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HTI will be offering an acoustic tag short course on February 1-2 2018, and a hydroacoustic short course on February 8-9 2018. Both will be held at the University of Washington's School of Fishery and Aquatic Science in Seattle, WA.. More information can be found at:
www.htisonar.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— Dr. Dan Isermann



Dear Wisconsin AFS Members,

Hope all is well. Winter has finally arrived here in Point, but we had a heck of a good run in terms of fall weather. Like the rest of you, we were extraordinarily busy, putting transmitters into more than 600 fish in and around Green Bay, but I managed a few precious days in the woods in search of groceries and things went pretty well. I guess I am ready to fire up the ice auger.

As a chapter, we have a large task looming ahead: the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, which will be held in Milwaukee on January 28-31, 2018. We need a large contingent of folks to get involved to make this happen. To put it bluntly, if you are going to attend the meeting, we really need you to step up and do something. Over the next several weeks you will likely be asked to step forward to serve in certain roles and I encourage you to volunteer to cover some of these needs. If no one reaches out to you, please contact me or Steve Gilbert, so that we can fill in any gaps we may have. We will have our annual chapter business meeting during the Midwest conference- it will be held on Tuesday, January 30 in the Wisconsin Center (specific room TBD) from 5 to 6 PM. Please plan to attend if you can. Best wishes and have a great holiday season.

Daniel Isermann
President, Wisconsin AFS

Everything you need to know about the 2018 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference

WHEN: Jan 28-31, 2018

WHERE: WI Center, Milwaukee, WI

HOTEL: Hilton Milwaukee City Center

Registration: [here](#)

Website: [here](#)

Click [here](#) for the full schedule of events and talks.

You can even create a custom schedule of talks for **yourself so you don't miss** any you were interested in!

The WIAFS Business Meeting will be held on Jan. 30 (Tuesday) from 5-6PM.

Wisconsin Center
Room # TBD

We need volunteers to pull this off!

Here are some ways you can get involved!

The registration committee will be looking for volunteers to help give out name tags and packets at registration desk. For more info, contact Tammie Paoli (she will be working to put together time slots needed based on busiest times). This is an easy volunteer opportunity for all!

Contact: tammie.paoli@wisconsin.gov

Greg Sass will be looking for moderators to help with some of the fisheries sessions.

Contact: gregory.sass@wisconsin.gov

Hadley Boehm will be looking for professionals to help with some of the student events including the student mixer, resume workshop, and interview skills workshop. There is a place to sign up for these during the registration process, otherwise you can contact Hadley.

Contact: hadley.boehm@wisconsin.gov

Other volunteer needs are sure to arise. Check with Steve Gilbert (Stephen.Gilbert@wisconsin.gov) ahead of the conference or check at the front desk when you arrive to see if volunteers are needed on-site.

Frank Pratt Defends Title at 2017 Chub Fishing World Championship

HAYWARD WI— On July 29, 2017 eight teams set out from a garage in Hayward to compete to be named the Chub Fishing World Champions. Frank Pratt and partner Mike Toyen (fishing under the name Team Semotol US) had won in 2016, but they knew the competition would be even more stiff in 2017.

“Our strategy this year was to pound the culverts” said Craig Roberts of Team Southern Comfort. “The more perched the better.”



Anglers fished in 2-person teams and had four hours to bring back the largest 10-bag (by weight) of creek and hornyhead chubs from any waters in Sawyer and Washburn Counties. Chubs had to be captured by legal hook and line methods.

“I had a frustrating day” remarked Rick Peters before the weigh-in “I thought I had some good spots lined up, but when I got there I kept catching trout. You just hate to see that happen.”

As vehicles returned to the weigh-in site (a folding table in a garage) the excitement was palpable among the crowd of nearly four people who gathered to watch the events unfold. Of the eight teams, seven turned in a full bag limit of 10 chubs.

“We really diversified our presentation this year to try and get that big bite” commented Max Wolter of Team Chubawumba. “Hot dog chunks were the hot bait today, but we also tried little pieces of chewed up gum, cigarette butts, and bare hooks, all of which caught fish”.

But when all the chubs were weighed it was Pratt and Toyen who topped the leaderboard for a second year in a row. Pratt offered these tips for aspiring chub champions:

“If you hook a small chub or shiner and it isn't immediately attacked by a gang of much larger chubs- they ain't there - So, keep searching. The creme de la creme, bait, for big chubs is a CHUB TAIL. (Not just for big brook trout,

anymore). Cast upstream and reel so that does the slow spin. And creek chub are edible, too. Boil them up, or smoke them over apple wood chips. You will find them to be at least as tasty as, and more chewable than, plywood.”

Chub Fishing Gives Back

The National Chub Angling Alliance (NCAA) is proud to announce a new habitat initiative. Money raised from returns on aluminum cans drank during the competition are being put into habitat projects that will improve chub fishing for future generations.

Four couches, three TV sets, and a shopping cart were added to local streams to provide critical chub habitat.

EDITORS NOTE: YES, this event really happened. NO, we did not throw any trash in the streams (that part is a joke). All the chubs were donated to local raptor recovery centers.

