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President's Message

Winter is upon us as we finalize 2012 and enter the New Year. As I grow older, the old cliché "time flies" seems to become more of a reality. Nonetheless, when you take a step back and examine the number of streams surveyed, stripers collected, mussels discovered, trout stocked, etc., you realize the professionals and students in this organization accomplish a ton of work within a relatively short amount of time. This past year was another great success for NCAFS. We had a wonderful meeting in Raleigh, constructed a new website, awarded several student travel awards, and managed to have another great showing at the annual AFS meeting in St. Paul, MN. The NCSU student subunit once again demonstrated how great our student members are, and we even have our own John Boreman acting as the AFS Parent Society President. North Carolina is a special State in so many ways, but it's the quality of our work and dedication to our natural resources that stands out.

As the year winds down, we have a lot to look forward to in 2013. SDAFS is scheduled for February 7-12th in Nashville, TN (<http://www.sdafs.org/meetings/2013/default.htm>). I hope to see many of you there since the venue is fairly close. President Elect Greg Cope has been doing a fantastic job organizing the NCAFS meeting scheduled for February 27-28 in Burlington, NC. Read Greg's announcement later in the Newsletter for details. We are hosting a joint meeting this year with the NC Freshwater Mollusks Workgroup. This is a great group of scientists and I look forward to seeing a few new faces at our Chapter meeting. Please get your abstracts in early as slots will be limited. Additionally, the Education and Outreach

President's Message (continued)

Committee has an exciting workshop planned exploring the incredible field of conservation and population genetics. Please sign up early for this wonderful opportunity to discover how genetics can be applied to your field studies.

Lastly, thank you for electing me President of this dedicated Chapter. This has been a busy year and I look forward to working with Greg Cope and all the future and past presidents. It has been an honor to serve as your President over the past year, and I look forward to staying involved in various capacities. Please sign up for a committee, volunteer to assist at the annual meeting, or give a talk describing your work. Stay involved and we will remain one of the finest Chapters in the Country.

Have a wonderful holiday season and see you in February!!

Chris Wood

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

[December 2012 Treasury Report](#)

Submitted by Julie Harris, Secretary-Treasurer

Awards Committee

Call for Chapter Award Nominations

The Chapter presents two awards on an as-warranted basis to recognize outstanding contributions by both chapter members and others. The **Distinguished Service Award** recognizes Chapter members who have distinguished themselves by service to the Chapter, the American Fisheries Society, or the fisheries profession. The **Fred A. Harris Fisheries Conservation Award** recognizes non-Chapter members who have distinguished themselves by service or commitment to the Chapter or the fisheries and aquatic resources of North Carolina.

The Awards Committee is soliciting nominations from the membership for both of these awards for 2012. If you are aware of a deserving individual or organization, please nominate them! Nomination letters should be no more than two pages long and provide specific information on the accomplishments of the candidates and why they qualify the candidate for the award. Qualifications for the Distinguished Service Award should extend beyond simply doing an outstanding job on regular chapter duties (e.g., officer or committee member responsibilities) and be based primarily on extraordinary efforts or new initiatives.

Please submit nominations to John Crutchfield at John.Crutchfield@duke-energy.com,

Duke Energy 526 South Church Street, P.O. Box 1006, Mail Code EC12K, Charlotte, NC 28201-1006. **Nominations will be accepted until Friday, January 25, 2013.** Any questions, call John at 980-373-2288.

The chosen recipients will receive the awards at the 2013 NCAFS meeting to be held in Burlington, NC, on February 26-27, 2013.

Submitted by John Crutchfield Committee Chair

Environmental Concerns Committee

We look forward to working with the Chapter to keep members informed about important environmental issues that affect water resources in our state. Please contact me (ddaday@ncsu.edu or 919-513-7568) with suggestions, ideas, or pressing issues and I'll make sure they are communicated to the committee.

