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Editors' Note

Happy New Year! We hope you all made the trek to the North Country for the annual meeting - our caps off to the AFS National meeting organizers! Our Chapter meeting, *Fisheries Management from Mountaintop to Sea: Lessons from the Hudson River Basin*, will be February 8-9 at historic West Point in the lower Hudson Valley. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

We continue to progress toward electronic newsletter distribution. Please note that if you have previously indicated you are willing to receive an electronic notification of the newsletter release, you will not receive a mailed copy; the notification will provide a link to the newsletter page of the chapter website. If you prefer electronic notification and have already requested it, please contact Secretary/Treasurer Scott Jones Scott.Jones@DevineTarbell.com. Keep sending articles, abstracts, briefs, humor, or other items of interest for the newsletter. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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President's Corner

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I ended my last President's Corner with: "See you in Lake Placid next month." I hope you all were able to get there. I know I saw many of you. The final attendance figure of 1,980, makes the 136th Annual Meeting the second largest in AFS history and the largest in the lower 48. It was hands down the best Professional Meeting I have ever attended. I had very little to do with any of the planning or the running of the meeting, but I was very proud of the results just the same. The vision that Ed Woltmann described to me years ago, took form and was accomplished beyond my expectations. I don't know how AFS Lake Placid 2006 can be topped. I would like to take this opportunity to give many thanks to all who had a role in this success. The website <http://www.afslakeplacid.org> is still active and includes many pictures of the many events.

The next opportunity for us all to meet is rapidly approaching. Our Chapter's 2007 annual meeting has been set for February 8th and 9th at the Thayer Hotel in West Point. The theme is "Fisheries Management from Mountaintop to Sea: Lessons from the Hudson River Basin." Fred Henson has already brought together an eclectic group of speakers that fit both the theme and likely have broad application throughout New York and beyond. The Thayer Hotel is a great venue, and I hope we will draw attendance from all corners of our State. Look for more details on the meeting in this newsletter, and remember to make your reservations by mid-January in order to assure yourself of a room.

My experience of representing the New York Chapter of AFS as President over the last ten months has been very rewarding. I have met so many enthusiastic professionals and students from across New York, the country, and the world. This has broadened my idea of where our Chapter can go in the future and how we might contribute to our Parent Society. I have also had the pleasure of working with a great group of people who currently are serving as Executive officers and other

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committee chairpersons both in the New York Chapter and with the Northeastern Division. This all will help me and others to continue to be active and serve our Chapter for years to come. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

See you in West Point next month.

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Chapter News

Thank You from the Lake Placid 2006 Organizing Committee

Thank you from the Lake Placid 2006 Organizing Committee. All of us on the Lake Placid AFS 2006 Organizing Committee thank those of you who found your way to Lake Placid this past September. We hope you enjoyed the meeting and your stay in the Lake Placid as much as we enjoyed putting together the meeting for you. The final registration number of 1980 (a special number to this Olympic Village) makes the 136th Annual Meeting the 2nd largest of all time and the largest in the lower 48. As a remembrance of the 136th Annual Meeting, we have put together a number of Photo shows highlighting conference activities for you to enjoy. The Photo shows can be viewed on the conference website www.afslakeplacid.org [1].

We also have a supply of conference fleece vests in XL and XXL and Fishtoberfest T-Shirts in L and XL that we are selling for the discounted price of \$15 for the vests and \$12 for the T-Shirts. All of the vest proceeds and a portion of the T-shirt sales will go to the David Bryson Fund in honor of our fisheries colleague in New York who passed away earlier this year. To order, please specify size, quantity, include a check payable to AFS Meeting 2006, and send to:

AFS Meeting 2006
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Bureau of Fisheries, Floor 5
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4753
518-402-8893

Environmental Issues

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia found in New York State waters: Sweeping changes made to New York State and Federal regulations pertaining to fish collection, transport, and sale

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS), a viral fish disease previously undocumented in the waters of New York State, was linked to several fish kills this summer including a walleye fish kill in Conesus Lake. While previously known strains of the VHS virus primarily affected salmonids, the strain found in New York this summer has been demonstrated to infect percids, esocids, centrarchids, cyprinids, and a number of other taxa not formerly known to be

