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Hello fellow Idaho Chapter Members, I hope you are all enjoying the Idaho summer! Take a break from the hustle of field season, study or budget

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE,

Don't Forget to Smell the *Catostomus macrocheilus*

planning, lab analysis, or meetings and enjoy the Chapter's first newsletter of the new season! I'd like to welcome all the new members and thank the existing members for making our chapter what it is – a highly regarded professional society that is fun to be involved with. I won't make this message long but I do want to touch on a few things including: 1) 2012 Annual Meeting, 2) Planning for the 2013 Annual Meeting; and 3) a professional 'reality check'.

The 2012 Annual Meeting may seem like a long time ago now that many of us have started our field seasons, however, it is the time that I like to reflect on what occurred at the meeting. We all have our own criteria of what we hope to get out of a meeting. I have three core criteria that I try to take from every meeting: 1) Consider how the work presented in at least a couple of talks can be applied to the project(s) that I am currently involved with to make them better; 2) Follow up (post conference) with at least one of the presenters about their work (helps with #1); and 3) Meet and visit with someone new. Additionally, I try to take notes throughout the meeting and will condense them afterwards so I can review the things that I felt were important and have a check list to follow up on throughout the year. *Were there ideas that caught your interest during the 2012 meeting that you still need to follow up with?*

Looking ahead to 2013 we are well underway to planning next year's meeting. Next year's chapter meeting will be in combination with the Western Division meeting which the ICAFS has not hosted since 1999. This means that the meeting will be larger and provide

a greater diversity of subjects. The size and scope of the meeting will also allow more opportunities for each of us to participate. I challenge each of you to share your own expertise by participating in whatever way you feel comfortable. Joe Dupont, our President Elect, will be asking for your help and ideas between now and the meeting next April. I've always said our Chapter is only as strong as our members are active! As Chapter Officers one of our responsibilities is to provide opportunities for our members to be involved. *Check out the ICAFS newsletters, webpage, and email distribution for ways you can be part of the meeting.*

We have all heard the expression, "Don't lose sight of the forest for the trees", meaning don't have such a narrow focus that you lose sight of the big picture. Don't forget to occasionally step back from the focus of your day to day tasks and remind yourself of why you got into the natural resource profession. Whether it was/is because you want to protect our natural resources or because you just like working outdoors, or something in between it doesn't matter! Make sure to occasionally take time to reflect about what is important in your career, how you plan to get there or stay there, and how to balance that with the other responsibilities in your life. *Just like staying physically healthy you can stay professionally healthy by frequently taking inventory of your professional goals, challenging yourself, and remembering to have fun.*

We are a strong, active chapter. Stay healthy and keep up the good work!

-Dmitri

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ICAFS: HABITAT COMMITTEE

By Corey Lyman, Stephanie Hallock, and Dan Scaife

For 2012, the Fish Habitat Committee is working with the Henry's Fork Foundation and EX-COM to host the Caldera Symposium, in Island Park, Idaho in July 12, 2012. This will be a great opportunity to attend a workshop that explores the ecology of one of Idaho's most fabled trout waters. If you are interested in attending, contact the Henry's Fork Foundation. As part of the Committee's mission we actively support the development of workshops and symposiums and would like your input. If you have ideas for habitat related symposiums or workshops that would fit well with the 2013 WDAFS meeting in Boise, ID please contact one of the Fish Habitat Committee Chairs to discuss further.

Mission: To provide support and information for fisheries professionals and other interested parties, in the management, preservation, and restoration of aquatic habitats throughout Idaho.

ICAFS: Fund Raising Committee

By Patrick Kennedy and Chris Sullivan

The 2012 fundraising banquet in Coeur d'Alene was very successful, and with your help we raised \$15,331 for the chapter! Thank you all for your generous support! As always, keep your eyes and ears open for donations and unique items for the 2013 meeting, and if you have any other suggestions for the fundraising committee, please let us know. Feel free to e-mail comments or suggestions to icafs.fundraising@gmail.com. Please check out our recently updated donors and sponsors page on the website and make an effort to support the businesses that contribute to our chapter. Lastly, we are looking for a third member to join the fundraising team for the next two years, if you are interested please contact Patrick Kennedy or Chris Sullivan to join the fun!

