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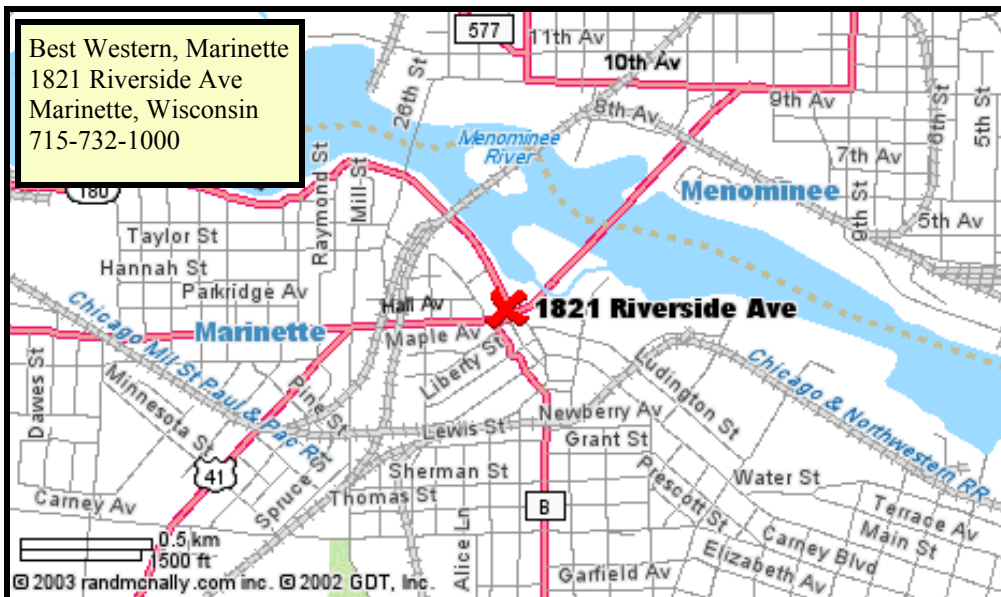
“ Shared Fisheries – Management Philosophies between Neighbors”

January 20-22, 2004

Best Western, Marinette



This will be a joint meeting with the Michigan Chapter!!!



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**Wisconsin – Michigan AFS Chapters meeting
January 20 – 22, 2004
Best Western
Marinette, Wisconsin**

Wednesday

8:00-8:15 Welcome

8:15-8:35 Evaluation of catchability and seasonal changes in catch rates of five Wisconsin game fishes - Casey Schoenebeck

8:35-8:55 Seasonal movement patterns, habitat use, and home-range of flathead catfish in the lower St. Joseph River, Michigan - Dan Daugherty

8:55-9:15 Fish entrainment at low-head hydropower dams and strategies for protection and diversion - Dennis J. McMauley

9:15-9:35 Varying effects of artificial structures in Michigan reservoirs: the role of natural habitat - Todd Wills

9:35-9:55 Manistee and Au Sable River response to whole tree additions - Matt Klungle

9:55-10:20 Break

10:20-10:45 Interactions between resident brown trout and juvenile steelhead in Hunt Creek, Michigan: effects of fish passage on resident trout populations - Andy Nuhfer

10:45-11:05 McGee Lake--35 years of trout management--past successes and future challenges - David Seibel

11:05-11:25 Density dependence of maturity and fecundity of walleyes from Big Crooked Lake, Wisconsin, 1997-2003 - Amy Schueller

11:25-11:45 Evaluation of relative weight as an index of walleye body condition in Wisconsin lakes - Mike Hansen

11:45-1:00 Lunch

1:05-1:25 Evaluating methods of estimation walleye angling exploitation in the ceded territory of Wisconsin - Jonathan J. Deroba

1:25-1:45 Evaluation of the walleye (*Stizodstedion vitreum*) harvest management system in the Wisconsin Ceded Territory - Joe Hennessy

1:45-2:05 Habitat associations of coaster brook trout in Isle Royale, Lake Superior - Owen Gorman

2:05-2:25 Coasters, boosters, and damn near almosters (Large brook trout in two north western Wisconsin watersheds-history, threats, current management, a hypothesis and predicted futures) - Frank Pratt

2:25-2:45 Status assessment of lake sturgeon stocks in lower Green Bay basin - Brian Gunderman

2:45-3:05 Break

3:05-3:25 Movement and habitat use of juvenile lake sturgeon within the Peshtigo River, Wisconsin - Angela Benson

3:25-3:45 The economic value of viewing lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*) in Wisconsin - Michelle Stokes

3:45-4:00 NCD Talk

Thursday

8:30-8:50 An *in situ* look at Chinook salmon temperature and depth preferences - Ray Argyle

8:50-9:10 Influence of body size and condition, energy stores, and feeding level on winter survival of juvenile lake herring - Ron Kinnunen

