CD. Do not plan to bring your own computer or projector. We will have computer, projector and back-ups to serve all PowerPoint presentations. These guidelines have worked well to minimize presentation delays and confusion caused by different storage media, computers and operating systems. **There will be no exceptions.** If you have any questions, contact Russ Kiefer (334-3791) [rkiefer@idfg.state.id.us](mailto:rkiefer@idfg.state.id.us).

### Computer Assistance is needed

If you are good at figuring out how to hook up and make laptops, projectors, and Power Point communicate, we need your help. This is an opportunity for chapter members who are adept at computer technology to help provide a critical service for our meeting. Please contact one of the Palouse Section Officers listed in this newsletter if you would be willing to help us out with this critical function.

### Registration

The 2005 Registration fee for Agency/Professional registrants has been set at

\$75 for those registering before **February 4** (in addition to annual National AFS dues; \$76); Student registration is free with payment of annual Student National AFS dues (\$38). Early registration by February 4 qualifies you for entry in a drawing for a **framed cutthroat print** to be awarded at the business lunch. For those of you choosing to procrastinate with your registration, your efforts will be rewarded with an additional \$15 fee - no exceptions. Please don't wait - register early!

### Accommodations

The 2005 annual meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel Boise Riverside, from February 24 through February 26 (Thursday - Saturday). The Double Tree Boise Riverside Hotel is located at 2900 Chinden Blvd., Boise. A block of 75 rooms has been reserved. Please support the Idaho Chapter by making your accommodations at the Double Tree Riverside. The more folks stay at the hosting hotel, the better the deals we get on perks like comp rooms, meeting rooms, audio visual aids, food, and beverages. The block of rooms will be held at the following rates until **February 1, 2005**.

Single (govt. rate): \$70.00

Double (govt. rate): \$80.00

All rooms subject to 12% local tax and fees. Reservations can be made by calling 208-343-1871 and requesting a room reserved for the Idaho Chapter American Fisheries Society. Folks may have noticed that the listed room rates have gone up since the October Newsletter. This is because our contract stipulated that the rooms would be set at the Federal Government reimbursement rates, which have gone up. The good news is that I will be able to negotiate better perks for our chapter because of this increase in reimbursement rates.

### Associated Workshops

February 22: Fish Genetics 101

February 23: Publicity Writing

For more information see article below.

# **Idaho Chapter American Fisheries Society**

## **Annual Meeting**

**Thursday, February 24- Saturday, February 26**

### **Wednesday, February 23, 2005** \_\_\_\_\_

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Registration

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM ExCom Meeting

### **Thursday, February 24, 2005** \_\_\_\_\_

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM Registration

8:00 AM – 8:10 AM Introduction and housekeeping

8:10 AM – 8:25 AM President's Address - Introduction to the Plenary Session

### **Plenary Session moderator**

8:25 AM – 8:55 AM

8:55 AM – 9:25 AM

### **Session 1: Managing Non-Natives moderator**

9:25 AM – 9:30 AM Introduction

9:30 AM – 9:50 AM Testing direct competition between juvenile Yellowstone cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, and their hybrids. S.M. Seiler and E.R. Keeley

9:50 AM – 10:10 AM The Use of Probable Pheromones to Attract Brook Trout into Hoop Nets. James A. Lamansky Jr, Ernest R. Keeley, Michael K. Young, Kevin A. Meyer

**10:10 AM – 10:30 AM Break**

10:30 AM – 10:50 AM Hydrologic regime as a factor in displacement of Yellowstone cutthroat by rainbow trout in the Teton River and other upper Snake River basin streams. Rob Van Kirk, Amy Jenkins

- 10:50 AM – 11:10 AM New Zealand Mudsnaills (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*) in Silver Creek Drainage. Chris James, Christine Moffitt
- 11:10 AM – 11:30 AM Why a brook trout removal project in a Boise River tributary was unsuccessful. K. A. Meyer, D. J. Schill.
- 11:30 AM – 11:50 AM Evaluating the functional roles of native and non-native fishes using analysis of gut contents and stable isotopes. Claire C. McGrath, William M. Lewis, Jr.,

