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Presidents Message

First I would like to take a brief moment to thank you all for your support in electing me as your President, it is an honor. Even if you didn't vote for me I'm still honored to represent you. Each of us as president has had a goal or two when we took office. One of mine has been continuing education. Continuing education is one of the American Fisheries Society's great strong points. Our Manuscript Preparation Workshop last year came off better than I would have expected. For this year we tried to schedule a Presentation Workshop but we needed 25 people in order to pull it off. Although every indication was we could do just that we only had 11 members show interest in it and as a result we had to cancel it. I think the registration fee of \$125 may have disturbed some. Perhaps we can try again in the future. Although I am a little discouraged I think next time we will pick a needed subject that we may be able to draw someone from within as a qualified instructor and try to keep the registration fee at a minimum. One topic that I thought of as a need is a publicity writing workshop. Let me know what you think. I'm sure I could find someone that can help us out. Also, in the future the organization of workshops for our chapter will also be one of the tasks of the Public Education Committee. As such perhaps it should just be called the education committee. By the way the Western Division Annual Meeting has five workshops; Skills for surviving General Robert's Rules, Aquatic Invasive Species Threats to western Waters, Preparation and Review of a Professional Manuscript, Population Viability Analysis, and Genetics for Broodstock Management. See the site below.

www.wdafs.org/meet/2004/meet_2004.htm

If you scan the Homepage of The American Fisheries Society you will notice the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program. The program offers high school students the opportunity to participate in a summer-long, hands-on experience in fisheries science with a professional mentor. The Idaho Chapter has three mentors; Bart Gamett, Mary Faurot, and Ed Lider. If your interested in joining the program see the announcement section of this newsletter or talk to Bart, his e-mail is at the back of our news letter. Also, applications for the program for this next session are due March 1, 2004! I'm sure any of our Hutton Mentors would be happy to help you out.

One of Steve Elle's goals as President was to attract our colleagues from the fish health/fish culture section back into our Chapter. We have seen a positive response to that. Last year we had a number of participants from fish health/fish culture and this year promises to be even better. So encourage those folks to come and join us in Moscow. This looks like another great chapter meeting that Matt has put together. I am looking forward to seeing you there but one thing to remember! Please don't mention the Packer-Eagle game to me or I will get started on something you will regret. Lombardi

said anytime you have a chance to kick a field goal and even if it is fourth and short you kick it. See what I mean.

2004 ICAFS ANNUAL MEETING SEE THE DRAFT AGENDA ATTACHED

The 2004 Annual Meeting/Conference is fast approaching!

It begins the morning of Thursday, February 12, and runs until noon on Saturday, February 14. We have a full line up of presentations.

The 2004 annual meeting will be held at the Best Western University Inn, located at 1516 Pullman Road, Moscow Idaho 83843. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-325-8765. If you have any questions about accommodations, scheduling or other logistics call Matt @ 837-9096 or mpowell@uidaho.edu.

PREREGISTRATION EXTENDED

Pre-registration is critical because we have to give the hotel a head count on number of meals (box lunches on Thursday for the committee meetings, and banquet lunch on Friday for the ICAFS annual business meeting). And then there's the evening pizza feed with the students. If we over-estimate the number of meals, we still have to pay, and we hate wasting \$\$\$\$ and food. If we underestimate, there won't be enough meals. Pre-registration also saves you \$15. Pre-registration is \$75 (even if you don't pay until you get there), but it's \$90 if you wait to register at the meeting.

So, to get the most accurate count we can, pre-registration options have been expanded and extended:

Snail mail pre-registration has been extended to Monday, February 2 (post-marked by then). Send it to ICAFS, c/o Kristine Vollmer, 7359 Hwy 21, Box 10, Lowman, ID 83637.

You can pre-register by e-mailing your registration form to kvollmer@fs.fed.us by noon on Friday, February 6. You can then pay at the meeting.

You can pre-register by faxing your registration form to 208-259-3366 by noon on Friday, February 6. Write "Attn: Kristine Vollmer" on the fax so it will get to me. You can then pay at the meeting. Please see the registration form at the back of this newsletter.

A message from the Program Chair . . .

