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Editors' Note

Welcome to the Spring 2012 newsletter! I hope this newsletter finds you itching to get out and do good fisheries work! 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 1, 2012. 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

Wow! As I write this we have just concluded "The winter that wasn't" with record shattering warmth in March. Although we had plenty of safe ice in the North Country, it is the first year since college (a very long time) that I didn't go ice fishing. With streams already at their summer lows let's hope for consistent rainfall, but no hurricanes or tropical storms, the rest of the year.

Congratulations to past president Ed Woltmann and his arrangement co-chair Joelle Ernst, on our excellent annual chapter meeting in Lake Placid, the home of our highly successful 2006 parent society meeting. Program Chairs Don Einhouse and Jeff Loukmas, assembled some remarkable speakers especially for the special session on "Black Bass Management in the Northeast". Who would have thought that bass in the northern part of their range would behave differently than those to the south? Workshops coordinated by Chris VanMaaren on Mussel ID and Leadership were also well received.

Kudos also to our special awards recipients. The Good Ole Boys BASS club was the winners of the Conservationist of the Year Award. They have voluntarily helped maintain and installed fishing line receptacles at many of our boat launch sites in Central New York. Chuck Nieder of the NYSDEC Steam Electric Unit was a co-winner of the professional achievement award. His work on minimizing the impacts to aquatic resources from impingement and entrainment has literally saved millions of fish. Sadly, longtime member and friend, Stephen Mooradian, received his professional achievement award posthumously. His family and friends were there to receive the award.

For the first time we had a tie for the best student paper awards between Christina Killourhy and Margaret Luebs. The best student poster award went to Alex Koeberle. Alejandro Reyes and Katherine De Vilbiss won student travel awards.

With the election of Tony VanDeValk as president and Scott Schlueter as secretary-treasurer, the chapter will be in good hands in the future.

As I mentioned in my bibliography last year, I am still optimistic on job opportunities within the state. My agency has recently hired 10 Fish Culturist 1s and three biologists (two in ecology and one in wildlife). Our budget is flat for the next year but at least it is not decreasing like the past three years. Through normal attrition positions should hopefully be backfilled. Other agencies and not for profits have also been hiring using funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and other grants. Also the biologist 1 exam or recruitment process will be opened sometime this year. We will post the announcement and all job vacancies received on our chapter website.

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For those of you that get to work out in the field, enjoy the summer!

Frank Flack
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Chapter News

You To Can be President of the New York Chapter

The search is now on for the next great president of the New York Chapter of AFS and it could be you! Having just completed my tenure as Chapter President I can truly state that it was a great experience and one that I would encourage any member of the Chapter to pursue. I was as hesitant as anyone to take on this challenge initially, but with the assistance of a knowledgeable executive committee, it was pretty much impossible to screw up. We are currently looking for candidates to be our next Chapter President. This individual would take office following the 2014 annual meeting. In addition to the honor of leading what I feel is one of the finest AFS Chapters in the country, the President will also represent the Chapter at the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference, as well as the Annual AFS Meeting which will be held in Quebec City in 2014. Interested candidates should contact Past President Ed Woltmann @ 518-402-8893 or by e-mail at efwoltma@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

Ed Woltmann
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Awards



2012 Student Poster Award Winner Alex Koeberle and Student Paper Award winners Margaret Luebs and Christina Killourhy with Chapter President Frank Flack. Alejandro Reyes and Katharine De Vilbiss also won Student Travel Awards.

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Website

Please feel free to email 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 new 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.

Workshop News

Recent Workshops: Two workshops were offered in conjunction with the annual meeting held in February. Both the Freshwater Pearly Mussel and Leadership workshops were well attended and received praise from attendees. The Chapter would like to thank presenters Amy Mahar, Jenny Landry and Dr. Ernie Stretton for sharing their expertise.



Upcoming Workshops: The winter/early spring of 2013 will offer both our NYCAFS annual meeting and the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference as venues for workshops in NY. If you have any suggestions for workshop topics please contact Chris VanMaaren at cevanmaa@gw.dec.state.ny.us or (315) 785-2268. Workshops can held any time during the year.

