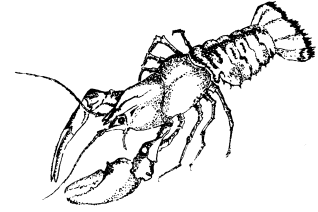




2nd CALL FOR PAPERS
2002 SOUTHERN DIVISION MID-YEAR MEETING
February 21 – 24, 2002
Double Tree Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas



Joint Meeting
Southern Division American Fisheries Society- 10th Annual Meeting
Southeastern Fishes Council- 28th Annual Meeting

Hosted by the Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

The 10th annual Mid-year meeting of the Southern Division will be a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society.

Technical Committee meetings will be held on Thursday, February 21, followed by the EXCOM and Continuing Education Workshops on Friday, February 22. Technical sessions, symposia and posters will be on Saturday and run through noon Sunday, February 23 & 24.

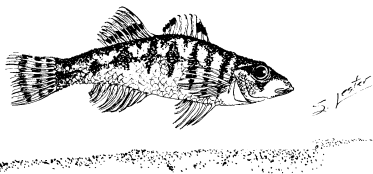
The Southeastern Fishes Council will host a contributed paper session dedicated to nongame fauna and aquatics issues on Saturday Feb. 23, which will be followed by the SFC business meeting.

Submission Procedures for Contributed Papers and Posters:

ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY November 15, 2001.

Presentations will be scheduled for 20 minutes (15 minutes plus a 5-minute question/answer period), that will be strictly enforced. Presentations may be made using 35mm slides or Microsoft PowerPoint™ (A/V coordinator will specify version and arrange to pre-load presentations prior to sessions). Abstracts should be a 200 word (or less) statement of objectives, principal results and conclusions and must include (in order); title, author names and addresses, text, and format (poster, slides, or PowerPoint). The first author will be assumed to be the presenter and the principal contact person unless otherwise noted. Students competing for the “Student Best Paper Award” should so indicate by placing an asterisk after their name.

Please send abstracts by e-mail or diskette using WordPerfect, Word, or ASCII to:



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Authors will be notified regarding presentation acceptance in early December 2001.

SDAFS 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SDAFS Midyear Meeting, 2002
Come, Participate, Contribute, Enjoy

We're about to be 50 years old! For the past 5 years, our Anniversary Committee has been planning a multi-dimensional celebration. The first dimension is to celebrate among ourselves—the “bubba division”—at the Midyear Meeting in Little Rock. **Opportunities for participation abound.**

1. Plenary Session. For Saturday morning, Larry Olmsted has put together a comprehensive plenary session to launch the celebration. Distinguished speakers will recount the history of fisheries in the Southeast, the development of agency and institutional infrastructure to deal with those changes, the growth and maturation of the Southern Division as a focal point for professional interaction, and tidbits of up-close-and-personal reflection of experiences with the wise and not-so-wise activities of the past 50 years. Visionaries, young and old, will peruse the crystal ball for clues to the next 50 years. Finally, if an enlightened professional exists outside the South, we'll find that person to confirm our greatness.
2. Personal Experiences Session. In addition to reminiscing at the plenary session, Scott Van Horn has identified a number of gray-heads to swap stories in a reminiscing (“geezer gab”) session on Saturday afternoon. Invitations have been sent to many, but anyone with experiences to share are encouraged to show up and recount their memories of history as they lived it. Old and young are invited to join in. If you received an invitation from Scott, and haven't responded, please do so. Any who haven't been contacted, or can't attend, are **encouraged to pass along memories** (including pictures) to Scott (vanhorsl@mail.wildlife.state.nc.us; 1517 Geer St., Durham, NC 27704). These comments may even make it into the plenary session “tidbits”.
3. Poster Session. In conjunction with the Saturday night social, Mike Van Den Avyle has organized a tremendous poster session to highlight the many advancements in fisheries of the Southeast. Chapters, technical committees, and others will be showing off their accomplishments. If your chapter isn't in the process of preparing a poster, please consider doing so. Mike is willing to work with you! Special interest **posters are welcome on virtually any aspect of southeastern fisheries presented in historical context.** Got an idea? Contact Mike (mike_vandenavyle@fws.gov).
4. Contributed Papers.. The Anniversary Committee encourages individuals to **respond to the 1st Call For Papers** with submissions on historical aspects. A number of such papers have been presented at chapter meetings, recounting such aspects as changes in agency roles, responsibilities of a fishery biologist, educational preparation, and the dimensions of fisheries science itself. Consider responding to the Call For Papers with a historical contribution—or, better yet, organize a historical session (but if you do, please coordinate with the Anniversary Committee via Rich Noble (richard_noble@ncsu.edu)).

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Hotel Information

The 2002 Southern Division Mid-Year meeting will be held February 21-24 at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas. Rates at the Double Tree Hotel are \$84.00 per night, single or double occupancy, *for reservations, call 1-800-937-2789 or 501-372-4371.*

Student Rooms

The SDAFS Student Affairs Committee has reserved a block of rooms for free student lodging February 22-24. Each room will be shared by four students of the same gender.

