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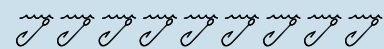
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President's Message

By Henry VanOffelen, President

Another year has come and gone and the work of the MN AFS chapter continues without an end in sight. The 2007 annual meeting is right around the corner on **March 19-21**. **Mike Duval** and crew have put together a great program for this meeting in St. Cloud. *Please register today if you have not done so already* and

Annual Meeting 2007



**39th Annual Minnesota
Chapter Meeting**
March 19-21, St Cloud
see page 10 for details

*Don't forget to vote for
chapter officers*

do not forget to bring a few extra dollars to have a chance at all those **great raffle prizes**. The EXCOM held another productive meeting in January that resulted in action on several items including final approval of the **"Aquatic Plant Management" resolution**, approval of a letter to **Congressman Oberstar** regarding the threat of **viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS)** and need for ballast water regulations, and approval of a letter to DNR that supports their paper **"fish culture in wetlands"** (available at http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/reports/wildlife/aquaculture_wetlands_nov2006.pdf). These documents are available for viewing on the chapter's website www.mnafs.org.

2006 was another productive year for the chapter. Highlights included a successful joint meeting, continuing education workshop, and engagement and action in a variety of issues. In December, due to these efforts and others the Chapter received the **"most active chapter award"** from the **North Central Division**. Thanks to chapter members, EXCOM members, and "extended" EXCOM members for your support and attention to the chapter this year. We have collectively been able to accomplish much and also have continued our engagement in a variety of important issues.

The chapter's approach to important "issues" has evolved substantially in recent years and I hope that we continue the progress made to date. Years ago, we might send a letter or resolution or two out to the DNR commissioner on issues but that was about the extent of our involvement. In the past few years, our involvement in issues has gone beyond sending letters and resolutions. Chapter members have represented the chapter on stakeholder groups, the EXCOM has become more engaged in following and commenting on specific rule processes and bills, and the chapter has become a member of the **Fish and Wildlife Legislative Alliance (FWLA)** and **Minnesota Conservation Federation (MCF)**. More than ever before, the chapter appears to be aware of the important

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issues facing aquatic resources and is better prepared for active engagement with these issues. EXCOM meetings, email, the internet, RYBA, and the chapter's website provide us with great opportunities to learn, communicate, and take action. Clearly, there is a need for science based input into many of the issues facing aquatic resources and the chapter is well placed to fill this role. Last year, **Tim Brastrup** wrote:

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“There has never been a shortage of issues for which the chapter to consider making a response. In the years ahead there will likely be many more, especially with a growing human population that is placing ever increasing pressures on aquatic habitats. The chapter will find itself faced with opportunities to respond to various units of government in an advisory role, as policies shift to accommodate growth. But just as responsible units of government are spread too thin to address all issues that arise, the MN Chapter of the AFS will also. We will have to prioritize the issues and pick the “hills we are willing to die on”, because we cannot address them all...”

I could not have said this better and look forward to the chapter's continued involvement with important issues. A preliminary list of issues to watch in 2007 and 2008 included **dedicated funding** (among other things, if this goes through perhaps we need to lobby for a chapter member to be on the oversight board), **shoreland rules** (it seems that this issue is not going away), **APM rulemaking**, **aquatic invasive species laws**, **EQB rules** regarding shorelands, **aquaculture and wetlands**, **ATV impacts on streams**, etc. By building on the past we clearly are well positioned for meaningful actions in the future.

In conclusion, last year, long time chapter member **Greg Busacker** retired and moved out of state. This year, it looks to be **Jack Wingate's** turn. As most know, Jack is retiring from DNR in April and is headed to Arkansas. Jack has been an AFS mainstay at the chapter, the division, and Parent Society levels. He is past-President of the chapter, past-President of the



parent society and recipient of the MN Chapter's Award of Excellence. He just received the **John B. Moyle** award this year from Minnesota DNR joining former chapter members **Dennis Schupp**, **Bob Strand**, and **Jack Skrypek** as recipients of this award. I

know from experience that Minnesota has benefited greatly from Jack's dedication and commitment to science based fisheries management. Jack and I were in contact daily for a couple years there back in the last century and I appreciate having had the chance to work with him. Jack will certainly be missed. I was really hoping Jack would stick around as another “former DNR fisheries biologist” because I think a few more of them are needed out there. Best Wishes Jack. I look forward to seeing you and all the other chapter members at the Annual Meeting later this month.

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Get those registrations in asap!