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susceptible. Because this strain of VHS virus differs markedly from previously known strains, it is difficult to fully predict its impact on the fish communities in which it becomes established. However, the lengthy list of susceptible species suggests that it is capable of cutting a wide swath. A more detailed summary of VHS related information can be found here: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish/vhsv.html>

One of the more alarming developments this fall was the isolation of VHS virus from emerald shiners from the Niagara River. Emerald shiners are a species widely collected from New York State waters, including the Niagara River, transported live, and then sold as bait. This situation has prompted some dramatic changes in Federal [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/aqua/pdf/vhs-fed-order_ogc-changes.pdf] and State [<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/press/pressrel/2006/2006204.html>] regulations that will be of direct interest to anyone involved in commercial aquaculture or who collects, buys, sells, or uses fish as bait. The NYSDEC emergency regulations took effect on November 21st and permanent regulations for containing VHS have been proposed in an effort to reduce New York State's vulnerability to emerging aquatic pathogens. For concise answers to the question of "How will the new state regulations affect me?" I recommend browsing the questions and answers found here: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish/fhregs.html>

The DEC will hold several public informational meetings around the state to address the VHS situation. A full schedule of these meetings may be found in the DEC press release web page cited above. In my capacity as program chair for the upcoming annual chapter meeting, I have solicited several talks on the biological and public policy aspects of this disease. However, the public comment period for the proposed state regulations expires on January 22nd. Therefore, chapter members who wish to comment on the proposed regulations should do so immediately. Comments may be submitted electronically at <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/propregs>.

- Fred Henson -

Professional Incentives Committee

The following are awards and criteria for chapter awards:

Honorary Member Award

The Honorary Member Award is for significant involvement and accomplishments by an individual to the Chapter or official position (i.e. Guest Speakers). Nominations should include a brief biography and discussion of the significant involvement and contributions towards conservation of fisheries/aquatic resource within the Chapter. The only criterion for the award is that the nominee must be a member in good standing.

Professional Achievement Award

The Professional of the Year Award is awarded to an individual employed in a field related to fisheries and aquatic resources. Nominations for individuals should include a brief biography along with information pertaining to service, impact on the resource and other

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professional, and significant accomplishments. Eligible accomplishments by the nominee can be in one of the following categories: Leadership and Development, Education, Aquaculture, Management, Research and Technical Support.

- Only members in good standing can make nominations
- The recipient must be a member in good standing
- The award is based on fisheries related work in New York

Conservationist of the Year Award

The Conservationist of the Year Award is for significant involvement and accomplishments by an individual or group not employed in the fisheries or aquatic resources field (i.e. Conservation or Angler Groups). Nominations should include a brief biography and discussion of the significant involvement and contributions towards conservation of fisheries/aquatic resources. The only criterion for the award is that the award is based on fisheries/aquatic resource related work accomplished in New York.

Please take some time and think about your peers who deserve recognition.
sarah.zappala@hdrinc.com.

Student Sub Unit

The Student Sub-unit's focus for much of the past year was the organization and selling of AFS Lake Placid t-shirts at the Parent Societies Annual Meeting in September. Traditionally the Student Sub-Unit of the host Chapter is responsible for purchasing and selling shirts at the annual meeting. Profit from the shirt sale goes to funding student activities for the host Chapter. Based upon sales at the 2005 Alaska meeting and anticipated attendance at Lake Placid a total of 1000 shirts were purchased for the Lake Placid meeting. Students from SUNY Morrisville and several Chapter EXCOM members spent much time during the meeting selling shirts. Unfortunately sales were less than expected and only about one half of the shirts were sold. Factors contributing to the lower than expected sales were; lower demand than at the Alaska meeting, and direct competition with other shirts being sold at Lake Placid. Shirts in most sizes, and in both the tan and forest green colors are still available. If you would like to purchase a shirt please contact Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Scott Jones [Scott.Jones@DevineTarbell.com]. Shirts will also be sold at the upcoming New York Chapter Meeting.

