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President's Message



I recently returned from the 2008 AFS Parent Society Meeting in Ottawa. The keynote speakers had some interesting perspectives that I'd like to share (or see it for yourself, complete with bagpipes: <http://www.fisheries.org/afs08/feed.html>). Dr. Sally Guynn reminded us that most people act based on their emotions. Scientists like to build an argument with facts and information, but you get very little participation on a topic unless people relate to it on an emotional level. Telling a story to go with the facts is a powerful way to prompt people to action. Dr. Jake Rice talked about the frequent disconnect between scientific advice and real-world decisions. Most decisions are negotiated, with science, social considerations and politics all involved in the negotiation. However, it is imperative that the scientific advice used in negotiating an answer is constructed using facts, not negotiation. Wisconsin Chapter has traditionally used resolutions to help bring science to decision-makers. This year, we are considering joining Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WWF) as a new path to impact decisions. The WWF is an advocate for sound environmental policy in Wisconsin. AFS has an Environmental Issues Committee, but joining WWF would give WI-AFS a more regular opportunity to follow and

influence State policy. It is also a chance to interact with other Wisconsin conservation organizations and another opportunity to ensure that good science is part of important decisions in Wisconsin.

One thing I've noticed at meetings is that there seems to be an ever-increasing student presence. Interacting with all those young minds reminds me of the days when I was a young lad. Growing up helping with vegetation, ruffed grouse and whitetail studies showed me that I wanted to work in natural resources like my Wildlife Biologist Dad. Some time in my early teens, I realized two things: First, fish interest me more than wildlife because fish are under water and more difficult to directly observe. Second, Wildlife Biologists are distracted by way too much work during fall hunting seasons. Now that I'm a Biologist, it is easy to get caught up in the day-to-day grind of phone calls, e-mail, grumpy 'customers,' and putting out fires. I find that I need to occasionally step back and look at the big picture, and ask myself whether I'm prioritizing my work or letting the work prioritize me. I also remind myself of the reasons I'm in this field, and my good fortune in being able to go to work and think fishy thoughts every day.

John Kubisiak

Editor's Note

Yeah, fall! Time to get out and enjoy the cooler weather, colors, and outdoor opportunities you enjoy most. For me, this time of year means contemplating hydroacoustics, statistical catch at age models, and rocket surgery while waiting for the next muskie strike or senseless whitetail to venture my way. Good Times!

This issue is full of great information...please take an extra minute to peruse and think of how you can help make Wisconsin AFS better than last year.

Article submissions/ideas can be emailed to me at: jordan.weeks@wisconsin.gov or give me a call at 608-785-9002. I'm always interested in where the fish are biting or if you need deer eradicated from your property.

Announcements

More can be found on the AFS webpage

Meeting Announcements:

October 3-4, Trout Unlimited's 3rd Annual Driftless Area Symposium

October 4-5, Fish Sampling Workshop at Lake Erie's Stone Lab

October 17 – 21, Aquatic Resources Education Association Conference

October 26-29, Minnesota Invasive Species Conference

**December 14-17, Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Columbus, OH.
-December 14, NCD Annual Meeting**

February 2-4, 2009, Wisconsin AFS Chapter Meeting in Duluth MN.

February 2-4, 2009, Mid-Continent Warmwater Fish Culture Workshop, Council Bluffs, Iowa

North Central Division Awards

The North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society is soliciting nominees for four awards given annually: Most Active Large Chapter; Most Active Small Chapter; Most Active Student Subunit; and Best Communications, awards. Submissions for the Meritorious Service, and Fisheries Excellence awards are also considered each year. Each award is fully described below.

Most Active Chapter Awards

Two awards will be given to the North Central Division Chapters that have carried out the most active programs of enhancing professionalism and fisheries science, relative to its size and the geographic distribution of its membership. Most often, members will nominate their own chapter. Nomination materials should include the number of members, names of officers, number and type of meetings, special activities, recruitment activities, and a brief (1 page) description of what makes this chapter an active and important contributor to the NCD, AFS, and fisheries profession. Additional materials of support may also be included.

Most Active Student Subunit Award

This award will be given to the North Central Division student subunit that has carried out the most active program in developing interest among undergraduate and graduate students in fisheries science and fulfilling the mission of the American Fisheries Society. Most often members will nominate their own subunit.

Best Communications Award

This award will be given to the North Central Division Chapter that has developed the most efficient, useful, and attractive newsletter and website to disseminate information to its members. Both printed and electronic newsletters will be considered. Submissions should include copies of two or three of the Chapter's most recent newsletters and a brief description of the newsletter, including frequency of publication, readership, and primary means of distribution. Most often members will nominate their own subunit by sending these materials and a cover letter.

