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President's Message:



"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." - Vince Lombardi, Green Bay Packers

Have you had your fill of football yet? Bowl games, National Championship, NFL playoffs - what a great way to spend some cold days in the winter ... falling asleep on the couch only to wake up and wonder who won. In my household, good weeks and bad weeks are determined by how well the Green Bay Packers are doing. As I am writing this, the Packers are getting ready to play the Washington Redskins in the first round of the NFL playoffs. I am not as optimistic as I was a few weeks ago ...we'll see.

The words of Vince Lombardi ring true in any organization - including the Idaho Chapter. Organizations rely on their membership to be active and engaged and ready to contribute. In my involvement with the Idaho Chapter, I have been amazed at the willingness of people to step up and do just that. Of course the Idaho Chapter is part of our larger Parent Society - which relies on the Chapters to promote the goals of the organization and to fund the primary mission of Society through membership dues. The strength of the Parent Society is in their membership.

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Do you know what defines a member of the Idaho Chapter? According to our bylaws - the membership of the Chapter "shall be composed of those Society members who have paid their current year national dues and have a desire to participate in the Chapter. Members of the university based Palouse and Portneuf student Subunits shall be recognized as Chapter members."

Having a "desire to participate in the Chapter" is not clearly defined but pretty easy. Certainly attending the annual meetings, presenting your work, volunteering, or participating in Committee activities all qualify. We have had some tremendous turn outs lately to our annual meeting - last year in Boise we approached 350 registrants, and the year before just under 300. Yet, by record of the Parent Society, we have a little over 200 Parent Society members with an Idaho address. So - we either have a lot of out-of-state members who participate in the Idaho Chapter - or - we have a good number of attendees that are not members. If you are not a member of the Parent Society - I would like to encourage you to join.





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So what are the benefits to you of being a Parent Society member? If it is strictly a cost:benefit decision for you then likely it will be hard to convince you of substantive benefits - but I will give it a try.

Top ten reasons to become a member of the American Fisheries Society:

- 10. You will have Lower Registration fees at National and Chapter meetings*
- 9. You will receive Fisheries Magazine each month*
- 8. You will receive discounted access to other AFS publications*
- 7. You have access to AFS membership directory*
- 6. You have access to AFS newsletters*
- 5. You will be in the mainstream of information on fisheries research, management, education and many other activities*
- 4. You can pursue Professional Certification*
- 3. You signify your dedication to your profession*
- 2. You will be recognized as an Idaho Chapter member - you are part of the cool crowd!*
- 1. You will spend \$80 on something you can remember!*

Benefits to you are certainly one way to look at membership decisions - but the consideration should also be on what you can give back to your profession. Your membership fees help promote the mission of the Society - "to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries and aquatic science and promoting the development of fisheries professionals". It is bigger than you - but it relies on you! See what a dose of Vince Lombardi can do for you.

Well anyway - hopefully when you go to register for the annual meeting and check your payment options you will consider that extra investment to be recognized as an Idaho Chapter Member and become a "card carrying member" of the American Fisheries Society - if you are not already.

I would also like to give a special shout out to Bart Gamett. Keeping with the football theme ... we need to retire this guy's jersey when and if he slows down. Our website has taken on a new look thanks to Bart's efforts! Very appreciated! Also a special shout out to Liz Mamer for getting the 2016 annual meeting information on our website and being our all-around technical guru. Very appreciated!

