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2013 ANNUAL MEETING PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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We have much reason to celebrate during our 2013 meeting titled: "Fisheries: Learning from the Past and Looking Towards the Future". It is our Chapter's 50th year anniversary and we are co-hosting with the WDAFS meeting. To celebrate the first 50 years of our chapter Joe DuPont has organized a phenomenal program! We will hear a historical perspective from past presidents including some of the significant contributions since our Chapter started and reflections on how our profession and the fisheries in Idaho have evolved. You may wonder, isn't this Golden Jubilee enough; why co-host the WDAFS meeting also? First, what is WDAFS and how does ICAFS fit into the 'big' AFS picture. The Parent Society is organized by a hierarchy of chapters which allow the interests of our members to be represented from a grass roots to a state, regional, national and world level. The WDAFS Chapter represents the geographic area of Western North American including 17 states, provinces and territories. These states make up individual chapters that, in rotation, co-host the WDAFS meeting; the last time Idaho co-hosted a WDAFS meeting was in 1999. What does this mean for the 2013 meeting? It means that we will have the opportunity to exchange research and conversation with other students and professionals from across the Western United States, Canada, and Mexico. This meeting will certainly be the largest in our Chapter's history and carry us into the next 50 years!

This year there will be over 270 presentations and 64 posters with a range of topics to encourage all of us to think outside our perspective 'home' spheres. Along with the increased size of this year's

meeting also comes the move to incorporating new technology (the theme of last year's WDAFS conference); you may have already noticed changes in registration and paper/poster submissions. Please, help us embrace these new technologies and be patient in our conversion. The Fundraising Chairs (Pat, Chris and Greg) have also planned a banquet worthy of the milestone. Bring your wallets and bring your game, you won't want to miss this one! And as always our student members are an integral part of the meeting planning, operations, and projects throughout the year. To the professionals - take a few minutes during the meeting to introduce yourself to the new recruitment class of fish biologists. To the students - take advantage of the opportunity to share your zeal and visit with those from the first 50 years! With the onset of the 2013 meeting our new officers will take the helm and this will be my last President's message (a relief for some I'm sure). I'd like to end this message with a special thanks to our Executive Committee and all of you, together we make our Chapter one of the best in country and an inviting 'place' to collaborate, share our research, mentor and have fun with our careers.

See you all in Boise! -Dmitri Vidergar



Western Division AFS

Boise, Idaho April 15-18, 2013

Fisheries: Learning from the Past and Looking Towards the Future

Highlights of the meeting

- Six workshops will be provided on April 15
- A Plenary Session where we can learn from some true AFS legends and celebrate the Idaho Chapter's 50-year anniversary
- Twenty-seven symposia will be provided April 16-18
- A wide diversity of contributed papers and posters covering topics across the west.
- Three different socials to network with students and professionals.

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While in Boise, you can also:

- Tour the World Center for Birds of Prey
- Experience spring skiing at Bogus Basin
- Whitewater raft one of the local world famous rivers
- Hike, jog, or bike the green belt, foothills, or local wildlife management areas.
- Tour local wineries (20+) or breweries (7)
- Fish for steelhead in the Boise River just 5 minutes from the Grove Hotel.



All photos courtesy of Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce

To view of the draft agenda and abstracts please refer to the following link:

<http://www.idahoafs.org/2013AnnualMeeting/documents/draftProgram.pdf>

2013 Idaho Chapter AFS Officer Nominations

At the annual business luncheon meeting on Thursday April 18, 2013, chapter members will vote for their leadership. Brett Bowersox, our Nominations Committee Chair, has identified some extraordinary candidates. Candidates for each position are listed in alphabetical order.

Position: Vice President

Jim Chandler



Jim Chandler earned his B.S. degree in Wildlife and Fish Biology from Colorado State University in 1984 and his M.S. degree in Fisheries Resources at the University of Idaho in 1992. Jim moved to Idaho from Colorado in 1984 for a seasonal job with Idaho Fish and Game working on Brownlee Reservoir on the Snake River. Graduate school led to work on the lower Snake River reservoirs. In 1990, Jim began a career with Idaho Power Company as a Fisheries Biologist where he is now the Fisheries Program Supervisor. Work at Idaho Power Company has focused on all fishes of the Snake River from American Falls to Lewiston. Jim has been involved with Idaho Chapter of AFS since 1986 and has served in various capacities including Fund Raising, Nominations Chair and Secretary/Treasurer and has presented a variety of papers including one in 1986 on the food habits of tadpole mad-toms (yes – they are in Idaho). AFS has always been an important part of his career primarily because of the opportunity to interact with other fishery professionals and learn what is going on with fish around the state. Jim welcomes the opportunity to serve on the EXCOM with the position of Vice President.

