

AFS – New York Chapter Newsletter – Spring 2010

Editors' Note

Welcome to the Spring 2010 newsletter! Please enjoy, and feel free to write to me with suggestions for future newsletters! If you would care to submit something for the Summer newsletter, please email it to me at eczollwe@gw.dec.state.ny.us by August 15, 2010. I'm especially looking for fish stories and student happenings...
Emily Zollweg, Newsletter Editor

President's Corner

Spring must be near. We're preparing for our schedule of sampling migrating adult rainbow trout in the Finger Lakes tributaries, making plans for corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day, wondering whether we'll have a budget in place on April 1, and being reminded that I need to write my first president's column for the spring NYC AFS newsletter.

Thanks to our program chair Casey Festa, and local arrangements chair Rob Fiorentino, we had an excellent annual Chapter meeting in early February at the Fort William Henry Conference Center in Lake George. About 127 members attended, which was great, considering the travel restrictions imposed on many of us. The plenary session presentations reflected on New York's Fisheries Heritage, and gave us an appreciation for how those who came before us were instrumental in shaping our fisheries resources. As usual, the contributed papers were interesting and gave students and fisheries professionals a chance to interact and share information. Under a bright blue sky, a good time was had by all who stayed for the ice fishing social, even though the fish seemed uncooperative.

I'm happy to report that as a result of Randy Vaas' inquiry at the Chapter annual business meeting, the NYC AFS-produced movie "The Aquatic Ecologist" narrated by Rod Serling has been found! Cornell student Emily Cornwell searched the university library and found out that only three libraries worldwide had a copy (St. Mary's College in Maryland, Central Michigan University, and Virginia Tech). All three copies were on 16 mm film. Emily knew some people at Ithaca College in video production (they were interested because Rod Serling used to be a faculty member at Ithaca College) and after talking with them, she found out that Ithaca College still has a projection system to view 16 mm film and to transfer the 16 mm film to a DVD format. Since NYC AFS holds the copyright for the film, Ithaca College did the transfer, and we should have copies soon. Many thanks to Emily and Randy for further preserving a piece of New York's fisheries heritage!

I responded to the New York Society of American Foresters that we were interested in a Tri-Society meeting in 2011 or 2012. Just today I received a response that due to their schedule, they could not participate in a tri-society meeting until 2013. So, NYC AFS will hold a regular 2011 annual meeting, TBA. We are still in need of a program chair for the meeting. Please email me at mjsander@gw.dec.state.ny.us if you are interested in this position. Ross Abbett has volunteered to take over as professional incentives chairperson for Sarah Zappala. All members are encouraged to get involved with the executive committee of our organization.

I'm looking forward to serving as Chapter president this year. Many thanks to past-president Randy Jackson, secretary/treasurer Scott Jones, and all of the executive committee members for their dedication to making sure the Chapter's business is conducted timely and efficiently.

Bring on spring!

Matt Sanderson

Chapter News

AWARDS at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Lake George

Student Travel Awards

In an effort to encourage student participation in the Chapter's Annual Meeting, a Student Travel Award was established to support travel to the 2010 Annual Meeting. The awards provide full financial support for students to travel to the Annual Meeting while recognizing them for their involvement with the Chapter. Funds were approved to grant five \$150 travel awards and we received eight applications. The quality of our student members is outstanding, and the decisions on which students to give awards to were difficult. The Executive Committee is already working on ways to establish the Travel Award as an annual tradition. Thanks to all the students that participated at this year's meeting and Congratulations to the students who received awards!



From the left are Emily Cornwell – Cornell University, Tyler Ross – Cornell University, Seth Herbst – University of Vermont, Willie Fetzer – Cornell University, Geoffrey Eckerlin – SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Best Student Poster and Best Student Paper Awards

We enjoyed strong student participation in both the oral and poster sessions in 2010. Seven students delivered oral presentations and 4 contributed posters. Congratulations to Emily and Geof, this year's winners!

Best Student Poster – Geoffrey Eckerlin – SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and
Best Student Paper – Emily Cornwell – Cornell University.

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Changing of the Guards



President Matt Sanderson presents Past President Randy Jackson with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service and dedication to the Chapter. Thank You Randy for a job well done.



