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President's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and ready for spring, I know I am. The long winters didn't seem to matter so much when I worked exclusively indoors, but now I find myself longing for field season about two days after Christmas!

Arrangements are well under way for the 2008 annual meeting. This year's theme will be "From the Mountains to the Sea, Ecosystems in Action" and will definitely offer everyone from marine to freshwater folks a chance to present their research. As for the location, the AIC Executive Committee debated long and hard for a suitable venue this year, something close enough for U.S. and Canadian members, a place with nearby amenities and of course, enough room for us. The unanimous choice was the Digby Pines Golf Resort and Spa in Digby, Nova Scotia! Before anyone gets intimidated by the exclusive name, we have received super rates and this year's accommodations should be very affordable. As the name suggests there is a golf course on the premises and there is also talk of doing a little whale watching in Digby Harbour. Many thanks go out to Alan McNeill who graciously volunteered to take on the position of "local arrangements chair", he has done a superb job researching the venue and making the necessary preparations. Also, another big thank you to Tara Marshall and Paul Christman who volunteered to be the respective chairs of the Canadian and U.S. raffle committees. If your company or organization has anything they would like to donate for the 2008 meeting, please put them in contact with either Tara or Paul. As you can see, the 34th annual meeting is shaping up to be a good one indeed.

As most of you already know, the AIC website underwent a major revision last year. Our new webmaster, or should I say webmistress (aka me) is still looking for cool projects and research to post. So, if you're doing anything exciting, or even not so exciting, let me know about it – we can inject some pizzazz! There is also a place to post upcoming events as well as job listings.

Online meeting registration and abstract submission is available again this year, and is online now. For the first time, the AIC will not be accepting paper submissions, so remember to visit the AIC website to register and submit your abstract for this year's meeting (www.fisheries.org/units/aic/aic2008.htm). Please note that you will still have to send in your fees via snail mail. I would like to see acceptance of electronic payment in the upcoming years!

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for allowing me the privilege to be President of the AIC. So far, so good (knock on wood), I have found the experience to be both challenging and rewarding. This also means that no one should fear being nominated as Vice President at this year's annual meeting, so crawl out from under your chairs and put your hands up!

Thank you,

Alison Johnson

President and Webmaster
Atlantic International Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

AIC 2008 Annual Meeting to Take Place in Nova Scotia

First Call for Papers!

NOTE: Posters will be accepted as well. Follow abstract guidelines below.

From the Mountains to the Sea: Ecosystems in Action

This is the first call for papers for our 34th Annual Meeting of the Atlantic International Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to be held September 21-23, 2008 at Digby Pines in Digby, NS. Please consider submitting a paper for presentation at this special event. You may submit a paper under our theme: "From the Mountains to the Sea: Ecosystems in Action" however all papers from the full spectrum of fisheries biology are welcome.

Papers will be considered on a first come, first serve basis, so submit yours early to insure a spot in the program. As always, your participation adds to the quality of our meetings. You are invited to submit abstracts for review on any topic related to fisheries communities and interactions such as with habitat or habitats, inter-specific competition, habitat improvements or other interesting topics of fisheries. In addition, we will still hold our traditional Open Session, for which abstracts for any topic are invited.

Preparing your abstract: The abstract is a short description of your work and should contain all the elements necessary to define your aims and results to the reader, i.e., background, methods, results and conclusions. Abstracts will be accepted online only at: www.fisheries.org/units/aic/submission.htm. If for some reason you are unable to submit your abstract electronically, please email ernie.atkinson@maine.gov.

Format of abstracts: The abstract, including the title through references cannot exceed 300 words in length. Lines should be single-spaced. Each abstract should have the following elements laid out as follows:

Contact information: At the top of the page please make sure you fill in each box including name, organization, address, phone, fax, and email address of presenting author.

Title: Clearly identify the contents of the abstract and indicate whether you would like to submit a presentation or a poster.

Authors: Use the first initials and full last name of authors. Indicate the presenting author on the appropriate line and all contributing authors' on the second line. All authors' names should be in upper and lower case letters (not all capitals).

Affiliations: All affiliations should follow the authors' names. Use only institution/agency and city, state address. Write affiliations in upper and lower case.

Abstract Text: Write the text of the abstract in the appropriate text box. The abstract should contain no more than 300 words. Leave a space between the text and the reference list (if used).

