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Editors' Note

Welcome to the Spring 2013 newsletter! Many thanks to all who submitted newsletter items in a timely manner! If you would care to submit something for the Summer newsletter, please email it to me at eczollwe@gw.dec.state.ny.us by August 15, 2013. I'm especially looking for fish stories and student happenings... Also please make sure that Erik (ejlatrem@gw.dec.state.ny.us) has your correct email address in order to ensure uninterrupted delivery of the newsletter!

Emily Zollweg-Horan, Newsletter Editor

President's Corner

Spring is almost here, according to my calendar anyway, and as such, time for my inaugural column as chapter president. Before I tell you a little about myself, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Frank Flack for the outstanding job he did as president this past year. The chapter's financial standing is strong, with an active membership approaching 200 in 2012. I can only hope to continue the high standards he has set for the chapter during his tenure. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Scott Schlueter as our new Secretary-Treasurer. Scott will work closely with Scott Jones, our current Secretary-Treasurer, over the next year to ensure a smooth transition. Mr. Jones' performance over the past several years was invaluable to the chapter's success, and he will be missed dearly. Please extend a special thanks to him over the coming year if you get a chance. Finally, we've enlisted the services of Geof Eckerlin as part of our Communications Committee in an effort to develop additional means to "get the word out" regarding chapter news and business. Welcome Geof.

This year's chapter meeting in Watertown, NY was a huge success. Great job Frank! We had a total of 115 registered participants, of which 16 were students. Congratulations to our award winners:
Conservationist of the Year – Carlton Goodwin
Student travel awards – William Fetzer, Christina Killourhy, Scott George, and Konstantine Rountos
Dave Bryson Memorial Scholarship Award – William Fetzer
Best Student Talk – Scott George
Best Student Poster – Alex Alexoides and Arthur Sinicropi

The raffle netted a total of \$500. Thank you to everyone who participated. The Benthic macroinvertebrate identification workshop was also a great success, thanks to the efforts of our workshop chair, Chris VanMaaren, and the instructors, Dr. Neil Ringler and two of his PhD students. A total of 42 individuals from throughout the state participated in the workshop.

As for some background on me – I attended SUNY Cobleskill earning my AAS in Fisheries and Wildlife and then continued my education at SUNY ESF earning my BS in Forest Biology. After ESF, my first "fish job" was as a Seasonal Fisheries Technician for NYSDEC at the Ray Brook office. From there I landed at the Cornell Biological Field Station as a technician in 1987. I started my career at Cornell under Drs. John Forney and Dave Green, and have since worked for Dr. Mark Olson, Dr. Lars Rudstam, and am currently working as a Research Support Specialist II for Dr. Randy Jackson. Since my arrival at the Field Station, I was able to earn my MS from Cornell University through the Employee Degree Program, as well as take a 4-year hiatus from Cornell to experience the private sector working at O'Brien & Gere in Syracuse, NY. The bulk of my time at OBG was spent managing the Natural Resource Advisor Program associated with the BP Gulf Oil Spill. While managing scientists responsible

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for protecting the Gulf Coast's natural resources during clean-up operations was both challenging and rewarding, my professional interests have always been in warmwater fisheries management and research, with a special interest in the human component of the resource.

One of my main priorities as president of NYCAFS will be to explore options to increase chapter membership. In my opinion, the greatest asset the chapter provides is information exchange, and the more members we have, the greater the opportunity to develop ideas and knowledge from a diverse knowledge base. I'll be continually looking for ways to increase membership so please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts or ideas.

Finally, we are currently working on arrangements and the theme for our next chapter meeting. Right now, we are considering several locations around the state but hope to settle on a final destination over the next couple of months. The theme and associated program are even less certain and suggestions or ideas are welcome.

Tony VanDeValk, President

Chapter News

Annual Meeting

Website

<http://newyorkafs.org//index.html> The eCommerce site has been updated and if anyone has issues, concerns, or comments please feel free to have them contact me at ejlatrem@gw.dec.state.ny.us with your questions or suggestions.

Erik Latremore, NYSAFS Webmaster

The New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society would like to formally invite you to join our Facebook group to stay informed and communicate with other members. You will be able to view job announcements, current events, or even catch up with good 'ol friends. If you do not have a Facebook account, type www.facebook.com into your web browser and fill out the information under "Sign Up." We have a link from our new website as well under Social Network. Join us soon to stay in the loop and help us help you help our fisheries resources ;-). If you have suggestions and ideas on how to manage or what to post on our Facebook site, we would like to hear them.

