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The Newsletter of the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society



President's Message, Now More than Ever, ICAFS Belongs on the Plate

By Jim Fredericks, ICAFS President

I'm betting that most Chapter members have never experienced anything like the current state of workplace budgets or the disruption it's caused in our respective work environments. There's a common theme in the workplace today—not just amongst fisheries professionals—of trying to reconcile the disparity between a constant or growing workload with fewer personnel and operating resources to get the job done. It's only appropriate in such times to ask of one's self or a supervisor "what am I NOT going to do?" or "what comes off my plate?" Indeed, not asking the question reflects either past inefficiency, or a failure to plan for a new reality.

Though easy to ask, it's a difficult question to answer. I've heard it said that 90% of what we do is "urgent" while 10% is actually "important". Thankfully, that assessment is probably a pessimistic overgeneralization, as some jobs are, by design, more reactive (dealing with the urgent) than others. It does, however, describe a reality that we can probably all identify with.

Whether it is 90-10 or 50-50, by the time all of that urgent "stuff" is done, there's not as much discretionary time left for the important things as we'd like—the things we trained to do. The irony is, when times are tough and things need to come off the plate, it's often the "important" things that come off. After all, the urgent is still urgent. Among the many important things in the shadow of the meat cleaver is funding to attend symposia, workshops and professional development opportunities. My point in bringing this up is to urge everyone to resist letting AFS membership and participation in the annual meeting fall off the plate. Call it impor-

tant, call it urgent, but don't call it quits. The Chapter deserves a place on the plate—right in the middle.

Certainly, I have the well-being of the Chapter in mind, but there are many reasons why it's in our individual best interest to stay involved. For starters, strained budgets and limited resources *increase*, not decrease the need to develop as professionals. Staying current on statewide fisheries issues, techniques, and technology increases our efficiency and effectiveness at a time when it's most needed. The interaction with peers from other agencies and organizations at Chapter meetings not only helps minimize redundancy, but it affords us the opportunity to develop efficient partnerships and projects. Beyond those benefits, is our own long-term development. It would be unfortunate to let our own personal development fall victim to the recession. Most of us have many

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years of service ahead of us and will probably see a "return to normalcy" in our work environment. We owe it to ourselves to emerge as the professionals we set out to be. Finally, I know for many members Chapter involvement and participation in the annual meeting is a morale booster. It's an opportunity to celebrate being fisheries professionals, see friends, and to take stock of our accomplishments.

Lest I sound dissatisfied or discouraged with current Chapter involvement, I want to make it clear that nothing's further from the truth. As we saw at the annual meeting in March, we continue to set new records for participation, fundraising, student involvement and the number of presen-

tations. The Chapter should take great satisfaction in knowing that we've done this at a time when attendance at Western and many other chapter meetings has suffered. As I stated at the annual meeting, that's a credit not only to each and every member, but also to the supervisors and administrators who continue to prioritize Chapter involvement. Though out-of-state travel for state employees has been greatly restricted, we're fortunate (at least in IDFG) in that participation is still encouraged. It would be a mistake to take that support for granted, and a bigger mistake to not take advantage of the opportunity.

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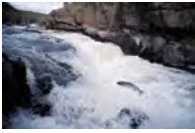
Tarah Johnson, Palouse Unit President



Sam Matsaw, Portneuf Unit President



ICAFS – Committee Reports



Anadromous Fish Committee

The mission of the Anadromous Committee of the Idaho Chapter American Fisheries Society is to advance knowledge and appreciation of the state's anadromous fish resources and the aquatic habitats upon which they depend; and promote the use of sound science towards conservation and recovery of the fishery resource for its use and enjoyment by all.

Here is a quick review of the Anadromous Committee. In 2008, we revised and printed a brochure about salmon and steelhead in Idaho and why they are important. Design work was done by Danielle Dorsch. The committee also organized the plenary session for the 2009 chapter meeting. The steering committee was Mike Peterson, Eric Stark, Jason Vogel, and Tim Copeland. At the 2009 committee meeting, there were 17 attendees. The committee discussed several initiatives for education and outreach and other potential ways to address technical themes. After the meeting, we reprinted the salmon and steelhead brochures and are distributing them. Anyone who would like some brochures should contact Tim Copeland.



