Greetings Chapter members. It’s already November, and another field season has drawn to a close. I hope it was a good one! The waning days of a field season are a good time to reflect on what went right, what went wrong, how would we do it differently. Making every attempt to avoid sounding “preachy”, I’d like to offer a suggestion. Take a minute to ask yourself what you did over the past few months to help develop young fisheries professionals. I know many of us had the opportunity to expose young men and women to fishery science for the first time through seasonal employment. Others were, I suspect, helping challenge and refine the skills of emergent professionals. Did we take the time to answer questions and stimulate further discussion? Did we offer advice on career track? Did we make fishery science fun and interesting?

A key feature of our Chapter mission is promoting the development of fisheries professionals, and I think we, as a chapter, are quite good at it. We, in fact, have a Mentoring Committee that aims to help us achieve that objective. It’s occurred to me more than once that my most important contribution to fishery science could well be helping to develop a young professional that will take my place. The mentoring committee has been working to encourage mentoring through a more formalized mentor/protégé relationship arranged through the Chapter website. It’s been a difficult ball to kick off the hill, and they could use more help. They’ll be making some decisions on whether to continue with that program or to redirect their efforts. Whether through a formalized website relationship or in our less formal day-to-day interactions, I hope we all continue to see the value in mentoring, maintain the level of mentoring we’ve achieved, and continue to think of new, innovative ways to take it to the next level!
Call for Award Nominations

The Executive Committee is soliciting nominations for Lifetime Achievement, Distinguished Service, and Friend of Fish awards to be presented at the 2010 meeting in Pocatello. These awards are awarded based on strict criteria(s) and decisions of whether awards are awarded to more than one person or at all will be determined by the EXCOM.

The awards, criteria, and nomination process are as follows:

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Criteria:** Awarded to individuals who are either retired or within five years of retirement and have made significant contributions to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems. This work may include, but is not limited to, making significant contributions in advancing fisheries and aquatic science, implementing important fish and aquatic management, or promoting the development of fisheries professionals.

**Nomination Process:** Submit a one to three page nomination detailing how the individual meets the criteria. The nomination must be supported by at least five Chapter members and their names and contact information should be listed on the nomination.

**Distinguished Service Award**

**Criteria:** Awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions in furthering the work of the Chapter. This award is specific to service within the Chapter.

**Nomination Process:** Submit a nomination not longer than one page detailing how the individual meets the criteria. Although not required, nominations supported by more than one Chapter member will receive the strongest consideration. List the names and contact information of Chapter members supporting the nomination on the nomination.

**Friend of Fish Award**

**Criteria:** Awarded to individuals who have made a significant contribution to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems. This award is specific to service outside of the Chapter.

**Nomination Process:** Submit a nomination not longer than one page detailing how the individual meets the criteria. Although not required, nominations supported by more than one Chapter member will receive the strongest consideration. List the names and contact information of Chapter members supporting the nomination on the nomination.

Please send nominations to Bart Gamett at bgamett@fs.fed.us no later than January 15, 2010. If you have any questions please contact Bart Gamett at bgamett@fs.fed.us or (208) 588-3420.

**Richard L. Wallace Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award**

Each year the Native Fish Committee selects nominees for the Richard L. Wallace Native Fish Conservationist of the Year. This award is presented at the business meeting of the Annual ICAFS. Look around and you will see you are surrounded by dedicated people of which one or more may be deserving of this award. This award is given in recognition for outstanding achievements in native fish conservation in Idaho. The achievements can be the life time of dedication and notable contributions or extraordinary achievements this past year. It can apply to an individual or even a selection of people. Take a few moments to think it through and draft a paragraph or more outlining the accomplishments the nominee. Nominations are not limited to a single nomination for a person or organization. Just because a colleague is nominating your nominee don’t refrain from submitting yours too. Send the nominee to vaughn.paragamian@idfg.idaho.gov.
Call for Award Nominations

Outstanding Mentor Award

Greetings. Hopefully, you are all winding down from a successful field season. Please take a minute to recognize one of your fellow workers for past efforts to mentor students/young professionals. Past award winners include Steve Elle, Ed Schriever and Christine Moffitt. Each of these winners was deeply touched by the recognition of their peers. We are currently soliciting nominations for the 2010 Outstanding Mentor for ICAFS membership.

The ICAFS Mentoring Committee wishes to remind chapter members to submit nominees for the 2010 Outstanding Mentor Award, to recognize a fisheries professional who has shown substantial devotion to assisting or mentoring Idaho fisheries students or professionals. The recipient of this award should meet or exceed the following criteria:

A current or previous fisheries professional.