Thank you

Submitted by Derek Aday Committee Chair

Education and Outreach Committee

Don't forget, the 2013 NCAFS annual meeting continuing education workshop will be taught by Dr. Tim King of the U.S. Geological Survey. Dr. King will be speaking to us about different genetics techniques and how they are applied to the fisheries world. If you have any topics that you would like discussed during the workshop please email Jessica Baumann (jessica.baumann@ncwildlife.org). Looking forward to another great meeting!

Jessica Baumann Education and Outreach Committee Chair

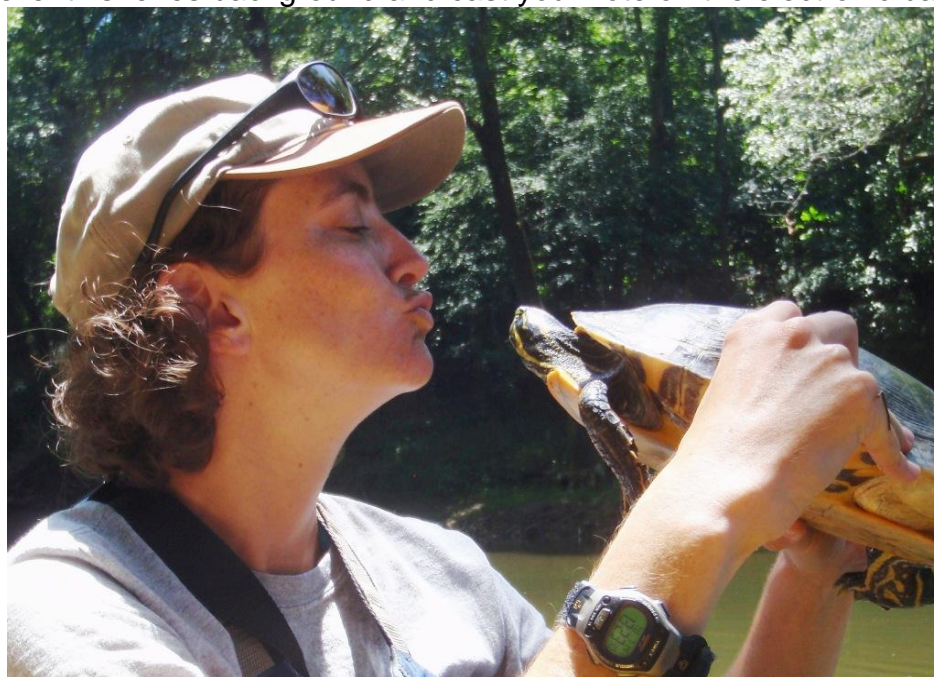
NCSU Student Subunit Report

For the latest information on the **2013 NCSU Student Fisheries Society Calendar**, please go to <http://clubs.ncsu.edu/sfs/> Don't forget about our monthly meetings scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month, Raleigh, NC.

Submitted by Patrick Cooney and Gus Engman, SFS co-presidents

Nominations Committee and Ballot

The Nominations Committee is pleased to present the 2013 NCAFS ballot for President-Elect. Chapter members running for President-Elect are Brena Jones (NCWRC) and Mike Swing (Duke Energy). Please take a moment to peruse the candidate sketches with their excellent fisheries background and cast your vote on the electronic ballot.



Brena Jones, Candidate President-Elect

Brena Jones is the Central Region Aquatic Wildlife Diversity Biologist for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission's (WRC) Division of Inland Fisheries, focusing on aquatic taxa research and survey across four river basins. And even after more than seven years in NC, people still cannot pronounce her name properly. She received her B.S. in Zoology from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in VA (2001) and jumped immediately into endangered species/habitat management with the USFWS at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge in TX. Having decided it was too hot on the prairie, she moved into statewide estuarine habitat restoration and grant administration with NOAA Fisheries' Restoration Center. However, she suffered from topographic deprivation, so she completed her M.S. in 2005 at TN Technological University, building predictive habitat models for the federally threatened blackside dace, a species endemic to the upper Cumberland watershed. That year, Brena joined the WRC as a Watershed Stewardship Specialist on the Carolina heelsplitter project near Charlotte, NC, moving into her current position in 2006. Brena has been attending and presenting papers at state, national, and international conferences since 2002; additionally she has been active in NC AFS, TN AFS, TN Tech's SFS, the Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Society (FMCS) and the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB). She has been passionate about imperiled species habitat conservation and engaging the public in resource management and science for over a decade; writing articles for both the Wildlife in North Carolina magazine and the WRC blog and taking educational

