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American Fisheries Society  
Northeast Division

BYLAWS  
of the  
Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Section 1- Name and Objectives

The name of this organization shall be the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, hereinafter referred to as the Chapter.

The objectives of the Chapter shall be those of the American Fisheries Society as set forth in Article 1 of the Constitution, and to encourage the exchange of information by members of the Society residing in, working in, or having a professional interest in the States of New Jersey and Delaware.

Section 2 - Membership

The membership of the Chapter shall be composed of those American Fisheries Society members in good standing residing in, working in, or having a professional interest in the States of New Jersey and Delaware.

Section 3 - Meetings

The Chapter shall hold at least one meeting annually at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. The program and presentation of papers shall be the responsibility of the Program Committee.

Section 4 - Officers

The officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer may hold office for a period longer than one year, but the term of the other officers shall be one year. In case of a vacated position, the Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified replacement to fill an unexpired term.

In the event of a cancellation of an annual meeting, the officers and the members of any committees shall continue to serve until the next scheduled meeting.

Section 5 - Duties of Officers

The President of the Chapter shall preside at all meetings, serve as the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, represent the Chapter on the Executive Committee of the Northeast Division and at the American Fisheries Society meetings, and make appointments and perform other duties and functions as are authorized.

The President-Elect shall be Chairperson of the Program Committee and shall assume the duties of the President if the latter is unable to act.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the official records of the Chapter; submit a copy of the minutes of the annual business meeting to the Executive Director of the Society and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Northeast Division within 30 days after said meeting; collect and be custodian of Chapter funds; disburse funds as authorized by the Executive Committee or the membership; submit a record of receipts and disbursements at the annual Chapter meeting; and, discharge other duties that may be requested by the Executive Director of the American Fisheries Society and officers of the Northeast Division.

#### Section 6 - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Chapter shall consist of the elected officers and the immediate Past President. The Committee is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and to perform appropriate duties and functions.

#### Section 7 - Chapter Committees

Committees and the Chairperson of Committees, except as listed in Sections 5 and 6 of these Bylaws, shall be appointed by the President.

The terms of office for members of Chapter Committees shall end upon the discharge of the duties for which they were appointed, or at the next annual meeting of the Chapter, whichever comes first.

#### Section 8 - Voting and Quorum

Decisions at meetings of the Chapter shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the American Fisheries Society. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all applicable cases not covered by these Bylaws.

A quorum at any meeting for the transaction of official business shall be one-third of the Chapter membership.

#### Section 9 - Registration and Dues

The Executive Committee may assess each registrant attending an annual meeting of the Chapter a registration fee necessary to cover the costs of the meeting and Chapter activities. The Executive Committee shall have the power to establish annual dues.

#### Section 10 - Amendment of the Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Chapter may be amended by a two-thirds majority approval of those members voting, provided that prior notice of at least 30 days be given to the membership of the proposed change(s). Said change(s) must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Society before taking effect.