

Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society 2000 Midyear Meeting February 3-6, 2000

The Georgia and South Carolina Chapters of AFS Invite You to the First Midyear of the New Millennium

Your hosts would like to welcome you to Savannah, "City of Southern Charm and Hospitality". The southern division AFS midyear has evolved into an outstanding forum for exchanging ideas, presenting research results, and continuing professional development. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency, located on the scenic waterfront of the Savannah River and prominently situated in the heart of Savannah's Historic District.

Final Call For Contributed Papers

Individuals desiring to present research and management results and/or progress of ongoing work are encouraged to submit contributed papers. Technical presentations will be scheduled for 20 minutes (15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for question/answer period). Abstracts for presentations and posters, should be submitted on diskette (Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, or ASCII) as well as a hardcopy. Please state whether the abstract is for a poster or a presentation. Abstracts should include (in the following order), the paper's title, author(s) name(s) and address(es) (including phone, fax, and e-mail), and text. It is assumed that the first author listed will be the presenter unless otherwise noted. Students wishing to compete for the "Student Best Paper Award" should place a superscript asterisk after their name. The text should be no more than 200 words. State objective(s), principal results, and conclusions. If the principal contact person for correspondence regarding the abstract is someone other than the presenter, please so specify.

Details of the program will be in the December Southern Division Newsletter. Poster presentations are encouraged. Posters will be exhibited throughout the meeting and authors will be available at specific times to discuss their work and answer questions.

Authors should send abstracts to Matt Thomas, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 2024 Newton Road, Albany, GA 31701-3576. (912-430-4256; Fax 912-430-5110; e:mail Matt_Thomas@mail.dnr.state.ga.us). **DUE DATE: 15 October 1999.**

Hotel Accommodations

The Hyatt Regency on the Historic Riverfront is located in the heart of downtown Savannah's Historic District. Magnificently situated on the waterfront of the Savannah River, the hotel's location puts you in the midst of everything Savannah has to offer.

The Hyatt Regency is located 8 miles from Savannah International Airport. *Coastal Transportation* provides shuttle service from the airport to the hotel at \$20.00 round trip.

Reservations can be made through Hyatt's central reservation system by calling 1-800-233-1234 or by calling the Hotel reservation department directly at 912-238-1234. Reservations should be made on or before

January 12, 2000 to assure room and rate availability. Tell the hotel associate that you are attending the AFS meeting to get discounted room rates. Room rates are \$109.00 for single/double occupancy.

Special Sessions/Symposia

The Southern Division and the Southeastern Fishes Council (SFC) will cosponsor a symposium on *Conservation of Nongame Freshwater Fishes in the Southeast*. The symposium will focus on the current conservation status of nongame freshwater fish in the Southeast, identify critical research and management needs, and highlight ongoing programs. A full day of invited speakers is slated for Feb. 5, and a contributed paper session on Feb 6. If You would like to present a contributed Paper on nongame fishes please contact Dr. Stephen Walsh at (352)-378-8181.

Also scheduled is a special symposium on *Biology and Management of Reef Fishes*. The goal of this symposium is to bring together reef biologists from the southeastern Atlantic and Gulf states to exchange ideas on management solutions to fishery problems that are unique to reef fisheries. Additional information can be obtained by contacting George Sedberry at (843)-762-5045 (e:mail sedberryg@mrd.dnr.state.sc.us).

The Warmwater Streams Technical Committee is hosting a symposium dealing with Streambank Restoration. The symposium is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 5, and will have a diversity of geographic and technical representation. For more information contact Joe Schiller (e:mail Schillerj@apsu.edu).

The AFS Socioeconomics Section will sponsor a special session on *Socioeconomic Consideration in Fisheries Management*. This session will focus on the “tools” and insight that economists and social scientists can provide when analyzing fishery management and related issues.

A special session on fishery management issues unique to *South Atlantic Slope Rivers* will be held on Feb. 5. For further information contact Tom Meronek (912)-727-2112.

Workshops

The Warmwater Streams Committee will sponsor a ½ day workshop on *Geomorphologic Assessment of River Stability for Restoration*. The workshop will provide theory, case studies, and practical approaches to assessing the state of geomorphologic stability of rivers and streams. Emphasis will be placed on the tools needed to diagnose disturbance and to analyze the state of stability of rivers and streams. The instructor will be Dr. Robert Jacobson, who is a fluvial geomorphologist with 17 years of experience working for the USGS on a wide range of projects involving surficial processes and landscape responses to disturbance. Registration fee for this workshop is \$40.00.

A student workshop will be held Friday afternoon, Feb. 6. The workshop will help students prepare for jobs and/or graduate school. Topics to be covered include resumes, interview skills, and professional insight.

A full day workshop will be conducted on marine reef fish aging. The goal of the workshop is to examine aging techniques of reef fishes so as to increase consistency in reef fish aging across the Southeast. The workshop will be limited to 25 participants. Instructors are Pat Harris, Marine Resources Research Institute, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Charleston, South Carolina and Gary Fitzhugh, National Marine

Fisheries Service, Panama City, Florida. Registration fee for this workshop is \$30.00.

A half day workshop is tentatively planned on the topic of working with the public: conflict resolution and building community support. Watch the SDAFS website for further details.

Program Schedule

Thurs. - Feb. 3

Technical Committee Meetings

Fri. - Feb. 4

AFS-SD ExCom

WWSC Workshop

Student Workshop

MARMAP Review Meeting

Aging Reef Fishes Workshop

Beverton-Holt Equilibrium Yield Meeting

Conflict Resolution Workshop

Student-Professional Mixer

Sat. - Feb. 5

South Atlantic Rivers Session

Non-Game Symposium

Stream Restoration Symposium

Reef fishes Symposium

Open Paper Session

Social

Sun. - Feb. 6

Socioeconomic Symposium

Reef fish Symposium

Contributed Paper Session

Non-Game Paper Session

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2000 SD AFS MIDYEAR MEETING**

Name: _____

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Affiliation: _____

Enclosed is a check or money order for:

- \$60.00 ⇒ Meeting registration prior to **January 15, 2000**
- \$80.00 ⇒ Meeting registration after **January 15, 2000**
- \$10.00 ⇒ Hard copy publication of meeting abstracts
- \$20.00 ⇒ Additional Lowcountry Feast banquet tickets
- \$40.00 ⇒ *Geomorphologic Assessment of River Stability for Restoration* Workshop
- \$30.00 ⇒ *Marine Reef Fish Ageing* Workshop

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