



# Fish Health Section



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**WEBSITE:** [www.afs-fhs.org](http://www.afs-fhs.org)

## FHS NEWS

**Thanks Paul and his group for hosting a great meeting in Port Townsend – update to come in the next newsletter**

## MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

The FHS/WFDW just finished up a great meeting in Port Townsend WA. There was lots of good science, a great location and a really informative continuing education course on aquatic biotoxins. Paul Hershberger, Lucas Hart and Jacob Gregg did an excellent job of organizing this event. I am amazed how fast this term went by. I want to thank the EXCOM (Paul Hershberger, Rod Getchell, Andy Goodwin, Jill Rolland, Scott Webber, Chris Whipps) and the committees for advise and taking care of FHS business. I want to especially thank Jerri Bartholomew, for producing this ListServ since its beginning and Jill Rolland for serving as Secretary Treasurer for several years. This year Heather Walsh chaired the nomination committee, Mark Fast chaired the CE committee, Amy Long chaired the student involvement committee, Scott Weber chaired the Awards committee and Professional Standards Committee, Chris Whipps chaired the Technical Standards Committee Ray Brunson Chaired the Policy/Position Development Committee and Diane Elliot chaired the Archives committee. Items of note from the EXCOM committee are:

- The FHS budget is in very good shape and in this provides a great opportunity to strengthen our section.
- The nomination committee did a great job in getting candidates and we had very good voter turnout (see see the announcement in this Update).
- The Archive committee is looking for older fish health related documents and pictures for Archiving at the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives in Spearfish, SD (see the announcement in this Update).
- The student Involvement Committee started a blog (<http://afs-fhs-students.blogspot.com/>) which can be accessed through the main AFS-FHS website and the student profiles on the web site have been very successful as judged by numbers of views. The committee reminds FHS members to encourage students to get involved and provide them with opportunities to contribute at meetings, regional activities, and online networking.
- The 2012 Bluebook is out and the Technical Standards Committee is working on the next update (2014). This is a good time for feedback on chapters that need updates or edits.

- Chris Wilson represented the AVMA Aquatic Veterinary Medicine Committee and he reported on their activities, their new Web Site and their plans to participate in the ISAAH.
- The ISAAH organizing committee Lead by Paul Hershberger and Jerri Bartholomew are finalizing plans for the Aug 31-Sept 4, 2014 meeting (It looks like an exciting meeting, make sure to be there).
- Rod Getchell offered to host the 2015 FHS annual meeting in Ithaca, NY.

I want to especially recognize the members for making the Section what it is. When I attended the AFS EXCOM meetings I was able to see that our Section is truly unique by serving all components of aquatic animal health. This strength is respected by other Sections in the Society. The Journal and meetings and ListServ are critical venues for researchers, reporting disease issues and diagnostic methods and current events. What sets us apart is the meaningful certification program, the Bluebook and our Continuing Education courses. This combination makes the FHS unique among all aquatic animal health organizations. All of these components have developed because of the vision and hard work of many members, past and present. Thanks and I am sure your support will continue for Paul Hershberger as he takes over as your new President!

Larry

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHIVE COMMITTEE:**

It is important that the Section move ahead with this archive project before historic documents, photographs, and film get misplaced, lost, or even thrown out by someone who does not realize their value. We are asking Section members who possess historical material to help with this project by shipping the material to the D.C. Booth archive for preservation, following approval for shipment by the FHS Archives Committee or Excom. The Section needs to keep a record of the material shipped to ensure that important records are sent and to avoid unnecessary duplication.

The procedure for donating material to the FHS archives is as follows:

- 1) Notify the FHS Archives Committee of your intent to ship material to D.C. Booth, and include a list of the material you intend to donate. Please send your request to:  
**Diane Elliott** [dgelliott@usgs.gov](mailto:dgelliott@usgs.gov)
- 2) After approval of the shipment, you will be sent instructions for packing and shipping the material to D.C. Booth to ensure that it arrives undamaged.
- 3) You will be asked to notify D.C. Booth personnel before shipment of items so that they can anticipate receipt of the material.
- 4) Ship archive material to D.C. Booth (Fedex shipment preferred).
- 5) Submit shipping receipt to FHS Secretary-Treasurer to receive reimbursement for shipping charges.

**NEW BLUE BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED IN 2014!**

The AFS-FHS Technical Standards Committee has begun work on the next installment of the AFS-FHS Blue Book, which will be published in 2014. We have identified chapters to be updated and some new chapters to be added, but are also seeking your input. There may be chapters that require minor or major changes, and chapters that you consider important but are missing. Any comments received will be reviewed by the committee. Comments can be sent to the incoming chair Maureen Purcell ([mpurcell@usgs.gov](mailto:mpurcell@usgs.gov)) or the outgoing chair Chris Whipps ([cwhipps@esf.edu](mailto:cwhipps@esf.edu)).