Application deadline is January 15, 2002!!

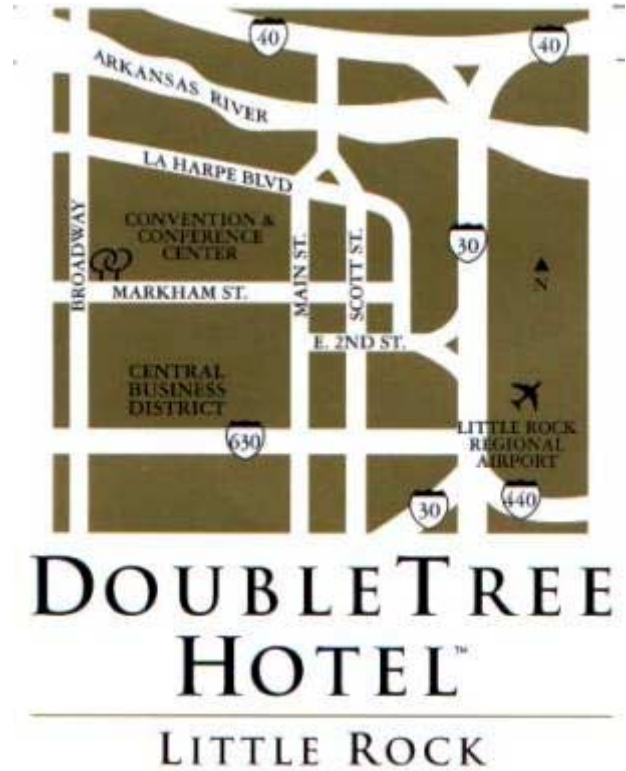
The SDAFS Mid-Year meeting provides excellent opportunities for students to develop their professional skills. In addition to technical sessions addressing a variety of fisheries related issues, there are a number of workshops addressing specific topics, includes a Friday afternoon workshop on job skills. The job skills workshop is sponsored by the Student Affairs Committee and organized by the students from the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Take advantage of this opportunity to become more involved in your profession!

If you are interested in obtaining free lodging, send your name, address, contact phone number, e-mail address, school, gender, status (graduate or undergraduate), AFS member number (located on your FISHERIES mailing label), a statement about why you wish to attend the meeting and the night(s) you will need lodging to:

Dr. Stuart Welsh
West Virginia Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit
P. O. Box 6125
333 Percival Hall
Morgantown, WV 26506
P: 304-293-2441; F: 304-293-2441
Swelsh@wvu.edu

In the event that requests exceed the number of spaces available, the following criteria will be used to determine those receiving rooms:

1. Is the applicant presenting a paper or poster?
2. Has the applicant attended the Mid-year meeting before?
3. Is the applicant a member of AFS?
4. Is the applicant an undergraduate or graduate?
5. What was the date of the room request?
6. What lodging dates are requested?



Things to DO When You're Here!!!!

Socials:



Student Social/Dinner

Students and professionals will have a chance to mingle while viewing educational exhibits at Little Rock's Museum of Discovery. A catered dinner will be provided and attendees will have a chance to party to the sounds of Big Smith, a rockin' folk - bluegrass band. Check out their website at www.bigsmithband.com!

History Social

Saturday night will provide a more related venue for socializing and celebrating the Southern Division's 50th anniversary. The Doubletree's ballroom will be adorned with posters chronicling the history of Southern Division chapters, committees, and agencies. Appetizers and beverages will be available.

Places to Visit

Pine Bluff Nature Center

Located approximately 45 minutes south in Pine Bluff's Regional Park, along a backwater of the Arkansas River, the Governor Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center features exhibits highlighting the culture and ecosystems of the Arkansas Delta. Two outdoor aquariums, totaling over 30,000 gallons feature native fish and reptiles.

Little Rock Zoo

Conveniently located in downtown Little Rock, the Zoo is currently expanding some of its exhibits.

Aerospace Education Center

Located in Little Rock, across from the airport, the Aerospace Education Center houses an IMAX theater and is a local favorite.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park

About 20 minutes drive from downtown Little Rock, Pinnacle Mountain State Park offers varied hiking experiences, an interpretive center and unique scenery.

Shopping at the River Market

Recently refurbished and restored, the Little Rock River Market area offers unique shops and restaurants, all located along the banks of the Arkansas River



Midyear AFS Workshop Information
Friday, February , 22 2002

FAST Workshop

Instructor: Mike Maceina Attendance: limited to 25 people
Hours: 8am to 5pm. Cost: \$85.00.

Each attendee should bring a laptop computer or arrange to share one with another attendee. A hardcopy of the manual and the newest version of the software will be provided, as well as copies of technical papers regarding the software.