Fisheries Excellence Award

This award will be given to a North Central Division member who has made an outstanding contribution to the fisheries profession. This contribution may be a single activity or a collection of achievements over the individual's career. Former Division members may be nominated if most of their work occurred while they were NCD members. Nominations should include the names and signatures of at least 2 nominators, a brief (1 page) biographical sketch of the nominee, a brief (1 page) narrative of significant contributions made by the nominee, and copies of any additional materials to support the application.

Meritorious Service Award

This award will recognize extraordinary service to the AFS by a NCD member. Nominations may be based on a single outstanding achievement or a variety of service activities, and may include the Chapter, Division, Section or Parent Society level. In the nomination, evidence must be presented that this service has gone beyond the routine and that it has made a genuine and lasting contribution to the betterment of the Society. Nominations should include the names and signatures of at least 2 nominators, a brief (1 page) biographical sketch, a brief (1 page) narrative of significant contributions made by the nominee, and copies of any additional materials to support the application. Nomination forms for each award are available by going to the NCD's homepage www.ncd-afs.org and clicking on the "Awards" button in the left hand banner. Nomination materials should be submitted by **OCTOBER 3, 2008** to:

Mark Porath, NCD Awards Committee Chair, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, 2200 N 33rd Street
Lincoln, NE 68503. Call 402-471-7651 or email Mark.Porath@nebraska.gov with any questions.

Continuing Education...

["Introduction to Spatial Modeling Using ArcGIS and Geostatistical Analyst."](#)

This year at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Columbus, Ohio, the NCD Continuing Education Committee is hosting "Introduction to Spatial Modeling Using ArcGIS and Geostatistical Analyst." This course is an introduction to quantitative spatial modeling and geostatistics. An increasingly important task in natural resources is to create spatially continuous models or maps from field data. Spatial models are essential to using such data in Geographic Information Systems for ecosystem modeling, risk analysis, and decision support. A wide range of statistical and geostatistical techniques are available to conduct mapping in an efficient, quantitative, and scientifically objective manner. This course gives an introduction to these techniques, with an emphasis on best practices rather than mathematical and statistical theory. The instructor for this course is Erik R. Venteris, Ph.D., a Senior Geologist with the Ohio Division of Geological Survey.

The agenda for the course is as follows:

-8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. OVERVIEW Lecture- Introduction to spatial interpolation algorithms and overview of modeling methodology using tools in ArcGIS. Hands on exercise- Make a basic map using ArcGIS, Spatial Analyst, and Geostatistical Analyst.

-10:00 a.m. to -12:00 EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS Lecture-Matching data to the appropriate spatial modeling technique- variable types, exploratory data analysis, and variography Hands on- Use Geostatistical Analyst to inspect the sample distribution, conduct tests for normality, look for trends in the data, and calculate model and experimental variograms.

-12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.-Lunch

-1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. MAKING SPATIAL MODELS Lecture- discussion of geostatistical (simple and ordinary kriging, indicator kriging) and non geostatistical interpolation methods (inverse distance weighting, linear and polynomial fitting). When to use what? Hands on- Use Geostatistical Analyst to make spatial models for data sets of contrasting statistical character.

-3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EVALUATING SPATIAL MODELS

Lecture- External and cross validation techniques

Hands on- Conduct model validation using Geostatistical Analyst

-4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. COURSE WRAP UP Lecture- Very brief introduction to the issue of spatial sampling, and summary of course objectives with emphasis on best practices.

The cost of this workshop is \$75. Register for this course when you register for the conference by visiting [69th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference](#). For more detailed information about this workshop, please email Angela Grier agrier@dnr.IN.gov.

2008 Walleye Technical Committee Sander Award!

Jeremy Hammen is a Masters Candidate and research assistant at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and the recipient of the 2008 Walleye Technical Committee Sander award! The Sander award is a \$100.00 travel grant, along with \$100 of matching funds from Wisconsin Chapter. The award is given to defray the cost of presenting at the annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Jeremy's thesis represents his research under Dr. Brian Sloss and is titled "Genetic Diversity and Population Structure of Wisconsin Walleye (*Sander vitreus*)". Jeremy received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Northern Iowa in Biology with a minor in Chemistry, and calls Somers, Iowa his permanent home. Jeremy has attended many meetings of the Walleye Technical Committee and presented his work at the 2008 summer meeting. On behalf of the entire Walleye Technical Committee, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Jeremy! We are proud to call you a fellow member of the WTC! The future of fisheries depends on the talent and enthusiasm of our students, and we are happy to present this award to such a deserving individual.

