



President's Message

Ann Marie Holtrop

I love fall! The cool air is such a refreshing change from the heat and humidity of summer. In addition to the seasonal changes of leaf colors and daylight, fall signals many important transitions affecting our Chapter including: field season to office, new academic year, officers within IL AFS, and fiscal years for state and federal agencies. Those of us attempting fieldwork this past summer were constantly reminded of the unpredictable nature of the weather. As high water persisted in many parts of the state, many field days were rescheduled, more than once in some cases. To those trying to complete fieldwork, fall marks the end of the season and brings new hope for better weather in the spring. For those in academia, fall offers a fresh start with courses and teaching, and brings an opportunity for keeping up with homework, grading, and other commitments that arise during the school year.

For the Chapter, fall announces the change of officers. As Jeremiah Haas our newly elected Secretary/Treasurer takes office, Jeremy Tiemann, Jim Garvey, and I assume our new duties. I appreciate the hard work and leadership that Jim provided to the Chapter during the past three years and look to him as a mentor as I begin my role as Chapter President. This fall we also welcome Laura Sass and Trent Thomas as our new members-at-large. On

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behalf of the Chapter, I thank Jeremiah Haas and Greg Sass, our outgoing members-at-large, for their enthusiasm at Excom meetings and for their assistance in defining the roles and responsibilities of the member-at-large positions.

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Fall also marks the arrival of new budget concerns for state and federal agencies. Budget issues played a large role in my inability to represent the Chapter at the National AFS meeting in Ottawa, and in the cancellation of our Continuing Education Workshop. For the past several years, the Chapter has anticipated agency budget shortfalls and has planned for decreased attendance at our annual meeting. Despite declining budgets, attendance at our meeting has been relatively stable. During the summer, the Excom was contacted by the President of the Iowa Chapter of the AFS about hosting a joint meeting this year. While meeting jointly with Iowa means we'll have to move our location from Rend Lake to the Quad Cities area, the Excom felt this was a wise move to ensure good attendance at the conference. We are very excited about meeting with our neighbors to the west, and hope that all of you will plan to attend the annual meeting. Jeremiah Haas is handling local arrangements for the meeting and has included more details about the meeting in this newsletter.

As a Chapter, we've been blessed by dedicated members, several of whom have been involved

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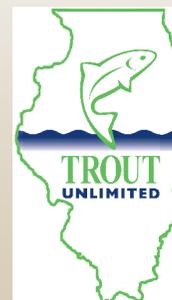


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since the Chapter's founding. In an effort to document our Chapter's past, Jim Garvey, Kevin Irons, and Bob Schanzle initiated an effort to interview long-standing Chapter members and document their thoughts about the Chapter. This is especially important as the Chapter transitions to a new generation of members and leaders. Although I have been involved with the Chapter for almost ten years, I still feel like one of the new folks. The past five Secretary/Treasurers have been relatively new to the Chapter, and have drawn considerable knowledge from the more established members. To maintain the strong tradition of the Chapter, it will be crucial for the new age class of members and leaders to understand the Chapter's past. When I attended my first Chapter function almost ten years ago, I had several mentors including Doug Austen, Dave Day, and Bud Fischer. These folks were instrumental in encouraging my participation in the Chapter and for helped me establish myself in Illinois. There are many new faces in IL AFS and I expect to see a lot more in the next few years. If you are new to the Chapter, welcome! I hope that

you will introduce yourselves to me at the next Chapter event. All of our Chapter members share a common passion for protecting Illinois' aquatic resources and that shared passion opens up so many doors for interacting across disciplines and institutions. As we conclude our 46th year as the Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, I look forward to working with all of you on ways to better protect and manage Illinois' aquatic resources.



Professional Travel Award Program

Don't forget about this excellent program from your Chapter. If you want to go to a meeting this year, send in an application for consideration. All the details are given below.

Purpose: To support travel to professional-level scientific meetings (e.g., Illinois AFS, Midwest Fish and Wildlife, Tech Committee Meetings)

Eligibility: All Professional Level Chapters Members, including both affiliate and active members

Support Level: Up to \$200 for one meeting (four awards given per calendar year)

Criteria: Preference given to presenters (paper or poster) and active chapter members.

Deadline: Applications are accepted twice annually. In the fall, applications are due the first Friday of October each year. In the spring, completed applications are due the third Friday in February. The spring competition is dependent on availability of funding.

Applications available from Awards Chairman Steve Pescitelli (steve.pescitelli@illinois.gov) or online at <http://fisheries.siu.edu/ilafs/>



*First meeting of Illinois Chapter
of Am. Fisheries Society*

Changing with the Times...



The votes are in! It was a close race, but Chapter members selected logo option 4 as the new Chapter logo. If you have ideas for apparel or other items sporting our new logo or would like to help with the sale of these items, please let Ann Marie Holtrop know.



