

Your Guide to the 2021 Virtual Wisconsin AFS Meeting

“Virtually Embracing Our Changing Environment”

Greetings! Our changing environment is a driving force, not only in how we manage our resources, but also how we interact socially. In the interest of the health and safety of our WI-AFS chapter members, 100% of the activities planned for the 2021 annual AFS meeting will be conducted online. Collectively, we will miss the traditional in-person social events, live presentations and cold beer. In the interest of embracing change, the WI-AFS executive committee would like to point out the many advantages to this online, virtual format. First off, presentations will be pre-recorded and available for future use. Pre-recorded presentations will allow for increased access to the science that supports our fisheries management decisions. Second, during these financially stressful times, we anticipate reduced travel expenses for programs and individuals. There will be no registration fee for this year's event. Last and most important, we prioritize increased safety and health of our AFS membership. People are our strength and your Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society executive committee has your health as our number one priority!

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2021 Annual Meeting

50th Annual - Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

	Themes (subject to change based on abstracts submitted)			
	Climate Change Monday	Cool Water Tuesday	Diversity & Inclusion Wednesday	Cold Water Thursday
Date/Time	8-Feb	9-Feb	10-Feb	11-Feb
9:00-10:00	Biomark Tech Talk	R-workshop	Biomark Tech Talk	R-Workshop Virtual Poster Session
1:00 - 1:20	Welcome and Introduction	Professional Presentation	Professional Presentation	
1:20 - 1:40	Diversity and Inclusion Aaron Bunch	Student Presentation	Student Presentation	
1:40 - 2:00	Student Subchapter Presentation	Student Subchapter Presentation	Student Subchapter Presentation	Professional Presentation
2:00 - 2:05	Break			
2:05 - 2:50	Hard Times Ahead for Wisconsin Trout Streams? John Lyons	Question and Answer Session Presentations / Poster Discussion	Sizing Up Angler Preferences for Walleye Size Limits Bob Holsman	Question and Answer Session Presentations / Poster Discussion
2:50 - 3:35	50th Anniversary Presentation Steve Gilbert	Business meeting (Attendance is requested for all members)	Student Mentoring Breakout (concurrent sessions including mentorship, resume)	Awards Ceremony Best Presentation Best Poster Scholarship
3:35 - 3:40	Break			
3:40 - 4:30	Executive committee meeting	Social Hour	Fishing Contest Presentation / Social Hour	Virtual Raffle Drawing and Wrap Up

2021 WI-AFS Virtually IMPORTANT DATES!!!	
Tuesday, September 01, 2020	Save the Date and Request for Abstracts
Friday, December 04, 2020	Abstract submission DEADLINE
Friday, January 8, 2021	Presentation and Poster recordings DEADLINE
Monday, January 18, 2021	Virtual presentations available for VIEWING
Friday, February 05, 2021	Poster and presentation judging DEADLINE
February 8-11, 2021	WiAFS LIVE PROGRAM

FREE Registration!

There will be no registration fee for members, but members need to renew their membership to receive email updates and virtual meeting links. Free registration is required and will be done through the [WI-AFS meeting website link](#)

Registration is currently open and continues throughout the event for your convenience.

Abstract submission:

- Abstract submission will function the same as past meetings. We will accept abstracts for full presentations (recommended 15 - 20 minutes), speed presentations (up to 10 minutes), and posters.
- Dates:
- Abstract submission opens Tuesday September 1, 2020
- Abstract submission closes **Friday December 4, 2020**

Presentation and Poster Rubrics:

The long-standing tradition of our poster and presentation competition continues virtually with updated rubrics inserted under “resources” portion of our webpage for your convenience. Please contact Awards Chair, David Schuman dschumann@uwlax.edu for any questions regarding the judging of either posters or presentations.