presentations to students of all ages, teachers, scouts, park rangers, festivals, local governments, state commissioners, and private citizen groups such as Trout Unlimited and other wildlife enthusiasts. In 2010 she assisted the A/V committee for the Southern Division AFS meeting in Asheville, NC and, in 2012, was a member of the Program Committee for the NC AFS meeting in Raleigh, NC.



Mike Swing Candidate, President-Elect

Mike Swing received his BS degree in Fisheries and Marine Science from NC State University in 1977. He has been with CP&L/Progress/Duke Energy since 1978 and is currently a Senior Environmental Specialist based out of New Hill, NC. The majority of his career has been spent studying possible power plant impacts on the aquatic ecosystem. These included fish community assessments, age and growth studies, effects of thermal discharges, and bioassay studies. He has also been involved in relicensing studies for hydro-power facilities and intake bio-fouling issues. He has been a member of AFS since 1980 and has served on the finance committee for the NCAFS. He is also a member of the Robust Redhorse Yadkin-Pee Dee Technical Working Group, the North Carolina Aquatic Weed Control Council, and the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE 2013 NCAFS BALLOT](#)

For those chapter members who vote, your name will be entered in a drawing for a 2013 AFS Parent Society membership (a value of \$80).

Election results (and parent membership drawing winner) will be announced at the 2013 Annual Business Meeting.

Submitted by Mike Abney, Kevin Hining, Bryn Tracy : Nominations Committee

News from Around North Carolina

Bennett Wynne named "Fisheries Biologist of the Year" by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies



Bennett Wynne holds an Atlantic sturgeon, collected from Weldon in 2010.

Bennett Wynne, a fisheries biologist with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, was named Fisheries Biologist of the Year by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies at its 66th annual conference on Oct. 9, in Hot Springs, AR.

Wynne received the honor for his outstanding work in both aquatic habitat conservation and fisheries management. As the agency's Anadromous Fisheries Coordinator, Wynne coordinates the management of coastal migratory stocks of shad, herring, striped bass and Atlantic sturgeon. He has developed critical working relationships with numerous stakeholders concerning enhancement of aquatic habitats for the benefit of these populations.

Bennett works diligently to assure adequate spawning flows for migratory fish in North Carolina's coastal rivers, continually looking for opportunities to increase access to

upstream habitats. On the Cape Fear River, Wynne advocated for years in support of construction of a rock arch fish passageway over Lock and Dam 1 — the first impediment to anadromous fishes migrating upriver from the ocean. Beginning June 1, 2011, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began construction of a rock arch fish passageway at this location, and the project is now complete. This is a landmark accomplishment, representing the first rock arch structure for fish passage built in North Carolina, and one of only a few in the Southeast. Wynne is currently involved with evaluating the effectiveness of this structure and will help determine the potential for similar passage projects on dams upstream.

In 2010, he coordinated Atlantic sturgeon sampling in the upper Roanoke River basin, which resulted in the first documented capture of sturgeon from this area. Currently, he is leading the effort to develop plans to enhance river herring stocks in the Chowan River basin.

Bennett fills a unique niche, seamlessly blending habitat conservation with fisheries management. His contributions to anadromous fish population restoration in North Carolina are extensive and make him well deserving of receiving an honor as prestigious as the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Fisheries Biologist of the Year.

