

## Idaho Chapter Holds Annual Meeting in Coeur d'Alene

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The Idaho chapter of the American Fisheries Society held its annual meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, from March 6 to 9, 2012. The chapter began the meeting by holding a workshop titled "Fish Without Borders," which focused on factors affecting survival of populations of anadromous fish after they leave Idaho. This year's plenary session was organized by the chapter's president elect, Dmitri Vidergar, under the theme of "Non-native Species: Managing the Uncertainties" and featured speakers from Arizona, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. About 240 fisheries professionals from 44 different entities and a record-setting 52 students from five schools attended this meeting. The ever-growing student attendance, represented largely by the Idaho chapter's two student subunits, the Palouse Unit (associated with the University of Idaho) and the Portneuf Unit (associated with Idaho State University), indicates that the Idaho chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be in good hands for years to come.

Special bookmarks were made by students in 11 elementary schools from around the state to be given as registration gifts. These bookmarks displayed fish drawings and words of wisdom from each of the students. (Kudos to Lauri Monnot and the Education Committee for making this happen!)

During this meeting, there were 59 presentations, 23 posters, and a committee breakout session where eight different committees discussed and planned ways to meet the mission of the chapter. The chapter also recognized Christine Kozfkay and Matt Campbell as outstanding fisheries professionals; Christine Moffitt and Ned Horner with lifetime achievement awards; and many others for their contributions to fisheries.

The Idaho chapter boasts an amazing banquet that culminates in an extraordinary fundraising effort. This fundraising event brings in over \$15,000 annually, and this year was no exception. This money will provide support for the chapter's many projects.

The chapter's Executive Committee welcomes its newest members: Tom Curet, vice president; Craig Rabe, secretary/treasurer; and Brett Bowersox, nominations chair.

Next year, Idaho will be hosting the Western Division meeting in Boise, Idaho, from April 15 to 18, 2013. This meeting will also mark the Idaho chapter's 50-year anniversary, so come join us for the enlightening talks and poster session, socialize with other fisheries students and professionals, and join in on the fun and festivities. It is shaping up to be an event not to forget. 



Ernest Keeley, chapter past president, and Lubia Cajas de Gliniewicz, chapter member, present Christine Moffitt with the chapter's Lifetime Achievement Award.



Ernest Keeley, chapter past president, and Jim Fredericks, chapter member, present Ned Horner with the chapter's Lifetime Achievement Award.



Cathy Gidley, Native Fish Committee cochair, presents Russ Thurow with the Richard L. Wallace Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award. This award is one of several awards sponsored and presented by the chapter's committees.



Ernest Keeley, chapter past president, presents Matthew Campbell and Christine Kozfkay with the chapter's Outstanding Fish Professional Award.



Steve Elle, Mentoring Committee chair, presents Virgil Moore with the Outstanding Mentor Award. This award is one of several awards sponsored and presented by the chapter's committees.



Chapter member Jeff Heindel shows off his fish bookmark. These bookmarks were made by Idaho elementary and middle school students for those attending the annual meeting.



Laura Hughes stands next to her poster at the poster session.

Ernest Keeley, chapter past president, presents Jason Vogel with the chapter's Annual Merit Award for his service as chapter president.

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