Provided substantial assistance to Idaho fisheries professionals/students, with preference given to those who are or were active in ICAFS.

Demonstrated a sincere interest/devotion in seeing students and professionals succeed.

Provided ample learning and training opportunities for students and professionals to gain experience otherwise unobtainable without the assistance of the nominated professional.

Selection will be based solely on the above criteria, and not on other criteria such as professional achievements. Nominations should be submitted in the form of a single-paged letter describing how a particular professional has met the defined criteria, and please include the name, workplace, and contact information for the nominee.

Submit the nomination letter on or before January 15, 2010 via email or snail mail to Steve Elle (Mentoring Committee Chair) at: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 1414 East Locust Lane, Nampa, ID 83709, 208-465-8404 (225), steve.elle@idfg.idaho.gov

ICAFS Scholarships and a Support Grant

Deadline January 15, 2010

The Idaho Chapter is pleased to announce three annually awarded scholarships and a student support grant for students attending Idaho schools. These are as follows:

1. **Idaho High School Student Scholarship** – This $250 scholarship will be awarded annually to an Idaho High School Senior that is planning to attend a college or university located in Idaho.

2. **Idaho Undergraduate Student Scholarship** – This $500 scholarship will be awarded annually to an undergraduate student that is enrolled at a college or university located in Idaho.

3. **Idaho Graduate Student Scholarship** – This $500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduate student that is enrolled at a college or university located in Idaho.

4. **TOP (Travel and Opportunity) Grant** – This $50-750 grant will be awarded annually to any student enrolled at any Idaho school to assist the student’s pursuit of activities consistent with the mission of the American Fisheries Society.

These scholarships and the support grant were developed by the Mentoring Committee, are funded by the Idaho Chapter, and are administered by the Public Education Committee. Information and application materials are available on the Chapter website (http://www.idahoafs.org/). The application deadline is January 15, 2010. Winners will be announced during the business luncheon at the 2010 annual meeting. For more information, please visit the Chapter website (http://www.idahoafs.org/) or contact Lauri Monnot, Public Education Committee Chair, at lauri.monnot@deq.idaho.gov or (208) 373-0461.
Call for Award Nominations

Excellence in Aquaculture Award

This ICAFS award is given in recognition for outstanding achievement in the field of aquaculture or aquaculture related research (i.e. fish health, hatchery research, fisheries conservation, etc). Achievements may include a lifetime of work or exceptional accomplishments in the past year. This award can apply to an individual or a particular facility (i.e. hatchery, lab, research station, university, etc).

Please take a moment to recognize an individual or facility that uses aquaculture as an integral tool in order to meet program goals or conduct their research.

Nominations should be submitted in the form of a single-page letter outlining why the nominee (s) deserve to be the recipient of this award. Please include workplace and contact information for the nominee(s).

Nominations must be received by January 15, 2010

Please send nominations to Bryan Grant at:
390 Fish Hatchery Lane
Grace, ID  83241
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Fundraising Committee Needs Your Help!!!!!!

The Fundraising Committee is now compiling items for the 2010 annual meeting. As you all know the Idaho Chapter AFS does not charge annual fees or come soliciting funds event at the annual fundraiser helps the needed funds for scholarships and Your part is to come and spend you are in desperate need of your dona- from money, artwork, gift certifi- misc. donated items. Please help out day. Please contact Eric Stark at eric.stark@idfg.idaho.gov or John Cassinelli at john.cassinelli@idfg.idaho.gov and they would be very happy to take those things from you.
2010 Annual Meeting
Call for Papers!!!

Idaho's Native Fishes: Understanding Their Distribution and Abundance

Date and Location: March 3-5, 2010. Red Lion Hotel, 1555 Pocatello Creek Road, Pocatello, Idaho 83201, (208) 233-2200.

Workshop: 2 March 2010; Spring Creek Restoration (more information soon).

The deadline for paper submission will be December 18, 2009. Please submit papers (using the guidelines on the next page) to Ernest Keeley, 2009 Annual Meeting Program Chair, at: keelerne@isu.edu.

Get Your Paper Submissions In Today!!
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2010 Meeting — Guidelines for Paper and Poster Submission

Please use the following guidelines when submitting a paper or poster.

**Title**: The title should be short and concise and represent your research.

**Type of Paper**: Papers may be submitted in one of the following three categories:

1. **Oral Presentation, Contributed Paper, Related to Plenary Session**: The afternoon following the morning plenary session we will be holding one or two sessions for papers relating to the theme of the plenary session. The theme of the plenary session is “Idaho’s Native Fishes: Understanding Their Distribution and Abundance”. Papers presented in these sessions must be related to the theme of the plenary session and there is room for up to eight papers in these sessions. These papers will be presented on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 3.

