



## *American Fisheries Society*

### **Fall 1999 Meeting Minutes**

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter Fall Meeting 1999 was entitled "Harmful Impacts to Fisheries Resources from Pfiesteria, Algae Blooms, and Related Fish Kills". There were several informative presentations including Paul Olsen (NJ DEP), John Mahoney and Robert Reid (NMFS - Sandy Hook), David Saveikis, (DE DNREC), and Dave Goshorn (MD DNR).

#### Old Business

Meeting was called to order by president Bernard Petrosky (Delaware State Univ.). The minutes from the Spring 1999 meeting were approved. We received a thank you letter from our financial donation to the International Fisheries Section (IFS) of the AFS. This was toward purchase of journals to send to seven laboratories in Far-east Russia. There are plans to have the Mid-Atlantic Chapter Spring 2001 be held in conjunction with Tidedwater Chapter and be entitled "Rivers Life Lines of a Continent: Fragmentation of River Habitats". Roy Miller attended the National AFS meeting (1999) in Charolette, NC. He reported that Christine Muffet is the new president and a new Executive Director was named who has a business background. AFS meeting 2000 is to be held in St. Louis, MO. There was discussion of having a fish print instead of a duck print for next year's raffle. There was also discussion of including other raffle prizes (not just one). John Clark begged the question if the organization could handle more than one raffle and reminded us that we are able to obtain the duck print for free. Someone was to look into the possibility of obtaining a free fish print instead. Cathy Martin reminded members to fill out forms so that a detailed membership directory can be created. This directory may be available for viewing as early as next meeting. Final old business was to pass the meeting over to the president-elect, Cliff Day (USFWS - Pleasantville, NJ).

#### New Business

Cliff Day presented a plaque to outgoing president Bernard Petrosky thanking him for his service to the organization. John Clark and Walter Murawski presented the ballot for election. The new officers were (without opposition): President Elect - Mike Stangl (DE Division of Fish and Wildlife), Treasurer/Secretary - Stacy Moore Hagan (Rutgers University), and Student representative - Rich Wong (Univ. Of Delaware). The treasurer's report was read. There was a student raffle for a one year membership to National AFS. Sharon O'Donnell of Rutgers University won. There was discussion of the student presentation award committee. Des Kahn volunteered to assist. Other members include: Roy Miller, Bruce Halgren, Eleanor Bohenek, and president in office at time. It was decided that the Spring 2000 meeting would focus on student presentations. It was suggested that the Fall 2000 meeting focus on fish assemblages as indicators of land usage. Final item at meeting was pulling the winner for the duck print raffle. Winner was Bruce Halgren.

Stacy Moore Hagan  
Secretary/Treasurer