I look forward to seeing you all in Coeur d'Alene - member or not, it is going to be a great meeting! It also looks like it will be a good week - the Packers won! Jim



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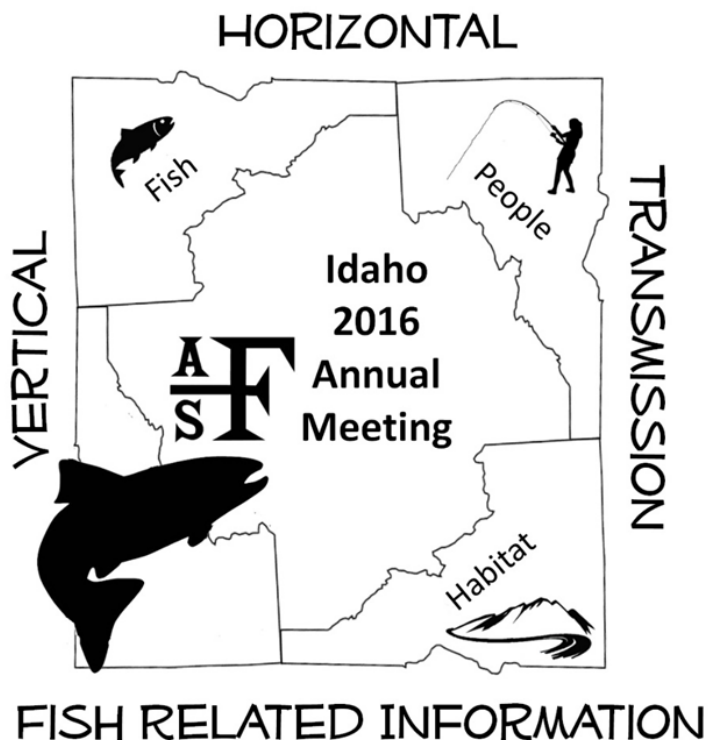
2016 Annual Meeting

March 8-10, 2016

Workshops March 7

The Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene Idaho

47 Presentations, 26 Posters, 3 Workshops, 1 Special Symposium, Spawning Run, 3 Socials, 1 Auction



The 2016 meeting theme is *Horizontal and Vertical Transmission of Fish Related Information*.

Abstract submission is now closed.

Early Registration ends February 12th!!!

www.idahoafs.org/2016AnnualMeeting/registration.php



Hotel Information: The Coeur d'Alene Resort
(866) 976-9406 Idaho AFS Block held until **February 7th**

****See next page for WORKSHOP information!! ****

2016 ICAFS Annual Meeting Workshops

March 7th, 2016

The following workshops will be offered to expand your professional horizons! Registration for the workshops should be done through the annual meeting website registration page ([2016 Annual Meeting Registration Form](#)). Register now as space is limited. If you have questions, contact Matt Corsi: matthew.corsi@idfg.idaho.gov.

Get it Published! - How to Navigate the Manuscript Preparation Process

Instructor: Vaughn Paragamian, Codfather Fisheries Consultant

Description: Preparing a manuscript for publication and getting it published is no easy task, even for the most seasoned veteran. When I was an associate editor for the NAJFM I became frustrated for inexperienced writers. Their manuscripts failed because many authors had no training in preparing a manuscript and how to respond to criticism. So I prepared a workshop focused on these problems. This is not a writing workshop, but rather a course on how to avoid the pitfalls of the peer review process.

Course Fee: \$30

Monitoring and Adaptive Management Planning for Habitat Restoration

Instructors: Dr. Roger Peters (USFWS), Dr. George Pess (NOAA Fisheries), TBD

Description: The removal of dams on the Elwha River set off an ambitious basin-scale restoration project that has garnered national attention. This workshop will use the Elwha system as a case study for a discussion on the role of monitoring and adaptive management in restoration activities. What to monitor, how to monitor, how to use multiple approaches, and how to avoid pitfalls will be topics addressed in this workshop.

Course Fee: \$55

Aquaculture Continuing Education: Kootenai Tribal Fisheries Facilities Tours

Tour/Workshop Organizers: Laura Sprague, Jamie Mitchell

Description: This year's IDAFS Aquaculture Committee Continuing Education opportunity will be a full day of touring the Kootenai Tribal Hatchery in Bonners Ferry and the new Twin Rivers Hatchery near Moyie Springs. Come learn about the culture of White Sturgeon and Burbot at these facilities.

