

# GILL RAKER GAZETTE

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## Presidents Message

**Vaughn Paragamian**

What a great annual meeting we had this past February. It was good for most of us to get out of our nine dots and hear from more of the fish culture folks. A great change of pace. For myself it was obvious our discipline has come a long ways in the past three decades particularly in fish culture. Matt did a great job as did everyone else that stepped up to the plate to help out.

Recently I started filing out a document for Best Chapter Award. It was rather lengthy but it made apparent how active our chapter is. From the sponsorship of the new Fishes of Idaho to the Leatherside chub workshop to the completion of the Salmon and Steelhead brochure. Of course there are many other activities going on and I encourage all of you to participate and when you feel comfortable take a leadership role. Speaking of leadership role the American Fisheries Society offers leadership training courses at the Division and Annual meetings. I have taken them and although I think I'm not too shy it will help you feel much more comfortable in your role leading a meeting. The best part is they are free.

Continuing education and professional development is an area I think as a chapter we can try to do a better job at in the future. We learned a few lessons this past winter with our attempt to host a Professional Presentation workshop. I think the cost of having an outside professional come in may have been too high for the value of what potential students thought they could get out of. Agency spending restrictions didn't help either. While in the previous year when we had the Manuscript Preparation workshop we had to turn students back. This next 05 meeting we anticipate having a Publicity Writing workshop at a very minimal charge and I hope to get at least 25 students into that. More on that later after I discuss the details with our Education/Continuing Education Committee.

To complete this brief message I also wanted to share with you my appreciation for being your president. I have always had a great deal of pride in being an AFS member but I am also proud to share membership with you in the Idaho Chapter. Our annual officer transition will occur in August after the Annual AFS meeting.

**2005 ICAFS ANNUAL MEETING**  
**FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS (don't wait till the**  
**last minute).**

**Russ Kiefer - Program Chair**

## Program Theme

The theme of the 2005 Annual Meeting is: "*Managing Fisheries in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Meeting new Challenges with new Ideas*". 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 probably biological outcomes. Other anticipated sessions may include fisheries management, ESA use of hatchery fish, water quantity and quality, genetics, anadromous fish, native aquatics, fish culture, and riparian management. Other ideas for session themes would be greatly appreciated. Regardless there is room for you to participate and contribute. All people interested in presenting should notify Russ Kiefer (334-3791) [rkiefer@idfg.state.id.us](mailto:rkiefer@idfg.state.id.us) or Liz Mamer (465-8404) [lmamer@idfg.state.id.us](mailto:lmamer@idfg.state.id.us). Abstracts should be limited to 300 words and should include who will be the presenter, if there are coauthors. Please provide Title, author(s) and address and whether you are interested in presenting a paper or poster. Please indicate audio-visual equipment needs.

## Abstracts: Format Guidelines

**Abstracts will be accepted through January 21, 2005.** 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 the tried and true, 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) or Liz Mamer (465-8404) [lmamer@idfg.state.id.us](mailto:lmamer@idfg.state.id.us).

## Time and Place

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 block of rooms will be held at the following rates until **February 1, 2005**.

Single occupancy (government rate) \$61.00  
Double occupancy (government rate) \$76.00  
Triple or quad occupancy (government rate) \$99.00

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. If you have any questions about accommodations, scheduling or other logistic.

## Workshops

We have space reserved for up to two workshops on February 22 and 23 (Tuesday and Wednesday). Vaughn Paragamian is putting together a Publicity Writing Workshop on preparing news releases on fish issues. Details of this news release workshop will be provided in the summer issue of the Gill Raker Gazette. We still have space for another workshop. So if you have a good idea for a workshop, and would like to help make our annual meeting even better, please contact Bill Schrader Phone: 525-7290 Email: [bschrader@idfg.state.id.us](mailto:bschrader@idfg.state.id.us) or Dmitri Vidergar Email: [dmitri.vidergar@noaa.gov](mailto:dmitri.vidergar@noaa.gov) by August 13.

## Fish-O-Flies, *Oncorhynchus idahoii*

Last year the *O. idahoii*, had over 130 hand-tied flies. Once again flies of all shapes and sizes are encouraged. This year we want to do even better. Each newsletter this year will remind you to tie flies for ICAFS. The plan is to have enough flies for a great "fish-O-Flies" and even more to put into specialty fly boxes such as: SF Boise, spring creeks, Cutthroat, Steelhead, warmwater, stillwater, and an all Idaho selection. Please plan on tying up a dozen or so of your best pattern. As an added incentive, **FOR EVERY HALF-DOZEN FLIES YOU BRING, YOU GET 3 GENERAL RAFFLE TICKETS!**

## 2004 Meeting in Review

### Awards

First and foremost, we once again recognize those chapter members that were selected to receive awards at our 2004 annual meeting.

