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Alex Prentice

Legislative and Environmental
Concerns: Emily Tracy-Smith

Message From the President



This will be the first of many informational messages from me. I want everyone to be up to date with the latest chapter news, upcoming events, opportunities, and how you can be involved with the chapter. This is going to be an exciting year to be involved with MOAFS! The first item will encompass all past and present members of MOAFS.

Item #1—Membership Review and Raffle Drawing

MOAFS is currently working towards updating our membership information. This is of high importance and critically needed. This updated information will enable us to do a number of things. They are as follows:

- Create a new listserv (Constant Contact) that will provide a more professional look, more personalization, and provide greater ease when providing membership with information and opportunities.

Membership: John Lisek

MNRC Steering: Blake Stephens

Newsletter:

Emily Tracy-Smith

Hope Dodd

Nick Sievert

Dan Metcalf

Publicity: Trish Yasger

Rivers and Streams: Eric Rahm

Student Support: Jennifer Girondo

Student Subunits

Missouri State University -

Springfield: Jordan Heiman

University of Central Missouri -

Warrensburg: Topher Hockaday

University of Missouri - Columbia:

Cheyenne Stratton

Southeast Missouri State University

- Cape Girardeau: Thomas Devine

-Create a new Directory of Aquatic Workers in Missouri. The last directory compiled was way back in 1991. The main purpose of the directory is to facilitate communication between aquatic workers in the state. It will also be a great tool for students who are working on specific projects or seeking a career to find experts in various fields of study. This information will be a password protected tab on the MOAFS website and can only be seen by members.

Raffle Drawing—By simply providing updated information (email, field of expertise, years of service, etc.) you will be entered in a drawing for one of two \$50 gift cards from Bass Pro. The drawing will be held at the membership appreciation event at Lake of the Ozarks on October 13th, 2018. You do not have to be present to win!



To update your information and be entered into the drawing (this should only take 2-3 minutes), please follow this link: <http://www.moafs.org/membership-update-form.html>

Item #2—Membership Due Payments

Historically, dues were always paid at the MNRC (predominately cash). In the future, dues can be paid online through PayPal. This will also be the only option at the MNRC going forward. By utilizing PayPal, MOAFS will be able to keep better records and provide more options for members to pay yearly dues. To pay your dues today follow this link: <http://moafs.org/membershipform.html> to our online membership form.

Item #3–Membership Appreciation Event

The event date is set for October 13th and 14th at a camp within Lake of the Ozarks State Park. This will involve crappie fishing, a fish fry social, and a raffle drawing. The fish/sides for the social, camp lodging and some beverages will be provided. Only members who have paid dues can participate in this event. We will need assistance with some planning and cooking. More information and logistics will be provided in the near future.

Item #4–Disabled Angler Events

We have an upcoming scheduled event at Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery (date TBD, probably late April or early May). If you would like to assist with one of these events, please contact Mary Scott or follow this link: <http://moafs.org/disabled.html> for more information.

Item #5–Membership Involvement

This is a great time to be involved with MOAFS! There are a number of activities/events that membership can be involved in. Also, there are some special committees that need filled (i.e. digital media manager). If you have ANY ideas pertaining to MOAFS and our continuing efforts, please feel free to contact me anytime on my personal cell phone at 573-263-8467.

Thank you in advance for your efforts and involvement.

Announcing- Still Hooked: Our First Fifty Years

"The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future." -Teddy Roosevelt

What Teddy said about knowing the past to prepare for the future also applies to MOAFS. In that regard, I am pleased to announce the upcoming publication for release, *Still Hooked: Our First Fifty Years*, a compilation of the history of the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. It is the result of many years of hard labor by our own Joe G. Dillard to compile, organize, and summarize thousands of pages of documents, hundreds of photographs, and his own formidable institutional memory into a single volume. Joe was assisted by History Committee members Amanda Rosenberger and Emily Tracy-Smith. I sincerely hope it can be utilized by current and future members of MOAFS and other state chapters looking to build upon our legacy, learn from our successes and failures, and examine their own history and evolution.

In *Still Hooked*, you will find records of our beginnings, officers, subunits, awards, and annual meetings. In addition, our major milestones and significant accomplishments are summarized on a year-by-year basis. The book culminates with a summary of our 50th anniversary celebration and a reflection on the future of MOAFS by our own Greg Pitchford, a former president and guest author.

As Sydney Stephens, one of the Missouri Department of Conservation's founding fathers, said, "No organization, whether governmental or public-private, is worth a damn unless it develops a history, a philosophy, and guiding ethics."

I hope by delving into this volume, you can gain insight into all three regarding MOAFS. For information about the availability of this book, please contact Joe G. Dillard at Dillardj@missouri.edu or 3535 West Arbor Way Columbia MO 65203. The cost is \$15 each, or \$18 if mailed. All proceeds, minus the cost of mailing, will be given to MOAFS. **Please note that if you request a book by mail that the check should be made out to Joe G. Dillard who is handling its distribution for MOAFS.**

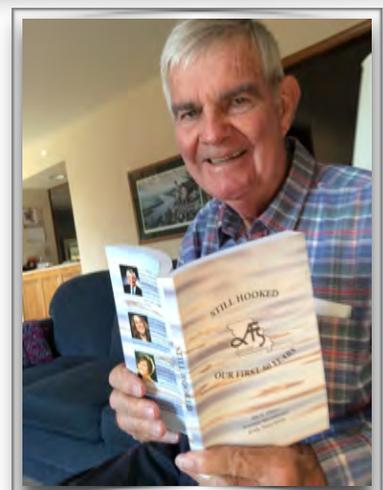
Clint Hale



P.S. - Would you rather go down into Joe G. Dillard's basement to peruse the history of MOAFS in the rough or read it from a soon to be published book?



Countless boxes and files full of MOAFS history carefully catalogued in the MOAFS Museum of History (Joe Dillard's basement)



Joe Dillard peruses the proof copy of *Still Hooked - Our First 50 Years*.

Student Support Report

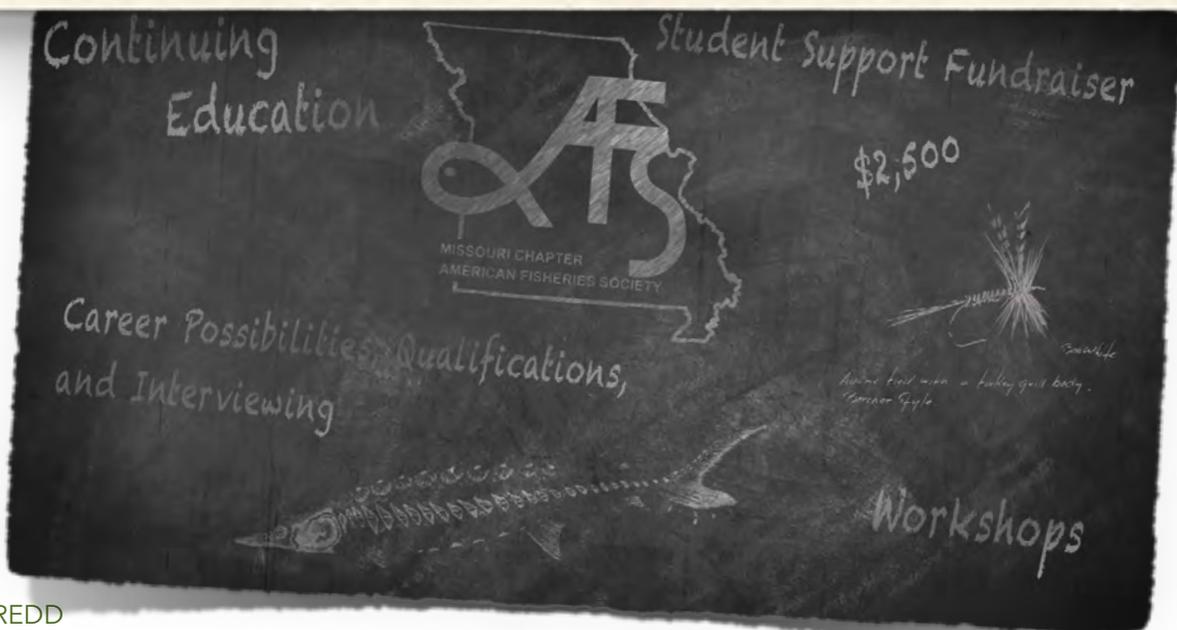
Prepared by: Jen Gironde



MOAFS' Student Support Committee awarded annual scholarships and recognized outstanding student presentations at MNRC-2018 (see awards section).