**11:50 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch: Committee Breakouts**

## **Session 2: Anadromous Fish**

### **moderator**

- 1:00 PM – 1:05 PM Introduction to session
- 1:05 PM – 1:25 PM What Do Your PIT Tags Represent? Use of the Separation by Code (SbyC) System for Unbiased Smolt to Adult Return Rates and Adult Run Predictions. J.L. Vogel, R.W. Orme, D.D. Nelson
- 1:25 PM – 1:45 PM Monitoring the migrations of wild Snake River spring/summer Chinook salmon juveniles. Stephen Achord, Eric E. Hockersmith, Benjamin P. Sandford, Richard W. Zabel, and John G. Williams
- 1:45 PM – 2:05 PM Survival, growth, and physiology of Snake River fall Chinook salmon following chronic temperature stress and application of passive integrated transponder (PIT)-tags. Jeff Yanke, Christine M. Moffitt, James L. Congleton.
- 2:05 PM – 2:25 PM Use of Acoustic Imaging Technology to Determine Adult Chinook Salmon Abundance in the Secesh River, Idaho. Paul Kucera and Dave Faurot.
- 2:25 PM – 2:45 PM Effects of juvenile migration and ocean/climate conditions on smolt-to-adult return rates and recruitment for Snake River Chinook Salmon. Howard Schaller and Charlie Petrosky.
- 2:45 PM – 3:05 PM In Search of the Lost Legions: Attempting to account for hatchery-origin adult steelhead returns to the Snake River Basin. Herb Pollard and Chris Starr
- 3:05 PM – 3:25 PM Break**

## **Session 3: Fish Health**

### **moderator**

- 3:25 PM – 3:30 PM Introduction to session

- 3:30 PM – 3:50 PM The Ecology Of Myxobolus Cerebralis in the Pahsimeroi River Drainage, Idaho: Factors Affecting the Distribution and Intensity. Michael Colvin, Kara Anlauf, Christine M. Moffitt, Keith Johnson.
- 3:50 PM – 4:10 PM Characterization of the Idaho Neurotropic Myxobolus, and it's Distribution in Idaho Waters. Carla Hogge and Keith Johnson
- 4:10 PM – 4:30 PM Fish vaccines: past, present and future. B.R. LaFrentz
- 4:30 PM – 4:50 PM The Influence of Landscape, Stream, and Microhabitat Parameters on Tubificid Habitat and Population Abundances. Kara J. Anlauf, Christine M. Moffitt, Michael E. Colvin
- 4:50 PM – 5:10 PM Whirling Disease, the Whirling Disease Initiative, and Whirling Disease Outreach. Amy Rose
- 6:30 PM – ? *Student/Professional Mixer.*

## **Friday, February 25, 2005** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Session 4: Bull Trout**

#### **moderator**

- 8:00 AM – 8:10 AM Housekeeping and Introduction
- 8:10 AM – 8:30 AM Taking the “Bull” by the Horns: A Collaborative Approach to Bull Trout Recovery in the Little Lost River Basin. Jason Pyron, Jim Fredericks, Bart Gamett, Jim Gregory, Pat Koelsch, Deb Mignogno, Scott Yates.
- 8:30 AM – 8:50 AM Studying bull trout movement and habitat use with radio telemetry in Idaho and beyond: a summary of the bull trout radio telemetry database. Matthew R. Dare
- 8:50 AM – 9:10 AM Monitoring Movement and Mortality Patterns of Adult Adfluvial Bull Trout during the Arrowrock Dam Construction Project in Southwestern Idaho. Tammy Salow, Lauri Hostettler
- 9:10 AM – 9:30 AM Influences of Fish Size and Environmental Factors on the Extent and Rate of Autumn Downstream Migration by Bull Trout in the Boise River basin, Idaho. Lauri Hostettler, Jason Dunham, Tammy Salow, Pete Koetsier
- 9:30 AM – 9:50 AM Estimated abundance, trend, and viability of bull trout populations in Idaho. Brett High, Kevin A. Meyer, Dan J. Schill, and Elizabeth R. J. Mamer
- 9:50 AM – 10:10 AM **Break**

