



American Fisheries Society


North Carolina Chapter


The North Carolina Chapter began as the North Carolina Fishery Workers Association. In 1989, an organizational meeting was held and Scott Van Horn was elected president. In 1990, Jim Rice was elected president of the NC Fishery Workers Association. On September 10, 1990, the North Carolina Chapter was officially chartered.




 1991: The annual meeting was held at the NOAA/NMFS Lab in Beaufort, NC. The NC Fishery Workers Association was dissolved and the NC Chapter was approved by the membership.


 1992: The annual meeting was held at the NC Forest Service Corpening Center in Crossnore, NC. The first Best Student Paper award was presented.


 1993: The annual meeting was held at Betsy Penn 4-H Center in Reidsville, NC.


 1994: The annual meeting was held at Duke University Marine Lab in Beaufort, NC.




 1995: The annual meeting was held at the NCFCS Corpening Center in Crossnore, NC. The Education Committee was formed. The Chapter agrees to host the 1999 AFS Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC.


 1996: The annual meeting was held at the 4-H Facility in White Lake, NC.


 1997: A joint meeting with the South Carolina Fishery Workers Association was held at Camp Thunderbird near Rock Hill, SC. The Education Committee conducts its first continuing education workshop.

 1998: The annual meeting is held at the Betsy Penn 4-H Center in Reidsville, NC. The W. Don Baker Memorial Award is established and is awarded for the Best Paper at an annual meeting. Planning for the 1999 AFS Annual Meeting begins.



 1999: A joint meeting with the Virginia Chapter is held in Danville, VA. The Chapter co-hosted the AFS Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC with the SC Chapter.

 2000: The annual meeting is held at the CP&L Harris Energy Center in New Hill, NC.

 2001: A joint meeting with the SC Chapter and the SC Fisheries Workers Association is held at Sea Trails Resort in Sunset Beach, NC. The Chapter partners with the NC Chapter of the Wildlife Society to host a Russian fisheries biologist.

Past Presidents

- 1991 Tony Mullis
- 1992 Jerry West
- 1993 Frank McBride
- 1994 Wilson Laney
- 1995 Don Degan
- 1996 Joe Hightower
- 1997 Hugh Barwick
- 1998 David Yow
- 1999 Dave Coughlan
- 2000 John Crutchfield
- 2001 Robert Curry