We continue to get multiple, highly qualified applicants for these scholarships, and have averaged typically between 4 and 6 applicants per scholarship award, and approximately 7 submissions of aquatic student posters and 5 aquatic student platform presentations each year at the MNRC. The student support committee has continued sharing job announcements, conference highlights, and other interesting

tidbits about natural resources via email and Facebook. Recently, we've begun working with the special MOAFS Communications Committee to revamp our email system and process. We've also been working closely with our executive committee to explore what the next steps might be for student support.



Continuing Education Report

Prepared by: Brad Farwell



As Andy Turner steps into his new role as President Elect, Brad Farwell is taking on the role of Chair of the Continuing Education Committee. MOAFS members Zach Ford and Ben Havens will also join Brad as members of this committee.

The Continuing Education Committee hosted the student job fair, speed networking, resume review and career workshop at the 2018 MNRC. The event had great attendance with over 120 participants. New this year was the prize drawing for participants who attended two of the four sessions. Over \$1000 worth of prizes were given away, including usb flash drives, portfolios, brief cases, a Samsung tablet and a \$400 clothing voucher.

The Continuing Education Committee continues working with the AFS North Central Division continuing education committee and hosted 'Introductory Fisheries Analysis with R' at the 2018 Midwest Fish and Wildlife conference. This class had 20 participants.

The NCD continuing education committee has recently developed the knowledge seeker award to provide funding support to undergraduate or graduate students seeking the opportunity to attend fisheries related trainings, workshops, or continuing education courses. Awards are granted three times a year for the purposes of helping students attend fisheries related courses at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference (MFWC), courses held online, or for other relevant trainings or workshops that require the student to travel or pay a registration fee that may preclude them from attendance. Applications for the 3rd award (\$180) of the year are due on the 16th of April. More de-tails can be found at <https://ncd.fisheries.org/continuing-education/>

Treasury Report

Prepared by: Darby Niswonger



So far, we have had a good year for MOAFS and the Student Support Trust Fund (SSTF). The MNRC fundraisers (silent auction, outdoor trips etc.) netted a total of \$1,490.00 profit for the Chapter. MOAFS Operational accounts, as of March 31st, total \$23,154.43.

The four Certificate of Deposits (CDs) continue to grow with one set to mature in May 2018, expected to bring ~\$550.00 for the Student Support Trust Fund (SSTF). A CD matured in November 2017, earning a total of \$206.49, and a new certificate was created, which will mature in 2021.

We are continuing the SSTF Investment Plan. The balance in the Vanguard mutual fund account in September 2017 (when the last newsletter came out) was \$46,023.44. Since then, there have been redemptions of \$6,471.01. These were deposited in the Student Support Trust Fund Money Market account. This account is used to fund the Student Support Budget annually. The total balance in the Vanguard account is now \$42,137.12.

Account	Current Balance*	Change
MOAFS Operational Share	\$ 8,533.96	
MOAFS Operational Checking	\$ 14,620.47	
MOAFS Special Projects Checking	\$ 97.70	
SSTF Money Market (Buffer Fund)	\$ 19,301.24	
SSTF Checking	\$ 4,691.46	
SSTF CD 1479	\$ 13,099.88	\$ 397.90
SSTF CD 2382	\$ 12,868.78	\$ 368.78
SSTF CD 2720	\$ 12,675.14	\$ 175.14
SSTF CD 2397	\$ 12,547.46	\$ 47.46
Cumulative CD Value	\$ 51,191.26	\$ 989.28
SSTF Mutual Fund (as of 3/31/2018)		
Stock market Index Fund	\$ 31,615.69	
International Stock Index Fund	\$ 10,521.43	

*Balance as of 3/31/2018

Historian Report

Prepared by: Vince Travnichek

It Happens All the Time

I know all of you have heard the phrase "sh!+ Happens" and it happens all the time. We have a proud history within MOFS, and our predecessors (OK, mostly Joe) did a great job documenting and filing it as it happened. We do a great job of recording minutes at our EXCOM and annual meetings, and we generally get some photos of award winners, and this is important information for our history.



However, I know we are doing great things outside of these two meetings, especially our student sub-units who have several activities throughout the year. With today's technology there should never be a missed opportunity to snap a few photos of all the activities we do as a Chapter annually. Other

activities range from years that we host the MNRC and all that entails, to our annual raffle booth, Rivers and Streams activities, annual workshops and continuing education activities, anglers with disabilities events, and finally environmental/legislative concerns (can we take a photo of an angry legislator??).

We have a lot of photo opps throughout the year, and I am sure someone can snap a few phone pics at these events of our Chapter in motion. Don't forget to provide a caption of who, what, where, when, and why. This info will not only capture our history, but will also make it easier for our communications team to populate our newsletter and any other social media outlets we have. Additionally, the sooner the info is



PROFESSOR HUXLEY, LL.D., F.R.S., L.S.D.,
PROFESSOR OF NATURAL HISTORY, NATURALIST, INSPECTOR OF
FISHERIES, ETC.

"There is more in heaven and earth, O ratio, than is dreamt of in your philosophy"—(so perhaps he'll find it in the rivers).

received, the sooner it can be posted on social media. We have a great newsletter, and it is not getting the recognition it deserves given AFS Society and Division awards are for communication, not just a newsletter. Thus, we need to step up putting more info out there for folks to see. So, as it happens, send info to me vincetraonichek@mdcmogoo or the Newsletter Committee (Emily and Dan) at tracysmithe@missouri.edu

and ametcaff@ucmo.edu, or the new MOAFS Communication Committee (Clint and Andy) at ClintHale@mdcmogoo and Andy.Turner@mdcmogoo and Jen Girondo for student sub-units (but copy the rest of us too) at jen.girondo@mdcmogoo.

I will not promise to pen our second 50 years of history, but hopefully, I will be around to read it at age 100. However, I do promise to be as diligent as Joe was so that whomever writes our second chapter of history has the documents and photos they need to showcase our past. This may change as history happens, but for now this is our plan of capturing it as it happens. GOYA!



Communications Committee Report

Prepared by: **Andy Turner**



One of the primary goals of MOAFS is to facilitate the distribution of relevant information to the membership. As a result the EXCOM has initiated an ad hoc Communications Committee to increase the organizations ability to provide our membership with relevant aquatic information, updates from the parent society, information about upcoming MOAFS events, and regular updates outlining EXCOM and committee activities. This committee is also working to provide new, current, and past members with additional opportunities to join or renew their membership in MOAFS. These objectives will initially be addressed with the following actions:

1. Establish a regular "Message from the President" to update active members on current MOAFS and AFS activities via email.
2. Establish a method in which EXCOM members can quickly provide information to the membership via email. This will be particularly useful for the Legislative and Environmental Concerns and Student Support committees.
3. Proactively contact new, current, and past members to provide them the opportunity to join or renew their membership via electronic payment (<http://www.moafs.org/membershipform.html>).
4. Establish a MOAFS Facebook account to provide aquatic related information to our membership via social media.

