



**2003 AFS SOUTHERN DIVISION  
ANNUAL SPRING MEETING  
Wilmington, North Carolina  
February 12-16, 2003**



**Meeting Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Shown on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Student (Circle one)    Y    N  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting Registration:**

Early Registration (before January 18, 2003)	\$69.00	\$ _____
Regular Registration (January 18, 2003 and later)	\$89.00	\$ _____
Extra Social Tickets (includes both Friday & Saturday)	\$25.00	\$ _____

**Workshops and Special Sessions (Optional):**

<b>Tagging Models: Estimating Population Size and Mortality (Professional)</b>	\$50.00	\$ _____
Friday, Feb. 14      8:00 AM-5:00 PM      (Student)	\$25.00	\$ _____
<b>Proactive and Reactive Media Relations for Fish &amp; Wildlife Agencies</b>	\$35.00	\$ _____
Friday, Feb. 14      1:00-5:00 PM		
<b>Involving the Public in Your Fishery Management Programs</b>	\$50.00	\$ <b>Cancelled</b> _____
Friday, Feb. 14      8:00 AM-12:00 Noon		
<b>Conflict Resolution</b>	Friday, Feb. 14      1:00-5:00 PM	\$35.00      \$ _____
<b>Student Workshop</b>	Friday, Feb. 14      1:00-5:00 PM	FREE      \$ _____

**Student – Mentor Lunch (Saturday, February 15):**

(check if you'd like to participate and indicate interests/profession)

- a. Mentor \_\_\_\_\_ Profession: (academia, state conservation agency, federal agency, private firm, etc) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Interest: (grad school, state conservation agency, federal agency, private firm, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

**Miscellaneous:**

Note: Abstracts will be available for download from the web site prior to the meeting. Please indicate how you would like to receive your abstracts (please check one):

Web (free)       CD (free)       3.5" diskette (free)       Paper (\$10)

TOTAL      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***CREDIT CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED***

Cash, checks, or money orders made payable to North Carolina Chapter AFS

Tax I.D. # 52-1754414

Return completed registration forms and payment to:

Southern Division AFS Spring Meeting, C/o Robert L. Curry, 1721 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1721, Phone:(919) 733-3633, FAX:(919) 715-7643, Email: [curryrl@mail.wildlife.state.nc.us](mailto:curryrl@mail.wildlife.state.nc.us)



## SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS



### 2003 AFS SOUTHERN DIVISION SPRING MEETING Wilmington, North Carolina 12–16 February 2003

The *North Carolina Chapter of the American Fisheries Society* invites you to join us on the riverfront of historic Wilmington, North Carolina, at the Hilton Riverside Hotel for the 11th Annual Spring Meeting (formerly Midyear Meeting) of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society.

#### Highlights

Technical Committee meetings on Thursday, 13 February,  
EXCOM and Continuing Education Workshops on Friday, 14 February,  
Technical sessions and posters on Saturday, 15 February,  
and will continue through noon Sunday, 16 February.

Student Social Friday Evening!

Saturday Evening Dinner aboard the Battleship North Carolina!

#### Submission Procedures for Contributed Papers and Posters

— ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY 6 December 2002 —

Presentations will be scheduled for 20 minutes (15-min presentation and 5 min for questions), that will be strictly enforced. Media for presentations may include 35-mm slides or Microsoft PowerPoint™. Abstracts should be a 200-word (or less) statement of objectives, principal results and conclusions and must include (in order) title; author names, addresses, phone, and e-mail; abstract text; and format (poster, slides, or PowerPoint). The first author will be assumed to be the presenter and principal contact person unless otherwise noted. Students competing for the “Best Student Paper/Poster Awards” should so indicate by placing an asterisk after their name.

Please send abstracts by e-mail or diskette  
using WordPerfect, MS Word (preferred), or ASCII text to:

Tom Kwak  
NC Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit  
Box 7617, NC State University  
Raleigh, NC 27695-7617  
tkwak@ncsu.edu

Please phone 919-513-2696 if you do not receive receipt acknowledgment of your abstract within 14 days of submission.

Authors will be notified regarding presentation acceptance in mid December 2002.

## 2003 SDAFS Spring Meeting, Wilmington, NC Meeting Schedule

### Thursday, February 13, 2003

Registration  
Technical Committee Meetings  
Largemouth Bass Virus Workshop Social (B.A.S.S.)