-Donna Hanen Muhm Chair, NCD Walleye Technical Committee

2008 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference Janice Lee Fenske Memorial Award for Outstanding Students

Monday, December 15, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Columbus, Ohio

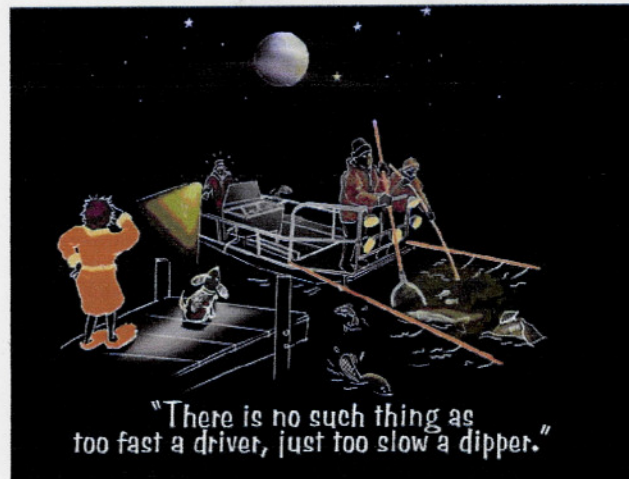
The North Central Division, Ohio Chapter, and Michigan Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and the Ohio and Michigan chapters of The Wildlife Society, in cooperation with the Steering Committee for the 2008 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, are pleased to accept applications from students for the **Janice Lee Fenske Memorial Award**. Up to 25 outstanding students majoring in fisheries or wildlife management will be selected, formally recognized for their achievements, and invited to attend an exclusive breakfast held during the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in honor of the late Jan Fenske. The breakfast will provide a unique opportunity for students to meet and closely network with many fish and wildlife leaders from around the region.

Undergraduate and graduate students who plan to attend the Conference are encouraged to apply. Student finalists will be selected based on academic ability and scholarly achievements. Two of the student finalists, one majoring in fisheries management and one majoring in wildlife management, will be presented with a Fenske Memorial Award that includes a scholarship of \$500. The two winners of the Fenske Memorial Award will be selected based on the characteristics that made Jan a remarkable fisheries biologist, including enthusiasm to protect fisheries and wildlife resources through management activities, selflessness and motivation to teach others, interest in professional involvement, and integrity, positive attitude, and compassion. For more information, please visit http://www.fisheries.org/units/miafs/jfenske_award.html.


To apply, please submit a resume including your GPA, two letters of recommendation from academic advisors or professionals in fisheries or wildlife management, and a cover letter including future career goals and reasons for attending the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference to: Jessica Mistak, DNR Marquette Fisheries Station, 484 Cherry Creek Rd., Marquette, MI 49855, 906-249-1611 ext 308, FAX 906-249-3190, or email at: mistakjl@michigan.gov.

Deadline for submission is October 30, 2008. E-mail submissions are preferred, although mail or fax submittals will be accepted. Please have the recommendation letters sent directly from the academic advisor or resource professional. Student applicants selected as finalists will be notified by November 20.

CHAPTER T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE



As part of our ongoing chapter fundraising activities the Chapter Raffle and Revenue Chair is happy to announce that a brand new chapter t-shirt design is now available. The design is part of a new series for the fictional International Brotherhood of Electrofishing Boat Operators union. The front of the t-shirt displays the union logo and the back of the t-shirt depicts a comical electrofishing scene. T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available at the Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, and are available for members and non-members to purchase.

In addition, to help get the word out and generate sales, feel free to [download the sales poster](#)  to post in your office. Please note that checks should be made out to: American Fisheries Society - Wisconsin Chapter. Revenue from t-shirt sales will go towards supporting Wisconsin Chapter AFS scholarship funds for students enrolled in an aquatic science programs in Wisconsin.

Notes Meeting Minutes:

Summer WIAFS Executive Committee Meeting Aug 5 2008, Kemp Station, Woodruff WI

Attendees: John Kubisiak, Glenn Miller, Katie Renschen (Northland College), Ted Treska

John Kubisiak Call to order 1:04

Minutes and agenda approved

Budget

With a surplus in the available cash account (checking) there was a discussion of increasing donations to other causes (AFS Hutton, travel awards, etc) and what was worthwhile.

