

Newsletter of the AFS Ontario Chapter



AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
ONTARIO CHAPTER

President's Message

Just a reminder that our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching (March 4-6th, Geneva Park Resort, near Orillia) and our president-elect, Warren Dunlop, is developing an exciting agenda with a variety of speakers including representatives from First Nations, federal and provincial agencies, and the private sector. I would especially like to extend an invitation to students; note that we have had to increase our student attendance fee to \$100 but that price still includes accommodation, meals and socials for the entire weekend. So even with the increase in fees, the value is unbeatable. Students do not have to be an AFS or OC member to get the reduced rate. Plus I would like to invite students to present a paper or poster at the meeting and compete for the E.J. Crossman Award. This honour goes to the best paper/poster at the meeting. The award includes \$250 for travel to the professional meeting of your choice, a student AFS membership and a copy of Freshwater Fishes of Canada. Another attraction for the AGM is the telemetry workshop Lotek is hosting; it will be a 2-3 hour workshop with hands-on demonstrations, as well as, classroom theory. We would also like to thank all our sponsors for making the Crossman Award possible and for subsidizing the student attendees.

Geneva Park Resort is a full service facility, so in addition to the high quality presentations at our AGM, many additional activities are available including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing and skating (maybe we should get a game of shinny going). It will definitely be a busy weekend! The only wrinkle to this year's AGM is that we **must pre-register** by February 15, 2005.

Geneva Park requires a more accurate headcount than we have had to provide in the past and we must give final numbers by 23 February, 2005.

I encourage all members to visit our website (www.afs-soc.org) as it is a great resource with current news and information, AGM details and lots of useful links. Finally, I want to challenge our members to spread the word of the Ontario Chapter and encourage colleagues and co-workers to join (especially if they are parent society members since our dues are only an additional \$5). Also, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all readers to renew their own AFS parent society and Ontario Chapter memberships as well.

I look forward to seeing old colleagues and meeting new friends at the AGM.

Regards, Dave Stanley

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2005 Ontario Chapter AGM at Geneva Park - Orillia

Due to closure of the Leslie M. Frost Centre the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Chapter will not be held in Dorset for the first time in our Chapter's history. However, we are very excited to offer our membership the amenities available at **Geneva Park** in Orillia for the **2005 Annual General Meeting** of the Ontario Chapter. We have tried to select a venue that provides similar features to the Frost Centre - features that were enjoyed by our members over the years. The Executive Committee considered a number of possible venues factoring in things such as cost, location and suitability. Cost was a significant factor and through negotiations with Geneva Park and an aggressive sponsorship campaign we have succeeded in offsetting the higher accommodation costs and have developed a reasonable cost structure. We have continued to offer extremely reasonable rates for students (\$50.00 increase from previous years) to ensure that we continue to have strong student attendance. This was achieved by subsidizing student attendance through the application of slightly higher costs to non members and established professionals, as well as through the dollars graciously provided by our sponsors. We

realize that the cost structure is higher than in the past years and we hope that our membership recognizes the efforts made by the Executive Committee to maintain a high quality AGM at a reasonable price. Another notable change to our AGM will be the reduced flexibility in the registration process. **It is important for everyone to register early** so we can provide information to Geneva Park in a suitable timeframe to allow for effective meal planning, and to ensure that penalty charges will not be applied. The **final registration deadline is 23 February, 2005**. So register now and avoid the rush. It should also be pointed out that the accommodations are different than the Frost Centre; Geneva Park offers bathroom/shower facilities in each room for your added comfort. Please check out more Geneva Park details as provided in the Registration Package and/or on their website (www.genevapark.ymca.ca). We hope to see you all in Orillia!

PLEASE SEE THE LAST 3 PAGES OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR THE FULL AFS-OC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REGISTRATION PACKAGE

The 2005 Peter Yodzis Colloquium in Fundamental Ecology **University of Guelph May 6th and 7th, 2005**

The University of Guelph cordially invites you to attend the 2nd annual Peter Yodzis Colloquium. The intent of the 2005 colloquium is to bring together ecologists of all sub-disciplines and all levels of experience, to discuss issues relating to this year's theme:

"The Impact of Environmental Variability on Ecological Systems"

Keynote speakers include:

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| · Dr. Murray Humphries | McGill University (Montreal, Canada) |
| · Dr. Owen Petchey | University of Sheffield (Sheffield, UK) |
| · Dr. Esa Ranta | University of Helsinki (Helsinki, Finland) |
| · Dr. Jörgen Ripa | Lund University (Lund, Sweden) |

A poster session will be open to all interested participants.