Scott Jones, Secretary-Treasurer with Sarah Zapala. Sarah received a Certificate of Appreciation for her work as Professional Incentives Committee Chair. Thanks Sarah! Your excellent work as committee chair is greatly appreciated by the many members of the Chapter.

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Professional Cabin Fever? Join a Chapter Committee!

By Fred Henson, Past-President

Are you feeling a sense of frustration in the workplace because fiscal constraints are preventing you from doing what you view as essential work? Have you experienced episodes of professional tunnel vision as a consequence of decreased opportunities for interactions with the full diversity of fisheries professionals beyond your immediate workstation? Have you been self-medicating after hours with questionable television?

If you have experienced any of the above symptoms then you might be suffering from professional cabin fever. In the final stages, victims rarely leave their cubicles and, when they do, their co-workers mistake them for visiting retirees. The progression from inspired and idealistic young fisheries professional to malaise-stricken cube hermit is slow and painful but the good news is that there is a simple cure: find an AFS Chapter Committee that is working on something that piques your professional interest and join it!

Even if circumstances severely restrict your ability to travel, there are many committee tasks that can be distributed electronically, accomplished at your own desk, and yet still afford an increased sense of connection with other fisheries professionals and relieve those nagging perceptions of isolation and confinement.

Committee work often gets a bad rap in the popular imagination: “No one builds a statue to a committee.” Yet, assigning an important task to a committee is one of the oldest traditions of governance in our society. In my opinion, a committee that does good work has built its own monument – no statues required. I formed this opinion upon exiting the national archives in Washington D.C. after viewing the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

New Members

Free Fish CD and Book! Annual chapter dues are only \$10 (\$5 for students). The first 50 new chapter members (not a member for at least 5 preceding years) receive a free copy of the NYCAFS’s CD *Historic Distribution of Inland Fishes of NYS: Map Series by E. C. Raney*, which provides the New York distribution of 131 freshwater fish species. In addition, the first 20 members of the Chapter who become new members in the parent organization American Fisheries Society in 2008 will receive a free copy of the *Guidelines for the Use of Fishes in Research*.

Scott Jones, Sec./Treas.

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Website

For your information: the New York Chapter AFS Bylaws are available online at:

<http://www.newyorkafs.org/NYCAFSBylaws.pdf>

There is also a link to the bylaws on the bottom of the home page.

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Candidate Biography (omitted from Winter newsletter due to lack of competition)

Biography of Ed Woltmann

Ed Woltmann has spent the past 25 years as an employee of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Bureau of Fisheries, most recently serving as a Supervising Aquatic Biologist overseeing the Bureau's Public Use and Outreach Section. Ed began his career as a biologist in 1984 researching the use of sterile grass carp as aquatic vegetation control agents in New York State which led to the current DEC permit program for use of the fish in New York. Following his efforts with sterile grass carp, he has served in various capacities with DEC including 10 years as a Regional Fisheries Manager on Long Island and as both Warmwater and Coldwater Unit Leader in DEC Central Office. Ed is particularly proud of the efforts he and staff put forth to improve fishing and increase fishing participation on Long Island, as well as the successful introduction of walleye in Lake Ronkonkoma and Fort Pond to control overabundant white perch communities in both waters. Ed grew up on Long Island and currently resides in Averill Park, NY with his wife Lori and son Daniel. He graduated from the University of Vermont with a BS in Wildlife Biology. His professional interests include warmwater fisheries management, youth education and fisheries outreach. On the personal side, he enjoys hunting and fishing and both playing and coaching ice hockey.

Ed has been very active in Chapter activities and is best known for his role as the General Chair responsible for the organization and implementation of the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society held in Lake Placid New York. This successful meeting remains the most well attended AFS meeting ever held in the Northeast and continues to bring fond memories to all that attended. He served as Program Chair for the 1995 Chapter Meeting in Owego and also served in the same capacity for the 2001 Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference. A long-term member of the New York Chapter who has noted the significant variation in membership and meeting attendance, Ed promises to work hard to find creative ways to encourage all involved in the world of fisheries in New York to participate in the New York Chapter and attend the annual meeting.