Scott Marshall



My B.S. degree in Fisheries Science is from Oregon State University and my M.S. is from the University of Washington. While at the U of W from 1973 -1980 I worked as Alaska Salmon Research Project Leader after graduating. I moved to Anchorage Alaska in 1980 to lead a statewide effort to develop stock specific management programs for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I spent 5 years (84-89) as Chief Scientist for Alaska's Pacific Salmon Treaty program before being appointed as the South Region Supervisor where I was responsible for leading the management and research programs for the commercial, personal use and subsistence fisheries in the Alaska Panhandle. I moved to Boise in 2001 to serve as IDF&G's ESA coordinator and in 2005 became the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I am honored and humbled to be nominated to serve as your vice president. When I decided to "quit going to work" this year, one of first things I did was decided to do was try a give back something to the people and profession that has been so good to me and I contacted

the EXCOM Committee to simply volunteer at this years' annual meeting. Wow...I 'didn't expect to be nominated to serve as your vice president! My promise if elected is to work with all the members to provide the best opportunities possible for professional development, continuing education, and most importantly mentoring the next generation of fishery professionals.



Position: Secretary/Treasurer

Jessica Buelow



Jessica is a Regional Fisheries Biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in the Upper Snake Region at Henrys Lake, where she runs the Henrys Lake Fish Hatchery, conducts fishery surveys on the lake, and serves as the Fisheries Habitat Biologist for the region. She received her B.S. in Fisheries and Limnology from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and her M.S. in Fisheries Resources from the University of Idaho studying physiological characteristics of steelhead kelts. Prior to working at Henrys Lake, Jessica worked as a Senior Fisheries Technician in Lewiston on the smolt monitoring project, operating a scoop trap on the Salmon River. Before moving to Idaho, she worked as a fisheries technician for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Duties in this position included; surveying lakes and streams, working on habitat improvement projects, native broodstock program, and long term studies on Lake Sturgeon and flathead catfish. Jessica became a member of AFS while attending college in Wisconsin and continued participating in the Idaho Chapter of AFS meetings while working for IDFG and while attending U of I. She is grateful to the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society for the professional skills acquired through presenting research, attending

informative presentations, and interacting with professionals and students from a variety of backgrounds. Jessica is excited about being given the opportunity to hold the position of secretary/treasurer with the AFS ExCom and would appreciate your vote.

Jon Firehammer



I was raised in a small town in southwestern Michigan on the shores of Lake Michigan; the son of a counselor who temporarily suspended her career desires to successfully raise four boys, and of a tire salesman, who though academically trained as an engineer, preferred building things in the garage rather than professionally sitting at a drafting table. I spent a lot of my formative years in a house that did not have a fence, did not have many neighbors, but had a childhood expanse of forest that fringed the lake shore's sand dunes, where animal snares were unsuccessfully set and where the dinner bell that called me and my younger brothers was frequently missed. Living near the lake most likely influenced my career decision, as I was typically more comfortable in or under the water than above. I moved to the Pacific Northwest during the grunge period, migrated eastward to the Palouse, met Susan, worked in various positions in the fisheries field including as a NMFS observer in the Bering Sea, married Susan, and finished my graduate degree in fisheries science at the University of Idaho in 2004 (most probably in that order).

Currently, I work for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in northern Idaho designing and supervising monitoring and research activities that evaluate whether actions implemented in reservation watersheds are increasing native trout populations and improving the habitats on which they depend. Susan and I live in Moscow with one dog and no children (my mother affectionately calling me a non-breeder, justifiably puzzled why a biologist would see that as a successful evolutionary strategy), where I enjoy among other things puzzles ranging from coffee table disentanglements to dry-laid stone retaining walls, hanging out with friends, and outdoor activities, preferably those near warm bodies of water. Regarding the position for which I have been nominated, though I haven't been intimately involved with activities of the Idaho chapter of the AFS in the past, I always take pride in the work asked of me and will be dedicated to performing the responsibilities required by this two-year commitment.