Idaho Chapter AFS Lifetime Achievement Award: **Tim Cochnauer for a career including work on white sturgeon, lamprey, and a long history of mentoring fisheries students.**

Award of Merit: **Jim Capurso as long time Native Fish Committee Chair**

Award of Merit: **Lance Hebdon as 2001-02 and 2002-03 Fund Raising Chair**

Award of Merit: **Rob VanKirk as 2002-03 Secretary/Treasurer ICAFS**

Award of Merit: **Brett Roper as 2001-02 President ICAFS**

Award of Merit: **Steve Elle as 2002-03 President ICAFS**

Award of Merit: **Vaughn Paragamian as 2003-04 President ICAFS**

### Fundraiser

A genuine thanks to everyone who helped out with logistics and donations for the 2004 fundraiser. A special thanks to the big spenders who made

last years auction such a success. We also gratefully thank Idaho Power Company for their \$500 sponsorship donation that arrived too late for us to acknowledge at the meeting and in the agenda, Idaho Power Company we greatly appreciate your support. All told we cleared a little over \$9,000 at the 2004 meeting. This is money we use for scholarships, endowments, fish in the classrooms, printing of fisheries books, brochures, symposiums, workshops, our annual meeting, and other items. With that in mind, the 2005 ICAFS fundraiser is right around the corner. So once again I am encouraging people to use their creative minds to acquire items for the Raffle and Auction. We will be mailing solicitation letters, but our best responses come from local businesses solicited by folks who patronize those businesses. 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 Art Butts (465-8404) [abutts@idfg.state.id.us](mailto:abutts@idfg.state.id.us) and he will send you a copy.

## Committee Updates

### **Native Fishes**

**From: Dan Garren**

Just wanted to foreward some information on upcoming activities that you folks may be interested in. Appended is a memo on a Leatherside chub workshop sponsored by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Native Aquatic Species Program. The workshop will focus on developing a range-wide management plan for the northern species of Leatherside chub. Scheduled for October 21, the meeting will be held at the USU Bear Lake Training Center near Garden City, UT. Contact Peggy Miller [peggymiller@utah.gov](mailto:peggymiller@utah.gov) if you are interested in attending and to make reservations. (see attachment)

### **The second item of interest is the Pacific lamprey/largescale sucker workshop.**

Below is a summary of the scheduled activities, dates, etc. If interested, contact Tim Cochnauer at [tcochnauer@idfg.state.id.us](mailto:tcochnauer@idfg.state.id.us) to make reservations.

The Pacific lamprey/largescale sucker workshop is scheduled for September 10/11 at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Red River Wildlife Management area near Elk City and the USFS Red River Ranger Station. The facilities there will house about 20 people with lots of extra room for tents, as well as the possiblity of facilities are the USFS station. We have the management area's house reserved for the nights of September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate starting the workshop at 0900 on the 10<sup>th</sup> with a round of lamprey presentations. After lunch we will separate into groups and do some hands-on sampling for this species. Later in the afternoon we will re-convene at the management area to have discussions,etc. IDFG will supply food for all meals on the 10<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming in early August.

### **Anadromous Fish**

**From: Jason Vogel**

At the Idaho Chapter Meeting in Moscow this spring the co-chairs, Stephen Grabowski and Catherine Willard decided to end their tenure and Jason Vogel was nominated as the new chairperson for 2004. Over the past several years the committee has been working on a salmon and steelhead brochure to distribute throughout the state, especially in core of salmon and steelhead recreation areas. This brochure is designed to give the angler and general public a brief history of salmon and steelhead, an update on the past few years of near record adult returns, and finally the economic impact these runs have contributed to the Idaho economy. After many drafts and comments from the committee the brochure is completed (10,000 copies printed) and is currently being distributed to Idaho Fish and Game offices, Forest Service offices, and local tackle and sporting good shops in the Boise, Salmon, McCall, Riggins, and Lewiston Areas.

The committee would like to thank Stephen and Catherine for all of their hard work and dedication to the committee over the past several years. The committee will attempt to carry on their work and look towards the future.

### **Fish Culture**

**From: Jeff A. Heindel**

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Greetings from your new Fish Culture Committee Chair! In case you missed the 40<sup>th</sup> annual ICAFS meeting in Moscow (February 12-14, 2004), the highly-coveted Fish Culture Committee Chair gavel (it's not a real gavel . . . just a naturally-mummified, spawned-out hatchery steelhead that was found on the banks of the Little Salmon River in 1996) has been passed to me from Bob Esselman!