Proposed were an additional \$1000 donation to the Hutton for 2008 (\$2,000 total), additional \$2500 to GNMA (principle of WIAFS scholarship) and \$1000 to principle of the UWSP scholarship. This would spend the profit that was taken in from the Midwest (\$12,000 - \$7500 reinvested for 2017 Midwest = \$4500) . Kubisiak will put investment increases to an electronic vote.

Also suggested discontinuing the \$250 donation to Skinner travel award (AFS information indicates that this award is self-supporting on interest). Proposed \$500 to Walleye Tech towards publishing a walleye compendium. Miller will include changes to annual donations in his 2009 budget.

These itemized donations will leave us with ~\$6000 in checking after the \$5000 to GNMA.

Awards

Nothing to report.

Continuing Education

Minnesota has expressed interest in cooperating with WI to have at least 2 continuing education programs at AFS meeting in Duluth. Stats workshop and hydro-acoustics were 2 of the topics that were brought up. Other ideas include:

- CPR/first aid (but Red Cross has class-size requirements)

- Genetics (Sloss) may be too long for this time slot

- Fish ID workshop (Lyons, Siegert, new UWSP Ichthyologist?)

- Stats refresher (Treska) using Hansen's material, with an intro course to Excel & Access

- Fish Passage for biologists, non-engineering focus (Jon Simonson, Nick Schmal, Dale

Hagen?)

Aquaculture: ask Al Kaas what he would like to see.

Scholarship

Joshua Maxwell received the Richard Frie Memorial scholarship.

Katie Renschen received Caroll Norden Memorial scholarship.

Scholarship applications are down, idea was brought up that we should incorporate membership application in scholarship applications. Note in application on how to become a member and that it is FREE.

Need to include UW Milwaukee, UW Superior, and UW GB in email notifications.

Motion passed of having a 1 yr Parent Society AFS membership (\$19.00) included with scholarship, to be paid by WIAFS.

Note to Pete, include link to WIAFS membership in application with addendum indicating that membership is FREE!!!!!!

Membership

Current membership is at 245, up from previous years (201 in 2007).

89 student members, up from 33 on 2007.

Nearly half of WIAFS are also members of the national AFS

Raffle and Revenue

Nothing to report.

Env. Issues

Nothing to report.

Resolutions

Nothing to report.

Student Sub Units

UWSP Pres. Hillary Meyer is in Kenya at present time.

Northland College, Katie reports that summer jobs keep students from doing much volunteer work.

Progress is being made on ice fishing tournament for this winter, did not occur last year. Looking for input from area biologists on projects that could benefit from NC volunteers.

Continued baseline data collection on Happles and Inch lakes with Derek Ogle in Bayfield Co.

Web Site

Brad Eggold has taken over web site development. The site has been converted to our new site (www.wi-afs.org), hosted by Comstar LLC for about \$140 per year. Look at your area on the site and give Brad input on what needs to be updated (links, information).

Newsletter

Material needed for Fall, 2008 Teleogram, contact Jordan Weeks.

Old Business

Fishes of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway poster, we donated \$500. We will be given approx 10 posters. Art Oehmcke bridge is finally completed at the Oehmcke hatchery.

Annual Meeting will likely cost about \$80 per person.

3 plenary speakers, one from MN, WI and ONT. Hansen, Dombeck as perspective WI speakers at the Annual meeting. Dombeck will be in the Amazon at the time. Will take other suggestions for a WI speaker. First call for papers in Sept.

WWF

WI affiliate of national NWF, keep an eye on legislation, promote conservation.

161 conservation organizations united as one voice.

AFS membership would have choice of abstaining from votes that do not affect fish (baiting and feeding), or are controversial.

AFS would have a member on their board of directors, cannot be a DNR employee (since they already have one). Meet in Stevens Point area.

Membership would include a board member, 3 attendees at annual Mtg, 25 copies of Wisconservation newspapers sent to locations.

Could take over our Environmental Issues coordinator role in AFS, but delegate would have to be a non-DNR employee.

What it would cost AFS.

A few hotel rooms for meetings

Mileage to meetings.

\$125 membership

-Input will be gathered from TWS who has already joined the WWF.

-Kubisiak will poll the membership.

-Meeting adjourned at 2:37 by John Kubisiak.

Division website... The main AFS office in Maryland recently switched our list service to a new host that has better security and spam filters. Because of this switch the mailing address for the list has changed. The new e-mail address is wiafs@lists.fisheries.org. Please use this e-mail if you want to send e-mail to the entire members of the list service.