### **Session 5: Watershed**

## **Moderator**

- 10:10 AM – 10:15 AM Introduction to session
- 10:15 AM – 10:35 AM USDA Forest Service Fish and Watershed Program Review - Rise to the Future 2003. Dave Cross, Fred Harris and Virgil Moore
- 10:35 AM – 10:55 AM Entrainment losses prior to and after fish screen installation at Skalkaho Creek, Montana. Steve Gale, Al Zale, Tom McMahon, Chris Clancy
- 10:55 AM – 11:15 AM Restoring Lightning Creek: Developing a watershed scale plan to guide restoration actions in a northern Idaho watershed. Chris Downs, Joe DosSantos
- 11:15 AM – 11:35 AM Prioritizing Restoration Opportunities for Bull Trout Habitat at the Watershed Scale: Lightning Creek, northern Idaho. S.R. Clayton, C. Huntington
- 11:35 AM – 1:40 PM **Lunch – ICAFS Annual Business Meeting, Western Division AFS Update**

## **Session 6: Population Censusing**

## **Moderator**

- 1:45 PM – 1:50 PM Introduction to session
- 1:50 PM – 2:10 PM Influence of habitat attributes and spatial variability of capture efficiency of salmonids in small cold-water streams. Darek S. Elverud
- 2:10 PM – 2:30 PM Use of Radio Telemetry Data for Management of Fluvial Trout Populations in the Upper Salmon River Basin, Idaho. Greg Schoby, Dr. Ernest Keeley, Tom Curet
- 2:30 PM – 2:50 PM Was Edgar Winter Correct? Utility of Snorkeling for Censusing Salmonids. Russ F. Thurow and John W. Guzevichm, James T. Peterson
- 2:50 PM – 3:10 PM Factors influencing presence/absence of brook trout in the Panther Creek drainage. Benjamin, Joseph R, Matthew R. Dare and Jason B. Dunham
- 3:10 PM – 3:30 PM *Break*

## **Session 7: Genetics**

### **Moderator**

- 3:30 PM – 3:35 PM Introduction to session
- 3:35 PM – 3:55 PM Genetic variation in steelhead trout of the Grande. Shawn R. Narum, Steve Boe, Melanie Paquin, Paul Moran, Matt Powell
- 3:55 PM – 4:15 PM Testing phenotype-based identifications of westslope cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, and hybrids in the Coeur d' Alene River basin, ID. Matthew Campbell, Christine Cegelski, Joe Dupont
- 4:15 PM – 4:35 PM Large-scale and fine-scale genetic structuring of Yellowstone cutthroat



trout *Oncorhynchus clarki bouvieri* in Idaho. C.C. Cegelski, M.R. Campbell, K.A. Meyer, M.S. Powell

**4:35 PM – 5:30 PM POSTER SESSION**

Mitochondrial DNA analysis of redband trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss gairdneri* from tributaries to the Salmon and Snake Rivers, ID. Matthew Campbell, Christine Cegelski, Ed Schriever, Craig Johnson

Mitochondrial DNA analysis of Wood River sculpin *Cottus leiopomus* from the Big Wood, Little Wood, and Camas River drainages, ID. Matthew Campbell, Christine Cegelski, John Chatel, Dan Mahoney, Don Zaroban, Matt Powell

Genetic assessment of Bonneville cutthroat trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss utah* reintroduction efforts in S.F. Johnson Creek, UT. Matthew Campbell, Christine Cegelski, Warren Coyler, Amy Harig

Conservation Implications of Spatial and Temporal Synchrony Among Chinook Salmon Populations. Daniel J. Isaak, Russell F. Thurow, Bruce E. Rieman, Jason B. Dunham

Bull Trout Population Characteristics of Two South Fork Boise River Tributaries. Dan Kenney

Conservation Husbandry Techniques for Production of Wild-Like Fish. Thomas A. Flagg, William T. Fairgrieve, Barry A. Berejikian, and Desmond J. Maynard

East Fork Ditch Company Fish Habitat Rehabilitation Project: Step-pool Complex, Fish Screen, and Bypass Channel. David M. Hogen