Submitted by Bob Curry NCWRC

Melissa Laser Fish Habitat Conservation Award presented to Dr. Wilson Laney

Past president and long time member of NCAFS Dr. Wilson Laney was recently presented the first Melissa Laser Fish Habitat Conservation Award by the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership. Please follow the link for the full story.

<http://www.atlanticfishhabitat.org/communications/news/>



Congratulations Dr. Laney!

Jerry Finke Retires from NC Wildlife Resources Commission



Jerry Finke retired from the Wildlife Resources Commission on October 1, 2012, after 25 years of devoted service. On October 16th, over 50 Wildlife Commission staff, family and friends had an afternoon of celebration and tall tales of an exceptional person and an outstanding career.

Jerry tirelessly served the AFS at the local and division levels by providing IT support of the Chapter's and Southern Division's website. Jerry has served as the NCAFS Chapter Webmaster since 2004. Jerry received the Distinguished Service Award from the NC Chapter AFS in 2012 for his outstanding contributions to the Chapter.

Jerry served as the SDAFS Webmaster for several years, being involved with the creation and maintenance of the SDAFS Spring Meeting homepage. The SDAFS Spring Meeting homepage required substantial time each year to create and update prior to each SDAFS Spring Meeting. Without Jerry's efforts, SDAFS members and meeting attendees would have not been provided with pertinent information regarding each year's meeting. In addition to his Webmaster duties, Jerry has served as the Registration Chair for the 2003 and 2010 SDAFS Meetings. This work has involved the processing and tracking of hundreds of registrations prior to the meeting and the seamless distribution of registration packets at meeting sites. Jerry has provided technical audio-visual support for the SDAFS and Chapter meetings which is an understated task to make meeting technical presentations go smoothly.

Jerry was presented a plaque at his retirement celebration from the SDAFS officers on behalf of the Southern Division membership recognizing Jerry for his unswerving service and considerable contributions to the Society, and particularly the Southern Division.



President Michael Abney presenting the Distinguished Service Award to Jerry Finke.

Jerry plans to spend time catching up on all those routine tasks that were put aside because of his service to AFS. If you want to send Jerry a card or note, he can be reached at:

315 23rd St.
Butner, NC 27509

Submitted by Bob Curry NCWRC

Spotted in Lincoln County: “unusual fishery observation”

On May 03, 2012, between the hours of 0815 and 0945, a seemingly abandoned vehicle with this license plate was spotted parked alongside Hoover Road (SR 1217) at Pott Creek in Lincoln County. Inquiring minds (if there is such a thing with state employees) wanted to know to whom did this vehicle belong? Did it belong to someone who could not spell *T. rex*? Or did it belong to the # 1 fan of the late 1960s-early 1970s glam rock band *T. rex*? Or did it belong to the # 1 NASCAR fan named Rex who had to pee? And how come there was no mud on the truck? I thought all trucks are supposed to be dingy-up and muddy or did this belong to an upscale, Metro-Charlottean suburbanite who had just picked it up from the detailing shop?



For a clue to solving this unusual fishery observation, please go to our Chapter's newsletter archives and download the June 2009 issue (<http://www.sdafs.org/ncafs/content.html?contentName=newsletters>). There you will learn about vanity license plates that can carry hidden ichthyological meanings. In North Carolina, these slimy plates have already been spoken for: NCSMFISH (Dr. Wayne Starnes), MONACHA (Dr. Bill McLarney), ELASSOMA (previously held by Fritz Rohde), and SALMO (Dr. Bob Jenkins, VA). There maybe be others out there, but their population sizes are below the detection level.

The owner and person who can be found sitting behind the wheel of this mobile fish billboard is Dave Coughlan. Dave, along with Kim Baker, were the first to document *Percina rex*, Roanoke Logperch, a federally endangered species, in North Carolina from the Dan River near Eden in July 2007. For more information on the Roanoke Logperch, please download the June 2011 issue of our newsletter. I had always heard about this mythical license plate, but this spring was the first time I was able to get close enough to get a picture of it. I should have taken a fin clip for future genetic analyses and to document authenticity, but at least I can now add it to my Life List. The plate is currently vouchered in Denver, NC but quite frequently is on loan to a potential mate in Jefferson in Ashe County.