9:10-9:30 The role of the Lake Michigan Technical Committee in managing shared Lake Michigan fisheries - Dave Clapp

9:30-9:50 Population characteristics and spawning migration dynamics of pink salmon in U.S. waters of the St. Mary's River - Anthony Kennedy

9:50-10:10 Linking Lake Superior tributary fish assemblages and life history characteristics to their local habitats and regional landscapes - Seth Moore

10:10-10:40 Break

10:40-11:00 Sea lamprey control on the St. Mary's River: successful integrated management - Jean V. Adams

11:00-11:20 Species specificity of the male sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*) sex pheromone 3-keto petromyzonol sulfate - Michael J. Siefkes

11:20-11:40 A photo-based electronic system for identifying Wisconsin's fishes - John Lyons

11:40 Lunch

2004 WIAFS PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

Glenn Miller

I am honored to once again be nominated for president of the WIAFS. Our Chapter has a very large undertaking this year with the 2004 Annual AFS meeting being held in Madison and I am certain that this meeting will bring a large recognition to our Chapter and state with a successful meeting. Since joining the Chapter in 1992 I have enjoyed attending the meetings and getting involved with the various functions of the Chapter. I have been assisting Steve Gilbert and Kendall Kamke, along with Dennis Scholl in selling/coercing// begging members to buy raffle tickets for over 8 years now at our Chapter meetings, was local arrangements chair for our 2001 meeting in Superior, currently serving as Resolutions Chair for the Chapter, and serving on the Social Committee as the Wednesday night social chair for the 2004 Annual AFS meeting. I do believe my participation in our Chapter has opened many doors for me both socially and professionally in forwarding my career as a fisheries biologist.

Our Chapter has done a wonderful job in being recognized as a top state chapter and this is being shown in the '04 Annual meeting coming to us. But I still see opportunities for the Chapter to grow and progress. One of our major hurdles to overcome is our membership. We have been holding at a steady membership, with approximately 90 – 100 members showing up for our annual meetings and I see a need to try and bring in more members to our Chapter. I personally try and get every new person I know that is hired in the fisheries or water profession to give us a try at our annual meeting. I try and stress the benefits of joining our Chapter in the people you meet, the idea exchanges over a lovely malted hops beverage and the great work that are highlighted by the talks given by our members as they are performing their daily routines as fisheries professionals. I would like to encourage every member to try and bring at least one new member to a meeting sometime in their membership in our Chapter. And don't forget about the students you work with, whether through mentoring programs or LTE status, get the word out to them about the Chapter and encourage them to participate. Young minds DO bring forth new ideas. Last, but not least, if you happen to see or know the number of one the many retirees we love and endure, give a yell and have them join us!!

I will close by saying I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Marinette in January and would like to have your support for the presidency of our Chapter. Also, try and start thinking of how you can be of support at the Annual meeting in August, we will need many strong minds and backs to pull off the high caliber meeting I know we will be hosting.

Joe Hennessy

I am honored to be nominated to run for President of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Our Chapter is at an exciting point in its history. As host of the 134th Annual Meeting of the AFS we will be afforded an opportunity to be in the national fisheries spotlight as a Chapter and as individuals. The potential financial windfall the Chapter can earn from hosting the meeting could provide the resources to provide very tangible answers to the question, "what do I get for being a Chapter member?" In the wake of the Annual meeting, the Chapter leadership will be charged with setting the course for the future. It's an exciting opportunity, one that requires energy, creativity, and vision. I believe I can provide those qualities as Chapter President.

I have been an active member of the American Fisheries Society since 1996, and have been an active member of local chapters in each of the states I've lived and worked. I have been a Wisconsin Chapter member since January 2001. I served as local arrangements chair for the 2003 Chapter meeting in Madison and have been webmaster for the Chapter since December 2002. I am also currently the local arrangements chair for the 2004 AFS Annual meeting.

Since January 2002 I have been a fisheries biologist employed by the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point. I conduct data analysis and statistical research for the Wisconsin DNR treaty fisheries assessment program. Previous to this position (Apr. 2000- Dec. 2001) I worked as a fisheries technician for the Department of Natural Resources South Central Region. In these positions I have had the opportunity to interact with State, Tribal, and University fisheries personnel regularly. As Chapter President, my goal would be to use Chapter resources to benefit as many Chapter members as possible while fulfilling the mission statements of both the Chapter and Parent Society.

As president, my vision for the Chapter includes focusing resources on continuing education, student involvement, and elevating the Chapter's profile both within the fisheries profession and publicly. First, I envision the Chapter more fully subsidizing continuing education courses, where they become more of a break-even proposition for the Chapter than moneymakers, especially in these times of restricted travel budgets. All of these courses should be structured so that they count as continuing education in the AFS professional certification program for those Chapter members who pursue it.