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Northeast Division

The Winter 2012 issue of the Northeast Fish Rapper is now available at the NED website:
http://www.fisheriessociety.org/ned/docs_newsletter.htm
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Please visit the DSRRN website for more information on the following announcements
www.umaine.edu/searunfish

Funding: Northeast Region Fish Passage Team Capabilities and Services

Resources: Rainbow Smelt Website and Atlantic Salmon General Conservation Plan Webpage

Restoration Efforts: Year of the River: Video of Elwah River and Video on Large Woody Debris on the Narraguagus River, Maine

Publication: Implications of sense of place for recovery of Atlantic salmon and other imperiled fishes

News: Photography Exhibit Celebrates Penobscot River Restoration

WANTED: Restoration News from Maritime Canada and other Eastern Seaboard States! Please help us spread the word. If you have a restoration project, article, or job/funding opportunity in your area, please let us know!

If you have announcements or questions or would like to be removed from this list please contact the Science Information Coordinator (contact information below). Please keep submissions brief and be sure to include a web link with each submission. Thanks!

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East Coast Trout Management and Culture Workshop V

"Conservation and Management of East Coast Trout Resources in an Increasingly Crowded World"

June 11 - 13, 2012

Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD

The Southern Division AFS Trout Committee announces the ***Second Call for Papers*** for the 5th East Coast Trout Management and Culture Workshop June 11 - 13, 2012, at Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland.

Coldwater conservation, management and trout production efforts are incrementally being impacted by the effects of increasing human population and activities on biological and social conditions, and even more complicated by the added challenges posed by invasive exotic organisms. This Fifth East Coast meeting presents a unique opportunity for an incredibly diverse gathering of individuals interested in our cold water resources to gather and discuss vital issues facing the future of these resources. Our hope is that the information exchanged and discussed at the meeting will help biologists, managers, conservationists, and anglers be more aware of what they can do to help protect all coldwater resources for future generations. Towards this goal we are encouraging presentations on the following topics:

- ***Stream restoration for native and wild trout: Biological success stories, why they worked and value to the community.***
- ***Assessing the value of long-term datasets (>10 years): Revelations, pitfalls, and strategy changes in response to static and shrinking staff and budgets.***
- ***Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS): We know they're here, are they impacting our cold-water resources?***
- ***Living in the 21st Century: The role of new technology in gathering and disseminating fisheries information, particularly for the "silent majority" stakeholders.***
- ***The three "R's" of Brook trout management: Regulations, Re-introduction, and Restoration.***
- ***21st Century genetics techniques and their practical application for today's fisheries managers.***
- ***Water quality threats to east coast wild trout resources: Acid deposition, AMD, and Marcellus shale drilling?***
- ***Private land protection and the future of brook trout: How TU, land trusts and agencies are partnering to secure coldwater fisheries.***
- ***Tailwater trout management: Balancing conflicting resource use desires between anglers, landowners, recreational interests, and private industry.***
- ***Coldwater culture for the future: Challenges and new opportunities.***
- ***Biosecurity, disease, and Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) threats to coldwater hatchery production.***
- ***The role of coldwater hatcheries in native trout restoration and wild trout fishery establishment.***

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Additionally presentations regarding all facets of trout conservation, management, and production are welcome. Fisheries managers, culturists, researchers, administrators, and sportsmen are encouraged to attend this workshop and to submit an abstract(s) for review and inclusion in the conference program. Presentations will be 20 minutes in length (15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for Q&A) and may include reviews of pertinent works and recently completed studies or preliminary results that are innovative solutions to the challenges we face in managing our coldwater resources. Those wishing to present at this workshop must send an abstract to Alan Heft (aheft@dnr.state.md.us) for management topics or George Duckwall (george.duckwall@dgif.virginia.gov) for culture topics by **March 30, 2012**. Abstracts or extended abstracts should be in MICROSOFT WORD and follow the instructions for authors in the Manuscript Format section for the North American Journal of Fisheries Management (<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=ujfm20&page=instructions>). Abstracts can be up to four, double spaced pages with additional tables and figures. All accepted abstracts will be published in the meeting proceedings, and should include a title, name and address of each author, and the telephone number and email address of the presenter.