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Workshop

Fish Identification Workshop- On February 10, 2010 a workshop focused on the identification methodology of the fishes of NY was conducted at Fort William Henry as part of the NY Chapter of the American Fisheries Society annual meeting. Dr. Robert Daniels, Dr Rick Morse, and Brian Weatherwax from the New York State Museum instructed 33 fisheries professionals and students from throughout the state on the topic of fish identification. Of these 33 attendees, 22 were DEC employees. This workshop was coordinated and subsidized through the New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

This year's workshop focused on the Catostomidae, Cyprinidae, and Percidae of NY as these families include most of the harder to identify species. Preserved and live specimens were available for attendees as well as a Museum developed dichotomus key. Introductory presentations were provided by Lisa Holst and Doug Carlson on the importance of proper identification, vouchering specimen, the utility of preserved collections, and the resources available for fish identification. Workshop evaluation revealed that attendees found the workshop worthwhile.



Jennie Sausville makes her next selection in the game of “What is this fish in a jar?”

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To: Members of the New York Chapter AFS

From: Chris VanMaaren

Regarding: Workshop Selection

In an effort to provide workshops that meet the needs of the members of our Chapter, I could use your help in selecting topics. Please check all the topics that interest you and/or list your ideas. Thank you.

1. Aquatic Entomology: identification of common genera and ecological perspectives. Yes___, No___
 2. NY Freshwater Malacology: identification of NY freshwater mussels and ecological perspectives. Yes___, No___
 3. Astacology: identification of NY crayfish and ecological perspectives. Yes___, No___
 4. Submerged Aquatic Macrophytes: identification of common NY submerged plants and ecological perspectives. Yes___, No___
 5. Georeferencing Your Biological Data: An Introduction to the use of Geographical Information Systems for the Fisheries Professional. Yes___, No___
 6. Fish Conservation Genetics: forming strategies to preserve and protect the diversity of fish in NY. Yes___, No___
 7. Your Ideas: _____
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*please include as many fancy “..ology” terms as possible

Return to ccvanmaa@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Student Subunit

The student subunits are: Fredonia, Cornell, and Morrisville. There is also a Chapter at SUNY ESF.

Northeast Division

Check out the latest issue of "The Northeast Fish Rapper" at http://www.fisheries.org/units/ned/docs_newsletter.htm

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The Northeast Fish Rapper

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The Northeastern Division of the American Fisheries Society is seeking nominations for several awards which will be presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Division, including the Dwight A. Webster Memorial Award, the President's Award, the Meritorious Service Award and the Special Achievement Award. This meeting will be held during the Northeastern Fish and Wildlife Conference, April 25 - 27, 2010 in Newton, MA.

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Detailed information about the awards may be found at http://www.fisheries.org/units/ned/awd_call-for-nominations.htm

The deadline for submission of nominations is hereby extended to March 19, 2010.

Last year, the Division presented the Dwight A. Webster Memorial Award to Carolyn Griswold and a Special Achievement Award to Kenneth Sprankle.

Desmond Kahn
2010 NED Awards Committee Chair

Announcements

DIADROMOUS SPECIES RESTORATION RESEARCH NETWORK UPDATE

A bi-monthly announcement of happenings in the diadromous species research community

Please visit the DSRRN Website [<http://www.umaine.edu/searunfish>] to learn more about:

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: NOAA/GOMC Habitat Restoration Due April 2 AND USGS Water Resources Research Grant Due April 7

CALL FOR PAPERS: "Limnology and Oceanography: Fluids and Environments"

EVENT: Film "The Good Life" for Penobscot Restoration Fundraiser April 8

RESEARCH PUBLICATION: "Geomorphic Comparison of Two Atlantic Coastal Rivers" In River Research and Applications 2010

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: Long Island Sound 2010 Futures Fund, Due May 7

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: Penobscot River Annual Research Newsletter, Due April 15

POSITION AVAILABLE: Restoration Ecologist / Project Manager, Boston, Due March 26

CONFERENCES: 4th World Conference on Ecological Restoration, Mexico, August and 4th National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration, Maryland, August

WORKSHOPS: Natural Channel Design in Dam Removal and Fish Passage, June 14-18 and Stream Restoration August 16-20, Minnesota

RESEARCH PUBLICATION: Reconnecting Rivers: Natural Channel Design in Dam Removal and Fish Passage by Luther Aadland.