Second, I believe that a portion of financial benefit gained

from hosting the 2004 meeting should be used to kick-start our scholarship, and that the first one should be awarded no later than Fall, 2005. Encouraging student involvement from a variety of Wisconsin institutions should remain a high priority for our Chapter. I believe the interaction I have with students through my current job enhances my ability to communicate chapter news and opportunities to students. We may also be able to expand our support of student membership and participation in AFS by subsidizing their membership in the parent society.

A third point of my platform is encouraging increased participation by both student and regular Chapter members on the national level. Encouraging or subsidizing membership in the Parent Society is a start; our members should also consider membership in AFS Sections and serving on AFS committees. We have highly talented members whose expertise can be of immense value far beyond Wisconsin's borders. The frequent exchange of ideas and information by fisheries professionals can only benefit us and the resource we tend.

Thank you for your time and consideration- and thanks in advance for your vote!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 21-26, 2004

AFS 134th AFS Annual Meeting,
Madison, Wisconsin. Contact Betsy Fritz, 301/897-8616
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Oct 1, 2004

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Alumni Banquet,
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Fisheries History Section Calendar

The Fisheries History Section Calendar is back. This issue is a 16-month calendar, September 2003 through December 2004. It has large, interesting, fisheries-related pictures and, as previously, historical information listed on various dates.

You may order them by sending a check or money order to the Fisheries History Section secretary /treasurer, Venice Beske, 2408 County Road 51, Hawk Springs, WY 82217 for the bargain price of \$10 each. And there will be no ship-

WIAFS COMMITTEE UPDATES

Continuing Education Committee Report

I have been working with the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership comprised of the Wisconsin Association of Lakes, WDNR, and UW-Extension as well as several other organizations in the development of educational programming for the upcoming Lakes Workshop for Southeastern Wisconsin and state-wide 2004 Wisconsin Lakes Convention. Several of our members will be representing our chapter in these two upcoming events.

Fisheries Related Session for the upcoming Southeastern Wisconsin Lakes Workshop Saturday, January 31, 2004:

Fisheries, Recreational Use and Riparian Stewardship:
The relationship between recreational lake use and fisheries, what affects the quality of fishing on lakes, and what you can do to enhance fishing on your lake.
Presenter: Tom Slawski

Fisheries Related Sessions for the upcoming Lakes Convention

Friday, April 16th Sessions:

Historical Fisheries Management of Lakes in Wisconsin:
Come learn about how long we have been managing fishes in our State? What are the tools of management? What is the status of the fish stocking program and is it necessary? How much has fishery pressure changed over the years? How have lessons learned in the past shaped the current practices of management today?
Presenter: Mike Staggs, WDNR

Good Fishing - Good Habitat!: Come and learn about good fisheries habitat in lakes! For example, what types of shoreland cover/habitat are important to fishes? And do they utilize differing types of cover seasonally or as they grow older? Find out how the answers to these questions, and others factors such as shoreline development, influence the relationship between fisheries habitat and habitat usage, and abundance of gamefish in lakes.
Presenter: Mike Bozek, UW-Extension Coop Fisheries Unit

Organized Angling-Fishing for Answers-Session I: Fishing Tournaments-are they good or bad for lakes? What are the known social and ethical issues and user conflicts related to these events? What are the potential biological consequences of tournaments on a fishery? Catch and Release-does it make a difference? Can you avoid user conflicts with residents on the lake and at boat docks?
Presenters: Ron Groeschl, President, Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc.; Mike Hofmann, President, Wisconsin State B. A.S.S. Federation, and Pat Schmalz, Warmwater Lakes and Regulations Specialist, WDNR

Saturday, April 17th Sessions:

Organized Angling-Fishing for Answers-Session II: Come and ask a fisheries biologist from your region. Is your lake filled with stunted bluegill and you don't know what to do? Do you have a carp problem on your lake? Do carp barriers work? Should we stock our lake with walleye (or other gamefish species)? If so, how can we get some? Do fish cribs work? Is it safe to eat fish on my lake? If you answered yes to any one of these or related questions, then this is a session that you must not miss! Come and learn about applied fisheries management practices through the collective experience of several managers from around the state.

Presenters: Sue Beyler, Laura Stremick-Thompson, Kurt Welke, and Dave Siebel

Managing Plants to Enhance Fishing: Ever wonder what happens to the fish after the plants are harvested? Come and learn about the role and interactions of submersed macrophytes in lakes and the potential ecological impacts of harvesting plants on game fishes. Find out how you can creatively manage problem nuisance plant growth areas to enhance fishing in your lake.

Presenter: Sandy Engel, Consultant/WDNR retired

Respectfully,
Tom Slawski, Chair

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