- Mark Arrigo -

Website

We are moving (but you will never know). The New York Chapter website is moving to a new home. We are changing our website host. The new host offers better quality server hosting software, more storage space, and (hopefully) a more user-friendly file transfer interface. This move will allow me to be more responsive in updating the website and spend less time debugging technical glitches. You won't have to go looking for us though; our URL address is still: <http://www.newyorkafs.org/>

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Also, are you still dependent on your paper copy of the NYCAFS newsletter? New newsletters are posted to the website (<http://www.newyorkafs.org/newsletters.htm>) and archived with previous ones. Scott Jones and I have worked to add all NYCAFS members for whom we have email addresses to the newsletter email notification list. This list is used for the notification of posting of new newsletters and important announcements from the executive committee. If you are not on this list, please send an email to me at snyderw@morrisville.edu. Our goal is to move to a solely electronic distribution of the newsletter, which will represent a significant savings to the chapter.

As always, if you are having any difficulty with the website or in downloading the newsletters, drop me a line and I will do what I can. See you in February.

- Bill Snyder -

Workshop

Mark Malchoff is now chairing the Workshop Committee. If you are interested in a **GIS workshop**, please contact Mark at 518-564-3037 or mark.malchoff@plattsburgh.edu or Dick McDonald ASAP at: (607) 753-9391 ext.40.

New Members

Free Fish CD and Book! Annual chapter dues are only \$10 (\$5 for students). The first 50 new chapter members (not a member for at least 5 preceding years) receive a free copy of the NYCAFS's CD *Historic Distribution of Inland Fishes of NYS: Map Series* by E. C. Raney, which provides the New York distribution of 131 freshwater fish species. In addition, the first 20 members of the Chapter who become new members in the parent organization American Fisheries Society in 2006 will receive a free copy of the *Guidelines for the Use of Fishes in Research*.

Scott Jones, Sec./Treas.

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National AFS news

AFS has a mailing list that includes individual postings regarding fish and such as announcements, job opportunities and requests for information. You can subscribe to receive these in normal email mode or in digest mode. To subscribe, e-mail to: daemon@fisheries.org and enter SUBSCRIBE AFS in the body of the e-mail.

AFS Information on the Web

Web site <http://www.fisheries.org>

Information on 2006 Annual meeting <http://www.afslakeplacid.org>

What's new at AFS? <http://www.fisheries.org/html/WhatsNew.shtml>

AFS Book Store at <http://www.fisheries.org/cgi-bin/hazel-cgi/hazel.cgi>

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AFS Job Center Online: <http://www.fisheries.org/jobs.shtml> <http://www.fisheries.org/jobs.shtml>
Renew your AFS Membership online at <http://www.fisheries.org/forms.shtml>
Browse featured articles from Fisheries at: <http://www.fisheries.org/fisheries/fishery.shtml>

New titles from AFS

The AFS Guide to Fisheries Employment, Second Edition, David A. Hewitt, William E. Pine III, and Alexander V. Zale, editors. 229 pp., paper, 2006

This updated handbook provides education, employment, career advancement, and professional development guidance to fisheries students and professionals. Includes practical advice building undergraduate skills, designing an effective resume, and pursuing graduate studies.

Stock Number: 550.53P

List price: \$12 / AFS member price: \$8

Landscape Influences on Stream Habitats and Biological Assemblages, Robert M. Hughes, Lizhu Wang, and Paul W. Seelbach, editors. Symposium 48 698 pp., paper, 2006

U.S. and Canadian authors synthesize current knowledge about landscape–river relationships, river research, and river management; compile large regional, spatially referenced, survey data sets on river network characteristics; explore and describe patterns and relationships across survey sites, reaches, and catchments; and develop management and decision tools.

Stock Number: 540.48P

List price: \$69 / AFS member price: \$48

Partnerships for a Common Purpose: Cooperative Fisheries Research and Management

Alesia N. Read and Troy W. Hartley, editors. 270 pp., hardcover, 2006

Based on a September 2005 Sea Grant-sponsored AFS symposium, this book presents case studies, empirical research, and practical advice on innovative techniques used by cooperative partners working on cooperative fisheries research and/or management programs.

Stock Number: 540.52C

List price: \$60 / AFS member price: \$42

Salmon 2100: The Future of Wild Pacific Salmon, Robert T. Lackey, Denise H. Lach, and Sally L. Duncan, editors. 629 pp., hardcover, 2006

Restoring wild salmon to the Pacific Northwest is a daunting challenge. In this innovative book, 36 salmon scientists, resource managers, and policy experts identify realistic options to restore and sustain wild salmon runs in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and southern British Columbia through this century.