AFS News

New titles from AFS

Pacific Salmon: Ecology and Management of Western Alaska's Populations

Charles C. Krueger and Christian E. Zimmerman, editors

1,235 pages, index, hardcover

Published by the American Fisheries Society

Publication date: December 2009

ISBN: 978-1-934874-11-0

\$69.00 list price, \$48.00 AFS members

To order: www.afsbooks.org/54070C

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This timely book examines the sustainability of salmon fisheries in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (AYK) region of Alaska. With more than fifty chapters, the book assesses the ecological processes that cause change in salmon populations; describes the effects of varying salmon runs on rural communities; reviews state, Federal, and international management of salmon fisheries in the region; and examines emerging themes at the nexus of salmon ecology and management in the AYK region.

Topics covered include marine and freshwater ecology; subsistence, commercial, and sport fisheries; and economics, governance, and cultural issues.

AFS Information on the Web <http://www.fisheries.org>

AFS has a mailing list for postings regarding fish, announcements, job opportunities and requests for information. You can subscribe to receive these in normal email mode or in digest mode. To subscribe, e-mail to: daemon@fisheries.org and enter SUBSCRIBE AFS in the body of the e-mail.

Upcoming Events

Boat Electrofishing: Principles and Practices
Effective Use of Boat Electrofishers for Fish Capture and Minimal Trauma
Course ID: BIO-408
April 28 - 30, 2010, 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. (3 Days)
The University of Maine
Orono, Maine 04469
207-581-1110
Instructor: Dr. James B. Reynolds

Description: Electrofishing is an effective way to sample freshwater fish populations. However, electrofishing may cause fish injury or mortality. Proper balance between efficient sampling and minimal harm is achieved through the knowledge of electrofishing principles and proper use techniques. This three-day course is intended to meet the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) training requirements for electrofishing field staff. The NMFS guidance and training requirements document may be downloaded [here](#)

Course Topics:

Electric Circuits and Fields

- Principles and terminology
- Characteristics of AC, DC and pulsed DC waveforms
- Power transfer
- Electric field characteristics
- Effects of size, shape and spacing of electrodes
- Water conductivity measurement

Fish Behavior and Welfare

- Fish reactions in AC, DC and pulsed DC fields
- Attracting fish for capture
- Causes and reductions of fish stress
- Types and causes of fish injury
- Reducing fish injury and mortality

- Effects of electroshock on fish eggs and invertebrates
- Obtaining permits for boat electrofishing

Boat Electrofishing Systems

- System components
- Types of equipment
- Evaluating output
- Troubleshooting problems
- Understanding settings
- Safety features

Boat Operations and Safety

- Safe use of boat electrofishing equipment
- Common safety issues

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- Safety policies
- Crew organization
- Role of first aid and CPR training

Field Trip Exercises

- Waveform output evaluation
- Electrode resistance measurement
- Electrical field mapping
- Voltage threshold for fish capture

- Fish capture techniques
- Fish holding, handling, and release
- Field data requirements

Sampling Design and Applications

- Goal-oriented designs
- Factors affecting electrofishing efficiency
- Use and validity of electrofishing data
- Development of standardized power tables

About the Instructor: Dr. James B. (Jim) Reynolds is Professor Emeritus of Fisheries at the University of Alaska Fairbanks where he served on the faculty during 1978-1999. Jim is a recognized authority on electrofishing and ecology of northern fishes. He has taught electrofishing short courses to over 1,500 biologists in the U.S. and Canada, is the author of the chapter on electrofishing in "Fisheries Techniques" published by the American Fisheries Society and has written numerous research articles on the subject. Jim is Past President of the Education and Fisheries History sections and Missouri and Alaska chapters of the American Fisheries Society. He also provided technical guidance for the NOAA Fisheries electrofishing guidelines (see link above). Other instructors will assist during the field portion of the class.

Intended Audience: This course is intended for biologist, field personnel, and other professionals seeking an improved understanding of the principles and techniques of electrofishing.

What to Bring: All participants must bring a notebook, pen/pencil, electronic calculator, and bottle of water. Please also bring insulated rubber gloves and knee boots or hip waders and dress for prevailing weather during the field trip. You are also encouraged to bring your own boat electrofishing unit if you have access to one. You will gain knowledge of the specific optimal settings for your unit and hands-on experience using it in the field. There will be boat electrofishing equipment available for those who do not bring their own.