Presentations will be restricted to specific format guidelines. Forget about overheads. For those who chose to stay with

them, 35mm slides will be accommodated as usual. Afterward your slides will become part of our IDAFS time-capsule next to the rotary phones and beta videotapes. If you wish to give your presentation in digital format, please use MS PowerPoint in Office 95 or later, stored on 100MB ZIP drive discs or a CD. **Do not plan to bring your own computer or projector** (unless you are donating it to IDAFS). We will have computers, projectors 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.** Matt would really appreciate it if you brought your presentation to him as soon as possible (before your session) to load up on the computers. If you have **ANY** questions, contact Matt (837-9096): mpowell@uidaho.edu or Liz Mamer (465-8404 - IDFG Nampa Fish Research Office; lmamer@idfg.state.id.us).

SUPPORT YOU IDAHO AFS CHAPTER SEE THE DRAFT AGENDA ATTACHED!!

Fund Raising

Brian Leth

Well, we only have a couple weeks until the state meeting. Donations have been trickling in, but we have a ways to go yet. 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.

As previously mentioned, the donated fishing trips are great money makers for the chapter. If you would be willing to donate your fishing or hunting expertise, please let me know; it would be greatly appreciated.

Also, if you know managers or owners of vendors in your area, stop in and ask them if they would be willing to donate. I have attached our "Face-to-Face" letter that describes the society and some of the projects that the money has been used for. All donations are tax deductible and businesses that donate will be acknowledged at the banquet.

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 me know that you have something to contribute, and bring it with you to the meeting.

Idaho Chapter American Fisheries Society
c/o Brian Leth

5034 S. Cree Way
Boise , ID 83709
(208)724-6195 or (208)362-5650

Or call me, and we can make other arrangements

NOMINATIONS FOR IDAFS EXCOM OFFICES

For Vice President

James Capurso

Capurso has been a Professional Fisheries Biologist for the USDA Forest Service for 17 years, serving a total of 7 National Forests throughout Idaho and 2 in Oregon. He has actively served as Chair for the Idaho Chapter AFS Native Fish Committee for the last 3 years, consistently helping the committee achieve their annual goals, including the Annual Nongame Native Fish Workshop and the Annual Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award. Over the last few years, he has co-organized 2 AFS-sponsored fisheries symposiums; the Cutthroat Trout Introgression Symposium in 2000 and the Sinks Symposium in 2002. In addition, he has co-hosted the 2003 Nongame Native Fish Workshop featuring leatherside chub. Capurso can serve the chapter with his energetic leadership, professional capabilities, ability to raise funds, and familiarity with a good portion of Idaho and its fisheries.

Dan Garren

Dan is currently employed as a Regional Fisheries Biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in the Upper Snake Region, where he has resided for the past three years. Having graduated from what many* consider the premier fisheries school in the nation (Virginia Tech) in 1997, Dan took employment with the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. After a couple of years there, he moved on to work with the Virginia Department of Game and Fish, and eventually moved westward, settling in Idaho Falls. Over the course of his career, Dan has been involved with the Va Tech, West Virginia, Virginia and Idaho Chapters of the AFS, and has served on numerous committees, as well as a brief tenure as VA Chapter President (cut short resulting from a move to Idaho). Having settled into his current position, and feeling somewhat guilty about not meeting the obligations of the Virginia presidency, Dan is interested in serving the Idaho Chapter and its members in a more active role. He brings a well-rounded background, enthusiasm and a willingness to serve to the table. Dan would appreciate your vote for Vice President, and looks forward to serving the chapter in the future.

*Mostly folks who graduated from there...

For Secretary/Treasurer

Liz Mamer

Liz came to Idaho in 1991, having received a degree in Biology with a Marine Science emphasis at the University of California, Santa Cruz, their proud mascot being the banana slug. She worked for 4 years at UC Bodega Marine Laboratory, maintaining stocks of coho salmon and striped bass for the Howard Bern lab out of UC Berkeley, as well as curating the university's scientific collection. From there she moved on to running an oyster farm on Tomales Bay, known for its succulent shellfish and frolicking seals, as well as being the land of the great white shark. She answered the call to go north to uncharted territory (Caldwell) and is currently a partner in a family run, custom beef operation producing some of the safest, tastiest grass-fed beef this side of the Rockies (nice plug, no?) The fisheries side: Liz is a senior fisheries technician at IDFG's Nampa Fish Research office, having spent the last 5 years under the guidance and tutelage of Dan Schill. Enough said. Her experiences range from working closely with the angling public in education efforts to spending vast amounts of time alone in the depths of remote, cougar infested canyons in search of the holy grail. She clearly possess the upbeat 'can do' approach to any task set in front of her and looks forward to setting her sights on fiscal management and accountability for ICAFS.

