



# GILL RAKER GAZETTE

Mark Gamblin - Editor

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**Brett Roper**

A review of the first of the millennia's Annual Meeting

It would be hard to call this year annual meeting in Coeur d'Alene an unqualified success. Attendance was down and costs were up. That being said, this year's speakers and social gatherings were as good as any previous IAFS gathering. In addition to the Idaho members, speakers from Washington and British Columbia expanded the scope and influence of this years meeting.

The plenary session covered topics ranging from the genetics of bull trout to the survival of pygmy whitefish. The breadth of these talks demonstrated the threats facing our native fish species. Somehow, however, Bruce Rieman and Paul Spreull were still unwilling (or unable) to tell us which is more important in the preservation of native species – genes or the environment. Maybe in a couple months the cutthroat introgression symposium will take another stab at this question.

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## 2001 ICAFS ANNUAL MEETING

### First CALL FOR PAPERS

**Mark Gamblin – Program Chair**

The 2001 annual meeting is now scheduled for February 22 – 24 (Thursday-Saturday) at the Double Tree Riverside Hotel on the banks of the Boise River, in Boise. A block of 50 rooms has been reserved for meeting attendees. Mark your calendar and start thinking about your contributed paper. The theme of the 2001 Annual Meeting will be a question: *What is the proper role of genetics in current fisheries management?*

For those who might feel like we are re-plowing old ground I'll just say that I am not satisfied that the broader topic of genetics in fisheries resource management was adequately discussed in last year's meeting (see Brett's comments) or in the very constructive Cutthroat Introgression Symposium held in Boise last June. I continue to perceive a gulf between fisheries geneticists, researchers and managers in the lack of agreement of how genetic considerations should be factored into fisheries management decisions. More fundamentally, what are the true genetic risks (or opportunities) that constrain those decisions? Of course any an all papers are welcome, but I especially encourage papers that relate to this theme.

The plenary session is being fleshed out. Look for the full agenda and slate of speakers in the next newsletter. Specific directions for presentation media format will also be forthcoming.

Mark

### President's Message Continued)

One highlight of this years meeting was the talk on global warming and salmon populations by Dr. David Welch. This presentation forced many of us to expand our perception of the threats facing anadromous salmonids. One clear indication of how good the talk was is the question and answer session that threatened the timing of the keg tapping at the social. I want to thank Virgil Moore for persuading Dr. Welch to going out of his way and travel to Coeur d'Alene.

Both evening socials gave the chapters members a chance to discuss topics covered in earlier presentations or those subjects closer to their hearts. The Monday night social sponsored by the Palouse Chapter was attended by nearly everybody at the meeting. At this social we found one of the few advantages of low attendance -- increased per capita consumption of pizza and beer. Support of the Tuesday night social and raffle raised enough to offset the shortfall in earnings. A special thanks to Chip Corsi for pointing out my poor fiscal planning so everybody could have an extra helping of guilt prior to bidding on raffle items.

I do apologize to everybody for not allowing more time for the business meeting. Ted K. obviously had more to say than I had scheduled time for.

It is now time to pass the torch of planning next years meeting Mark G. I hope that all of you who were able to make the trip to Coeur d'Alene enjoyed both the meeting and your stay.

Thanks. Brett

### Announcements

#### Publication Available

Hey, remember the "Intermountain Fisheries Abstracts" that so many of you supported as reports and/or computer disks from 1990 through 1998? When the IFA stopped production, there was a slight amount of operating funds left over. With the approval of the IFA editors, most of these funds were used to help edit and produce the following publication:

D.A. Koehler and A.E. Thomas. 2000. Managing for Enhancement of Riparian and Wetland Areas of the Western United States: An Annotated Bibliography. USDA-Forest Service. General Technical Report RMRS-GTR-54. 369 p.

The annotated bibliography contains 1,905 citations from professional journals, symposia, workshops, proceedings, technical reports, and other sources. Copies

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### Committee Reports

#### Riparian Committee

During 1999 the Riparian Committee published a riparian grazing management brochure titled; "Idaho's Bear Valley: Livestock Management and Riparian Restoration". Riparian Committee members wrote the brochure and the layout was professionally done by a contractor. The publication cost was divided between the Chapter and the Ted Trueblood Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Lowman District of the Boise National Forest, USFS.

The Committee also built a traveling display for the Trout Unlimited Chapter to show at different venues about riparian grazing management that highlighted the information from the brochure and the Chapter's position statement on livestock grazing. The display was used numerous times around the state.

A copy of the brochure was mailed to all State Soil Conservation offices and brochures have also been available in pamphlet displays at the Nampa Fish & Game Office and the Lowman Ranger District Office.

The Riparian Committee had three members present at the 2000 Annual Chapter Meeting. No new business was decided upon and members decided with the low interest level that we should make the Riparian Committee inactive for the coming year.