“Limited Resources, Unlimited Potential”

This is the theme for the 2009 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, which will be held in Springfield, IL on December 6-9. Planning for the conference is well underway thanks to conference co-chairs John Epifanio and Eric Hellgren. I have been participating on the planning team and would welcome assistance from all members interested in the conference. So far, the IL Chapters of the Fisheries and Wildlife Society have been asked to coordinate the raffle for the Midwest Conference in 2009. The Chapters served a similar role in 1999 when the conference was last held in Illinois, and the state societies made thousands of dollars from the event. We do such a great job on raffles that this seems like a good role for IL AFS to serve. Additionally, we have been asked about our interest in helping with student events during the conference. The Excom plans to discuss the Chapter's role in the conference during our October meeting. If you are interested in helping with the conference in general or the raffle specifically, please contact me.

—Ann Marie Holtrop



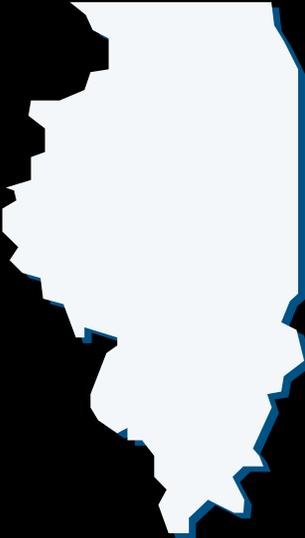
ILAFS Annual Meeting to be held jointly with Iowa Chapter

As the program begins to develop, it's not too early to remind all of you that the upcoming annual meeting will be jointly held with the Iowa Chapter. The meeting is scheduled for February 24-26, 2009 at the Fifth Season Hotel & convention center. This

is the former Moline Holiday Inn that we've had several conferences in the past. Please plan on attending and help the program committee by pre-registering by February 2nd.

A block of rooms has been reserved with the hotel at the government rate of \$70.00 for either single or double bed rooms. The block is held until January 24, 2009. Please let them know you will be attending the American Fisheries Society Meeting when you register. Hope to see you all there.

Look for a registration form in the next newsletter. If you don't receive it on time, you can always go to the chapter website <http://fisheries.siu.edu/ilafslindex.htm>



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Abstracts on topics of interest including rivers and streams, urban fishing, watersheds, lake and reservoir management, hatcheries, introduced species, and water quality are encouraged.

Deadline for abstract submission is January 31st

Oral presentations should be 15 minutes in length with 5 minutes for discussion. Maximum size for poster presentations is 40" x 60". Abstracts for both oral and poster presentations should be no more than 250 words. Please submit them electronically in either Microsoft Word or Word Perfect format to Jeremy Tiemann (jtiemann@illinois.edu), or they can be sent via US mail on a floppy disk or CD ROM (arriving by the deadline date) to:

Jeremy Tiemann
 Illinois Natural History Survey
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This form is available electronically at <http://fisheries.siu.edu/ilafs/> and should be included with the submission.

8th Annual AFS Student Colloquium

“Dam it! Impacts of Impoundments on Fisheries”

Date:

November 7 – 8th, 2008

A welcoming social will take place on Friday evening, November 7th and student presentations will begin on Saturday, November 8th.

Location:

Pikeville, TN at Fall Creek Falls State Park

Important Dates:

The early registration and abstract submission deadline for oral and poster presentation is set for **September 17th**. Abstracts can be submitted at the TTUSFA website (<http://orgs.tntech.edu/sfa/>). A block of 50 rooms have been reserved for the Colloquium and a reservation deadline is set for **September 25th**. Please contact Fall Creek Falls State park for reservations (1-800-250-8610). Oral presentation will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

Theme:

The theme for the Student Colloquium is “Dam it! Impacts of Impoundments on Fisheries”. However, we realize that not all students are conducting research related to impoundments; therefore, please feel free to submit other presentations pertinent to fisheries research, such as fish or aquatic invertebrate ecology and taxonomy.

Registration:

Registration will be \$20 for early registration by **September 17th** and late registration will be \$25. Registration includes a T-shirt, welcoming social, breaks, Saturday box lunch, and dinner at the bonfire social.

For More Information:

Additional information on the student colloquium can be found at <http://orgs.tntech.edu/sfa/> or by contacting Tyler Black at ttufisheries@gmail.com

IL AFS Executive Committee Reminder

The next IL AFS Executive Committee (Excom) meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Mallard Room at the IDNR Headquarters building in Springfield. If you have any issues or ideas that you would like discussed, please contact Ann Marie Holtrop.

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Student Subunit News

The annual meeting of the Illinois Chapter occurred at Cliffbreaker's River Suites, Rockford, Illinois from Tuesday, February 26, 2008 through Thursday, February 28, 2008. SIUC AFS members organized an outreach display to provide information about the aquatic research being conducted by the SIUC Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Center. The display included posters and oral presentations describing ongoing SIUC research in toxicology, genetics, fisheries ecology and management, and aquaculture.

The second annual SIUC Student Subunit of American Fisheries Society fishing derby occurred during the month of April, 2008. Hundreds of fish, including largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish, and

others, were tagged and released back into Campus Lake. Those that caught tagged fish and were returned to the Fisheries office were placed in a drawing for prizes.

