

Iowa Chapter

TO: Randall Schultz, North Central Division President

FROM: Andy Fowler, Iowa Chapter President

DATE: November 24, 2010

SUBJECT: To report to the NCD concerning the activities of the Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and how they relate to the goals of the American Fisheries Society.

President: Andy Fowler

President Elect: Chad Dolan

Secretary/Treasurer: Andy Otting

Past President/Membership Chair: Bryan Hayes

Goal 1: Global Fisheries Leadership

AFS will be a global leader providing information and technical resources for the sustainability and conservation of fisheries resources.

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- To be as green and as cost effective as possible, the Iowa AFS distributes our newsletters only via email.
- We have contributed \$1000 to the IWILL amendment campaign in Iowa which will bring sustainable funding to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in the form of a percentage of the next sales tax increase via an amendment to the Iowa constitution. Note of interest: This amendment passed in the recent November election.

- \$100 and \$150 was contributed to both the Iowa Environmental Council and to the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP), respectively, to maintain our support of both of these organizations.

Goal 2: Education/Continuing Education

AFS will facilitate life-long learning through world-class educational resources at all academic levels and provide training for practicing professionals in all branches of fisheries and aquatic sciences.

- A two day lab and field course in aquatic plant identification was sponsored by the Iowa AFS this year in the Iowa Great Lakes region of the state on August 10 and 11, 2010. The course was well attended by 26 individuals and well received by all participants.
- We have held our annual meeting in conjunction with the Iowa Wildlife Society twice in the past years to give a more rounded awareness to all attending individuals.

Goal 3: Value of Membership

AFS will serve its members and fisheries, aquaculture, and aquatic science constituencies to fulfill the mission of the Society.

- The Iowa AFS is revamping its website to serve as a portal for its members to access historical, current, and future information relevant to our chapter.
- The Iowa AFS provides all governing board minutes from past meetings on our website.
- The financial accounts of the Iowa AFS are in good standing. We recently had to lower our annual project grant program due to lower available funds. However, we were able to award \$350 to the Iowa State Subunit of AFS to design and publish large informational fish posters of Iowa fishes.
- Awards for both the best professional paper and the best student paper are awarded every year at our annual meeting. Mark Flammang and Mike Hawkins were awarded

the best professional paper with their presentation entitled, "The Pros and Cons of Panfish Bag Limits in Iowa." Jesse Fischer and Ben Wallace tied for the best student paper award with their presentations entitled, "Relative Impacts of a Native and Non-Native Benthivorous Fish and Aquatic Ecosystems" and "Incorporating Salmonid Production Dynamics to Guide Management Decisions in Intensively Utilized Fisheries," respectively.

- \$200 is awarded to two students attending college in Iowa every year to be used for attendance to the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference.
- The 2010 Iowa Chapter AFS Scholarship Award of \$500 was awarded to Christopher Smith of Iowa State University.