

Iowa Chapter

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Goal 1: Global Fisheries Leadership

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

1. Because the 72nd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference was held in Des Moines in December 2011, a separate meeting was not planned for Iowa AFS members in January 2012. An Iowa AFS business meeting was held before the annual Iowa DNR Fisheries Bureau Statewide Meeting on 5 March 2012 at the Springbrook Conservation Education Center in Guthrie Center. The next Iowa AFS meeting will be held 12-13 February 2013 in either Ames or Moravia and will immediately follow the Iowa DNR Fisheries Bureau Statewide Meeting.
2. Iowa AFS contributed \$100 and provides representation to the Iowa Conservation Alliance (ICA). The ICA is a 23-member organization dedicated to promoting the sound management of Iowa's fish and wildlife resources, ensuring hunting, fishing, and trapping opportunities, and establishing funding for natural resource programs.
3. Iowa AFS contributed \$100 to the Iowa Environmental Council. The Iowa Environmental Council is an alliance of diverse organizations and individuals working together to protect Iowa's natural environment.
4. Iowa AFS contributed \$150 to the Iowa REAP Alliance. The Iowa REAP Alliance is a coalition of recreation, conservation, historical preservation, and sporting organizations dedicated to protecting Iowa's Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP). REAP provides money for projects through state agency budgets or in the form of grants.
5. The Iowa AFS position statement supporting no change in the use of lead fishing tackle ([http://www.fisheriessociety.org/iowa/statepdfs/IAFS Official Position Statement on the use of Lead in Fishing.pdf](http://www.fisheriessociety.org/iowa/statepdfs/IAFS%20Official%20Position%20Statement%20on%20the%20use%20of%20Lead%20in%20Fishing.pdf)) was shared with interested parties including the Iowa Outdoor Partnership and the Congressional Sportsmen Caucus. Iowa AFS also sent the position statement to the parent society.

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.

1. Iowa AFS sponsored a two-day Turtle Biology, Identification, and Sampling workshop at Iowa State University in Ames, 7-9 August 2012. The course included lab and field components and was attended by 25 individuals.
2. The Iowa State University Student Subunit President is a voting member of the Iowa AFS Excom.
3. Iowa AFS can provide financial assistance for students to attend chapter meetings if they are not held in Ames.

4. The 2012 Iowa AFS Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Grant Scholten of Iowa State University.
5. Iowa AFS contributed \$100 to the Iowa State University Department of Natural Resources Ecology and Management Graduate Student Organization to print copies of Field Notes, a graduate student magazine.

Goal 3: Value of Membership

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

1. Iowa AFS produces 3 newsletters annually that are distributed to members via email and the Iowa AFS website. Contributions are solicited from Iowa AFS members for each newsletter.
2. The Iowa AFS website (<http://www.fisheriessociety.org/iowa/index.html>) provides historical, current, and future information relevant to our members including meeting announcements and minutes, by-laws, resolutions, positions statements, newsletters, and membership, scholarship, and grant applications.
3. Iowa AFS finances are in good standing. The chapter profited over \$1,800 as a result of the raffle held at the 72nd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference after dividing the net profits among our chapter, the Iowa Chapter of The Wildlife Society, and the Iowa State University Student AFS Subunit.
4. No paper or poster awards were given during 2012 because they were awarded at the 72nd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in December 2011. Jon Lore (Iowa Department of Natural Resources), Anthony Sindt (Iowa State University), and Jesse Fischer (Iowa State University) were the 2011 winners of the Iowa AFS Best Professional Paper, Best Student Paper, and Best Student Poster, respectively. Marion Conover was also presented with the 2010 North Central Division Fisheries Excellence Award at the 72nd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Andy Fowler was presented with the Past President's Awards at the 2012 Iowa AFS business meeting.
5. Iowa AFS maintains a member database and email distribution lists to communicate with members. Email is the primary tool for distributing important meeting announcements, calls for papers, and general chapter business.