Tour Fee: \$40



2016 ICAFS Annual Meeting Special Session Symposium: A Commemoration of the Idaho Supplementation Studies

Supplementation is a hot topic in Idaho and the rest of the Pacific Northwest; this special session on March 9 and 10th, during the annual meeting, will be a timely review of the variety of approaches to the subject.

The Idaho Supplementation Studies was a large-scale, long-term experiment to evaluate the efficacy of hatchery supplementation on augmenting Chinook Salmon populations in Idaho. ISS was implemented by personnel from Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Nez Perce Tribe, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Field work began in 1991 and the completion report was written in 2015. The project had three phases: baseline, supplementation, and evaluation after supplementation ceased. Such a large project requires the dedication and efforts of many people. In this two-part symposium, we recognize those who participated and the good work they did. In the first part, speakers who took part in the project during the various phases of ISS will document what it took to plan, implement, and successfully complete such a project. The general results and interpretation from the final analysis will also be presented. In the second part, invited speakers will report examples of supplementation projects from across the Pacific Northwest. Invited speakers include: Ed Bowles, Eric Leitzinger, Chris Beasley, David Venditti, Ryan Kinzer, Bill Bosch, Joe Bumgarner, Tim Hoffnagle, Susan Ireland, Eric Stark, Bill Young, and Christine Kozfkay. See draft meeting program posted on the Chapter's annual meeting website for presentation details.



Call for Nominations

Help us acknowledge the deserving efforts of our Idaho Chapter members in their service to the Chapter and to the resource. **Please take the time to nominate someone—there's not much time left!**

R.L. Wallace Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award

The Richard L. Wallace Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award is sponsored by the Native Fish Committee. The award was created by the Native Fish Committee in 2004 and is presented annually to an individual, group, or organization for outstanding achievement in native fish conservation in Idaho. Please send nominations (that outline the nominee's accomplishments) to Dan Dauwalter (ddauwalter@tu.org) no later than **January 29, 2016**. If you have any questions please contact Dan at: (208) 345-9800.

Excellence in Aquaculture Award

The Excellence in Aquaculture Award is sponsored by the Aquaculture Committee. The award was created by the Aquaculture Committee in 2008 and is presented annually to an individual or aquaculture facility for outstanding achievement in the field of aquaculture or aquaculture related research. Nominations can be emailed to Laura Sprague (laura_sprague@fws.gov), Jamie Mitchell (Jamie.mitchell@idfg.idaho.gov), or Ken Cain (kcain@uidaho.edu) no later than **January 29, 2016**.

Habitat Improvement Award

The ICAFS Habitat Improvement Award is given either to individuals or a team who have demonstrated significant contributions towards improving fish and aquatic habitat, restoring floodplains, and enhancing riverine systems for fish spawning and rearing. This work may include, but is not limited to, landowner coordination efforts, design and implementation of habitat features, restoring fish passage, and restoring conditions closer to natural and native river landscapes. Please submit a nomination not longer than one page detailing how the team or individual meet the criteria to Jeanne McFall (jeanne.mcfall@idfg.idaho.gov) no later than **January 29, 2016**. Nominations supported by more than one Chapter member will receive the strongest consideration. List the names and contact information of Chapter members supporting the nomination.

Outstanding Mentor Award

It is time once again to consider those amongst us who have gone above and beyond the call in mentoring students and/or young professionals during their career. The Idaho Chapter annually recognizes one member with the Outstanding Mentor Award. Please take a few minutes to nominate one (or more) of your peers who have invested their time over the years to make a difference in the development of folks within our profession. The recipient of this award should meet or exceed the following criteria: A current or previous fisheries professional. Provided substantial assistance to Idaho fisheries professionals/students, with preference given to those who are or were active in ICAFS. Demonstrated a sincere interest/devotion in seeing students and professionals succeed. Provided ample learning and training opportunities for students and professionals to gain experience otherwise





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unobtainable without the assistance of the nominated professional. Please send nominations to Lance Hebdon, (lance.hebdon@idfg.idaho.gov) or Jessica Buelow (jessica.buelow@idfg.idaho.gov), no later than **January 29, 2016**.

