

 MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER
American Fisheries Society
Spring 2002 Meeting Minutes


The Mid-Atlantic Chapter Spring 2002 meeting was held at the Ommelanden Hunter Education Center, Delaware. Focus was "Hot Topics in Fisheries". Presenters were Olin Allen (Delaware Natural Heritage), Rich Horwitz (Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia), Chris Moore (Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Council), and Thomas Grothues (Rutgers University).

Old Business

Meeting was called to order by president Bob Papson (NJ Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries). The minutes from the Fall 2001 meeting were approved. The 2001 Student Presentation Award (\$100) went to Kevin Stierhoff from the University of Delaware for his presentation entitled "The effects of hypoxia on the feeding, growth, and hemocrit of YOY summer flounder". Judging for the 2002 Student Presentation Award will occur at the Spring and Fall 2002 meetings. After sending announcements to people in jeopardy, we purged our membership directory of people who have not been in contact with the organization for 3 years. We will do this every three years.

New Business

In a cost cutting measure, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter website was moved to <http://www.fisheries.org/ned/chapters/mid-atl/index.htm>. This will save the chapter approximately \$80/year. New sections added to the site include a membership directory and local job opportunities. If anyone has any submissions please contact Mike Stangl who is acting web-master. We would like to have all members check out the website to determine if we have their current email address. We would like to use this as a method of communication for announcements between meetings. Please contact Stacy Moore Hagan at shagan@imcs.rutgers.edu if there need to be any changes made. The AFS National meeting will be held in Baltimore, MD this year. There will be a special symposium focusing fisheries in the Delaware Bay. Due to its proximity, chapter members are encouraged to participate. We were approached by the national office about hosting the 2006 National AFS meeting. Due to our small size, it is unlikely but it is under discussion by some of the chapter members. No final decision was made. There will be a Cyprinid Identification workshop on July 22 or 23 at West Chester University. Contact Rich Horwitz for details. We finally have a chapter logo. It was designed by Kristin Belger of LITM Creative Solutions. She won a NJ waterfowl print. The logo is available digitally and will be included on our newsletter. It is also possible to have T-shirts or hats made. The Fall 2002 meeting will be held in New Jersey at the Camden Aquarium. Potential focuses of the meeting are "Endangered Species", "Degradation of Habitats" and "Lesser Known Species". Bob Papson (president) and the rest of the executive committee will be putting an agenda together. At the Fall 2002 meeting, there will be a raffle for a Delaware Trout Stamp print. Contact John Clark to obtain raffle tickets.


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Secretary/Treasurer