President Elect's Report

Mike Duval

President Elect

The annual meeting is but days away. In one of the great triumphs of democracy, leadership of our Chapter will peacefully pass from our current **President, Henry VanOffelen**, to the President-Elect. Our Chapter has been very well served under Henry's leadership and I hope you will join me in thanking him for his service. I know I will benefit from his on-going guidance as he continues to serve the Chapter as Past-President. Henry is a passionate, energetic, and articulate professional. His contributions to our society through new initiatives and advocacy have raised the visibility of our Chapter, particularly with regard to habitat issues. There is much at stake for fisheries and natural resources this year (**dedicated funding, Clean Water Legacy and TMDL planning, renewable energy and alternative fuels, Farm Bill** reauthorization, **APM rule revisions, shoreland rule revisions and alternative shoreland standards**, etc.), and Henry has positioned us well to engage these issues on behalf of the natural resources in our care.



President-elect Mike Duval fueling up to get to work for the chapter!

To succeed in our work to protect fish habitats and manage for natural resource sustainability across generations, we will inevitably encounter conflict with those operating on a different time horizon. Recently, a handful of us DNR-types talked smart over beer following a staff meeting. The conversation rambled all

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over global climate change and emerging alternative energy initiatives. At one point, **Larry Gates** quipped, "**We are the Jiminy Crickets of our time.**" Those that know Larry can appreciate his humorous gems of insight like this. His point is that we resource professionals must be the conscience of our society and speak up when public policies and private behaviors threaten the sustainability of healthy ecosystems. As we have recently observed from the global climate change debate, the accumulation of good scientific information eventually tweaks the public conscience and shifts the momentum. The result is a reevaluation of our social behaviors and, hopefully, a change in favor of sustainability. The principal challenge for us professionals is to timely influence social change before we get as far down the road as we appear to be with climate change. That nudging will stir conflict, so we must be prepared to effectively navigate through, armed with good science and the strength to

weather conflict. The Wednesday morning special session at the Annual Meeting will review selected fisheries conflict case studies and analyze the drivers of conflict, critical choice points, and opportunities for resolution (those realized and those missed). I hope you will attend and share your ideas and experiences during the panel discussion.



Resolutions Committee

Jeff Weiss

The chapter is currently finalizing two resolutions that will be presented to the membership during the business meeting session at the annual meeting in March. The first resolution, regarding **aquatic plant management** was written by **Ray Valley**. The state legislature is reviewing MN rule 6820 during the current session. The resolution calls for more conservative vegetation removal policies to protect aquatic habitat along with increasing protection of sensitive areas.

The second resolution is in regards to **off-highway vehicle use on state lands**. The chapter recommends that off-highway vehicle use on state lands be restricted to designated trails which are appropriately sited and designed to minimize impacts. Funding for OHV enforcement should be increased and dedicated for this purpose. OHV trails that fall within the riparian zone should be eliminated.

Both of these resolutions have been posted on the **Angling for Issues web forum**. Please go to the forum to review then and post your comments/suggestions. The forum is a great communication tool for the chapter and helps facilitate review of issues and documents.



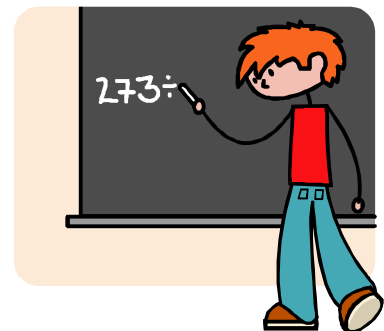
Continuing Education Committee

Ray Valley

Eddie Evarts

Phil Talmage

The Continuing Education Committee is currently planning a 4-day watershed processes and shoreline restoration workshop tentatively scheduled for late August 2007 at Cabelas in Owatonna. This will be the first of two workshops on this topic. In 2007, the workshop will focus on watershed-related issues in agricultural landscapes. In 2008, a similar workshop will be geared towards forest and urban landscapes. The workshops will be a mix of basic instruction in basic hydrology, identifying priority areas for protection or restoration, building partnerships, touring restoration sites, and finally getting down and dirty restoring a shoreline. In the months ahead be on the lookout for more information on the 2007 workshop



Website

Donna Dustin

If anyone is having trouble getting started on the **Angling for Issues** web forum, we have added an instruction page to help you. Give it a try - if it worked for **Tim B.** it will work for you! Follow the link from our home page and start making your thoughts known.



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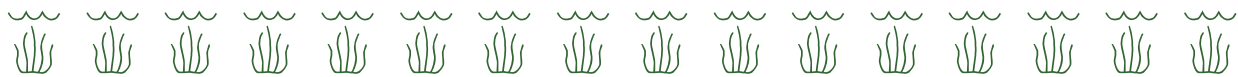
This is my last issue of RYBA. **Jeff Reed** has volunteered to take over the job beginning after the annual meeting. Thanks Jeff!