**Notice: Due to unexpected increased costs for the conference the registration fee has been increased slightly to \$60 (from \$50) and the social ticket cost to \$20 (from \$15)*.* Online meeting registration (\$60), lodging (FSU air conditioned dormitory rooms with linens, single \$38/night or double \$22/night), optional box lunch (\$10) for Tuesday (soup, sandwich, dessert, and drink), and Tuesday night outdoor social/ barbecue buffet dinner with live music and cash bar (\$20 per ticket) information will be available at the FSU East Coast meeting registration website (<http://www.frostburg.edu/EastCoastTrout>) after March 26, 2012. The SDAFS annual Trout Committee meeting (June 11, 2012, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) and the EBTJV Steering Committee annual meeting (June 13 - 14, 2012, UMD Appalachian Laboratory) will be held in conjunction with this meeting also. Local lodging and restaurant information is available at www.frostburg.edu/admin/ses/.

For additional meeting information contact Steve Moore (Steve_E_Moore@nps.gov) or Alan Heft (aheft@dnr.state.md.us).

Announcements

68th Annual Northeast Fish & Wildlife Conference

Sunday, April 15 - Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Charleston Marriott Town Center - Charleston, West Virginia

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: over 50 workshop sessions, keynote speakers, poster displays, and social networking events.

Celebrating 75 Years of Success: A Partnership for America's Fish & Wildlife. The [Plenary Session](#) will focus on major accomplishments of the Wildlife and Sport Fishing Restoration Program from state, federal and industry perspectives.

Quick Links

[NEAFWA Website](#)

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[Plenary Session](#)

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Register Early to Save!

Visit the [NEAFWA Conference Website](#) to review the updated schedule at-a-glance.

Ready to register?

- [Register online](#)
- [Download a registration form](#)

REGISTRATION OPTIONS	BEFORE 4/2	AFTER 4/2	ONSITE
Full Conference*	\$250	\$300	\$350
One-Day Monday OR Tuesday (Monday evening awards dinner NOT included)	\$150	\$175	\$200
Student Full Conference (Monday evening awards dinner IS included. Student ID required) Click here for info on student activities during NEAFWA!	\$150	\$175	\$200
Student One-Day Monday OR Tuesday (Monday evening awards dinner not included. Student ID required)	\$100		\$125
Guest Ticket for Monday Evening Awards Dinner	\$50		

*Full conference registration fee includes the following meals and refreshments: Welcome Reception Sunday evening, Continental Breakfast and Refreshment Breaks on Monday and Tuesday, and the Poster Social and Awards Banquet on Monday evening.

Location & Lodging

The host hotel for the 68th Annual NEAFWA Conference is the Charleston Marriott Town Center located in the heart of downtown Charleston, West Virginia. Overnight accommodations are available for a **discounted group rate** of **\$124.00 / night** plus tax. Make your reservations by Thursday, **March, 22, 2012** in order to receive the discounted group rate. Please call the hotel directly at 304-345-6500 and be sure to mention that you are with the **Northeast Fish & Wildlife Conference**.
www.charlestonmarriott.com

Small Group Meetings

Small Group Meeting Request Forms are still being accepted. This form should be used by Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies committees and working groups, universities, organizations, agencies, and others interested in holding a meeting or social function in association with the conference. Space is limited.

Click [here](#) to download the Small Group Meeting Request Form.

Interested in Sponsoring?

Opportunities are still available! Join NEAFWA as a sponsor and make face-to-face connections with over 500 natural resources professionals in the northeast. Download the exhibitor and sponsor [brochure](#) for more information.

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AFS News

AFS is launching its Fisheries Reports, a searchable database of abstracts, authors, and links related to “gray literature”—publications of government agencies (state/province, federal, international) and other organizations that are usually not include in the journal or book literature. If you are the author of such a report or student

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theses, please consider submitting your information through the AFS moderator at fisheriesreports.org. Check out the Fisheries Reports Database at <http://fisheriesreports.org/> for an archive of Fisheries Reports.

Based on the input of many of you, the AFS website has undergone a total re-design, adding much more functionality, navigation, and a modern, crisp, look. We hope that you'll give it a look at www.fisheries.org and give us some feedback. Thank you.