Submitted by Bryn Tracy

Spotlight on Students and Young Professionals

Justin Dycus

Justin Dycus was born and raised in Sanford, NC in Lee County which, if you speak Sanfordian, is just down number 1 from Raleigh. Most of his youth was spent fishing with his family in different areas of the state from the trout streams of the mountains to the ocean off of Oak Island. His father Charles, a taxidermist and current Black Drum *Pogonias cromis* state record holder, is well known as a highly skilled angler who is described by some as a man who could “catch a fish in a mud puddle”. The Dycus family has always valued their time spent together, especially time spent outdoors fishing, boating, and kayaking. The whole family, including his mother Amy and sister

Emily, would spend weeks together during the summer fishing and vacationing at the beach, which fostered an early interest in the outdoors. Justin was later introduced to hunting by some family friends including the Lee county wildlife enforcement officer Brian Scruggs. Relationships such as these spurred Justin's interest toward a career with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission.



After graduating from Lee County High School in 2004, Justin attended Sandhills Community College and earned an Associates of Science degree in 2006. He then enrolled at NC State and completed a Bachelors of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife in 2008. While at NC State Justin was active in both the Leopold Wildlife Club and the AFS student subunit. After graduation he worked in Puerto Rico and throughout North Carolina for three months assisting NC State graduate students with freshwater fish ecology research. During spring of 2009 Justin was a research technician for NCSU's CMAST program under Dr. Jeff Buckel researching river herring in the Chowan River Basin. After completing that position, Justin recalled a meeting of the NCSU student subunit where a future supervisor and presenter from the NCWRC crushed his dreams of employment as a fishery biologist by informing him that he probably would need a master's degree to be hired as a biologist by the NCWRC. So, with that goal in mind Justin headed south to Georgia to obtain his master's degree from the University of Georgia. While at UGA he worked with Dr. Jim Peterson to develop a thesis on the demography of freshwater mussels within the lower Flint River Basin in southwest

Georgia. During his time in graduate school, Justin served as the president of the AFS student subunit at UGA, volunteered to complete field work with several other students, volunteered to work in the Grand Canyon in Arizona, and was awarded the Richard L. Noble Best Student Paper award at the 2011 NCAFS meeting in Charlotte, NC. After completing his master's degree in December of 2011, Justin achieved his goal and was hired as the District 2 Biologist I in March of 2012. Now stationed in Kinston, NC most of his time is spent on our coastal rivers sampling for anadromous fish and monitoring recovery of the resident fisheries after the fish kill caused by Hurricane Irene. His education and work experience, enthusiasm for the outdoors, and devotion to family and friends has helped Justin become a valued member of the coastal region staff of the NCWRC. Welcome aboard Justin!

Submitted by Justin Homan NCWRC

Oldtimers Spotlight – Kim Baker

Kim Baker, Senior Science Technician with Duke Energy, has retired after 38+ years of dedicated service to the corporation. Kim started with Duke Energy in June 1974 after earning an Associate Degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management from Wayne Community College. Around that time Kim attended a job interview with an early director of the Duke Power Environmental Lab. He was offered a choice to work as a technician in the fisheries, phytoplankton, or macroinvertebrates groups. To describe Kim as an avid fisherman (then and now!) would be watering down his commitment to the sport, so of course he replied - - it was fisheries or nothing! Needless to say he got that job and has been hard at work ever since.



Kim Baker as an avid angler prior to the start of his career with Duke Power and in 2012 – bluegill fear him!