This committee is working hard to increase communication with the MOAFS membership and big thanks goes out the committee members: Jen Girondo, Clint Hale, Kat Lackman, John Lisek, Alex Prentice, Paul Spurgeon, Emily Tracy-Smith, and Andy Turner. If you would like to contribute to this committee, please do not hesitate to contact Andy (Andy.Turner@mdc.mo.gov) or Clint (Clint.Hale@mdc.mo.gov) to find out how to join.

Membership Committee Report

Prepared by: John Lisek



MOAFS Lifetime memberships renew automatically each year. All others membership types may be renewed at www.moafs.org/ membership, through the Parent Society, or at the MOAFS booth during our annual meeting at the Natural Resources Conference. When renewing your membership through the MOAFS website or at the booth, please indicate your privacy preferences.

Remember to update your membership information (<http://www.moafs.org/membership-update-form.html>), so we can ensure your information is up to date and get entered into the prize drawing. MOAFS is also creating a new Directory of Aquatic Workers in Missouri to provide greater communication within the field.

Among other benefits, your MOAFS membership ensures your eligibility to vote in MOAFS elections, delivery of MOAFS emails, and the privilege of running for MOAFS offices and service on MOAFS committees. Contact me with any questions about MOAFS membership at John.Lisek@mdc.mo.gov or 573-522-4115x3590.

Sarah Daubendiek (MU)	Colten Hosey (UCM)
Jimmy Salings (MU)	Alyssa Simon (UCM)
Colton Hampton (MU)	Arianna Weaver (UCM)
Baily O'Brian (MU)	Destini Miller (UCM)
Connar McKillip (MU)	Daniel Akin (UCM)
Erik Griffen (MU)	Ben Long (UCM)
Dixie Litchard (MU)	Molly Takacs (UCM)
Christopher Hackaday (UCM)	Mirra Cornejo (UCM)
Holly Wilhelm (UCM)	Edward Sterling (SEMO)
Marissa Ginger (UCM)	Joshua Abner (SEMO)
David Anderson (UCM)	Wesley Sleeper (SEMO)
Megan Ryba (UCM)	Thomas Devine (SEMO)
	Mark Chowning (SEMO)

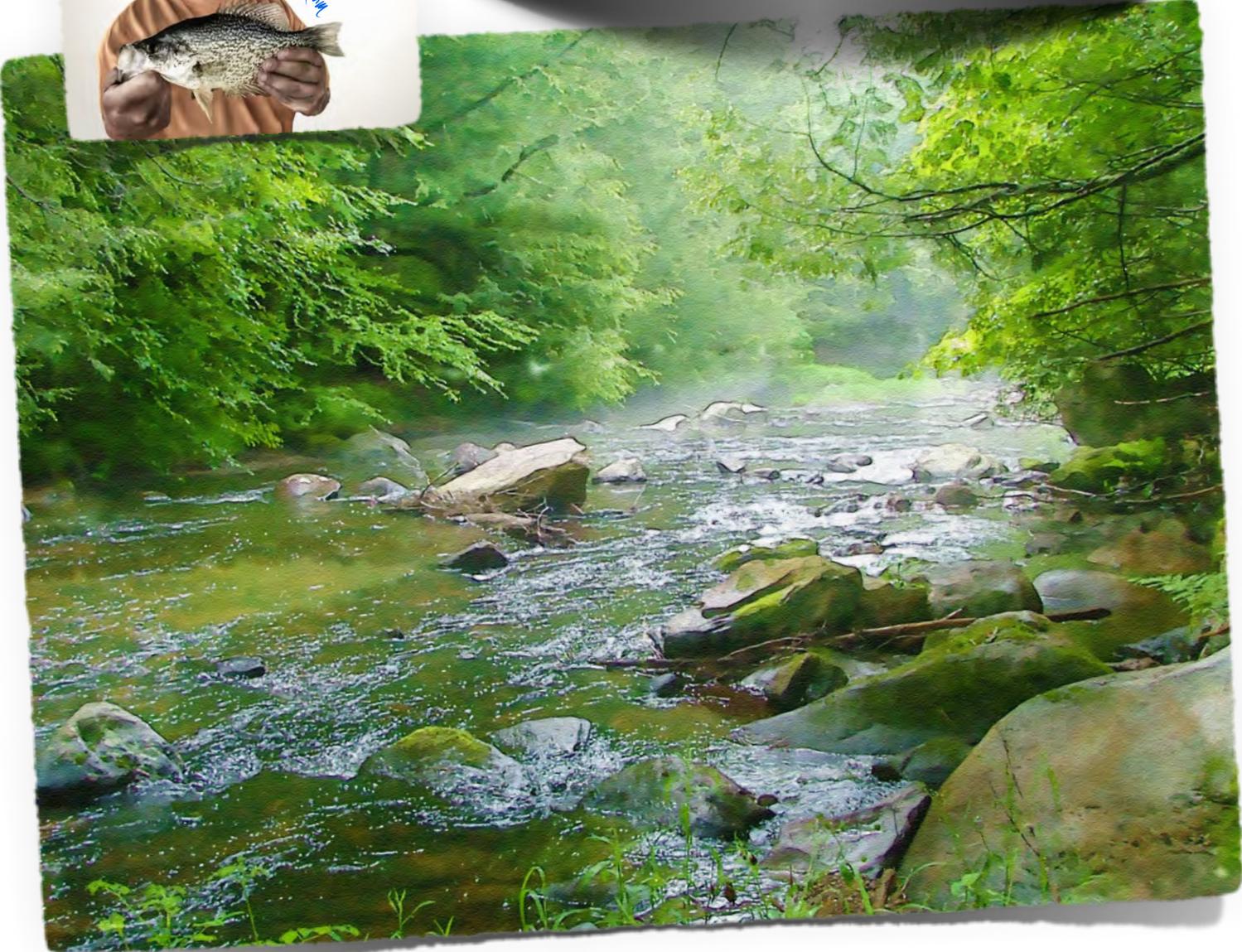
Welcome!
New MOAFS Members

Rivers & Streams Committee Report

Prepared by: Eric Rahm



The Rivers and Streams Committee had their business meeting immediately following the annual MOAFS business meeting at MNRC. The committee discussed opportunities to assist with hydrilla management efforts and potentially helping the MOAFS Student Sub-Units with Stream Team activities. Please contact the Rivers and Streams Committee Chair - Eric.Rahm@mdc.mo.gov if you are interested in participating in either of these opportunities or if you have any suggestions or other activities that the Rivers and Streams Committee can be involved in.



Legislative and Environmental Concerns

Prepared by: Emily Tracy-Smith



Results of the 2018 Session of the Missouri Legislature

In 2018, the Missouri General Assembly was in session from January 3, 2018, through May 18, 2018. Twenty-eight bills were introduced during the 4-month 2018 legislative session that could have had possible impacts on the Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources. Twenty of these bills originated in the House and eight in the Senate. Legislation was proposed concerning land acquisition, composition of the conservation commission, the right to hunt and fish, fees for poaching crimes, and both the senate and house proposed bills to amend the constitution to require that sales tax dedicated to conservation purposes be resubmitted to the voters every 10 years. Most notable, and with direct impacts to waters and fisheries of the state, were **SB 823**, **SB 782**, **HB 1973**, and **HCB 16**. These bills intend to re-define discharge and water contaminant sources, exempt agricultural stormwater discharges, weaken the Missouri Clean Water Law, and reduce the authority of Missouri DNR. With the exception of SB 823, each of these bills made it through public hearing and committee executive sessions, but only [SB 782](#) after being signed by the House Speaker, was delivered to the Governor on May 30, 2018. Most of the other proposed legislation were assigned to a committee but never had a public hearing, where opponents and proponents have an opportunity to speak. Some positive legislation includes [HB 2425](#), which designates the hellbender salamanders as the official state endangered species and [HR 5612](#), which recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and encourages citizens to protect our state's river resources. Also, [SB 917](#), which was finally passed and signed by the Governor on June 1, 2018, gives the Department of Natural Resources authority to institute new standards and permitting requirements related to coal ash.