Stock Number: 550.50C

List Price: \$39 / AFS member price: \$27

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Online bookstore link: <http://www.afsbooks.org/index.html>

Order by phone: 678-366-1411

What is the largest bony fish?

Steve Lochmann, Education Section - Membership Committee

If you are like me, you probably waited until the last minute to renew your AFS Membership for 2007. When you renew, please consider this invitation. The Education Section of the American Fisheries Society invites you to join our Section. Education Section activities, including preparation and revision of textbooks, support of student travel to meetings, and compilation of brochures on academic programs and fisheries career opportunities. One focus of the section is undergraduate and graduate education. However, the Education Section also supports lifelong learning of all fisheries professionals. We encourage all fisheries professionals to expand their minds through the pursuit of new knowledge. To that end, we are sponsoring a “Largest Fish” contest.

What is the largest bony fish known to science? If you think you know the answer, email your response to slochmann@uaex.edu. We will provide a small incentive to some lucky individual, randomly chosen from among the respondents with the correct answer. Take some time, explore the possibilities, and see what there is to learn about really big fish. You must be a member of the Education Section to be eligible for the “small incentive.”

Upcoming Events

February 8 - 9th NY Chapter AFS Meeting, Thayer Hotel at West Point Military Academy.
“Fisheries Management from Mountaintop to Sea: Lessons from the Hudson River Basin.”

Abstracts, Reports and Briefs

Abstract

New York's blue crab fishery

Amanda Cossman, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Although New York blue crabs are believed to be at the northern edge of their range, they support an important commercial fishery in the state. Landings have generally increased over the past 100 years but have been subject to considerable variation among years. In 1996, New York fishermen landed a historic high of 2.3 million pounds of blue crabs. The blue crabs are primarily taken by pots, but the winter dredge fishery is important as well. The Hudson River Estuary is an important area for all stages of blue crab development. The blue crabs in the Hudson River sustain a large recreational fishery from shore and also maintain a small, but viable commercial fishery. The largest commercial landings are near the Tappan Zee Bridge (RKM 43). Seasonal movement within the estuary and recreational and commercial harvest patterns in and out of the estuary have been examined using Floy tags.

Abstract

The behavioral ecology of blue crabs in the Hudson River Estuary

Gregg Kenney MA Thesis SUNY New Paltz Steven Jury

Blue crabs in the Hudson River are on the northern fringe of their geographic range and have had little research directed at understanding what aspects of their life history may be different in a northerly climate. Juvenile and adult blue crab abundance in the upper Hudson River was estimated using three different gear types over a 17 year period (1988-2004) and were evaluated to examine relationships between life stages and patterns of abundance in relation to water temperature and conductivity.

The three gear types evaluated in this study (beach seine, impingement and standard crab pots) were found to estimate abundance consistently between gear types, despite potential sampling artifacts. Young of year blue crabs were found to utilize the upriver Hudson River (RM 52 – 140) in a pulse in the fall of the year and were observed at southern sites (RM 52 – 78) earlier and at higher abundance than northern sites (RM 96 – 140). Water temperature affected both the overall utilization of the riverine portion of the Hudson River as well as the relative utilization of the upriver and downriver region within the river. The number of young of year blue crabs was also positively related to the number of adult blue crabs in the following year. Adult blue crabs were more abundant in the downriver region and peak abundance was in the summer and early fall. The interannual abundance of adult blue crabs was also affected by both the summer water temperatures of that season and the severity of the winter water temperatures the prior year.

Most crabs observed in this investigation were male as both juveniles and adults. Juvenile crabs moved northward in the late summer and fall of the year into the upper Hudson River. These crabs likely spent the winter in the upper Hudson River and grew to maturity during the following spring and summer. Adult crabs captured in the summer and fall were then observed moving in a southerly direction and were captured as far south as New York Harbor and Raritan

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Bay. This southerly movement exposes adult blue crabs to warmer winter water temperatures and likely decreases overwinter mortality.