Gus Rassam, PhD, Executive Director, AFS

Nominations sought for the Oscar E. Sette Award by the Marine Fisheries Section

The Oscar E. Sette Award Committee seeks nominations for the 2012 Sette Award. The Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated sustained excellence in marine fishery biology through research, teaching, administration, or a combination of the three. Specific criteria for the Award may be viewed at this link to the Section's webpage:

http://fishweb.ifas.ufl.edu/mfs/index_files/Sette_Award.htm

Nominations require a somewhat extended nominating statement (generally more than one paragraph, at minimum) and the Curriculum Vitae of the nominee. Send nominations to Desmond M. Kahn, Chair, Oscar E. Sette Award Committee at

desmond.kahn@state.de.us

Any nominations made in 2011 will carry over through 2012 and still be under consideration for the 2012 award.

Nominations will be accepted through May 31, 2011.

International Congress on the Biology of Fish

15 – 19 July, 2012

Abstract submission deadline: 31 March

Early bird registration ends 1 May

University of Wisconsin, Madison

conferencing.uwex.edu/conferences/biofish

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AFS Information on the Web <http://www.fisheries.org>

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Jobs

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

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Interesting Stuff

February Ice Fishing Clinic a Success at Glimmerglass State Park and Canadarago Lake

Despite the warm winter season and lack of ice on Otsego Lake, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) partnered for the 3rd Annual Ice Fishing Clinic at Glimmerglass State Park. Inspired by the success of the 2011 clinic, where nearly 100 people came out to Otsego Lake for the event that was hosted by Glimmerglass State Park and Friends of Glimmerglass, Inc., both agencies worked hard to make 2012 even better. Once again, staff from DEC Region 4 and Albany provided tackle and instruction, and the event was designated as a Free Fishing Day Clinic - <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27123.html>

The day started at the beach house at Glimmerglass, where the Friends of Glimmerglass treated participants to hot cocoa and hosted a free raffle for fishing gear. About 25 eager anglers received a very comprehensive instructional program that included ice safety, gear preparation and fish filleting techniques. Since there was no ice on Otsego Lake, the group then traveled to nearby Canadarago Lake, where they were joined by several others. In total, about 35 anglers enjoyed some decent weather and a comfortable 10 inches of ice. Unfortunately, the fish bite was slow with only the occasional small perch being caught. However, the new ice anglers, including many young kids, were happy and grateful for the chance to fish. The event was once again a big hit in the area and generated a couple of nice articles in the local newspapers:

The Daily Star in Oneonta -

<http://thedailystar.com/localnews/x1513922895/State-hosts-ice-fishing-clinic-at-area-lakes> and the Turnpike Pennysaver & Community News (web link not available).

Thanks go out to all that contributed to such a wonderful event!

Tom Hughes, Chair - Youth Aquatic Education Committee, NY AFS



Above photo (left to right) - Dennis Wischman and Gary Golja (DEC Region 4); Tom Hughes (OPRHP); Otsego County ECO Kurt Zurmuhlen (DEC Reg 4); Rich Sheckells (OPRHP); and Scott Wells (DEC Region 4).

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Field Notes E-mail News

Check out DEC's new electronic newsletter, Field Notes. Produced by the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources, the newsletter provides a variety of information regarding the state's fish and wildlife species, including recreational opportunities, regulation changes, wildlife viewing events, press releases, and other wildlife news stories. To learn more and subscribe, visit the Field Notes web page at www.dec.ny.gov/about/63801.html on the DEC website.

Obituary

From the Cornell DNR blog- posted by Kristen MacFarlane Feb 27th, 2012

[In memoriam: Mark B. Bain \(1955-2012\): A commemoration by his students and colleague](#)



Dr. Mark Bain passed away at his home in Lansing, New York, on 8 February 2012 from complications resulting from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease). He spent most of his career in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at Cornell University studying fish and invertebrate communities in lakes, streams and estuaries in the wildest and most settled places, from the bays of Lake Ontario to the urban banks of Manhattan. He was recognized worldwide as a leading voice on aquatic systems ecology.

Born in Gary, Indiana, Mark gained his knowledge of ecology through a B.S. in wildlife resources from West Virginia University, a M.S. in fisheries science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and a Ph.D. in fisheries biology from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, where he worked with Dr. John Finn and Dr. Henry Booke. His doctoral research, published in *Ecology*, on streamflow regulation and fish community structure is one of the most cited papers on the subject.