AFS-FHS Technical Standards Committee  
Maureen Purcell, Chair  
Kevin Snekvik  
Nicholas Phelps  
Chris Whipps (outgoing member)

### **RESULTS OF THE OFFICER ELECTIONS (108 VOTES) – Congratulations!!**

- Vice President: Alexander Douglas Munson
- Nominating and Balloting Committee: Amy Long
- Professional Standards Committee: Trace Peterson
- Technical Standards Committee: Nicholas Phelps
- Policy and Position Development Committee: Evi Emmenegger

### **Other Meetings and Workshops**

#### **2013 SALMON DISEASE WORKSHOP**

July 15-26 2013

Corvallis, Oregon

<https://conferences.bus.oregonstate.edu/Conference/salmon-disease/registration>

[http://microbiology.science.oregonstate.edu/barthol\\_lab\\_sdw](http://microbiology.science.oregonstate.edu/barthol_lab_sdw)

This course will be offered and we have a few slots remaining, if interested contact Jerri Bartholomew at 541-737-1856 or e-mail at: [bartholj@science.oregonstate.edu](mailto:bartholj@science.oregonstate.edu)

#### **Fish Diseases Workshop**

<http://thefishvet.com/2013/06/07/fish-diseases-workshop-perth-western-australia-22-24-august-2013/>

This workshop will be held before the [World Parasitology Conference](#) in Perth at our Murdoch University veterinary school and will be presented by Drs Supraanee Chinabut and Susan Gibson-Kueh. It will be a prequel or satellite workshop to an International Parasitology Workshop that follows right after.

#### **Contact details:**

School of Veterinary and Life Sciences

Murdoch University, South Street, Murdoch, WA 6150, Australia  
Email: [s.kueh@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:s.kueh@murdoch.edu.au)

## **JOBS**

### **FISH HEALTH POSITION – NOTE CLOSING DEADLINE JULY 8**

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/345798300>

US Fish and Wildlife Service

R1-13-911274-DG

Olympia Fish Health Center in Lacey, Washington

### **FISH HEALTH MICROBIOLOGIST – NOTE CLOSING DEADLINE JULY 23**

[http://dnr.wi.gov/x87201/employment/lte/q207lted.asp?v\\_request\\_id\\_seq\\_no=8374](http://dnr.wi.gov/x87201/employment/lte/q207lted.asp?v_request_id_seq_no=8374)

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Employment Announcement

Contact: [Alfred Kaas](#)

Location: GEF2, 101 S Webster Street, Madison, WI 53703

Telephone Number: (608) 267-7865

### **REGIONAL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST-POPULATION**

[https://labor.idaho.gov/DHR/ATS/StateJobs/jobannouncement.aspx?announcement\\_no=00835087848](https://labor.idaho.gov/DHR/ATS/StateJobs/jobannouncement.aspx?announcement_no=00835087848)

Idaho Dept of Fish and Game

### **AQUACULTURE SPECIALIST**

Salary: \$37440-\$52,000 DOQ

Responsibilities: Assist with research in fisheries management and aquaculture, particularly with the on-going research projects related to ocean acidification and ocean climate changes; help with field monitoring, sample collecting and processing; prepare reports or manuscripts under supervision and make contributions as a co-author in peer-reviewed publications.

Qualifications: B.S. degree in biology, zoology, fisheries, natural resources, or related fields and M.S. degree preferred. Must have excellent communication and English writing skills.

Contact: E-mail applications including a letter of interest, current CV, and names and contact information for three academic references to Dr. Yongwen Gao, [gaoy@olypen.com](mailto:gaoy@olypen.com), Makah Fisheries Management, P.O. Box 115, Neah Bay, WA 98357, USA.

## **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

### **WORLD AQUATIC VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (WAVMA) -**

<http://www.wavma.org/Become-a-member>

Would you like to be a part of a global organisation that represents veterinarians working with aquatics? There are no issues too big, or too small for the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association (WAVMA). The WAVMA actively engages in work to reinforce the role of the veterinary profession for aquatic veterinary issues internationally. On the other end of the 'scale' the members-only email-list serve is a way of 'crowd-sourcing' information from fellow veterinarians who will have answers to questions you may have relating to your cases such as:

- How do we, or should we de-barb stingrays used in visitor interaction areas?
- Is there a cure for 'dropsy'?
- Have you had instances of injection site myonecrosis when using enrofloxacin?
- What quarantine protocols do you recommend to clients?
- How do you prepare medicated feed for fish?
- What is your treatment protocol for cold shock in turtles?
- What are the differential diagnoses for limb deformities in frogs?
- and more!

Check out the new video on what WAVMA is about, here - <http://vimeo.com/66211645>

## **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FISH VETERINARIANS FORMED TO ADVANCE FISH MEDICINE IN NORTH AMERICA**

The American Association of Fish Veterinarians (AAFV; [fishvets.org](http://fishvets.org)), founded in 2012, is an association of licensed North American veterinarians who practice fish medicine - either as part of their traditional practice; with or alongside their institutional employment; or as their main species group within their "fish practice." Fish medicine can be roughly divided into pet fish (e.g., tropical & pond species like koi), food and bait fish (aquaculture production), lab animal, and natural resource fisheries. Some of our members practice in all areas; others are more specialized in one or the other. A central function of this association is to advance the quality and stature of clinical fish veterinary practice.

The Mission of the AAFV is: a) to further the art and science of fish veterinary medicine by enhancing and promoting knowledge, proficiency, professional standards, and viability of fish medicine for veterinarians; b) to increase the value, visibility, and acceptance of fish veterinary medicine for our stakeholders; and, c) ultimately, to improve fish, human, and environmental health.

Interested veterinarians are encouraged to visit the AAFV website ([fishvets.org](http://fishvets.org)) and/or to contact Dr. Roy Yanong ([rpy@ufl.edu](mailto:rpy@ufl.edu)), Dr. Hugh Mitchell ([hughm@aquatactics.com](mailto:hughm@aquatactics.com)), or Dr. Stephen Smith ([stsmith7@vt.edu](mailto:stsmith7@vt.edu)) for more information.