Self-Reporting Continuing Education Units: 2.0

Registration: Early bird rate \$750/\$650* until March 19, 2010; \$800/\$700* thereafter

(*reduced tuition is available for Native American tribes; government employees; nonprofits; students; and AFS, NAEP, NEBC, TAEP members). You may register by calling the Northwest Environmental Training Center at 206-762-1976.

Jobs

AFS Job Center Online: <http://www.fisheries.org/jobs.shtml> <http://www.fisheries.org/jobs.shtml>

Interesting Stuff

Permanent Rock Ramp Fishway Installed in the Peconic River

For over a decade, the Peconic Estuary Program and NYSDEC have been working relentlessly with federal, state, and local agencies and non-profits to install a rock ramp at the Grangebel Park South Spillway on the main stem of the Peconic River; the headwaters of the Peconic Estuary. After 10 years of project planning, permitting, and contracting delays, the much anticipated rock ramp is in!

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The first phase of the project, extensive repairs to the structural integrity of the Grangebel Park North Spillway, was completed in late December 2009. The second phase of the project, the South Spillway rock ramp, commenced shortly thereafter and was completed in early February 2010; just in time for the spring migration. This new fishway will allow permanent access to 24 acres and 1.5 miles of prime, critical habitat and spawning grounds in the Peconic River, and will provide an impetus for additional fish passage restoration projects upriver.

The rock ramp replaces an Alaskan steep pass ladder which was installed every spring since 2000 in Grangebel Park's North Spillway. The steep pass was very costly to maintain and remove seasonally, was not suitable to pass American eels, and was a safety hazard. A more natural looking and functioning rock ramp in the South Spillway creates permanent alewife and American eel resting pools to allow unimpeded access.

Project design, planning, and construction was supported by numerous entities including: USFWS, NOAA, NYSDEC, NYSDOS, Suffolk County, Town of Riverhead, FishAmerica Foundation, American River, NY- Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership, Spectra Energy, and National Grid.



Photo Credits: Byron Young

The Committee for Conservation of Native Fish Diversity has been helping with an early step in reclassifying NY's inland fishes as endangered or threatened, in a process called a field trial. The earliest of the committee's activities began in May 2006 with one of its key purposes to help assemble information about these fishes and with this reclassifying process. The field trial began in January 2010 as a test of the assembled information on eight fishes and the capabilities of an expert panel. After 3 months of deliberation, evaluations have been completed by nine members or volunteers. The simplified classification process was intended to draw a boundary between those fish that are at-risk, or likely to become extirpated in the long term or short term, and those that are not. Three fish were judged to be above the boundary, summer sucker, mooneye and comely shiner, and they were classified as "at-risk". The other species included longnose sucker, blackchin shiner, channel darter, eastern sand darter and satinfin shiner. When the full-scale classifying process is engaged sometime in the coming year or the next year, the volunteer experts will classify a larger group of fish and will meet as a panel to deliberate on those species where agreement was most lacking. This field trial was very helpful in identifying the quality of the assembled materials and the scale of the task at hand. (submitted by D. Carlson, March 2010).



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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
FEBRUARY 4, 2009
TREADWAY INN, OWEGO, NY

President Fred Henson opened the meeting with a few short announcements:

- President Henson began by requesting a quorum, Secretary Jones stated that a quorum had been reached.
- President Henson thanked the Executive Committee for their effort, both as a group and individuals.
- Meeting Minutes from 2008 were presented, a motion was made by Margaret Murphy, 2nd by Greg Kozlowski, motion passed unanimously.
- Mike Flaherty discussed the nexus of the bylaw revisions as changes to the “Society” bylaws that needed to be carried down as well as other changes requested by the membership. Alan Peterson moved to accept and approve the amended bylaws as written with the understanding that the language required approval of the Governing Board. The motion was seconded by Doug Sheppard and was approved unanimously (32 for, 0 opposed).
- Randy Jackson discussed the raffle ticket sales and the format for the 2009 raffle.
- President Henson reminded members to cast their vote for president.