Mark began his career in the Department of Biology at Ball State University, leaving after one year to become an ecologist at Argonne National Lab. In 1986, he became the assistant leader of the Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (CFWRU) at Auburn University, where he pioneered a new approach to measure cover in fish habitat surveys and studied habitat use and population characteristics of several southeastern fish species. In 1991, Mark moved to Cornell University as the assistant leader for fisheries in the New York CFWRU within the DNR. He became a tenured professor of systems ecology and was appointed director of the Cornell University Center for the Environment, a position in which he served from 2003-2007. In 2007 he returned full-time to the department faculty.

Mark's boundless curiosity and wide-ranging professional interests defined his career. His work integrated fisheries science, aquatic ecology, hydrology, and systems theory. Among his diverse pursuits, Mark developed approaches for habitat evaluation and cumulative impact assessment, conducted studies on complex systems theory in bays and lagoons, described impacts to and recovery of fish species in the Hudson River, and planned ecosystem restoration and conservation projects. His expertise led to collaborations around the world, and during these travels, he enjoyed many adventures and made lasting friendships.

Even during his battle with ALS, Mark's commitment to his work never waned. He continued analyzing data, advising students, collaborating on research projects, and serving the broader scientific community. At the

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time of his death, he was working on a book about the science and practice of environmental management, and he remained active on the editorial boards of *Acta Ecologica Sinica*, *Environmental Management*, and *Folia Zoologica*.

Mark was recognized by his peers for distinction as a scientist, teacher, mentor, and leader. He published over 100 scientific articles, and was the lead author on a respected AFS text on aquatic habitat assessment. He served as an advisor for many regional, national, and international organizations and initiatives. Mark received numerous awards, including the Special Achievement Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacesetter Award from Argonne National Laboratory, Star Award from the U.S. Geological Survey, and President's Outstanding Educator Award from Cornell University. He was recognized as one of the top 15 professors by the Cornell University Student Organization. He was a member of the American Fisheries Society, Ecological Society of America, and American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Mark's passion for research and its application was matched by his enthusiasm for engaging students in aquatic ecology and fisheries science. He co-taught Cornell's stream ecology course, ranked by students as among the top 15 courses at the university. Mark was a mentor and role model for undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows. Many of his students credit him with providing unique opportunities and responsibilities. He let them make mistakes, with a hearty laugh and assurance that everything would work out in the end. His trust in their abilities gave them the confidence and knowledge to pursue successful careers in the aquatic sciences.

Mark enjoyed fishing and backpacking with his family, cooking gourmet meals, engaging conversation, travel, and woodworking. He is survived by his wife, Jane Barden Bain, also educated in aquatic ecology and currently working for the Ecological Society of America; children, Gary and Paul; parents, Sam and Rose; and siblings, Keith, Jeff, Terese, and Sam. He is mourned by countless friends, relatives, and colleagues. Donations in his memory may be made to the ALS Association (www.alsa.org).

Contributed by: Marcia S. Meixler, Kristin Arend, Katherine Mills, and Barbara Knuth
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For an article to a previous blog posting about Dr. Mark Bain, click on the link below. Please contribute your memories of Mark there as well.

<http://blogs.cornell.edu/naturalresources/2012/02/10/mark-bain/>

The memorial of Mark Bain's life will be on Friday, May 11th from 4-6pm at the lower north pavilion at Robert Treman State Park.

Dr. Mark Bain was a very special person to me. His joyful study of stream ecology inspired me, and nurtured my curiosity regarding what was under the next rock, lurking under the next overhanging branch, or clinging to the leaf litter. He hired me for my first fisheries job, working with his student Amy Harig, studying ecological responses in remote Adirondack ponds. He sponsored my attendance at my first New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society meeting, and my first Northeastern Division meeting, thus getting me hooked on this amazing group of professionals with interests similar to mine. When it was my time to pursue graduate research, he advised me to diversify my experience, then put me in touch with someone he went to school with, who did become my graduate advisor. He got me started on the grand adventure that my career has been so far, and helped me develop the tools I would need to succeed. I am extremely grateful to him, and am glad I got to tell him so. It is also comforting to know that I am one of many whose lives he touched in his jolly way.

