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AFS, Alaska Chapter 2009 Elections – Candidates for Office

Trent Sutton, candidate for vice president of the AFS Alaska Chapter holds a nice lake sturgeon from the Great Lakes.



Trent Sutton, Vice President

Trent Sutton is an Associate Professor of Fisheries Biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), where he has been a faculty member since June 2007. His current research interests focus on the ecology and population dynamics of freshwater and marine fishes, particularly whitefishes (i.e., humpback and broad whitefish; least and Bering cisco), salmon, and rockfishes. He remains active in research in the Great Lakes region, with ongoing projects focusing on lake whitefish and eastern hellbenders. Currently, he has eight M.S. and one Ph.D. students in his research group. In addition to teaching three different undergraduate- and graduate-level courses at UAF, Trent is also very active in the American Fisheries Society, serving as the co-editor of the third edition of *Fisheries Techniques* and on numerous other committees for the society. Trent has previous experience in AFS Chapter leadership as he was the President of the Indiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, in 2004/2005 and served as the academic advisor of the Purdue University Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society. ?



Julie Bednarski, candidate for secretary of the AFS Alaska Chapter, with snailfish friend.

Julie Bednarski, Secretary

Julie Bednarski completed a B.S. in environmental studies with a major in natural science from Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin in 1998. After this she joined the Peace Corps in 1999 and went to Madagascar.

When she returned in 2001, she worked seasonally as a fisheries biologist for the US Forest Service in California, and then for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. In 2002, she went to graduate school at the University of Idaho, receiving her master's in fisheries resources in 2004.

After graduate school, she came up to Alaska on the ferry in November, falling in love with Alaska in the first few moments. She is currently working for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in the Region 1 Commercial Fisheries Division.

Julie first became involved in AFS while working in Idaho, and has attended and presented at both state and national level AFS conferences. She appreciates the professional development that AFS provides its members and is committed to being a competent secretary if elected. ?

Officer Ballot
For Chapter Vice President and Secretary

Please cut and paste ballot into an email with subject "Vote" before December 5, 2009 and send it to:

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___ Trent Sutton

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Secretary:

___ Julie Bednarski

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