The legislative and environmental concerns committee, including members, **Zach Morris** and **Brooke Widmar** participated in the Conservation Federation of Missouri Annual Convention in Jefferson City, March 9-11. Emily Tracy-Smith serves as Chair for the Rivers, Streams, and Fisheries Committee and Zach Morris (Vice-Chair). Many other MOAFS members are involved in the committee including Edward Sterling, Nick Sievert, Corey Dunn, and Greg Pitchford. Chris Riggert, Stream Teams Coordinator, and Mary Culler, Executive Director of Stream Teams United, provided presentations during the Rivers and Streams Committee meeting. Resolutions, co-authored by MOAFS members, presented and passed by CFM members include:

- Restoration of Fisheries Professors at Missouri's Universities

<http://www.confedmo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Restore-Fisheries.pdf>

- Protect the Cooperative Research Units

<http://www.confedmo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/3-Protect-the-Cooperative-Research-Units-1.pdf>

Upcoming events include organizing an Advocacy Workshop, aimed at enhancing citizen's ability to become active advocates for policy decisions in the State of Missouri, and discussions on how research interfaces with policy and how to effectively communicate science. We hope to partner with CFM, Stream Teams United, student chapters and science and policy organizations from multiple university campuses. Stay tuned for more information, including the MOAFS Facebook Page.

Legislative and Environmental Concerns - Continued

Update on Recovering America's Wildlife Act

In December 2017, Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-Neb.) and Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.) introduced the [Recovering America's Wildlife Act](#) in the House (HR 4647), a major step forward in securing \$1.3 billion annually for state fish and wildlife agencies to undertake significant, proactive conservation of imperiled species. As of June, there were 66 co-sponsors, including three representatives from Missouri (Billy Long, Ann Wagner, and Jason Smith). National AFS is teaming up with the National Wildlife Federation, The Wildlife Society, and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and others in support of the bill. The MOAFS chapter signed a support letter and individuals can sign a letter of support here: <http://ournatureusa.com/>

A Capitol Hill briefing on America's Wildlife Crisis was held on Thursday, June 21. The Senate version of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (S. 3223) was introduced to the chamber in July 2018 by Senators James Risch, R-Idaho; Joe Manchin, D-West Virginia; Heidi Heitkamp, D-North Dakota; and Lamar Alexander, R-Tennessee. Unlike the House version which provides dedicated funding, the Senate version would require Congressional appropriators to decide how much funding is allocated to the program each year. Both the Wildlife Society and the American Fisheries Society are committed to advancing the dedicated funding mechanism as outlined within the House version.

Angler's with Disabilities

Prepared by: Mary Scott



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A Day at the 'ol Fishing Hole

Mary Scott, Clint Hale and John Miller organized and conducted a Special Needs Fishing Event at the Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery (SOH) Belladonna Pond on May 15, 2018. The final numbers for the day were 43 people (20 disabled clients from Arc of the Ozarks, 22 Arc of the Ozarks Staff, and 1 disabled client from Life Enhancement Village). It rained right before daylight but that did not stop anyone from coming out and

enjoying the morning. John rushed around and got everything set up early in the morning, including a picture station. He took pictures of everyone with their fish and sent it to them for a remembrance of the day. He even brought four of his volunteers to assist. Folks started arriving right on time and were given a little safety talk from Mary and then off to fish, but not before each one was given a T-shirt. Fishing poles, bait, and the fish in the pond were provided by MDC. Everyone was enthusiastic about fishing. One woman actually had her hair-



dresser cut a fish design in her hair! Fisher-people were scattered around the shoreline of the pond at SOH catching fish and visiting with each other. Mary took one little girl who did not even want to fish out to the pond with a box of worms. They fished a couple of spots with no results so they moved down to the dam. Within minutes, the little girl landed her first fish ever and was so excited that she decided to fish more. They fished for another couple of hours and caught several other fish.

MDC purchased some specialized reels that were used that day. Several fish were "reeled in" with the use of the new equipment. One person made the comment that they wanted to borrow this pole again because it was the first time they have ever reeled in a fish on their own!

Nearing the end of the event, most everyone caught a fish except one little boy. He was quite disappointed so many of the other attendees took him over to the dam where fish were being caught. It was an endearing sight; most everyone became involved to help this one-person land a fish. At the dam, they lined up and casted their poles in the water with him. There were about 20 or so fishing and the others were just looking on. They all agreed that the first one to get a bite would give him the pole so he could reel it in. There was no need for that because within 3 minutes his bobber went under. Everyone went crazy! The little boy is deaf so his ASL interpreter communicated with him the entire time as everyone gathered around and cheered him on. The few that did not come down to the dam ran over to share in the excitement.



Angler's with Disabilities

Prepared by: Mary Scott



Outdoor Adventures

Prepared by: Greg Pitchford



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE TROTLINE ON THE LOWER MISSOURI RIVER, PLEASE SUPPORT MO AFS AND HAVE AN ADVENTURE ON THE RIVER

2017 ADVENTURERS

TROTLINE THE MISSOURI RIVER WITH JOE McMULLEN

Joe McMullen, St. Louis, MO

Come enjoy trotlining at its finest with Big River Specialist Joe McMullen on the lower Missouri River. This trip will require a two day commitment from the winning bidder in order to set lines the afternoon of the first day and pick them up the morning of the second day. Location is optional – on the lower Missouri River between St. Louis and Jefferson City. Dates to be determined in Spring/Summer 2018; flexibility in scheduling may be required depending on river stage and weather conditions. Max. – 2 people.



Winner John Ackerson - Missouri River near Tate Island Conservation Area, May 13, 2018

Winner - Pam Lanigan

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE BASS OR CRAPPIE FISHING IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONSIDER SUPPORTING MOAFS

BASS FISHING WITH CAPTAIN RICK LA POINT



Captain Rick La Point, Springfield, MO
Captain Rick La Point is a US Coast Guard licensed and fully insured professional guide with 19 years experience. He has over 35 years experience in bass tournaments with many wins and specializes in instructional fishing techniques and deep water tactics for bass. Rick currently guides on Table Rock, Taneycomo, and Bull Shoals Lakes in Southwest MO. This trip is for a 4 hour guided fishing trip for bass or crappie for 1-2 people. No Sunday trips.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE BIRDING ON THE MISSOURI RIVER SUPPORT MOAFS AND HAVE AN ADVENTURE

BIRDING KAYAK TRIP ON THE MISSOURI RIVER WITH LISA WEBB



Lisa Webb, Columbia, MO
Enjoy a day on the Missouri River kayaking and birding with Dr. Lisa Webb. Dr. Webb is the Assistant Unit Leader with the Missouri Coop Unit. Kayaks, lunch and shuttle will be provided.

Winner - Jodie Burns

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE CRAPPIE OR WHITE BASS FISHING ON LAKE OF THE OZARKS, PLEASE SUPPORT MO AFS AND HAVE AN ADVENTURE ON THE LAKE

CRAPPIE FISHING ON LAKE OF THE OZARKS WITH MARK TOBIN



Mark Tobin, Kansas City, MO
Join Mark Tobin for a Crappie and or White Bass fishing trip on central Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks. Mark is the former Co-host of The American Outdoorsman television and radio show and current Co-host of The Midwest Outdoors radio show on Sports Radio 810 In Kansas City. Trip includes all meals, drinks and lodging one night and two days of Fishing. Will need a Missouri fishing license. Will contact winner and pick a time to go when fishing is at it's best. Max - 2 people

Winner - Donna Richards

Winner - Rich Cook

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE CATFISHING ON THE RED RIVER IN MANITOBA HELP SUPPORT MOAFS

CATFISH THE RED RIVER IN MANITOBA WITH MARK PEGG



Mark Pegg, Lincoln, NE
Come enjoy the world class fishery of the Red River in Manitoba Canada. Join Fisheries Ecologist Mark Pegg for an excursion on the Red River. Winner will need to provide their own transportation to and from Manitoba, lodging, and meals. Trip is for 2 people.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE FLY FISHING ON THE UPPER CURRENT, PLEASE SUPPORT MOAFS AND GO ON YOUR OWN ADVENTURE.