Emily Zollweg-Horan
Senior Aquatic Biologist, NYS DEC
Cornell DNR, Class of 1994



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The guidance and mentorship that Mark provided me over my educational and professional career was significant. As my undergraduate advisor at Cornell, Mark was resourceful, supportive and optimistic as I struggled academically in my first year. I was not used to failure, and I thought for sure that I was destined to fail at Cornell (and culinary school was my backup). However, Mark's encouragement and dedicated personal investment in me were instrumental in keeping me on track. Mark's door was always open (and I was knocking often). Through many personal and spirited conversations, Mark was able to carry me through my toughest challenges. Mark not only rescued me (a sinking ship on the choppy Cornell waters), he kept me afloat by hiring me for my first career fisheries job – working with Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon on the Hudson River. Mark then kept me under his wing long enough to recommend me for a research position at the Adirondack Fisheries Research Program – an opportunity that further launched my career. I've since gone on to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NYS DEC, Cornell Cooperative Extension, SUNY-ESF and NYS Parks. It is remarkable how often I would run into people at all those places that also had the opportunity to know and work with Mark. I will miss Mark's laugh (you know what I'm talking about) – it starts as a subtle symphony of subdued excitement and sincere joy and then escalates to a thunderous crescendo of jolly laughs and memorable remarks. I am thankful to have known Mark, and I often reflect on what an amazing mentor he was to me.

Tom Hughes
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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
FEBRUARY 2, 2012
HIGH PEAKS RESORT, LAKE PLACID, NY

Call to Order

- President Woltmann called the meeting to order and Secretary Jones determined that a quorum for the meeting had been met.
- President Woltmann made a few meeting related logistical announcements and reminders and recognized past officers of the Chapter
 - Web Pearsall
 - Randy Jackson
 - Margaret Murphy
 - Fred Henson
 - Paul McKeown

NED Report

Bill Fisher thanked everyone to be invited and discussed the pleasure of being able to attend meetings like this around the country.

- Annual Meeting in St. Paul Minneapolis in 2012. Will not be the same size as Seattle but should reach a turnout of about 2,000 attendees.
- Education & Continuing Educations regarding institutional training deficiencies. Symposium of educators and employers about lack of applicable training from Universities and Institutions.
- Affiliate Membership issue was discussed as the two class system, approximately 1/3 of the members are associate members. Looking for ways to broaden the membership categories with lower rates and lower benefits. Tracking of these members does not make it to the Society.

Randy Jackson President/President Elect discussed the following topics from NED

- Financially, NED is improving but still looking for an identity and what is the role for the agencies and the Chapter. NED meeting April 15-17 in Charleston, West Virginia. 2013 will be held in Saratoga Springs with the possibility of the Chapter joining the meeting. Randy would like to make this a strong fisheries showing in 2013.

Society Report

Bill Fisher discussed the following topics from the society

- Journals and literature have been moved to an outside source instead of “The Society”
- The coalition of Natural Resource Society to encourage education more in focus with students skills in relation to industry, additional certification programs and continuing education opportunities.

- Website updates to include the ability to telecast meetings.
- The Society reviewing the 32 policy statements for possible updates.
- The Society has a policy statement under development regarding lead in sport fishing tackle.
- The Society is currently discussing the merits of the tiered membership approach as a method to encourage new membership and retain current members.

Review Minutes: Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Minor edits were recommended. A motion to accept these minutes (as amended) was made by R Jackson 2nd by Bill Fisher. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report (T-Report): Treasurer Jones presented the Annual Treasurers report. Alan Mack (Audit Chair) reviewed the books and agreed that the books were in order. Treasurer Jones addressed minimal questions.

Old Business

Treasurer Jones reported that the spend-down plan presented by Fred Henson has reached its goal.

Committee Reports

Annual Meeting/Local Arrangements: – *Ed Woltmann/Joelle Ernst* assisted with the local arrangements. Everything going as scheduled.

Program: *Don Einhouse, Jeff Loukmas* – Good contributions for posters, invited speakers, an contributed papers.

Newsletter: *Emily Zollweg* – Emily keeps putting out impressive newsletters and would like to hear more input from the students of the Chapter as well as the general membership. People are doing a good job with articles and stuff for the newsletter. Increase distribution is a goal of the multimedia newsletter. The NY Chapter is on Face book and we encourage folks to join and “friend” us. Items from the Chapter will be posted on our Face book site.

Website: *Erik Latremore* – E-commerce is going well. There are still a few bugs to get worked out but the system seems to be working fine. We will continue to refine the website and e-commerce and are willing to accept comments from membership.