Public Education Committee

Eric Altena

I brought our AFS Billboard sign to an **Army Corps of Engineers "Professional Fair"** on Feb 22nd. AFS was invited to participate to encourage ACOE folks to be involved in professional organizations. The AFS Public Education Coordinator took the display down to St. Paul and chatted with a few folks about what AFS does etc. The event was attended by 70-80 engineers/biologists, so getting the word out was worth while. I handed out brochures and spoke about our upcoming meeting. The ACOE folks thanked us for being at the event.



Awards Committee

John Hiebert

How about volunteering to judge papers at the annual meeting - it's fun, it's easy, it keeps you awake during talks! Contact John for more info.

There is still time to nominate a deserving colleague for an award - contact **John Hiebert** at john.hiebert@dnr.state.mn.us ASAP.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Voting Procedures

All chapter members should receive a ballot for the chapter elections via email soon. The statements from our nominees start below. Please take a minute to vote and help guide the future of our chapter.

Our candidates are:

President Elect: Dave Fulton (U of MN) and Paul Glander (USFWS)

Secretary-Treasurer: Calub Shavlik, unopposed

DNR Excom: Eric Altena and John Hoxmeier

Federal Excom: Tim Welker (Chippewa National Forest Fisheries Biologist), unopposed

If you think you are a chapter member and you do not receive a ballot, please confirm your membership status with **Calub Shavlik** (calub.shavlik@dnr.state.mn.us) and he will tell you how to proceed.



Candidate Biographies

President-Elect Candidate

David Fulton

I am a native Texan and have had a life long interest in the role fish, wildlife and the natural world play in our lives. I am USGS research scientist and Assistant Unit Leader in the Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research and Associate Professor in the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology. I have been active in the Minnesota Chapter of AFS since my arrival in Minnesota in 1998, and have served on the executive committee of the state chapter as both a federal and university representative in 2003-06. I have been extremely impressed with the dedication of our state chapter membership and would be honored to help continue the professional influence that our chapter has achieved. I will place priority on continued student involvement and recruitment of new professionals into our chapter.

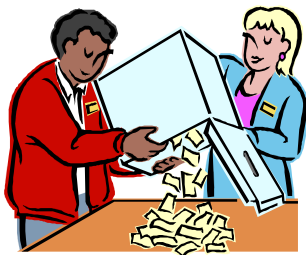
President-Elect Candidate

Paul Glander

I enjoyed fresh and saltwater fishing with family and friends as I was growing up in eastern Pennsylvania. Those experiences and encouragement from a professor and coworkers at an environmental consulting firm where I worked as an undergrad got me interested in fisheries as a career. My first exposure to AFS was when that professor took several undergrads, including myself, to a meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter.

I joined AFS in 1978 shortly after beginning graduate school in Indiana. I was president of the Indiana Chapter in 1989-1990 and treasurer while in grad school. I worked for the Indiana DNR from 1980 to 1992 as an assistant fisheries research biologist, district fisheries biologist, lake management biologist and chief of the statewide lake and river enhancement program.

My research focuses on the human dimensions of fisheries, wildlife and natural resource planning and management. He has conducted numerous studies for the Minnesota DNR, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Colorado Division of Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, and the National Park Service focused on understanding and incorporating human values, attitudes and norms into agency decision-making. I obtained a B.S. in Sociology/Psychology from Texas A&M, an M.S. in Environmental Science & Regional Planning from Washington State University, and a PhD in human dimensions of natural resources from Colorado State University. Prior to arriving at the University of Minnesota, I was a regional wildlife planner for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.



DNR Excom Candidate

Eric Altena

Well, it all began growing up in Connecticut along Horse Neck Brook. Only 35 miles from New York City left little open space for general recreation. Somehow, I managed to find some, and although neither of my parents were involved with fishing or hunting, I developed a love of both. My mother tells a story of me at the ripe old age of six months, holding a stick at a Mystic Sea-Port pond pretending to reel in a large fish. My interest in fishing and watching the likes of Jacques Cousteau grew over the years. In 6th grade I found out there was such a job as a fisheries biologist. From that point forward I knew my destiny.

Attending Colorado State University (CSU) achieving a BS in Fisheries Management and working with the Colorado Division of Wildlife lead

I joined the Minnesota Chapter in 1992. I worked for the Minnesota DNR from 1992 to 2004 as area fisheries supervisor at Detroit Lakes, assistant area supervisor at Waterville and as federal aid coordinator in St. Paul. I represented the Chapter for several years in the mid 1990s on the North Central Division Rivers & Streams Committee.