Jobs

AFS Job Center Online: <http://www.fisheries.org/jobs.shtml> <http://www.fisheries.org/jobs.shtml>

Research Scientist 3 (Toxicology) **Salary:** \$67,775 - \$81,012 **Location:** NYSDEC Albany, NY

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree and four years of professional experience in fish or wildlife toxicology or similar specialty; or a master's degree and three years of such experience; or a doctorate in the appropriate field and one year of such experience.

Duties: Act as Leader of the Biota Contaminant Monitoring Unit in the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources; lead the Division's Hudson River efforts regarding remedial activities, with special emphasis on research and surveillance. Efforts will focus on contaminants in fish, wildlife and their habitats and habitat restoration and protection; will coordinate with natural resource damages

Send resume to: Ms. Sherri Williams, Personnel Administrator
Bureau of Personnel
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-5060

Fax: 518-402-9038 **e-mail:** smwillia@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Deadline: Close of business January 17,2007

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Meeting Update and Second Call for Papers

New York Chapter American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting February 8-9th, 2007 – West Point, NY

Fisheries Management from Mountaintop to Sea

Lessons from the Hudson River Basin From its mountain source to its estuarine confluence with the sea, the Hudson River, together with its tributary waters constitutes a microcosm of the fisheries management issues common to New York State. These issues are framed by a dynamic set of environmental and social parameters. Some of these parameters are important only on a very local scale while others are remarkably consistent throughout the Hudson River Basin. In soliciting plenary session presentations, the program committee has sought to assemble a program that encompasses the geographic and ecological diversity of the basin. The committee has also sought out topics that will allow the membership to compare and contrast fisheries research and management efforts throughout the basin and take away information applicable to their own work. Our keynote speaker, Frances Dunwell, Coordinator of the Hudson River Estuary Program, will provide her perspective on the status of Hudson River research and management efforts.

If you would like to speak on this or any other topic or to suggest a speaker for the plenary session please contact program chair Fred Henson ASAP at 315-337-0910, or fmhenson@gw.dec.state.ny.us. There are still a few open slots in the plenary session and we have begun accepting contributed papers and posters. The deadline for abstracts is January 19, 2007.

The registration fee is \$100 for chapter members, \$120 for non-members, and \$55 for students. Registration fees include a small social on Wednesday night, mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks (including snacks and beverages), and the Thursday night social and dinner. A large breakfast buffet is available every morning for an additional charge.

Meeting Venue

The 2007 annual chapter meeting will be held at the Thayer Hotel at West Point. “Set on a hilltop overlooking the majestic Hudson River, The Thayer Hotel at West Point is a national historic landmark located in the heart of the Hudson Valley NY.” With beautiful vistas, 151 luxury guest rooms, 10 meetings rooms, and fine dining, The Thayer Hotel at West Point will be an ideal location for our annual meeting. “Listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, The Thayer Hotel sits on the grounds of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and of all the luxury New York hotels, it is the only full-service hotel on the Hudson River from the George Washington Bridge to Albany, NY.” Further information on hotel amenities and local points of interest are available at www.thethayerhotel.com.

A block of rooms has been reserved until **January 15** for meeting attendees at a **special rate of \$97 per night plus tax**. Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel Thayer directly at 845-446-4731 or by calling 1-800-247-5747. In either case, mention that you plan to attend the NY AFS meeting to specify our reserved block. Tax exempt agency employees should be prepared to present appropriate identification/documentation at check-in. We encourage you to reserve early, as the hotel will be actively trying to fill their rooms. Additional questions concerning local arrangements should be directed to Mike Flaherty at 845-256-3066 or mjflaher@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

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All Individuals must present government or state issued photo identification for gated entry onto the USMA at West Point. In order to gain entry through the gate you may also be required to allow your vehicle to be searched.

There are several ways to get to the Thayer Hotel, and the hotel's website is a great source for directions at <http://www.thethayerhotel.com/directions.html>. For instance: from the NYS Thruway exit 16, pass through the toll, take the first exit and turn left at light. Follow signs to Route 6 and Bear Mountain Bridge. Enter traffic circle before the bridge (3rd exit off traffic circle). Take the West Point/Highland Falls exit. Follow signs towards the visitors center until reaching Thayer Gate (South Gate). The Thayer Hotel is just beyond the gate on the right.

We anticipate that the switch over to a new web host for the NY-AFS Chapter Website will soon be complete and our website will be fully updated to also include additional meeting details [<http://www.newyorkafs.org/>].