If you have any questions, let me know-*Bradley T. Eggold*

Resolutions Anyone?

Resolutions are being solicited to be presented at the January 2009 annual meeting. If you have a resolution please send it to Phil Moy at pmoy@uwc.edu no later than December 3rd so that they we can be put into final form and published in time for the meeting. Thank you.

Communicating Science...

Got Carp?? June Flooding in Wisconsin

Well, we "got carp" pretty much everywhere as a result of record flooding in June. To high-light just one of our projects (low-light is probably more accurate); via an over-topped dike, Big Muskego received a big dose of carp. Now we will have to wait and see if the dose of carp was big enough to "flip the switch"; turning the lake from it's current clear water state into an algae-bowl. Hyper-eutrophic Big Muskego has been steady in a clear water state ever since we did the 1996 fish restoration project/rotenone treatment. In the clear water state, because there were so many fish to prey on, Eagles and Ospreys set up home on Big Muskego. It would be a darn shame to lose all that productivity and diversity! Our management plan has certain action thresholds that we will be watching very carefully as we monitor the fishery. The attached photo from up in Sheboygan County pretty much sums up how bold the carp got around here; literally migrating across folks' back yards right in the middle of the day!

-Edward R. (Randy) Schumacher, Regional Fisheries Coordinator, Wisconsin DNR



Conferences, Seminars and Training

Trout Unlimited's 3rd Annual Driftless Area Symposium, October 3-4, 2008

Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center

We hope you will join us at the Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center for our third annual Driftless Symposium. This year we are planning three concurrent sessions:

- In-Stream Ecology, management, research & monitoring

- Physical habitat, water quality or biological interactions
- Community structure and relationships
- Fish and invertebrate populations
- Habitat enhancement and restoration
- Dam removal
- Management for Threatened and Endangered Species

- Riparian corridor restoration and management

- Invasive species
- Riparian and in-stream interactions
- Establishment & management of warm season grasses
- Creating habitat for nongame species
- Monitoring nongame species

- Watershed

- Land use changes and best management practices
- Community relationships
- Ground water movement
- Climate change
- Land use planning

Fish Sampling Workshop at Lake Erie's Stone Lab, October 4-5, 2008

Are fish your thing? Thinking of applying for an internship with the Ohio EPA, ODNR or another state agency? Perhaps you may want to work as a fisheries technician. Build your resume and get a leg up on the competition with Stone Laboratory's Workshop on Fish-Sampling Techniques of Ohio's State Agencies, to be held October 4-5, 2008 at Stone Laboratory, Ohio State's Island Campus on Lake Erie. The workshop will highlight techniques used by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and will offer students hands-on, practical experience with specialized collecting equipment, including trawls, gill nets, fyke nets, and electrofishing gear. The weekend's instructors will include: Eric Weimer, ODNR, Division of Wildlife; Marc Smith, OEPA; Ben Rich, OEPA; and Eugene Braig, Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory. The cost of \$150 includes room and board. Space is limited to 10 students. Registration must be received by September 24, 2008, and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with preference going to undergraduate college students from any university. The Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is generously donating two full scholarships (one each for one male and one female student). For more, please information contact Eugene Braig at 614.292.8949 or braig.1@osu.edu.

Aquatic Resources Education Association

On behalf of the Aquatic Resources Education Association, I would like to invite you to attend the 2008 AREA conference in Corpus Christi, Texas from **October 17 – 21**. I also encourage you to send personnel

involved in aquatic education to attend this professional development opportunity. Conference details will be posted at www.AREAnet.org/conference2008/. The Aquatic Resources Education Association (AREA) was established by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies to respond to a growing national need for a more fluid, organized approach to aquatic education. We have members working in local, regional, state and national arenas. The AREA incorporated in 1994 to launch an unprecedented national effort to join the forces of all levels of experts, scientists, technicians, aquatic professionals, and organizations dedicated to responsible aquatic educational practices. Topics being addressed at this year's conference are a direct result of what state agencies, resource providers, federal liaisons, national partner organizations, and industry, are requesting. Major sessions being highlighted this year include "Marketing for Education Programs;" "Integrating Stewardship into Aquatic Education Programs;" "Notifying the Public through Print, Web, and Airwaves;" and "Managing Volunteers & Federal Dollars." All sessions are geared towards preparing for the future of sound education about aquatic resources. The Aquatic Resources Education Association 2008 Conference will be held after the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in Corpus Christi. We hope that you and your staff will be able to take advantage of the professional growth opportunities being offered at the 2008 AREA conference, and look forward to seeing you and your staff.