Damon Keen

Damon is an employee of the Idaho Fish and Game, assigned to Henrys Lake in Southeast Idaho. Damon is in charge of the hatchery program as well as the fishery management of this famous lake. He has been assigned here since November of 2000. Prior to working at Henrys lake, Damon was assigned to Clark Fork and Filer. Damon has been a full time employee of the Idaho Fish and Game since May of 1999. Prior to working for the F&G, Damon was a biology teacher at Kamiah High School for 4 years. Damon's first vocation was in retail where he worked as a manager for 17 years with an establishment that grossed approximately 5 million dollars annually. Damon is trained in all aspects of supervisory management including: profit/loss analysis, employee supervision, inventory control, bookkeeping, and purchasing. Damon graduated from Boise State University in August of 1995 with a BS in biology. Damon is a lifelong resident of Idaho.

For Nominations Chair

Jim Fredericks

Jim is a Regional Fishery Manager with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in the Upper Snake Region where he has been since 2001. Jim served as a Sr. Research Biologist and a Regional Biologist in the Panhandle Region from 1994 to 2001. Prior to joining the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Jim received an M.S. in Fishery Resources and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Idaho. Jim has been an active member of the ICAFS, serving as chair of the Public Education committee from 1995 through 2000. Jim is interested in serving as the Nominations Chair to help identify and recruit a diverse array of chapter members to organize and lead the ICAFS.

Fred Partridge

Fred has worked for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game since 1979 and is currently the resident fishery coordinator in Boise. He has been a regional fishery biologist and manager in the Magic Valley Region. As a research

biologist he has investigated fisheries in the Kootenai River in north Idaho, evaluated the LSRCF hatchery program in its early years and looked at the success of a variety of rainbow trout strains in hatchery programs in southern Idaho reservoirs. He also worked on evaluating the impacts of grazing on fish and riparian systems while working at the USFS Intermountain Station and as a graduate student worked with state management agencies in California and Montana. He has been a member of AFS since 1972 and a member of the Idaho Chapter AFS for 27 years and has served as Secretary\Treasurer and on the Membership and Native Species committees for the Idaho Chapter and the Native Species committee for the Western Division. At times in the past, it has been difficult for the Nominating Chair to encourage good individuals to take time from the busy schedules to become officers in the ICAFS. One of Fred's current duties is to oversee the approval and issuance of scientific collecting permits to a wide range of individuals, thereby allowing him to judge their interest and willingness to be a Chapter Officer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program**

The third year of the Hutton Program was a resounding success! Fifty-four high school students throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico spent an exciting summer experiencing the work life of a fisheries biologist. Although it is a relatively new program for AFS, the Hutton is important to the future of the profession. The ultimate goal of the program is to recruit young people into a career in fisheries, particularly those groups underrepresented in the profession. These students would eventually be able to fill some of the vacancies created by a retiring workforce. The Hutton has enhanced the lives of the students and mentors it served over the past three years, and it has the potential to provide the profession with a new generation of fisheries biologists. Mentor applicants for the 2004 Hutton Program are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. This is your chance to contribute to the development of the youth in your area and to your profession. For more information on the Hutton Program and to download 2004 mentor and student applications, visit the AFS website at <http://www.fisheries.org/Hutton.shtml>. If you need additional information, please contact Jan Lubeck at jlubeck@fisheries.org or Christine Fletcher at hutton@fisheries.org.

- **State Chapter Website**

We've got our own website with info that includes current and past newsletters, announcements and addresses/telephone numbers for your chapter officers. Check it out at http://www.fisheries.org/idaho/news_letter.htm

- **Pass It On!**

Please pass along this electronic newsletter to everyone in your agency. If you did not get it directly, send your email address update to Ryan Hardy at rhardy@idfg.state.id.us

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