Recording and uploading your presentation

All presentations (full and speed) will be uploaded to the WI-AFS Vimeo page prior to the meeting where they will be available for viewing by members and judges. The top three presentations, based on judges scoring within each category (i.e., student and professional), will be given live as a part of the virtual meeting. The judging committee will contact the best presenters ahead of time to notify them that they will be presenting at the virtual meeting.

There are two preferred methods for recording your presentations **as an .mp4 file**.

Option 1: DIY recording and transfer

There are several ways that PowerPoint presentations can be recorded. National AFS has put out a guide that can be used to create the file. This guide is housed on our meeting home page under “resources”.

Recording though one of these methods can be done on your own time, but please be mindful of time restrictions for the type of presentation you signed up for (20 minutes for full, 10 for speed). In order to reduce file size, it is requested that presenters simply capture screen slides and voice. Capturing the webcam of presenter during the presentation is not suggested. But we do recommend including a photo of yourself early in the presentation so the audience can match a face with your name/voice.

Next, the file must be transferred to Max Wolter by **January 8, 2021**. File transfer will be completed using WeTransfer, a free online service wetransfer.com. Once the file is received it will be uploaded to the WI-AFS Vimeo page.

Note: if you can please send your presentation earlier than the deadline it will greatly help the meeting organizers.

Option 2: Have it recorded for you

Please contact max.wolter@wisconsin.gov by Dec 15 arrange a time to record your presentation.

You will then be sent a Zoom link. Join the Zoom meeting at your specified time and be prepared to give your presentation which will be recorded and uploaded to Vimeo for you.

Note: if you do not make contact to request a recording time by the December 15 deadline, we will assume you are using option 1 to record your presentation

Poster presentation

Posters will also need to be uploaded ahead of time. Please save your poster as a **PDF file format** and send to Bradley.Eggold@wisconsin.gov by **Friday, January 8, 2021**. Each poster will be available for viewing prior to the meeting on the WI-AFS website. However, there will also be a live poster presentation session during the virtual meeting. Poster presenters will be contacted with more details about this session before the meeting.

Information on Student Resume and Mentorship Event

The virtual student breakout session will be combining mentorship and resume review together. Students will be paired with a mentor prior to the meeting. Breakout sessions will be held in zoom where they will have the opportunity to ask questions or time can be utilized for resume review. This session can last up to 45 minutes before the second break on Wednesday. Students and mentors will be contacted prior to the meeting to arrange mentorship pairing.

Raffle

Raffle entries will be able to be purchased starting on January 18th and ending on February 11th at 12:00pm. There will be different levels of buying in which will correspond to varying number of entries (e.g. redhorse level (\$5) = 5 entries; smallmouth bass level (\$10) = 12 entries; lake sturgeon level (\$20) = 30 entries). Entries will be purchased through our website [2021 AFS Raffle Page](#)

and the buyer will receive their ticket numbers via email. Please allow time for the raffle committee to assign ticket numbers after purchase. All the entries will be placed in a bucket and then one will be drawn for a given prize (i.e. raffle entries will **NOT** be prize specific). A 'virtual raffle table' will be available to be viewed on the website so members can determine if they want to buy in to the raffle.

The drawing will be done during the social hour on Thursday, February 11th starting at 4:00pm. Photos of the prizes will be displayed during the drawing for a given prize. Members must be “present” at the drawing to win. Once a winner is chosen, the winner will have to unmute to claim their prize (perhaps briefly tell the group how they plan on using the prize). This will add a much needed social/entertainment component to the raffle.

Getting the prizes to the winners: Prize donors will receive a ‘smallmouth bass level’ entry to the raffle to compensate for the shipping expense of their prize to the winner (the donator will ship right to the winner). If the raffle item is selected off a website, the item will be purchased after the raffle and shipped right to the winner.

All of the 2020 raffle information is located on the WI AFS website under the ‘Events’ tab. [2021 AFS Raffle Page](#) Here members can purchase entries, donate prizes and view the virtual raffle table.

This raffle relies on donated prizes to successfully generate revenue for student scholarships, so please consider donating.