2. **Oral Presentation, Contributed Paper, General**: These papers may be on any subject related to fisheries or aquatic science, policy, or management. These papers will be presented on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 3; Thursday, March 4; or the morning of Friday, March 5with the specific time of each paper determined by the program chair.

3. **Poster**: Posters may be on any subject related to fisheries or aquatic science, policy, or management. Posters and other materials should be capable of fitting onto a 4x4 foot space table space. You will be provided a rigid backing on which to hang the poster whereas you must provide materials for hanging such as tape or push pins. At least one author should be present during the poster session to answer questions. The timing of the poster session is yet to be determined.

**Type of Presenter**: Presenters should be identified as one of the following:

1. **Professional** — Any presenter not qualifying as a student
2. **Student** — A presenter qualifies as a student if he/she 1) conducted or assisted with the study while a student and 2) has not been employed in a professional level position (e.g. biologist, manager, etc.) for more than 4 years.

Presenters must also provide their affiliation, phone number, and email address.

**Abstract**: The abstract must be a single paragraph and be 300 words or less. The abstract should clearly and concisely state why you did the study, what you did, what you found, and what your results mean.

PLEASE HELP MAKE THIS AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE FOR THOSE PUTTING THE AGENDA TOGETHER. USE THE 2010 Idaho Chapter Annual Meeting Paper Submission example (given below) to submit a paper or poster.

Submit forms to: keelerne@isu.edu

Submissions that do not contain the information required above will be returned.

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**2010 Idaho Chapter Annual Meeting Paper Submission Example**

Demographic and genetic analysis revealed a significant, but highly variable, impact of hatchery-origin fish on the population structure of Chinook salmon in the South Fork Salmon River, ID.

John Q. Doe, Presenter, Nez Perce Tribe, 208-555-5555, johnd@whatever.org

Coauthors: Jane Q Doe, Nez Perce Tribe, Jean Doe, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Hagerman Genetics Lab, Jill Doe, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Hagerman Genetics Lab, Jacob Doe, Nez Perce Tribe

**Oral Presentation, Contributed, General**

**Professional**

In this study, demographic and genetic analysis results were used to evaluate the impact of hatchery-origin (HOR) Chinook salmon on the genetic stock structure of natural-origin (NOR) Chinook salmon in the upper South Fork Salmon River……up to 300 words.

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**2010 Idaho Chapter Annual Meeting Poster Submission Example**

Use of Thermal Marking for Age Determination of Salmonids.

Joshua Dent, Presenter, Idaho State University, 208-555-5555, johuad@isu.edu

Coauthors: Jane Q Doe, Idaho State University

**Poster**

**Student**

Thermal marking of salmonids…………………. Up to 300 words.
Upcoming Events!!

Coastwide Salmonid Genetics Meeting
June 2-4, 2010
Grove Hotel, Boise, Idaho

You are invited to attend the 2010 Coastwide Salmonid Genetics Meeting!
Please join us for a stimulating meeting with all of your top colleagues.

Important Information:
- Located at Grove Hotel in rockin' downtown Boise! (reservation info to come)
- Proceedings planned to be published in special issue of Transactions of the American Fisheries Society (more info to come)
- Two student travel scholarships (provided by ID AFS & Genetics Section AFS - more info to come)
- Mug at registration entitles holder to free beer at Banquet!
- Finish with a rafting trip on the Payette River!

Tentative Agenda:
Tuesday, June 1:
   Evening - Ice-Breaker Social
Wednesday, June 2:
   Morning - Plenary session: Genetic adaptation of salmonids
   Afternoon - Plenary and general session
   Evening - Poster Session
Thursday, June 3:
   Morning - General session
   Afternoon - Fluidigm Exhibit and Breakout Meetings
   Evening - Social & Banquet
Friday, June 4:
   Morning - General Session
   Afternoon - Rafting trip

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Chapter Supports National Fish Habitat Conservation Act

The Idaho Chapter Excom voted to express support for the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act (NFHCA). Stephanie Hallock with the Water Quality/Stream Hydrology Committee and Corey Lyman with the Riparian Committee drafted letters to Idaho’s Congressional Delegation urging support for the NFHCA. The Excom approved the letters and they were sent in September.

The NFHCA (S. 1214 -co-sponsored by Idaho Senator Mike Crapo-and H.R. 2565) implements the National Fish Habitat Action Plan, a national framework developed jointly by the states, federal agencies, business and the angling and conservation community that lays out a clear set of national goals and objectives for protecting, restoring and enhancing aquatic habitats on a national scale. Modeled after the highly successful North American Wetlands Conservation Act, this legislation will bring a strategic, science-based and action-oriented approach to freshwater and coastal habitat conservation and provide vital resources to support these efforts and leverage other public and private resources.