2005 Annual Treasurers Report



2005 Receipts



Balance as of January 01, 2005						\$34,976.50
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Beginning Balance (all accounts)	\$34,976.50	\$36,545.14	\$52,436.00	\$54,949.78	\$47,127.35	
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RECEIPTS	3/31/2005	6/30/2004	9/30/2004	12/31/2004	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET
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Membership	\$180.00	\$1,183.12	\$10.00	\$949.12	\$2,322.24	\$ 2,500.00
2005 Annual Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,510.41	\$0.00	\$2,510.41	\$ 7,000.00
Raffle	\$1,001.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,001.00	\$ 750.00
2005 Workshop	\$1,825.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,825.00	\$ 3,000.00
Misc. Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Interest	\$79.10	\$40.24	\$40.75	\$40.81	\$200.90	\$ 250.00
Other (NY Fishes)	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	
Lake Placid	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$18,500.00	
Misc(*****)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,100.10	\$17,223.36	\$5,061.16	\$989.93	\$26,374.55	\$ 13,500.00



2005 Expenditures



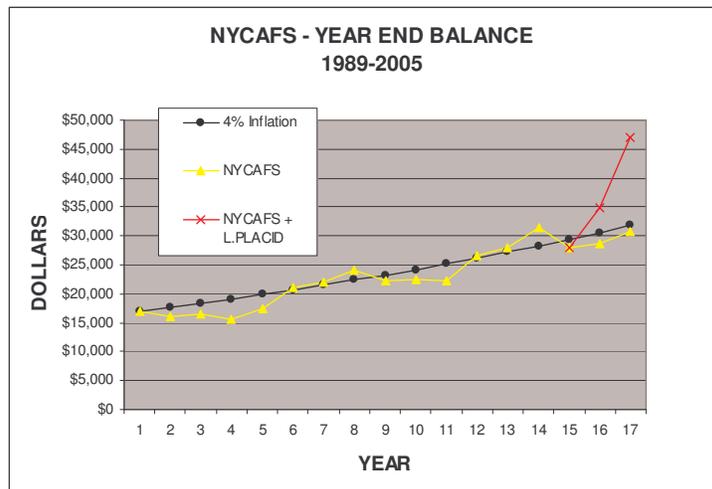
EXPENDITURES						
2005 Annual Meeting	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,230.00	\$ 7,000.00
2005 Work Shop	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$ 1,800.00
Misc. Workshop(Picnic)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 500.00
Newsletter/Membership Lists	\$233.84	\$314.50	\$367.49	\$491.25	\$1,407.08	\$ 700.00
Postage	\$336.96	\$76.82	\$59.90	\$59.50	\$533.18	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$9.98	\$0.00	\$19.96	\$29.94	\$ 100.00
Raffle	\$171.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$171.10	\$ 200.00
Stipens/Best papers/poster/travel	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$ 600.00
NED Officer Meeting Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 450.00
AFS National Meeting Expense	\$0.00	\$606.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$606.20	\$ 1,000.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$ 600.00
Award Plaques:	\$159.56	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$184.56	\$ 50.00
Lake Placid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,119.99	\$6,166.61	\$8,286.60	
Misc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.04	\$75.04	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,531.46	\$1,332.50	\$2,547.38	\$8,812.36	\$14,223.70	\$ 13,500.00
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Ending Balance (all accounts)	\$36,545.14	\$52,436.00	\$54,949.78	\$47,127.35	\$ 47,127.35	

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Balance as of January 01, 2005 \$ 26,167.76

	3/31/2005	6/30/2005	9/30/2005	12/31/2005
Checking statement	\$ 5,507.47	\$ 5,358.09	\$ 4,930.70	\$ 5,788.48
outstanding checks	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34.00
+outstanding deposits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,520.41	
Checking balance	\$ 5,507.47	\$ 5,358.09	\$ 7,451.11	\$ 5,754.48
Money Market Acct.	\$ 24,817.76	\$ 24,858.00	\$ 24,898.75	\$ 24,939.56
rate	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%
Total S/T Accounts	\$ 30,325.23	\$ 30,216.09	\$ 32,349.86	\$ 30,694.04
Total Lake Placid Accounts	\$ 6,219.91	\$ 22,219.91	\$ 22,599.92	\$ 16,433.31
Total All Accounts	\$ 36,545.14	\$ 52,436.00	\$ 54,949.78	\$ 47,127.35

