

2007 IN-MI-OH Joint AFS Meeting

Conservation of Our Shared Resources



Meeting Dates: February 14-15, 2007

Workshop Dates: February 13-14, 2007

Location:

Potawatomi Inn Resort & Conference Center
Pokagon State Park
6 Lane 100 A Lake James
Angola, Indiana 46703

Agenda:

Tuesday, February 13

1-5 PM (Snow Lake Room): Mussel Workshop

Wednesday, February 14

8 AM – Noon (Snow Lake Room): Mussel Workshop

1-5 PM (Lake James Room): Plenary and general sessions

5:15-6:30 PM: IN AFS Business meeting in Lake James Room

MI AFS Business meeting in Snow Lake Room

6:30 PM (Dining Room): Dinner buffet

8:00 PM (Lake James): Social and Poster Session

Thursday, February 15

8 AM - Noon (Lake James): General session

This meeting is shaping up to be a fantastic event, taking place at the beautiful Pokagon State Park (http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/properties/park_pokagon.html). Take advantage of this opportunity to interact with fisheries professionals and enthusiasts from Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio! Find out what has been going on in your Chapter at the annual business meeting, soak up new ideas and information on fisheries management and research by attending the high-quality presentations at the general sessions, and mingle with your friends and colleagues at the social.

Dinner will be provided on Wednesday evening, with a poster session and social to follow. The student organizations will be having a raffle at the social, so don't miss out on your chance to not only support the fisheries subunits, but also to walk away with some fantastic prizes!

Continuing Education Workshop

In conjunction with the meeting, there will be a Continuing Education workshop offered on **February 13 & 14** titled “Freshwater mussel ecology and identification”. The workshop will be taught by Dr. Tom Watters, Director of the Columbus Zoo’s Freshwater Mussel Conservation and Research Center and Mollusk Division Curator at The Ohio State University’s Museum of Biological Diversity. Participants will gain a basic understanding of freshwater mussel life history, habitat requirements, ecological role and value, and conservation. Participants will also learn freshwater mussel identification characteristics and techniques. **Workshop attendance will be limited to 20 people, so register early!**

The tentative workshop schedule is as follows:

February 13, 1-5pm

Freshwater mussel biology and conservation

- a. Introduction
- b. General biology
- c. Life history
- d. Conservation issues
- e. Propagation issues
- f. Internet resources
- g. Discussion

February 14, 8am-12pm

Freshwater mussel identification workshop

- a. Introduction
- b. Hands-on practice

Presentations

This is the first call for oral and poster presentations for the upcoming joint meeting. Plenty of room is available on the agenda. Showcase your fisheries management techniques, research, or organization. Students, take advantage of this opportunity to highlight your undergraduate or graduate research! Oral presentations must be in Microsoft PowerPoint format and will be limited to 15 minutes, with an additional 5 minutes for questions. Please submit an abstract (250 words or less) to Andy Nuhfer (nuhfera@michigan.gov) no later than **Friday, January 12, 2007**. Contact Andy via email or phone (989-786-2613) if you have any questions.

Accommodations:

A block of rooms is available at the Potawatomi Inn for Tuesday and/or Wednesday nights under “American Fisheries Society”. Nightly room rates are \$54 for single, \$64 for 2 double beds, and \$79 for 2 queen beds. Please call 1-877-768-2928 to make reservations. Lodging is also available at other hotels in the Angola area. Reservations should be made no later than **January 13, 2007**.

Please contact Angie Grier (agrier@dnr.IN.gov; (260) 244-6805), Andy Nuhfer (nuhfera@michigan.gov; (989) 786-2613), or Eugene Braig (braig.1@osu.edu; (614) 292-8949) with any questions regarding the annual meeting. We look forward to seeing you at Pokagon in February!!!

Registration:

Please fill out the form below and return by **Friday, January 31, 2007** to register. Registration fees will be \$60 (\$25 for students). One-day registrations are also available. Workshop registration is an additional \$50. Indiana Chapter AFS dues should be paid with registration. Michigan Chapter AFS dues can be paid at the door.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Affiliation: _____

	Circle the amount being paid:	Student	Regular
Registration		\$25	\$60
Registration & Workshop		\$75	\$110
One-day registration		\$25	\$40
IN AFS: Registration & IN AFS Chapter Dues		\$30	\$70
IN AFS: Registration & Workshop & IN AFS Chapter Dues		\$80	\$120

The meeting registration deadline is **Friday, January 31, 2007**. Please make checks payable to the *Indiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society*.

Send completed registration form and fees to:

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