

NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER - AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
1992 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1992 annual meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be held on February 24 & 25 in Crossnore, NC. We will meet from 1:00 p.m. on the 24th until noon on the 25th at the B.H. Corpening Training Facility. The Facility can house and provide food for up to 84 folks and we would like to use every space. The enclosed brochure describes the facility. All linens and towels are provided and we have made arrangements for a Monday night steak supper, and breakfast and lunch on Tuesday. The cost for meals, room, the Monday night social and registration will be \$40.00. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m., so be sure that you are registered and ready to meet at 1:00 p.m.

A pre-registration fee will not be requested. However, reasonably accurate head counts will be needed to make final arrangements. If you plan to attend the meeting, please sign the pre-registration form that is enclosed, place a stamp on the card and mail it to Micky Clemmons; Rt 1, Box 624; Waynesville, NC 28786; by January 31, 1992.

We are planning 2 topical discussions and a student paper session for this meeting. The first discussion will involve the pros and cons of clear-cutting with Monte Seehorn and a representative from the Western North Carolina Alliance presenting these points. The second discussion will concern the exotic zebra mussel. Two biologists from New York will be with us to tell us about the problems they have had, describe the present, and rapidly expanding range and to help us learn to identify this species. Lastly, we are planning a student paper session.

Students and advisors with students working on fisheries related topics please take note! Comments at the last meeting emphasized the need to attract and involve more fisheries students in the chapter. The student session is an attempt to do this. Students participating in this session will have their fees for the meeting waived. A best student paper award will be given, and will consist of a one year's student membership to the AFS, including two journal subscriptions. Elise Irwin, a graduate student at NCSU, has graciously agreed to coordinate this session. Any student interested in contributing a paper to this session should contact Elise at (919) 515-6145. If there are a large number who wish to present their work, the number of speakers may have to be limited. Acceptance will be first-come, first-accepted.

Elections: Please notice that enclosed with this announcement is an information sheet on candidates for president-elect and secretary/treasurer. After you have read this information and decided how you will vote please mark the enclosed ballot, place a stamp on it and mail. The deadline for mailing your ballot is February 14, 1992, so you need to send the ballot as soon as possible. The results will be announced at the annual meeting.

Logo: We are still in need of a logo for our chapter. If you have any ideas for a logo please draw, sketch, trace, cut and paste, computer create or use any other method, to produce an example of your idea. As soon as we have a logo we can make t-shirts, stationary and other chapter items.

Dues: Please notice the top of the mailing label. The years for which we have a record of your dues payment are indicated. If you feel that there is a mistake or if you would like to pay dues for years that you missed, let me (Micky) know at the meeting.

Raffle: We are planning to have another raffle and silent auction this year. If you can solicit, make, or otherwise provide a donation for this fund raising event, please contact Micky Clemmons at (704) 452-0422. We will have several old volumes of Transactions for the silent auction, so check your journals and see if you need any. Look around your office and in your fishing tackle to see if there are any golden oldies that you could donate.

**PROGRAM OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
N.C. CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
FEBRUARY 24-25, 1992
B. H. CORPENING TRAINING CENTER, N.C. FOREST SERVICE
CROSSNORE, N.C.**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 1:00 Opening Comments
- 1:10 **Session I: Effects of Clearcutting on the Fishery Resources of North Carolina**
- 1:10 The need for clearcutting as a forestry management option.
Monte Seehorn, Fisheries Biologist, U.S. Forest Service Service, Gainesville, GA.
- 1:30 The impacts of clearcutting on fisheries resources.
Mary Kelly, Coordinator (Director) and Ecologist, Western N.C. Alliance, Asheville, NC.
- 1:50 Questions and Discussion of the clearcutting issue.
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 **Session II: Contributed Papers by N.C. Fisheries Students**
- 2:30 Differential growth rate among juvenile southern flounder.
Gary Fitzhugh, N.C. State University
- 2:45 The impact of effluent from trout farms on the taxa richness of benthic macroinvertebrates.
David Loch, Western Carolina University
- 3:00 Food versus refuge: Do juvenile fishes grow faster in vegetated marine habitats?
David Nadeau, N.C. State University
- 3:15 Cardinal tetra research on Rio Negro, Brazil
Todd Wenzel, N.C. State University
- 3:30 Comparison of scales and otoliths for aging threadfin shad.
Denise Shell, N.C. State University
- 4:00 Discussion of the possibility of a N.C. student subchapter.
- 4:15 Break
- 4:30 Poster preparation
- 6:00 Steak supper
- 7:30 Social, Poster Review and Raffle

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 Session III: Business Session

10:00 Break

10:15 Session IV: The Zebra Mussel: Identification, Problems, and Range Expansion: The N.Y. Experience

Dave McNeill and Chuck O'Neill, Regional Extension Specialists in Great Lakes Sport Fisheries and Aquaculture, N.Y. Sea Grant Extension Program, State University of N.Y. at Brockport, Brockport, N.Y.

11:45 Closing Comments

12:00 Lunch