*6:30 PM – 11:00 PM Raffle and auction*

**Saturday, February 26, 2005 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Session 8: Lakes and Reservoirs**

**Moderator**

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| 8:30 AM – 8:40 AM  | Housekeeping and Introduction                                                                                                                                       |
| 8:40 AM – 9:00 AM  | Production of triploid lake trout ( <i>Salvelinus namaycush</i> ) at Grace Fish Hatchery. Jeffrey D. Seggerman, Dwight Aplanalp, Tom Kent, Joe Kozfkay, Eric Wagner |
| 9:00 AM – 9:20 AM  | Habitat Use of Lake Trout in Lake McDonald, Glacier National Park from Ultrasonic Telemetry. Andrew M. Dux and Christopher S. Guy, Wade A. Fredenberg, Leo Marnell  |
| 9:20 AM – 9:40 AM  | Social Implications of Managing Lake Trout in Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho. Ned Horner                                                                                  |
| 9:40 AM – 10:00 AM | Autumn to Spring Energetic and Diet Changes Among Kokanee from                                                                                                      |

North Idaho Lakes With and Without *Mysis relicta*. Lance R. Clarke and David H. Bennett

10:00 AM – 10:20 AM Evaluation of Large Trap Nets to Reduce Lake Trout Abundance in Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho. Michael P. Peterson and Melo A. Maiolie

*10:20 AM – 10:40 AM Break*

## **Session 9: Cutthroat Trout**

### **Moderator**

10:40 AM – 11:00 AM Movement and mortality of westslope cutthroat trout in the Coeur d'Alene River basin, Idaho, 2003-2004. Joe DuPont, Matthew Davis, Edward Lider and Brett Roper

11:00 AM – 11:20 AM Habitat Use and Availability by Westslope Cutthroat Trout in the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River drainage, Idaho. Matthew Davis, Edward Lider, Joe DuPont and Brett Roper

11:20 AM – 11:40 AM Thermal Regimes and Summer Thermal Refugia for Westslope Cutthroat trout within the Coeur d'Alene basin, Idaho, 2003-2004. Edward Lider, Joe DuPont, Matt Davis and Brett Roper

11:40 AM – 12:00 AM Factors affecting cutthroat trout recruitment in the teton valley. M.K. Koenig, J. Fredericks, J. Kershner

12:00 AM – 12:20 PM Prey Size and Abundance as Predictors of Growth Efficiency for Stream-dwelling Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki*). Christopher A. Leeseberg and Ernest R. Keeley

12:20 PM Adjourn and Executive Committee Meeting

# ICAFS Annual Meeting Registration

February 24th – February 26th, 2005 Boise

→ **Mail by February 4 to ICAFS c/o Liz Mamer, Idaho Department of Fish & Game, 1414 East Locust Lane, Nampa, ID, 83686; or**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

2005 Annual Meeting/Conference Registration Fees:

Pre-Registration **(received by Feb 4)**  
(Be entered into a drawing for a cutthroat print) \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration **(after Feb 4 or at the door)** \$90.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Registration with Current 2005 AFS Membership \$0.00 \_\_\_\_\_

2005 National Dues & Publications Fees:

Regular National Dues \$76.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Student National Dues \$38.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Section Dues: varies - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Publications: varies - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**2005 Total Fees and Dues:**

**Total for 2005 AFS Member** \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to Idaho Chapter American Fisheries Society (ICAFS).

## 2005 PRE-ANNUAL MEETING WORKSHOPS: FISH GENETICS 101 and PUBLICITY WRITING

### Fish Genetics 101

The first workshop is Fish Genetics 101, presented by the ICAFS Fish Culture Committee. It will be February 22, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boise Double Tree Riverside Hotel. Workshop Fee is \$10. The Instructor, Matt Campbell, IDFG Geneticist, will provide an introduction to Fish Genetics for non-geneticists. Topics include Sampling Methods, Review on DNA and Terminology, Overview of DNA Extraction, Overview of DNA amplification (via PCR), and Applications, including Hybridization and Introgression, Genetic Variation, and Genetic Population Structure. A registration form will be available in the January Idaho Chapter AFS Newsletter.

### Publicity Writing

Publicity Writing is one of two Idaho Chapter AFS workshops offered the day before the annual meeting (Wednesday, February 23). It features instruction from Charlie Powell, an expert in publicity writing. The registration fee is \$20 and the class is limited to 25 students. The class registration is first come, first served, so get your registration form (follows this article) in as soon as possible!

The ICAFS Fish Culture Committee Presents:

**FISH GENETICS 101**

February 22, 2005 - 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Boise Double Tree Riverside Hotel

Workshop Fee: \$10.00/person (cash or check to ICAFS – payment can be mailed to address below, or paid at the door - receipts will be provided!)