Lifetime Achievement Award

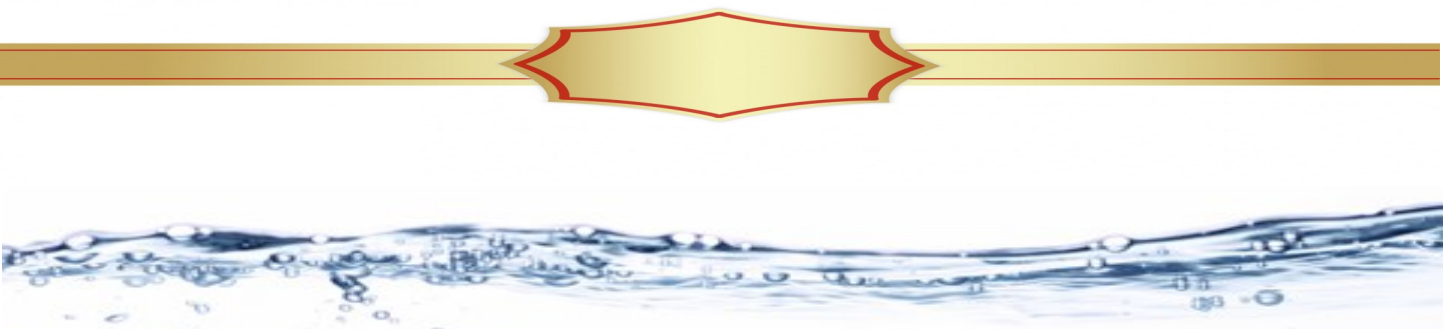
The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest award granted by the Idaho Chapter. It is awarded to individuals who are either retired or within five years of retirement who have made significant and sustained contributions to advance the mission of the Chapter. This work may include, but is not limited to, advancing fisheries and aquatic science, implementing important management, or promoting the development of fisheries professionals. Submit a one to three page nomination detailing how the individual meets the criteria. The nomination must be supported by at least five Chapter members; their names and contact information should be listed on the nomination. Please e-mail nominations to Tom Curet (tom.curet@idfg.idaho.gov) no later than **January 29, 2016**. If you have any questions please contact Tom at (208) 756-2271.

Outstanding Professional Award

The Outstanding Professional Award is given to individuals who have made a significant contribution in furthering the mission of the Idaho Chapter and is specific to work completed outside the Chapter. Submit a nomination not longer than one page detailing how the individual meets the criteria. Although not required, nominations supported by more than one Chapter member will receive the strongest consideration. List the names and contact information of Chapter members supporting the nomination on the nomination. Please e-mail nominations to Tom Curet (tom.curet@idfg.idaho.gov) no later than **January 29, 2016**. If you have any questions please contact Tom at (208) 756-2271.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is given to individuals who have made a significant contribution in furthering the mission of the Idaho Chapter and is specific to work completed within the Chapter. Submit a nomination not longer than one page detailing how the individual meets the criteria. Although not required, nominations supported by more than one Chapter member will receive the strongest consideration. List the names and contact information of Chapter members supporting the nomination. Please e-mail nominations to Tom Curet (tom.curet@idfg.idaho.gov) no later than **January 29, 2016**. If you have any questions please contact Tom at (208) 756-2271.



Executive Committee Candidates for Office: please read and be prepared to vote!!

Candidates for Vice President:

Lee Mabey, United States Forest Service, Candidate for Vice President

As a member of AFS for the past 20+ years, Lee has received much from the profession. He has followed a similar path as most, working seasonally for many agencies. He spent a few years in fish culture and has been employed with the Forest Service for over 20 years with the last 16 in south east Idaho on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. His primary professional interests have revolved around fish habitat and passage restoration, with some dabbling in small FERC projects. Working with many great partners in south east Idaho has allowed Lee and his team to accomplish much over the years. He believes that it is truly through partnering that the great work gets done. As resource professionals it seems the demands on water are ever increasing along with negative pressures from introduced species. The bad news seems to outweigh the good but we persist because of our love for the fisheries resource and our desire to see it continue to thrive. It is this commitment and the commitment of you all that makes Lee willing to be a candidate for VP.