Position: Nominations Chair

John Cassinelli



John received a BS in biology from the University of Nevada, Reno, and an MS in fisheries resources from the University of Idaho. John began his fisheries career working as a seasonal technician for the Nevada Division of Wildlife and moved to Idaho in 2002 to work as a technician for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He attended his first ICAFS meeting in Moscow that same year and was impressed by the high level of professionalism and fisheries knowledge represented within the chapter. Since then, he has attended every Idaho Chapter meeting as well as two National AFS meetings. From 2008 to 2012, John worked as a regional fisheries biologist for IDFG evaluating hatchery Chinook salmon and has recently moved into a senior fisheries research biologist position studying resident hatchery salmonids. In his free time, John enjoys taking advantage of the vast outdoor opportunities that Idaho has to offer, and enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, rafting, and camping with friends and family. John served as the ICAFS Fundraising Committee co-chair from 2009-2010 and enjoyed his time serving the chapter. He looks forward to the opportunity to serve the chapter again.

Jeanne McFall



Jeanne McFall is employed by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission as Fisheries Engineer for IDFG's Fisheries Habitat program. She works on projects across Idaho and is stationed in Boise's IDFG headquarters office. She has been instrumental in the development and growth of the fish habitat program, providing design and construction management to over \$1 million worth of stream restoration, habitat improvement, and fishery management projects in her first year with the program. Formerly employed by the IDFG Bureau of Engineering and McMillen, LLC, Jeanne returned to IDFG's fish habitat program in 2010 as the sole engineer charged with design and construction of state-wide fish habitat restoration projects. In less than three years, Jeanne has designed and provided construction oversight of Pocatello's new urban fishing pond, created or restored miles of salmon and steelhead spawning and rearing habitat in the Upper Salmon and Clearwater river basins, and led Fish and Game to their first Design/Build construction concept with the Springfield Sockeye Hatchery.

Jeanne received her Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 2000. A native Idahoan, however, she returned to work and attend graduate school (UI Boise) as a member of the National River Restoration Science Synthesis for a Masters Degree from the Center of Ecohydraulics Research. Passionate about restoring Idaho's rivers and improving aquatic habitat, she believes she has the best job in the world. An AFS member since 2006, Jeanne would be honored to serve as the Nominations Chair.

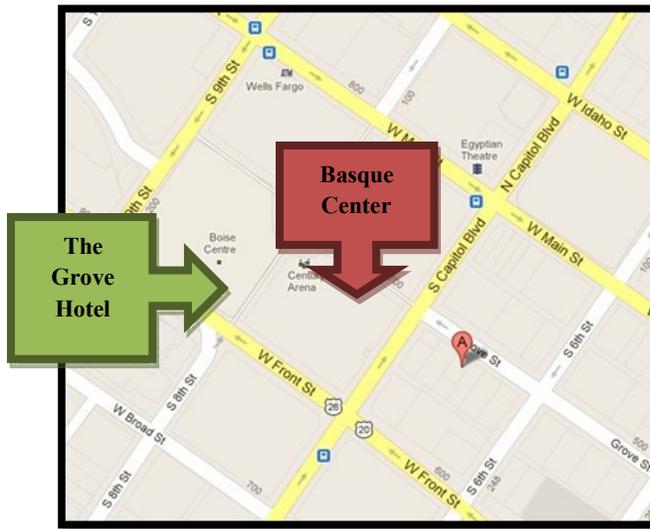
Our entire membership owes ALL of these candidates our gratitude for their willingness to step forward and serve the Chapter! We are all busy people and have a full plate, so it is no small chore to take on one of these positions.



Mentoring Social and Student Mixer

Students and professionals alike are encouraged to attend our Mentoring Social on Tuesday, April 16th at the Basque Museum and Cultural Center (611 Grove St.), which is only a short walk (1/2 block) from the Grove Hotel and Boise Centre. The Mentoring Social begins at 5:30 PM where professionals will be asked to pair up with student(s) to talk about fisheries issues, job opportunities, and any other topics of interest. Mentors will also facilitate networking between the student(s) and other professionals with similar interests. To encourage participation, **FREE BEER** will be provided thanks to the Palouse and Portneuf subunit student chapters.