For further information and to register please visit:
or email:

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DFO Invites Public Comment on Draft Wild Salmon Policy

On December 17th, 2004 the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) announced a 60 day public comment period for their draft Wild Salmon Policy (WSP). If you'd like to provide input, the deadline for submissions is February 18th, 2005. The Canadian Aquatic Resources Section of AFS (CARS) will also be developing a Section position on the policy.

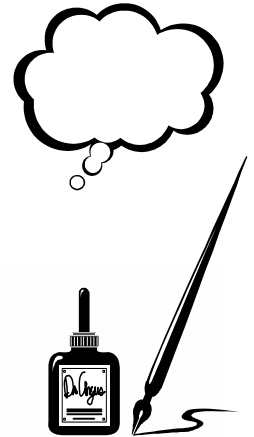
The draft policy sets conservation goals, develops management strategies and seeks to balance social, economic and biological benefits and risks to the pres-

ervation of wild Pacific salmon populations.

DFO is also working on a similar initiative for the protection of wild Atlantic salmon and will be working with stakeholders in the near future to develop a draft policy.

The policy, background information, and consultation process are posted on the DFO website, at:

http://www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pages/consultations/wsp/default_e.htm



Celebrating Our History

George Santayana once said "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it". I took on the task of expanding the AFS-SOC history with a slightly more optimistic outlook. I feel that celebrating the achievements of the past can help to invigorate those working towards a similar goal in the present.

Expanding the history of the SOC has been a challenge (actually it continues to be a challenge since I am far from being done), especially getting info from the mid 1990's when many of the original members began removing themselves (or being removed) from the chapter's activities. One of the best sources of information (besides Les Stanfield) has been the newsletters. These sometimes brief, seemingly innocuous documents have allowed me to peer into the past, to see what issues were important to the chapter, to know the dates of the AGM's, and to know what activities the chapter was involved with. Of course there are gaps in the newsletters that I have received (again mostly from the mid-1990's). Below is a list of what I have acquired to date:

- Volume 1 #1-November 1988, #2-February 1989, #3-March 1989
- Volume 2 #1-August 1989, #2-November 1989
- Volume 3 #1-March 1990, #2-June 1990 (1st issue with the SOC logo)
- Volume 4 #1-April 1991
- Volume 5 #1-September 1992
- Volume 6 #2-November 1993
- Volume 8 #2-January 1996
- Volume 9 #1-May 1997
- Volume 9 (Yes this is not a typo) #1-May 1999

Other areas for which I need specific information include: dates and locations of the AGM's from 1991 to 1995, an idea of who presented (have students always been presenting?) and an idea of membership levels pretty much throughout the chapter history. Also, have there been any awards handed out?

If you can provide any newsletters that are not on the list or provide any other information, please send them to: Bill Gardner, GLLFAS-DFO, 1 Canal Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 6W4, facsimile (705) 942-4025, or email history@afs-soc.org

AFS-OC Executive Committee Elections at the AGM

Each September a newly formed AFS-OC executive committee takes reign. But before that can happen, elections must be held at the Annual General Meeting. We hope our members will consider running for one of the following positions: **President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Student Representatives**. Please see the by-laws on our web-site for a full description of each of the positions (www.afs-soc.org).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 4th-6th, 2005
Geneva Park, Orillia

"Fisheries Connections"

Join us for our Annual General Meeting and Conference at the Geneva Park Conference Centre, on the shores of Lake Couchiching near Orillia (see map). Programme includes: Friday welcome mixer, Saturday & Sunday Oral & Poster presentations, Business meeting, Saturday BBQ Dinner & Evening Social, Biotelemetry workshop.

Our Preliminary Agenda includes speakers from DFO, OMNR, OMoE, U of T, A/OFRC, and private consulting making presentations on:

The nutrient status of some Ontario Lakes.
Science-based framework for species recovery plans.
Aquatic invasive species in Ontario.
Watershed Based Fisheries Management Planning.
Climate change impacts on streams.
Fish passage research.
Recovery Plans for freshwater mussel species at risk.
And more...

Student presenters are eligible for the **E.J. Crossman Award** for Best Student Paper. Get more information, or join the Chapter, on our website: <http://www.afs-soc.org>
Check back often to get programme updates & registration details, or contact:

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Workshop Opportunity at the AGM

Biotelemetry Systems: Theoretical & Practical Considerations
Presented by: Mitchell M. Sisak, Applied Biometrics Inc., Sponsored by Lotek

This course will examine biotelemetry from both a theoretical and practical perspective. The goal of the workshop is to impart a good understanding of benefits and tradeoffs which must be made during the study design phase of a project. This will permit researchers employing biotelemetry to make informed decisions during the selection of system components, helping to ensure the ultimate success of their projects.

Both acoustic and radio telemetry will be presented in the workshop (duration ~ 3 - 3.5 hours).