FLY FISHING ON THE UPPER CURRENT WITH SAM POTTER



Sam Potter, Rolla, MO
Come enjoy a half-day (4-5 hours) guided fly fishing trip on the Upper Current River. Sam is in his 14th season as a fly fishing guide after retiring from a career in education. The winning bidder will have the option to extend to a full day trip for the cost of a normal 1/2 day. All gear can be provided with the exception of waders. Winning bidder will need to check out the calendar at www.tightline.biz for an open date and contact Sam to schedule a date.

Winner - Andy Turner

Winner - Jodie Burns

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE ICE FISHING IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI, PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING MOAFS AND GO ON AN ADVENTURE

ICE FISHING IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI WITH TORY MASON





Tory Mason, St. Joseph, MO
 Join Fisheries Management Biologist and long time ice angler Tory Mason on the ice of small lakes and ponds in and around St. Joseph and Maryville, MO targeting bluegill, crappie, channel catfish and largemouth bass. All tackle, equipment, bait and knowledge to assure a fun-filled and educational day on the ice will be provided. Trip date and time will be determined by ice and weather conditions, bidders should be flexible when planning. Likely time frame will be December 15th - Feb 15th 2018/2019. Trip is for 1-3 people, but if you bring kids, that number is very flexible. Bidder will be contacted at least a week in advance when the ice is safe and fish are biting so they can make arrangements for lodging if needed.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE QUAIL HUNTING AT ITS FINEST, PLEASE SUPPORT MO AFS AND HAVE AN AWESOME ADVENTURE

QUAIL HUNT WITH ANDREW WHITE





Andrew White, Norborne, MO
 Andrew White's family was named by Field and Stream Magazine as "The First Family of Quail". He is teaming with MOAFS to provide a lucky winner the opportunity to hunt with royalty in some of the best quail and pheasant habitat in north Missouri in 2018. Andrew is a biologist with Quail and Pheasants Forever. He and his dogs will be guiding a party of two on the Richard Phillips farm near Norborne, MO. The Phillips family manage this farm for upland game hunting and have an excellent population of quail and pheasants. Help support MOAFS and enjoy a truly memorable hunt.

Winner - Nick Girondo



UCM AFS Chapter Report

Prepared by: Topher Hockaday



Over the summer, the University of Central Missouri chapter of MOAFS was able to acquire a large aquarium to display in the main hallway at our new School of Natural Sciences. The aquarium came with some "rescue" fish and it is our intention to eventually turn it into a native Missouri fish species display. Already, it has become a popular attraction and the bench across the hall is rarely vacant.

As the Fall semester started, we held a welcome back float trip on the Niangua river. We utilized a variety of sampling techniques on our trip to gain experience and practice already learned methods. These include standard seining and kick seining, throw/cast nets, snorkeling, and spotlight sampling. Several members utilized rod and reel sampling as well.





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MSU AFS Chapter Report

Prepared by: Jordan Heiman

This past semester, the Missouri State subunit has been busy cleaning watersheds, attending conferences, tracking fish, and hosting fundraisers. We started the semester by sending several students to the annual Missouri Natural Resources Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks in February. Many of our members assisted Jeff Williams (a student member of our chapter) with his master's thesis project by tracking northern hogsucker's in Cedar Grove during spring break. In April, we had three clean-up events at Wilson's Creek, George Washington Carver National Monument, and the James River. During the George Washington Carver National Monument pond clean-up, we were also able to learn more about electrofishing from Hope Dodd, of the National Park Service, while conducting a survey of fish populations in the pond. In April, we hosted a bake sale fundraiser and partnered with the James River Basin for a sustainability event at Missouri State University. We also elected new officers at the end of this semester, so congratulations to Jordan Heiman (President), Trenton Jones (Vice President), Indigo Tran (Treasurer) and Erica Parker (Secretary). We are hoping to incorporate many events like this next year and possibly expand to new events as well.





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Left: The MSU subunit members at George Washington Carver National Monument, assisting the NPS in the management of Williams pond by removing invasive vegetation.



Above and Left: Stream clean-up at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield where the MSU subunit along with the local high school participated in picking up trash along the stream banks of Wilson's Creek



MU AFS Chapter Report

Prepared by: Cheyenne Stratton

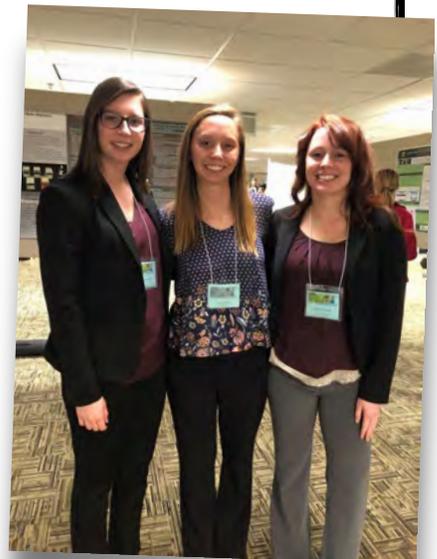


The Fisheries and Aquatic Science Society (FASS) has had an eventful academic year! Our largest accomplishment was raising our membership numbers, nearly double from the previous year. We created a brochure to advertise our organization and made an appearance at multiple recruitment events to attract new members. We enhanced our monthly meetings by inviting professionals and graduate students to give presentations and interact with our members. Our successful fall fundraiser included a delicious bake sale and a raffle for an Echo Fly Rod. This spring a group of our members attended the Missouri Natural Resources Conference and one member presented a poster. We attended the student job fair and speed mentoring activity, and found both events valuable for expanding our professional networks. Our bi-annual Grindstone Creek biomonitoring and fish sampling event was held on World Fish Migration Day (April 21st). We had a great time getting our feet wet and cannot wait to see what next year has in store!



FASS member's kick seining to catch invertebrates at our spring biomonitoring event to determine Grindstone creek's stream health.

Right: Three of our undergraduate members, including our President and Vice President, attended the Missouri Natural Resource Conference in February. (Cheyenne Stratton, Gabby Elliott, and Dixie Litchard)



Awards 2018



The John L. Funk Award of Excellence was presented to Robert J. DiStefano by MOAFS President Tom Priesendorf at the MNRC Awards Social.

This is our Chapter's highest award. Originally named the Award of Excellence, it was renamed to honor Slim Funk, the founder of the Missouri Chapter, for his professionalism and commitment to Missouri aquatic resources. The recipient of this award is recognized for their professionalism and their long-term contributions to the aquatic resources of Missouri. This year's recipient will join some of Missouri's most outstanding champions of our natural resources and fisheries.

This year is no exception, our 2018 recipient, is Robert J. DiStefano.

Bob has had a distinguished 30 year career with the Missouri Department of Conservation. He began his MDC career as a research biologist working on water quality issues. He was soon tasked with working on Truman Dam and tailrace issues, and this work led to a publication on distribution and movement of walleye during spawning season and another related to blood parameters and reproductive problems in walleyes. However, shortly thereafter Bob began working on what he is most known for today, crayfish. Bob's contribution to the world of crayfish conservation, ecology, and management is very broad. He has published over 40 peer reviewed publications in this field on topics ranging from sampling techniques, preservation techniques, distribution, habitat use, resource partitioning, population genetics, behavior and competition, invasive species, endangered species, recreational harvest, life history, mining and aquatic toxicology, bait industry as vectors for introductions, the role of crayfish in stream ecosystem dynamics, and most recently scientific vs social information in the regulation process. Bob is highly regarded as a leader in the international crayfish researcher community because of these efforts and his involvement in international crayfish conservation.