Instructor: Matt Campbell - IDFG Sr. Fisheries Biologist

Course Description: An introduction to Fish Genetics for non-geneticists.

- I. Topics Include:
  - a. Sampling Methods
  - b. Review on DNA and terminology
  - c. Overview of DNA extraction
  - d. Applications:
    - i. Example #1 - Hybridization and introgression
    - ii. Example #2 - Genetic Variation and Genetic Population structure

Seating is limited . . . please reserve your seat now! Mail completed registration form to:  
Idaho Chapter AFS - c/o Jeff Heindel  
IDFG Eagle Fish Hatchery  
1800 South Trout Road  
Eagle, ID 83616 (e-mail: [jheindel@idfg.state.id.us](mailto:jheindel@idfg.state.id.us))

Last Name:

First Name:

Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail Address:

Phone (work):

Note: Registration fee will cover break refreshments only – lunch will not be provided.

# Publicity Writing Workshop Registration

February 23, 2005 in Boise Doubletree Hotel Riverside

(One day prior to ICAFS 2005 Annual Meeting)

(start time of 0830, room to be announced)

First Come First Serve

(Mail by Jan 25, 2005 to ICAFS c/o Vaughn L. Paragamian, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 2750 Kathleen Ave, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho 83815)

Please make checks out to Idaho Chapter American Fisheries Society (ICAFS)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(work) \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee Does not include lunch.

**Registration** (\$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

## **2005 AFS OFFICER NOMINATIONS: VOTE INTELLIGENTLY**

At the annual business luncheon meeting on Friday February 25, 2005 during the annual meeting, chapter members will vote for their leadership. Jim Fredericks, Nominations Committee Chair, has identified incredibly worthy candidates.

### **POSITION: SECRETARY/TREASURER**

#### **Tammy Salow**

Tammy is currently the Fishery Biologist for the Snake River Area Office West of the Bureau of Reclamation. Tammy began working for Reclamation's water quality laboratory in 1997, completing her B.S. in Environmental Health in 1998. She continued working for Reclamation as a student trainee in fisheries, completing her M.S. in Biology at Boise State University in 2001. Tammy works with native fishes primarily in the Boise, Payette, and Malheur River drainages coordinating budgets, staff, and logistics for research and monitoring projects. Tammy has been a member of the ICAFS since 1998 and would like to increase her participation and service to the Chapter as your Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **Caleb Zurstadt**

In 1994, while pursuing a B.S. in fisheries science at Oregon State University, Caleb began working as a seasonal fisheries technician with the Forest Service. In 2000, Caleb completed an M.S. in fisheries science at Oregon State and was hired as a permanent fisheries biologist on the Boise National Forest. Currently, Caleb is a fisheries biologist on the Payette National Forest. Caleb believes that the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society provides a platform for information sharing and organizing a common voice, helping all of us to be better scientists. By serving as Secretary/Treasurer he hopes to broaden his experience as a fisheries scientist and give back in service some measure of what he has received as a member of the Society.

### **POSITION: NOMINATIONS**

#### **Jim Gregory**

Jim was born at a very young age. He received a BS degree from the University of Idaho in Wildlife Resources in 1993, but by that time had been thoroughly corrupted into fisheries, primarily by Jack Griffith, Ted Bjornn, and Christine Moffitt. Jim completed a MS at Idaho State University in Biology with an emphasis in fisheries in 1995. In 1995 he started a private fisheries consulting business but went to work for Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Fisheries to pay the bills.

In 1996 he moved to Mackay where he is still employed as manager of a recreational (fishing) ranch. He continues to do private consulting, primarily research and monitoring, for agencies and non-governmental organizations. Jim has enjoyed AFS, particularly the Idaho Chapter meetings, since 1990. Although Jim has not used coercion extensively, he feels confident that he is capable of using it along with other techniques, not the least of which is begging, to provide qualified candidates for next years elections.

### **Ryan Hardy**

Ryan is a Sr. Fishery Research Biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in the Panhandle region where he has been since 2002. Prior to this, Ryan served as an Assistant Area Management Biologist for the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game on Wrangell Island from 2000 - 2002. Prior to joining the Department of Fish and Game, Ryan received a MSc in Fisheries from the University of New Brunswick (Canada) and a BSc in Fisheries Resources Management from the University of Idaho. Ryan has been an active member of the ICAFS, serving as the membership chair since 2003. Ryan is interested in serving as the Nominations Chair to recruit individuals from diverse backgrounds that will best lead the chapter in the upcoming years.