Mission: To generate funds for the Idaho Chapter.



ICAFS: Mentoring Committee update

By Steve Elle Chairperson

2011-12 accomplishments: Awarded Outstanding Mentor award to Virgil Moore, Director Idaho Dept. Fish and Game. We managed to maintain the surprise factor in that Virgil was not aware he was receiving the award before the Business Luncheon. Virgil was deeply appreciative of the well deserved recognition for a career of mentoring from seasonal employees to staff managers within Idaho Dept. Fish and Game. And he continues that tradition...at the student mixer a couple young ladies from College of Southern Idaho were quite taken that the "Director was spending time with them". **Congratulations Virgil!**

For the second year we used a "speed dating" theme at the student mixer to pair students with professionals for some one-on-one time to get to know each other. This was followed up with introductions of the students by the biologist to other biologists in the mixer. Overall, feedback was positive and we will likely follow the format in the near future.

A member of the mentoring committee assisted the education committee with scholarship selection for 2012. We had some very qualified applicants and the scholarship awards were well deserved. However, the number of applicants was generally low. In discussions with Western Division, the low number of applicants is also noted at the Western level. Mentoring committee discussed how to attract more applicants in coming years. We decided that some additional one-on-one advertisement to the Idaho schools with encouragement from professors at those schools is the best short term approach. We also thought an earlier advertisement of scholarships with reminders approaching deadline would be helpful.

Minor action items included differential name tags for students and professionals at the annual meeting and providing an announcement board at the meeting for students to post resumes and professionals to post jobs. If you have feedback on these items, please direct them to Steve Elle.

One last item of Business. Steve Elle is ready to step down as chairperson of the mentoring committee. We are looking for someone with interest in carrying the torch in the near future. If you are that person, please contact Steve or Dmitri Vidergar.

Mission: To promote the development of successful fisheries professionals through mentoring.



ICAFS: Public Education Committee

By Lauri Monnot

The Public Education Committee is excited to announce that our Chapter Scholarship awards have been increased effective with this award year. The award amounts are now \$1000 for each graduate and undergraduate scholarship and \$500 for the high school student scholarship. Thanks for the generosity of our chapter and the hard work our fundraising committee puts in each year to raise money! ICAFS scholarships are awarded at the annual meeting each year and funds are applied to the next fall semester. The application period for ICAFS chapter scholarships closes on January 31st each year.

Mission: To increase public knowledge, respect, and stewardship for aquatic resources.



Our committee continues to support aquatic education and outreach activities. EXCOM recently approved a proposal we received which awarded \$150 to Willow Creek Elementary School in Nampa. Third grade students got an opportunity to compare riparian wildlife and habitat conditions in the Jump Creek watershed in early and late spring. We look forward to a poster summarizing their experience which will be presented at the annual meeting next April.

Don't Forget! National AFS

**American Fisheries Society 142st Annual Meeting
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, August 19-23, 2012**

<http://afs2012.org/>

Theme: Fisheries Networks: Building Ecological, Social, and Professional Relationships

Western Division/ Idaho AFS

**We will host WD and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Idaho AFS!
Boise Centre/lodging next door at the Grove Hotel
Boise, ID, April 15-18, 2013**

	<p>Check out the Idaho Chapter AFS website. A lot of good work has gone into making this a top notch site.</p> <p>http://www.idahoafs.org</p>	
		
		





June Hydroacoustic Workshop Announced

[Utah Dept. of Natural Resources](#) and HTI are pleased to co-host the 2012 Hydroacoustic Survey Workshop June 26-28 at [Flaming Gorge Reservoir](#) in Dutch John, Utah.

We are also seeking additional presentations for the June 26-27 topic sessions. If you have relevant research or a hydroacoustic-related question that you'd be willing to put forward as a short talk, [email](#) us.

Feel free to forward this link to any other fisheries biologists that may benefit from attending. We anticipate a good turnout from our existing workshop community and we have additional capacity.

To register, email Pat & Caroline at Workshop2012@HTIsonar.com.

Hope to see you in Dutch John.



