

Idaho Chapter Holds Annual Meeting in Boise

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The Idaho chapter of the American Fisheries Society held its annual meeting in Boise, Idaho, from March 1 to 4. The Aquaculture Committee organized a well-attended premeeting workshop focusing on hatchery bio-security. The plenary session was titled "Native Peoples Fisheries: Perspectives on Past, Present and Future" and was organized by the chapter's President Elect Jason Vogel. Over 300 fisheries professionals and students enjoyed a range of talks and posters from sessions including anadromous fish management; chinook salmon ecology and management; steelhead ecology and management; native fish ecology; and management, education, and methods. The third annual "spawning run" enticed 50 participants and the Fundraising Committee broke new records at the banquet, raising funds to support the chapter's many projects.

The Idaho chapter is strengthened by strong involvement of two student subunits and eight committees. Individuals recognized for their contributions toward the fisheries profession included Jack Siple: Excellence in Aquaculture; Bryan Grant, Tarah Johnson, and Vaughn Paragamian: Distinguished Service Award; Paddy Murphy and Jim Gregory: Outstanding Professional Award; Mick Hoover and Ernest Keeley: Award of Merit; Kevin Meyer: Outstanding Mentor of the Year; and Sue Ireland: R.L. Wallace Native Fish Conservation Award. Others were awarded scholarships, including Kendra Graber, Katie McBaine, Matt Green, and Amy Long. Recipients of top presentation awards included Joe Chapman, Alex Urquhart, Kelly Stockton, and June Johnson.

The chapter's Executive Committee welcomes its newest members, Joe Dupont, vice president; Bill Horton, secretary/treasurer; and Mary Faurot, nominations chair.

Please join us for next year's meeting in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, March 7-9. The meeting will begin with workshops on March 5-6.

Native Peoples Fisheries:



Perspectives on Past, Present, and Future

Artwork from the Idaho chapter 2011 annual meeting.



Presentation of Susan B. Martin Scholarship to Amy Long from Don Martin and Lauri Monnot.



Past President Jim Fredericks and President Ernest Keeley.



Presenting Paddy Murphy with one of the Outstanding Professional Awards.



New Idaho chapter EXCOM members (from left) Bill Horton, secretary/treasurer; Mary Faurot, nominations chair; and Joe Dupont, vice president.



Presenting Jack Siple with the Excellence in Aquaculture Award.



The poster session featuring 28 posters.

From the Archives

As a rule, all large cod caught in harbors in shoal water are sick. On the 24th of June, 1880, one was taken in Port Mulgrave, Yakutat Bay, that measured 34 ¼ inches in length, and was stout and heavy, but sick and unfit for food. The gills were not bright red as in a healthy fish, but dull and faded; the colors of the body were also dull. Numerous parasites were present externally, and the abdominal viscera were infested with worms. A very unpleasant odor came from the belly when it was opened. On the 2nd of July, in Chugachik Bay, Cook's Inlet, three large cod were caught from the vessel, all of which were sick, their abdominal viscera being lined with worms and giving off a bad odor, yet the fish were quite heavy. On the 5th of July a healthy cod 28 2-5 inches long, and blind in both eyes, was caught on a hook in Porth Chatham near the entrance to Cook's Inlet. The fish was entirely free from parasites. Its stomach contained only the herring with which the hook was baited. Instead of the transparent aqueous humor in the anterior chamber of the eye, there was an opaque white substance, the result, doubtless, of an old injury.

Dr. Tarleton H. Bean, Tenth Annual Meeting, American Fish Cultural Association, 1881