### **POSITION: VICE PRESIDENT**

### **Bart Gamett**

Bart is a Fish Biologist for the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Bart grew up in central Idaho where he developed a deep interest and appreciation for fish. Bart began his fish career in high school where he worked in mountain lake management. Bart went on to receive a B.S. in Biology from Idaho State University and a M.S. in Fish and Wildlife Resources from Utah State University. During college Bart worked for both the Forest Service and Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Following graduation Bart accepted a full time position with the Forest Service. His professional interests include the protection and restoration of native fish populations, fish management in high mountain lakes, the zoogeography of fishes in the Intermountain west, anthropogenic impacts on fish populations, and the protection and development of fishing opportunities. His hobbies include fish research, backpacking, photography, hunting, and fishing. Bart has a strong commitment to both the American Fisheries Society and the Idaho Chapter. He is currently Chair of the Mentoring Committee and is also an active member of the Native Fish Committee. Bart also served as one of three Co-chairman for the 2002 Sinks Symposium that was sponsored by the Chapter. Bart would be honored to continue his service to the Society and Chapter by serving as Vice President.



## **Dana Weigel**

Dana is a Fisheries Biologist and Subbasin Liaison with the Bureau of Reclamation in Grangeville. Dana previously worked as a Fisheries Biologist and Project Leader at the Nez Perce Tribe in Orofino. Dana came to Idaho after completing a Masters Degree in Fisheries from the University of Minnesota. During that time she has worked for various federal and tribal agencies throughout the state and the Columbia Basin. She has been an active member of the ICAFS for 10 years, and received a meritorious service award for her work coordinating and funding the Cutthroat Trout Introgression Symposium held in Boise in 2000 and a subsequent coordinated publication of papers in Transactions printed in 2002. Dana is eager to continue assisting the ICAFS membership in addressing the diverse anadromous and resident fisheries topics throughout the state. She feels that the AFS is an important part of the fisheries profession that provides members with a scientific forum to discuss important research and management issues.

## **Fund Raising Items for the Annual Meeting**

Art Butts and Dimitri Vidergar

### Call for Donations

There is less than a month to go until the state meeting, and we need to pick up the pace on donations. Put your thinking caps on and dig out all of those old Christmas and birthday gifts that you never opened, or previous AFS raffle items that you have never used. This is a perfect opportunity to recycle them and make some money for the chapter.

The Fundraising committee has been soliciting donations but by far our best success comes from members who are willing to contact businesses that they frequent or by arm twisting friends. So next time you are spending your hard earned cash ask the person on the other side of the counter to support the ICAFS. Hand-crafted items are always welcome so bring your favorites. Remember, all donations are tax deductible and we have developed a "face to face letter" which contains our nonprofit information (tax exempt # etc.). If this would be of use to anyone please contact me and I will send you a copy.

Fish-O-Flies, *Oncorhynchus idahoii*

Fellow tyers, warm up your vises and bring your handcrafted flies to the meeting or mail them to Art Butts, to dress up *O. idahoii*. Flies of all

shapes and sizes encouraged. As an added incentive, **FOR EVERY HALF-DOZEN FLIES YOU BRING, YOU GET 3 GENERAL RAFFLE TICKETS!!**

Remember folks, nothing is too small or too inexpensive to donate, and this is our once a year opportunity to raise money for the chapter.

If you have items to donate, please send them to the address below or just let us know that you have something to contribute, and bring it with you to the meeting.

Idaho Chapter American Fisheries Society  
c/o Art Butts  
1414 E Locust Lane  
Nampa, ID 83686  
(208)465-8404 or (208)890-1690

Or call, and we can make other arrangements

### **NEW FUND-RAISING PROMOTION NEEDS ASSISTANCE!**

Vaughn Paragamian needs assistance with a new fund raising promotion during the 2005 annual meeting. The new addition to the Fund Raising activity will be a football toss game. He will be heading this up and would like some volunteers to help. We will schedule three people to manage the game for about three to four one-hour intervals during the Fund Raising night (about 12 people in all). If enough people sign up, we may even offer it during the chapter meeting session breaks. Contact Vaughn if you would like to volunteer. You can find his contact information on the EXCOM contact list near the end of this newsletter.