Old Business

- Credit Card Machine – Secretary/Treasurer Jones discussed the merits of the Credit Card Machine and how it has made the Treasurers duties much easier. He recommends that we continue on with the rental agreement and he will continue to analyze the costs of renting/versus purchasing.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jones presented the 2008 Annual Treasurers Report. The NYC continues to report to the Internal Revenue Service. Interest on Certificate of Deposits (CD) has tapered off during 2009. Balance of the checking account is significantly higher than normal; however methods for reducing this amount are being solicited. Auditor Arrigo conducted an audit of the 2008 books – everything was in order.

Committee Reports

Program. *Casey Festa* – Casey reported that everything appears to be going smoothly with the meeting and discussed a few reminders and meeting changes.

Newsletter: *E. Zollweg* – Emily Zollweg has successfully completed her first year as Chair. Emily has an open door and would encourage any articles or information for inclusion in the 2008 newsletters

Website: *B. Snyder* – Bill presented a written report that indicated that the functionality of the website has vastly improved and is up to date. If you are not receiving your newsletter email notification, please contact Bill Snyder.

Membership: *Randy Jackson* – No report at this time. Secretary Jones reported that attendance at the Annual Meeting was consistent with what was expected.

Student Sub-Unit: *Bill Fisher* – Bill reported that he has assumed the position as Chair for the Student Sub-unit Committee and will be working with advisors and students to boost student participation in the Chapter. A meeting is schedule for student interaction, conversation and questions. A facebook page will be set up to encourage additional student interaction.

Professional Diversity - No Chair – No report. Committee has been dissolved.

Youth Aquatic Education - *Tom Hughes* – Designated as new chair of this committee.

Native American Affairs: - Dawn Dittman –Dawn has established contacts with the appropriate tribal liaisons. However, additional activity has occurred.

Resolutions/Environmental Concerns: R. Vaas –No report

Workshop: Chris VanMaaren – Chris presented a progress report on the Genetics workshop held on February 3rd. The workshop was a relative success and was widely attended both locally and remotely. Chris anticipates a Fish id workshop for 2009. This workshop is based on a workshop that has been designed by Bob Daniels.

Nominating: Emily Zollweg - Nominations for President Elect for 2009 include Matt Sanderson and Mark Malchoff.

Professional Incentives: - Sarah Zappala – The Honorary Member Award, the Professional Achievement Award, and the Conservationist of the Year Award continue to be offered. Sarah was not present but reminded everyone via an email report of what should be included in a nomination for any of these awards.

The 2nd Dave Bryson Memorial Scholarship Award will be also awarded at the banquet dinner. The Executive Committee has received nominations for this award. The selected recipient is Ross Abbett a Masters Student at SUNY Brockport who has been involved and is interested in fisheries issues.

Audit/Finance: M. Arrigo - Mark reviewed the books; they appeared to be in order. Following this audit, mark has resigned as Chair citing professional and personal responsibilities. President Henson will search for a new chair for this committee.

Native Fishes – Jim McKenna – Discussions continue on how to revise the standards for native fishes. Group meetings/discussions occur annually in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

Changing of the Guard

- Result of the election determined that Matt Sanderson has been voted in as the president elect.
- Randy Jackson was escorted to the podium by Past Presidents Margaret Murphy and Emily Zollweg. Randy was sworn in as the 2009 president.
- President Elect Randy Jackson presented Fred Henson with the President’s Appreciation Plaque.
- President Jackson presented the 2009 budget proposal. Fred Henson moved to accept the budget, Scott Jones 2nd, passed unanimously, budget approved.
- President Jackson introduced a potential theme and location for 2009 that will be focused on our historic fisheries resources, more details will be provided as this topic develops during 2009.

New Business

Fred Henson put forth a proposal in an attempt to decrease the discretionary surplus of the Chapter based on a requirement of our officer’s handbook. This proposal includes an approach to bring our Chapter finances to appropriate levels over a 5-year period. Margaret Murphy proposed a few language changes to Fred’s proposal and motioned to accept this plan as amended; the motion was seconded by Casey Festa and passed unanimously. The motion is detailed below. The details were provided as part of a slide presentation at the meeting.