Immediately following the Mentoring Social, the Student Mixer will begin around 6:30 PM with pizza, salad, and beer being provided to all. Attendees are encouraged to continue mingling amongst students and professionals alike for the rest of the evening. Please be sure to thank the students for sponsoring this excellent event, and be sure to venture outside your comfort zone to get to know some new people.



Jobs Fair



We will have one (or two) tables dedicated to a **JOBS FAIR** at the Western Division AFS Meeting. For students and organizations please bring copies of your **RESUMES** and **JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**, respectively. There will be space at the registration area to display your paperwork as the meeting kicks off. We will probably move the display table into the area used for breaks, commercial exhibits and posters as the meeting moves past registration phase. Here is an opportunity to put your best foot forward in job search and job recruiting.

See you in Boise.



\$ FUNDRAISING \$

Come support the Idaho Chapter and the Western Division by participating in the live and silent auctions, general and special raffles, and games

Individual Special Raffles:

- Outcast Fish-Cat 9' Pontoon Boat
- Benelli Nova 12 Gauge Shotgun
- Sage One 7 wt Fly Rod Combo with Sage 4280 Series Reel
- St.Croix Salmon Combo with Shimano Calcutta 400B Reel
- St.Croix Steelhead Combo with Diawa Luna 300 Reel
- Lodging/Fishing Trip in Mexico
- Pick of the Prints
- Brodin Nets Raffle

Live and Silent Auction Items:

- 6 Fishing Trips
- Artwork (20+ Framed Prints)
- Outdoor Equipment
- Jewelry
- The Last Tomelleri South Fork Salmon River Steelhead Print!

General Raffle Items:

- Fishing rods, nets, water bottles, prints, photographs, DVD's, beer mugs, wine baskets, t-shirts, fly boxes, sleeping bags

Bean-bag Toss Game

3 tosses for \$2, win tickets for fly rod, exclusive raffle



Grand Prize: Sage Response 5wt Fly Rod and Sage 2050 Series Fly Reel Combo

Decorate the Fish-O-Flies

1 ticket for every 12 donated flies, exclusive raffle



Grand Prize: Redington Tempt 5wt Fly Rod

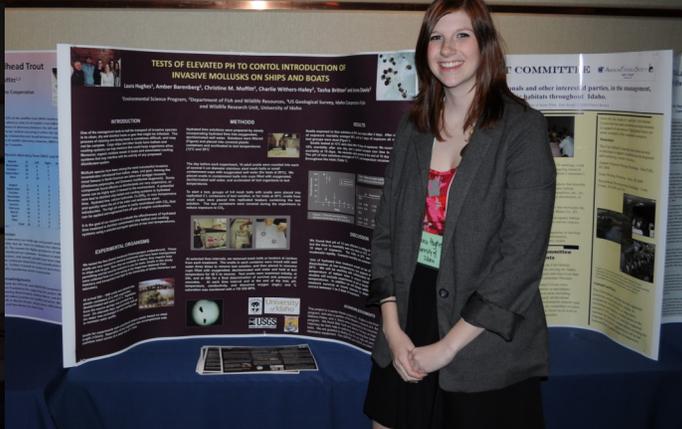
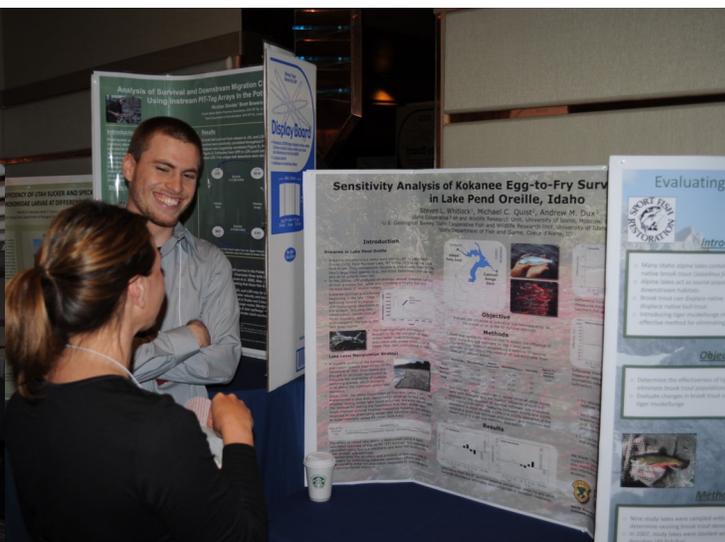