### Friday, February 14, 2003

Registration  
SDAFS EXCOM - AM  
Workshops:

1. Tagging Models: Estimating Population Size and Mortality – all day
2. Proactive and Reactive Media Relations for Fish and Wildlife Agencies - PM
3. ~~Involving the Public in Your Fishery Management Programs – AM~~ (Cancelled)
4. Conflict Resolution - PM
5. Student Workshop - PM

Largemouth Bass Virus Workshop – all day (by invitation only)  
NC AFS Chapter Meeting - 5:15-6:30 PM  
AFS Fisheries Management Section Meeting - 5:15-7:00 PM  
Poster Setup - 5:00-7:00 PM  
Student Social/Mixer - 7:00-10:00 PM

### Saturday, February 15, 2003

Registration  
SDAFS Business Meeting from 8:00-10:00 AM  
Welcome & Plenary Session from 10:20-12:00 Noon  
Student-Mentor Lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM  
Technical Sessions from 1:00-5:00 PM  
Posters Session – all day  
Battleship Tour & Dinner at U.S.S. North Carolina from 6:00-11:00 PM

### Sunday, February 16, 2003

Registration  
Technical and Poster Sessions from 8:00-12:00 Noon

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### Questions about the Spring Meeting?

#### Contacts:

General Chair	Kent Nelson	<a href="mailto:nelsonk3@earthlink.net">nelsonk3@earthlink.net</a>	252-752-5425
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Student Affairs	Stuart Welsh	<a href="mailto:swelsh@wvu.edu">swelsh@wvu.edu</a>	304-293-2941x2419

## 2003 SDAFS Spring Meeting Workshop Information Friday, February 14, 2003

### **Tagging Models: Estimating Population Size and Mortality:**

Sponsor: North Carolina State University AFS Student Subunit Attendance: Open  
Hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Cost: \$50.00 Professional, \$25.00 Students

**Description:** Workshop topics will include an overview of current capture-recapture and telemetry models, their assumptions, and sampling design considerations for fisheries applications. The workshop will focus primarily on estimating population size and exploitation, two population parameters of widespread interest. See [http://www4.ncsu.edu/~wepine/WKSHP\\_overview.htm](http://www4.ncsu.edu/~wepine/WKSHP_overview.htm) for more information.

### **Proactive and Reactive Media Relations for Fish and Wildlife Agencies:**

Sponsor: North Carolina Chapter, AFS Attendance: Open  
Hours: 1:00 to 5:00 PM Cost: \$35.00

**Description:** Learn about enhancing media relations for your agency. Whether you're getting out the good word on your agency's programs and projects or conducting damage control in crisis situations (e.g. droughts, snakeheads, etc.), this workshop will offer advice, guidelines, and example of how to optimize your agency's communication efforts.

### ~~**Involving the Public in Your Fishery Management Programs:**~~ (Cancelled)

### **Conflict Resolution:**

Sponsor: Southern Division American Fisheries Society Attendance: Open  
Hours: 1:00 to 5:00 PM Cost: \$35.00

**Description:** Dr Steve McMullin, VPI&SU, will provide instruction on how to resolve conflicts with applications to fisheries management.

### **Student Workshop:**

Sponsor: SDAFS Student Affairs Committee Attendance: Open  
Hours: 1:00 to 5:00 PM Cost: Free

**Description:** Employed fisheries professionals will discuss their perspectives on how students can rise above the competition to obtain jobs or graduate school assistantships.

### **Largemouth Bass Virus Workshop:**

Sponsor: B.A.S.S. Attendance: By invitation only  
Hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Cost: Free

**Description:** Researchers will discuss LMB-V study results and answer questions in a forum facilitated and attended by B.A.S.S. staff and anglers.

# Things to DO In Wilmington, NC!!!!

## Socials:

### **USS North Carolina Battleship Tour & Dinner**

The Battleship USS North Carolina will be the site for Saturday night's social. A traditional eastern North Carolina BBQ dinner with all the fixin's will be provided with beverages provided by the Front Street Brewery. Attendees will have the opportunity to take a tour of this WWII legend following their meal.



