

Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

55th Annual Meeting, Tuesday–Thursday, February 3–5, 2026

Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Tuesday, February 3

1:00–3:15 p.m.	What comes next? – Continuing education session on professional development <i>Wisconsin 1 & 2</i>
3:30–4:30 p.m.	Ojibwe Tribal Culture, Treaty Rights, and Tribal Fisheries – M. Luehring Facts and Fiction About Tribal Fisheries – T. Cichosz <i>Wisconsin 1 & 2</i>
5:30–9:00 p.m.	Registration and Social/Buffer – <i>Hotel Foyer & Ballroom</i>

Wednesday, February 4

7:00–8:30 a.m.	Registration, poster set-up, load presentations – <i>Hotel Foyer</i>	
7:00–8:30 a.m.	Plated breakfast – <i>Hotel Ballroom</i>	
8:30 a.m.	Meeting introduction – <i>Hotel Ballroom</i>	
8:40 a.m.	Greg Sass	Screen Time: Flogging Beats Scrolling (J. Hennessy, mod.)
9:00 a.m.	Robert Godfrey	Advances in Fishing Technologies
9:20 a.m.	Kyle Hintz	FFS and Walleye Angler Catch Rates
9:40 a.m.	Mark Luehring	Walleye Length at Maturity
9:50 a.m.	Max Wilkinson	Largemouth Bass and Walleye Diets
10:00 a.m.	Break – <i>Hotel Foyer</i>	
10:20 a.m.	Lonnie Parry	Angler Diversity in Wisconsin (M. Wolter, mod.)
10:40 a.m.	Lauren Arrett	Urban Pond Anglers
11:00 a.m.	Logan Cutler	Angler Use of Stocked Trout Lakes
11:10 a.m.	Matt Dougherty	Fish Color Analysis
11:25 a.m.	Kristen Bouska	Population Dynamics of Freshwater Drum
11:40 a.m.	Sam Embersits	Lake Sturgeon Spawning Site Use
11:50 a.m.	Zach Feiner	Macrophyte Effects on Fish Communities
12:00 noon	Plated lunch – <i>Hotel Ballroom</i>	
1:00 p.m.	Tim Parks	Status of the WI Musky Fishery (B. Wambach, mod.)
1:20 p.m.	Alex Latzka	Trends in Wisconsin Fish Data
1:40 p.m.	Colin Dassow	Trade Time for Space in Creel Surveys
1:55 p.m.	Annaliese Ford	Brook Trout Reserves
2:10 p.m.	Evan Sirianni	Kickapoo Drainage Sculpin Patterns
2:25 p.m.	Zach Lawson	Brook Trout, Water Temps and Cedars
2:40 p.m.	Coco Eberhard	Drivers of Yellow Perch Abundance
2:50 p.m.	Dan Isermann	Bass Movements After Dam Failure
3:00 p.m.	Poster session – <i>Hotel Foyer</i>	
4:00 p.m.	Student subunit updates – <i>Hotel Ballroom</i>	
4:20 p.m.–finish	Business meeting – <i>Hotel Ballroom</i>	
6:00 p.m.	Cocktail hour – <i>Hotel Foyer & Ballroom</i>	
7:00–10:00 p.m.	Banquet dinner and raffle – <i>Hotel Ballroom</i>	
After hours	Downtown La Crosse	

Thursday, February 5

7:00–8:30 a.m.	Registration, load presentations – Hotel Foyer	
7:00–8:30 a.m.	Continental breakfast – Hotel Ballroom	
8:30 a.m.	Riley Schultz	Green Bay Aquatic Habitat Restoration (S. Schaick, mod.)
8:50 a.m.	Sam Schaick	Fish Monitoring in the Green Bay AOC
9:10 a.m.	Ryan Eastman	Muskellunge Recruitment in Green Bay
9:20 a.m.	Tyler Hoffman	Muskellunge/Tiger Muskellunge Behavior
9:30 a.m.	Sierra Schuster	Development of the RAFT Network
9:50 a.m.	Celia Schwartz	Smallmouth Bass Acoustic Telemetry
10:10 a.m.	Break – Hotel Foyer	
10:30 a.m.	Ben Patschull	Winter Habitat Use of Backwater Fishes (T. Parks, mod.)
10:50 a.m.	Abigail Buzdon	Rock Bass Age and Growth Study
11:00 a.m.	Dray Carl	Lake Superior Fish Community
11:10 a.m.	Jeremiah Shroval	Cisco Condition in Lake Superior
11:25 a.m.	Dylan Undlin	Salmonid Movements in North Shore Streams
11:40 a.m.	Kassidy Frame	Invasive Carp Control Ecosystem Impacts
12:00 noon	Plated lunch, presentation awards, final raffle items – Hotel Ballroom	

Poster Presentations, Wednesday, February 4

Hotel Foyer

	Presenter	Short Title
1	Andrew Pothoven	White Perch in Green Bay
2	Aster Kabat	Seasonal Distribution of Walleye in BEP
3	Bryson Kautz	Stocked Steelhead Survival to Emigration
4	Dylan Von Bargaen	Technology and Fish Catchability
5	Elsie Bass	Movement of Invasive Carps
6	Emma Millsap	Juvenile Lake Sturgeon Movement
7	Evan Sirianni	Sculpin Competitive Feeding Interactions
8	Henry Gray	Predation of Bluegill and Yellow Perch
9	Jason Lins	Catfish Populations and Hoop Net Seeding
10	Katie Lowenstein	Stable Isotopes Lake Sturgeon Milwaukee
11	Kelsey Thurin	Juvenile Walleye Growth and Lake Type
12	Kyle Kamm	Movement and Survival of Brown Trout
13	Marik Dickson	Palatability of Lake Sturgeon Diets
14	Matthew Mitro	Beaver Dams Barriers to Trout Movement
15	Spencer VanderBloemen	Beaver Dams Trout Lake Superior Streams
16	Taylor Preul-Stimetz	Fish Community Rehabilitation