

2009 Annual Meeting of GA AFS

Plan now to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Chapter American Fisheries Society being held January 27-28, 2009 at The Georgia National Fairground's Roquemore Conference Center, located just off I-75 in Perry, GA. For driving directions, visit the following web site, <http://www.gnfa.com/>. For those needing accommodations, rooms can be reserved at the nearby Microtel Inn and Suites. Please make your room reservations no later than January 15th to guarantee a room at the nightly rates of \$59/single, \$69/double, and \$75/suite by calling 478-987-4004 and mention the GA-AFS group.

The Georgia AFS Chapter meeting provides a great opportunity for interaction among professionals working in various fisheries fields. I hope you will take the time to attend this year's meeting, and invite someone who has not attended an AFS meeting before. If you know someone working on issues that affect fisheries, encourage them to attend and make a presentation as well. **Please pre-register to help us plan a great meeting and save the chapter some money.** The early registration deadline is January 9th, 2009. After January 9th registration cost will increase by \$5/person. See the attached form for registration costs and to pre-register.

The UGA Student Sub-unit has graciously volunteered to take on management of the GA Chapter newsletter, and we hope to have a great newsletter out in the near future. If you have any announcements or interesting project/research updates, please submit them to Daniel Farrea (farraed@warnell.uga.edu) for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you would like to make a presentation at this year's meeting, please send your name, contact information, and title and abstract (if available) to Steven Patrick (stevep@uga.edu) by December 15, 2008. Call Steven at 706/754-2318 with any questions.

Also, nominations are now open for Chapter officers and awards. At this year's meeting we will need to elect two new officers, Pres-Elect and Sec./Treasurer. **If know of any good candidates please submit nominations to Joe Slaughter at jeslaugh@southernco.com by December 15, 2008.**

We are also soliciting nominations for several Chapter awards, "Career Contributions Award" and a "Fisheries Worker of the Year Award", to be presented at our annual meeting. The "Career Contributions Award" is meant to honor individuals that have made numerous contributions towards the advancement of fisheries research and/or management over the span of their career. "Fisheries Worker of the Year" is presented to an individual that has made a significant impact on fisheries research or management during the past year. "Distinguished Service Awards" and "Certificates of Appreciation" can also be presented to deserving individuals. **Please send award nominations that detail the nominee's accomplishments to Steven Patrick (stevep@uga.edu) by December 15, 2008.**

You can contact me if you have any questions about the meeting or the GA Chapter. See you in January.

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