Since 2004, I've worked for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance (Federal Aid). From an office in the Federal Building adjacent to the MSP airport, I currently work with several States and funding programs - almost all of the Indiana DNR Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) Act funded activities; SFR funded public access/boat ramp development projects for the Illinois DNR; SFR and Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act funded land acquisition projects for Wisconsin DNR; and, all of the Missouri Dept. of Conservation projects funded through the newer State Wildlife Grants program. It's very diverse, interesting and enjoyable work.

I'm a Certified Fisheries Professional. I earned a BA in biology from Millersville State University in Pennsylvania and MS in biology from Ball State University in Indiana.

DNR Excom Candidate

John Hoxmeier

At a late night AFS social I agreed to run for MNDNR EXCOM. I have served in numerous capacities for local, state, and national AFS chapters since 1992. I received a BS degree in Aquatic Biology from St. Cloud State University. While attending SCSU, I interned for MNDNR Fisheries in Glenwood. My time at Glenwood solidified my interest in working in fisheries despite the staffs attempts at convincing me to go into a different field. I attended graduate school at Auburn University and received my MS while studying paddlefish in the Alabama River. While at Auburn, I served as vice president and president of the Auburn



me to appreciate fisheries work as a whole. After spending a few months in Michigan purgatory, I managed to get a job with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in the proverbial armpit and tornado capital of America; Amarillo. While working there I attended a wonderful satellite school for Texas A&M and somehow managed to connive TPWD into paying for my classes while I got my Masters in Biology. I moved to Minnesota in January of 1998 to be closer to family and undertake my wife's entrepreneurial interests. Since December of 1998, I have worked in the Montrose area Fisheries office as a Specialist and now as the Assistant Area Manager.

My involvement with AFS has varied from plain old member status since 1987, President, Vice President and Secretary of the Student chapter at CSU and now most recently the public education coordinator (AKA glorified sign carrier) for the MN chapter. I have offered my presentation coordination electronic setup wizardry (actually more like hap-hazard luck) as a token of my helping hand to the MN Chapter as well.

I feel my diverse experience and my dedication to the DNR would make me a more than, "less desirable" candidate for the position. Thanks in advance for your support.

AFS chapter. I was hired on as a research biologist with the Illinois Natural History Survey for five years. I was an active member of IL AFS and was chair of the Student Awards Committee. In 2001, I moved back to MN and worked as a Large Lake Specialist in Lake City for MNDNR. During this time I served as an Associate Editor for Transactions of the American Fisheries Society and was on the Skinner Memorial Award committee. Currently I am a Research Scientist at the Lake City office working on brook trout. I would like to serve the members of MN AFS by being an active member of this chapter.



Secretary Treasurer Candidate

Calub Shavlik

I received my B.S. degree in Aquatic Biology from Bemidji State University in 1995. After graduating, I worked in both the fisheries field and the chemistry field until an opportunity came up to go back to school and get my graduate degree in 1998. I completed my M.S. degree in Fisheries Science from Texas Tech University in 2000. I started my professional fisheries career in 2001 at the Eden Prairie office working for the "Fishing in the Neighborhood" program. Then in 2002, I transferred to the Walker Fisheries office.

I became a member of the American Fisheries Society in 1998 and Minnesota chapter in 2000. Currently, I am the chair of the Membership Committee. I believe my involvement with the membership committee, helping with the registration booth at the annual meeting, and performing the ever popular activity of treasury audit for the last three years will prepare me for this new role as treasurer/secretary.

Federal Excom Candidate

Tim Welker

My interest in fish began at a young age during fishing trips with my father and brother to rivers and impoundments near our home in western Kansas where we enjoyed the challenges of landing common carp, walleye, and channel catfish. These outings fostered an interest in all things biological from insects and herps to mammals and fish and eventually led to BS (1990) and MS (1994) degrees in Biology from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. During this time, I worked as a fisheries technician on a variety of fish projects across the state of Kansas for the University and a local ecological consulting firm. My professional fisheries career officially began in 1995 when I was hired by Oregon State University as a research assistant to collect data on migratory patterns of salmon and steelhead smolts along the Columbia River. While working in the Pacific Northwest, I was fortunate enough to obtain a graduate assistantship at the University of Idaho that culminated in a PhD (2000) in fish ecology. My graduate work focused on resource partitioning, ecomorphology, and feeding ecology of native fishes in the Missouri and lower Yellowstone rivers in North Dakota and Montana. A move to Logan, Utah with my wife in 2001 allowed me to enjoy the Mojave Desert heat for four years as a fisheries biologist studying the Lake Mead (Arizona and Nevada) population of razorback sucker for an ecological consulting firm. A love of beautiful places and nice people led our family to northern Minnesota where I currently serve as the zone fishery biologist for the Chippewa National Forest.