Aquaculture Committee

The mission of the Aquaculture Committee of the Idaho Chapter American Fisheries Society is to promote the continuing development and enhancement of aquaculture and recognize its significance as an integral tool used in fisheries conservation and management.

We had 35 attendees at the "Preventing the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance and invasive species" workshop held prior to the 2009 annual meeting in Boise. Everyone who attended should have received a Certificate of Completion for HACCP Planning for Aquatic Invasive Species. If you have not received yours, please contact the committee chair.

In response to the overwhelming interest in the disinfection portion of the ANS workshop (which was only touched on briefly), the committee is planning to host another pre-meeting workshop at the 2010 ICAFS annual meeting. This workshop will focus strictly on disinfection products and procedures. We look forward to another great turnout!

The committee is also in the works of putting together a presentation which will be given to students at U of I. This presentation will focus on the field of aquaculture. The goal is to give students some background on the roles aquaculture plays in fisheries conservation and management. We will discuss how hatcheries operate and the different responsibilities they have. We will also talk about what kind of jobs are out there for those interested in pursuing a career in the field.

And lastly, it is not too early to start thinking about nominees for the "Excellence in Aquaculture" award which is given at the annual meeting. A formal call for nominations will be sent out as we get closer to the 2010 meeting.



Mentoring Committee



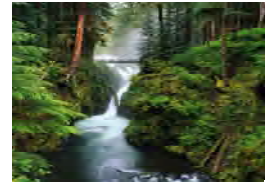
Mission: Promote the development of successful fisheries professionals through mentoring.

Make sure and check out the Idaho Chapter Website for opportunities to mentor or be mentored.

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Water Quality/Stream Hydrology Committee

The mission of the Idaho Chapter AFS WQSH Committee is to increase awareness among Chapter members of the importance of water quality and hydrology in aquatic ecosystems and to provide a mechanism for Chapter members to obtain and share information about water quality and hydrologic issues that are of particular relevance to Idaho.



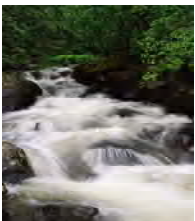
The Water Quality/Stream Hydrology committee hosted a ½ day Grant Writing Workshop at the 2008 ICAFS meeting in Boise. Thirteen people attended the workshop. Sarah Koerber, a Proposal Development Specialist from the University of Idaho, taught the course. Topics covered included where to search for funding opportunities, how to read requests for proposals, tips on proposal writing, submitting a proposal, and basics on budgeting.



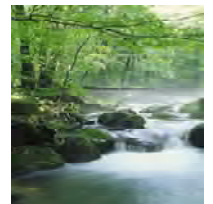
For 2009 this committee is attempting to identify important stream gages in north Idaho both currently operating as well as historical gages. It is important to retain stream gages and make existing flow records readily available. We will be soliciting input from other agencies into identifying these gage sites. We hope to draft a report to the USGS and other appropriate agencies detailing our findings and outlining our recommendations. Secondly, there are approximately 15 gages maintained by the USFS Panhandle Forest that need to be maintained and have data that need to be analyzed. We will be working with the USFS to examine ways to make this happen.

In addition we are going to work to find ways to make IDEQ water quality information, particularly those related to heavy metals, easily available for chapter members to use for their work (link to website, etc).

Riparian Committee



The mission of the Riparian Committee is to raise awareness of the importance of riparian areas to aquatic resources in Idaho through education and professional outreach. The intent of the committee is to provide support and information for fisheries professionals and others interested in managing, preserving and restoring riparian areas.