The Excom encourages individual members to review the proposed legislation and make your opinion known to your Congressman and Senators. The letters sent to the Idaho delegation on behalf of the Chapter may provide potential wording and can be found on the Idaho Chapter website homepage under "key links".

Riparian Committee Co-Hosts Technical Training

In the first week of October the Riparian Committee co-hosted a Streambank Soil Bioengineering Technical Training in Afton, Wyoming. The workshop was presented by Chris Hoag, Wetland Plant Ecologist and Jon Fripp, Stream Mechanics Engineer with the NRCS and covered topics including riparian plant identification, riparian plant propagation, and streambank stabilization using bioengineering treatments. The course was well attended with a total of 55 fisheries, wildlife, hydrology, engineers, botany, and range conservation professionals from multiple agencies and NGO’s from SE Idaho and Western Wyoming. The course was three days long with the last day as a field exercise hosted by the Caribou-Targhee National Forest on Crow Creek, Idaho. During the field exercise workshop participants rotated through several stations and implemented multiple bioengineering treatments resulting in over 500 feet of newly stabilized streambank. Rockin’ T Construction, the Crow Creek Restoration Project Contractor, donated excavator and operator expenses and was on hand demonstrating whole willow transplants, keying in large woody debris, and placing wetland sod lifts. Overall the workshop was a success with participants gaining important skills and knowledge to further protect and enhance streambanks across Idaho and Wyoming. Thanks for supporting this workshop and the Riparian Committee and to all, happy bioengineering!
Members of the Palouse Unit AFS (PUAFS) recently participated in the second annual Western Division AFS Student Colloquium hosted by Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado October 22nd-24th. The Palouse Unit would first like to thank ICAFS for their generous monetary donation which made it possible for us to travel to this meeting. During the meeting, PUAFS members were able to present their research to their peers, engage in hands-on field work, network with fellow students and fisheries professionals, and above all, gain a new appreciation for research being conducted in the western region of our country. The Palouse Unit would like to extend our thanks to the Colorado State University AFS chapter for organizing this educational and entertaining meeting. At the conclusion of the Colloquium, it was decided that PUAFS would host the 2010 Western Division AFS Student Colloquium in Idaho next fall!! This is very exciting for us as young professionals and we hope you will celebrate with us as mentors who have provided and continue to provide us with great wisdom in leadership of a great organization. Thank you once again to everyone who supported this endeavor!!

Idaho Fun Facts and Trivia!!

- Native Americans of Idaho (1500s-1600s) were the Lemhi, Shoshones, Bannock, Nez Perce, Salish, Paiutes, and the Piegan Indians.


- Idaho law forbids a citizen to give another citizen a box of candy that weighs more than 50 lbs.

- The Lewis and Clark Highway (US HWY 12) is the shortest route from the Midwest to the Pacific Coast and the longest highway within a national forest in the nation.
What year in school are you?
I am a senior this year and I will graduate in May 2010.

Why did you decide to pursue a career in fisheries?
Well, I've pretty much been fishing my entire life and I really got into fly-fishing when my dad showed me the art. I've realize since I moved here from Utah at age 10 that the longer I live in Idaho, the more I want to stay. I originally wanted to pursue a career in marine biology, but then was inspired by Dr. Ernest Keeley's fish ecology work and decided I wanted to incorporate my love of fishing into a career.

What has been your favorite college class to date?
I really enjoyed a class I took called developmental biology. The class recognizes key components of gene flow, the evolutionary history of species and how they are differentiated over extensive time. When applying this to fish ecology, it was interesting to look at the evolutionary history of fish.

Who has inspired you the most as a young fisheries professional?
My dad of course for taking me fishing and first exposing me to these great creatures that inspired my interest in this profession. Sam Matsaw and Carlos Camacho, both Dr. Keeley's graduate students have had the greatest influence on me. Since I work with them in our lab, every day they show me information and provide me with new insight into the world of fisheries. They have inspired me in such a way that I am looking into pursuing a graduate program in fisheries for the future.

What do you hope to accomplish as a fisheries professional?
Well, I would like to go to graduate school to start. I would like to work with fish in Idaho and I am interested in their biology and ecology as a whole. I am still open to ideas as far as what project I want to pursue as a graduate student and I find I am asking lots of questions still trying to narrow down a specialty. After I complete my graduate program, I hope to stay in Idaho and continue working in the fisheries profession.