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However, while Bob's research program over the past thirty years has been impressive, his most important contribution, and in my opinion the most inspirational aspect of his many achievements, is his role as a mentor to students and young professionals. He is a liaison to the MU student fisheries organization and has long been a champion of the Hutton Jr. Fisheries Biology Program sponsored by AFS. His initial role was that of a mentor to educate and inspire high school students about fisheries science and management. Bob was lucky enough to mentor about five students over the past decade through this national program, which is impressive given that only about 20 students are accepted annually across the US. Thus, AFS has also seen the value Bob brings to the table as a mentor. In fact, AFS has recognized Bob's talent and recently appointed him to the Hutton Board to help oversee the program and increase its value. The positive influence Bob has had and is having on the lives and careers of numerous hourly assistants has led to long-lasting benefits for natural resource conservation. His mentorship includes positive feedback, honest and constructive criticism, and support at both the professional and personal level. Members of Bob's "Crayfish Crew" have gone on to become agency biologists, university professors, researchers, managers, administrators, environmental writers, Peace Corps volunteers, business entrepreneurs, and the list goes on. Many of these folks owe their start, or a substantial portion of their professional development, to Bob's guidance and encouragement.

Bob has been a dedicated member of AFS since 1980, and MOAFS since 1986. He is a Certified Fisheries Scientist, has been a member of the Society's Long-range Planning Committee, Certification Board of Appeals, Strategic Plan Revision Committee, Hutton Junior Fishery Biologist Selection Committee, and the Endangered Species Committee. Within MOAFS he has served as Chapter President, member of the River and Streams Technical Committee, Student Support Committee, Awards Committee, the Stegner Fisheries Scholarship Development Committee, and was recognized by MOAFS with the 2007 Weithman Leadership Award.

Once again, we recognize Bob DiStefano as this year's recipient of The Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society John L. Funk Award.



Larry Ruff receiving the Lee Redmond Citizen Award at the MNRC Awards Banquet presented by Tom Priesendorf.

This award was recently renamed, The Lee Redmond Citizens award in honor of longtime MOAFS member, Lee Redmond. The Chapter as well as the profession owe Lee a debt of gratitude for his leadership over the years. This year's recipient is Larry Ruff. Larry has over 25 years of substantial contributions to the aquatic resources of Missouri through education and stewardship activities. In 1992, Larry became the Science Department Chairperson at Francis Howell North High School in St. Charles. He quickly realized there was a void in the science curriculum and an ecology-centered class was needed. He identified the need for a hands-on, activity-based class open to junior and senior students and co-authored a curriculum, naming it "Environmental Studies." While the school board accepted the new course, no assistance was provided for supplying the equipment or materials needed to make this new program successful.

To help fill this need, Larry attended a workshop to learn about the Illinois River Project; a new hands-on, interdisciplinary curriculum series at Principia College in Illinois. In addition to the information, he would receive water testing supplies which he could integrate into his new Environmental Studies curriculum.

While at this workshop, he met Mark VanPatten and learned about the Missouri Stream Team Program, the newly developed Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring portion of the Program, and the upcoming Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) conference.

Larry attended the CFM conference, saw an educational booth staffed by Missouri Stream Team personnel, and signed up as a new Stream Team for Francis Howell High School, Stream Team 374.

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As a new Stream Team, Larry attended Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring workshops and received additional water quality supplies to use in the classroom. The new class was a success; he and his students adopted Spencer Creek in St. Peters and the hands-on activities were just what many of the students needed.

Over the next several years, Larry continued taking Stream Team classes and acquired additional equipment. This allowed him to expand the number of students involved and give them a better understanding and appreciation for Missouri's streams; all the while, submitting valuable water quality data to the state of Missouri.

In 1995, Larry suggested to his students the idea of marking all the storm drains in the subdivisions surrounding Spencer Creek. It took over a year, but working with the City of St. Peters and the Stream Team Program to obtain supplies, they were able to label all of these storm drains, educating the homeowners in the process.

In 1997, Larry had begun to get involved with the Greenway Network, allowing him to work on bigger issues. In 2000 with Larry's help and guidance, Greenway Network sponsored the 1st Dardenne Creek Monitoring Day. This effort organized volunteer monitoring at each of the 23 roads crossing Dardenne Creek. This has become a semi-annual event introducing hundreds of Missouri citizens to the Stream Team Program, involving new and experienced Stream Team volunteers, and supplying 17 years of consistent Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring data to the state.

Larry's efforts with this organization played a major part in EPA's assessment of Dardenne Creek and its listing on the 303(d) list of impaired streams, supporting the installation of two stream gauging stations on Dardenne Creek, the creation of educational workshops for students, and the organization of an annual "Dardenne Day" to educate the public about water quality.

These efforts have resulted in the implementation of BMPs throughout the watershed, a decline in sediment deposition, and removal of a six-mile-long segment of Dardenne Creek from DNR's 303(d) list.

In 1998, Larry successfully co-authored an EPA grant allowing the incorporation of the Stream Team Program into schools across St. Louis County. Through this grant, thousands of additional students were able to experience hands-on connections with the streams nearest to them and learn about how they function physically, chemically, and biologically.

Larry retired after 31 years of teaching in 2000. This allowed him to explore his love of streams and ability to teach in other arenas.

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In 2005, Larry was accepted as an AmeriCorps Volunteer, sponsored by the Missouri Stream Team Program. During his tenure, he manned Stream Team educational booths, provided presentations at meetings, mentored new Stream Teams, and assisted agency staff in teaching VWQM Workshops.

In 2014, Larry and Greenway Network coordinated with the Division of Environmental Health and Protection to mark all of the storm drains in St. Charles County in an effort to educate the communities about stormwater impacts and provide steps the public could take to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff. With a lot of help coordinating volunteers and supplies, all of the 9,000+ storm drains in the county were marked!

Larry has also become involved with Stream Teams United (formerly Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition). This group, comprised of Stream Team Watershed Associations from across the state, supports the individual Associations, and also works on state-wide issues. He has served as both Vice President and President of this organization.

Larry believes his greatest accomplishment is watching his former students become active in their own streams and watersheds, making their own contributions as active Stream Teams. Three of his students are now science teachers, introducing a new generation of Missourians to the importance of taking care of our state's water resources.

Once again, we recognize Larry Ruff as this year's recipient of the Lee Redmond Citizen's Award.



Joe Laksheid presented the Sport Fish Restoration Outstanding Project Award on behalf of Fisheries Administration section of AFS to the MDC Discover Nature Fishing Program.

Each year, the award recognizes outstanding fisheries projects completed with Sport Fish Restoration Funds. The Discover Nature- Fishing Program is a statewide conservation science education program that provides students with an opportunity to learn about and interact with the outdoors. The award was accepted by Andrew Branson.



Tom Priesendorf handing the gavel over to incoming MOAFS President Clint Hale.

Alex Prentice receiving a certificate of appreciation of this service as Chapter Treasurer from incoming MOAFS President Clint Hale.





The 2018 Steering Committee was recognized for their efforts in successfully organizing and running the MNRC conference.

Shags and Trevor Radio Show was recognized for advocating all things conservation and promoting Missouri's natural resources on their radio show. Shags thanked all resource professionals for their continued efforts.



Janet Sternburg was recognized for her efforts to protect and improve Missouri's aquatic resources in the Mississippi River Basin. (Pictured left to right Janet Sternburg and MO Chapter AFS Past President, Brian Canaday)



Dan Metcalf was recognized for improving the appearance and effectiveness of the MOAFS newsletter. Dan also recognized all newsletter committee members (Emily Tracy-Smith, Hope Dodd, and Nick Sievert).

- **Francis Skalicky** was recognized for continually educating and informing the public on topics related to Missouri's natural resources.
- **Commercial Fishing Cooperators** were recognized for supplying information and advancing knowledge for Paddlefish and Catfish on the Mississippi River.

