

19th Annual Meeting
Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
9 March to 11 March, 1999
Withlacoochee Training Center
Brooksville, Florida

The Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will hold its 19th annual meeting from 9 March to 11 March, 1999 at the Withlacoochee Training Center near Brooksville, Florida. The Florida Chapter was organized in 1980 to promote the wise use of Florida's aquatic resources. Membership in the Chapter and participation in the annual meeting is open to anyone with an interest in the fish and aquatic resources of Florida.

Meeting: The theme of this year's meeting is FISHERIES ECONOMICS, MARKETING AND EDUCATION. Declining fishing license sales and angling participation (as a percentage of the population) have led to significant concerns about future funding for fisheries management activities. As a direct result, several major new national initiatives are underway. Invited speakers will present an overview on these topics from both a freshwater and saltwater perspective and include industry representatives as well as agency and university personnel. In addition to these topics, there will be a variety of contributed papers and posters on traditional fisheries topics.

The Chapter's annual business meeting will also be held during this time period. This is an opportunity to help decide the future of the Chapter and to get updated on happenings at the Division and International level, such as the retirement of Executive Director Paul Brouha, the search for his replacement and the status of the AFS Strategic Plan.

There will be bonfire socials Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and the Florida Chapter raffle Wednesday night. The meeting provides an excellent opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet other individuals who are interested in Florida's fisheries and exchange information. Come on out and enjoy the best camaraderie our profession and avocation has to offer.

Location: The 600-acre Withlacoochee Training Center is approximately 10 miles north of Brooksville on US Highway 41. The Training Center has heated and air conditioned, dormitory-style accommodations for 96. There are motels available in Brooksville and Floral City in case of overflow. Buffet style meals are served in the Training Center's cafeteria. The Training Center kitchen will make every effort to accommodate special diets, so if you have a preference for vegetarian meals or require some other diet, please indicate it on the registration form. You should make very effort to preregister since the Training Center staff must purchase supplies approximate on week in advance.

The Training Center has a recreation building available for use after the meeting. McKethan Lake recreational area is within walking distance and features boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, and self-guided nature trails.

Student Travel Grants: The Florida Chapter has a limited number of student travel grants available to assist students attending the meeting. These grants cover the cost of room and board. The student is responsible for the registration fee. The Florida Chapter gives preference to students who are presenting papers or posters at the meeting, but a presentation is not required. Apply to **Dr. Chuck Cichra**, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, University of Florida, 7922 NW 71st Street, Gainesville, FL 32653, (352) 392-9617.

More Information: Contact **Bob Wattendorf**, President Elect Florida Chapter AFS, if you need more information. He can be reached at the Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399; phone: (850) 488-0520; fax: (850) 413-0381; email: watt@mail-me.com.

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Tentative Meeting Agenda

9 March 1999 (Tuesday)

1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1700	Registration
1300-1315	Welcome by President Gilmore and Introductory Comments
1315-1400	Update on Plans for the new Fish and Wildlife Commission that resulted from Amendment 5's passage.
1400-1700	Technical Session (Contributed Papers on Fish/ Fisheries Topics)
1715-1830	Dinner
1900-????	Bonfire Social, and Poster Set-Up

10 March 1999 (Wednesday)

0700-0730	Breakfast
0800-1700	Registration
0800-1000	Fisheries Economics Symposium Speakers
1000-1020	Break
1020-1200	Fisheries Marketing Symposium Speakers
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	Fisheries Education Symposium Speakers
1500-1520	Break
1520-1700	Technical Session (Contributed Papers on Fisheries Economics, Marketing and Education)
1715-1830	Dinner
1900-2030	Business Meeting
2030-????	Florida Chapter Raffle, Bonfire Social

11 March 1999 (Thursday)

0700-0730	Breakfast
0800-1200	Registration
0800-1000	Technical Session
1000-1020	Break
1020-1200	Technical Session (Contributed Papers on Fish/Fisheries Topics–Continued)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-????	Technical Session (if necessary), Florida Chapter Awards, Poster Take Down

FISHERIES ECONOMICS, MARKETING AND EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Tentative List of Presenters as of 4 November 1999