Dale Allen

#### Native Fish Committee

Nearly 150 biologists from all over the West participated in the *Detection, Status, and Management of Introgressed Populations of Cutthroat Trout* symposium, May 31-June 1, at the Boise Owyhee Plaza Hotel. The Idaho Chapter sponsored the symposium. Generous financial support for the symposium was provided by USDA Forest Service, American Fisheries Society, Bonneville Power Administration, Federation of Fly Fishers, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Trout Unlimited.

With management relying more and more upon genetic information for approaches to species conservation, a symposium with such presentations and discussions was long over due. Dana Weigel, Fisheries Biologist for the Nez Perce Tribe proposed the symposium. She and James Capurso, Idaho Chapter Native Fish Committee Chair, organized the event.

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## Palouse Unit Report

Chris Karchesky

Members of the Palouse Unit of the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society are enjoying their summer field season and work experiences, and will be soon gearing up for another exciting year of activities, seminars and fundraisers.

This past spring our club organized and participated in a number of activities. Two guest speakers, Dave Burns and Jodi Brostrum, presented to the Unit. Dave discussed the effects of fire on fish and their habitat in wildland ecosystems, and Jody presented information on the Idaho Salmon Supplementation Program. Our club participated in Natural Resources Week sponsored by the University of Idaho, where members had the opportunity to teach local school children about fish and other aquatic organisms. The week also provided a great opportunity for our club to gain exposure and share our activities with the community. Members also organized and sponsored the first annual Spring Valley Reservoir Ice Fishing Derby in conjunction with Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The derby attracted anglers from around the community and promises to be a successful annual event.

Our annual Wild Game Feed Fundraiser was a huge success again this past March. Over 70 attendees were treated to a variety of tasty wild game dishes such as "Oven Baked Bullheads" sautéed in a red wine sauce, Unleaded Upland Game Bird Salad, and delicious Moose Fajitas. Our prize raffle, auctions, cold brew, and music by local artists entertained guests late into the evening.

Several members attended this year's Idaho Chapter Meeting in Coeur d'Alene despite conflicting with U of I Spring Break. We sponsored the annual dinner banquet and social, which provided students with the opportunity to meet fisheries professionals from around the region and discuss various fisheries related topics. Our co-president Eric Stark was awarded with the Best Student Paper Award for his presentation on the "Effects of Water Level Fluctuations on Benthic Macroinvertebrates in the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River". Dr. David Welch, director of High Seas Research at the Department of Fisheries & Oceans - Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada, was awarded Best Professional Paper for his 'eye-opening' presentation on Pacific Salmonid Ocean Distribution, Migration, and Marine Environmental Condition Influences.

Elections were held at the end of the school year, and our new officers are as follows:

Co-Presidents	Chris Karchesky
	Will Young
Vice President	Darin Jones
Secretary	Kimberly Stout

Treasurer

Dani Schiff

We would like to thank the previous officers for their leadership and hard work on a very successful year, and look forward to having continued success under our new officers.

Our new officers plan to continue many of the activities that were successful in the past, with a few additional activities also being planned. This year we will be sending six student members to the Parent Society Meeting in St. Louis. This will be a new experience for our club, and one we hope to continue in the future. We would like to especially thank the Idaho Chapter for their monetary support, which made it possible for us to participate in this great opportunity.

We look forward to a great year.

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### Native Fish Committee Report (continued)

Don't expect that this will be the last opportunity to discuss and learn the latest about introgression and genetic conservation. The proceedings are forthcoming and the 2001 ICAFS meeting will further feature the topics.

### Native Fishes of Idaho Update

Dr. Richard Wallace and Don Zaroban continue their efforts to update the Native Fishes of Idaho book. You might recall one of our committee action items for this year was to assist. They are in need of vouchered fish specimens and photographs that will help them to update the Idaho fish distribution database. This is a "heads up" that this autumn, you may be contacted with a request to share data you may have.

James Capurso

**Announcements (continued)**

can be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office, 1387 Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83701657 or Publications Distribution, Rocky Mountain Research Station, 240 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins, Co 80526. Work is underway to offer the bibliography on both the BLM and USFS web sites.

Allan Thomas

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**Editors Note**

Steve Elle assumes the duties of newsletter editor with the next edition. For my part it's been an "experience." Committee Chairs, please prepare up-dated reports for Steve. Anyone else with news that is pertinent to the Chapter and fellow AFS members, please be so kind to provide Steve with those items as well.

**IMPORTANT**

Many of you are receiving this newsletter electronically via e-mail. This will be our preferred method of distribution for future editions, for the sake of efficiency and cost savings. Postage for each edition is currently costing the Chapter \$170 per edition. *For those of you who receive this edition via snail mail*, please contact Steve Elle IF you can receive future newsletters via e-mail. This will save your Chapter hundreds of dollars each year that will be put a better use. It will also make the newsletter editors life much simpler.

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