References (optional): Abbreviate journal titles.

Students are encouraged to present: Please come and share your work with us. Stipends are available to defray costs see www.fisheries.org/units/aic/students.htm for details.

Submitting your abstract: Abstracts are to be submitted electronically prior to the deadline of Friday, August 22 at: www.fisheries.org/units/aic/submission.htm. Early abstract submissions will be given priority for presentation. Faxed copies will not be accepted.

Registration directions and other important information is at the end of the newsletter.

And.....

Student Stipends for the AIC Meeting

The AIC will assist up to five students who wish to go to the annual AIC meeting. Assistance is a \$100 stipend paid directly to the student. Students are required to present a paper or poster at the meeting. The 2008 meeting will be in Digby Nova Scotia from 21-23 September. This is a great opportunity to meet other fishery professionals and always a fun meeting! Contact Steve Shepard (Student Assistance Comm. Chair) at asa@rivah.net

(Sort of) New AIC website!!!

Last year, the AFS Parent Society made some rather significant changes to their servers and they way they host Chapter websites, and consequently, the address to the AIC website has changed. Please visit the new Atlantic International Chapter website at: www.fisheries.org/units/aic/.

We are looking for submissions to our photo gallery, as well as exciting new research and publications (we currently have received no publications to put online). In the coming months, we will be updating the site to include on-line abstract submission, registration and reservation booking for the annual AIC conference in September 2008.

Please take a moment to view the current member list and notify me with your revised contact information.

I hope you enjoy the new site, and check back often for updates!

Alison Johnson

President and Webmaster
Atlantic International Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

North Eastern Division newsletter

The North Eastern Division Spring newsletter is now available. Please visit www.fisheries.org/afs/news/nednewsletter.pdf to see the newsletter.

AFS Parent Society Meeting in August 17-21, 2008

The 138th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) at the Ottawa Congress Centre and Westin Hotel August 17-21, 2008.

The theme of the meeting is "Fisheries in Flux: How Do We Ensure Our Sustainable Future". This theme reflects President Mary Fabrizio's Program of Work for her year in office, and addresses the ongoing challenge of confronting change when managing fisheries. See www.fisheries.org/afs08/ for more details and to register (will be available soon).

From the Northeastern Division

Greetings Northeastern Division Members! The latest issue of "The Northeast Fish Rapper", the newsletter of the Northeastern Division of AFS is now available. The newsletter can be accessed from the NED website www.nedafs.org. Check it out now!

Scott Decker
President, Northeastern Division/AFS

UMaine Subunit Update

University of Maine Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society
Subunit Report to the AIC Ex-Com for the period Sept. 2006 – Aug. 2007

Compiled by Michael Bailey; Sept. 30, 2007.

Currently there are at least four groups at the University of Maine that are active with fisheries or aquatic based research including: The School of Biology and Ecology, Department of Wildlife Ecology, Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences and The School of Marine Sciences. In order to provide students and faculty networking opportunity and professional outlets the University of Maine Student Subunit was formed. All activities during the 2006-2007 academic year were focused toward either 1) social, 2) professional, or 3) outreach activities. While most activities serve more than one purpose, they will only be listed under one category for sake of simplicity.

1) Social activities are critical for the establishment of a unified fisheries community on the University of Maine campus.

During the past year, the subunit hosted several well-attended social gatherings. These included socials with several seminar speakers and two ice fishing trips to aid in the capture of invasive Northern Pike.

2) Professional activities are designed to add to development of both undergraduates and graduate students who plan to follow careers in aquatic resources.

Several seminars were co-hosted with departments on campus. We worked closely with The Wildlife Society to help foster a closer working

relationship with our society, largely dominated by graduate students, and the largely undergraduate Wildlife Society.

3) Outreach activities provide students with opportunities to aid in conservation and education of aquatic stewardship, while still full time students.

University of Maine Subunit acted as the Editors for the newsletter of Northeast Division of AFS (Fish Rapper). We also maintained a fish tank in a cooperative USFWS program called Salmon in Schools which provided information about salmon recovery. We also participated in the Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery's "Spawning Spectacular". In addition, we have worked with The Maine Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife on plans to create monitoring stations and curb the spread of Northern Pike recently released into Atlantic salmon waters.

AFS Parent Society News

As always, there is a wealth of news and other information on the AFS website, www.fisheries.org.