WET/WILD Certification Workshop

Instructor: Rob Beadel Attendance: limited to 35 people
Hours: 8am to 5pm. Cost: \$10.00.

Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) is a nationwide curriculum based program for professional and non-professional teachers. Activities incorporate a variety of formats including group learning, lab investigations global topics and community service. Project WILD (Wildlife in Learning Design) assists learners in developing awareness, knowledge, skills and commitment concerning wildlife and the environment. Participants will receive certification in Projects WET and WILD through attending this workshop

Student Workshop

Hours: 1:15pm to 5:00pm. Attendance: open
Cost: Free

Fisheries professional's will discuss their perspectives on how students can rise above the competition to obtain jobs or graduate school assistantships.

American Fisheries Society Leadership Training Workshop

Hours: 1:15pm to 5:00pm. Attendance: open
Cost: Free

Leadership Workshop - The AFS parent society has developed an implemented training session for AFS leadership. The training addresses AFS structure and procedures, Roberts' Rules of Order, resources available to potential leaders, and other topics.

Fish Contaminants Workshop

Instructor: to be announced Attendance: open
Hours: 8am to noon. Cost: \$50.00.

This workshop is sponsored by the Warmwater Streams Committee.

Crayfish Workshop

Instructor: Bob DiStefano, MO Dept. Conv. Attendance: limited to 35 people
Hours: 8am to 11:45 am. Cost: \$10.00.

A general introduction to crayfish for fish biologists, including diversity, habitats, ecology, general anatomy, main ID characters, etc. After lunch, the room will be available for general discussion, and a few dissecting scopes will be set up for looking at specimens. Feel free to bring your own specimens for viewing.

Aquatic Toxicology Workshop

Instructor: Jerry Farris, Arkansas State University. Attendance: limited to 35 people
Hours: 8am to 11:45 am. Cost: \$85.00.

Largemouth Bass Virus Workshop

Host: B.A.S.S. Attendance: by invitation only;
(others may attend but not participate in meals.)
Hours: 8am to 5pm. Cost: none.

2002 AFS Midyear, Little Rock, AR Meeting Schedule

Thursday February 21, 2002

Registration
Committee Meetings

Friday February 22, 2002

Registration
SDAFS EXCOM - am

Workshops:

1. FAST - all day
2. Crayfish – morning session with informal continuation in the afternoon
3. WET - all day
4. Leadership - afternoon
5. Toxicology - morning
6. Student - afternoon
7. Fish Contaminants, Warmwater Streams - morning

Largemouth Bass Virus meeting - all day

AR Chapter Meeting 5:15-6:30 at Museum of Discovery

Student Social / Dinner 7-10 at Museum of Discovery

Saturday February 23, 2002

Registration
SDAFS Business Meeting 8-9am
Welcome & Plenary Session 9-11:15am
Technical Sessions
SFC Business Meeting 5-6pm
SDAFS History Social & Poster Session 7-10pm

Sunday February 24, 2002

Registration
Technical Sessions

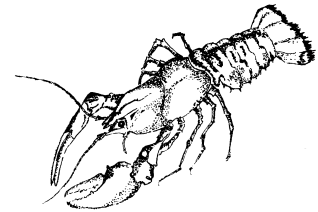
Questions about the MidYear?

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Betty Crump	Program/Abstracts	870-356-4186	bcrump@fs.fed.us
April Layher	Publicity	870-534-0011	aolayher@agfc.state.ar.us
Mark Oliver	Local Arrangements	870-425-7577	



**Southern Division American Fisheries Society
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Meeting Registration Form

Name: _____

Name Shown on Badge: _____

Spouse (if applicable) _____

Affiliation: _____

Student ?(check if yes): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

e-mail: _____

Meeting Registration:

Early Registration (before 21 Jan 2002)	\$69.00	\$ _____
Regular Registration (21 Jan 02 and later)	\$89.00	\$ _____
Extra Social Tickets (includes both Friday & Saturday)	\$25.	\$ _____

Workshops and Special Sessions

FAST (Population Modeling- 25 max)	\$85.00	\$ _____
Aquatic Toxicology (1/2 day- 35 max)	\$85.00	\$ _____
Water Education for Teachers (35 max)	\$10.00	\$ _____
Crayfish Workshop (35 max)	\$10.00	\$ _____
Leadership Workshop (1/2 day)	FREE	check _____
Student Workshop (1/2/ day)	FREE	check _____
Fish Contaminants (1/2/ day)	\$50.00	\$ _____

Miscellaneous

T-Shirt S__ M__ L__ XL__ XXL__	@\$12.00ea.	\$ _____
Hardcopy of Abstracts	\$10.00	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Cash, checks, or money orders made payable to Arkansas Chapter AFS (no credit cards)

Tax I.D. #52-1540863

Send Registration form and payment to:

**Southern Division AFS Mid-Year
Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau
P.O. Box 207
Little Rock, AR 72203**

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