The Urban Fishing Program (UFP) occurred during the months of June and July at Campus Lake on SIUC campus. UFP is an IDNR-sponsored, state-wide project geared toward teaching youngsters how to fish. Our members taught children between the ages of 5-12 how to bait hooks, throw the line, and handle fish correctly.

Seven student members traveled to Ottawa, Ontario to participate in the Annual Meeting of the AFS parent society from August 17, 2008 through August 21,

2008. Our members displayed posters and presented oral presentations that described ongoing SIUC research in toxicology, genetics, fisheries ecology and management, and aquaculture.

In October, Team Hog will once again rally to roast a whole hog for the Annual Subunit Picnic. Where SIUC AFS members will gather to feast, socialize, and play games.

—Quinton Phelps



Fishbowl Forum

The Southern Illinois University AFS Subunit sponsored an intramural softball team this year. It was a winning season for the Fishheads, they went 3 and 2 and enjoyed every minute of it.



**Pictured left to right; front row: Lynn Vaughn, Nick Wahl, Amanda Brennan, Melody Saltzgiver, Heather Calkins, Jen Eichelberger, Lisa Fisk
Back row: John Zeigler, Tyler Mehler, Quinton Phelps, Dawn Sechler, Jacob Albers**

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STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The mission of the Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries and aquatic science and promoting the development of fisheries professionals. Thus, the purpose of the Student Research Awards Competition is to provide financial incentives for outstanding student research projects to promote the conservation, development, and wise use of the Illinois fisheries.

WHO CAN APPLY: Students attending any accredited Illinois college or university, who maintain a cumulative GPA equal to or greater than 3.0 may apply.

AWARD: A maximum of four awards per year will be granted. Each grant is eligible for up to \$500 depending on the quality of the proposal.

APPLICATION: Applications require submission of a proposal packet, which includes a proposal cover sheet, abstract, project description, budget, resume of candidate, and two letters of recommendation.

DEADLINE: Completed proposals must be received by the Chair of the Student Concerns Committee of Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society by the first Friday of November each year. Send applications to:

Trent Thomas

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

301 South Date Street

Gibson City, IL 60936

SELECTION: All award proposals will be reviewed and selected by the Student Concerns Committee of the Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of January each year. At or near the end of their research, recipients of the ILAFS grant money must present their research findings at an IL AFS meeting.

CONTACT: Trent Thomas at the above address or phone: (217)784-4730 or e-mail: Trent.Thomas@illinois.gov

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VHS Interim Rule Published

USDA-APHIS-VS is establishing regulations, see attached, to restrict the interstate movement and importation into the United States of live fish that are susceptible to viral hemorrhagic septicemia, a highly contagious disease of certain fresh and saltwater fish. In 2005 and 2006, viral hemorrhagic septicemia was detected in freshwater fish in several of the Great Lakes and related tributaries. The disease has been responsible for several large-scale die offs of wild fish in the Great Lakes region. This action is necessary to prevent further introductions into, and dissemination within, the United States of viral hemorrhagic septicemia.

As of the publication of the VHS interim rule, the regulated U.S. States are Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The regulated Canadian Provinces are Ontario and Quebec. The current list of VHS-regulated species and areas can be found at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_dis_spec/aquaculture/downloads/vhs_fed_order.pdf. Changes to the list will be updated at this site.

The new rule includes three requirements for susceptible fish leaving positive states.

1. The fish source must have a current farm level inspection. For farms with protected water supplies (well, fish free spring, disinfected water), this means 150 fish of the susceptible species must be tested. The inspection is good for 6 months. Sample size requirements decrease after two and four years. For farms that do not have protected water supplies, inspections are good for only 30 days after they are reported and the sample size stays at 150 fish.
2. Each shipment of susceptible species leaving a positive state must be visually inspected by a veterinarian or the State Competent Authority for Animal Health (the state agency that regulates fish health) within 72 hours prior to shipping.
3. The same veterinarian or authority that does the visual check of fish health must be satisfied that the equipment that will be used to ship the fish has been properly disinfected. This does not require the physical presence of the veterinarian or authority during the inspection process.

When these three conditions are met, the veterinarian or authority that conducts the 72-hour visual inspection and oversees the disinfection will issue a signed certificate of inspection containing information listed in the Interim Rule. Each shipment requires a separate certificate and signature.

An FAQ explaining the various components of the new VHS Interim Rule will be available on the APHIS website at 4:30 EST this afternoon. It can be accessed at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_dis_spec/aquaculture/

DATES: Effective date: This interim rule is effective November 10, 2008. Comment dates: Comments on the interim rule are due on or before November 10, 2008. Comments on the environmental assessment are due on or before October 9, 2008.

Please note that the Interim Rule will go into effect on November 10 as it is currently written. When the Rule is eventually finalized at some point in the future, APHIS will use the comments submitted to consider any changes to the Rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. P. Gary Egrie, Senior Staff Veterinary Medical Officer, National Center for Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 46, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-0695.

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