

2009 Iowa Chapter NCD UPDATE

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Aquatic Stewardship (AS)

AS 1, Local and Global Leadership

- Both the Iowa Environmental Council and the Iowa Conservation Alliance were awarded \$100 in support of their efforts. A letter of support was written for the ICA.
- A resolution was drafted in support of sustainable funding for natural resources in Iowa by the chapter.
- A resolution was adopted and presented to Iowa's congressional delegation in support of new legislation for the Missouri River.

AS 3, Promotion of Stewardship:

- The Iowa Chapter initiated a fisheries grant program several years ago to assist with fisheries projects. This year two \$500 grants were paid out to aide in trout stream restoration work in NE Iowa and purchased equipment and tags for a Mississippi River mussel study.

Information Transfer and Outreach (ITO)

ITO 1, Visibility

- Iowa AFS Chapter members showed their support for the sustainable funding initiative at the state capital.
- The Iowa Chapter continues to support the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program in the state though an annual membership to the REAP Alliance.

ITO 2, Collaboration

- The 2008 annual chapter meeting (January 27th and 28th, 2009) was a joint meeting with IA Chapter of The Wildlife Society.
- A \$500 contribution toward the Catfish Symposium was made by the chapter.

ITO 4, Information Network

- The Lateral Lines newsletter was published in the fall.
- The Iowa Chapter donated \$500 toward the Paddlefish Publication.

Member Services (MS)

MS 1, Professional Development and Recognition

- On July 28 and 29, 2009, ISU and the Iowa Coop Unit hosted a day-and-a-half continuing education workshop for the Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society titled, "Routine Fisheries Analysis using the R Program". The workshop taught by ISU Ph.D. student Mike Colvin and organized by ISU/Coop Unit faculty member Clay Pierce, served 16 fisheries professionals from around the state. R is a freely available software program for statistical data analysis and publication-quality graphics, and its popularity is increasing rapidly. The workshop combined lectures, computer demonstrations, and hands-on computation to introduce participants to R and a variety of R applications in fisheries and aquatic science.
- Iowa Chapter member Tom Gengerke was presented the Meritorious Service Award at the annual meeting in January.

- A continuing education grant in the amount of \$100 was awarded to ISU graduate student Jesse Fisher.
- BEST PROFESSIONAL PAPER: Mike Quist. Effects of Riparian Buffers on Instream Habitat, Fish Assemblage, and Growth Rates of Fishes in Iowa Streams.
- BEST STUDENT PAPER: Jesse Fisher. Preliminary Comparisons of Methods to Sample Fish in Iowa Lakes and Impoundments.
- BEST POSTER: Matt Mork and Scott Bisping. Population Characteristics of Black Bullhead in Iowa's Natural Lakes.
- The Iowa Chapter presented a \$500 scholarship to ISU student Matt Mork.
- Travis Neebling was awarded the Joan Duffy Travel Award in 2009 and won the best student presentation at the 69th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference.

MS 2, Science-based Information

- At a joint meeting with the Wildlife Society of Iowa members heard presentations from around the state on collaborative efforts between fish and wildlife as well as fisheries presentations from ISU and IDNR.