I'll begin with a much-needed "Thank You" to Bob Esselman, former Committee Chair for the ICAFS Fish Culture section. Bob assumed this role (*read: forcibly persuaded*) in 2002 and immediately set to work on the daunting task of bolstering our fish culture "ranks" in the involvement and activities related to ICAFS. While currently serving the fisheries management community as Fisheries Management Biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish & Game (Salmon, ID), Bob's experience and reputation as a leader in the fish culture community is well known and respected. Thanks again, Bob, for your continued dedication and hard work!

The 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting provided a break-out session for various ICAFS committees and I wanted to share the highlights from the Fish Culture break-out session on Feb. 12, 2004: the session was well-attended this year with over 20 attendees (double that of last year); general consensus as to the need to broaden our member-base by reaching beyond the "typical" Tribal, State, Federal, University member profiles (salmonid-centric) and acknowledging the importance of non-salmonid culture programs/members in our geographic community; discussions of potential "continuing-education" courses/seminars for the AFS fish culture community (genetics, fish health); and a brain-storming session to renew past attempts to encourage the enrollment, involvement and participation of new (and old) members from the aquaculture community.

As Chair of the Fish Culture Committee, my immediate responsibilities will be to determine just what it is that I/we (fish culture) can do for ICAFS. I wish I could begin by providing a set of lofty goals that could lead to

some endpoint, but I can't! It might be most appropriate to begin by simply: 1) encouraging AFS members in the fish culture community who are not active in ICAFS (or AFS in general) to get active, and 2) encourage those in our community who are not members to become a member!

If you are not aware of the history that fish culture played in the formation of the American Fisheries Society, it might be worthwhile to do a little reading (Christine Moffitt provided a great article in the October 2000 issues of the national AFS Fish Culture Section newsletter - <http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/fcs/Oct00.pdf> ). Fish culture is the cornerstone of the American Fisheries Society and, like it or not, will continue to play an important role in fisheries management for years to come. Our fish culture community employs some of the "best and brightest" in the business, and we need to be *proactive* players in the fisheries management arena . . . what better way to help guide the future of fisheries management than by becoming an active member in the ICAFS/AFS! I would like to strongly urge our fish culture members, specifically, to encourage the participation of our co-workers and peers in ICAFS/AFS . . . we have a long history in the development of this professional Society, and it's up to us to continue to foster the growth and provide direction for the generations that follow!

### **Burbot Recovery Status Update From the Codfather**

I was consulting my cousin Veto a few days ago and we discussed the status of the burbot in the Kootenai River. At one time this may have been one of the most productive burbot fisheries in North America. But now fishing for burbot is closed in the Kootenai system of Idaho and British Columbia. He explained there were ways of getting things done to save the fish but I said lets stick with the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI) and the Burbot Subcommittee process of working on a Conservation Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Recent efforts by managing agencies in KVRI like the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Governor's Office of Species Conservation, and British Columbia Ministry of Water, Land , and Air Protection have resulted in a Conservation Strategy and a draft Conservation Agreement to recover burbot. A draft MOU has been prepared. The next step is for other agencies like the US Army Corps of Engineers and Bonneville Power Administration to join in a Conservation Agreement and MOU to make the document legally binding. Under such an agreement endangered species listing could be avoided.

### **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 Chris Downs at <mailto:cdowns@sandpoint.net>

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## Registration

### ICAFS Annual Meeting

**February 24th - February 26, 2005 Boise**

**(Mail by Feb. 4 to ICAFS c/o Liz Mamer, Idaho Department of Fish & Game,  
1414 East Locust Lane, Nampa, ID 83686)**

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

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

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Palouse Unit Member (check if yes): \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:**

2005 pre-registration (\$75.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
registration at the door (\$90.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
National Dues (\$76.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
Sections/Publications (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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

2005 Student Member (\$38.00) \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are a 2005 student member of National AFS, registration fee is waved)

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources,  
Native Aquatic Species Program

Announces the

Range-wide Leatherside Chub Meeting  
Thursday 21 October 2004  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
USU Bear Lake Training Center  
Garden City, Utah

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the development of a range-wide management plan for the northern species of leatherside chub. We will have the opportunity to discuss the issues facing the northern species and plan accordingly. There will also be an opportunity for you to update meeting participants on the status of leatherside chub under your management. The agenda will follow at a later date.

The meeting will be held at Utah State University 's Bear Lake Training Center located on the shore of Bear Lake approximately three miles south of Garden City and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile north of Sweetwater Resort. The Center will be available to meeting participants from 4:30 pm Wednesday 20 October to 1:00 pm Friday 22 October. The Center includes a full kitchen and sleeping facilities for thirty-two. Please stay one or two nights if your schedule allows.

Please RSVP by contacting Peggy Miller at [peggymiller@utah.gov](mailto:peggymiller@utah.gov). Indicate if you would like to be on the agenda and if you will be spending the night(s).

Thank you