How important do you think AFS will be in your future as a fisheries professional?
I think AFS will be a very important part of my future as a fisheries professional. Because ISU has such a broad spectrum without a narrowed scope specifically for fisheries like other programs, AFS allows me to keep in touch with other people interested in the same field I am interested in. I also know that not only is it important what you know, but also who you know so I think continued networking with other fisheries professionals will play a large role in keeping me in touch with various opportunities.

What is your favorite aspect of being a member of AFS?
By far, the people and the relationships I have gained. When everyone comes together with the same passion and interest in something, it really is a motivation factor. I enjoy interacting with other people who are interested in fisheries and I benefit from the great environment it promotes for relationship building and development.
Gill Raker Gazette

Student's Corner—Profiles

Palouse Student Unit AFS—Kristen Pilcher
Undergraduate—Ecology and Conservation Biology (ECB) and Fisheries Resources
Secretary—Palouse Unit AFS

What year in school are you?
I am a senior this year and I will graduate fall of 2010.

Why did you decide to pursue a career in fisheries?
Well, I am actually an Ecology and Conservation Biology (ECB) major, but I am getting a minor in Fisheries Resources. After experiencing an internship at Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station, I realized there are quite a few opportunities in fisheries research and the work was really exciting to me. I mean working and fishing on a river all day long while working alongside fun and exciting people, who wouldn’t want to pursue a career in fisheries?

Who has inspired you the most as a young fisheries professional?
Definitely Dr. Brian Kennedy. He has been a great mentor and advisor. When you work with him, he gets you so excited about the work you are doing and that inspires you to also get excited. He is very encouraging and is devoted in making sure all of his students succeed. Ellen Hamann has been an inspiration to me as well. Being able to work with her on a great project all summer was fun and has encouraged me in my project as well.

What do you hope to accomplish as a fisheries professional?
I would really like to continue working with steelhead and Chinook salmon. I would like to see the wild stocks improved and would like to be a part of that success. Whether that is going to graduate school or working for an agency that has a vested interest in this topic, I want to be there to be a part of it. I am very interested in the conservation of these wild stocks for the future. They are such an important symbol of the Pacific Northwest and this is where I grew up so I want to keep this symbol of my heritage for the future. I also want to increase public awareness of our fisheries. Fisherman and biologists are aware, but it would be great to eliminate the ignorance to the portions of the population that know nothing about our fisheries.

What was your favorite summer job?
This last summer I received a DeVlieg and Berkland grant which funded me to pursue an undergraduate thesis on research that is being conducted out at Taylor Ranch. Throughout the summer I worked closely with IDFG in gathering data on a recently installed screw trap on Big Creek which monitors outmigration of Chinook salmon smolts. I will be processing the data and incorporating other information such as time, size, and environmental factors such as flow, temperature and density. Once I have finished, I will present a thesis and give a presentation on my project. Along with that, this summer I also worked with Ellen and Brian on Upper Big Creek doing carcass and redd surveys along with angling for Chinook smolts for pit tagging. It was an exciting summer full of great experiences and working with great people. And of course getting paid to fish and be outdoors all summer long makes it all the more fun.

How important do you think AFS will be in your future as a fisheries professional?
I think being a part of an organization like AFS will be very important for my future. I have gained quite a bit from the networking that AFS inspires and for someone just entering the fisheries field, it has allowed me opportunities that I wouldn’t have had otherwise. As an ECB student, my classes concentrate more on general conservation and biology issues and AFS exposes me to the details of what fisheries conservation is all about which is my specific interest.

What is your favorite aspect of being a member of AFS?
Being a member of the Palouse unit has been an incredible experience and I have acquired friends and relationships that are invaluable. We are able to inspire each other as young professionals and that part is the most exciting to me. Being a part of the larger aspect of AFS is great because this organization upholds what I believe in. It is exciting that an organization can be so focused and yet so diverse at the same time making them able to inspire many young professionals in many aspects of fisheries.
Do You Know Your Fish in Idaho????

Name Each Fish (common and scientific name) and if it is Native to Idaho or Not!!!!!!

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Do You Know Your Idaho Fish????

Answers: How did you do???

1. Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) - Non-Native

2. Pacific Lamprey (*Lampetra tridentata*) - Native

3. Black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*) - Non-Native

4. Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki*) - Native

5. Channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) - Non-Native

6. Brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) - Non-Native

7. Longnose dace (*Rhinichthys cataractae*) - Native

8. Mountain whitefish (*Prosopium williamsoni*) - Native

9. Arctic grayling (*Thymallus arcticus*) - Non-Native

10. Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) - Native
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