During his tenure with Duke, Kim has mastered the art of sampling fish populations with every conceivable type of gear. His proficiency with electrofishing, gillnetting, trapnetting, cove sampling with rotenone, trawling, purse seining, hydroacoustics, radio-tracking, creel surveys, fish passage studies at hydroelectric facilities, and fish impingement and entrainment techniques at fossil and nuclear plants is unmatched. Field collections of data have provided greater insight into the abundance, distribution, feeding, growth, reproduction, and mortality of North and South Carolina fish populations; be they adult or larval. Additionally, he has used scales, spines, and otoliths to age fish. He has been responsible for the fisheries quality assurance and quality control programs and the preparation of standard operating procedures. His input has been instrumental to the success of many in-house and peer-reviewed scientific publications.

His technical acumen was only half of why coworkers and collaborators sought Kim's help. He was always an easy man to work with and willingly shared his time and talents. If Kim was on your team, the work went smoother and safer and the finished product was better. Even his fishing avocation could give Kim an edge at work. When asked one time to help a state agency crew having trouble collecting striped bass in Lake Norman, Kim took them straight to a cove where he had put a school of stripers to bed fishing the previous evening. The sample quota was quickly met and Kim had another group of satisfied customers!

Kim has been a member of the NC and SC AFS Chapters since their inceptions and is a member of the AFS parent society. He was Secretary/Treasurer of the NCAFS Chapter and has been an avid procurer of raffle items for recent NCAFS SFS raffles, including the largely successful one at the SDAFS Meeting in Asheville, NC. He served as the Raffle Chair of the 1999 National AFS Meeting in Charlotte that profited both the NC and SC chapters immensely. In recent years he has been a member of the NCAFS Newsletter committee that publishes four issues per year – every year!

On December 7, 2012, Kim and some retiring co-workers were honored with a celebration lunch at the Duke Energy Environmental Lab in Huntersville, NC. Attendees from across NC made the trip to honor Kim. Reminiscences, gifts, and laughter were the order of the day. Additionally, friends and colleagues from across NC and SC donated to the procurement of a couple of gift cards (Lowes and Bass Pro Shops) to help ease Kim into retirement. His goal is to catch up on a lot of missed fishing opportunities and it is anticipated that fish populations, except those of the largemouth bass variety, will suffer!

Happy retirement Kim!



Kim Baker and a host of well-wishers pose for a group photo after his recent retirement party.

Submitted By Dave Coughlan and Scott Van Horn

2013 NCAFS Annual Meeting

**2013 NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY MEETING
JOINT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA FRESHWATER MOLLUSK WORKGROUP
BEST WESTERN PLUS HOTEL
Burlington, NC – February 26-27, 2013**

FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – DUE JANUARY 18, 2013



The 2013 NC AFS Chapter Meeting will be held jointly with the NC Freshwater Mollusk Workgroup on February 26-27, 2013 in Burlington, North Carolina. The meeting location will be the Best Western Plus Hotel located at 770 Huffman Mill Road in Burlington, NC 27215. Please mark your calendars now and plan to participate. Contact Greg Cope at greg_cope@ncsu.edu or at 919-515-5296, if you have questions about the meeting or if you are interested in assisting with meeting planning and organization.

Final Call for Abstracts:

Student and professional members are invited to submit abstracts for oral presentation at the Annual Meeting. Topics addressing any aspect of fisheries and related aquatic sciences are welcomed, including, but not limited to, management, research, conservation, outreach and education. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes (including the question and answer period). Abstract format is similar to previous meetings; an example abstract follows. The abstract submission deadline for the 2013 Meeting is **January 18, 2013**. Submit your abstract by e-mail attachment to Greg Cope at greg_cope@ncsu.edu.

Abstracts are limited to 300 words. Abstract title should appear in all caps and bold, and be followed by the author name(s), and affiliation(s). Please underline the name of the presenter. Abstracts should be written in Word utilizing Arial 11 point font. Abstracts should include clearly stated objectives, brief methods, general results, and the basic conclusion.

Example abstract from a previous NC AFS Meeting:

ENHANCING RELEVANCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN FRESHWATER MUSSEL THERMAL TOLERANCE TESTS. Jennifer M. Archambault^{*1}, W. Gregory Cope², and Thomas J. Kwak³. ¹ North Carolina Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Department of Biology, Box 7617, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695; ² Department of Environmental and Molecular Toxicology, Box 7633, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695; ³ U.S. Geological Survey, North Carolina Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Department of Biology, Box 7617, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695.