Changes are coming for the Riparian and Stream Hydrology/Water Quality Committees! After surveying current committee members and with the support of EX-COM, it was decided that both committees will merge to form the new Fish Habitat Committee. This change should bolster chapter support and participation in this committee while also fulfilling a missing component in the Idaho Chapters Committee offerings. Both committees will meet together and start the transition at the 2010 annual meeting in Pocatello. If you would like to participate, help develop, or even guide the new Fish Habitat Committee we look forward to seeing you in Pocatello.

For 2009, the Riparian Committee is hosting an NRCS Stream Bank Soil Bioengineering Technical Training in Afton, Wyoming on October 6-8, 2009 (See Advertisement on Subsequent Pages). If you are interested in attending call Corey Lyman, Riparian Committee Chair @ (208) 557-5838.

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Fundraising Committee

The Mission is: Provide the funds for the Idaho Chapter to engage in conservation, educational and philanthropic projects by utilizing fun and creative ways to bilk members and guests of their hard earned income. Coordinate the fund raiser and annual social event in good taste, to a professional standard appropriate the ICAFS. Provide an atmosphere for the membership to celebrate the chapter's achievements and renew relationships. Have fun and make every effort to make the fundraising/ social event fun and entertaining for the membership.



Huge Thank You is In Order



The Fundraising Committee would like to thank all of the individuals, businesses, and the auctioneer (Uncle Ted) that made donations to the 2009 Idaho Meeting. The real thanks goes out to all of you for digging deep down into your wallets and making this the most successful fundraising event the Idaho Chapter Annual Meeting history. Because of your generosity many programs and events will be funded for 2009 and the Chapter was able to make a generous donation to the Susan B. Martin Memorial Scholarship of **\$5,000—AWESOME!!** With that donation plus other generous donations puts us 1/2 way towards the goal for a self sustaining scholarship—**KEEP IT UP** -and maybe we can make the goal soon. Good work everybody!



Planning and preparing for the fundraising event for 2010 is a huge task and is starting right now. So if you have any items to donate; such as; artwork, trips, fishing tackle and gear, bags of money or whatever please contact Eric Stark at eric.stark@idfg.idaho.gov or John Cassinelli at john.cassinelli@idfg.idaho.gov and they would be very happy to take those things from you.

Native Fish Committee

Vaughn L. Paragamian Chairman

The Native Fish Committee has been working to pull together a workshop on leathersided chubs. For more information see page 10.

Congratulations to the Palouse Subunit for a Repeat Win for Outstanding Student Chapter Award for 2009!

Congratulations to the Palouse Unit for receiving the Western Division Outstanding Student Sub-unit award for the 2nd year in a row! Palouse student members work hard at developing themselves into professionals and have displayed great ambition for carrying out the mission and goals of AFS on a local, regional, and national level. This award has several components that each unit must incorporate into their goals. Each unit must maintain a professional level of aquatic education. They also need to provide outreach, stewardship through leadership, promotion, and information networking to other entities. Lastly, the unit must incorporate and promote the professional development, education, and recognition of student members. The Western Division will send their recommendations to the parent society for the national Outstanding Student Sub-unit Award which will be decided prior to the national meeting in August. Thank you to all the Idaho Chapter members who help and support our student sub-units and good luck at the national level!



Portneuf Student Unit AFS

President: Sam Matsaw
VP: Scott Collins

Past President: Joe Benjamin
Secretary: Kevin Donner
Treasurer: Allison Knight

Portneuf Unit Website:

www.isu.edu/stdorg/special/afs

We would like to take the time to acknowledge our student unit namesake. The Portneuf River is said to have been named after a French trapper who died along the river. The Shoshone people called it Dewosa'-hunuu or the White River along with other names recognized by both the Shoshone and Banock Tribes. Inundated after the construction of the American Falls Dam (1927) many of the tributaries, the Ross Fork and Spring Creek, were disconnected from the Portneuf. Throughout the last one-hundred years the Portneuf River has been impacted by population growth, channelization, industry and agriculture. More recently our community has organized a great effort to restore and protect our river. We hope to foster more community-student-tribal involvement in the conservation of our Portneuf River or Dewosa'-hunuu over the next year and beyond.