Marc A Sommer, Chairman
Aquatic Resources Education Association

Minnesota Invasive Species Conference, October 26-29, 2008, Duluth, Minnesota

The first-ever Minnesota Invasive Species Conference 2008 will be held October 26-29, in Duluth, Minn., to encourage information exchange on topics relating to both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. "Our theme is acting locally to protect our legendary lands and waters," said Doug Jensen, conference co-chair with the University of Minnesota Duluth's Sea Grant Program. "The conference is designed to strengthen awareness of invasive species issues, as well as promote local prevention and management activities."

Researchers, land managers, natural resource professionals, educators, students, landscapers, lake association members, agency employees, and others are invited to attend the conference at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. Before the two-day technical program, a day of workshops for the public and landowners will feature terrestrial topics such as earthworms and gypsy moths, and aquatic topics such as lake vegetation management. A day of tours of attractions and research facilities follows the conference. "Besides the technical program, we'll be having something for everyone -- youth programs, a special symposium to discuss ship design and ballast water discharge standards for maritime transportation, and field trips," said Shannon Bengtson, conference co-chair with the Minnesota Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Congressman James Oberstar has been invited as a lunch keynote speaker and to appear at the ballast water symposium. The conference is hosted by the Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council. Registration by September 15 costs \$125, but varies depending on workshop and field trip attendance. Single-day rates and reduced rates for students are available. For information and registration forms, visit <http://www.minnesotaswcs.org/Invasives.htm> or contact conference administrator Nancy Herselius at info@mnisc.org or (515) 480-2420.



69th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference
Foundation for the Future of Fish and Wildlife Management
December 14-17, 2008
Columbus, Ohio—Register by December 8!

The theme for this year's conference is Foundation for the Future of Fish and Wildlife Management. Keynote speaker, Shane Mahoney, the Executive Director of Sustainable Development and Strategic Science at the Newfoundland & Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation, will share his vision on this topic.

Born and raised in Newfoundland, Shane Mahoney is a biologist, writer, and frequent lecturer on environmental and resource conservation issues. He has authored and co-authored over 120 scientific and popular articles and reports, and appeared in, or assisted with, films for the CBC, BBC, Turner Broadcasting, and National Geographic.

Shane has a unique combination of passion, skill and ability. He is a visionary who challenges not only himself but all to strive to do their best at all times, by continuing to set high standards for individual, community, organizations, and government.

Visit our website at: www.2008mwfwc.com today!

NCD Annual Meeting, December 14, 2008, Columbus, Ohio

Our annual winter meeting will be held on December 14, 2008 in Columbus, Ohio in conjunction with the 69th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Anybody may attend this meeting. We will open the floor for any state reports. And hopefully have a couple presenters, although none of this is firm set plans. In light of the conversations and content in our recent meetings, I want to hear information about how dams, dam removals, and stream restorations affect non-fish species such as mussels, insects, or mammals. Is anybody interesting in presenting some information on this or does anybody know of people knowledgeable in this topic that we may have present a 10–15 minute talk on this topic at the meeting. Please let me know. If there are any topics people would like brought up at this meeting or put on the agenda, please contact me at: lucas.borgstrom@sdstate.edu.

Committee Meetings:

Sunday Dec 14:

Ictalurid Technical Committee Meeting (Contact: Greg Pitchford, 660-646-6122, Greg.Pitchford@mdc.mo.gov)

Esocid Technical Committee Meeting (Contact: Tim Simonson, 608-266-5222,

Timothy.Simonson@Wisconsin.gov)

Walleye Technical Committee Meeting (Contact:

Patrick Hanchin, 231-547-2914 Ext227, hanchinp@michigan.gov)

Wisconsin Chapter AFS annual meeting

The annual meeting of Wisconsin Chapter AFS will be a joint meeting with Minnesota and Ontario Chapters. It is scheduled February 2-4, 2009 in Duluth, MN. More information to come on the chapter website.

Mid-Continent Warmwater Fish Culture Workshop Council Bluffs, Iowa, February 2-4, 2009

The workshop draws together state, federal, academic and industry personnel to discuss the latest in fish culture activities. The 2008 Workshop was held in Paris, Arkansas and attracted over 120 participants. Please consider presenting at the 2009 meeting. For further information and to get on a mailing list, contact Mike Mason at mike.mason@dnr.iowa.gov or call 515-281-6072 for more information.

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