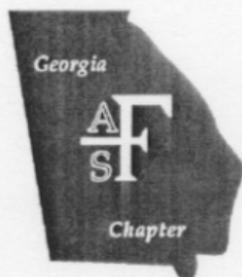

Georgia Chapter of the American
Fisheries Society

*2002 Annual
Meeting*



**Quality Inn
1050 Clausen Rd
Augusta, GA
January 29 - January 31**

Accommodations

Single/double - \$54.00

☞ reservation deadline January 15, 2002

*Please mention you are with the Ga Chapter of AFS to
receive the discounted room rate.*

Meeting Registration

\$35.00 includes coffee breaks and social

\$20.00 student registration

Program Information

Will be available in December or early January

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Poster Session

The Georgia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is officially soliciting poster presentations for the annual meeting. If you would like to participate in this grand historical occasion please submit a title for your poster to Matt Thomas (see call for papers section).

UGA Student Subunit Update

The UGA Fisheries Society held their first meeting on September 4. They will continue to have monthly meetings typically featuring a guest speaker discussing issues related to water resources. Their major fund raising event, the Fall Fish Fry, will be held on Friday, October 12th. The Fall Fish Fry is always well attended and enjoyed by all. Money is raised at this event so that they can continue to participate in community service events. One of our most popular community service events is 'Fishing with the Kids' in cooperation with the United Way of NE Georgia. Usually held in the spring, the UGA Fisheries Society hosts youths from the Boys & Girls Club of Athens as well as seniors from the Athens Council on Aging for a fun-filled day of angling. To learn more about the new Student Chapter check out their webpage at <http://www/uga.edu/ugafish>. The Student Chapter has also developed a webpage for the Georgia Chapter.

2000 GA AFS Chapter Officers

President	Rob Weller	912/285-6094
Pres.-elect	David Higgenbotham	912/426-5272
Past President	Scott Hendricks	404/799-2159
Secretary/treas.	Bill Davin	706/290-2663
UGA Student President	Nolan Banish	

Send me your e-mail address

We have e-mail addresses for many of our members but we are still missing several. If you have not included an e-mail address on a recent meeting registration, please send me your e-mail address to Rob_Weller@mail.dnr.state.ga.us. At some future time we plan on sending our newsletter electronically to those members who are interested.

President's Message

Greetings,

It is hard to believe that another year is about to pass and our next meeting will be held in 2002. It seems like just yesterday that it was 1999 and Y2K fever was running rampant. Since the turn of the century, our chapter has seen some big changes including the addition of our student sub-unit at UGA and the development of our web page. Lets not forget the highly successful and enjoyable Southern Division MIDYEAR Meeting we co-hosted with the SC Chapter in Savannah during 2000. The 2001 meeting held in Athens, Georgia was a great success with over 100 attendees and 36 presentations. This year's meeting to be held in Augusta promises to be another successful event.

As we prepare for our next meeting and the next century, I propose that we reflect back on our beginnings. The Southern Division of AFS has asked each Chapter to prepare a poster on the history of their Chapter for the SDAFS MIDYEAR meeting being held in February of 2002. I propose that we go a step further in our recollections and that we identify and conduct videotaped interviews with individuals that have played pivotal roles in the development of fisheries management in Georgia. Many early fisheries managers have retired or are at the end of their careers. If we want to preserve their thoughts and recollections we must act now. I must admit this was not my own idea but one I borrowed from the Wildlife Society. However, I feel it is a worthwhile project and I am looking forward to receiving your feedback..

Have a great day and I will see you in Augusta.

Rob Weller
President

Chapter Standing Committees

Executive	Rob Weller	912/285-6094
Membership	Bruce Saul	706/737-1539
Nominating	Ed Betross	706/721-7409
Resolutions/ Environ. Conc.	Gordon Rogers	912/778-3126
Local Arrang.	Ed Betross	706/721-7409
	Bruce Saul	706/737-1539
Awards	Scott Hendricks	404/799-2159
Newsletter	Rob Weller	912/285-6094
Raffle	Henry Mealing	803/822-3177

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

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 hope to have one session dedicated to the Savannah River. **Please submit titles and other information on this form ASAP, but no later than December 1, 2001.** Return this form to:

Bruce Saul (Oral Presentation)
Augusta State University
Department of Biology
2500 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30904-2200
Phone (706)737-1539

Matt Thomas (Poster Presentation)
Wildlife Resources Division - Fisheries
2024 Newton Road
Albany, GA 31701-3576
Phone (912)434-4256
Fax (912)430-5110

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Agency: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

**Submit ASAP but no later than
November 15, 2001**

Committee Reports

Membership (Bruce Saul): Bruce has been working with Dr. Ira Adelman of the Parent Society on membership concerns. There will be two free rooms available for out of town students. Please contact Bruce Saul at bsaul@aug.edu or (706) 737-1539 if interested.

Nominating (Ed Betross): The committee is currently accepting nominations for President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer. Please contact Ed Betross. (706) 721-7409.

Awards (Scott Hendricks): The 2001 awards were as follows: Bob Reese, Career Contributions to Fisheries in Georgia; Dennis Young, Fisheries Worker of the Year; and Scott Hendricks, Past President's Plaque. Submissions are needed for the 2002 awards. Nominations should consist of 2-3 paragraphs of text that describes the individuals accomplishments and worthiness for the specific award. Award descriptions can be found on our web page www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs.

Audit (George Lewis) The audit committee will examine our financial records at the annual meeting.

Raffle (Henry Mealing) The raffle committee has begun its work and they hope to make this year as successful as last year. Anyone that would like to donate a fishing trip or any items to the raffle contact Henry Mealing at Henry.Mealing@KleinschmidtUSA.com or Gillraker@aol.com.

Midyear meeting Update

The Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society extends an invitation to join them in Little Rock, Arkansas, February 21-24, 2002, for the Southern Division American Fisheries Society's 10th Midyear Meeting. We are convening the Midyear Meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Little Rock on the banks of the Arkansas River. Meeting highlights include technical committee meetings on Thursday, workshops for both students and professionals on Friday, and technical sessions for symposia and contributed papers Saturday and Sunday. There will be socials Friday and Saturday nights where you can renew acquaintances with old colleagues and meet new ones.