Audit/Finance – *Alan Mack* – Alan has reviewed and approved the 2011 books. Treasurer Jones and Auditor Mack will work closely in 2012 to refine the bookkeeping processes and work closely with the next Secretary/Treasurer elect.

Membership: - *Ed Woltmann/Scott Jones* – Membership appears to be steady, although possible shift in increased student participation.

Professional Incentives/Special Awards – *Ross Abbett* – Ross Abbett having laryngitis moved for a vote on Charles Neider for the Professional Achievement Award and Steve LePan discussed the other award winner. This coming year Ross will attempt to utilization of the website for nominations and voting. Ross will continue to work with Brian Weidel for the student sub-unit for student awards.

Workshop: *C. VanMaaren* – Chris reported on last years SAV workshop from 2011 was well attended. The Pesticide Workshop was canceled and due to limited demand is not currently planned in the future. Backpack shocking workshop went great, good turnout. 2012 FW Mussel workshop had 30 attendees and started a little early but

was very successful (\$10 fee to cover break). The leadership workshop was also a success, chapter cost = \$50. Benefits for having the workshop with the Annual meeting but there are limitations with this association.

Student Subunit – *Brian Weidel* – Brian thanks Randy Bill, Ed, Frank and Bill as well as the individual sub-unit. Paul Smiths has created a subunit and bylaws and the Excomm will follow up on this. Brian will work with Craig Milewski to incorporate Paul Smiths into our Chapter as a subunit. Student Symposium will be held by the ESF group somewhere in Central NY in April. Chapter support for this will continue. Student travel awards from 4 schools, 10 applicants for 5 awards.

Youth Aquatic Education: - *Tom Hughes* – Tom reminded anyone interested to sign the list and get a hold of him. 2012 events include State Parks at the State Fair (Chapter should be included). Tom is looking to have something from the Chapter at the State Fair. Ice fishing clinic at Glimmerglass Lake, can volunteer or just show up. Tom wants information placed on the website.

Native American Affairs: - *D. Dittman* – Onondagas have a new liaison with the EPA. Dawn and Dave Lemon are getting more interaction with Onondaga Lake. SRMT are reaching out for advice on various projects with additional funding will be forthcoming for habitat restoration for fisheries. Dawn distributed an email to Native American Tribes and will continue to reach out to them. They are also looking for options regarding the Hogansburg dam.

Native Fishes: - *Lisa Holst* – No report.

Resolutions/Environmental Concerns: *Randy Vaas*

- Invasive Asian Carp – proposed to close pathways to many waters by the ACOE. Basin separation of the canal would support control at a cost of \$9.8B.
- New solution by the IJC for (BV7) water level control for Lake Ontario at varying levels on a seasonal basis. People along the lake shore are not pleased with this plan.
- Ballast water issue still under discussion with several treatment companies in the area. Test shows 100% kill rate and is approved by several agencies and countries.
- EPA has sponsored water to 4 of the 17 houses in Dimock, PA. Some of these wells have been tested and show signs of contamination, but it cannot be determined the cause.
- November 1, 2012 – all companies must submit their chemical components of fracking to the EPA, but the proprietary information will remain non-disclosure by the EPA.
- Status of the NYSDEC is currently unknown but should be proposing regulations sometime in the future.

Nominating: *Matt Sanderson* – Matt has Tony Van DeValk as a nominee for President-elect
Three candidates for Secretary -Treasurer Elect

- Scott Schleuter, Maureen Walsh, and Alan Mack
- Based on the outcome of the election, Secretary/Treasurer Elect is Scott Schleuter
- Web Pearsall moved Fred Henson 2nd that Secretary Jones cast one vote for Tony Van DeValk as President. Frank Flack was escorted to the podium by Matt Sanderson and Margaret Murphy.
- Ed Woltmann will serve as the Chair of the 2012 Nominating Committee.

New Business

- President Flack proposed the 2012 budget to the general membership.
- Discussion ensued about the NED combined meeting as it relates to the budget.
- Motion to accept this budget by Alan Mack, 2nd by Margaret Murphy, with the caveat that if the meeting is combined, the budget will change, passed unanimously.

Margaret Murphy moved, 2nd by Greg Kozlowski to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.