The NYCAFS shall apply in 2009, on a one year trial basis, the spending guidelines recommended by EXCOM (my five year proposal that I faxed to you) and approved by the membership on February 5, 2009. EXCOM is therefore authorized to spend up to \$2,242 beyond a balanced operating budget. EXCOM shall report to the membership on the disposition of the above funds at the 2010 business meeting.

Fred Henson made a motion to adjourn the Annual Business Meeting, Doug Sheppard 2nd, passed unanimously and meeting adjourned.



2009 Receipts



Balance as of January 01, 2009

\$50,227.74

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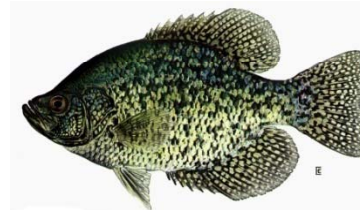
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RECEIPTS	3/31/2009	6/30/2009	9/30/2009	12/31/2009	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET
Membership	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$864.20	\$10.00	\$894.20	\$ 2,100.00
2009 Annual Meeting	\$7,008.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,008.00	\$ 12,000.00
Raffle	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$ 400.00
2009 Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 2,400.00
Miscellaneous Workshops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Dave Bryson Memorial Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$99.37	\$95.96	\$78.29	\$95.75	\$369.37	\$ 700.00
Other (NY Fishes)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Misc(*****)	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215.00	\$ 300.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,842.37	\$95.96	\$942.49	\$105.75	\$8,986.57	\$ 17,900.00



2009 Expenditures



EXPENDITURES	3/31/2009	6/30/2009	9/30/2009	12/31/2009	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET
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2009 Annual Meeting	\$6,916.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,916.56	\$12,000.00
2009 Work Shop	\$2,217.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,217.38	\$ 2,700.00
Misc. Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 200.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 50.00
Credit Card Fees	\$227.89	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$125.00	\$532.89	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies	\$94.50	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$97.50	\$ 100.00
Raffle	\$205.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$205.25	\$ 200.00
Stipends/Best papers/poster/travel	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$ 550.00
NED Officer Meeting Expense	\$0.00	\$148.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148.52	\$ 300.00
AFS National Meeting Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 500.00
Donations	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Award Plaques:	\$311.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$311.00	\$ 250.00
Misc	\$265.00	\$55.00	\$30.73	\$48.75	\$399.48	\$ 0.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,037.58	\$293.52	\$123.73	\$173.75	\$11,628.58	\$ 17,900.00
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Ending Balance (all accounts)	\$47,032.53	\$47,834.97	\$47,653.73	\$47,585.73	\$ 47,585.73	

2009 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Balance as of January 01, 2009					\$ 50,227.74
	12/31/2008	3/31/2009	6/30/2009	9/30/2009	12/31/2009
Checking statement	\$ 23,608.71	\$ 20,392.51	\$ 15,178.72	\$ 14,908.16	\$ 2,754.83
outstanding checks	\$ 0.00	\$ 75.75	\$ 48.52	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
+outstanding deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Checking balance	\$ 23,608.71	\$ 20,316.76	\$ 15,030.20	\$ 14,908.16	\$ 2,754.83
Savings Acct (0.25%)	\$5,008.07	\$ 5,009.92	\$ 5,011.80	\$ 5,013.69	\$ 0.00
CD 31003919703651 (2.80%)	\$5,468.54	\$ 5,494.43	\$ 5,511.63	\$ 5,528.88	\$ 5,546.00
CD 31003919703669 (1.80%)	\$5,419.10	\$ 5,442.26	\$ 5,457.10	\$ 5,467.43	\$ 5,493.26
CD 31003919703677 (1.80%)	\$5,444.70	\$ 5,467.97	\$ 5,508.85	\$ 5,545.92	\$ 5,583.24
CD 31003919779529 (1.80%) Dave Bryson Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$5,278.62	\$ 5,301.19	\$ 5,315.39	\$ 5,325.45	\$ 5,335.42
New AmeriCU Checking			\$ 4,995.00	\$ 5,859.20	\$ 17,850.45
New AmeriCU Savings (0.38%)			\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5,022.53
Total All Accounts	\$ 50,227.74.53	\$ 47,032.53	\$ 49,834.97	\$ 47,653.73	\$ 47,585.73

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