1. Bob Wattendorf–Welcome, Housekeeping and Introduction of Symposium Topic and Definitions.
2. **ECONOMICS**
 - a. Overview of the value of freshwater fisheries in Florida (recreational and commercial)–Darrell Scovell, GFC
 - b. Overview of the value of marine fisheries in Florida (recreational and commercial), Ginny Fay or Bill Price, NMFS
 - c. Overview of the value of aquaculture in Florida (fresh and saltwater)–Cal Nikkerbaucher, DACS
 - d. Economics 101 for Fishheads–jobs, multipliers, incremental cost, willingness to pay, and national perspective–Tony Fedler, UF
 - e. Industry Perspective on Fishing--Tim Adams (Past president Organized Fishermen of Florida; 3-4th generation FL fishing family on Gulf Coast...founded Cortez Florida) or Richard Thomas (3-4th generation fisherman on east coast of Florida, he was a science teacher and is a middle school principal).
3. **MARKETING**
 - a. Initiatives to increase freshwater fishing participation and license sales–Bob Wattendorf, GFC
 - b. Florida tourism perspective--Donna Watson, FTIMC
 - c. Initiatives to increase fishing participation and visit durations at Disney–Jeff Holland, RCID (alternates would be a Disney or Zebco rep).
 - d. National Sportfishing Promotional Efforts–Rob Southwick, SPC (alternates would be RFBF or SFBPC rep).
 - e. Manufacturer’s Perspective–Nick Vendetti, Culprit (or other local manufacturer such as Cotee or Bagley)
 - f. Other Options Industry–Cheryl Parker-McDonald, IGFA
4. **EDUCATION**
 - a. Aquatic Education Efforts in Fresh Water–Phil Chapman, GFC
 - b. Aquatic Education Efforts in Salt Water–Doug Haymans, DEP
 - c. Aquatic Education Efforts by NonProfits–4H or HOFNOD
 - d. Aquatic Education Efforts by Industry–Tampa Aquaria, Seaworld
 - e. Aquatic Education Efforts by University Extension–IFAS
 - f. Aquatic Education Efforts by the Department of Education?–DOE or Science Teachers Association

Motels and Other Accommodations in the Brooksville Area

These facilities are located in the general area and can be used in case of overflow at the Withlacoochee Training Center. Inverness is approximately 13 miles from the training center, Brooksville approximately 10 miles, and I-75 and SR50 approximately 18 miles. The quality of the small local motels is unknown.

Motels (Brooksville)

Days Inn
I-75 And SR50
796-9486

Hampton Inn of Brooksville
I-75 and SR50
796-1000

Holiday Inn of Brooksville
I-75 and SR50
796-9481

Jefferson Motel
1030 W Jefferson Street
796-3257

M J W Ranch Cottages
3257 Neff Rd
796-9623

Oaks Motel
630 S Broad St.
796-4807

Olde Oak Inn Motel
1795 Jefferson St.
796-4546

Sunrise Motel
250 N Broad St.
796-8634

Sunset Motel
301 S Broad St.
796-3494

Verona Bed and Breakfast
201 S Main St.
796-4001

Motels (Inverness)

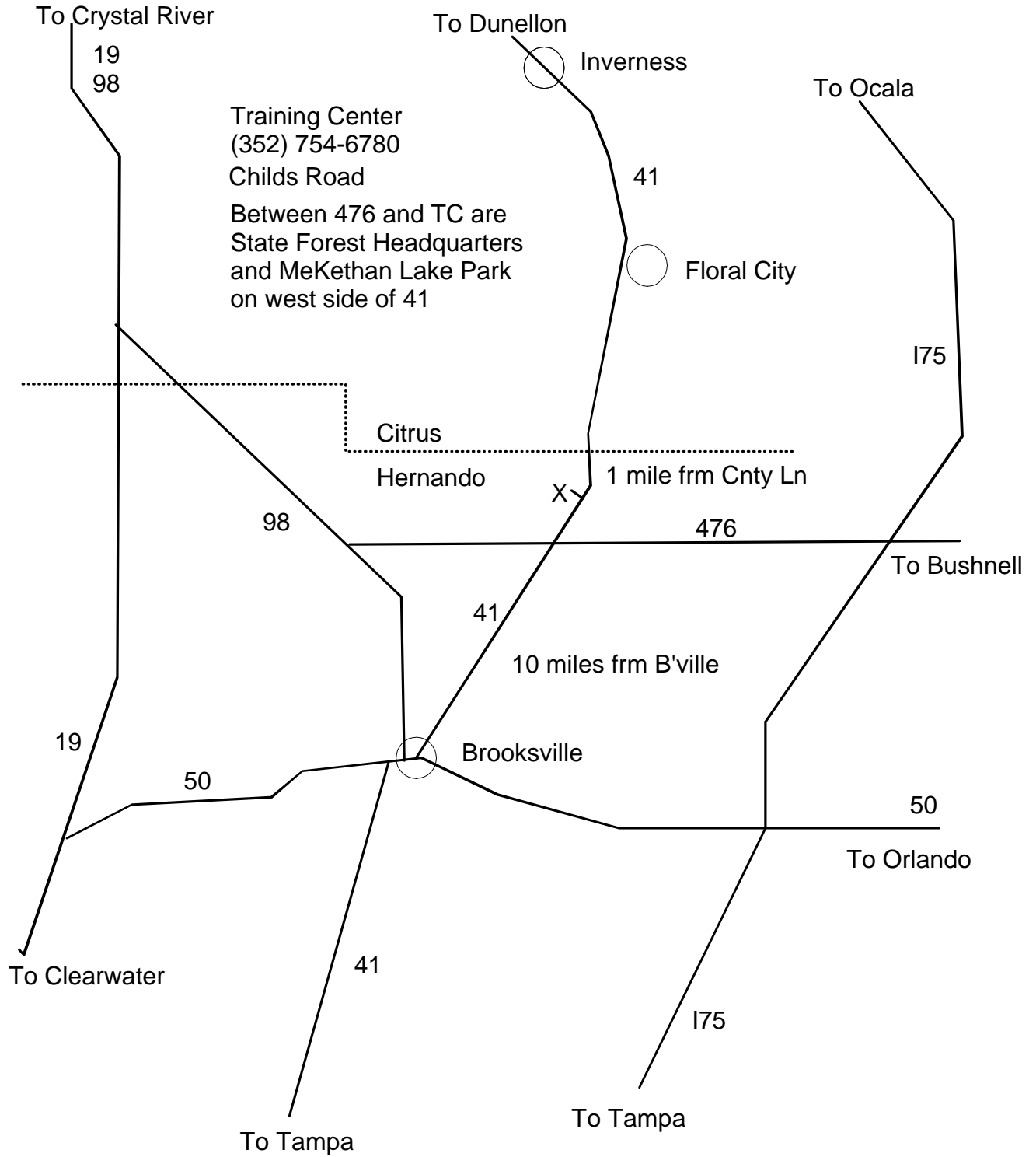
Central Motel & CM-Restaurant
721 S US Highway 41
726-4515