NYCAFS YEAR END BALANCE



2006 Annual Business Meeting Minutes



Annual Business Meeting Minutes

New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

February 1, 2006

Radisson, Utica, NY

President McKenna opened the meeting with a few short announcements:

- *Jim extended his thanks to the Excomm and specifically to Bill Gordon, Web Pearsall, and John Homa for their wealth of institutional knowledge.*
- *After review of last years business meeting minutes, Allen Peterson motioned to accept minutes, 2nd by Fred Henson, passed unanimously*

Allen Peterson lead a discussion of the history and the nexus of Dave Bryson and the proposed memorial fund was purposefully reluctant to commit to specific details. Allen suggested that a new line item be set up in our budget for a specific amount (Example: \$5000) with the annual interest distributed to a worthy scholarship recipient. The following motion was presented 2nd ed, and passed unanimously.

“Motion be made that the New York Chapter American Fisheries Society set aside \$5,000 (plus any donations received) for an internal memorial fund in the name of Dave Bryson. Distributions from the fund would be evaluated on an annual basis with the exact criteria to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Discussion continued. John Homa made a few minor clarifications and the question was asked about the current rate of interest the chapter was making on the current accounts. Treasurer Jones identified that the interest rate that the chapter was receiving was pretty low at this time, but that the Excomm has given permission for transfer of some chapter monies into a higher interest bearing account.

President McKenna gave brief reports on the NED meeting, the Alaska Conference, and let everyone know about the Lake Placid presentation at the banquet.

NED – Margaret Murphy discussed the following points and topics:

- *This past NED meeting was in Virginia Beach*
- *This years meeting is in Burlington, VT from April 23-26 at the Sheraton in Burlington, please attend, need to make quorum. Several special symposia will be offered:*
 - *Black Bass Symposium – NE Fisheries Director Ken Sprinkle*
 - *Cooperative Marine Resources Workshop.*
- *Currently the NED website is defunct, but is being worked on and will be linked to the parent webpage by next month, located at NEDAFS.org*
- *Official Website for the conference is coming soon and can be found at NEAFWA.org*
- *NED is sponsoring a symposium in Nova Scotia from June 17-22, 2007 on diadromous fish with the proceeds going to NED*
- *There is a new student subunit – University of Maine, the first one in Maine, new bylaws have been approved by AFS. This is a good avenue for other chapters to get more students involved (SUNY-Cobleskill is currently only student subunit in the NYC – not sure about SUNY Morrisville)*
- *The NED stick has been passed (occurs on a three year basis) to Saul Saila. This award goes to the NED member with the longest tenure in the division – Ed Cooper revised to allow others chance to hold award – Saul Saila has been a member of the NED the second longest amount of time.*
- *Parent has reduced its student membership rates to \$19 with free online access to journals.*
- *Margaret is the 2006 co-chair of student activities for Lake Placid. NED sponsored student activities include:*
 - *Guest speakers*
 - *Colloquium*
 - *Career fair*
 - *NFP*

- Academic
- Government (state, federal, local)
- Private/industry
- Social
- Live Band
- Possibly a mentoring lunch
- NED bylaws have been updated and will be out for review soon.

Parent Society Meeting – Lake Placid 2006:

- Doug Stang gave a brief summary of the Lake Placid Parent Society Meeting Status and mentioned that they had 34 accepted proposals for the symposium, but that they were a little light on contributed papers.
- The website for the Lake Placid Meeting is up and running and is located at AFSLakePlacid.com

There will also be:

- Adirondack Craft Show
- Student Social
- Offsite Social – 1st Annual Fishtoberfest
- Bands, fireworks, and wine tasting
- 20 committees have been set up and they will be having 5 meetings between now and Lake Placid
- The meeting theme will be – “Fish in the Balance – Conflict vs. Resolution”

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jones presented the 2005 Annual Treasurers Report. Treasurer Jones explained the money for the 2006 meeting in Lake Placid and how that figures in to the chapters accounts. Auditor Arrigo conducted an audit of the 2005 books – everything was in order.