Click Below for Workshop PDF

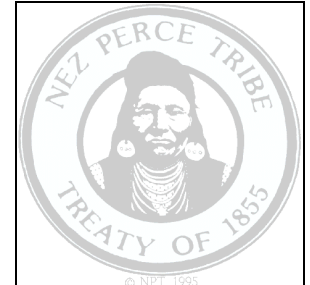
[Workshop Details](#)

- What:** 2012 Hydroacoustic Survey Workshop
- When:** June 26-28, 2012
- Where:** Flaming Gorge, Dutch John, Utah USA
- Registration:** Free
- Lodging:** For recommendations, click on [Workshop Details](#).



Annual Spawning Ground Survey Workshop August 7-8, 2012

Registration Form



When: August 7-8, 2012

Where: South Fork Salmon ~ Johnson Creek

Lodging: The North Shore Lodge Cabins

Mention that you are with the Spawning Ground Workshop, cabins will be held until June 11th then made available to the public: <http://www.northshorelodgeidaho.com/>, Shoreline Campground, right across the road from North Shore Lodge: <http://www.reserveamerica.com/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70325> as of today there were 16 spots available.

Rooms in Cascade or McCall have been negotiated to accommodate GSA rates and can be booked through Idaho.com at: http://www.inidaho.com/customers/QuoteService/OS_View_2.asp?TD801987080362468MJD or by calling Tamara at 800-844-3246 ext. 222 mention you are with the Spawning Ground Workshop and she can cover all of your needs.

Spawning Ground Workshop consists of two days packed full of great information and hands on training for any agency or entity personnel with an interest in redd/carcass survey methodology and training. This *is* MANDATORY for all Nez Perce Tribe DFRM and Idaho Fish & Game employees participating in spawning ground/carcass surveys in 2012. This year we will be going to the South Fork Salmon River and Johnson Creek. We will be starting August 7, 2012 at 8:00 am (Mountain Time).

You will need to complete this registration application & include a \$70.00 fee by **July 20, 2012** which covers the meals for August 7 - 8th. If you want to bring all your own food then cost will be \$0 but still fill out a registration form. Registration information can be e-mailed, mailed, or faxed to: Paulette Smith; paulettes@nezperce.org or fax# 208-843-9184. Registration fee can be mailed to: PO Box 365, Attn: Paulette Smith, DFRM Research Division, Lapwai, Idaho 83540. Contact Jason Vogel @ 208-621-3602 for further questions.

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Work Location _____ E-mail address: _____





RIVER RESTORATION NORTHWEST

[12TH ANNUAL STREAM RESTORATION SYMPOSIUM](#)

Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington, USA

February 5 - February 7, 2013

Pre-symposium Short Courses - February 4

Field Trip - February 8

www.rrnw.org

Important Dates in 2012:

[Call for abstracts](#) now available on RRNW website

August 15 - deadline for session proposals

September 15 - deadline for oral and poster proposals



CALDERA SYMPOSIUM

A SCIENTIFIC AND ANGLING EXPLORATION OF THE HENRY'S FORK

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012

8:30 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

POND'S LODGE · ISLAND PARK, IDAHO

Is the fishing what it used to be?

Find out at the first ever Caldera Symposium.
Spend the day learning about the Henry's Fork fisheries
from leading scientific and angling experts.

Panel format offers you the chance to ask questions and provide feedback.

The event is FREE, but space is LIMITED.

RSVP to the Henry's Fork Foundation:

hff@henryfork.org • 208-652-3567

Lunch is provided for a minimal charge.



IDAHO WILDLIFE SUMMIT



Idaho's Wildlife Belongs To You

**Weekend of August 24, 2012
Riverside Hotel, Boise, ID**



What is the Idaho Wildlife Summit?

Over the weekend of **August 24-26, 2012**, the Department will convene a statewide discussion to answer this question: "What should be the future of fish and wildlife management in Idaho?"

Idaho's fish and wildlife belong to you, and we need your input on how to best manage these state treasures. Your participation in the Summit will help chart the objectives and strategies to achieve a future for fish and wildlife that benefits the Idahoans of today and those generations to follow.

You are invited to participate!

- Attend the Main Event at the Riverside Hotel in Boise
- Attend live-streamed satellite events in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls or Salmon
- Join from your personal internet connection



For online registration and additional information:

<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/summit/>

For a preview of the Summit Agenda:

<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/summit/agenda.pdf>



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