

The seventh edition of *Common and Scientific Names* is scheduled for publication in April 2013.

## Capitalization of Species Names in AFS Publications

In keeping with the capitalization of the English common names of fishes in the seventh edition of *Com*mon and Scientific Names of Fishes from the United States, Canada, and

Mexico, the publications section of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) has revised some of its rules with respect to capitalization. In all submissions to AFS publications, authors should now

- Capitalize the English common names of all fish species, including those not in *Common and Scientific Names* and other AFS taxonomic publications
- Capitalize the common names of subspecies (e.g., Lahontan Cutthroat Trout)
- Not capitalize the names of life history variants (e.g., and hybrids (e.g., saugeye)
- Not capitalize the common names of nonfish species, even if they appear in an AFS taxonomic publication
- Not capitalize common names that refer to groups of related species (e.g., Pacific salmon, darters)
- Not capitalize the common portions of names shared by two more species when they are mentioned as a group (e.g., and Threadfin shad; see section 2.12 of the AFS style guide)

Any questions about the capitalization of species names be sent to the Journals Department (journals@fisheries.org).