Upcoming Fish Seminars

Eagle Hill Fish Seminars – Northeastern U.S. & Canada - Early Summer 2008 - Special 20% tuition discount offer to all AFS and NALMS members!

Two consecutive freshwater fish courses will be offered this year at Eagle Hill, located in Steuben, on the coast of Maine.

Any AFS or NALMS member enrolled before May 1 for either one or both of these fish seminars will be eligible for a 20 percent tuition discount.

June 9-14: Northeast Freshwater Fish Origins, Distribution, Status & Taxonomic ID, Instructor Dr. David Halliwell, Maine DEP, Augusta, Maine.

June 15-21: Natural History of Parasites of Freshwater Fishes of Maine, Instructor Dr. David Cone, St. Mary's University, Halifax, New Brunswick, Canada.

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Toll-Free: 1-800-667-4637
Fax: (902) 245-6133

Email: pines@signatureresorts.com website: www.digbypines.ca

By ferry from St. John, New Brunswick visit Bay Ferries at www.acadiaferry.com for schedules and reservations.

Driving Directions

From Truro, NS or Halifax International Airport:

Take Highway #102 toward Halifax. Take Exit 4 (Annapolis Valley- Highway #101). When you reach Digby take Exit 26 and follow the signs for the ferry to Saint John. We are 0.5km before the ferry terminal, located at 103 Shore Drive. Travel time is 2 ½ hours.

From Halifax:

Take Highway #102 from Halifax. Take Exit 4 (Annapolis Valley- Highway #101). When you reach Digby take Exit 26 and follow the signs for the ferry to Saint John. We are 0.5km before the ferry terminal. Travel time is 2 ½ hours.

From Yarmouth:

Travel time is one (1) hour. Take Highway #101 to Digby (Exit 26). When you reach Digby take Exit 26 and follow the signs for the ferry to Saint John. We are 0.5km before the ferry terminal. By ferry from Bar Harbor or Portland, ME to Yarmouth, NS: visit Bay ferries at www.catferry.com for schedules and reservations



Address: Digby Pines Golf Resort and Spa, 103 Shore Road, Digby Nova Scotia B0V 1A0

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CONFERENCE RATES: *Prices are in Canadian funds, + taxes, per person*

Room Type	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Cottage bedroom* or Resort guestroom	\$368.00 + \$8.00 gratuity per day	\$234.00 + \$8.00 gratuity per day

*2 or 3 bedroom cottages; Cottage bedrooms have one queen and a twin bed or two twin beds in each bedroom. Each bedroom has a private bathroom.
Double Occupancy refers to two adults per bedroom, not per two bedroom cottage.
Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. on Sunday and Check-out time is 11:00 Noon on Tuesday

Package rate includes:

- 2 night's lodging (Sunday/Monday)
- 2 breakfasts (Monday/Tuesday)
- 2 lunches (Monday/Tuesday)
- 1 supper or packed "lunch" for field trip (Monday) - No supper Monday.
- Breaks

Commuter rates (Monday only):

*Commuters must **pay in advance** for the meal plan (see Meeting Registration form)*

\$39.00 (including tax) + registration fee (Includes 2 breaks & lunch)

Please make reservations directly with the hotel: quote: American Fisheries Society, Atlantic International Chapter to get the above rates.

- Please indicate to the hotel if you have **allergy or dietary concerns**
- Please indicate if you are willing/desire to share a room with another participant
Or wish to share a cottage together.
- The conference package rate (and incidentals) are payable to the Digby Pines
- *Conference registration and commuter rate is separate and payable to AIC*

Reservation Deadline: August 21, 2008

The room block will be released after this date and normal seasonal rates will apply.

REGISTER EARLY!

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Meeting Payment

Early Registration (pre-August 21st)
AFS Members \$20.
Non-AFS Members \$25.

Late Registration (after Aug 21/ "at the door")
AFS Members \$25.
Non-AFS Members \$30.

**** Registration Fee Waived for Students ****

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

AFS Membership #: _____

Commuters: *Commuters must **pay in advance** for the Monday meal plan. This fee cannot be reimbursed if cancelled within 7 days of the meeting.*

\$39.00 (including tax) + registration fee (Includes 2 breaks & lunch)

Please send fees in either US or Canadian funds

(Commuter rate is expressed in Canadian funds)

Please make cheques payable to "Atlantic International Chapter"

Return this form with payment to:

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