Hello,

Thank you for considering a donation to the American Fisheries Society. The American Fisheries Society is a nonprofit professional society founded over 100 years ago to promote, protect, and enhance our fishery resources. Our membership is primarily composed of fishery and aquatic science professionals, most of whom are also sportsmen and women. One of the primary goals of the society is to provide a forum for discussion and communication of current fisheries research and management to help maintain and improve the aquatic resources of the state of Idaho. The Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society has over 500 members directly involved in making Idaho's fishing and natural resources better. As a chapter, we are dedicated to protecting and preserving our state's valuable aquatic resources for all to enjoy, now and into the future.

Our activities are funded entirely by charitable contributions and fund-raising. All Idaho AFS projects are implemented by volunteers. Thanks to generous contributions from businesses such as yours, the Idaho chapter has continued to be involved in a wide variety of activities throughout the state and region. In the last year the Idaho Chapter has:

Completed the endowment of a scholarship for one graduate and one undergraduate student studying fisheries or natural resource-related fields who are either from Idaho or are attending an Idaho university,

- Reprinted the "Rare Native Fishes of Idaho" poster and distributed them to Idaho 4<sup>th</sup> graders statewide,

Participated in clinics statewide to introduce kids and their parents to the sport of fishing,

- Participated in "The Living Stream" programs throughout Idaho, which teach grade school students about the life history of fishes and how to be good stewards of natural resources,
- Taught educational programs at Idaho Salmon and Steelhead Days for Idaho 4<sup>th</sup> graders,

Rewriting and updating the Fishes of Idaho reference book that details identification and ranges of Idaho's fish species.

Building a section on the Idaho AFS chapter website ([www.fisheries.org/idaho/](http://www.fisheries.org/idaho/)) to help the angling public identify Idaho's sportfish so that harvestable fish are known and threatened or endangered species are released unharmed.

Our annual meeting and fund-raiser will be held February 24-26 in Boise. All donations are tax deductible (we are a 501C3 nonprofit organization, Idaho Corp. ID #C69419, Federal Corporation

ID #521147128). Your generous contribution will be acknowledged at the meeting with flyers and posters displaying donors.

If we can answer any questions regarding our society and its function, please contact me at (208) 465-8404. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Fund-Raising Committee

If mailing contributions, please deliver to:

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## UPDATE ON THE IDAHO CHAPTER AFS 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

James Capurso, Chapter Vice President

The 2006 Idaho Chapter American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting will be held at the Idaho Falls Red Lion Riverside on February 15-17, 2006. The associated workshop, Exploring the Division Between Large-Spotted and Fine-Spotted Varieties of Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, will be February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at the same location.

Please note that the dates for the annual meeting and workshop are Tuesday through Friday. The annual meeting dates have been shifted out of the weekend in 2006. An informal poll of Idaho Chapter members conducted last year indicated most folks didn't care if the annual meeting occurred entirely during the week or extended into weekends. The preferences expressed from those who cared, were generally split with 20 members supporting annual meetings entirely during the week and 17 members supporting annual meetings extending into the weekend.

The next newsletter will announce the plenary session theme and call for papers for the 2006 annual meeting. You are currently invited to contact James Capurso ([jcapurso@fs.fed.us](mailto:jcapurso@fs.fed.us) or 208-557-5780) if you are interested in presenting at the Yellowstone cutthroat trout workshop. See you in Idaho Falls for the 2006 Annual Meeting!

## **MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TEMPORARY POSITIONS FOR THE 2005 FIELD SEASON. Three fisheries technicians and two bioaides will be hired to work on fisheries research projects on the Kootenai River. Specific duties may include: operating inboard and outboard boats and four-wheel drive trucks, conducting creel survey interviews, electrofishing using boat and backpack shockers, snorkeling, sampling for larval, juvenile, or adult fish, water chemistry testing, performing radio telemetry, maintaining equipment, recording and entering data. Positions will start in early March through early May. If interested, send a resume to Ryan Hardy, Senior Fisheries Research Biologist, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 2750 Kathleen Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815, 208-769-1414, rhardy@idfg.state.id.us

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