

Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

54th Annual Meeting Program

January 14 - January 16, 2025

Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, WI

Tuesday, January 14

12:30 – 2:30 PM	Alternatives to null hypothesis testing (Wisconsin 1 & 2)
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Fishes of the Mississippi River workshop (UW-La Crosse, Prairie Springs Science Center room 2022)
5:30 – 9:00 PM	Registration and Social at the Radisson Hotel (Hotel Ballroom & Foyer)
6:30 – 9:00 PM	Cornhole tournament (Hotel Ballroom)

Wednesday, January 15

Presentations and Business Meeting in Hotel Ballroom

7:00 – 8:30	Registration, poster setup, load presentations (Hotel Foyer)	
7:30 – 8:30	Plated Breakfast (Hotel Ballroom)	
8:30 – 8:40	Meeting Introduction	
8:40 – 9:00	Alexander Latzka - Evaluating 50 million stocked muskies	J. Weeks
9:00 – 9:20	Ryan Eastman - Muskellunge recruitment in Green Bay	
9:20 – 9:40	Dan Oele - Retooling WI musky classifications	
9:40 – 10:00	Dray Carl - Lake Trout daily bag limits	
10:00 – 10:20	Morning Break (Hotel Foyer)	
10:20 – 10:40	Marybeth Brey - Acoustic deterrent for invasive carp	B. Davis
10:40 - 11:00	Janice Albers - Carp movement through a deterrent	
11:00 – 11:20	Max Monfort - Grass Carp management in the UMR	
11:20 – 11:40	Alexandria Keiler-Klein - Sampling for nuisance and invasive fish	
11:40 – 12:00	Maxwel Wilkinson - Shifts in fish community production	
12:00 – 1:00	Plated Lunch (Hotel Ballroom) – Student-mentor lunch	
1:00 – 1:20	Iyob Tsehaye - Predator-prey balance in Lake Michigan	D. Dembkowski
1:20 – 1:40	Quinn Smith - Juvenile Walleye foraging and growth	
1:40 – 2:00	Robert Davis - Aquatic macrophytes and Walleye	
2:00 – 2:20	Braden Lensing - Walleye & Lake Whitefish habitat	
2:20 – 2:40	Taylor Preul-Stimetz - Identifying walleye recovery periods	
2:40 – 3:00	Student Subunit Updates	
3:00 – 4:00	Poster Session (Hotel Foyer)	
4:00 – 4:10	Joseph Mrnak - Diminishing productivity and hyperstable harvest in northern Wisconsin Walleye fisheries	
4:10 – 4:40	Jeff Kopaska, AFS Executive Director – Why are we here?	
4:45 – 6:00	Business Meeting (attendance of all members requested)	
6:00 – 7:00	Cocktail hour (Hotel Ballroom)	
7:00 – 10:00	Banquet Dinner and Raffle (Hotel Ballroom)	

Thursday, January 16

Presentations and Business Meeting in Hotel Ballroom

7:00 – 8:00	Registration and load presentations (Hotel Ballroom & Foyer)
7:00 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast (Hotel Ballroom)
8:00 – 8:10	Lonnie Parry-Gillis - Wisconsin anglers: Location & methods
8:10 – 8:20	Elise Bass - Dangler tag retention in Lake Sturgeon
8:20 – 8:30	Dan Dembkowski - Smallmouth Bass movements
8:30 – 8:40	John Kubisiak - Intraguild shootout
8:40 – 8:50	Willem Stoll - Isotopic signatures after CWH addition
8:50 – 9:00	Evan Sirianni - Recognizing instream habitat variability
9:00 – 9:10	Nick Berndt - Radial tree drops
9:10 – 9:30	Max Wolter - Can Nelson Lake get RAD?

J. VanDeHey

9:30 – 10:00 Morning Break – Game of Skill winner announcement (virtual)

10:00 – 10:20	Jason Lins - Fish community use of springs ponds in WI
10:20 – 10:40	Richie Erickson - Fish metapopulation models in the UMR
10:40 – 11:00	Jessica Stanton - Considerations for tag-return studies
11:00 – 11:20	Samantha Embersits - Lake Sturgeon spawning site use
11:20 – 11:40	Daniel Isermann - Wisconsin buffalo populations
11:40 – 12:00	Caden Jungbluth - Red Swamp Crayfish eDNA detection

M. Wolter

12:00 – 1:00 Plated Lunch, Presentation Awards, Final Raffle Items (Ballroom)

Wednesday, January 15th, 3:00-4:00 (Hotel Foyer) – Poster Presentations

Elijah Strong	Pesticide monitoring during restoration
Doug Appel	RAFT telemetry database development
James Wamboldt	Genetic control tools
Cheyana Bassham	Assessing Grass Carp bait consumption
Patricia Antolak	Lake Whitefish spawning in Green Bay
Kelsey Thurin	Review of Eurasian Ruffe population
Roni Maddox	Round Goby impacts to native fish
Ben Patschull	Underwater camera fish sampling method
Spencer Baeckman	Panfish relative vulnerability
Dan Dembkowski	Walleye and Largemouth Bass diets
Jamie Cahalan	Walleye recruitment in lower Green Bay
Kyle Kamm	Trout responses to stream restoration
Dan Oele	Is that a Leech Lake strain fish?
Katherine Sharpe	DNR beaver control in trout streams
Spencer VanderBloemen	Thermal variability among Brown Trout
Christina Eberhard	Walleye ovulation status
Dylan Von Bargaen	Angler technology and fish catchability
Madison Wall	Post-catch Brown Trout winter mortality
Aaron Gloss	Use of metabarcoding to detect AIS

Poster Abstracts

Presentation Abstracts