



MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER

*American Fisheries Society*

## Spring 2001 Meeting Minutes

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter Spring 2001 meeting was held as a joint meeting with the Tidewater Chapter in Easton, Maryland. Focus was "Fish and Fisheries of the Mid-Atlantic". There were several presenters from our chapter including Gregg Sakowicz (Rutgers University), Tom Grothues (Rutgers University), Stacy Moore Hagan (Rutgers University), Desmond Kahn (DE Division of Fish and Game), Brian Margolis (NJ Department of Environmental Protection), and Craig Woolcott (Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission).

### Old Business

Meeting was called to order by president Mike Stangl (DE Division of Fish and Wildlife). The minutes from the Fall 2000 meeting were approved. The Mid-Atlantic Chapter website is on-line (<http://64.224.98.53/mid-atl/index.html>). If anyone has any additions or corrections, please contact Mike Stangl who is acting web-master. The 2000 Student Presentation Award (\$100) went to Cecily Natunewicz from the University of Delaware for her presentation entitled "Following patches of crab larvae with satellite-tracked drifters". Judging for the 2001 Student Presentation Award will occur at the Spring and Fall 2001 meetings.

### New Business

Bob Papson (president-elect, NJ Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries) may attend the NE Division Meeting and will make a report at the Fall meeting. Mike Stangl was part of a conference call with the NE Division in January. Several things came up including: 1) a reminder that National is having a membership drive; 2) Southern New England Chapter has available computer software "Fisheries Assessment Tools" which can be useful to managers; 3) there is a \$300 grant available for special projects; and 4) there is a \$100 award available for travel to the national meeting. There was some discussion on how we can encourage membership to national since our local membership is so small. There was a suggestion to award a national membership to a graduating student but no final decision was made. Desmond Kahn volunteered to chair a Membership Committee to address this issue. On a similar note, it came to our attention that our local officers need to be national members. It was approved that our chapter will help with costs to National for the position of Secretary / treasurer. This will be evaluated by the executive committee on a case by case basis. Our current student representative, Ed Martino (Rutgers University), will be graduating and leaving the area (PhD program at University of Maryland) and as a result Gregg Sakowicz (Rutgers University) will be finishing the remainder of Ed's term. The Fall 2001 meeting will be held in New Jersey and focus on student presentations. Bob Papson (president elect) and Gregg Sakowicz (student representative) will be putting an agenda together. At the Fall 2001 meeting, there will be a raffle for a Delaware Trout Stamp print. Contact John Clark to obtain raffle tickets.

Stacy Moore Hagan  
Secretary/Treasurer