For our members not interested in Facebook, we also have a LinkedIn group which can be found by searching "NY Chapter of the American Fisheries Society." This forum is available for discussion of chapter and professional related items. Our chapter website is still the "go to" place for job announcements, meeting announcements, newsletters etc.

Northeast Division



Plan to Attend!

69th Annual Northeast Fish & Wildlife Conference
Sunday, April 7 - Tuesday, April 9, 2013
Saratoga Hilton Hotel ~ Saratoga Springs, New York

About the Conference

This annual event will attract over 500 **natural resources professionals** in the fields of **wildlife biology, fisheries and fisheries management, information and education and law enforcement**. The event provides opportunities for education, discussion, and exchanging of ideas. Highlights include: workshop sessions, keynote speakers, poster displays, and social networking events.

Location & Lodging

The host hotel for the 69th Annual NEAFWA Conference is the Saratoga Hilton Hotel in Saratoga Springs, New York. Overnight accommodations are available for a **discounted group rate of \$135.00 / night** plus tax. Reservations must be made by March 14, 2013 to receive the discounted group rate!

Please call the hotel directly at 1-888-866-3596 and be sure to mention that you are with the Northeast Fish & Wildlife Conference to receive the group rate.



NEAFWA Conference | c/o Delaney Meeting & Event Management | 1 Mill Street, #315 | Burlington | VT | 05401

Announcements

The latest edition of the NE Division Fish Rapper can be found at <http://www.fisheriessociety.org/ned/>. Thank you to everyone who submitted material- it is always interesting to read about everyone's research, upcoming events, and other happenings in the division. Thanks again and can't wait to hear from you all again in August! --Megan Altenritter

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AFS News

Dear AFS Members,

The American Fisheries Society is seeking nominations for the **2013 AFS Meritorious Service Award**. This prestigious award, first presented in 1986, is presented annually to an individual AFS member for unwavering loyalty, dedication, and meritorious service to the Society throughout the years and for exceptional commitment to the Society's programs, objectives, and goals. The award recipient will be honored at the 143rd annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 8-12, 2013.

AFS is blessed with members that deserve to be recognized for their considerable contributions. I encourage you to nominate worthy candidates for this prestigious award by the **April 1, 2013** deadline. Details for the Meritorious Service Award and information on other AFS awards are available at http://fisheries.org/awards_call. You can also contact Gail Goldberg, AFS awards coordinator, at ggoldberg@fisheries.org, or 301-897-8616 X 201 for more information about the Society's awards.

Nominations should include the candidate's name, full contact information, biographical information and/or history of the nominee's service (not to exceed 3 pages) to the Society. Letters supporting the nomination are welcome. Nominations and any supporting letters may be sent electronically via email or as hard copy delivered by mail, or fax (email, in PDF format preferred).

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<u>1986:</u> Robert F. Hutton	<u>1987:</u> Mercer H. Patriarche
<u>1988:</u> Elwood A. Seaman	<u>1989:</u> Reeve M. Bailey
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<u>1992:</u> Mary R. Frye	<u>1993:</u> Kenneth Carlander
<u>1994:</u> C. Richard Robins	<u>1995:</u> Christine M. Moffitt
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<u>2002:</u> Larry Olmsted	<u>2003:</u> John Ney
<u>2004:</u> Carolyn A. Griswold	<u>2005:</u> Stan Moberly
<u>2006:</u> Christopher Goddard	<u>2007:</u> Paul J. Wingate
<u>2008:</u> Roger A. Rulifson	<u>2009:</u> Joe Margraf
<u>2010:</u> Fred A. Harris	<u>2011:</u> David W. Willis
<u>2012:</u> Patricia Mazik	<u>2013:</u> TBD

Attention AFS members: We realize that most members cannot attend the Society's annual meetings, where a lot of good science information is communicated. As a partial substitute, AFS is making available podcasts from many of the sessions of the St. Paul annual meeting of last August. To access those podcasts, please go to

<http://fisheries.org/afs-2012-meeting-podcasts>

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Fisheries Techniques, Third Edition

Alexander V. Zale, Donna L. Parrish, and Trent M. Sutton, editors

1,009 pages, hardcover, with glossary and index

Published by the American Fisheries Society

Available January 2013

\$104.00 list price, \$72.80 AFS members

To order: <http://afsbooks.org/55067C>

The comprehensive instructional and reference volume on fisheries sampling and analysis techniques. This new edition describes the techniques and approaches used to collect and analyze fisheries samples and data, with a greater emphasis on quantitative techniques and estuarine and marine systems. Most chapters have been rewritten and all have been updated to include recent technological, analytical, and philosophical advances. A comprehensive glossary of terms is included.