Florida Motel
1301 N US Highway 41
726-2631

Campgrounds

There are no public campgrounds associated with state parks, forests, recreational areas, etc. in the general area. There are a number of private campgrounds/RV parks in the area. Most of these appear to cater to the residential RV crowd. One possibility is Brentwood Lake Camping (796-5760) located approximately 6 miles south of the Training Center.

Florida Chapter American Fisheries Society Withlacoochee State Forest Training Center



NOTICE

Lodging at the Training Center is limited to 96. The Training Center staff also has to purchase supplies the week before the meeting. The training center staff will be very appreciative if you can preregister as early as possible so they can plan their meals and you can avoid conflicts over rooms.

Florida Chapter of The American Fisheries Society
1999 Annual Meeting Registration

NAME _____
ADDRESS* _____

DAY TIME PHONE _____ E MAIL _____
AFFILIATION _____
ARRIVAL DATE/TIME _____

*The address will be used in our mailing list and should be the one where you want to receive you newsletters and other materials.

Please select one of the following Registration Fees:

Member One-day Registration. If you have already **Paid**
1999 FL Chapter dues, your registration fee is: (\$17.00) _____

Non-member One-day Registration. If you **have not Paid**
1999 FL Chapter dues, your registration fee is: (\$22.00) _____

Member Full Registration. If you have already **Paid**
1999 FL Chapter dues your registration fee is: (\$25.00) _____

Non-member Full Registration. If you **have not Paid**
your 1999 Chapter dues your registration fee is: (\$35.00) _____

Partial Meals and Lodging

Tuesday: 9 March 1999	Lunch	(\$6.00)	_____
	Dinner	(\$8.00)	_____
	Lodging	(\$21.00)	_____
Wednesday: 10 March 1999	Breakfast	(\$4.00)	_____
	Lunch	(\$6.00)	_____
	Dinner	(\$8.00)	_____
	Lodging	(\$21.00)	_____
Thursday: 11 March 1999	Breakfast	(\$4.00)	_____
	Lunch	(\$6.00)	_____

Full Meals and Lodging: (\$84.00) _____

Total Amount: (Registration & Meals) _____

Total Enclosed: (Minimum \$10.00 Deposit) _____

Balance Due: _____

Dietary Needs: (vegetarian, low fat, etc.) _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: **Florida Chapter, AFS**

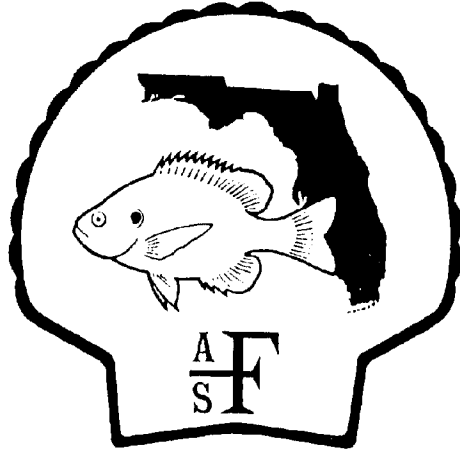
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