As this year was an election year for the 2-year position of Secretary Treasurer and there were no nominations or recommendations for nominations Allen Peterson motioned to have the Secretary cast one vote for Scott Jones as Treasurer. Bill Snyder 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Program. Fred Henson – Fred will be staying on as our program chair

Newsletter: A. Petersen, L. Surprenant – Keep the articles coming if they don't make it in the current edition, they will be kept to include in the next edition. Newsletter will no longer come as a hard copy to those who have chosen to receive it by electronic means

Website: B. Snyder – Bill presented his report and indicated that the website had been recently updated and periodic updates would occur now that some of the restrictions at his location have been changed. The Excomm inquired about the feasibility of absentee balloting using the web page and it was agreed to table this effort while Bill looks into what this type of effort will take. Discussion took place regarding the ability for the website to adapt a slide show feature. Bill will look into this further. Also Bill has asked all members real photos of fish and fish work for inclusion on the website.

Membership: Mike Flaherty – Mike has been working on a couple of membership ideas such as a design idea for the website that would be used for announcements. Mike has asked Secretary Jones for a list of the membership. Secretary Jones will provide to him on or before the next Excomm meeting.

Student Sub-Unit: M. Arrigo – Mark noted that in the last NY Chapter newsletter there was a separate section from the ESF student sub-unit and wanted everyone to be clear that they are not actually a part of the New York Chapter. Mark has contacted companies for developing the design and production of the T-Shirts for the Lake Placid Meeting. Several questions were raised by Mark (i.e. what color, how many colors, what design, sizes, etc.) and there was much discussion and it appears that Mark has a plan to move forward and recommends that our order be in by July 1. The Chapter will be assisting the student sub-units with a T-Shirt sales opportunity at the Lake Placid Meeting, the design and sequestering of the T-shirts is being worked on.

Mark believes that the student sub-unit needs to be reorganized to be more like the format of other state chapters and what Parent would like to see. There is an opportunity to have a student sub-unit as a voting member to increase their involvement in the Chapter. The bylaws would need to be amended to accommodate a restructuring of the student sub-unit. It is recommended that all student sub-units would require a faculty advisor with all of the formalities.

Professional Diversity/ Youth Aquatic Education: D. Dittman, C. Ewell-Hodkins – *Although New York had no selections for last years Hutton Awards, we are trying again, forms have been mailed out and the deadline for their submission is coming soon. Cara is using her teaching to enlighten students to the opportunities offered by the Chapter and the Hutton Program. We will keep trying. Tom Hughes discussed his participation in the Hutton Program as a participating mentor working on walleye in the 1,000 Islands Region.*

Native American Affairs: - D. McDonald – *Dick is looking for and potentially has representatives for the three geographic regions of New York. Parent website is still down; Dick found information on another web page which parent did not have. The Northern New York representative (Joyce Barclay) is planning on attending the upcoming eel meeting*

Resolutions/Environmental Concerns: R. Vaas – *Update of previous reports, no new business.*

Workshop: Mark Malcoff – *Mark is still trying to acquire a location in Albany area. Plans are moving forward for another GIS workshop to be hosted by D. McDonald.*

Nominating: J. McKenna - *Nominations for President Elect for 2006 include John Cooper and Emily Zollweg.*

Professional Incentives: - *No Report. Jack Hasse recommended for chair.*

Audit/Finance: M. Arrigo - *No Report. Plans have been made to audit the books prior to the 2006 Annual Meeting.*

Miscellaneous:

Result of the election determined that Emily Zollweg has been voted in as the president elect.

Mike Flaherty was sworn in as the 2006 president.

President Flaherty presented the budget. Secretary Jones moved to accept the budget, Jim McKenna 2nd, passed unanimously, budget approved.

President Flaherty discussed improvements for membership with better tracking and other improvements. He also indicated the chapters willingness to assist with Lake Placid, and announced the need for professional incentives chair

Jim McKenna was formally thanked for his service and was presented with a past-president plaque.

Doug Carlson mentioned the Adhoc committee for Biodiversity of Fishes, and presented a call for interest.

Bill Snyder made a motion to adjourn the Annual Business Meeting, Fred Henson 2nd, passed unanimously and meeting adjourned.