### **Student Social/Mixer**

Students and professionals will have a chance to mingle Friday night in the Hilton's Grand Ballroom. *Hors d' Oeuvre's* and refreshments will be provided. Attendees will have a chance to party to the sounds of Wiffer Creek, an acoustic collaboration between mandolinist and singer-songwriter Charles Pettee and guitarist and singer-songwriter Doug Bremseth.

### **Student-Mentor Lunch**

The goal of the student-mentor luncheon is to establish mentoring relationships between those working in the fisheries profession and students. The luncheon was first held at the 2001 Southern Division Midyear meeting in Jacksonville, FL and again during the 2002 Midyear in Little Rock, AR. This year we will endeavor to link students and mentors based on their career goals and professions as indicated on the meeting registration form. Participants will be notified either before or at the beginning of the Spring Meeting as to pairings so that communication may be established. The luncheon (at the mentors' expense) will serve as the meeting focal point, but other opportunities will be available at the meeting to interact. Mentors are encouraged to introduce students to other professionals at the meeting and follow up after the meeting about research, career advice, and job openings. We have received much positive feedback on past student-mentor luncheons, and with pairing students and mentors according to their professional goals, we believe this year's luncheon will be the best yet.

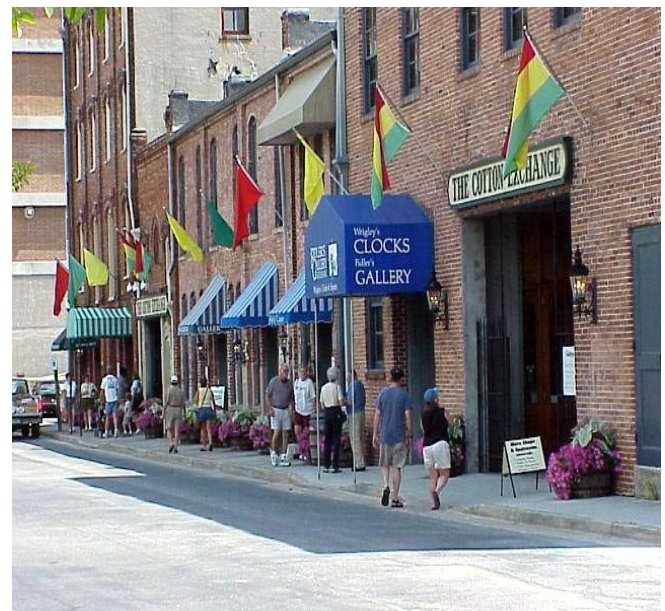
## Places to See

### **NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher**

Located on US HWY 421 in Kure Beach (approximately 20 minutes from Wilmington), this newly expanded facility (84,000 sq. ft.) was recently reopened with the theme, "Waters of the Cape Fear". Open year round. Admission fees, \$6/adult, \$4 for children aged 6 to 17.

### **Fort Fisher State Historic Site & Museum**

A state historic Civil War site, Fort Fisher protected blockade runners en route to Wilmington with supplies vital to the Confederate armies. Open 10 am to 4 pm Tues. through Sat. (Nov.-March) and 1-4 pm Sundays. Located just up the road from the Aquarium. Free admission.



## The Cotton Exchange

The Cotton Exchange is a charming complex of shops and restaurants located in restored historic warehouses on Wilmington's waterfront. (Located directly across from the Hilton)

## Hotel Information

The 2003 Southern Division Spring Meeting will be held February 12-16 at the Hilton Riverside in Wilmington, North Carolina. Rates at the Wilmington Riverside are \$79 per night, single or double occupancy, \$84 for triple, and \$89 for quad. Hotel reservation deadline is January 12, 2003. *For reservations, call 910-763-5900 or 1-800-445-8667.*

## Student Rooms

The SDAFS Student Affairs Committee has reserved a block of rooms for free student lodging February 13-16. Each room will be shared by four students of the same gender. **Application deadline is January 10, 2003.**

The SDAFS Spring meeting provides an excellent opportunity 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, including a Friday afternoon workshop on job skills. The job skills workshop is sponsored by the SDAFS Student Affairs Committee. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about 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 ([Swelsh@wvu.edu](mailto:Swelsh@wvu.edu)), West Virginia Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit, P.O. Box 6125, 333 Percival Hall, Morgantown, WV 26506, Ph #: 304-293-2941 X2419.

In the event 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 Spring 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?