I have been a member of AFS since 1996, a Certified Fisheries Professional since 2004, and a past vice-president of the Idaho AFS Palouse sub-unit. After attending several of the Minnesota AFS annual meetings, it is easy to see why many consider our chapter to be one of the best in the country. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to become actively involved with the chapter and to bring my diverse fisheries background to the Federal EXCOM position.



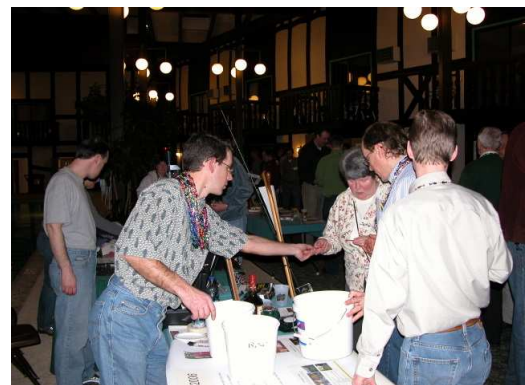
Fundraising Committee

Brian Borkholder
Tom Burri

There is still time to help your chapter's hard-working fund-raising committee. Money raised at the annual fund-raiser goes to support student attendance at the annual meeting. Today's students are tomorrow's chapter leaders - let's help them get involved in chapter activities now.

Wondering how you can help? It's easy - you can:

- Ask a local business for a donation,
- Look around your house for items that you no longer need that someone else may want to have,
- Put your creative energy into a handmade item ,
- Bring some extra cash, or better yet, your checkbook to the annual meeting and buy lots of tickets and auction items!



Doing a brisk business at last year's raffle

Thanks in advance to everyone who supports the chapter fund-raiser this year.

Minnesota Chapter AFS Annual Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites - St Cloud, MN
March 19-21, 2007
Meeting Program

Monday, March 19, 2007

Noon - 6:00 pm	Registration and Poster Setup	Heritage Room
1:00 pm	DNR Fisheries Research Meeting	Vikings Room
3:30 pm	Chapter Excom Meeting	Twins Room
6:00 pm	Reception and Poster Display	Heritage Room

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

7:00 - 10:00 am	Registration and Poster Setup	Heritage Room
8:00 - 9:20 am	Technical Papers	Huskies/St. Benedicts
9:40 am	Morning Coffee/Juice Break	Banquet Hallway
10:00 - Noon	Technical Papers	Huskies/St. Benedicts
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch and Welcoming Addresses	Poolside Reception Area
1:00 - 3:40 pm	Technical Papers	Huskies/St. Benedicts
3:40 pm	Afternoon Break	Banquet Hallway
4:00 - 6:00 pm	Chapter Business Meeting	Huskies Room
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Reception and Poster Display	Heritage Room
7:30 pm	Banquet	Huskies/St. Benedicts

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

7:00 -8:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Banquet Hallway
8:00 - 9:40 am	Special Session Presentations	Huskies/St. Benedicts
9:40 am	Morning Coffee/Juice Break	Banquet Hallway
10:00 - Noon	Special Session Panel Discussion	Huskies/St. Benedicts

For the detailed meeting program and abstracts, please visit the Chapter website:

www.mnafs.org

Meeting Abstracts will not be part of your registration packet, please review them online and bring your own copy if you wish to have one at the meeting.

Upcoming Events

2007

27th Annual Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference

Mar 9-11, 2007 --- Kent State University, Kent, OH

www.midwesteec.org

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Mar 19-21, 2007 --- St Cloud, MN

www.mnafs.org

American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists Annual Conference

Jul 11-16, 2007 --- St. Louis, Missouri

www.dce.ksu.edu/jointmeeting/

American Fisheries Society 137th Annual Meeting

Sep 2-6, 2007—San Francisco, CA

www.fisheries.org/sf

International Symposium: WILD TROUT IX

Oct 9-12, 2007 --- West Yellowstone, MT

www.wildtroutsymposium.com/

68th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference

Dec 9-12, 2007 --- Madison, WI

midwest.ncd-afs.org/conference_info.asp

2008

American Fisheries Society 138th Annual Meeting

August 17-21, 2008 —Ottawa, ON

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