Student Awards - 2018



Joe G. Dillard Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship - February 2018

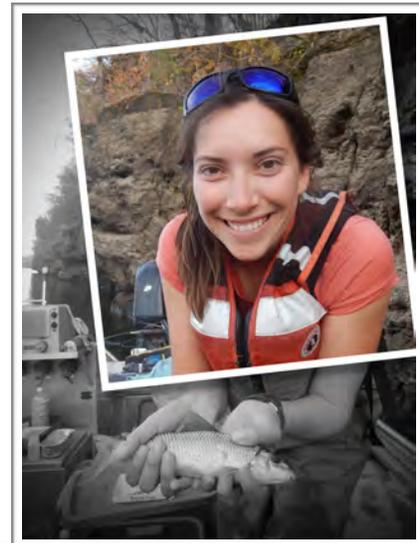
Award Background: The Future Professional's Scholarship seeks to support talented and promising aquatic natural resources professionals during their undergraduate studies in Missouri, with preferences given to students involved in AFS, with financial need, and high potential to impact the aquatics field. Applicants must be Missouri students who are, or plan to be, enrolled as an undergraduate student at a Missouri college or university pursuing a degree in the aquatics resource management field (ex: natural resources management, fisheries science, biology, wildlife conservation, environmental science, or a related field). Funding is provided through student-support-specific fund-raisers led by the Chapter.

Bio: Cheyenne Stratton is a senior at Mizzou pursuing a B.S. in Fisheries & Wildlife Sciences. She was the recipient of the Joe G. Dillard Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship for spring of 2018. She has worked part-time for the Missouri Department of Conservation, with Bob DiStefano's Crayfish Crew, since May 2016. She recently completed an undergraduate research project under Dr. Craig Paukert's supervision, studying how stream size influences relationships between fish abundance and watershed landscape, instream habitat, and biotic interaction in the Missouri Plains and Ozarks. Cheyenne is actively involved with the MOAFS student subunit at Mizzou, and currently serves as the President.

Student Achievement Award - February 2018

Award Background: The Student Achievement Award recognizes excellence in academic achievement and extra-curricular involvement by Missouri students. Applicants must be Missouri students who are or plan to be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at a Missouri college or university pursuing a degree in the aquatics resource management field (ex: natural resources management, fisheries science, biology, or a related field). Funding is provided through the earnings of the MOAFS Student Support Trust Fund.

Bio: Elisa Baebler is a master's student with the MO Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at University of Missouri working with Dr. Craig Paukert. She is a Missouri native and earned a B.S. in Watershed Science from Colorado State University. Her research focuses on the movement and habitat selection of native fish on the lower Osage River, below a hydroelectric dam. Prior to graduate work, Elisa worked with the Missouri Department of Conservation monitoring dissolved oxygen on the Osage River, as a crew leader sampling wadable streams in Idaho, and conducting soil isotope research. While off the river, Elisa enjoys gardening, live music, and art.



MO Natural Resources Conference Best Student Aquatics Presentations



Kyle Kuechle - platform

Title: Aquatic invertebrate response to neonicotinoid insecticide contamination of Missouri wetlands/Landscape drivers of wetland sediment neonicotinoid concentrations in Missouri public wetlands

Bio: Kyle Kuechle began a master's project with Lisa Webb in the fall of 2015. Kyle received a B.S. in biology along with a minor in Geographic Information Systems from Bemidji State University in December of 2014. Prior to accepting the position at MU Kyle worked on multiple projects related to human impacts to wildlife. Kyle's graduate research at MU has focused on the occurrence of neonicotinoids in Missouri wetlands, and the related impacts to aquatic invertebrates and reliant food-webs.

Jeff Williams - poster

Title: Impacts of a Low Water Crossing on Fish Movement in an Ozark Stream.

Bio: Jeff is a Research Specialist for Missouri State University's Biology Department and works closely with the National Park Service's Heartland Inventory and Monitoring Network (HTLN). His



work with HTLN primarily involves assisting with fish and invertebrate community monitoring in Ozark river systems and prairie streams in National Parks throughout the Midwest. Before his current position, Jeff served as a field crew leader with the Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa, resource assistant with the Missouri Department of Conservation, and a biological technician for Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association. Jeff received his B.S. in both Wildlife Conservation and Geography from Northwest Missouri State University and is currently pursuing his Masters in Biology at Missouri State University where he is researching the impacts of a low-water crossing on movement behavior of Northern hog sucker (*Hypentelium nigricans*) and Knobfin sculpin (*Cottus immaculatus*).



MOAFS Duffy Travel Award winner - February 2018

Award Background: One award is given to a student from each North Central Division chapter for travel assistance to the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference. Each chapter is responsible for selecting its respective recipient. The NCD matches chapter student awards up to \$200. MOAFS' portion is provided through the earnings of the MOAFS Student Support Trust Fund. Selection is based on attendance at the Mid-West Fish and Wildlife Conference with students active in AFS and/or the fisheries profession given preference, along with stated financial need.

Bio: Michael Moore began working on his PhD Research in the fall of 2016. A Columbia, MO native, he completed his B.S. at the University of Missouri in 2012. Next, he moved to Blacksburg, VA to complete a M.S. studying the Clinch Dace (*Chrosomus sp. cf. saylori*), an imperiled minnow that occupies headwater creeks in the coal country of southwest Virginia. He missed Missouri so much he decided to return for his PhD. He has ditched the wadable streams to study Lake Sturgeon movement and habitat selection in the Osage and Gasconade Rivers in Missouri. Michael also has worked seasonal technician jobs on crayfish and fisheries ecology in the Missouri Ozarks, Montana, and Alabama. Michael's hobbies include fishing, hiking, reading, spending time with his wife and dog, and Packers football.

Conservation Federation of Missouri, Ed Stegner and Carl Morrow scholarships

Background: The Foundation's Ed Stegner Natural Resource (undergraduate) and Carl Morrow Graduate Scholarships were established to provide major financial aid to encourage and assist students in five areas of natural resource management: fisheries, forestry, wildlife, parks and recreation and soil and water conservation. Funding for this scholarship program was provided to the Foundation by Ed Stegner of Pilot Grove, Missouri. A Master Conservationist, Stegner is the former executive director of the Conservation Federation of Missouri, and is especially known for his leadership role in the passage of the 1/8th of 1% conservation sales tax to fund the Conservation Department's expanded program, Design for Conservation. Carl Morrow, Vice-President of Missouri Power and Light in Jefferson City, was a dedicated and long-time citizen conservationist who served in many volunteer positions with the Conservation Federation of Missouri and as the first Chairman of the Conservation Foundation of Missouri Charitable Trust. Through his efforts the Foundation became a firmly established and financially-viable public trust. The Foundation honors his memory with this graduate scholarship program.

The Foundation's Natural Resource Scholarships are a joint venture with the professional societies in the five different resource areas - i.e., the Missouri chapters of the Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society and the Society of American Foresters, Missouri Parks and Recreation Association and the Show-Me Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society. These groups provide selection committees that pick the recipients in the respective categories. Once selected, the scholarship recipients are notified and each is presented a check in the amount of \$1,000.00.



Chase Forck - Ed Stegner Natural Resource Scholarship

Bio: Chase is a high school senior in Jefferson City, who will be pursuing a fisheries/stream ecology degree this fall. He describes himself as obsessed with fishing!

Not Pictured: Nathan Dorff - Carl Morrow Graduate Scholarship

Bio: Nathan is a master's student with Debra Finn at Missouri State, looking at insect production within the hyporheic zone of an Ozark stream. He is also a Colorado-native, fly-fishing enthusiast.