The book is intended for practicing fisheries professionals, researchers, professors, and advanced undergraduate and graduate students.

Contents:

- 1 Conducting Fisheries Investigations (Alexander V. Zale, Trent M. Sutton, and Donna L. Parrish)
- 2 Data Management and Statistical Techniques (Michael L. Brown, Micheal S. Allen, and T. Douglas Beard, Jr.)
- 3 Safety: Skills, Attitudes, Facts, and Equipment (Charles R. Berry, Jr., Don Dennerline, and Roger Rulifson)
- 4 Freshwater Aquatic Habitat Measurements (William L. Fisher, Michael A. Bozek, Jason C. Vokoun, and Robert B. Jacobson)
- 5 Care, Handling, and Examination of Sampled Organisms (Cecil A. Jennings, Brian L. Sloss, Becky A. Lasee, Gary J. Burtle, and Gregory R. Moyer)
- 6 Passive Capture Techniques (Wayne A. Hubert, Kevin L. Pope, and John M. Dettmers)
- 7 Active Fish Capture Methods (Daniel B. Hayes, C. Paola Ferreri, and William W. Taylor)
- 8 Electrofishing (James B. Reynolds and A. Lawrence Kolz)
- 9 Collection, Processing, and Identification of Fish Eggs and Larvae and Zooplankton (William E. Kelso, Michael D. Kaller, and D. Allen Rutherford)
- 10 Invertebrates and Plants (Wendell R. Haag, Robert J. DiStefano, Siobhann Fennessy, and Brett D. Marshall)
- 11 Design and Analysis of Tagging Studies (William E. Pine, Joseph E. Hightower, Lewis G. Coggins, Matthew V. Lauretta, and Kenneth H. Pollock)
- 12 Fish Kill Investigation Procedures (Keith B. Floyd)
- 13 Fisheries Acoustics (Lars G. Rudstam, J. Michael Jech, Sandra L. Parker-Stetter, John K. Horne, Patrick J. Sullivan, and Doran M. Mason)
- 14 Length, Weight, and Associated Indices (Robert M. Neumann, Christopher S. Guy, and David W. Willis)
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- 16 Diets and Energy Flow (James E. Garvey and Steven R. Chipps)
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AFS Information on the Web <http://fisheries.org>

Jobs

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

<http://newyorkafs.org/NYCareers.html>

Interesting Stuff

2013 Ice fishing clinics

DEC – Region 4 Fisheries

DEC's Bureau of Fisheries teamed up with several stakeholders to conduct two free ice fishing clinics this winter in Region 4's Otsego County. Both events were advertised in the local papers and a DEC press release beforehand to lure attendees on behalf of the Governor's recent expansion of license-free fishing days in NYS. These events are non-competitive and geared towards kids and new comers to the sport. DEC Fisheries staff and volunteers typically provide support to anglers by drilling holes and setting/baiting tip ups and jigging rods at these events while other stakeholders serve up free warm food and beverages under a heated pavilion (when available). Outreach and education materials and lectures are often shared by the working staff.

Our first winter event in 2013 was held on Saturday January 26 from 10 am - 2 pm at Crumhorn Lake. ECO Tom Harrington teamed up with Bob Pierce of the Otsego Co Sports Federation to organize their first ever public ice fishing event. Home base as set up at the Henderson Scout Reservation compliments of the Otschodela Council BSA where Federation volunteers set up shop with two propane heaters under a tarped pavilion.

On this ice cold (<20°F) but sunny but calm morning over 100 locals came out and we counted ~70 people on the ice by late am. Many jigged with spikes without a bite and once the cold wind arrived around noon, only a few hardy souls remained. Crumhorn fish were just not biting despite 50+ baits in the water. The days catch was very bleak and discouraged even the veteran ice anglers present. Around mid-am a stray dink chain pickerel was reported caught offshore on a tip up, then 2 dink yellow perch were caught on tip ups during final retrieval around 1pm. A second small chain pickerel dropped off one of the perch caught at the end of the day. We call this a short distance release (ha)! Overall the event was a success in getting people outdoors to enjoy the resources despite the weather. Federation folks saved

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the day with their complimentary warm food and beverages. Scott Cornwell (DEC) provided the much needed in-house education to the new ice anglers.