This summer we are participating in RiverFest organized by the Portneuf Greenway Foundation. RIVERFEST June 20, 2009 2-9pm rain or shine. weblink: <http://www.pgfweb.com/riverfest.htm> In the fall we will continue to recruit, retain, fundraise, work within the community and begin pizza feed plans for the state AFS conference here in Pocatello.



NEW OFFICERS—From Left to Right—Joe Benjamin, Scott Collins, Kevin Donner, Sammy Matsaw Jr., and Allison Knight

Palouse Unit AFS

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Tim Caldwell, Vice President
Kristin Pilcher, Secretary
Amy Long, Treasurer
Ben Ho, Graduate Representative
Jaimilee Lords, Undergraduate Representative/SAC Representative
Lubia Cajas, Graduate Advisor
Tim Kuzan, Events Committee Chair
Jimmy Baron, Aquaculture/Fish Health Committee Chair

Palouse Unit Website:
www.cnr.uidaho.edu/afs/

The Palouse Unit has been busy since the Idaho Chapter AFS annual meeting at the beginning of March with several professional development activities. At the end of March the Palouse Unit hosted Dudley Reiser, the first president of the Palouse Unit, for a seminar dealing with the role of fisheries science in private consulting.

In mid-April, they had their annual Wild Game Feed Fundraiser where nearly 100 students, faculty, and staff of the College of Natural Resources as well as local community members participated in a "wild game" themed potluck style dinner. The event was a huge success with plenty of food and adult beverages to last the entire night which in turn aided in their fundraising efforts for the upcoming academic year. The Palouse Unit would like to thank the Idaho Chapter members who supported this fundraiser either by attending or donating auction and raffle items.



Aside from their successful fundraiser, the Palouse Unit also made time to volunteer at two local community events in April. They provided volunteers to help with the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute's Paradise Creek Clean-up Project where volunteers spent a day picking up trash along Paradise Creek in Moscow. They also participated in IDFG Kid's Fishing Day on Hordman Pond in Moscow. In addition to these volunteer activities, The Palouse Unit also participated in a gillnetting workshop on Lake Pend Oreille hosted by Jim Fredericks and IDFG Regional Fishery Biologist Mark Liter. Student members from Moscow and Coeur d' Alene participated in IDFG's predator removal program by assisting commercial fishermen with pulling gill and trap nets, effectively removing lake trout from this unique deep lake system.



In addition to the WDAFS awarding the Palouse unit the Outstanding Student Sub-unit award, they were also awarded the UI College of Natural Resources Outstanding Organization award. As the unit wraps up for the semester and parts for the summer, there will still be activity within the unit. Four members will be attending and presenting in the AFS Fish Health Section annual meeting in Park City, Utah in June. Tarah Johnson will be attending the AFS annual meeting in Nashville in August to present in the general meeting fish health section and to network with meeting planners to work on efforts of starting a new tradition for winners of the outstanding sub-unit award. Once again, thank you to all the ICAFS members who have dedicated any measure of time to helping promote the professional development of our student members. Have a great summer and safe field season!!



Idaho Chapter Holds Successful Annual Meeting in Boise!

The Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society held its annual meeting in Boise, Idaho during 3-6 March 2009. The Chapter began the meeting by offering two different workshops under the themes of grant writing and preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species. This year's plenary session was organized by the Chapter's Anadromous Fish Committee under the theme of: "Hatchery Supplementation for Fishery Conservation: Diverse Policies and Applications", and featured speakers from British Columbia, Oregon, and Idaho. The meeting also had the distinction of being the best attended meeting on record for the Chapter. A total of 306 people attended the meeting, up from 220 at the previous meeting. The Chapter also set a new high for presentations with 50 oral presentations and 50 posters. The Chapter continues to recruit