Information Technology Report – Spring 2018

Prepared by: Kat Lackman & Alex Prentice



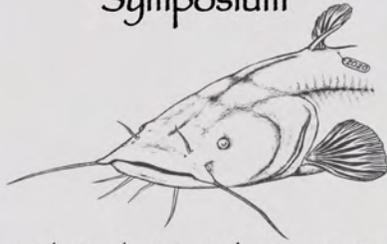
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}
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The MOAFS IT committee does not typically have much to report on handling most things behind the scenes. By now you should have seen a change in our email correspondence with the first "Message from the President." We have decided to move away from the outdated listserv and purchase a subscription to Constant Contact. The Constant Contact system will allow for easier management of the membership email list as well as provide a more professional appearance to our organization. Constant Contact also allows for targeted mailings as we will be able to create multiple mailing lists that will give us the potential to help to re-engage inactive members. Along with all the other great things going on in MOAFS we are looking forward to using this platform to communicate with you!

BREAKING NEWS

CATFISH 2020

3rd International Catfish Symposium



Little Rock, AR - February 2020

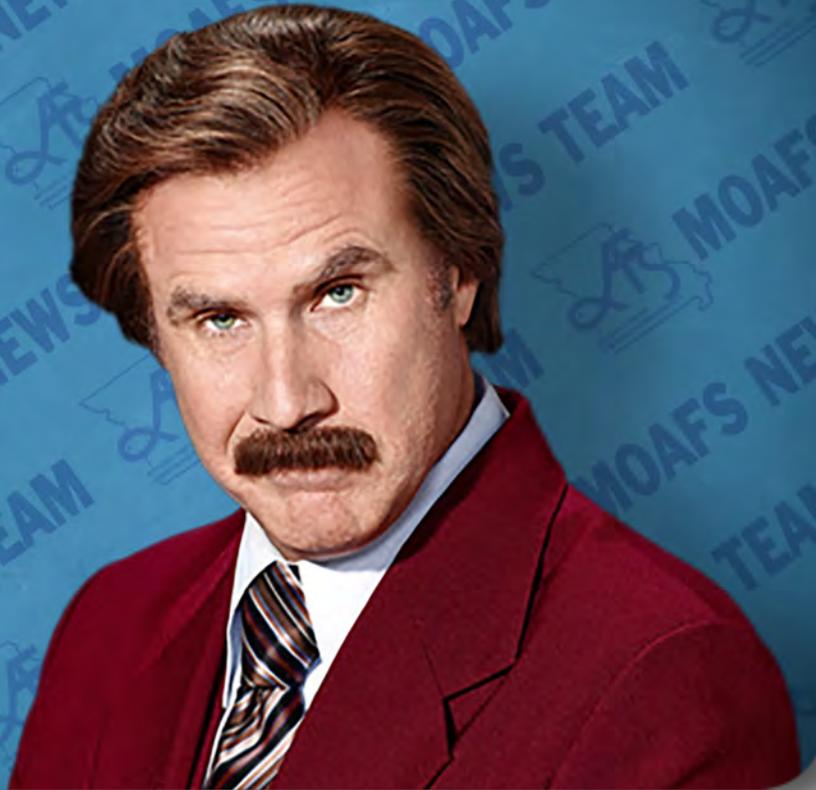


First call for papers early 2019

Proceedings to be published



Catfish2020.com



Prepared by: Hope Dodd

We need your agencies' help to spread the word about our survey. We are asking all state agencies within the SDAFS to disseminate the link to the survey and the brief informational paragraph below. We would appreciate it if you could request that the information below be posted on all your agencies' electronic media outlets such as websites, email lists, Facebook, and Twitter.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fishattractor>



Mossback in action

BREAKING NEWS (Cont.)

Dear Fisheries Chiefs,

I am the current chair of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society's (SDAFS) Reservoir Technical Committee (RC). The RC has been working for the past few months on a survey of angler opinions regarding fish attractors and to a lesser extent opinions on aquatic vegetation. The survey is located at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fishattractor>. We need your agencies' help to spread the word about our survey. We are asking all state agencies within the SDAFS to disseminate the link to the survey and the brief informational paragraph below. We would appreciate it if you could request that the information below be posted on all your agencies' electronic media outlets such as websites, email lists, Facebook, and Twitter. This will greatly enhance our ability to recruit survey participants. Once we conclude the survey, our plan as a committee is to summarize these data and report the completed analyses back to our member state agencies for their use in aquatic habitat management and research.

We appreciate you and your agencies' support of our committee and this project. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments you have.

Thank you,

Lawrence Dorsey

PS- Your IT staffs are welcome to use a state specific picture of habitat work for social media feeds but I have attached a picture of work from my agency in case that is easier.

The Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society's Reservoir Committee is a working group of fisheries biologists across the Southeastern United States. We are currently conducting an online survey of fish attractor and aquatic vegetation use by anglers who fish Southeastern reservoirs and we are asking for help from reservoir anglers across this region. The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete and is completely anonymous. All of the information compiled will be analyzed and reported back to state fisheries and wildlife agencies across the Southeastern United States and beyond. Our goal with this project is to gain valuable information that will improve aquatic habitat enhancement programs in reservoirs. Please click on the link to take the survey and thanks for your time! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fishattractor>

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Upcoming Conferences and Meetings

2018

Organization of Fish and Wildlife Information Managers, , Hood River, Oregon, 11/4/2018-11/8/2018

Entomological Society of America, Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, 11/11/2018-11/14/2018

2019

Southern Division of AFS, Galveston, Texas, 1/24/2019-1/27/2019

Missouri Natural Resources Conference, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri, 2/5/2019-2/7/2019

Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, January 2019

Ecological Society of America, Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, Kentucky, 8/11/2019-8/16/2019

American Fisheries Society, , Reno, Nevada, 9/29/2019-10/3/2019

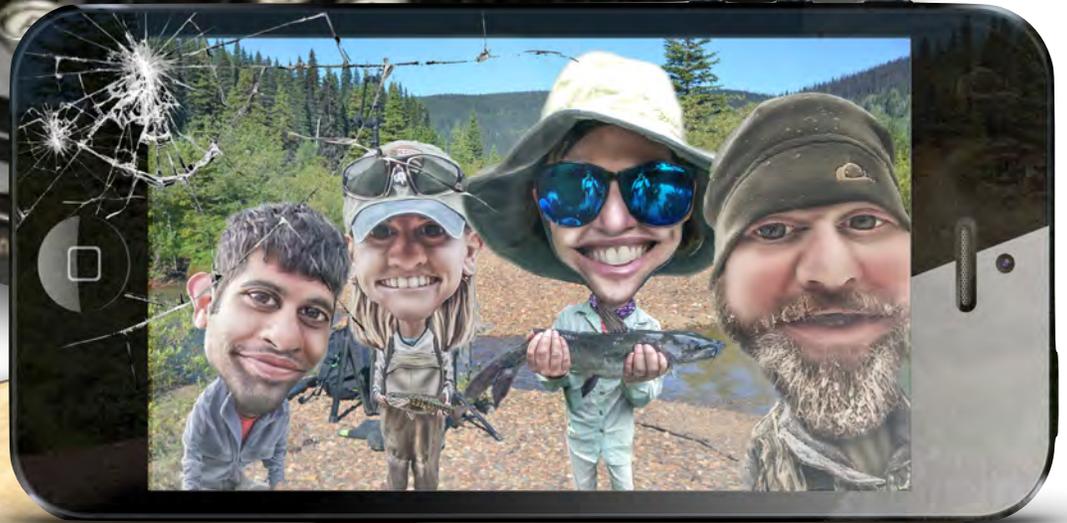
2020

Catfish 2020- The Third International Catfish Symposium, Little Rock Marriott, Little Rock, Arkansas, 2/18/2020-2/20/2020

American Fisheries Society, Columbus, Ohio, 8/30/2020-9/3/2020

Alternative Fact from the Editors--This newsletter is being published right on time. We know the best people and only hire the best editors. There has never been a deadline better than this one. history of publication that met a deadline better than this one. We hope you have enjoyed this issue of the Missouri AFS "biannual" newsletter. If you have newsletter suggestions for future issues, please do not hesitate to contact us. Have an enjoyable Fall and Winter!

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