Group photo (L to R): Ariel Gallo, Scott Cornwell, Scott Wells, John Gray, Dan Ouellette, Tom Harrington

The second event was the 4th annual free ice fishing clinic held on Wednesday February 20 from 10 am - 2 pm on Otsego Lake at Glimmerglass State Park. OPRHP and DEC staff has teamed up to run this event each winter since 2010 with variable success. Home base in 2013 was back at the park on Otsego Lake (no ice in 2012) compliments of OPRHP staff that opened and heated their beach house for the public.

This was certainly not the day to have an outdoor event with steady winds (gusts to ~40 mph) and blustery cold (<20°F) but there was no changing the schedule. Despite the miserable weather about 65 locals came out and ~30 people were on the ice during the day. Again the bite was slow but we did manage to land 3 chain pickerel (18-19" TL) and a 10" perch on tip ups. Very little jigging was done due to the high winds and several other pickerel were lost on tip ups among the many wind flags that day.

Tom Hughes (Parks) provided the in-house education to anglers once again with lectures on ice fishing techniques using various gear on display for the public and even demonstrated how to fillet several fish we had caught the previous day on the lake. Overall the event was a success in getting people outdoors to enjoy the resources despite the weather. Having a warm shelter for the public is strongly recommended as you just never know what mother nature will dish out. Thanks to OPRHP with their complimentary snacks and warm beverages.

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Adirondack Research Consortium

Better Information for Better Decisions

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - 2013 STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Joan Weill Library Paul Smith's College, Paul Smiths, NY

APRIL 13, 2013, 10:00 – 3:00

Sponsored by the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation

The Adirondack Research Consortium is pleased to announce a program highlighting the top research being conducted by graduate and undergraduate students in and around the Adirondack Park. The Consortium is inviting abstracts for paper and poster presentations at the 2013 Student Research Symposium on April 13, 2013 at the Joan Weill Library on the Paul Smith's College campus. Students will have the opportunity to present their research on a panel or as a poster. Select panel presentations will be invited to participate in the 20th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks, May 15th & 16th, 2013 in Lake Placid. All poster presentations will be invited to the Annual Conference. Students will also have opportunity to work with the Executive Editor of the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies in a workshop on publishing research during the Symposium. Working with the Executive Editor, select presenters will have opportunity to have their work published in the Journal. Snacks and lunch for participants will be provided. Students are responsible for their own transportation.

Submissions for the Student Symposium are due by April 3, 2013 and should be in the form of an extended abstract as detailed below. We encourage faculty with undergraduate or graduate students conducting research relevant to the Adirondack Park to solicit applications for this program that will draw attention to the high-quality contributions students are making towards our understanding of the region.

Guidelines for Extended Abstracts:

- Any abstracts that do not adhere to guidelines will not be reviewed for the program.
- All abstracts should be submitted electronically as Microsoft Word documents to info@adkresearch.org with the name of the student and the phrase "2013 Student Research Symposium" in the e-mail subject heading.
- Abstracts should be written with a minimum of 12-point font in a legible text (preferably Arial or Times New Roman) and either 1.5 or double-line spacing. Pages should have a minimum of 1" margins.
- The lead author must either be currently a student, or have graduated within a year of the time of submission. The lead author should indicate if they are an undergraduate or graduate student and should identify a major professor familiar with the work. The lead author must indicate all students participating in the Symposium.
- Abstracts should include a logical title and the list of authors. The main body of the abstract should be between 500-800 words. A single table of figure can be included with the extended abstract if appropriate (this should be as an embedded image, not a separate file). A literature cited section is not necessary.
- For more information please contact Executive Director, Dan Fitts, at 518-327-6276.

Review Process:

Following the submission deadline, abstracts will be reviewed by the Consortium for acceptance to the Symposium. Review criteria include the relevance of the research to the Adirondack Park, the scientific rigor of the research, the novelty and creativity of the research, and the clarity of written presentation in the abstract. Candidates will be notified by April 5th 2013 of acceptance for presentation.

PLEASE SHARE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WITH A FRIEND!

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