and engage new student members to the Society, many of whom presented at the meeting. Idaho AFS now has two student subunits, the Palouse Unit associated with the University of Idaho, and the Portneuf Unit associated with Idaho State University. An emotional moment for the meeting came during the Business Luncheon when family members Don Martin, Aaron Martin, and Jamie Young presented the first annual Susan B. Martin Memorial Scholarship to ISU graduate student Joe Benjamin. Susan was a long time member and former President of the Chapter and is greatly missed. Tax deductible contributions to the scholarship can be made to by sending them to: Idaho Chapter AFS, Attn: Christine Kozfkay, 1800 Trout Road, Eagle ID 83616 or by going to the IDAFS website at: www.idahoafs.org. Please join us for next year's meeting that will be held in Pocatello, Idaho (2-5 March 2010). The meeting will begin with a workshop on stream restoration scheduled for the 2nd, and meeting presentations beginning on Wednesday morning the 3rd, continuing until Friday. Next year's theme will focus on understanding the distribution and abundance of Idaho's native fishes.

- Ernest Keeley



Photo caption: Family members Aaron Martin, Don Martin, and Jamie Young presented the first annual Susan B. Martin Memorial Scholarship.

Other Meeting Highlights

The 1st annual **IDAFS Spawning Run** was a huge success. Twenty-seven people (~10% of the meeting participants) managed to roll out of bed before 6:00 am and run 2.9 miles in the dark and slush cover paths along the Boise River. Jamie Young and Colden Baxter were overall winners in the female and male categories, respectively. A big thank to BIOMARK for setting up the course and donating prizes for all group winners. We plan to continue this event at 2010 meeting; start logging miles now.



The IDAFS 1st annual **FishJam** was also a huge success. The jam not only brought together musicians and singers from various agencies and universities, but also provided all of their peers and co-workers an opportunity to enjoy the talent. All musical tastes were sure to have been satisfied due to the eclectic mix of selections which ranged from rock-and-roll to Appalachian banjo music. Hopefully the 2009 FishJam inspired unwilling or shy folks to dust off their instruments or clear their pipes in preparation for upcoming FishJams.

Upcoming Events!

2010 Annual Meeting

Idaho's Native Fishes: Understanding Their Distribution and Abundance



Date and Location: March 3-5, 2010. Red Lion Hotel, 1555 Pocatello Creek Road, Pocatello, Idaho 83201.

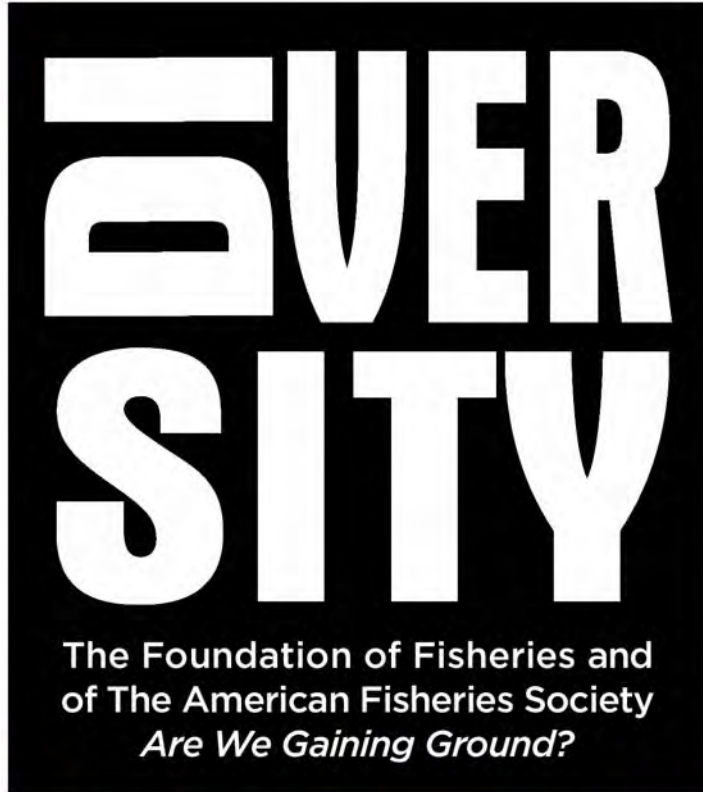
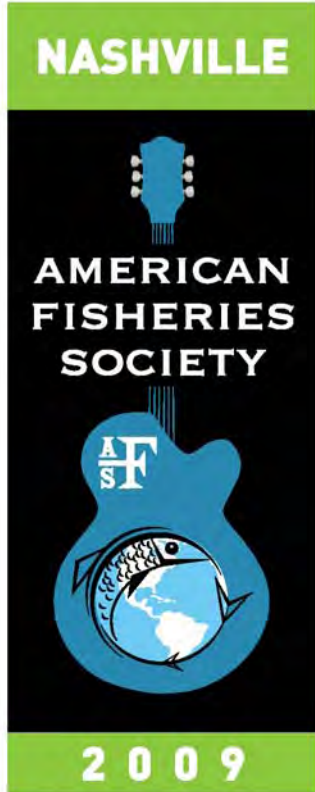
Workshop: 2 March 2010; Spring Creek Restoration.