Dan Schill, Idaho Department of Fish & Game, Candidate for Vice President

Dan earned a B.S. degree in Biology from Clarion State in 1980, his M.S. in Zoology from Idaho State in 1983, and a Ph.D. in Fisheries Resources from the University of Idaho in 2009. He began his Idaho Fish and Game career in 1982 on the South Fork Snake River, eventually holding a variety of agency positions in both research and management. Since 2004, Dan has supervised the IDFG Fishery Research program. He has been a member of both ICAFS and the Parent Society since 1980 and has served in a variety of AFS capacities including the ICAFS Habitat Committee (1986-88), ICAFS Nominating Chair (1994), Fisheries History Section (1999-2002), WDAFS Bull Trout Committee (1994-1995) and the National AFS Nominating Committee (1999-2000). One of his main forms of AFS involvement has been the technical review process and since the early 1990's has been a referee for numerous NAJFM, TAFS and *Fisheries* papers. He also served two stints as an Associate Editor for the NAJFM totaling roughly 6 years. Dan has presented or co-authored over 15 papers at ICAFS meetings on a wide variety of topics over the years. He is an affiliate faculty member at Idaho State University, Boise State University, and the University of Idaho and takes an active interest in student mentoring. Although often attending and presenting at National or Western AFS meetings, Dan considers Chapter meetings the heart and soul of the American Fisheries Society and is especially fond of the ICAFS meetings for the consistent high quality of the papers presented there. He is extremely honored to be nominated for the position of Vice President and, if elected, promises to work hard at continuing the ICAFS traditions of strong science, ongoing professional development and cross-generational mentoring.



Executive Committee Candidates for Office: continued...

Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer:

Dan Dauwalter, Trout Unlimited, Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer



Dan earned his B.A. in Biology and Environmental Studies from Gustavus Adolphus College (St. Peter, MN) in 1999, his M.S. in Aquaculture/Fisheries from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in 2002, and his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in 2006. From 2006 to 2008 he worked at the University of Wyoming with Forest Service Region 2 to develop long-term monitoring plans for management indicator species. Since 2008, Dan has been a Fisheries Specialist with Trout Unlimited's science program where he has worked on projects ranging from landscape-scale aquatic assessments as strategic planning tools for Trout Unlimited and its partners to small-scale projects understanding habitat selection by stream fishes in a restoration context. Dan has served AFS at all levels. At the national level, Dan has chaired the Continuing Education Committee (5 years), served on the Skinner Memorial Award, New Initiatives, and Excellence in Fisheries Education committees of the Education Section, and served as the Newsletter Co-Editor and Western Division Representative for the Education Section. Dan has also served on the Publication Awards Committee of the parent society. At the state level, he has served on several committees of the Colorado/Wyoming and Oklahoma chapters. Dan also served three years as President of the Oklahoma State University student subunit. The past two years Dan has chaired the Native Fish Committee of the Idaho Chapter, and would gladly serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Chapter.

Carson Watkins, Idaho Department of Fish & Game, Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer



Carson is a Regional Fishery Biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) in the Panhandle Region, a position he has held since 2014. His current work focuses on resident fish population management, with particular emphasis on sport fishery management in the Spokane River basin. Carson received a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Management from the University of Wyoming in 2011 and a M.S. in Fishery Science from the University of Idaho in 2014. His thesis research was focused on evaluating the response of fish assemblages to habitat rehabilitation in the Kootenai River. During his years as an undergraduate student, he worked several seasonal appointments with IDFG and the University of Wyoming where he gained experience in both fishery research and management.