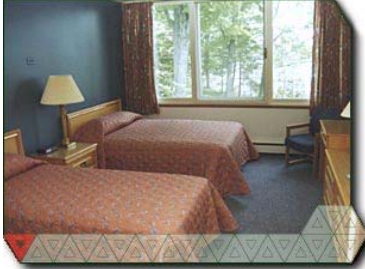
Equipment examples provided will apply to commercially available equipment from a variety of manufacturers. Several Application Profiles will be discussed in which actual telemetry studies will be used to demonstrate typical use and features of telemetry equipment.

The ultimate goal of the workshop is not to turn biologists into engineers, but to impart an awareness and appreciation of methods and techniques which can be readily employed to maximize system performance. This information can be applied both during the project design phase as well as assisting in maintaining the required degree of system performance throughout the study through maintenance. Finally, a clearer understanding of system components and their attributes will enable users of biotelemetry equipment to more effectively troubleshoot and repair systems which have failed or suffered a degradation in performance.

Geneva Park Conference Centre

<http://www.genevapark.ymca.ca/home.html>

We are pleased to have found a great facility for our AGM and Conference. Geneva Park is a full service conference & meeting centre operated by the YMCA. It is located on a 150 acre forested peninsula on the shores of Lake Couchiching, near Orillia.



Accommodation:

The Park offers a choice of single or double accommodation (see registration form for pricing). Rooms come equipped with 4 piece en-suite bathroom facilities, as well as phones with data jacks. Wheelchair accessible rooms are available. Full daily housekeeping services are provided. No pets.

Recreation:

The Park offers cross country skiing (ski equipment available) on groomed trails, snow shoeing and broomball. Bring your skates for the outdoor rink (weather permitting). Enjoy the fitness & games rooms or bring your fishing equipment and try out ice-fishing on Lakes Simcoe or Couchiching on the way to or from the Conference.



Getting there:

From Barrie/Toronto area & south:

Take Hwy #400 N to Barrie, then Hwy #11 N to Orillia. At Orillia, take 2nd exit (Hwy #12 S) to Rama Rd (Simcoe County Rd 44). Turn Left. Geneva Park is 10km from corner on left.

From Peterborough/Lindsay area & east:

Take Hwy #7 W to Hwy #12 N. Travel 45km on Hwy #12 to Atherley. Turn right onto Rama Rd (Simcoe County Rd 44). Geneva Park is 10km from corner on left.

From Huntsville area & north:

Follow Hwy #11 S to the Hwy #169/Washago exit. Follow Hwy #169 one km to Rama Rd (Simcoe County Rd 44). Turn right & follow Rama Rd for 10km. Turn right into Geneva Park.

From Georgian Bay area & west:

Take Hwy #26 E through Stayner. Turn left onto County Rd 22 (Horseshoe Valley Rd). Continue on 22 to Hwy #12 (Prices Corners). Turn right onto Hwy #12. Bypass Orillia by taking Hwy #11 S for 3km to Hwy #12 S exit. Take Hwy #12 to Rama Rd (Simcoe County Rd 44). Turn Left. Geneva Park is 10km from corner on left.



Register for the 2005 AFS-OC Annual General Meeting

EARLY Registration: **February 15th, 2005.** **FINAL** Registration: **February 23rd, 2005**

(Please send a self addressed stamped envelope or email address if you wish confirmation of reservation)

Name: _____
 Affiliation: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Province: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

I am:	Student	AFS Member	AFS CARS Member
		AFS-OC Member	Non-Member

I would like to make a Presentation
 Title: _____

Registration Fees (please choose 1 option):

	Basic Registration*	Accommodation package**	Total
Student	\$ 40.00	Shared \$ 60.00	\$100.00
AFS-OC Member	\$ 75.00	Shared \$200.00	\$275.00
		Single \$250.00	\$325.00
Non-Member	\$100.00	Shared \$225.00	\$325.00
		Single \$280.00	\$380.00
Late Registration Fee (After February 15th additional surcharge)			\$ 25.00

* Includes lunch & breaks each day (Saturday and Sunday)
 ** Includes Friday night welcome mixer with snacks, two nights accommodation (Friday and Saturday), breakfast (Saturday and Sunday), Saturday night BBQ & Social.

Total Amount: _____ Cheque Enclosed
 (Please make cheque payable to OC-AFS)

For **Shared or Student Accommodation**, if you have a preferred roommate, please indicate name here: _____
 _____ (if you don't have a roommate, we'll assign one)

To help us with planning at Geneva Park, please fill in the following:

March 4th :	Friday night accommodation	estimated arrival time: _____
March 5th :	Breakfast	Lunch
	BBQ dinner & Social	Saturday Night accommodation
March 6th:	Breakfast	Lunch

Special Dietary Needs: _____ Allergies: _____ details: _____

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