Information: Ernest Keeley (keelerne@isu.edu).

First call for papers will be during the fall of 2009.



Upcoming Events!
2009 National AFS Meeting
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139th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society
Nashville, Tennessee | August 30th - September 3rd, 2009

Upcoming Events!

Get out your boots and waders and attend this Important Workshop!!!!!!



Join us for a three day interactive workshop to learn, discuss, and apply streambank soil bioengineering treatments.

The workshop is taught by Chris Hoag, Wetland Plant Ecologist, USDA NRCS Aberdeen Plant Materials Center and Jon Fripp, Stream Mechanics Civil Engineer, USDA NRCS. The three day workshop is intended to provide practitioners, designers, planners and regulators with an introduction to riparian zones and how they function as well as how to use soil bioengineering treatment options for streambank restoration, stabilization, and erosion control. The course will review stream dynamics, hydrology, hydraulics, sediment transport, riparian vegetation concepts, principles behind using bioengineering treatments, riparian plant propagation and plant identification. Then workshop instructors will present common bioengineering treatment techniques that are in widespread use throughout the country with a focus on regionally applicable approaches. Finally, there will be an opportunity for workshop participants to implement streambank bioengineering treatments at a local stream project.

For more information contact Corey Lyman, Riparian Committee Chairperson

Phone: (208) 557-5838 Email: clyman@fs.fed.us




Quest for the Leatherside Chub

Each year the Native Fish Committee sponsors a field trip in search of a native fish or fish assemblages. The main objective is to learn more about native species and their habitats but also to supplement information on distributions, abundance, and life histories. This year there will be a quest for the leatherside chub in the Goose and Raft Creek drainages of the Magic Valley, SE - Central Idaho.

The quest will likely involve the opportunity to camp and share adventures with colleagues and maybe adult beverages. Very little is known for this species but it is found in Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming and has a very small distribution. The quest will be a search for new distribution information and relative abundance at known and previously unknown locations. You'll be wading in rivers and streams, perhaps in an electrofishing boat, examining fish in nets, and back pack electrofishing. You'll be expected to bring appropriate gear for the weather, which is unpredictable. There will be competent professionals to work with who know their way around that part of Idaho. The days of September 16-17th have been selected for the event days with the 15th and 18th as travel days. Contact me for more details if you are interested at vaughn.paraqamian@idfg.idaho.gov or call at (208) 769-1414.



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2009 National Annual Meeting
2009 Hydroacoustic Lake Survey Workshop

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Rare & Native Fishes of Idaho Poster

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Rising from the Shadows: The Return of the Cutthroat Trout

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Idaho Fun Facts and Trivia!!

- Idaho's Salmon River, known as the "River of No Return" because of its difficult passage, is the nation's longest free-flowing river that heads and flows within a single state.
- In Boise, Residents may not fish from a giraffe's back.
- Shoshone Falls (212 feet), near Twin Falls drops 52 feet further than Niagara Falls.
- Nearly 85 percent of all the commercial trout sold in the U.S. is produced in the Hagerman Valley.
- 63% of Idaho is public land managed by the federal government.

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