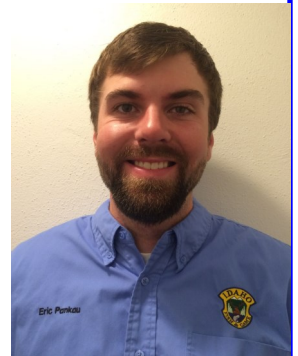
Carson has been an active member of AFS since 2007 and belongs to both the Fisheries Management and Education sections. He served as both President (2010) and Vice President (2009) for the Wyoming Student Subunit of the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter. Since his first exposure to AFS, Carson has found great reward in participation and contribution to our professional society. Carson is honored by the nomination to serve ICAFS as the secretary/treasurer, and considers it a tremendous privilege to help lead an organization that has contributed so much to his professional and personal development. Carson is committed to our great state and its resources, and he will do his very best to promote the mission of the American Fisheries Society and foster the values of its membership.

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Candidates for Nominations Chair:

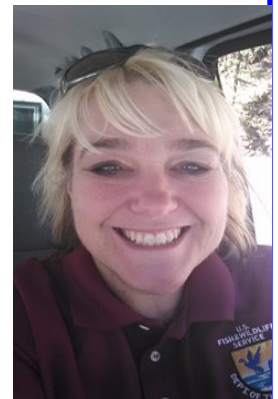
Eric Pankau, Idaho Department of Fish & Game, Candidate for Nominations Chair

Eric is a native to Eastern Idaho. He earned a B.A. in Environmental Studies with a minor in Geographic Information Analysis from Boise State University, concentrating in resource conservation and use. His primary focus since graduation has been in aquaculture. He's worked in various aquaculture and fisheries research positions throughout Idaho over the last 9 years. He also did a brief stint working with Pacific salmon culture in Prince William Sound, Alaska. He's currently the Assistant Fish Hatchery Manager at the Grace Fish Hatchery (and will soon be transferring to the American Falls Fish Hatchery to act as Assistant Fish Hatchery Manager). He has been involved with the Idaho Chapter of AFS throughout both his education and fisheries career. He enjoys pretty much any outdoor activity but is particularly partial to elk hunting, skiing and of course fly fishing. He has a wife and one daughter who both share his love of the outdoors.



Laura Sprague, United States Fish & Wildlife Service, Candidate for Nominations Chair

Laura graduated from Humboldt State University with a BS in Fisheries (minors in Anthropology and Microbiology) in 1996. She has worked for the USFWS for 20 plus years with 18 of those being stationed at the Idaho Fish Health Center where she coordinates the National Wild Fish Health Survey. Her career passions include fisheries, amphibians and biosecurity. She's been an active member in AFS since 1995, being a member of several chapters and sections, with Idaho being her favorite. She has been an active member of Idaho Chapter AFS since 2006. She believes that her ability to relate to different personalities of all ages makes her a great candidate for this position and she looks forward to serving the chapter in this capacity.



Western Division Meeting, Reno



It's not too early to start planning for the Western Division AFS meeting, in Reno, baby!

Check out all meeting info:

<http://wd2016.fisheries.org/>

Abstract submission for oral and poster presentations closes

Jan. 21, 2016:

<http://wd2016.fisheries.org/program/abstract-submission/>

Just a reminder that travel grants for students, young professionals, professionals, and international professionals are available.

Application deadline for these grants is **January 22, 2016**, please check the WDAFS and 2016 meeting websites:

<http://wdafs.org/2016/01/travel-grants-are-available-for-the-2016-meeting-in-reno/> or...

<http://wd2016.fisheries.org/travel-lodging/travel-grants/>

Other important upcoming dates for the 2016 Meeting:

WDAFS Awards—This is the week to get those nominations/applications for our awards submitted—deadline

Jan. 15, 2016: <http://wdafs.org/awards/information-deadlines-applications/>

Online Registration for the meeting is open: <http://wd2016.fisheries.org/registration-2/>

Early registration closes **Feb. 19, 2016** and the fees increase after that. Don't delay!



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