Because the global climate is warming, and available lethal temperature (LT) data on early life stages of freshwater mussels suggest they may already be living near their upper thermal tolerances in some systems, we expanded mussel LT research to include ecological factors that affect mussels in natural systems, such as sediment and flow regimes. We developed a method for assessing the thermal sensitivity of juvenile freshwater mussels in sediment, thus incorporating their benthic ecology into the tests. Using these sediment testing protocols, we evaluated the relative sensitivity of juveniles of four species of mussels to a range of common and extreme temperatures during

summer in streams with low flow and dewatered (e.g., drought) conditions in the southeastern and central United States, using two temperature exposure regimes. We also conducted water-only LT tests with glochidia and juveniles of four previously untested mussel species and tested adult *Lampsilis fasciola* to determine thresholds of sublethal effects with biomarkers of thermal stress and tissue damage. The median lethal temperatures (LT_{50s}) for all tests ranged from 33.3 to 37.2 °C, indicating a narrow range of upper thermal sensitivity, regardless of life stage, test type, species, or conservation status. Preliminary analysis of biomarker data indicates that mussels may become stressed at temperatures as low as 31° C, well below the lethal temperature. Future tests will incorporate a vertical temperature gradient into sediment testing protocols, providing additional realism and relevance to the benthic ecology of freshwater mussels. Finally, our data will be incorporated into regional mussel occupancy models to predict the response of imperiled mussels to changes in water temperature, as related to flow and climate change scenarios.

At the bottom of the page, please type:

1. The name, address, telephone, fax, and e-mail of the presenting author;
2. Professional or Student* attendee

*Note: All students submitting abstracts will be judged for the best student oral presentation, unless otherwise requested.

Lodging and Reservations:

Sleeping room rates are \$79.00 plus 9.75% sales tax per night for a standard double room (2 double beds) or one king bed room. Up to 4 people may stay in one double room for the \$79.00 plus tax rate. A block of double and king rooms has been reserved for the nights of February 25 and 26. **To receive the special group rate, please reserve your room by Monday, February 11, 2013 and be sure to mention that you are with the NC Chapter American Fisheries Society Meeting. Reservations at the Best Western Plus Hotel located at 770 Huffman Mill Road in Burlington, NC 27215 can ONLY be made directly by telephone at 336-584-0151; they do not accept online reservations for group blocks.**

Continuing Education Course:

The 2013 continuing education course will be taught by Dr. Tim King of the U.S. Geological Survey's Leetown Science Center in Kearneysville, West Virginia. The topic of the course will be on applied conservation genetics. Please contact Education and Outreach Committee Co-Chair and course organizer, Jessica Baumann at 919-304-2720 or Jessica.baumann@ncwildlife.org with questions or to get additional information.

Meeting Registration:

Registration for the meeting and Continuing Education Course will be through the Chapter web site and registration portal. Go to for additional information and to register for the meeting go to:

<http://sdafs.org/ncafs/content.html?contentName=AnnualMeeting>

I look forward to seeing you in Burlington this coming February!

Greg Cope President Elect

Meetings of Interest

2013 NCSU Student Fisheries Society– First Tuesday of each month, Raleigh, NC.

<http://clubs.ncsu.edu/sfs/>

143rd Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society– September 9-12, 2013, Little Rock, AR.

2013 Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting–

February 7-10, Nashville, TN. <http://www.sdafs.org/meetings/2013/default.htm>

Valuable Links

The American Fisheries Society Home Page offers a wealth of links to assist you in your fishery endeavors. Information on ordering AFS books, public outreach, annual meetings, chapter links and joining the AFS can be found at <http://www.fisheries.org/>.

You can subscribe to the NCAFS list serve at ncafs@lists.fisheries.org. .