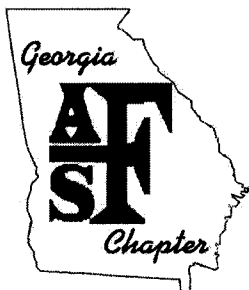

Georgia Chapter of the American
Fisheries Society

2001 Annual
Meeting
2nd Call for
Papers



Holiday Inn
Athens, GA
January 30 - February 1
(706) 549-4433
(800) Holiday

Accommodations

Single/double - \$84.00

☎ reservation deadline January 11, 2000 The lower rate will not be available after this date and availability may be limited. Please mention the code letters "CAF" to receive the discounted room rates.

Meeting Registration

\$30.00 includes coffee breaks and social

\$20.00 student registration

Program Information

Will be available in January

Conservation and Reinvestment Act

The conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999 (CARA) was not passed in the 106th congress despite unprecedented support in the U. S. House and Senate. Two other bills, the Commerce, Justice, and State Appropriations (CJS) bill and the Interior Appropriations bill were passed as CARA alternatives. Unfortunately these bills provide far less money for wildlife conservation. The original CARA bill provided \$350 million to the states for wildlife conservation and secured these funds for 15 years. The CJS bill and the Interior Appropriation bill combined provide \$100 million and these funds are allocated for only one year. Half of these funds must be applied for under a competitive grant process and will not allow states to plan long term conservation efforts. Supporters of CARA are looking forward to the next legislative session and more success concerning funding for state wildlife conservation.

UGA Student Subunit Update

The new student sub-unit at the University of Georgia has done an excellent job creating the GA Chapter webpage. If you haven't been to the site yet check it out at www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs. The Student Chapter will be hosting a Student-Professional mixer at the Athens meeting on January 30th. This will be a great opportunity for students to mingle with DNR personnel, consulting firm reps, feds, and others involved in the fisheries profession. To learn more about the new Student Chapter check out their webpage at www.uga.edu/ugafish.

Chapter Standing Committees

Executive	Scott Hendricks	404/799-2159
Membership	Bruce Saul	706/667-4576
Nominating	Ed Betross	706/721-7409
Environ. Conc.	Gordon Rogers	912/778-3126
Local Arrang.	Cecil Jennings	706/542-4837
Program	Cecil Jennings	706/542-4837
Awards	Scott Hendricks	404/799-2159
Newsletter	Rob Weller	912/426-5272

Please contact Scott Hendricks if you would like to chair a committee. Contact the chairperson if you would like to serve on a committee.

Midyear meeting Update

The 2001 SDAFS midyear meeting will be held February 21-25, 2001 in Jacksonville, Florida. The meeting will be held at the Jacksonville Riverfront Hilton. The Hilton is located on the South Bank of the St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville. Hotel reservations can be made by calling (904) 398-8800 or (800) 445-8667. Request the group rate for the **Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society** (\$82/night single through quad). The following is a preliminary meeting schedule:

Thursday 22 February

- 08:00 - 17:00 LMB viral disease workshop
- 08:00 - 17:00 NMFS economics training workshop
- 08:00 - 17:00 Instream flow committee
- 08:00 - 17:00 Pollution committee
- 08:00 - 17:00 Reservoir committee
- 08:00 - 17:00 Warmwater streams committee
- 13:00 - 17:00 Aquaculture committee
- 13:00 - 17:00 Nongame aquatics
- 13:00 - 17:00 Small impoundments
- 13:00 - 17:00 Striped bass committee

Friday 23 February

- 08:00 - 12:00 SDAFS executive committee
- 08:00 - 17:00 Histology/Reproduction workshop
- 08:00 - 12:00 Artificial reef workshop
- 08:00 - 12:00 Conflict resolution workshop
- 13:00 - 17:00 Instream flow workshop
- 13:00 - 17:00 Urban fishing program workshop
- 13:00 - 17:00 Student Workshop
- 13:00 - 17:00 AFS leadership training
- 13:00 - 17:00 Socioeconomic section meeting
- 17:00 - 18:30 Fish management section meeting
- 19:00 - 21:00 Student mixer social

Saturday 24 February

- 08:00 - 09:15 General session/business meeting
- 09:40 - 17:00 Poster session
- 09:40 - 17:00 Fish attracting devices
- 09:40 - 12:00 Contributed paper sessions
- 09:40 - 12:00 Dam removal issues in the southeast
- 13:00 - 17:00 Contributed paper sessions
- 13:00 - 17:00 Fisheries Management: socioeconomic
- 13:00 - 17:00 Coastal fisheries : bag and size regs.
- 19:00 - 21:00 Social

Sunday 25 February

- 07:00 - 09:00 Fellowship of Christian Conservationists
- 08:00 - 12:00 Poster session
- 08:00 - 12:00 Contributed paper sessions

For more information visit the SDAFS web page www.sdafs.org.

2nd Call for Papers

The program for the annual meeting will contain five or six technical sessions. These sessions will be devoted to program updates, completed and ongoing research and short-term project findings. **We need additional submissions!! Please submit titles and other information on this form ASAP, but no later than January 10, 2000.** Return this form to:

Cecil Jennings

GA Coop Unit University of Georgia
Warnell School of Forest Resources
Athens, GA 30602-2152

Fax (706)542-8356 Phone (706)542-4837

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Agency: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

**Submit ASAP but no later than
January 10, 2000**

Hotel Accommodations

The Holiday Inn is located in the heart of downtown Athens at Broad Street and Hull Street adjacent to the University of Georgia, near Sandy Creek Nature Center, and State Botanical Gardens. Other nearby attractions include the Taylor-Grady House, the Brumby House, and other historical homes. The hotel has been remodeled since our last meeting. Hotel facilities include the Ginkgo Tree restaurant, indoor pool, fitness centers, free parking, complimentary coffee and newspaper, and all rooms are equipped with high speed internet access.

Committee Reports

Membership (Bruce Saul): There will be a few free rooms available for out of town students. Please contact Bruce Saul at bsaul@aug.edu or (706) 667-4576 if interested.

Nominating (Ed Betross): The committee currently has two nominations for President-Elect (Jay Shelton & David Higginbotham) and Secretary/Treasurer (Bill Davin, & Dennis Schmitt).

Awards (Scott Hendricks): Nominations are needed for the 2000 awards including Career Contribution, Fisheries Worker of the Year, and the Distinguished Service Award. Please contact Scott if you would like to nominate a deserving individual for an award.

Audit David Higginbotham has volunteered to head our audit committee and he will be examining our records at the annual meeting.

Conservation Congress Update

The Conservation Congress is a coalition of representatives from conservation organizations, industry, and state and federal government working together on issues that affect hunters and anglers. This group currently is working with state representatives to develop legislation that will protect Georgia citizen's rights to hunt and fish. This legislation may result in a ballot amendment in 2002. For more information on the Conservation Congress or its initiatives, please contact Steve Burch at (770) 425-0990.