Poster Session

The WDAFS Poster Session is turning out to be a record breaker for the Chapter. We received more interest than anticipated and have 64 posters covering a wide range of fisheries and aquatics research. Due to the sheer number of posters submitted, the Fish Habitat and Fundraising Committees have been scrambling to make sure we have enough space to accommodate the session. We will likely have a maze of posters to view and of course adult beverages to help foster participation and discussion. The WDAFS Poster Session will be located in the Falcon Hall on Wednesday April 17th from 500 to 600 pm and is guaranteed to be a great forum to mix with colleagues and students that have contributed posters to the session.



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Spawning Run



The legendary annual "Spawning Run" will

be

occurring at the Western Division American Fisheries

Society Annual Meeting, hosted by  and the Idaho Chapter AFS on Thursday April 18th. For a scenic and refreshing start to the meeting's last day; "run" off all the accumulated calories from libations and great food. Work out all the stiff muscles, backs and butts from sitting through hours of talks. We encourage all to participate by either walking or running. This is good way interact with each other and have a great time. Bring your shoes to the meeting and plan on joining.

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Pre-register and guarantee that you get a great collectable t-shirt. Race-day registrations allowed but take your chances as no guarantee any shirts will be left. SEE YOU THERE!!





American Fisheries Society



Idaho Chapter

National AFS Award of Excellence in Public Outreach

Each year, AFS recognizes one of its members who has acted as a catalyst for positive social change by communicating fisheries science, management, and policy, either through public dialogue or through popular media. The [Excellence in Public Outreach Award](#) is presented to an individual who has exhibited dedication, creativity and skill in publicly disseminating information that brings credit to the fisheries profession and contributes to the conservation and wise use of our fisheries resources. This year's recipient of the Excellence in Public Outreach Award will be recognized at the Annual Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, on September 8-12, 2013.

We invite you to help us identify potential candidates for the 2013 Excellence in Public Outreach Award. Please forward this announcement to your members and encourage them to nominate one or more of their colleagues whom they consider to be deserving of the award. **The nomination deadline is April 1, 2013.** Nominations will be reviewed by members of the AFS External Affairs Committee, who will forward their recommendation to the AFS Management Committee for final approval.

Nominations require the candidate's name and contact information (including phone number and email address), a biographical sketch, and an explanation of why they are deserving of the award. The entire application should not exceed 3 pages. We also ask that you provide tangible evidence of the accomplishment(s) on which the nomination is based, preferably in electronic format. It is important to demonstrate that the individual has effectively communicated the value of fisheries issues/research to the general public or, alternatively, has taught or inspired others to effectively communicate with the public. **Nominations should be submitted in pdf format via email to cleve.steward@amec.com.** If you have questions about the Excellence in Public Outreach Award or would like to discuss a potential candidate, please feel free to contact Cleve Steward, Co-Chair of the AFS External Affairs Committee. Additional information on this and other AFS awards may be found online at <http://fisheries.org/awards>, or by contacting Gail Goldberg, AFS awards coordinator, at ggoldberg@fisheries.org, or 301-897-8616 X 201.

The Excellence in Public Outreach Award is AFS' way of recognizing outstanding public service by its members. Please help us find a worthy recipient for this year's award.



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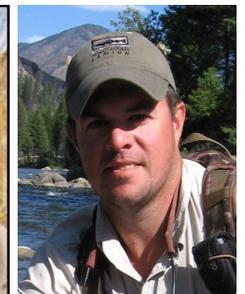
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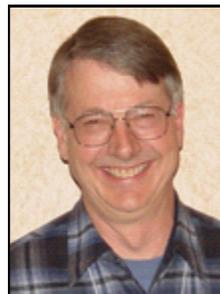
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